

Church, state should be kept apart

It's the kind of statement that confuses more than it clarifies. Jerry Falwell, president of Moral Majority and pastor of the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., said at his "I Love America" rally in Indianapolis that he is not embarrassed to equate Americanism and biblical morality. This country is not a Muslim nation or a Jewish nation. It's a Christian nation.

Does that mean that everyone who is not a Christian is unAmerican? Or that anyone doing un-Christian things is unAmerican?

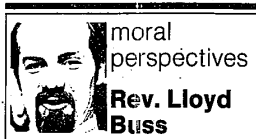
What about the person who considers himself a Christian and believes that Falwell is wrong: Is that person unAmerican or unChristian or both?

I suppose that the issue is really not that important when it's put in the context of a political rally. After all, people aren't really saying what they mean, or is it the other way around, they don't mean what they say.

But the problem starts when you begin to apply that kind of statement to courses of action that are determined by your government. At the present time there is a considerable debate in Washington over what is called the CIA Center, or more technically known as the National Intelligence Act of 1980.

THE PROPOSED charter would provide a comprehensive legislative basis for the activities of the CIA, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and in certain activities, the FBI.

It is designed to provide some standards for oversight and accountability from intelligence activities conducted by the U.S.



One of the features of the charter is the ban on the use of missionaries from religious institutions as cover for certain intelligence activities. This ban has been described by CIA director Stansfield Turner as "an unwarranted limitation of flexibility."

He feels that the self-imposed agency regulations restricting the use of religious missionaries for intelligence activities meet the objections raised by the religious communities. The problem is that on a number of occasions he had to waive these internal guidelines.

Turner certainly has a problem, but think for a moment the kind of problem that a missionary has in this kind of regulation. Is the missionary a representative of the U.S. government or the church that commissions him/her? Would that missionary be unAmerican to refuse the patriotic duty of intelligence agent for the CIA or unChristian to refuse the mission assignment directed by the church.

AND IF THAT is confusing, think how it must sound to the people with whom the missionary is working. Wouldn't it be Christian to accept the role of the unChristian or unAmerican who refuses to serve as an intelligence agent for the CIA while serving as the missionary of a church?

I'm not sure. But I think the equation breaks down under its own absurdity, and the better choice of wisdom would be to scrap the whole idea; both the notion that this is a Christian nation and that the CIA ought to be free to use missionaries for their intelligence work.

This is not to imply that there are no Christians in this country nor that Christians have no obligation to their country. It is rather to say as simply as possible that our citizenship in this United States is not determined by our religious affiliation.

It is also to say that the practice of our citizenship is influenced by our religious affiliation, but can never be combined into one entity. And it affirms once again the distinction between the body politic and religious preference.

One does not have to be a Christian to be a good citizen of this land. That is one of the most significant features I can think of in what makes this country so great.

WHILE JERRY Falwell may not be embarrassed to equate Americanism and biblical morality, I regard it most unfortunate that he has done so.

I can only hope that the CIA Charter will not end up putting that into a legal document.

Thursday, May 22, 1980

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Mormon leader visits Michigan

Elder Robert L. Backman, leader from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah, tours Michigan this week with a stop in Westland State Center to meet 180 full-time representatives of the Mormon Church.

Backman is a member of the church's First Quorum of Seventy and the advisor from Mormon Church headquarters to the regional representatives for the southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio area. His visit concerns the missionaries of the church in the Michigan Dearborn Mission.

Vernon A. Cooley, president of the Michigan Dearborn Mission said the purpose of the visit was to "instruct the representatives of the church to more effectively present the church programs to the people of Michigan and Ohio."



ELDER ROBERT BACKMAN

Services set at Emanu-El

Music Shabbat services will begin at 8:15 p.m. Friday, May 23 in Temple Emanu-El, 14450 Ten Mile Road, Oak Park, honoring Marjorie Grulich, who has served as the congregation's organist for 25 years.

At 10:15 a.m. Saturday, May 24, Sabbath morning services will begin.

The Bar Mitzvah of Adam Kaplan Cassell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassell and the Bat Mitzvah of Shiri Segal, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Shmuel Segal will be observed.

Your Invitation to Worship

For Church Directory Information
Please Call 644-1100 Ext. 200

LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
5075 Seven Mile Road
476-2075
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11 am
PENTECOST SUNDAY
"I'M HAPPY!"
Austin C. Dierney

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14 Mile and Lakeland Roads
709-212
Pastors
M.L. Dunkelberger
E.W. Dunn
Phone 709-2121

FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER
Drake Road at Freedom
Phone 478-1511
Rev. Edmund Lotter, Pastor
SUNDAY
9:45 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Morning Worship
7:00 pm Revival Rally
Mid-Week Service
Attended with the Assembly of God

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
"On the Village Green"
Services
9:00 AM
11:15 AM
Frank B. Cowick
Minister

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
20805 Middlebelt at 8 mile
Farmington Hills 474-8075
Rev. Rev. Ralph L. Unger, Pastor
SUNDAY
9:00 am - 9:45 am
10:00 am - 11:00 am
11:15 am - 12:00 pm
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 am
ADULT BIBLE CLASSES
10:00 am
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
Grades K-8
Wendy C. Benesch, Principal
474-2488

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
2508 KORN RD. SUITE 4000
HIGHTS
Cook & 58 acres
Wales
Lance R. Jennings, Pastor
852-9256 373-5804
Sundays
9:00 am - 9:45 am
10:00 am - 11:00 am
11:15 am - 12:00 pm
Evening Welcome

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
127-2-1000
338-8233
9:45 a.m. - Church School
9:45 a.m. - Pastor's Class
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Nursery Provided
Dr. David Truman, Pastor

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451
8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. - Family Service
10:00 A.M. - Christian Education Classes For All
11:00 A.M. - Family Service
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
Sunday Morning - Wednesday Eucharist
The Rev. Kenneth G. Davis The Rev. R. Scott Knipe
The Rev. Edward A. King

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1589 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright & G. Bryn Evans
Douglas W. Vernon & Harold E. Weemhoff
Services: 9:30, 9:45
8:11 A.M.
School: 9:30 & 11 A.M.
Nursery Care Provided
Nursery School: Mon. thru Fri.
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.
Woodward and Greenbrook
Bloomfield Hills
10:00 AM - Worship
Nursery Care Provided
Ministers: Charles O. Erickson
Earl R. Eshart

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
15925 131st
Birmingham
SUNDAY
Family Learning Hour: 9:15 & 11
Morning Worship: 9:30 & 11
644-8500

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
28301 Middlebelt Road, Mile N. of 12 Mile
A FULL-SERVICE CHURCH
SUNDAY
GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL 9:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES 11 AM and 8 PM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11 AM
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM
Douglas B. Brown, Pastor
Nursery provided at All Services
Ample Parking C.B.A. Affiliated No Steps

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Oakland at Grand River Farm
9:00 am Church School
10:15 am Divine Worship
Rev. James A. Nelson, Minister
Church Office: 474-6880
Parsonage: 474-2944

Orchard United Methodist
30430 FARMINGTON ROAD
between 1 and 12 mile roads
474-8075
MORNING WORSHIP
9:00 am and 11 am
CHURCH SCHOOLS & NURSERY
9:30 am and 11 am
MINISTERS
Robert S. Brown
James F. Thomas

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
1155 W. 12th St.
474-1665
9:00 am First Worship Service
10:15 am The Church School
11:15 am Second Service of Worship
9:30 am Youth Meetings
7:00 pm Sunday Evening Service
7:30 pm Wed. The Midweek Service

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads
422-1150
Worship & Sunday School 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.
PENTECOST AND MEMORIAL SUNDAY
"Plenty Cost"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 PM
Film: "Gospel Road"
A Portrayal of the Life of Jesus
Narrated by Johnny Cash
Wednesday 7:30 PM - First in a five-part film series:
"Whatever Happened to the Human Race?"
Sunday Service Broadcast
9:30 A.M., WNUZ-FM 103.5
Nursery Provided at All Services
Janet Rittler 422-1150

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3955 W. BIG BEAVER RD.
TROY (at Adams)
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 11:00 AM
Minister
ROBERT H. BOYCE
644-0512

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
17400 Cornering
Southfield
Sundays 9:30 & 10:30 AM
10:30 Prayer Book
Services Only
St. John
American Lutheran
Church
21271 Gail Road Farmington
Church
Charles Fox, Pastor
Nursery 331-1100 am
Sunday School 474-6880
Nursery 474-6880

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
Sunday School
Adult Study Groups
Sunday Worship Service
9:30 AM
10:45 AM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
12 Mile & Farmington Roads
Behind Crowley's
The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre - Pastor
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 A.M.
Church Phone 553-3380

North Baptist Church
2840 Orchard Road
South of 10 miles
Farmington Hills, MI 48024
274-3393
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
Bible Study 10:00 am
Pastor
Richard L. Kerr
BibleHealm
Lutheran Church
35300 Eight Mile Road
Farmington Hills
Lowell Anderson, Pastor
478-6520
Sunday - Worship 10:45 AM
School 9:15 AM - Nursery Provided

COVENANT BAPTIST
Covenant is a church with a fully graded Christian Education program for the entire family. Come and grow with us.
SUNDAYS
9:45 A.M. - Church School
11:00 A.M. - Gospel Song Fest
6:30 P.M. - Evening Service
Dr. William F. Keucher, Pastor, Rev. Edward A. Luby, Assoc.
Rev. Judith A. Davis, Minister of C.E.
5800 W. Maple Road W. Bloomfield, MI 48033
* 1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Rd. * 855-9191

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser
Southfield Mich. Phone 356-1660
United for the worship of God
and service to humanity
Rev. Mark P. Jordan, Senior Minister
Rev. David W. Howell, Dir. of Christian Education
Dr. Harry Langford, Dir. of Music
Adult Study 10 A.M.
Youth Fellowship 10 A.M.
Sunday School 11 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.
Nursery Provided
No Steps

First Church of God
Farmington Hills
7000
33112 Grand River
Farmington - 474-6573
Worship - 10:00 AM
Church School - 10:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister - Charles H. Brynion

Kirk in the Hills
PRESBYTERIAN
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
MINISTERS
James F. Anderson
Robert L. Lindsey
Worship Services and
Church School
SUNDAYS
9:30 and 11:30 AM

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2445 Lakeland Road
Oak N. of 9 Mile
Phone 395-1841
7:00 am Church School
10:45 am The Service
The Rev. L. Allen Erickson

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Meeting at
Bloomfield Hills Jr. High School
Quarterm Rd., 2 Bks. W. of
Telegraph
336-3505

First Baptist Church
Parks and Valley, Birmingham, Mon.
Robert C. McAdams, Minister
Helen J. Armstrong, Minister
Barbara Sikes, Associate Minister
Church School
9:45 AM
Worship Service
11:00 AM

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
2020 W. 13th at Eastman
546-9777
Worship 10:00 am
Church School 10:00 am
Nursery through High School
Minister John D. Bray

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A.L.C.
5631 North Adams
Mid North of E. Long Lake Rd.
WINTER SCHEDULE
8:15 AM Morning Service
Communion 3rd Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
Communion 1st Sunday
Fred W. Maclean, Pastor
Thane F. Schaefer, Pastor
474-1227 474-1227

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
33112 Grand River
Farmington - 474-6573
Worship - 10:00 AM
Church School - 10:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister - Charles H. Brynion

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33112 Grand River
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Oak N. of 9 Mile
Phone 395-1841
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10:45 am The Service
The Rev. L. Allen Erickson

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7:00 am Church School
10:45 am The Service
The Rev. L. Allen Erickson

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Mon., Tue. 9:30-5:30 and 7-9; Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30; Thur., Fri. 9:30-9
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FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE
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SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.
READING ROOM - 4361 Orchard Lake Rd. - 851-1740
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 10:30-5:30; Friday 10-9
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5:30 PM PRAYER & WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM PRAYER & SHARE
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MORNING WORSHIP
EVENING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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