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Issues of America's
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THE POWER OF HOSPITALITY

by Charles Crismier III

**Could an open heart, open hand and open home change our world?
How about your family, your church. . . even your city and our nation?**

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THERE WAS A TIME when hospitality was at the heart of the American home. There was a time when hearts and homes that practiced hospitality welded families into community with an invisible glue that let people know they belonged and were welcome and accepted. And there was a time twenty centuries ago when one of the hallmarks of the Church was "behold how they love one another." They broke bread together "from house to house with gladness and singleness of heart," and the Church exploded (Acts 2:41-47).

Something dramatic has happened, however, since those times, in our time, in just one generation. So widespread is this change of heart reflected in the closing of our homes that *Christianity Today* (May 22, 2000) asked the headline question, "Whatever Happened to Hospitality?" The writer notes, "For Christians, a lack of hospitality toward strangers has crept into our churches." He laments visiting "dozens of evangelical churches and few have shown hospitality beyond a simple greeting of hello."

There is a growing and pervasive sense throughout our land that hospitality is becoming discouragingly scarce as an art and as an expression of the heart. So let me ask you, Whatever happened to hospitality?

ALONE IN A CROWD

The world's population is being funneled rapidly from scattered farms and agrarian country settings to cities and teeming metropolises. This sociological phenomenon has been taking place for a century in America. Faceless people now pass us by the hundreds

without identity or affinity. We connect only of necessity for work or worship and then flee to the haven of home to catch our breath in personal peace, only to repeat the cycle of human anonymity the next day, intent on getting to, through and from work.

Shockingly, 70% of pastors admit they have no friends. Many folk are experiencing what one sociologist called "crowded loneliness"—they are surrounded by people but "lost in the crowd." There is an absence of heart connectedness, a deep feeling that no one knows my name, or even cares. This is true for both men and women. The collective effect is the collapse of all sense of community, a conclusion now validated almost universally by both secular and spiritual sociological observers.

This rapidly growing social development was demonstrated to my wife, Kathie, and me rather dramatically one Sunday afternoon. We had recently moved to a new neighborhood consisting of only two blocks on one street. We had been welcomed only by "Mama Rosa", the self-appointed street captain who knew everything about everybody anywhere. Since we had for several years given ourselves to hospitality as a way of life, we determined to invite the neighbors for a Christmas open house.

Since I was then practicing law, I prepared an appropriate "subpoena." Kathie and I walked the street, personally serving these subpoenas on our unmet "friends," inviting them to join us. We were pleasantly shocked when fifty-two responded, insisting upon crowding into our dining room to revel in a decade-long-sought opportunity for collective fellowship. One couple reported that after seventeen years they had finally met their neighbors as they walked to our home, even though they lived directly across the street



Charles Crismier III
Founder, "Save America"

from each other, less than two hundred feet away.

But the same patterns persist in our worshipping congregations. In one congregation we attended for several months, the worship service was interrupted weekly for a time of welcoming and greeting in purported hospitality. Almost without exception, we noticed that as someone would reach out to shake the hand, they would look at someone else. The greetings were largely empty, and little genuine hospitality was extended. Although mixed numerically and musically, the races clearly did not mix relationally. Something essential was missing.

Being given to hospitality, Kathie and I

“For reality in your spirituality, practice hospitality in your locality”

The Pineapple is a recognized symbol of hospitality. Let the symbol become substance in your life and home. Give yourself to hospitality. A whole new world of blessing will follow.

invited the pastor and his wife for dinner. After complimenting his message and ministry, we expressed our hearts' concern over the deficiency in hospitality and what a difference it could make. The next Sunday, the pastor addressed the congregation, calling them to hospitality and inquiring as to the experience of his members in opening their homes to one another. What happened was indeed shocking to pastor and people alike. One by one, people stood and lamented that no one had ever had them into their home. White folk were troubled that they had never been in the homes of their black brothers and sisters. Black folk complained that they had never been invited to break bread in a “white” home. They were in covenant with God but not in community with one another.

They were strangers in a large congregation with little fellowship, strangers in the “commonwealth of faith.” This reveals a heart condition increasingly characteristic of our culture. The roots are much deeper and more widespread than one might think.

HABITS OF THE HEART

America grew and prospered after her Revolution for Independence. Fueled by the spirit of liberty and trusting in God's guidance, her abundance dwarfed her need. Hers was an open heart. As her citizens rejoiced in plenty, she opened her doors to the world. And the world came knocking. Never had there been such an expression of hospitality from a nation to the world. “Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,” wrote Emma Lazarus. There is “an open door.” As a Jew, she had experienced America's extraordinary open heart to the stranger.

The spirit of liberty had bound us together. Blessing flowed. But gradually a mutant form of liberty began to emerge. It grew. Having not been recognized for its deadly nature, its roots were not pulled up. It went to seed and multiplied. America became

The beauty of the house is order; The blessing of the house is contentment; The crown of the house is godliness; The glory of the house is hospitality.

proud. And the Spirit of the Lord in the land yielded ground to another spirit—the spirit of men and women exulting in their new independence.

Independence took on new meaning. No longer seeking freedom from political oppression, independence began to claim freedom from personal responsibility to fellow citizens. This mutant form of independence spread rapidly across the land, went to seed, and mutated again, producing a wayward child named “Individualism.” Individualism took on an identity of its own. Its resemblance to the grandparent brought acceptance to the heart of the nation. A generation arose that knew not the nature of liberty and independence as conceived in the hearts of our fathers.

Many people noted that Americans were fiercely independent. But it was really individualism that had taken hold. It was the new “right” to “be my own man, “to “do it my way” without regard to others. Secular “sociologist” and political observer, Alexis de Tocqueville, came from France to America in 1830 to discover what made America great. Lurking in the shadows of our prosperity, he discovered a dangerous “habit of our hearts.” To describe it, he coined the term INDIVIDUALISM. He warned in Democracy in America that unless this twisted form of liberty were brought under control, it would jeopardize the very future of the Republic and destroy her.

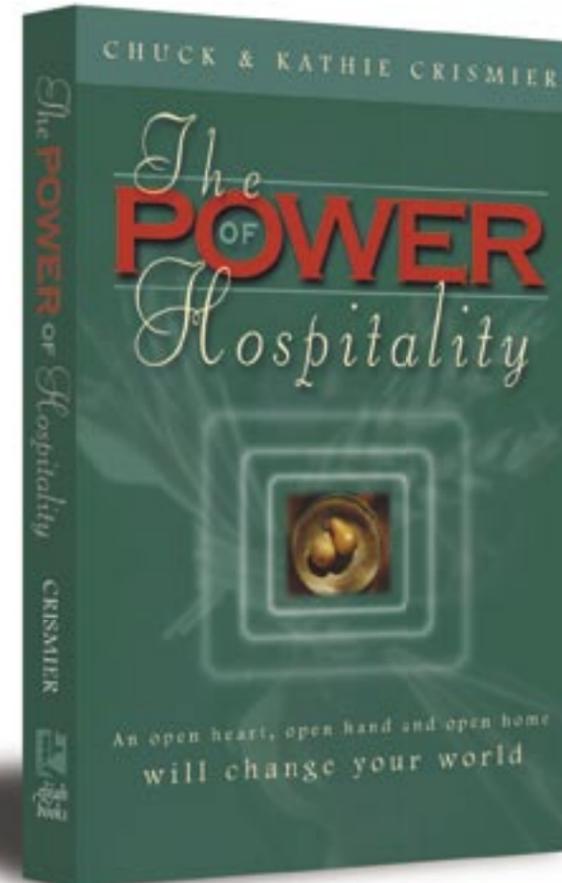
Writing in their bestseller, Habits of the Heart (1985), sociologists Robert Bellah et al., discuss de Tocqueville's observations at great length, describing this “habit of the heart.”

“Individualism is a calm and considered feeling which disposes each citizen to isolate himself from the mass of his fellows and withdraw into the circle of family and friends; with this little society

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The POWER of Hospitality

Hidden Power For Those Who Dare To Practice It!



“LIFE Changing!”
~Emilie Barnes

“Chuck and Kathie Crismier have touched a nerve.”
~ Jack Hayford, Pastor/Chancellor
Church on the Way, The King's Seminary

“... hospitality is a central part of the divine plan. Here is a book to be taken seriously.”
~Karen Burton Mains, Author
Open Heart, Open Home (1976)

“...a major strategy for reaching the lost.”
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~Jim Montgomery, President
Dawn Ministries

“... reveals what true Christians need to be like.”
~Dr. John Perkins, Founder
Christian Community Development Assoc.

Hospitality is God's divine design to open the hearts of people, yet something dramatic has happened in our hearts, closing the doors of our homes, causing Christianity Today to ask, “Whatever Happened to Hospitality?”

The POWER of Hospitality will change your life... even your family, church and world, if you will let it. Paul said we must all be “given to hospitality.” Leaders must be “lovers of hospitality.” And Peter declared, “The end of all things is at hand... use hospitality...” Here is hidden power reserved by God for those who dare to practice it.



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For 25 years, Chuck and Kathie Crismier have lived and taught *The POWER of Hospitality* from coast to coast. Out of this life-changing message comes this book that will revolutionize your life and church. Chuck is founder of Save America Ministries, author, and host of *VIEW-POINT*, a national radio broadcast. Kathie has spoken for 20 years on matters of the heart and home. Here they tackle “One of the most crucial issues of 21st century America,” writes the author of *Reaching the World in Your Own Backyard*.



Hospitality

changes Lives

HOSPITALITY CHANGED MY LIFE! I began opening my home to individuals, couples and family. The rewards definitely outweighed the work. My husband, Rick, joined in. I began to develop new friends and experienced a new level of intimacy with others who were virtual strangers. Now I had friends and even new prayer warriors.

Hospitality has become a whole new way of living. You can't truly get to know someone by seeing them at church. A glib, "Hi, how are you?" just doesn't cut it. So, when you see those familiar – or even unfamiliar – faces, take a risk to have your own spirit lifted. Invite someone to your home so God's blessing can fill both of your lives. It will change your life as it has mine.

Dee Ann Larsen
Busy mother and wife of paving contractor

Hospitality brought fear and cold chills . . . until my husband jump-started our own brand of hospitality. I now see all kinds of people whom I would love to invite over. We are the ones who are blessed as we do.

Todd & Jill VanderPol
Small business owners

I am a single man . . . never married. I have become convinced that being "given to" hospitality includes singles. I now view my home, not as a castle for me to hide in from the world, but rather as an embassy to be used to welcome people to Christ.

William Hendricks
Mortgage Broker

One of the greatest pleasures for me is to invite to my home missionaries, ministers, pastors and evangelists who are visiting and need a place of peace, quiet and restoration for their souls.

Gerie Martin
Loaves and Fishes Ministry

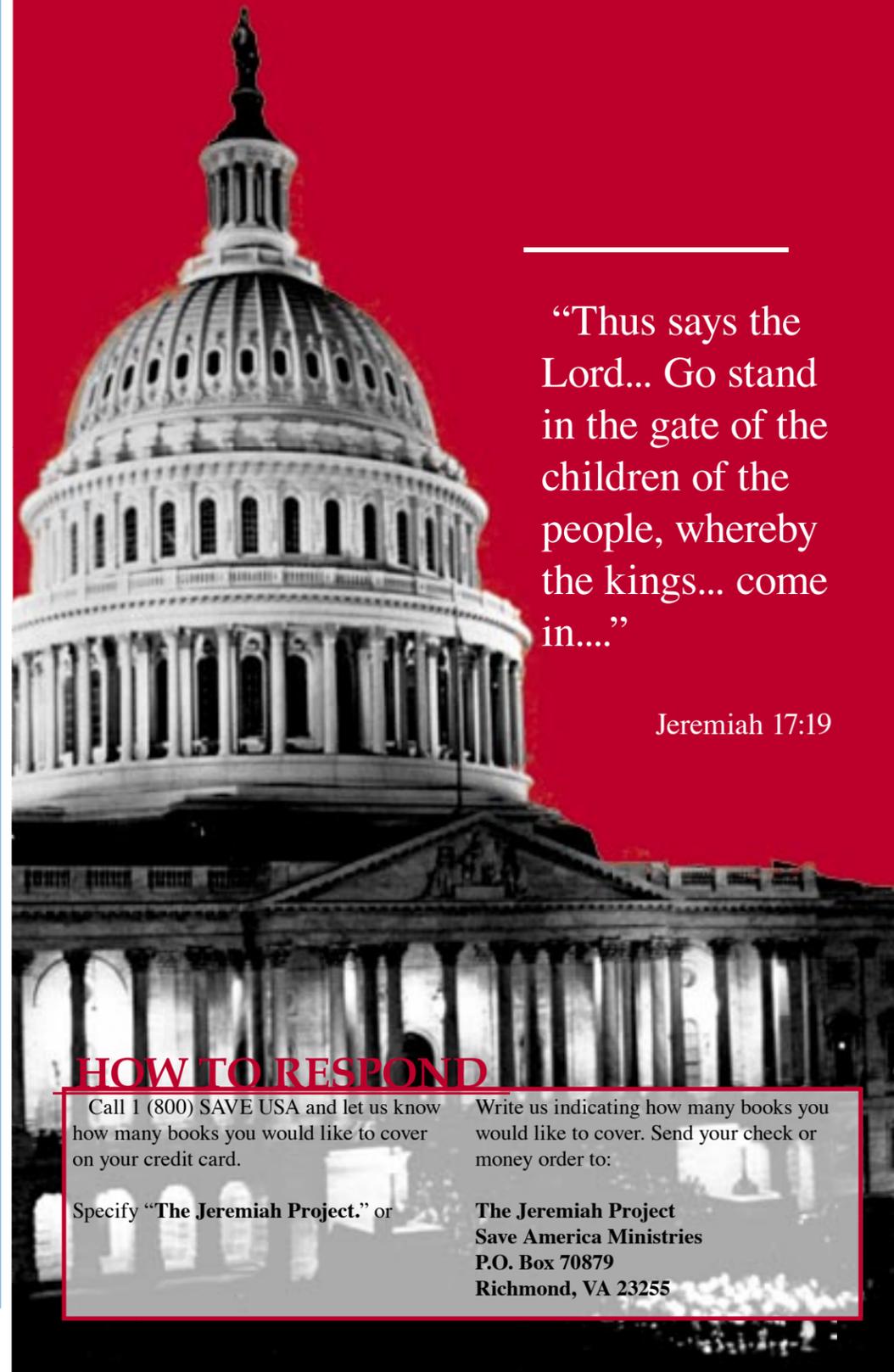
A few years ago, we joined a Bed and Breakfast Club which brings people our age whom we've never met to stay with us. We never know what God will do. I try to keep in mind Hebrews 13:2, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

Neil and Connie Markva
Patent Attorney and Homemaker

I now have a much broader vision of hospitality. In addition to inviting people into my home, I am also looking for people to whom I can offer hospitality in their territory rather than mine. I now see this also is hospitality. I am opening my heart and my hand toward others.

Nicole Akyeampong
Radio Producer and Homemaker

Jeremiah



“Thus says the Lord... Go stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings... come in...”

Jeremiah 17:19

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The Project

- To place Chuck Crismier's most recent book, *Renewing the Soul of America*, in the hands of every state Governor and Legislator, our President, his cabinet, and the entire U.S. Senate and Congress.



The Purpose

- To acquaint every state and national leader with the godly purpose for which our nation was born.
- To warn our leaders of the severe moral and spiritual deterioration of “We the People” that threatens the purpose for our existence.
- To re-declare God's purposes and plans and the precise steps needed to “correct course” before shipwreck.

The Plan

For you, as a concerned Christian and citizen, to partner with Save America Ministries, to the extent of your ability.

- To place as many copies of *Renewing the Soul of America* in the hands of our political leaders as you are able. (Just choose the number of books and multiply by \$5 each — the publishers gifting price to the project).
- To enable you to partner with Save America Ministries to accomplish the task.
- What we Accomplished in 2004

Through the generous gifts of our listeners and concerned businessmen, we provided a copy of *Renewing the Soul of America* to our President, his cabinet, the entire US Congress and Senate, and the senators and representatives of 21 states in the Union. In 2005 we need to place this call for renewed vision and moral and spiritual renewal in the hands of all legislators of the remaining 29 states, which amounts to approximately 5000 books.

The Problem

“This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished and cut off from their mouth.” Jeremiah 7:28

“No man repented of his wickedness....” Jeremiah 8:15

“We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!” Jeremiah 8:15

“Saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?” Jeremiah 9:9

“If they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord.” Jeremiah 12:17

The Promise

“IF that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.”

BUT

“IF it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.” Jeremiah 18:8-10

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN
TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR COUNTRY!

*“I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I should do, and
By the grace of God, I will do.”*

Please do not delay! The window of opportunity is short! Call or write us today!!!

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- TELL your friends and relatives about the website. If you value what you find there, they will too!

You Can Do Hospitality!

10 Powerful Thoughts That Will Change Your Life and Our World

1. OPEN YOUR HEART, HAND AND HOME TO OTHERS.
2. DEVELOP AN OPEN HEART TOWARD THE STRANGER.
3. CONSIDER THAT YOU ARE GOD'S HEART AND HAND EXTENDED.
4. INVITE OTHERS INTO YOUR LIFE AND HOME. REMEMBER, YOUR HOME IS GOD'S EMBASSY ON EARTH.
5. EVALUATE YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE AS GOD'S TOOLS TO REACH TO OTHERS.
6. CONSIDER HOSPITALITY AS THE DIVINE "HANDLE" GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO EXPRESS "AGAPE" LOVE.
7. IF YOU WILL BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, YOU WILL BREAK BARRIERS IN YOUR MARRIAGE, WITH YOUR CHILDREN, IN YOUR CHURCH AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
8. DON'T FORGET... YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS YOU. HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR HIS STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN YOUR WEAKNESS.
9. GIVE YOURSELF TO HOSPITALITY. BECOME A LOVER OF HOSPITALITY. IT'S GOD'S WILL. REALLY!
10. GET STARTED . . . TODAY.

"I've been listening to your show on AM1310 in Candandaigua, NY for a long time. This was my first time to the website. I'm attracted and drawn to what you have here because of the truth and insight I hear daily on the show. This ministry is providing current info and insight to Scripture for myself and many of my friends. Thank you for your faithfulness."

– New York Listener, Carmine

"My friend Steve listens to you very early in the morning through your website, saveus.org. He shared with me about your program, VIEWPOINT. We have now been listening through the Internet for about a year. I like your program because you stand up against sin. Few leaders will. People are deceived thinking they are being born again. Because of that, we have people that are religious but have no life transforming power or fruit. Your program is an encouragement to me"

– Minnesota Listener, Darrell

The POWER of Hospitality (from pg. 2)

formed to his taste, he gladly leaves the greater society to look after itself."

What would you expect to be the consequences of this "habit" of our national "heart?"

ALIENATED FROM THE WHOLE

Things produce after their kind, and individualism has proved to be no exception. Openness of heart prompting open hands and open homes of hospitality began to disappear from common practice.

In their revealing study *The Day America Told the Truth*, advertising executives Patterson and Kim, describe the ultimate consequences of America's embracing the cult of individualism. These findings sound a warning to pastor and people alike.

"Americans are disengaging their personal futures from our national destiny. Most Americans think that their own futures will be fine and dandy. They have become so alienated from the whole that they think they will be individually immune from the fate that they believe will befall the nation as a whole."

Virtually every social problem that plagues America today can be traced, in whole or in part, to the perversion of liberty known as individualism. Illegitimacy, divorce and broken families, AIDS, violent crime, abortion—the highest rates in the industrialized world—are all traceable to individualism. Our "culture of violence" is due to "violent individualism." Spiritually speaking we might call it "raw selfishness." That something has happened in the Habits of the Heart is no longer a matter of debate. "Viewed From Right or Left, Cultural Trend Lines are Alarming," declared an editorial headline. The writer admits, "Because the facts of social disintegration are. . . so staggering, this is no longer a matter of ideological argument." He concludes, "It is no longer possible to pretend that the values by which people live their lives don't matter."

HOPE FOR HEALING

"Are You Prepared For What the Future May Hold?" That is the question heading pollster George Gallup's final chapter in *Forecast 2000*. They are words of warning from one of America's most respected researchers of the life of our nation. Gallup minces no words: "We now face serious dangers that threaten our future and per-

haps our very existence as a nation."

We are hurting and we know it. America's heart is broken. We need a message of genuine hope and healing. We need a prescription designed by the Creator Himself for the very problems that ail us. We need *The POWER of Hospitality*.

The POWER of Hospitality will change your life, your family, your church... yes, even our nation and world if you will let it. It is hidden power for those who will dare to practice it. It is divine power that flows from an open heart, an open hand and an open home.

A DIVINE MANDATE

The beloved Apostle Paul declared that all who would serve in Church leadership – pastors, elders, deacons, board members, teachers – anyone in a position of overseeing others, must be "given to" hospitality and must also be a lover of hospitality. Paul also made clear that all true believers must give themselves to hospitality. The Apostle Peter went even further, warning, "The end of all things is at hand.... Use hospitality one to another without grudging" (I Pet. 4:9).

The POWER of Hospitality carries the ability to heal broken relationships, to reconcile races, to mend marriages, to grow congregations and to reach to strangers – yes, even to be God's hand extended to welcome others into His eternal home before history's final hour. *The POWER of Hospitality* is profoundly simple, yet simply profound. Determine to open your heart, hand and home in holy hospitality for such a time as this.



Chuck Crismier conducted breakfast meetings with listeners in Richmond, Virginia and

in Massachusetts and Connecticut to discuss "The Looming Battle." John Langevin of Chicopee, MA coordinated the event for listeners to WACE. Both events were not only times of great fellowship but also of great challenge to truly embrace our calling as followers of Christ for these momentous times as we see the day of our Lord's return approaching.

End Time Hospitality



Don Coleman, Inner-city pastor, Richmond, Virginia

"Clearly, in these end times, the Father is restoring what it really means to be a follower of Christ. Chuck and Kathie Crismier are being used by God to awaken the church to the practical reality of

a living faith through the simple, yet powerful practice of hospitality.

Several years ago, my wife and I met the Crismiers, and our lives have never been the same. Refreshingly, the Crismiers helped us discover that true hospitality is more in what is in the heart than what type of china you can set out on the table.

I believe the heart of the Lord is excited that through the saints being freshly encouraged in the grace of hospitality, the harvest will have a fresh supply of laborers with open hearts and open homes. . . . It is essential that hospitality is fully restored to its rightful place in the lives of believers modeling the love of Christ in a tangible way, in the church and to the world. Hospitality: open heart + open hand + open home = changed lives from Christ, which equals a changed community!

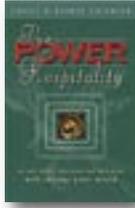
Thanks, Chuck and Kathie, for living out HOSPITALITY AS A MODEL to the church for those who will receive this challenge to see covenant community restored to our world through believers living out hospitality as a lifestyle."

Don Coleman

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Resources for a Revived America



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by Chuck & Kathie Crismier

God's plan for you includes hospitality. An open heart, open hand and open home is God's divine design to open the hearts of people everywhere it is practiced. Here is hidden power reserved by God for those who dare to practice it. It is PERSONAL, it is PRACTICAL, and it is PROPHETIC! The *POWER of Hospitality* will change your life... yes even your family, church, city and world if you will let it.

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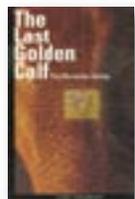
Renewing the Soul of America
by Chuck Crismier

Our nation has been blessed by God far above most! However, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded."

God disciplines or brings judgment on those He has blessed if they become careless in their living, so as to correct those He loves. Here is inspiring "course correction" that will change your own life.



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An innovative form of money is being developed for the new millennium. In the near future, a hypodermic needle will inject a microchip under the skin of your right hand or forehead. The microchip is designed to carry an identification number that is exclusive to your body's physical attributes. The new identity chip will give access to a whole new world of buying, revealing the worship of history's final "golden calf."

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Seizing Your Divine Moment
by Erwin McManus

We all have dreams. Why, then, do some of us realize our dreams and advance forward while others watch timidly from a distance and hope for a break? This book will help you understand the potential of a small moment combined with personal courage. These moments are everywhere, though you can often fail to recognize them. You need a fearless, ready stance, believing that God wants to use you as a catalyst for change.



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City Impact
by Daniel Bernard

God calls His church to take the Gospel into the world, but what about meeting the day-to-day needs of your local neighborhood? Bernard uses practical, moving examples from his ministry, Somebody Cares, Tampa Bay, and from Christians all over to illustrate how unity among churches and partnership with local businesses can transform communities.

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NEWS & NOTES

THE WORLD AND ITS LEADERS ARE PROFOUNDLY UNEASY AND DEEPLY SHAKEN. CONSIDER. . .

THE WORLD TREMBLED

The earthquake and its horrors "made all of mankind tremble," wrote Rabbi Be-gon in *Arutz Sheva*, Israeli National News. "We and all nations must take stock of how we relate to the People and Land of Israel. Israel is the heart of the nations and heart of the world. We have to repent...."

YEAR OF TRUTH... OF FATES

"This new year is significant. . . historic," declared Israel's *Haaretz* newspaper online. "2005 is poised to be a year of truth. A year in which Israel finally takes its fate in hand. 2005 is poised to be a year of statesmanship... a year of deciding fates... a year of rare opportunity."

HOUR OF WORLD RECKONING

Rabbis expect the Messiah shortly. All Israel believes we are in the Messianic Age. Israel's leading Kabbalist Rabbi, Kaduri, declared, "... in the coming 3 years, uncertainty about the future will hang over our heads, unless we strive that the Messiah be revealed." "There will be peace throughout the world." "Fear and trembling will fall upon our enemies." "Great tragedies in the world are foreseen." "What can save the world is real repentance by Jews." "THIS IS THE HOUR OF RECKONING FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD."

PERSECUTION PROPHESED

"A time of great persecution for the church is coming," warned the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the world's Christians in the *Times of London*. It "will drive Christianity all but underground in the West."

ARE YOU PREPARED AND HAVE YOU BEEN PREPARING YOUR FAMILY AND CONGREGATION FOR THESE PROPHESED TIMES?



*"A Voice to the Church
A Vision for the Nation."*

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