

# *Why do We, as a Nation, Need to Return to God?*

**“Day of Prayer and Repentance”, September 26**

The course that America is on – the upcoming election, the Covid-19 virus and its ripple effects, the challenge to regain a good economy, the lawlessness we are experiencing in some of our cities, some companies closing and people losing their jobs while at the same time, some people going back to work in their offices, contending with the social distancing – show more than ever the need for us to return to the Lord and eagerly seek Him to give us the strength and insight we need to carry us through these times. These situations apply not only to us personally but to our nation, and also to much of the world.

## [“A Kairos Moment” video](#)

We have a window of time which we may never have again! Most of us don't want to look at the negative while the markets are up but this gives us a false sense of security to what is really happening in our nation. From “The Return's” resources, here are just a few vital statistics and cultural indications showing us how America has been changing and why we need to return to the Lord. Please lift up prayers concerning these facts as you read through them:

- **U.S. National Debt:** In 1980 it was less than \$1 Trillion, now almost \$25 Trillion. We are stealing from our children & grandchildren at the rate of \$100+ million an hour, but most Americans don't seem to care we are rapidly bankrupting our nation.
- **Unmarried Mothers:** In 1956, about 5% of all babies born in the U.S. were born to unmarried mothers. 2008 was the first year in history that 40% were born to unmarried mothers and that level has continued to stay the same for 8 years.
- **Middle Class:** In early 1970, 60+% of all Americans were considered in the Middle Class, but in 2015 that number dipped below 50% for the first time ever.
- **Affording Homes:** In 2001 nearly 16 million Americans could not afford the homes they were living in, but by 2015 that number more than doubled.
- **Public Education:** A study of Millennials in 22 major industrialized nations conducted by Educational Testing Service found that only 2 countries were worse when it comes to literacy proficiency, and we were dead last when it comes to math.
- **Young Married Men:** In the early 1970's 70% of men in the U.S. (ages 20-39) were married. Today the percent has fallen to 35%. And now, 35% of all young men (age 21-30) are still living at home with parents or a close relative.
- **Drugs:** The U.S. has the highest rate of illegal drug use in the entire planet. And concerning legal drugs, a Mayo Clinic study shows nearly 70% of all Americans are on at least one prescription drug & 20% of all Americans are on at least 5 prescription drugs.
- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases:** According to the CDC, 110 million Americans currently have sexually transmitted diseases out of the total U.S. population of 308 million, and there are about 20 million new STD cases in the U.S. every year.

*May each one of us realize our need to return to God, personally and as a nation. We invite you, as the Burnt Hickory "Body of Christ" to be a part of this national and global:*

## ***"Day of Prayer and Repentance"***

**September 26, 2020, Saturday**

Burnt Hickory will be hosting one of the two major historical events of that day:

### **"The Return"**

by **Simulcast** at the church or you can watch it in your home by **Live Streaming** through a website link, Face Book or You Tube! Every minute will be simulcasted from 9a-9p. Of course, you can come and go for whatever parts of the program are special to you!

Join Jonathan Cahn, Anne Graham Lotz, Alveda King and other partners including: Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Focus on the Family, CBN, Family Research Council, Intercessors for America, and many more in this national and global effort as thousands gather on The Mall in Washington, D.C.

So we will be able to email you a schedule of events, prayer guide and other pertinent information for the event, **PLEASE REGISTER** for either or both the **Simulcast** (to reserve your spot, no times required) and/or for the **Live Stream** so we can provide you with the info for participating on your PC, Face Book or YOU Tube:

**Click [Here](#) to Register**

*Please **help spread the word** to the rest of Burnt Hickory, to your family, neighborhood and our community. We have a window now that we may never have again for each of us and for our nation to come back to God.*

If you have not already, please begin by preparing your own heart through:

*[A Guide to Confession and Cleansing](#)*  
and *[My Prayer of Confession](#)*

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