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THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST...

1. *The Atonement.* As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

2. *Mediation of Christ.* Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to heaven, where as the only mediator between God and man, He makes intercession for us until He comes again.

3. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the Kingdom of God.

(FROM A TREATISE OF THE FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS)

Food, Fellowship and FIREWORKS



A fantastic time was had by all again this year at the Food, Fellowship and FIREWORKS night at the church.

Let's talk some numbers here: **ONE** – night for the event. (After you see how much time and food, etc went into the event, you will

see why it is only **ONE** night). Tery Neish and Mark DeLozier put in approximately **50** Man-hours to prepare the fireworks show. We don't have a number but we must include time put in by Keith Stephen and his 'tree clearing project' to make the viewing easier for us all! At one point in the show, **600** shots went up in under **40** seconds! Some were fired electronically via remote control or sequenced via a timer and **300** shots were hand-fired by **3** guys, Shane, Michael and Todd. There were approximately **400** spectators in attendance that managed to chow down on **500** hot dogs, **500** cans of pop and numerous side items, bags of chips, deserts and watermelon! The music was outstanding and comments from first time participants were all a buzz around the parking lot. Everyone enjoyed the evening and some are still talking about the big night! (see page four)

by Lori Hogue



BY LORI HOGUE

How Well Do You Know Our FFWBC Youth?

We have some of the GREATEST KIDS right here at our church.

Let's get to know more about them, see what makes them tick, and hear about what they do when they aren't here at church.

Let me give you a little more information about one of them now.

Wahlea A Conley

(to get her middle name, I can be bribed OR you can try and drag it out of her)

Wahlea was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on May 28th, 1993. Her parents are

Patricia Mitchell and Dale Conley. She has 2 older sisters, Rebecca Cox and Serina Conley.

She is a junior this year at Bartlesville High School.

Wahlea has been coming to FFWBC for the past 9 years. She was introduced to the church by her Godmother, Phyllis Sample, and has been attending ever since. Wahlea has been involved in many ways. She always volunteers when the teens have a project to do; whether it is cleaning the church or serving lunch at the Lighthouse Shelter. She enjoys watching the kids most of all! Wahlea said that her favorite part of this church is that "we are all a good family!"

Wahlea received a HUGE blessing this past February. She was on the phone with Lori and they were discussing the Winter Formal Dance that was coming up. During the conversation she mentioned that if she didn't get a dress she wouldn't be going. One of Lori's co-workers, who LOVES blessings others, overheard a portion of the conversation and offered to buy a dress for Wahlea so that she could attend the dance. Wahlea's instructions were to find a dress and the generous giver would buy it. So, Saturday, Wahlea and Lori set off on a dress finding mission. Every shop in town was hit by the two of them only to find NOTHING! During this little mission, the "giver" was on the phone checking in with them. She said, "How about I take her to Tulsa to go shopping?" With the permission of Wahlea's mom, Lori and Wahlea met up with Linda, introductions were made, and Lori leaves Wahlea in good hands. Linda, who has now become Wahlea's Angel, went on a fantastic fun filled shopping mission! Now, the two shop-o-holics are Tulsa bound with a dress to find! Later that evening I, Lori, received a call from Wahlea with so much excitement in her voice. Not only did she get a dress, but shoes, a necklace, earrings and a shawl to match! (Plus some extra jeans and shirts) and a new friend! She said it was a true blessing from God! She was extremely thankful! She also looked extremely beautiful on February 14th when she attended the dance!

When Wahlea completes high school she wants to further her education and become an EMT Paramedic. She likes helping others and the excitement associated with the job!

Wahlea stated, "I would not be this well in life if it weren't for this church!! THANKS!"

Maybe you knew this about Wahlea; maybe you didn't? I hope you enjoyed the facts and hopefully it will interest you in getting to know more about her. Wahlea is a caring and strong young woman. She is not shy and will be one of the first ones to voice her opinion. (I like that about her). I sure have enjoyed getting to know her over the past several years. Be on the look out - she has her permit and is driving!

Thanks for sharing with us Wahlea and God Bless!

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER:**The role of a Sunday school Teacher: by Louise Fox**

I recently read about a survey that concluded, that the largest percentage of Christian believers came to Christ before the age of eighteen. Almost half of these accepted the Lord before the age of thirteen. The survey shows the role of a Christian parent is very important, but the role of a Sunday school teacher is equally as important. What an awesome calling and responsibility it is to share God's word with children week after week! It is an area of Ministry that many people do not choose to be involved in. But it is the one ministry in the church with the Greatest REWARD!! When you see a child come to know the Lord, there is nothing more joyous or rewarding. But only time and eternity will really prove the impact of your service for God's kingdom. Sometimes our students act like they would rather be anywhere else other than in a Sunday school classroom. When we see them yawn, or look bored, or distracted, we often think we are not making an impression on our students. Teachers, realize that teaching is a form of worship to God and teaching is a Faithful witness to our children. At times we may feel ineffective or simply burned out, but remember, the seeds you have faithfully and lovingly sowed will come to fruit one day. Put aside the doubts and worry and embrace the opportunity to teach our next generation. GOD BLESS MY TEACHERS!!!! Thank you so much for your time, love and dedication. May God bless your efforts.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

A hundred years from now it will not matter the kind of house I live in, what my bank amount totals, or the kind of car I drive. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child!!!

Nursery workers are still needed.

We ask if your child is sick or has head lice, please do not send them to church...

NOW HEAR THIS!!!!

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

The following is an excerpt from e-mail received from **JACKE SMITH** in answer to my questioning her about the afghans she makes. Thanks to Lori Hogue.

"The afghans have mainly been baby afghans. It has brought a small peace of mind for me. The hours get so very long without things to do. Thus far Lori has send 3 of them to Romania, and 3 to Ukraine. All to orphanages. I hope a few children feel a little bit of love from them. It would be great to sell them. I would like to get a minimum of \$25 for them, preferably \$30. It would at least cover my costs and such. I only have one completed at this time. It takes a couple of weeks to do one. It truly does help occupy my mind".

;AND THE ROCKETS RED GLARE:

How many "fortunates" can be experienced in our evenings when you have a holiday celebration like Independence Day or 4th of July?

We will start with being "fortunate" to be in a country that has earned it's freedom and has a special celebration honoring those who fought and died for it.

We can add being "fortunate" for having dedicated church members like Tery Neish, Mark DeLosier and their helpers for going to the expense and considerable time to set up for such a magnificent display. Speaking of which, was seen by a very large number of Bartlesville residents and travelers on Highway 75.

We are "fortunate" for our church leadership to arrange the fellowship of a good old American celebration of fireworks, hot dogs and fun! The list goes on-----Thanks again for a wonderful evening and lets pray that we will continue to know the meaning of the celebration and we teach our children the meaning of FREEDOM!! I am not a student of politics but feel it is time more of us pay closer attention to changes taking place, and not for our good!!. What better way to make your spirit stronger, forget your troubles for just a few moments and then show the world that we, meaning of Christian faith, may be shrinking in numbers but not at Faith free Will Church. Christian support comes from many different sources besides prayer, financial help, spiritual help and growth and learning but also sharing common values through fun and this is the highlight of our summer here at FFW. Now it will be time for the fall blow out with the Annual Fall Festival which is growing in popularity each year and the Chili contest cooks are increasing in numbers AND bragging rights. Oh please tell me we aren't talking about fall already!?!

Editorial by Gretchen

BOYS ATTEND SALVATION ARMY CAMP

By Lori Hogue

Austin B, Drew C. and Jonathan C attended **Camp Heart O' Hills** July 6-11th which is owned and operated by the Salvation Army. The camp is located in Welling, the rolling hills of northeast Oklahoma. Rumored by folklore to be the end of the Trail of Tears, the lush green vegetation that locks the 188 acres of Heart O' Hills provides excellent isolation for camps and load of fun! (Austin also attended on June 15-20) The camp was 6 days packed with activities including swimming, archery, paddle boating, pine car derby building and racing, fishing and of course bible study. Austin and Jonathan participated in a new High Ropes Course and Drew did the Low Ropes course. These are designed to promote team building. Five poles and four layers designed to accommodate over 30 participants allowing teams to navigate in an exciting learning environment that is **15 to 65 feet above the ground!** Austin said, "You are harnessed to a safety cable but it is still scary at some places, but very exciting and fun!" One other attraction that Drew and Austin both said was their favorite part of the camp was "The Jesus Walk". The campers walk the path around the camp as they watch **"LIVE BIBLE STORIES"** being acted out by the camp counselors. Some of them were Adam and Eve, the birth of Jesus and The Last Supper. A great time was had by all. Ask them about it next time you see them.

MORE ON FIREWORKS!!!

Thanks to all who put the great evening together! FYI, Mark Delozier has been doing the fireworks shows for **15** years. Mark and Tery Neish both do private shows so give them a call for your next private party, wedding, Lake Extravaganza or good old back yard BBQ! A special thanks to Melissa C. for providing lunch for the crew during the "pre-show" activities.

Faith In The Kitchen

By Cindy Cox

Summer is almost here and our lives will soon get so busy that we forget things, like where are the maps, for the trip, where are the swim suits, do we have our pass ports? Some times we even forget to make the reservations. But no matter how hectic your summer gets Please don't forget church! Summer time is the worst time of the year for church. Now before you get upset let me explain!!! This is the time of the year that we forget to volunteer, we have more kids in the nursery/ toddlers than usual in the summer, and we have more kids on Wednesday nights that usual too. The grass grows more & so do the weeds, so guess what, we need volunteers for lawn care too. What about the Sunday school teachers don't you think they would like a vacation too? How about volunteering to take a class for them. I always say I get more out of teaching sometimes than being taught. (You have to study to teach). I once heard that when money gets tight then your time should get loose. Time is money you know! When your summers start getting so busy & you feel like you can not fit one more thing on your schedule try VOLUNTEERING you will be surprised how good it makes you feel & how good it makes others feel too!!!!

If you need a wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement, etc. breakfast, lunch or dinner cooked please feel free to call me(Cindy Cox) I would love to help you any way I can. Either at the church or at a place of your choice. If you are a member of the church all I ask is you not pay me for the service I ask you donate to Mrs. Fox children & youth fund. Thank you & God bless you all.

I have made this next dish for weddings & family get togethers & have had people ask me what I do to the eggs to make them taste so good (but not like the usual deviled eggs they have eaten before). Well here is my big secret !!!!!

Ranch Deviled Eggs

Boil off eggs as you would for Deviled eggs

(add salt to water when boiling eggs & eggs peel easier)

Peel , cut egg whites in half, put all yokes in bowl then all you add is Ranch Dressing.

Make texture you like. Mix well making sure lump free then refill in to egg whites.(The easiest way to do this is put the mixture in a zip lock bag & cut (small) one corner at the bottom & then all you do is squeeze in to egg white.

If you like regular Deviled eggs you will LOVE Ranch Deviled Eggs

John 1:1-51

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it

Tip for the day :

Cooking your steaks frozen will keep them tender & you have less chance of spoiled meat.

FWBC FAMILY:

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughtfulness during my extend illness. I sincerely covet your continued prayer---I'm not quite out of the woods yet! Joan Beard

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

Jacki and Dennis Smith in their time of both financial and physical need.

God Loves to get KNEE MAIL!

Lori Hogue

Scripture: Matthew 21:42a

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected; has become the chief cornerstone" NKJV

- He never wrote a book --- yet libraries cannot hold all the books about him**
- He never wrote a song --- yet more songs are written about him than anyone**
- He never founded a college --- yet he has more students than all the schools**
- He never practiced cardiology --- yet healed more broken hearts than doctors**
- He never boasted for notoriety --- yet abounds more than all philosophers**
- He never asked to die --- yet the grave could not hold him**
- He never joined the religious leaders of the time --- yet angels acknowledge him**
- He never joined the religious leaders of the time --- yet demons fear his name**
- He never went to medical school --- yet he healed multitudes**
- He never traveled far --- yet is known throughout the entire universe**

Prayer: Father thank you for the Lord Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday --- Today --- and Tomorrow --- never changing. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:13 --- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

(The **Epistle to the Philippians** (or simply **Philippians**) is a book included in the New Testament of the Bible. It is a letter from St. Paul to the church of Philippi. It is one of the authentic Pauline epistles, written AD 62.)

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

RECIPE CORNER:

RANGER COOKIE---

From the kitchen of Virginia Sprague:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Cup Oleo, (room temperature) | |
| 1. Cup White Sugar. | |
| 1. Cup Brown Sugar. | |
| 1. Tsp Vanilla | |
| 2. Eggs | |
| ADD | MIX WELL & ADD |
| 2. Cup Flour | 2. Cups Oats |
| 1. Tsp Soda | 2. Cup Rice Crispies |
| 1/2 Tsp Salt | 1. Cup Coconut |
| 1/2 Tsp. B. Powder | 1. Cup Nuts |

Bake at 350 Degrees

MICROWAVE GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE:

From the kitchen of Gretchen Sharpton

1. Microwave bunt pan
2. Betty Crocker German Chocolate cake mix
3. Betty Crocker German Chocolate frosting mix
4. Make frosting as shown on the frosting box except use 1/2 sthe butter.
5. Pour frosting into bhe bunt pan
6. Mix cake as shown on the package and pour over cake frosting in the bunt pan.
7. Elevate bunt pan in the microwave and microwave on high for 10 minutes or more depending on the microwave power. If cake is not rising evenly after 5 minutes rotate pan 1/4 turn and continue.
8. Let cake set in the pan for 10 minutes and then turn over.
9. The cake will be finished and frosted.

This cake is so simple Kids and Cavemen can do it.

GETTING TO KNOW BETTER-----Gene Brooks

There is only one disadvantage about doing a profile on someone here in church and that is the fact that everyone can't hear the interview along with the person writing it. This is only our second profile interview and both have amazing Christian walks and unbelievable journeys getting there. To know the backgrounds on these people is to witness a personal sermon and be given guidelines for life that will apply to all of us.

Gene is a "hometown" boy, born in Bartlesville in the old Memorial Hospital. He graduated from College High School (how many of you remember it being called by that name?) and also met his wife of 31 years, Melissa there. She has been secretary to the Athletic Dept. for the last 21 years and Gene has been employed by Jane Phillips Hospital Since 1980. You think your heart doctor or surgeon is important? Well, where would they, or any of us for that matter, be if someone didn't keep the generators, motors, electricity, furnaces and a myriad of other things that make a hospital a place of healing if it weren't for people like Gene? Whenever you are in the JP Hospital for any reason you should be glad Gene is around! Now if he could just do something about the food. Gene and Melissa have two boys, 29 and 26 and one still resides in Bartlesville and the other son lives in Matt Dillon and Miss Kitty land, Dodge City Kansas

Gene's dad was the athletic director for the Boys Club and it was there that he developed his love for sports. He participated in football, baseball and wrestling and started his officiating there which has lead to a second career of 23 years. As far as I am concerned it takes a special strength and love for sports to officiate, especially in this era and when I asked him just how his Christianity could apply he replied that **character and integrity** are vital and he has prayer before each game. On a lighter note but not to be taken as a joke he said he has often wondered what a really bad game would have been like *without* prayer! Sadly he also mentioned how bad the public was getting in their conduct at games so keep in mind your actions when attending any. It is noticed.

Gene's church life started young. He attended a small Methodist church with his parents and when the pastor was re-assigned (some churches do that) his parents stopped attending and consequently so did Gene. Now here is a point I want you all to pick up on and if you don't get any other thing from this newsletter I want you to get this; you simply **must** understand how important one small gesture (no, not that one) can be to another when it comes to influence and example , good OR bad. A man who lived by Gene started coming by and would take him to church every Sunday. Gene attended Highland Park Baptist Church and at the age of 13 accepted Christ as his savior. Once more this man was more than a friend to a young man but also an influence that directed his life. Gene said he was so shy (13 yr olds are weird) he couldn't make himself go forward so his friend helped him. Through his high school years he attended Highland before moving on to First Church of God.

Gene and Melissa were married at First and while there became close friends with several couples who eventually moved away. After they lost close friends they dropped away from any church and didn't return for several years. When he returned to the Dewey First Church of God he became very active and eventually participated in what I think is the greatest thing....a program

called "Discipleship Training". It was a very intense, deeply involved 24 week (2 courses at 12 weeks each) course and his life and values today are a direct result of this. Only deeply committed men were accepted for this and Gene completed both sessions. There were requirements that had to be met and each was monitored by other members. Gene mentioned that one of the requirements he has retained to this day was quiet time with and for God.

Although that "quiet time" has diminished he still values what it can do for a person and it is one of the things that sustained Christ during His ministry. We all need that and don't understand its importance. Gene taught the youth class and was active in all parts of the church body for over 10 years until personal reasons along with a difficult decision lead him away. Through his officiating he met Danny Hester in 1999 and Danny encouraged him to come to FFW and visit and he has remained ever since. Gene is the courageous bible instructor for those of us who don't fit the standards (our class hasn't adopted an official class name) "according to society" and has been questioned about his sanity for even bothering with us but Christ's disciples were a pretty motley crew themselves weren't they? I personally guarantee you our class is a lively one and certainly doesn't fit the standard "mold" but by golly we have experienced wonderful learning and giant leaps forward in our walk with God all because of Gene's love and dedication to us! His lessons are all geared towards the Christian learning and becoming stronger and his Discipleship training emphasized this as an all-important aspect of teaching. He is one class leader that commits himself because of his love for God and his love to his class and not just to hear the sound of his own voice. I know I am speaking for our class when I say we will be eternally grateful for his leadership, guidance AND example through all these years!

Gene made several comments about his philosophy and I would like to share some of them with you:

Being a good Christian isn't about being baptized and going to church every Sunday! You must understand that life is made up of choices and you simply have to pray to make the right ones and learn from the results.

Concentrate on what your talents are then apply them to your life.

There is no such thing as "instantaneous" spirituality. You must always keep it as a purpose for you life.

If you help other people in their faith then you are fulfilling God's work for you.

You must never let anything stand in the way of your relationship with Christ. (God only knows there are enough obstacles!)

These are just a few of the principles that govern Gene's life and to know him is to know an example for all of us. We are blessed to have him at FFW and more importantly know he is, albeit small in number, part of the political, controversial, complex and volatile world of the sports environment your children are part of. We need more like him!

Thank you Gene for sharing not only a part of your history but your faith as well.



As the cartoon denotes a man going eyeball to eyeball with the devil, we as Christians are now at a time in our lives when we need to make a personal decision: are we going to sit idly by and let our Love for God and His good be overridden by people who are fanatically interested in the destruction of all things we hold dear? We must acclaim with all our might's that Jesus IS the Son, and God IS the Father and the Holy Bible IS the rule and guide of our lives. We cannot succumb to the lethargical attitude that; if we wait long enough, someone else will speak up for us. Our sitting back and letting the other person speak or do our thinking for us is what is leading us to the position in which we find ourselves today. The position of wondering "what happened" or "how did this happen" as we look back on 9/11/2001 we realize there are people in this small world who do not believe we as a nation, should exist. You may feel, too much of what has been said is getting monotonous and you are tired of hearing all the constant barrage of negative news, however, it might be in everyone's interest if each of us would take the time to become just a little more educated in the actual background for the smoldering discontent we are facing. I hope you will read the information on the rest of the page and remember it is aimed directly at YOU!!! *Affirmed by Lee Sharpton*

Al-Qaeda (Also Known as Al-Qaida)

Responsible for the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks upon the United States, Al-Qaeda was established by Osama bin Laden in the late 1980s to bring together Arabs who fought in Afghanistan against the Soviet Union. Al-Qaeda helped finance, recruit, transport, and train Sunni Islamic extremists for the Afghan resistance. Al-Qaeda's current goal is to establish a pan-Islamic Caliphate by working with allied Islamic extremist groups to overthrow regimes it deems "non-Islamic" and expelling Westerners and non-Muslims from Muslim countries. Al-Qaeda has issued statement under banner of "The World Islamic Front for Jihad against the Jews and Crusaders" in February 1998, saying it was the duty of all Muslims to kill U.S. citizens—civilian or military—and their allies anywhere in the world. The World Islamic Front for Jihad merged with Egyptian Islamic Jihad (Al-Jihad) in June 2001.

Organization activities. On September 11, 2001, 19 al-Qaeda suicide attackers hijacked and crashed four U.S. commercial jets, two into the World Trade Center in New York City, one into the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., and a fourth into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, leaving about 3,000 individuals dead or missing. Al-Qaeda also directed the October, 12, 2000 attack on the U.S.S. *Cole* in the port of Aden, Yemen, killing 17 U.S. Navy crewmembers, and injuring another 39. Al-Qaeda also admitted responsibility for the bombings in August 1998 of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed at least 301 individuals and injured more than 5,000 others. Al-Qaeda claims to have shot down U.S. helicopters and killed U.S. servicemen in Somalia in 1993 and to have conducted three bombings that targeted U.S. troops in Aden, Yemen, in December 1992.

Al-Qaeda is linked to unrealized plans to assassinate Pope John Paul II during his visit to Manila in late 1994; a plan to kill President Clinton during a visit to the Philippines in early 1995; the planned midair bombing of a dozen U.S. trans-Pacific flights in 1995; and plans to set off a bomb at Los Angeles International Airport in 1999. They also plotted to carry out terrorist operations against U.S. and Israeli tourists visiting Jordan for millennium celebrations in late 1999. (Jordanian authorities thwarted the planned attacks and put 28 suspects on trial.) In December, 2001, suspected al-Qaeda associate Richard Colvin Reid attempted to ignite a shoe bomb on a transatlantic flight from Paris to Miami.

Al-Qaeda may have several thousand members and associates in cells located around the world, and also serves as a focal point or umbrella organization for a world wide network that includes many Sunni Islamic extremist groups, some members of al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, and the Harakat ul-Mujahidin.

Al-Qaeda has cells worldwide and is reinforced by its ties to Sunni extremist networks. Coalition attacks on Afghanistan since October 2001 have dismantled the Taliban—once al-Qaeda's protectors—and led to the capture, death, or dispersal of al-Qaeda operatives. Al-Qaeda members at large, including as of April 2003, Osama bin Laden, have vowed to attempt to carry out future attacks against U.S. interests.

Bin Laden, member of a billionaire family that owns the Bin Laden Group construction empire, is said to have inherited tens of millions of dollars that he uses to help finance the group. Al-Qaeda also maintains moneymaking front businesses, solicits donations from like-minded supporters, and illicitly siphons funds from donations to Muslim charitable organizations. U.S. efforts to block al-Qaeda funding has hampered their ability to obtain money.; *Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence, and Security*, by The Gale Group, Inc.

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FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW FROM THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

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We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article. I.

Section. 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section. 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons [Modified by Amendment XIV] The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct.

The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative;

and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three. When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies. The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.