



Set Free Update

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“Common Cents”

SFM will be launching our “**Common Cents**” fund raising campaign this summer that will make it easy and affordable for anyone to give in support of Set Free Ministries.

It makes “**Common Cents**” that with today’s struggling economy to get creative in how each of us can do something, even if it’s just a little bit.

There’s an ancient proverb that states:

You can eat an elephant, one bite at a time.

That’s why we are proposing “Bite Size” giving portions at SFM that will make it easy for even children to participate.

We are asking for just **33 common cents** per day in support of SFM.

We need 1,000 “Bite Size” giving units of just \$10 per month to help sustain our SFM 2009 budget.

If each person gave just one bite size gift per month, of 33 cents per day, our ministry budget would be 100% funded. Please be the first to help us reach that goal!

It may take just a small sacrifice of not purchasing a candy bar that will then allow for 2 days gifting to SFM.

If you have not given to SFM in the past 12 months then this giving opportunity is for you.....it makes “common cents.”

All these “common cents” brought together will help us set the captives free!

For the Glory of God!

Dean Vander Mey
Executive Director

To be apart of the cause, please send in your support to SFM, 700, 36th St. Suite 108, Grand Rapids, MI 49548 or call Aubrie at (616) 726-5400.

Kristin's Birthday Request

Dear Everybody,

Peter keeps asking me what I'd like for my birthday and even with the day at hand I can think of nothing for him to buy for me or do for me.

All of my needs are met.

And, of all the wants I can conjure there is only one worth asking for.

I would ask to have dinner with each of you tonight. A huge banquet, a real party. I have had the most extraordinary year of my life because of my "Freedom Appointment" last Spring and I wish I could tell all of you every story of how intimately God has loved me and how specifically He has led me during and since!

But, even if I could find the words and even if we could all find the time, more than wanting to tell you my story I want you to **have** the equivalent of what God has for you. I want you to enjoy His peace, truth, joy and freedom in ways you never even imagined.

I will testify to the fact that it is the most psycho of us all who study Psychology (I have officially been accepted to Liberty university to get my undergrad in Psychology).

Additionally, I will testify that a Freedom Appointment isn't a shrink session. It is the opportunity for truth application tailored to meet you where you are at.

While our churches and other organizations do a lot of good, fun, helpful and educational things a Freedom Appointment goes one step further. If you've ever felt like the "Christian" religion doesn't portray everything you believe and hope about God or, if you've ever felt like you're always one inch away from "there" or "it", or, if you've ever felt like the canyon is so big and deep there'll never be a bridge that can span the gap I really encourage you to experience a Freedom Appointment.

On the other hand, if you are thankful that you've never been or are no longer plagued by the inch that'll never fill or the deep, dark voids and monsters, I encourage you to experience a Freedom Appointment also. I encourage you because I can't think of a person who couldn't benefit from a Freedom Appointment. I would encourage Billy Graham and Mother Teresa to have a Freedom Appointment because you can't be personally healthy enough or spiritually mature enough to not be exceedingly blessed by the information shared during a Freedom Appointment.

For those of you who haven't heard me talk of a Freedom Appointment yet (insert laugh here), they are free, confidential and 100% Biblically based. While they do receive donations there is no hidden agenda, fine print, gimmick to be sold or pie in the sky religion crap. They are people who've been blessed and who desire to share these same blessings.

Every Freedom Appointment Recipient gets a team of two trained but unpaid volunteers who will spend their day with you. If you have any more questions about this unique tool of a stepping stone - check out their site:

<http://www.setfreeministries.com/>

At the bottom of that page under "Resources" check out the first few links. Whatever that doesn't explain you can call up Set Free Ministries (phone number at the bottom of the SFM home page) and talk to Nancy, Aubrie, Paul or Dean... some of the kindest people I've ever known.

Maybe next June I'll have you all over for a big fest and we can spend the evening swapping stories about all He has done during and since your Freedom Appointment! Now that would be the best gift I could ever think of! :)

Love,

<><Kristin>>





ONE NATION UNDER GOD

A brief overview tracking the faith and principles of our leaders.

1776- Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. John Adams declared that the 4th of July 'ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.'

1783- Treaty of Paris officially ended the Revolution and established America as an independent. It begins with, "In the name of the most holy and undivided Trinity..."

1787- At the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin declared, "God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?...Without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

1854- The United States House of Representatives declared, "In its general principles (Christianity) is the great conservative element on which we must rely for the purity and permanence of free institutions."

1864- by law Congress added, 'In God We Trust' to American coinage.

1944- President Franklin D. Roosevelt led the nation in a six-minute prayer before the Invasion of Normandy, and asked for God's protection.

1954- Congress by law added, 'One nation under God' to the pledge of Allegiance.

1983- President Ronald Reagan officially declared 1983 as "The Year of the Bible."

President Andrew Jackson declared that the Bible "is the rock on which our Republic rests."

President William McKinley declared that "Our Faith teaches us that there is no safer reliance than upon the God of our fathers, Who has so singularly favored the American people in every national trial and Who will not forsake us so long as we obey His commandments and walk humbly in His footsteps."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that "If we will not prepare to give all that we have and all that we are to preserve Christian civilization in our land, we shall go to destruction."

April 6, 2009- At a press conference in Turkey, President Obama declares, "And I've said before that one of the great strengths of the United States is- although as I mentioned we have a very large Christian population, **we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation**...we consider ourselves a nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values."

-By Aubrie Benting (information taken from Congressmen Randy Forbes' resolution)

Please PRAY for the leaders of this nation; may they return to the Faith that this country was founded upon!