

News Flash – **TERROR on Patriots' Day in Boston**

At about 4 PM today, April 15, two explosions went off, and soon later the bomb squad used a water cannon to blow the third, all near the finish line. So far, 2 have died, 23 are wounded, and 10 have lost limbs. The Houston Chronicle reported Roupen Bastajian, a 35-year-old state trooper from Smithfield, R.I., had just finished the race when they put the heat blanket wrap on him and he heard the first blast. "I started running toward the blast. And there were people all over the floor," he said. "We started grabbing tourniquets and started tying legs. A lot of people amputated. ... [man] at least one leg missing, or an ankle missing, or two legs missing." And, just in, an 8-year-old child died!

Patriots' Day – today in Massachusetts and Maine – is an official state holiday in these two states on the third Monday of April commemorating the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War.

Some 27,000 runners take part in the 26.2-mile Marathon, one of the world's premier marathons, and countless onlookers on the path.

After *praying fervently*, what is the Christian's response?

If you see at the bottom of the list of the last page of this report, you can read my message in 2006 regarding Article 14 of the Baptist Faith and Message ([CLC-2006-07-17 - Message-Peace & War.pdf](#)). I wish there were a peaceful a solution, but terrorists are not interested, and they deserve all the preemptive strikes against them and their supporters that we can honorably level against them. We MUST know that these bombings were not only against civilians but AGAINST USA's best founding principles – it was, in fact, **Patriots' Day**. The terrorists, in cowardly dark conspiracy, want us to be afraid to celebrate our founding! It is time they become afraid of ... **Uncle Sam. Us and the U.S.**



Statue of the Lexington Minuteman on the Lexington Green in Mass.



Patriots' Grave, Old Burying Ground, Arlington, Mass.



TIME Magazine – 4-8-13, pages 16-24.

Gay Marriage Already Won: The Supreme Court Has Not Made Up Its Mind, But America Has

By David Von Drehle

<http://swampland.time.com/2013/03/28/how-gay-marriage-won/>

commentary below by Michael Maness on it

Would you allow a gay man who has lived with his partner for 20 years to visit his partner in hospital? Even if the hospitalized man's family rejects it, and in spite of the fact that the family has had no communication with the hospitalized man and is not even visiting the hospitalized man? With the advance of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and its many revisions since, these good laws and others, including our cherished privacy laws, are not small conflicts. What would YOU do as Chief of the Hospital? Here in Woodville?

In case you don't know, the Supreme Court is about to argue gay marriage, and the results will be no less dramatic, traumatic, and overwhelmingly felt for the next century. As if prophetic, this article, that every pastor *should* read, is a carefully crafted, well written, and succinct presentation of the whole history of gay rights. And think about this, even the Supreme Court justices read TIME, and perhaps this will affect them too, as a solid cultural indicator. The cover I got had two white

women kissing, and the TIME web site had to alternative covers, the other being two lightly beared white men kissing. The article itself had a two-page spread with two black women kissing, and other photos.

Let not the photos distract you, as offensive as they might be and were certainly *meant* to be to all who find that immoral. If you read the article, you will see subtle tones of a fiat accompli – a done deal – yes, they have won. It is, as Drehle says, just a matter of time. One more remarkable point – hear this – how this has happened in just 15 years is truly remarkable.

Look at the internet link above, from TIME’s web site, and I think it is truly ironic that it is hosted by “SwampLand” – don’t you think? But funny parodies, snide jokes, and laughing at “gay antics” will not win the day or convert any. And the moral fight will have to be led from the pulpits with sophistication, sensitivity, and a degree of conviction that has at its heart a concern for the soul, as well as a disgust for the hatemongering so many are tempted to level.



Sea Bears No Trace of the Equatorial Belt, But Mariners Know Where It Lies

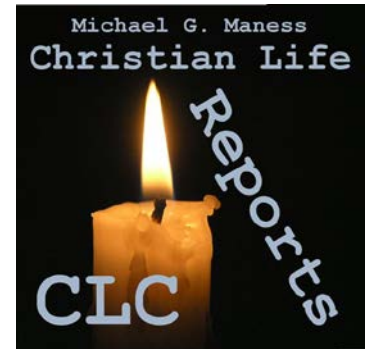
Revelation 21:5. C. H. Spurgeon, *The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit* (#1816, Sermon for New Year’s Day, 1-1-1885, pp3-4, Vol. 31), in M.G. Maness, *Ocean Devotions: From the Hold of C.H. Spurgeon, Master of Mariner Metaphors* (AuthorHouse, 2008), 1.

There has been so much evil about ourselves and our old nature, so much mischief about our surroundings and the old temptations, that we are not distressed by the belief that old things are passing away. Hope springs up at the first sound of these words from the lips of our risen and reigning Lord: “Behold, I make all things new.” It is fitting that things so outworn and defiled should be laid aside, and better and purer things fill their places. The first day of a new year is a solemnly joyous day. Though there is no real difference between it and any other day, yet in our mind ... it is a marked period, which we regard as one of the milestones set up on the highway of our life. It is only in imagination that there is any closure of one year and beginning of another year; and yet the New Year has most fitly all the force of a great fact. When men “cross the line,” they find no visible mark: the sea bears no trace of an equatorial belt. Yet mariners know whereabouts they are, and they take notice thereof, so that a man can hardly cross the line for the first time without remembering it to the day of his death. We are crossing the line now. We have sailed into the year of grace 1885.... If our Lord has begun to make us new, and we have somewhat entered into the new world wherein dwelleth righteousness, let us press forward into the center of his new creation—crossing this equator in time yet one more time—and strive to feel to the full all the power of his grace.

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NIV; C. War in the O.T. and N.T., 1. War & Battle in O.T.
Hebrew, 2. War and Battle in O.T. NIV, 3. War & Battle in
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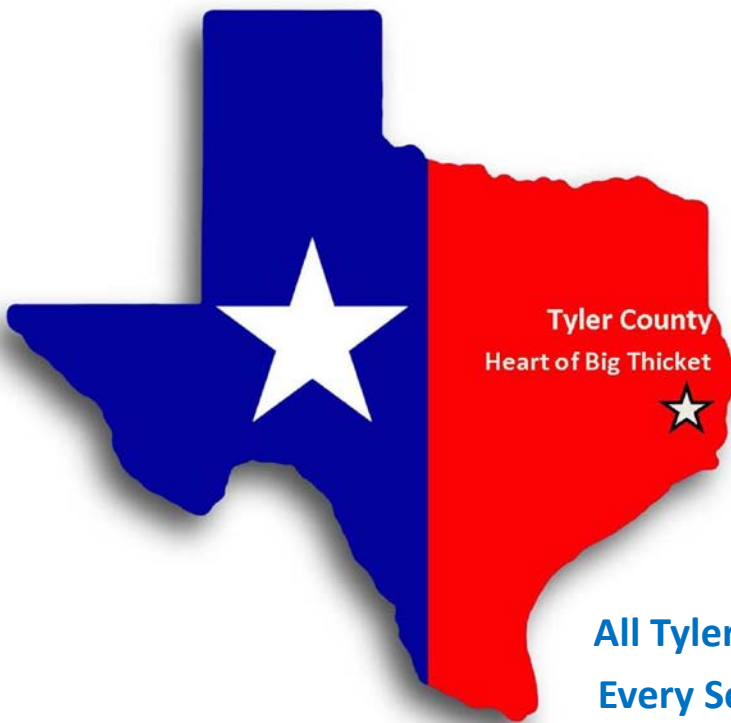
Tyler County Ministerial Alliance Hosts



May 2, First Thursday in May

Tyler County Courthouse Square

Gather 7:15 - Start 7:30 AM



Our theme for 2013 is Pray for America, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. Matthew 12:21 is our Scripture this year:

"In His name the nations will put their"



**All Tyler County Ministers Are Invited to Meet
Every Second Tuesday at Captain Ron's - 1200**

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www.NationalDayOfPrayer.org/promotional-tools/