

Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine
TWO DAYS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER
DAY OF REPENTANCE AND RECONCILIATION
 (At the U. S. CONGRESS ROTUNDA, 5:00-7:00, DEC. 4)

This idea came from three members of Congress, and was put to a vote in both bodies. According to Focus on the Family, there was not ONE dissenting vote in either the Senate or the House. All ORDINARY citizens of this country who believe in God are also asked to pray at their churches, or wherever they may be, asking God to forgive us and our nation for forgetting where our own strength, and that of our nation, comes from. Along with repenting of putting other THINGS, and other PEOPLE, ahead of God, we are encouraged to ask for God's continuing blessing upon our country in this crisis.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR MUSLIMS (December 12)
 (This idea was initiated by the Southern Baptist Church, but ALL believers are urged to participate.)

ANSWER TO PRAYER
 Recently I asked for prayer for the two American women imprisoned in Afghanistan. Thankfully, they were rescued, and are now back home in this country. They have thanked the millions of people who were praying for them. They believe that their own prayers and the prayers of others are largely responsible for their freedom. They are convinced that God was right there, taking care of them at every turn! They also said that they do NOT feel anger toward their Taliban captors. They must be true Christians, to have such a strong faith, and a love for everyone, even their enemies!

PUTIN AND OUR PRESIDENT

I'M happy to report that my bout with "suicide feelings" a few weeks ago did not last long. I'm now "back in the saddle again" continuing to do more research, to keep learning more about what's REALLY going on in the world around us!

Before the September attacks, I had, FINALLY, just about decided to stop making people MAD (the way I USED to get) by trying to tell them what I believed to be the truth. INSTEAD, I decided, I might as well just let them, FIND OUT, sooner or later, for themselves!

I asked myself: "Why am I still knocking myself out (after 14 years) to help keep this country free, when I might not even be AROUND by then, to BENEFIT?" (Of course I'd love to be able to go BACK to believing that all this stuff about a "communist conspiracy" was simply "manufactured" by an ignorant right-wing group who had nothing better to do with their time and energy!)

But I've gone TOO FAR in my SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH to turn back now! Too many thousands of hours (likely around 10,000 all together) reading or taking notes, cutting out clippings, working diligently TOWARD the goal of getting them filed. ALSO, SHARING what I've discovered by talking with people. But, MOSTLY, by writing a hundred or more articles, and letters to editors, in the hope that SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE will actually take the time and trouble to do what I did NOT used to do, and read a SMALL Portion of what I gradually became convinced was actually the "unvarnished truth!"

After working through what the traumatic events had done to the date of my 74th birthday, and to me, I decided that THIS might be the time when people would stop and pay attention to those of us who have, for years, been issuing the warning that, if we want to keep the many freedoms we've been taking for granted, we must, at the very least, all become VIGILANT, as well as learning to think for ourselves!

Some of the articles I've been working on are: The Case Against Profiling, The Manipulators, and Putin and Our President. To get as much info as possible I regularly read US NEWS & WORLD REPORT, THE NEW AMERICAN, WORLD PRESS REVIEW, AND AS MANY DAILY NEWSPAPERS AS I CAN SQUEEZE into a busy assortment of daily activities.



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Friday, November 30, 2001
 3:00-5:00 pm
 Indian Education Resource Center, Pembroke, NC

Please come and share your stories and family photographs with others who are interested in the history and culture of Robeson County's Indian communities. Your participation will contribute to a historical photo exhibit that will take place next summer, and to an archive that is being developed for local Indian people. Please invite a friend or family member who has a story to tell.

Bring your old photographs and we will record your story using our audio equipment and reproduce your photos with our copy stand. You won't need to give away your pictures—the copy stand makes a photo negative of your picture, then you can take the photo back home and we can make another copy of it for you if you wish. Be prepared to talk about one of your pictures, or tell a related story.

The Lumbee River Fund has equipment and financial resources for you to use in telling your own story; this workshop will demonstrate those resources and give you the opportunity to get involved in talking about history in your own family and community. We will also discuss how these materials should be stored and used for our community's benefit.

The workshop is free of charge and all materials will be provided. We only ask you to bring one or more photographs and story that you would be willing to share with the group. The workshop will be led by Bruce Barton (Curator, Indian Education Resource Center), Waltz Maynor (Retired Educator), and Malinda Maynor (Graduate Student in Native American History, UNC-Chapel Hill).

PLEASE RSVP by phone or email to:
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