



From Where I Sit . . .

“Seminar A Great Success”

Success is often measured in different packages. If by success I mean that hundreds and thousands of people from our community came flooding to our auditorium for the Dave Miller “**Silencing of God Seminar**” then we could not use the word “success.” We can say that Friday night crowds rarely are as large as the 257 we hosted for the opening session. It’s hard to draw nearly 200 of them back on Saturday nights, but we did. Major sickness and “unavoidable” schedule conflicts held our Sunday morning attendance under 300 though the auditorium looked that full, and nearly 200 were present for the 1:00 service. We were blessed with large numbers of visitors throughout the weekend – friends that you invited from the community, as well as numerous members of sister congregations throughout the entire region. These are all successes to a measure for which we’re very grateful.

A true indication of the success of our endeavor came in the tremendous conversations generated by listening to 7+ hours of seminar presentations. All of our eyes have been opened to the horrifying shift in attitudes within our country from secular forces in major phases of our lives: education, legislation, judiciary, individual rights advocates, ad nauseum. A colossal lie is being sold to the American people which asserts that our founding fathers wrote a constitution that separated religion from involvement in the shaping of moral and ethical values within government and society. Under the guise of “Separation of Church and State” we’re basically being silenced. The voice of God is being muted from having any public influence in the direction our nation travels.

Dr. Dave Miller presented overwhelming and carefully documented evidences that in fact our founding fathers full well understood that their undertaking was doomed to failure if God did not bless their undertaking. They wrote protections into the constitution that would keep the state from setting up one state religion and forcing compliance. This was a yoke they had broken away from with the mother country and with the Church of England. They upheld loudly the freedom of religious expression, and brought scripture directly into their discussions and writings that shaped the thoughts of our infant country. Today we’re being told these thoughts are unwanted and unwelcome. Even more, our basic freedoms are seriously at risk if this trend is not challenged. There is hardly a moral, Biblical value that has not been overruled by a liberal and secular-minded judiciary: from what constitutes life to what constitutes marriage. This community of liberals are bent and determined to silence the voice of God and His influence. Our founding fathers would be devastated by the gross mis-use of the constitution to serve such a heathenistic agenda.

Another measure of success to this seminar has come from an unexpected and overwhelming desire to spread the word. To date some 250 sets of the DVD presentation of the seminar have been requested. We will be reordering this week. The church is buying in quantities so we can together enjoy the benefit of a greatly reduced price of only \$5.50 including tax. Please call the office if you want to get on that list.

Now for a word of gratitude: First to our elders for being receptive to the proposal that we sponsor such a seminar and allowing a significant budget for making it possible. Secondly to the media for helping us spread the word. The Daily Sentinel, North Jackson Progress, Scottsboro Cable, and Charter Cable, all were very cooperative. Our city council deserves appreciation for allowing us to speak before their session. To our ladies who baked cookies and those who served refreshments, thank you. Our members who actively promoted attendance among their friends were indispensable. Thank You!! We thank the Millers for the sacrifice of their time and energy. We thank God for the freedom, opportunity, and blessing, to speak up and be heard.

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