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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 11, 1982

TO: Central Files

FROM: Morton Blackwell

SUBJECT: Letters Regarding the Closing of Faith Baptist Church

Enclosed please find letters sent to me regarding the closing of the Faith Baptist Church in Nebraska. I have responded to these letters using the attached form response.

Further letters should be forthcoming. A final count will be sent to Central Files shortly.

PRESERVATION COPY

MCB-2

RE: Faith Baptist Church - closing of school  
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1981

Dear /s/

Upon receiving your letter regarding the closing of the school at Faith Baptist Church, I asked the Department of Justice to report on the matter. They advised me that on October 5, 1981 the Supreme Court dismissed the appeal in Faith Baptist Church v. Douglas for want of a substantial federal question. As I understand it, this means that the Supreme Court will not review the decisions of the lower court.

As the President's principal liaison to the religious community, I can assure you of my strong support for church-related education. My children were enrolled for nine years in an excellent Christian school in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.

Church-related schools are growing in numbers and effectiveness because parents are willing to make economic sacrifices to give their children the education these schools provide.

I am sure you can appreciate that the accreditation of schools is primarily a matter of state law. While the Administration supports diversity in education, we believe it can best be furthered by minimizing federal interference with decisions of local educational authorities. In any event, there does not appear to be a legal basis for federal intervention into this matter.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant  
to the President

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(12/16/81)



# MEMO

DATE: May 29, 2008  
FROM: Diane Barrie  
RE: Blackwell, OA 4826 – [Faith Baptist Church Letters]  
TO: MEMO TO FILE

This entire FRC box contained letters from various churches, individuals and students in private Christian schools regarding the Faith Baptist Church situation in Louisville, Nebraska. They were all addressed to Morton Blackwell (in many cases – Martin Blackwell). In 1981, the state of Nebraska passed a bill requiring all Nebraska schools – public or private to have licensed teachers. The Accelerated Christian Education school at Faith Baptist refused to have their teachers licensed on the grounds of separation of church and state. Governor Thone then ordered the school shut and this resulted in the padlocking of the doors of the church.

The letters protesting this action are from all over the country, but predominantly from Nebraska, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas and Missouri. Many other A.C.E. schools and Christian schools had their entire student body write letters. Due to the diversity of the letters and their locations the Library did a fairly large sample of these items. The folder, [Faith Baptist Church Letters] contains approximately 160 letters which is a 10% sample of the original 1,660 letters received.



P.O. Box 75

Woodman, Wisc. 53827

October 21, 1981

Mr. Martin Blackwell  
Assistant to the President  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I would like to thank you for everything you are doing to help the growth of Christian schools in our great nation. I feel it is very important to have the freedom to attend a Christian school. Please help us fight for that freedom. God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Matt Perkins

502-17 St  
Belle Plaine, La  
52208

Nov 4 - 1981

Mr Martin Blackwell  
Washington, D.C.

Since I understand you  
are interested in education,  
I'm addressing you. I'm concerned  
regarding the Baptist church in  
Laminille, sub, which is closed  
by the government, padlocked,  
I read in the media, due to  
Christian school, being held  
in the church building. God  
tells us in His word, how and  
what we should teach our  
children. Those who love and  
are obedient to God, are trying  
to follow His instructions, but  
are prevented by the government.  
There are many promises



in the scriptures to those  
who are obedient <sup>to his word</sup>. It is discouraging  
when obstacles are met, that do  
not offer any betterment. we here  
in Belle Plaine, Iowa are facing  
a problem, too. Our Christian  
school was opened Sept 1981.  
It is a school connected with  
our Baptist church, not a private  
school.

Even tho' I'm a 69 year old  
widow, with my children out  
of school, I'm much interested in  
these problems, and would  
appreciate what you can do to  
keep these Christian schools stay open.  
I would like the outcome to  
glorify our Heavenly Father.

Thank you for your time  
in reading this.

Sincerely in His name

(Mrs) Caroline Kubik

Mr. Martin Blackwell  
Special Assistant to  
the President  
White House  
Washington D.C.  
20500

Dear Mr. Martin Blackwell,

I am deeply concerned about the court case between the Nebraska Department of Education and Faith Baptist Church and School in Louisville, Nebraska regarding padlocking of the church.

The Nebraska Department of Education feels that they, not the parents, should determine where the children are educated. There are 20 such non-licensed Christian schools in Nebraska.

The state rules as applied to Faith Baptist members violated the fundamental rights to "rear and educate their children as they see fit."

As a Christian School student from Shelbyville, Indiana we believe you should intercede and withhold all federal funds to the Nebraska Department of Education.

It is vitally important to take the necessary action in allowing the church and school to remain to free!

Sincerely Yours of Christian  
Education Darren Williams



Daren Williams  
601 Van Ave.  
Shelbyville Indiana 46176



HELEN KELLER  
ANNE SULLIVAN

Mr. Martin Blackwell  
Special Assistant to  
the President  
White House  
Washington D.C.  
20500




# Morrystown Christian Academy

First Church of God  
415 Central Church Road  
Morrystown, Tennessee 37814  
(615) 581-9380

Dear President Reagan

I writing concerning the padlocking of  
a Bible believing church in Nebraska.  
I would appreciate your attention  
in this matter, our liberty is being  
challenged. You as a Bible believing  
leader can have a great influence  
in our God given freedom.

Sincerely  
Mark Burford

Jessica Roy  
520 West Carlton  
Ave. Coquet  
Minne. 

Dear, Mr. President.  
Hi My name is Jessica Roy. I go to Faith  
Christian school.  
I am nine years old. I like you. I am glad  
you are president. You are nice. I am a  
Christian.

Love,  
Jessica  
Roy

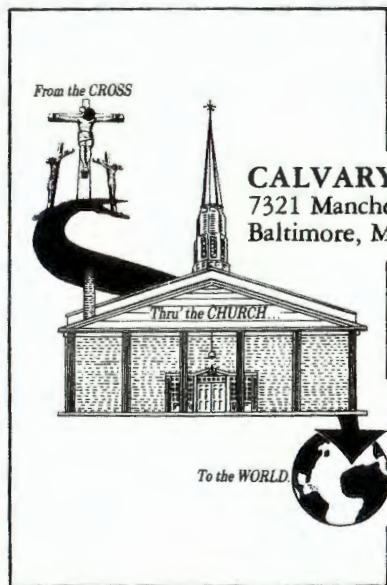


Dear President,

I love you. And I believe that you are saved. And you are a special President to me. The reason why I wrote you is because of Miss Campbell of what she is doing. I pray that you will stop her if you can please. I go to a Christian school and I do not want her to come over in Baltimore. And when you got shot I prayed to God that you and Mr. Brady would be fine. And I do not like what she is doing and neither does God. Please stop her. I believe that you will do all you can do.

From: IAN WALKER

P.S. Stop her please.



**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

7321 Manchester Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21222



Morton Blackwell  
special assistant for the president  
white house, Washington D.C. 20500

*"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."  
Nehemiah 2:18*

2300 Country Club Rd.  
Gillette, Wyoming 82716  
October 19, 1981

President Ronald Reagan  
% Mr. Martin Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am thankful that the Lord has put you in the position as the President of the United States. You have made many right decisions. We have been praying for you as you are in office.

I am writing you mainly about Christian education. I believe that God gave us the right to have a Christian school. There is one school in Louisville, Nebraska that does not have this right anymore. I think that it is a shame that something like this would happen in America. My prayer is that this school would be opened.



again. If this school is closed down, then other schools could be closed down.

I am in a Christism school in Wyoming. I praise the Lord for the religious freedom that I can enjoy. I wish that you can do something about this.

Sincerely yours,  
Rawley Huskey

RD# 2 Box 210  
Shinglehouse PA  
16748

Nov, 5 1981

Mr. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
Whitehouse  
Washington D. C. 20500

Dear Sir:

I am Bill Dietze. I go to Hebron Center  
Christian School. I am in sixth grade. I attend  
Grace Bible Church.

There is a problem in Nebraska. I don't think  
you should have closed Rev. Silivens Christian  
School. This is a free country, people have  
the freedom of religion. I think you should open  
it back up for him because only Communists  
lock up Christian schools and Churches.

It would thrill my heart if you would help  
Rev. Silivem because I can't help



him by my self.

Sincerely yours,  
Bill Dietze



RD#2 Box 120  
Shinglehouse Pa 16748  
Nov. 5, 1981

Mr. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

I am a sophomore of Hebron Center Christian School.  
My name is Naretha Johnson and I attend Grace  
Bible Church of Shinglehouse Pa.

I am writing to you of the problem at Gate  
Baptist Church of Howardsville, Nebraska. My feeling  
on this situation is that it's wrong! A church  
locked up. This is a free country. The Constitution  
states we have freedom of religion. I believe that  
means that churches do not have to be licensed.  
November is a month of thanksgiving. I am thankful  
for a free country and I pray it will remain free.

I myself cannot do anything for Pastor Selwien  
except pray. You have the authority to help  
I am asking you please help.

Sincerely Yours,  
Naretha Johnson

Dear Sir

Now have you been & have been fine. I just wrote to tell you it is wrong to lock the doors of the Church you should have it unlocked so you can have a Christian school and go to Church on Sunday and Sunday Night and Wednesday or Thursday Night. I just wrote to say to take the lock off the door so people can come and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. and have a Christian School,

write back to me  
My address <sup>all be</sup> waiting

Pam Smith  
Rt 2 Box 413-4  
Buckhannon W.V.  
26201

Love in Christ  
Pam Smith



Mr. Mrs. Fernin J. Hadon  
1415 N. Boon Rd.  
Oak Harbor, Wa. 98277

Mr. Martin Blackwell  
Special Assistant to  
the President  
Whitehouse, Wa. D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell;

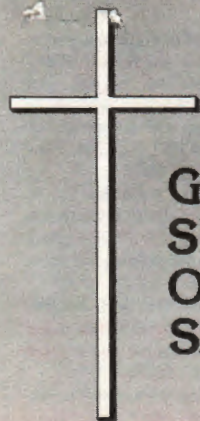
I have never written a letter to anyone in the government before as I just became an American citizen. I am honored to be an American and feel my rights as an American can now be exercised.

I come to you in regards to Pastor Everett Silven, Omaha Nebraska being served papers several weeks ago concerning their school ministry. Were you aware, a sheriff came and put a chain and lock on the church door. In 200 years since our country was established and founded on the principles of Christian liberty—this has never been done. I am shocked and out-raged at this act against the first ammendment of the constitution.

Please sir I appeal to you to investigate this action taken.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Shirley E. Hadon





**GOD'S  
SIMPLE PLAN  
OF  
SALVATION**

**My Friend:** I am asking you the most important question of life. Your joy or your sorrow for all **ETERNITY** depends upon it. The question is: Are you **SAVED**? I mean . . . **ARE YOU SURE** you will go to Heaven when you die? It is not: Are you a member of some church? . . . but, Are you **SAVED**? It is not: How good are you? . . . but, **ARE YOU SAVED**?

No one can enjoy the blessings of God, nor go to Heaven without being saved. Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:7, "**YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.**" God gives us in His Word the **ONLY** plan for Salvation. The plan is simple. You can be saved **TODAY**.

First, my friend, you must realize **YOU ARE A SINNER**. "**There is none righteous, no, not one.**" "**For there is no difference: For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.**"—Romans 3:10, 22, 23.

There is **NO CHANCE** to be saved unless you come to realize you are a **SINNER**.

Because you are a sinner, you are **CONDEMNED TO DIE**.

"**For the wages of sin is death.**"—Romans 6:23.

"**Sin, bringeth forth death.**"—James 1:15.

This means separation from God, in **HELL, FOREVER**. How terrible. Yes, my friend, but it is true. But God loved you so much that **HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON**, Jesus Christ, as your **SUBSTITUTE**, Who bore **YOUR** sin, and died in **YOUR** place.

"**He hath made HIM (Jesus) to be SIN for US, who knew no sin; that WE might BE MADE the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in HIM.**"—2 Corinthians 5:21.

"**Who His OWN SELF bore OUR sins in HIS own body on the tree, that WE, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes YE WERE HEALED.**"—1 Peter 2:24.

Jesus had to die. He had to shed **HIS BLOOD**. "**For the LIFE of the flesh IS IN THE BLOOD.**"—Leviticus 17:11. "**Without the SHEDDING OF BLOOD there is no remission.**"—Hebrews 9:22.

Now we cannot understand how our sin was laid upon Jesus, but God says in **HIS WORD** that it was. **SO YOUR SIN**, my friend, was laid **UPON JESUS** and **HE DIED IN YOUR PLACE**. It is true. God cannot lie.

The Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas: "**What must I DO to be SAVED?**"

"**And they said, BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU SHALT BE SAVED, and thy house.**"—Acts 16:31.

Simply believe on Him as the one who bore **YOUR SIN, DIED in YOUR PLACE**, was buried and was raised for **YOUR JUSTIFICATION**. Now call upon Him.

"**For WHOSEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord, SHALL BE SAVED.**"—Romans 10:13.

The first prayer for a **SINNER** to pray is given in Luke 18:13—"God be merciful **TO ME A SINNER.**" Now you are a sinner and surely you are sorry because of it. Right **NOW**, wherever you are lift your heart to God in prayer. It does not take a long, loud prayer, for God is **ANXIOUS** to save you. Just say: Oh God, I am a sinner, I am sorry, I repent, have **MERCY** upon me, and **SAVE** me for Jesus' sake. Now just take **HIM** at His Word.

"**For WHOSEVER, (that includes YOU) shall call upon the name of the Lord, SHALL BE SAVED, (SHALL BE, not might or can, but) SHALL BE SAVED.**"—Romans 10:13.

Just take God at His **WORD**. When you have done what He has asked, **CLAIM SALVATION BY FAITH**, according to **HIS WORD. BELIEVE AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED**. No church, no lodge, no good works, **NO ONE BUT JESUS ONLY CAN SAVE YOU**.

The simple plan of salvation is: **YOU ARE A SINNER**; because you are a sinner you **MUST DIE** or else believe on Christ who was **YOUR SUBSTITUTE** and died in **YOUR PLACE**, was buried and was raised again. Just call upon **GOD, REALIZING** you are a sinner and ask Him to have mercy upon you and save you for **JESUS' SAKE**. Then just take **HIM AT HIS WORD** and **BY FAITH CLAIM SALVATION**. You say, "Surely that is not all that is necessary to do to be saved." Yes it is, absolutely all. Thank God many have been won to Christ by this simple plan. It is **SCRIPTURAL. IT IS GOD'S PLAN**. My friend, **BELIEVE IT AND FOLLOW IT TODAY**. Now is the time—Today is the day.

"Behold, **NOW** is the accepted time; behold, **NOW** is the day of salvation."—2 Corinthians 6:2.

**"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."—Proverbs 27:1.**

If it is not perfectly clear, **READ IT OVER** and **OVER** until you understand it. Do not lay this tract down until you do. **YOUR SOUL** is worth more than all the world.

**"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose HIS OWN SOUL? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Mark 8:36, 37.**

**BE SURE YOU ARE SAVED. YOU NEED SALVATION ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE. IF YOU LOSE YOUR SOUL YOU MISS HEAVEN AND LOSE ALL. GOD HELP YOU TO BE SAVED TODAY.**

He will save you and also **KEEP YOU!**

**"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."—1 Corinthians 10:13.**

**DO NOT** trust your feelings. They change. **STAND** on **GOD'S PROMISES**. They **NEVER** change.

**AFTER YOU ARE SAVED THERE ARE THREE THINGS TO PRACTICE DAILY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:**

**PRAY**—You talk to God. **READ YOUR BIBLE**—God talks to you. **WITNESS**—You talk for God. **THEN YOU SHOULD BE BAPTIZED** and unite with a Bible-believing church.

**"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in Heaven."—Matthew 10:32.** Author—Ford Porter



If you are saved, send us word that we may rejoice with you.

LIFEGATE, BOX 1771, MARTINSVILLE, IN 46151

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12/14/81

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

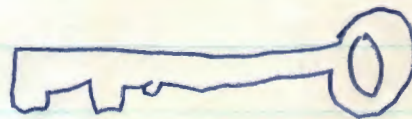
I am informing you that there is a church in the state of Nebraska that is padlocked. They had a school that was teaching about God. What good is the Land of the Free?  $\angle$  if you can't teach the word of God in it. I want you to talk to the president about it.

Ask the president to write back. And you to. My address is 1309 Downs Lane Va. Beach Va. 23455. If he won't write me a letter, then ask him to sign the letter you write me.

write  
Back

Yours in  
Christ,

Limee Ore



Dear Mr. President,

I, a resident of the United States, would like to express my appreciation for the stands you have made thus far in your office. I am sorry that there are people that want to get rid of such a fine leader. We prayed daily for you when you were in the hospital. And we pray daily that you make decisions that are acceptable and worthy to the citizens of America and also acceptable to God. This nation was founded on the Word of God. And I pray that you try to keep it there. Mr. President I would like to bring to your attention to a church in the state of Nebraska. It is a church that had an Accelerated Christian Academy in it. And the door was padlocked. Mr. President this could have been my church or your church. I would like to express my concern to you. I appreciate a fine man like you to lead my country.

Praying daily,

Jim Logan.

1010 S. Clements

Gainesville, Texas

76240



Dear Sirs

I, a student at the Marion Christian School have just heard that the doors to the Faith Baptist Church have been closed and locked. I will make a special prayer for you and that church.

I may be only thirteen but I know what a church does and what it is for. I may only do a little, but every little it does it means a lot.

As you may know God said come into my house with a smile and praising my name. Those people cant without crying out for mercy.

We will be praying and hoping that you make the right decision.

Tammy Tracy

Marion Christian School

Marion Ky. 42064.



Famm Tracy  
616 E. Depot St  
Marion, Ky. 42064



Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Asst. to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.  
20500

Dear Special assts to the president,  
I'm 13 years old and I'm  
in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I've heard about the church  
doors of Everett Silvern being locked. I don't think  
this should be happening in the United States.  
It is very unconstitutional. Would you please do  
everything in your power to unlock the church doors  
and let them have a Christian School.

Sincerely,  
Rachelle Fox

505 North College St.  
Merion Ky. 42064  
Rachelle Fox



Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Asst. to the President  
White House  
Washington D.C. 20500



Dear President Reagan,

I Love America and I,  
Love the way you lead it.

But it is time to get down,  
to business, I attend a A C E  
school,  
and I think it is wrong to  
close down a Christian school.

Like the A C E school in the  
State of Nebraska was.

I hope this never happens again.

Sincerely

Carl David Harris

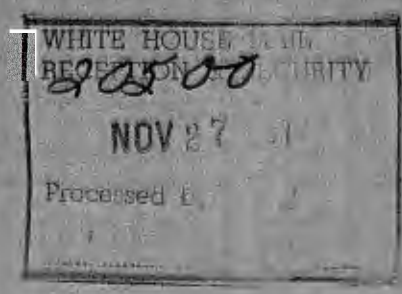
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EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
P.O. Box 856  
Milledgeville, GA. 31061



Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant To  
The President

White House  
Washington, D. C.



ATTENTION:  
Pres. Reagan



Dean Tahminen  
405 Chestnut St  
Cloquet, Mn.  
55720

Dear Mr. President,

My name is Dean, as you know  
already. I don't know actually what to write  
because I am writing it kinda of unexpectedly.  
I am glad you are president. I was getting sick  
of Jimmy Carter being president. I am usually  
not very good at letters. If you really want  
to write back feel free. I am better at an-  
swering questions than asking them. I guess  
that is all I have to say.

Yours truly,  
Dean



December 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I am a student a Minnescah  
Christian school in Clearwater, Kansas.  
I have heard about the closing of the  
~~low~~ Louisville Christian School in  
Nebraska and I do not think that  
the state is doing the right thing  
by closing it. We need more Christian  
schools in the United States of  
America so that we will have good  
leaders in our adult life. The  
children of today are the leaders  
of tomorrow. Do you want to  
see tomorrows leaders that are  
alcoholics and corrupt men or  
men who are just and fair and want  
this country to go uphill ~~so~~ instead  
of downhill?

Sincerely

Douglas V. Ford

Pupils of Ninnescah Christian School  
Box 696  
Clearwater Ko 67026

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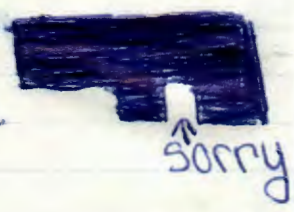
Leisa Galyen  
739 Birch St.  
Cloquet, Minn.  
-55720

Dear Mr. President  
Hi, I am Leisa Galyen and I go to Faith Christian School in Cloquet. My Principal is Mr. Porta and I am in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I am glad what you are doing for schools. I am highly in favor for the Tuition tax credit bill. I was very glad when I heard about you being elected President. You won at our school too, we had a little election. I am very sure you have a hard job, and I am thanking you for giving up time to read this letter. I am praying for you to make right choices. I am also glad you are against abortion. To me it is the same thing as murdering a live baby. How do you like being president? I saw one of your old movies the other week and I didn't know it was you until my mom told me. It was a very good movie. I am sorry if you can't read my writing it is all cluttered. Please write back if you have time.

Sincerely,  
yours

P.S. Keep up the good work

Leisa Galyen



↑ sorry



MCB-2

December 14, 1981

President Reagan  
Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

We cannot in words express our dismay at the event that is taking place in the state of Nebraska. We refer to the lock and chain upon the door of Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska.

Have parents now lost their right to worship and train their children in the manner they believe God would desire through His Holy Word? Have we now lost the freedom our forefathers came to this land to establish? Are communistically inclined men become so strong in our land as to overturn democracy? Has our constitution which our forefathers gave their lives to preserve now become a worthless antiquated document? These and more questions are piercing the hearts of hundreds of thousands of loyal Americans as they endure the tyranny and harrassment of a padlocked church in the state of Nebraska.

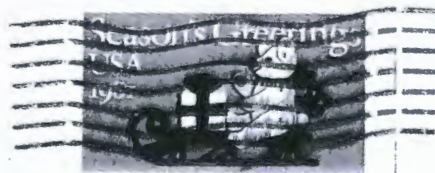
And now, President Reagan, we petition you to arise to this tyranny in haste and do all that is within your power to stand for the cause of God, truth and freedom. We petition you to make stringent efforts to restrain the over-extended and abuse of powers by unjust men. We urgently and earnestly petition your utmost under God to get the chain and padlock removed from the church door immediately! You have our prayers.

Sincerely,

*Mr. and Mrs. Roger Patton*  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Patton

Referring to Pastor Everett Sileven  
Faith Baptist Church  
Louisville, Nebraska

Mayalls  
Rt 24 Box 140  
Tray, Mo.  
63379



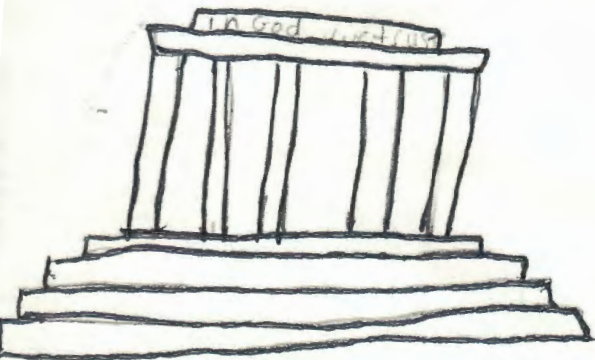
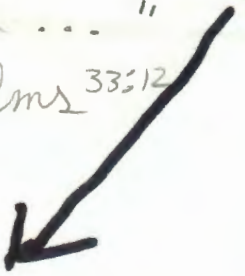
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MCB-2

Dear President Reagan,  
I go to a Christian school. I like it very much. We pray for you in our school.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord ..."

Psalms 33:12



state



church

This is something I learned in devotions. There is a school in Nebraska that needs your help. Thank you for your help.

yours

truly,

Eric Hallar.



Galax, Va.

24333



President Reagan  
Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

MCB-2

Dec 21, 1981

Mr. Merton Blackwell  
Assistant to the President  
Whitehouse  
Washington, D.C. 20500.

Dear Mr. Merton Blackwell,

I am writing in regard to the religious freedom issue in the state of Nebraska. Especially the case concerning Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska. I would like to encourage you to use your influence that you have to influence the state of Nebraska to grant religious freedom for the churches of that state.

Gainesville Christian Academy  
1010 S. Clement Street  
Gainesville, Texas  
76240



Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the  
President  
Washington D.C.  
RM 191 20500



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Route 1, Box 330-C  
Stuart, Virginia 24171  
November 30, 1981

The Students  
and  
Staff of

Calvary Christian  
Academy  
(see address  
on envelope)

Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am a gravely concerned Christian and citizen of this great country. A few weeks ago the worst incident in the history of our country occurred, the doors of the Christian school in Faith Baptist Church, Louisville, Nebraska, were padlocked. I'm writing to request your aid in re-opening these doors. Also, we wish your backing for all future issues concerning Christian schools and their future. Our country was founded on our freedoms, the greatest of which is our freedom of religion, as stated in the Bill of Rights.

Those not wishing any Christian show of belief in God have had prayers taken from the public schools. Why can't we have our right to worship God as we wish? Why are their rights more important than ours? I nor my students understand this double standard.

I've taught in the public schools, so I know the problems faced there. I've heard the cursing, the filthy jokes, and seen the pornography---none of which have a time or place in a moral Christian society. I've seen the students on alcohol and drugs. I am extremely allergic to any type of smoke (a past history of leukemia makes this worse than for most people) and after an encounter with three students smoking pot, I spent 28 days in bed not knowing who I was most of the time. I suffered after-effects to this encounter for many months. Thus, how can pot be good for you? Sporting, <sup>even</sup> ~~have~~ become another problem in the public schools, I've even had coaches come to me to "fix" a student's grade so he could play. The public schools, through misguidance, are trying to discredit the Bible and Its great truths.

This year our Christian school, Calvary Christian Academy, opened its doors to the county families seeking an alternative to the public schools. After weeks of prayers and meetings by all concerned, I was chosen supervising teacher of grades 2-12. This position is the best job I've ever had, I feel I've finally found my niche in life and that I'm fulfilling God's plan for my life. It is so inspiring to join in fellowship each morning in

Chapel, the Bible being read, the pledges to the American and Christian flags, and the songs of praise. It is great to be able to openly begin the day in a salute to God and to this great nation, The United States of America. Our singing is marvelous and the <sup>Testimony</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>given by</sup> our students + staff brings God within the realm of our focus for the day. Each member of our Christian staff is working to set a good example of Christian life and we all work together.

We don't have to worry about filthy talk, cursing, alcohol, drugs, and porno materials. We enjoy a clean life, no smut. We do have nicknames and little squabbles but nothing too serious. It will take some time to get the prejudice and bitterness of the world out of them, they had it rough because they were tormented for being "good." Here at Calvary Christian Academy we are building strong Christian Americans----responsibility, character, love, and respect for self and others.

Our students enjoy our school so much that last week when it snowed we were turning them away. We told them to go home before their parents left, but not one student would go. It was explained that if they stayed they would work----OKAY. The students and staff gladly enjoyed the day.

I am glad we are able to freely testify how we feel about God and worship Him in truth. I know above all else, there is God. I learned from personal experience of His love and care when I was stricken with leukemia at 13 years-of-age. My prognosis was that if I lived six weeks it would be a miracle. But, God stepped in and I have received total remission----the doctors will gladly tell you that I received a miracle 18 years ago. Thus, I know God quite personally.

Mr. President, I was privileged to see the film of your interview with Dr. Howard of the Accelerated Christian Education Program. I have always admired you as an honest Christian man and I supported you with my vote. I know things are hard, especially for me with my medical bills. But, I believe with perseverance and guidance of prayer you can lead us to prosperity for our nation that is built on freedom and a love of God.

In the filmed interview of your reception of an A.C.E. Bible, you made a statement that is a great truth. You stated that with all the problems and questions in this world, all answers are in "The Good Book." Let's all work to bring God and His guidance into every second of our lives. Our prayers are with you. May God bless you with wisdom, patience, love, and understanding now and forever.

Sincerely,  
*Ann Carole*



Route 3 Box 87  
Bodell, Wis 53905  
October 20, 1981

Mr. Martin Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I would like to thank you for everything you are doing to help the growth of Christian Schools in our Great Nation. I feel it is very important to have the freedom to attend a Christian School. Please help us fight for that freedom. God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Steele



Or. 15. Box 298

Bedford, Ind.  
47421

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Dear Sir:-

I am a resident of Indiana  
I belong to Faith Mission  
Church. I see by our local  
paper Faith Baptist Church  
of Louisville, Nebraska  
was padlocked (by law.)

I feel a concern for  
those people of this church,  
and its pastor, Rev.  
Everett Silver.

Living by Faith with  
Freedom of worship  
in Bedford, Ind. 47421

Mary Shaye

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."  
-James 4:8

December 5, 1981  
Rt. 4 Box 135  
McKinney, Tx  
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White House  
Washington, D.C.  
20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Thank you for the work  
that you are doing in  
Washington. May God  
bless this administration  
and our President for lifting  
up God's word and leading  
America back to the godliness  
that made her great in the  
beginning. My prayers join  
with many, I know, for our



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President and America,

Since God's word says  
"be not only hearers, but  
doers", then I must "contend  
for that faith which was  
once delivered to the saints."

I'm writing, sir, concerning  
Faith Christian Church in  
Louisville, Nebraska. The  
church which has been  
unconstitutionally padlocked  
to prevent Christian parents  
from having their children  
taught Christian principals  
(and protected from the  
humanism in the public  
schools) in Christian schools.  
If our Constitution is no  
longer upheld, what  
freedom do we have?



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-James 4:8

Mr. Blackwell, please  
inform President Reagan  
of one more Christian  
American who is incensed  
over this injustice in  
our country. I'm one of  
many who stand in  
prayer for our leaders to  
see America return to  
God and the blessings  
of God.

In the blessed name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Wendy Greene (wife  
and mother of 4)

2402 E. Fifth St  
Dayton, Ohio 45403  
November 5, 1981

President Ronald Reagan  
c/o Mr. Martin Blackwell  
Special assistant to the President  
Whitehouse Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

I heard of the incident with Pastor  
Everette Deliver, and the padlocking of the Faith  
Baptist Church, the Louisville, Nebraska. I am a  
member of the Eastern Christian school, #5289  
Berknut Rd. Dayton, Ohio. I would hate to see  
police to come and padlock my school.

I feel that anyone going to a christian  
school, has a better opportunity to learn more  
and I am proff of that.

Sincerely  
Randy Patterson

Paul Whittaker  
% Royal Christian AC,  
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Front Royal, Va  
22630

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special assistant to the President  
White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir,

It's not right that the  
Lord's house be shut down for  
any reason at all. I believe that  
the Lord feels the same way

Please help!

Thank you,  
Paul