

Having Two Sets of Ears

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. **–Revelation 3:20**

Wait Expectantly

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. **–Psalm 27:14**

Don't Lie

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. **–Exodus 20:16**

Endless Peace

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. **–Luke 1:33**

The Bread of Life

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. **–John 6:33**

Honor Your Parents

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” **–Ephesians 6:1-3**

Evangelist Battles Atheists in War on Christmas

The outrage over nativity scenes continues as the war on Christmas rages. Now, evangelist Ray Comfort is throwing his gospel response into the battle.

After reading the Freedom From Religion’s (FFR) demand that the Texas city of Athens remove a nativity scene from the corner of its courthouse lawn, Comfort decided to educate himself on the exploits of this activist atheist group.

“Freedom From Religion Foundation see themselves as moral watchdogs,” Comfort concludes. Comfort pointed to the many lawsuits FFR has filed, including a federal suit against the Town of Whiteville, Tenn., and its mayor, James Bellar, “to

force him to remove crosses on the Whiteville water tower.” In another suit, the FFR argues that “an unauthorized Latin cross suddenly appearing at Camp Pendleton must come down.”

Armed with information about FFR, Comfort, producer of 180, a pro-life movie that has generated more than 1.8 million YouTube views, reached out to Pastor Nathan Lorick of First Baptist Church in Malakoff. Malakoff is working with 73 local pastors to stand up to the FFR. Comfort offered to send in teams to evangelize the area, and he plans to repeat the effort everywhere the FFR raises its atheistic head.

“Whenever they try and bully people with their anti-God agenda, we will make that place ground-zero for an evangelistic campaign,” Comfort says. “The majority of Americans believe in God, and many of them have had enough of intolerance towards the things of God. Atheists may use the law to make a mayor remove a cross from a water tower, but we will then make it our business to take the cross to thousands.”

US Online Holiday Sales Up 15 Percent

Internet sales in the U.S. this holiday season are up 15 percent to \$24.6 billion, according to comScore.

So far, consumers have spent about \$25 billion online.

ComScore, a digital research firm, said single-day sales exceeded a billion dollars six times so far. One of those days included Cyber Monday, the Monday after Thanksgiving, when sales hit \$ billion.

Sales for the week ending Dec. 9 rose 15 percent to \$5.9 billion, the Reston, Va., company reported.

“As we enter what will be the heaviest week of the season for online retailers—beginning with ‘Green Monday’ on Dec. 12—all signs are now pointing to a strong finish to the season,” comScore Chairman Gian Fulgoni said earlier this week.

Green Monday, traditionally the second Monday of December, was coined by eBay, Inc., to describe the best sales day in December. Although the day has consistently ranked among the top spending days of the season, it is no longer the top online spending day.

“Free Shipping Day,” occurs on Friday.

Breast Cancer Bibles Pulled for Pro-Abortion Ties

The Bible has always been controversial, but the latest brouhaha is over a special edition Bible’s ties to a pro-abortion group.

Released in October as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the pink-cover *Here’s Hope Breast Cancer Awareness Bible* has been on sale in the general market, with \$1 from each sale going to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure for breast health education, screening and treatment programs.

But LifeWay Christian Resources (LCR), B&H’s parent organization, has decided to withdraw the edition after learning that some Komen affiliates have given money to Planned Parenthood, whose own affiliates offer breast exams.

“We made a mistake,” says LCR President and CEO Thom Rainer. “When our leadership discovered the overwhelming concern that some of Komen’s affiliates were giving funds to Planned Parenthood, we began the arduous process of withdrawing this Bible from the market.

“Though we have assurances that Komen’s funds are used only for breast cancer screening and awareness, it is not in keeping with LifeWay’s core values to have even an indirect relationship with Planned Parenthood.”

B&H’s mission to advance the gospel through distribution of God’s Word was unchanged, Rainer said, “so we will continue to seek innovative ways that are in keeping with LifeWay’s core values.”

Marty King, spokesman for LCR, told Baptist Press that the Bibles were not sold in LifeWay Christian Stores, but at mass retailers like Walmart. The goal had been to “get the Bible into the hands of people who may not frequent LifeWay Christian Stores or ,” he said.

The Gift of Giving

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten. **–Joel 2:25**