

Are we really on "God's side?"

Ranting & Raving



by Garry Lewis Barton

In the days of Herod, King of Judea, a priest named Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth were both "righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elizabeth was barren, and they were now well stricken in years." Luke 1:5-7.

"But the angel (of the Lord) said unto him, Fear not, Zechariah: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John: For thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." Luke 1:13-15

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, name Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." Luke 1: 26-27

Mary visits Elizabeth

"And behold, thy (Mary's) cousin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren." Luke 1:36

"And Mary arose in those days... and entered into the house of Zechariah, and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy." Luke 1:39-44

It's sad to think what might have happened if Mary had met Elizabeth in the United States in Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy. Because in this great country of ours, it's legal to abort, or kill, a baby in the womb in the name of choice. Of course, I contend the choice should be exercised in the bedroom, not a hospital or doctor's room.

Without God's providential intervention, in this country it would legally be possible for John the Baptist and Jesus to be aborted while they were still a fetus in their respective mother's womb if they were born today. Of course, this is just conjecture, since we know God would never allow such a thing to happen. But it emphasizes the fact that this greatest country in the world has declared war on the most helpless segment of its population, namely our unborn children. Many detractors speak out about us declaring war on Iraq. But hardly anyone is speaking out about us declaring war on our unborn.

True, the Romans were cruel, but they paled in comparison to the barbarity of the present government of the United States of America. **Since abortions were legalized in this country on January 22, 1973, there have been more than 35 million unborn babies murdered.**

If we, in this country, don't start really trusting in God, instead of emblazoning our money with "In God We Trust" because it sounds good to an un-Godly world, God is going to stop blessing this country. And when He takes His hand of approval off us, we will self destruct just like the Romans did.

One of the greatest atrocities of man against man was Hitler killing 6 million Jews during World War II. Yet, since abortions became legal, more than 35 million unborn babies have been slaughtered. I don't know about you, but that shames me!

Senator Kerry supports abortions. President Bush doesn't. We, as children of God, need to go to the polls on November 3rd and vote against anyone who supports the killing of unborn babies, which is what abortion is. Just because it's legal doesn't make it right.

If the fetus of John the Baptist could jump for joy at six months of age, so could any other fetus if the mother or father thought it was convenient enough to let the fetus live long enough to do so.

I stand on the Bible when it comes to abortions. You should, too because anyone who won't stand for something will fall for anything, which is partly to blame for the complacency in this country when it comes to abortions.

We need to go to the polls and vote our convictions, which should mirror the convictions of Jesus.

Matthew 19:14 tells us, "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

No wonder John Kerry has such a long face! More than 35 millions babies have been killed while the rest of us snoozed. We ought to be ashamed! And let our outrage about abortions be reflected in the voting booth by voting to kill John Kerry's bid for president come November 3rd.

We'll talk again, folk.

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A Native American Perspective on Celebrating Columbus Day

On the subject, of whether or not we here in Robeson County should celebrate Columbus Day for his commendable discovery and result of one of the biggest revolutions, I am steadfast in my opposition. I do not understand how we here in Robeson County could celebrate a man that was so inhumanly cruel and torturous to the natives he encountered. Especially since, this county and surrounding counties in this area are home to the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians, and to celebrate the day that their fellow natives encountered the leader of their destroyer, would be simply unjust.

This county, as well as all others should not uplift a man that deserves nothing less than a punishment of life in confinement for his deliberate actions. He single handedly started the chain of events that lead to the mass deaths of more natives in a matter of months than the entire Jewish Holocaust. Which by the way, its reported that six million Jews and Polish people were slaughtered during the years of World War I and II under Hitler's Nazi regime. This man came to the Americas on a mission not to trade peacefully, but to conquer the land and its people, enrich himself at the expense of the natives, and to enslave those natives he captured. In his own words of his royal charter, his mission was to "discover and acquire" all new lands as well as "pearls, precious stones, gold and silver" and all other valuables. Then to give reasons for his cruelty and inhumane behavior to the natives, he dared to say he felt inspired by God and reassured by the rightness of his cause. This man shamed not only himself but the word of God and all Christians when he proclaimed his slaughtering and other wrong doings on the behalf of Christianity.

Therefore I propose that this county, as well as all other counties should not even consider or propose celebrating Columbus Day. We here in America do not dare celebrate and rejoice the tragic events that occurred on 9/11, four years ago, and we should not. We simply grieve and pay homage to the tragedy that took so many of our loved ones lives and consequently changed all others in this great nation. With that mind set, the same can and should be done for the day that Columbus landed in the New World. We should honor all the natives that have died in consequence to his forth coming. I propose that we have that day set aside for mourning and remembrance to offer tribute. We should pay reverence to all the natives whose life styles and cultures were consequently dramatically changed forever. Since that day, over five hundred and some years ago the native population has dropped so much so, that our Native American race and identity has almost become one of non existence in this nation's racial standings. Now at approximately only 1.5 percent we have become an indigenous people in our own 'homeland, our place of rest since the dawn of the last ice age. So please do not torture my people anymore with the glorification of our ultimate enemy, Christopher Columbus.

Byron Brooks
'one native'

LRDA preparing for Fall Pow wow, Oct. 29-31

The Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. is sponsoring a Fall Pow-Wow October 29-31. There will be thousands of dollars in prize money for performers in standard Pow-Wow categories.

Location-Pembroke, NC at the LRDA events field located at 636 Prospect Road.

Gates open/close	Admission:
Oct 29-Open 4pm Close 10pm	General - \$5.00
Oct 30-Open 10am Close 11pm	Seniors - \$3.00
Oct 31-Open 10am Close 6pm	Youth - 12 and under - \$3.00
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Thank you for your vote and support on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2004 at the LREMC Annual Meeting. I will continue to represent you to the best of my ability.
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INTRODUCING OUR LATEST MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Tracy E. Bullard, MD has joined Robeson Health Care Corporation and the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center as a family practitioner. She is based at the Julian T. Pierce Health Center in Pembroke.



Tracy E. Bullard, MD

After earning her undergraduate degree from Duke University, Dr. Bullard completed her medical degree at UNC-Chapel Hill in 2001 and a three-year residency program at the Duke/Southern Regional Area Health Education Center in Fayetteville this past summer. A native of Robeson County, she received a scholarship loan from the SRMC Foundation, offered to medical school students and allied health professionals who plan to return to the local community to practice. The NC Academy of Family Physicians has also recognized Dr. Bullard for her outstanding and compassionate patient care.

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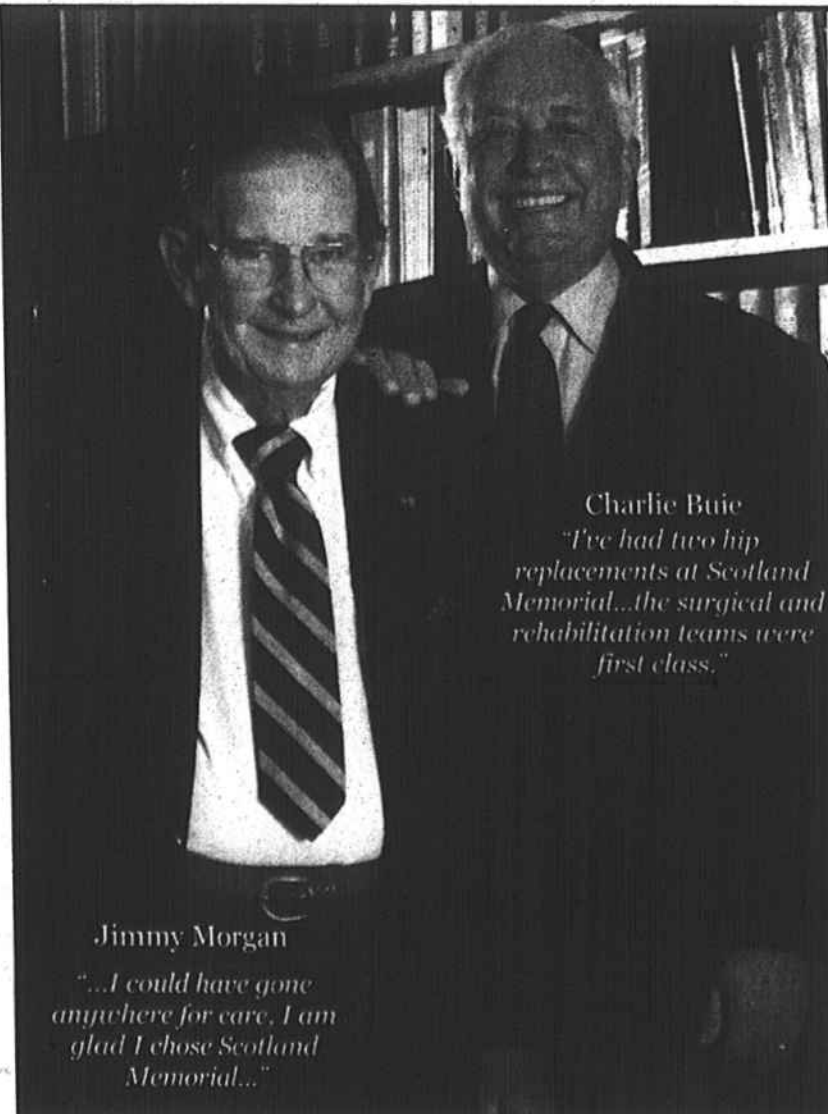
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These Businessmen Know The Importance Of Good Decisions.

That's Why They Rely On The Rehabilitation Care At Scotland Memorial.

Charlie Buie and Jimmy Morgan are businessmen who've spent years making good decisions that have helped them build successful companies. When each learned they needed joint replacement surgery, they made the decision to have their surgeries at Scotland Memorial and their rehabilitation care at the hospital's Center For Inpatient Rehabilitation.

"I've had two hip replacements at Scotland Memorial followed by inpatient rehabilitation," says Charlie Buie, president of Charles Craft, a local textile company. "The surgical and rehabilitation teams were first class. I was up and around and learning to adapt to my new hip within a few days. This high level of rehabilitation helped me feel confident about leaving the hospital and returning to work and activities safely."

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