



STANDING FIRM MINISTRIES

Jesus IS God And...He IS Alive!

The world system continues its self-destructive assault on the deity of Jesus Christ! It seems there is almost a panic to convince mankind that Jesus is just another religious zealot who's life and death has spawned a small band of "intolerant fundamentalists" who preach their own brand of religious exclusivity.

Quite the opposite is true. Bible believing Christians love all men. But that love does not permit us to deny the truth of the Word of God, which, we are well prepared to defend...and, in fact, are commanded to do so (Jude 3). We would be foolish not to expect criticism and even hatred from many who have not come into a personal relationship with the God of the Bible, through faith in Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:26). Jesus told us we would be hated, just as He and the Father are hated. That hatred exhibits itself most prominently in the ongoing assaults on His deity.

Take, for instance, Dan Brown's best-seller book, *The Da Vinci Code*. At last count, it was approaching the sale of five million copies. Talk is that Hollywood is going to make a movie about it. Brown says it's a novel, but claims it is based on

fact. What "facts"? How does the *Da Vinci Code* assault the deity of Christ? Brown says that Jesus was actually wed to Mary Magdalene, had children who were hidden away in the south of France, and that the (Catholic) church suppressed this information because it would undercut...*watch it now...* Jesus' claims to deity. There's much more, but...I'm beginning to feel a little nauseous.



Speaking of nausea...if Brown's blasphemy isn't bad enough... look at the little articles pictured on the center of this page. You know what those are? They look like the kind of things that little girls usually cut out and place on their cardboard figures of dolls. **BUT THEY REPRESENT ANOTHER SICKENING ASSAULT ON CHRIST'S DEITY!**

Are you ready for this? A store called **Urban Outfitters** is offering what they call "JESUS DRESS UP". Their website reads "*Get your Jesus Dress-Up Fridge Magnets today!*" It's so blasphemous, it's difficult to even write about it. The website presents a picture of Christ on the Cross and invites users to "clothe" Christ in a variety of outfits. Some of which we've shown...including a jacket with a patch that says "Dog Catcher". Now...think

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"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

(I Corinthians 16:13)

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about that for a moment. Here's a business which encourages people to compare the Son of God to a "dog catcher"!! This blasphemous collection includes a beanie cap, a Dr. Seuss hat, a snorkel, bunny slippers, and (now I'm really getting sick)...a Satan mask and suit! The American Family Association called the New York City store and was told, "We've got tons of them!" That's enough. I can't take anymore...and I'm sure you've had enough. **Suggestion:** There is such a thing as "righteous anger" and you might want to unload some it on the Urban Outfitters store in your area. If you live in the Phoenix area, the only store is in Tempe (480) 966. 7250. Ask for Susan, the manager. She told me she had *no comment*. But you ought to have one. Be nice, but express your opinion and tell her you won't be doing any shopping at Urban Outfitters. I don't usually call for this kind of response but...this is just over the top and I must say something about it and encourage other believers to do the same.

NOW...FOR THE GOOD NEWS!

On April 11th Bible believing Christians around the world will celebrate the greatest event in the history of mankind. Jesus Christ, who walked the earth for some three & one-half years...was crucified until He was dead...and then His lifeless body was buried in a borrowed tomb...out of which He walked three days later...ALIVE! He

was seen by His disciples, by various others, and at one time by as many as five-hundred people! All of which...in addition to all we have in the Gospels that proves His deity...was the final and glorious proof that HE WAS GOD!

So...we're going to celebrate His deity and His Resurrection. We **won't** be celebrating "Easter"...which is actually the name of the Anglo-Saxon goddess of light. Now...don't ever get the idea that we have to wait until springtime every year to celebrate His Resurrection. We actually celebrate His Resurrection every day...because it was His Resurrection that gave us life. His death on the Cross provided forgiveness for sin for everyone

"There is nothing in all the world so precious to the Father as a heart that, in any measure, appreciates His son."

— Miles J. Stanford

who believes in Him. But it is His Resurrection that gives us life. After rising from the grave and ascending to the Father, He kept His promise to the disciples and sent the Holy Spirit, who, by faith in Christ, comes to reside in every believer. So...by the Resurrection, Jesus actually shares His risen life with us...and lives through us. That's the simple way to say it. But...it's just as true as saying it any other way. Space just doesn't permit a thorough presentation on the doctrinal distinctives of His deity.

By the way...if you've never repented of your sins, for which Jesus died, and placed your faith in Him and what He did for you on the Cross...let me

urge you with all my heart to do so. And on Resurrection Sunday...find a good Bible teaching church and attend.

I always look forward to Resurrection Sunday. The whole world...whether they believe it happened or not...focuses on that empty tomb. Remember...it is that historical event that sets Christianity apart from every other "religion" in the world.

According to the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke we know that on Sunday morning three women went to Jesus' tomb to anoint His body with spices. But...He wasn't there (Lk. 24:1-10). They ran quickly to tell the disciples...but they suggested the ladies take some valium (only kidding)...but they did consider

the word of the women to be "nonsense" (Lk. 24:11). Jumping ahead a bit...Luke tells us that later, the disciples, minus

Thomas, were huddled together in a room with the doors shut, when all of a sudden Jesus was standing there (Lk. 24:37-43).

True or false? Did those disciples really see Jesus? Did He actually appear in front of them in that room, and at other times as they claimed? Or...were they suffering from hallucinations? Is it all a hoax?

Before I answer those questions, let me tell you about my experience as a witness in a courtroom, some years ago. I had seen a young man sideswipe a parked car. I followed him and tried to get his license number. The police took a report. Nearly

GOING WITH US TO ALASKA?

The SFM fellowship cruise to Alaska in September is going to be a great time to enjoy the beauty of God's Creation and fellowship with other believers. We encourage you to go ahead and make your reservations now. Many of those who say they are going, have failed to reserve a room. So...please get your reservations in ASAP, so, we can make plans for the number going. Remember, there are special activities for children.

Another benefit for reserving your room early, is the large selection of rooms available at a variety of pricing. All you need to do is call 623.975.1800 and ask for Dan Bachmann and tell him you want to sign up for the...**Standing Firm Ministries Christian Fellowship Cruisetour.**

two years later, I was called to testify to what I had seen and that the man in the courtroom was the man driving the car. Before going into the courtroom, the prosecutor made it very clear to me that if there was no eye witness...the suspect would go free. The problem was...I had not seen this guy for two years...and I could not testify that he was the same person I saw driving that car! In which case...the guy was off the hook and walked out a free man.

Now...the disciples were better witnesses than I was. Some years later one of them, (John), wrote in I John 1:1-3...*"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard..."*

Keep in mind that these guys were frightened skeptics after Jesus died. But...after seeing Jesus, John said, **"We were witnesses! We heard Him...we saw Him...we touched Him!"** I only got a glance at that guy driving the car...but those disciples of Jesus provide the most powerful testimony that can be presented in any

court of law...they were reliable eye witnesses!

They weren't only eye witnesses...they were ear witnesses, and touch witnesses. But...we've got people coming along 2,000 years later saying...*"No...they didn't see anything. They didn't really see Him."* Some of them like, The Jesus Seminar, are even touted to be religious "scholars".

But...the truth is that no one who is honest, can deny the hundreds of witness accounts of Christ's appearances following His Resurrection. Let me share with you some testimonies from sources outside the Bible.

History scholar, Professor Thomas Arnold, holder of the chair of modern history at Oxford wrote: "I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair enquirer, than the great sign which God has given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead."

Every lawyer knows Dr. Simon Greenleaf as one of the great legal scholars of history. He was the famous Royal Professor of Law at Harvard University. He examined the historical and biblical evidence for the Resurrection in order to obtain the truth for himself. He concluded the following..."According to the laws of

legal evidence used in courts of law, there is more evidence for the historical fact of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ than for just about any other event in history!"

First century historian Flavius Josephus wrote: "Now there was about this time Jesus a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ. When Pilate had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day as the divine prophets had foretold thee and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him."

When doubting Thomas finally touched the body of Jesus, he believed. And Jesus said to him, **"Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."** Jesus said there's a blessing for people who believe in Him. A blessing for those who believe the testimony of Scripture and its eye-witnesses. That blessing is forgiveness of sin and life everlasting. He can give that to you...because **HE IS GOD...AND HE IS ALIVE!**

Still Standing Firm,

Pat (I Corinthians 16:13)

Pat's Eye On The World!

"DEATH TO THE JEWS!" The Jerusalem Post reports on February 13th that anti-Semitism in Europe is nearly as bad as it was in the 1930s when the Nazi's systematically exterminated millions of Jews. Just ask a French-Israeli singer named Jennifer Djaoui (pictured), who sang recently at a charity event in Paris. As she came on stage and began to sing...



young people in the audience began hollering out "Death to Jews!" Being interviewed the next day on an Israeli radio station, the young woman said, "There is no longer a place for Jews in France." Jews across Europe are packing their bags and heading for Israel. Whatever it takes...God has promised to regather His people in preparation for the soon-to-come Tribulation period.

SPEAKING OF THE JEWS...

"This is the year of the Jew", says Doug Bloomfield, a syndicated columnist and former legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He says that during the primaries, "Candidates (were) scrambling to find Jews anywhere on their family tree."

Power of Prophecy magazine reports in the March edition that

Howard Dean, Wesley Clark, and even Hillary Clinton have Jewish backgrounds. Most interesting of the group is John



Kerry...who has always claimed to be an Irish Catholic...but...is a Jew of "wall street vintage" according to Power of Prophecy. His wife, billionaire Teresa Heinz is also Jewish. You may already know these things, but I'm sure there are many who do not. What does all this mean? I don't really know...but it's an interesting situation.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD GETS "SPIRITUAL"...

That's right...and they've hired a United Methodist pastor to prove it. Our country's largest abortion provider has selected the Rev. Dr. Ignacio Castuera to provide his expertise regarding sexuality issues. He will serve as the organization's "chaplain".

This religionist is on record as saying that a fetus is not a child. Apparently...somewhere in all that education which provided all those degrees, he must have skipped the classes...if there were any...on the Bible. Planned Parenthood and the Rev. Dr. Castuera continue to verify the words of Paul in Romans 1:22..."*Professing to be wise, they became fools...*"

It's just another scheme. They're trying to deceive the American people into believing that Christianity is "divided" over the issue...and they're committed to spiritual issues in the matter of a woman's right to choose. The Greek word for that is "boloney!" The fact is that for the past 2,000 years Christianity has been over-

whelmingly on the side of defending the sanctity of life...including the life which resides in the womb of the mother!

"THE GLORIOUS APPEARING"...

is the title of the final novel in the Left Behind series. Whether you agree with Tim LaHaye's interpretation of the Book of The Revelation or not...it has caused millions of people to become aware of the Second Coming of Christ.

Three weeks before the final book goes on sale (March 30th)...Christian bookstores had already bought all 1.9 million copies the publisher had printed.

CONVERT MUSLIMS, NOT JEWS!...

Believe it or not that's what Israel's Minister of Tourism wants Christians to do. Benny Elon (pictured above) wants Christian missionaries from the U.S. to get busy evangelizing Muslims so they'll be converted to Christianity. He says, "Go from mosque to mosque and show the Muslims the light." While warning Christians not to make any attempt to convert Jews, he says, "All the Muslim murderers who have forgotten it is forbidden to murder, turn them into believing Christians and into good people." Then, he says something very interesting..."When you speak with a Muslim who murders and fanatically believes that our religion lies and...since he doesn't accept the Bible and believes that it is full of lies, then it is difficult to speak with him. But...when you come to





a Christian, even if he is hostile, there is still a basis for mutual dialogue. In the past I believed that Islam was much closer to Judaism than Christianity, but I have changed my opinion.”

Obviously...everyone doesn't agree. Jews and Muslims alike ridiculed Mr. Elon for his statements. One Muslim leader responded by saying...”This a declaration of war against Islam (that) will create new enemies for Judaism. There is no greater insult for Muslims than this.”

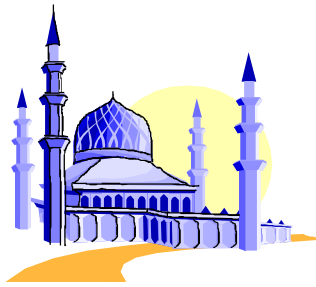
Muslim Abdulmalik Deham-she said Elon “should see the light and convert. Islam brought the light to all mankind, and we will continue to bring the light and peace to the world, and also to the non-believers. We don't take into consideration the prophets of darkness and murder, such as Benny Elon.”

This whole thing is too pregnant with error and falsehood for me to have room to comment. Christians are ALREADY working to lead Muslims and Jews to Christ in many parts of the world. In fact...some Christian missionary in Israel should inform Mr. Elon that the Bible tells us to take the Gospel to the Jew **FIRST** (Rom. 1:16).

I must also point out that there is no historical record of Islam bringing peace anywhere in the world...that is...unless you consider raiding, raping, pillaging, and killing the infidels...bringing peace! The fact is that Islam is not a “peaceful religion”. According to the Koran...Islam is a militaristic

faith with the goal of world domination, meaning everyone must become a Muslim...PERIOD! Remember...the word “Islam” does not mean “peace,” it means “*submission.*” Which brings to mind the following question...

WHAT IS A MODERATE MUSLIM AND IF THEY EXIST... WHERE ARE THEY?...



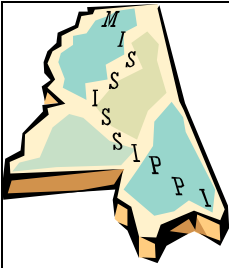
a suicide bomber for Christ. Stay with me now. And...I recruit a couple of hundred Christians by telling them we must go and kill all the Muslims we can...in the Name of Christ. I convince them that we must become “Suicide Bombers For Jesus”. Now...after we've killed as many Muslims as possible...our office informs the media that we did it in obedience to the Bible. QUESTION: How long do think it would take before Born-again Christian leaders across America would go on television, condemning what we had done...denouncing us as a cult and having nothing to do with biblical Christianity...expressing broken-hearted grief for the dead and their families...and doing everything in their power to inform the people of America that the Bible does not teach violence against Muslims or

any other religion?

Now...with that hypothetical in mind...here's my question and I cannot, for the life of me, figure why we can't get an answer from the Muslim leadership in America. Here it is: Why, since 9/11 have we not heard one single Muslim leader in this country, publicly condemn the vicious attacks, not only on America...but on those that are taking place all across the world as well?

Now...let's go back to my hypothetical. If that happened...wouldn't you as a Christian who loves Christ and His Word...go to your pastor and insist that he speak out against Suicide Bombers for Jesus? Of course you would! Well...why isn't that happening among the millions of Muslims in America...and the estimated 50,000 Muslims living in my city, Phoenix, Arizona?

I realize that all Muslims are not terrorists...but the fact remains that most terrorists in the world today are Muslims. A fact which should drive any peace-loving Muslim to stand up and be counted! Where are they? Shame on every man who claims to be an Imam or any other leader of Muslims in this country. We need to hear from them. We pray they will have the courage and the compassion to speak up. They will find that the true Christian community will love and respect them for it. I realize I'm preaching to the choir, but if you have any Muslim friends, please pass this on to them, and do it out of a heart of love and not anger.



THANK GOD FOR MISSISSIPPI!...

Why? Well...the Mississippi House of Representatives has voted 94-16

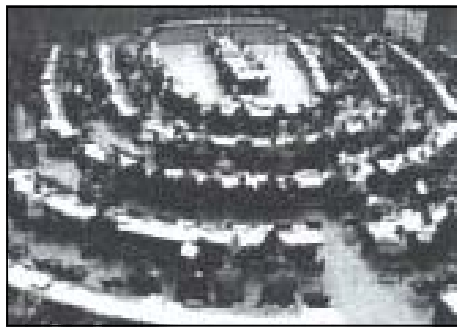
to permit display of the Ten Commandments or certain other references that acknowledge God in public buildings throughout the state. The bill also allows the display of the "In God We Trust" motto or the Beatitudes in state buildings as well. Who knows such displays might just provide some...excuse the word..."moral" guidance to those who live in Mississippi...if nowhere else.

AND THEN...THERE'S GAMPAC!...

America's atheists are feeling left out. So...they've formed their own political action committee...*The Godless Americans Political Action Committee*...or GAMPAC. And they're all pumped-up about it. The executive director, Ellen Johnson, says..."Now, atheists, freethinkers, secular humanists, and other nonbelievers have another alternative in giving voice to their concerns and letting candidates for public office know that they must now start recognizing *us* as a potential force in American politics." No comment.

HOMOSEXUALS GO FOR GLOBAL SUPPORT!...

World Net Daily tells us that homosexual-rights groups are mobilizing support for a UN resolution that would classify abuse on the basis of sexual orientation as a human rights violation.



U.N. Human Rights Commission Meeting

The resolution was introduced last year, but was postponed until their scheduled meeting March 15 to April 25 in Geneva, Switzerland.

If it passes, it could be invoked to call on states to end all discrimination based on sexual orientation, which is thrown in with economic and social rights, such as access to health, education and housing.

The World Family Policy Center asserts that if the resolution is passed..."It is highly likely that gay-rights advocates will use this resolution to advance their agenda to legalize gay marriage and to create hate-crimes legislation."

So...the beat goes on. There is no let up on this issue and it will only continue to be crammed down the throats of people worldwide. There has never been a time that you had to protect your children and grandchildren like you do today. God cannot withhold his judgment on this sinful world much longer.

ROSIE O'DONNELL IS MAD AT THE PRESIDENT...

Because he's calling for a constitutional amendment defending marriage as a union of a man and a woman. She said his words represented "the most vile and hateful words ever spoken by a sitting president." She wants to tell Laura Bush and her husband that the proposal is "very, very, very, very, very shocking and immoral." Then, she ran off to California to marry a woman.

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This is something new for SFM, please bear with us as we get the kinks out.

JUST THINKING

"Hatred for others comes easy for some; but to fully hate one's old man comes hard for all. The Lord Jesus loves us too much to allow us to go on loving ourselves.

The Christian's victory is not over others, but over himself. His sword is drawn, not to slay his fellow-man, but to slay himself. He wins by losing. He triumphs by being defeated. He lives by dying. His crown is a crown of thorns. His throne is a Cross. His weapon is not strength but weakness."

William Kelley (1820-1906)



We don't always have a lot to report to you each month in this area of our ministry. Since we don't actually go into the jails and prisons anymore, due to the increased responsibilities in the office and other demands...we simply keep on sending materials to inmates who request them.

We hear testimonies from some and when we do, we usually report them to you. Normally, we receive their completed tests, have them graded, and send them back. Upon completion the prisoner is sent an excellent study Bible and a beautiful diploma which can be displayed on the wall of his or her cell.

Month after month...we continue this very important ministry to inmates by mail. Most of the correspondence we receive comes from inmates who hear about the Basic Bible Truths course from another inmate and write us to enroll.

"Dear Sir,

Thank you so very much for the Bible study. I really enjoyed it and learned things I never knew. If you have any more Bible studies, I would love to continue to do them. Thank you, again and may God bless you and your ministry. Your brother in Christ, TJD" -Az State Prison, Florence, AZ

"I would like to receive your Bible study course through the mail. I know some more people that would like to take or receive this course, too. I will send you their names and addresses. Thank you, VM" -Georgia

"I would love to receive the Bible study you offer. I've been in prison for 4 years and have 2 years left to go. I saw your Bible study when a friend in my section was working on it and was telling us how good it was and how easy to understand. So, I hope I can get the Bible study also. MC" -Goodyear, AZ

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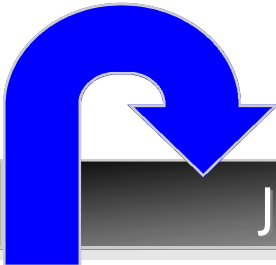
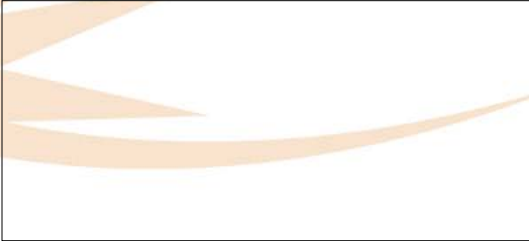
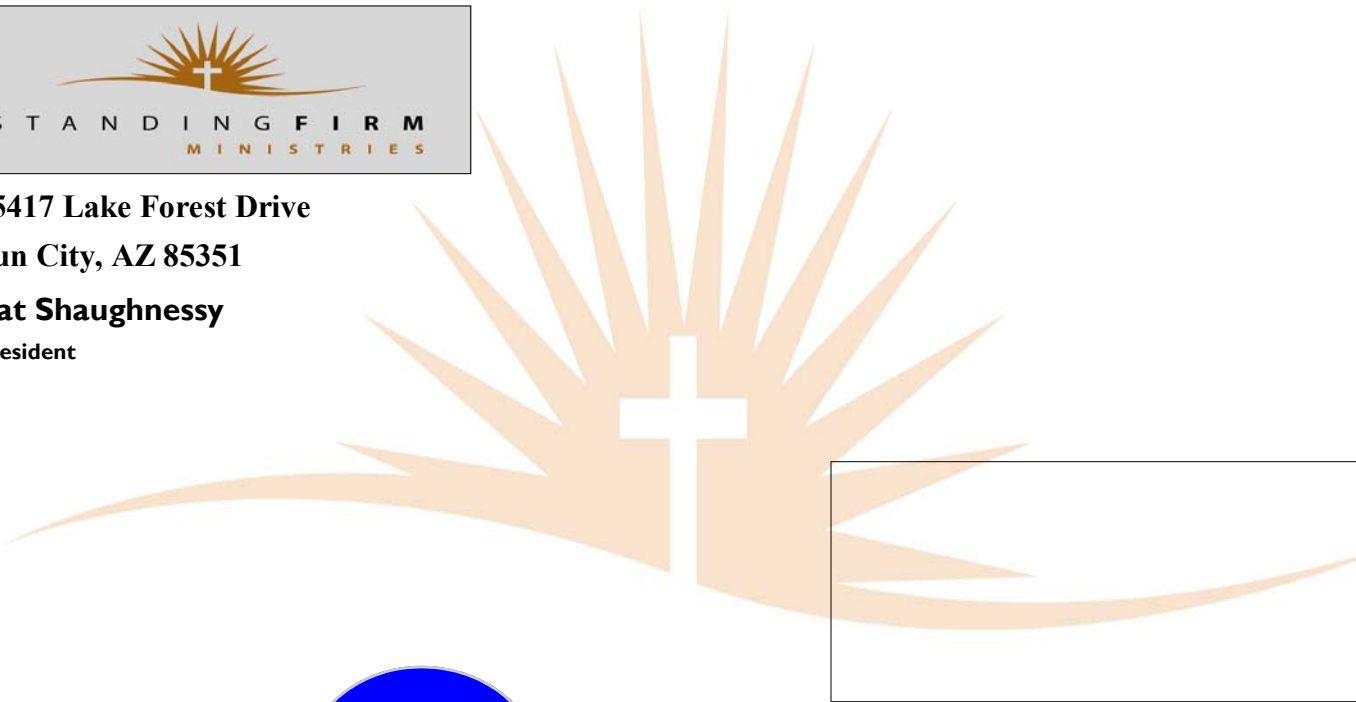


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INSIDE...

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What Is Standing Firm Ministries?

Standing Firm Ministries is an evangelistic, Bible-teaching ministry. Pat Shaughnessy is Bible teacher and President of SFM. Our purpose is described in four words: **ENCOURAGING** and **EDUCATING** believers who desire to learn the Word of God... **EXPOSING** spiritual deception, and **EVANGELIZING** those who have not yet come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This ministry is carried-out in various Bible studies in the Phoenix area, to prisoners across the U. S., speaking by invitation in churches, seminars, retreats, banquets, and wherever else opportunities present themselves. Pat Shaughnessy became a believer in Jesus Christ shortly after being released from jail in 1961. He pastored a church that grew from 87 to nearly 4,000 in Sunday morning attendance. His testimony is a story of the grace of God, as is true with all believers in Christ. The Lord has graciously given him an opportunity to speak in a variety of settings across the U.S. and abroad. He has been married to Jan for 43 years and has 4 children and 10 grandchildren. He is accountable for his life and ministry to the SFM board of directors. SFM is a 501c3 non-profit corporation, supported by those who believe in its goals and purposes, and those who have been blessed by the ministry. SFM is overseen by a board of directors who have full authority over all corporate affairs and assets. All gifts are tax deductible.

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