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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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ACKNOWLEDGING HIM IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

We are grateful to God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, founded and built the first local church in Jerusalem during His earthly ministry. After He had first chosen and, then set apostles, under Himself, as it's foundational leaders, others were also added in order to fulfill His ecclesiastical Commission. Christ is still carrying out that divine Order through His independent local Baptist churches today. We are so very grateful to God for calling Jimmy McNeil, some eleven years past, to pastor Pleasantview Baptist, our home and sending Church. We pray for him and, for the pastor and congregation of each of our supporting churches. We should daily lift up our pastors before God's throne of Grace and, especially, today when such great satanic oppression and persecution lurks at every corner for those who are expounding God's Word, for those who are Christ's faithful witnesses and disciples. **"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"** (2 Timothy 3:12).

ACKNOWLEDGING HIM IN OUR NATION

There has never been a greater need for repentance and, then, for revival than TODAY. When I contemplate the lives of our peers in the ministry, saved family and church members here in Brazil and in the USA, I do not see a need for personal repentance and revival, not being able to examine their hearts. I also receive messages of encouragement, promises of prayer for us and, monthly, we receive the fulfillment of your commitments in the way of monthly financial support. And, we certainly need and are grateful for these to carry on the work that God has sent us here to do. However, when I look inside of my own heart and soul, oh how greatly I do see that need daily. I also understand that if I, we, any or all of us as born again Christians yet, still earthly citizens, hope to see our nation healed from our immorality, greed and ungodliness, we must give Almighty God control of our lives (humility), pray and seek His will and way only for our lives and, leave behind (repent of) all our wicked ways, then, we will see the fulfillment of His promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14. Let's open our eyes and see ourselves as He sees us; as His own, in the beloved, sealed by His Spirit, Yes! But, also, living with our old sin nature and, in such great need of His deliverance as a nation. Let us pray for each other that, as His people, we will, in this way seek God.

ACKNOWLEDGING HIM IN OUR GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving Day will be here before we know it. But, what better time than RIGHT NOW to approach our Awesome Savior and Lord God in daily GRATEFULNESS for what we yet have in the USA, remembering that it is in Him, because of Him and for Him that we have our being. Thank You, LORD GOD, for Your Word, our Guidebook. Thank You for giving us a part in the furtherance of Your Kingdom. To You be all Honor, Glory and Praise forever, Amen.

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