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America at war

By Brian Reckling
Crusader Editor

The crisis continues to escalate in the Middle East, and there are no indications that the fighting will let up anytime soon. However, according to a Los Angeles Times survey, Americans overwhelmingly support President Bush in the Persian Gulf situation. Sixty percent of those surveyed also said they feel protesting the Gulf War is inappropriate now that Operation Desert Storm has begun. The Times was careful to point out, though, that the statistics would probably change if the war was drawn out for very long.

As Iraq launched a barrage of missiles at Israel and Saudi Arabia, it seemed that drawing out the war was exactly what Saddam Hussein had in mind. Sunday night, January 20, Iraq launched a total of ten Scud missiles at Saudi Arabia. Nine of the missiles were supposedly intercepted by American Patriot missiles. One Scud missile landed harmlessly in the Persian Gulf. The Patriot missiles, which until last week had been untested in actual combat, have proved to be overwhelmingly successful.

Sunday's incident followed two Scud missile attacks on Israel that occurred last week. On Thursday, January 17, at about 4:30 p.m. MST (2:30 a.m., Friday, in Israel), Iraq launched an attack that landed two Scuds in Tel Aviv, two in Haifa, and one in Safed. After much consultation, Israel decided not to attack Iraq for now.

Hussein sent three more missiles to Tel Aviv on Friday, January 18, at around 7:30 p.m. MST (5:30 a.m., Saturday, in Israel). Two of the missiles slammed into a residential area, and the other lay unexploded in the middle of a shopping district. Even after this second attack, Israel refused to retaliate, thus maintaining the delicate bond that is holding together the coalition in the Gulf. If Israel were to counter-attack, countries such as Egypt and Jordan might join the war on Iraq's side.

In order to help Israel defend itself, the United States sent several Patriot interceptor Missiles to Tel Aviv. The interceptors, they hope, will prevent further damage to Tel Aviv and

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An anti-war demonstrator in Boston faces off against a supporter of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf. Approximately 600 anti-war marchers argued with around 60 people supporting the war and the troops. Photo courtesy of the Idaho Press-Tribune and AP Leafdesk.

The war at home

By David Bomar
Assistant Editor

Although the Gulf crisis may be quite different from the Vietnam Conflict, as President Bush has frequently declared, anti-war protests all across the United States call to mind vivid images of the 1960s. In the meantime, supporters of the allied military attack have rallied behind U.S. troops, although their numbers are far fewer than the protesters'.

About 3,000 demonstrators assembled on Boston Common to protest the war, while 200 counterdemonstrators waved American flags at the nearby Statehouse.

Across the street from the White House, peace rallies

have continued almost nonstop since war broke out a week ago.

When asked to comment on the anti-war protestors, the president's press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, replied, "Of course they matter. We care about everyone's attitude. We believe in full debate."

San Francisco protests have drawn the largest crowds, including a march Saturday that included up to 20,000 people, according to police. Organizers of the march, however, put the number two to three times as high. More than 1,100 arrests have been made in San Francisco in connection with anti-war protests.

Last Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., a wide-ranging

group of well over 200 people rallied at the Nampa City Hall in support of U.S. troops and the war effort in the Middle East. Armed with candles and American flags, the supporters sang anthems of patriotism and spoke out strongly in favor of the war.

Linda Gummersall of Middleton commented, "I think the troops need to know that we're behind them." Originally from Scotland, Gummersall attended the vigil "in support of all the British troops, too!"

Nampa Mayor Winston Groenig noted, "It's very important that we stand together with our President . . . And we've got to have faith in God."

Another rally on Saturday drew over 100 war supporters.



"My uncles are on Saudi Ground. Saddam, you've overstepped your bounds," read Melody Kortan's sweatshirt. Melody was one of the youngest supporters at the candlelight vigil held Friday night January 18 outside the Nampa City Hall. One uncle is a marine on the front line, and the other is in the Air Force. See page 3. (Photo by Kevin Huisman)

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A SECOND LOOK

War. Televisions blare news broadcasts of the goings on in the Middle East, and the entire country watches. War consumes an awful lot of our time, as it should, but as people protest the activities going on in the Gulf, it is very important to look at the situation with more than one perspective. Protesters in downtown Seattle block rush-hour traffic every day, and in Olympia, protesters took over the floor of the House of Representatives while the legislators were taking a break. It seems too easy to become caught up in the excitement of the moment, and too difficult to examine the situation with discretion, but a careful analysis is precisely what must happen.

There are over five-hundred thousand American men and women in the Middle East fighting with the allies. They are not fighting for oil; they are fighting because that is what they are commanded to do. The policies are no longer of concern to the soldiers, they simply must do a job.

Soldiers in the Vietnam Conflict returned to the U.S. only to hear "boos" and see bitterness in the faces of the people who greeted them. Will the same thing happen when our soldiers return from Saudi Arabia? Or will they be accepted as the brave and skillful heroes that they are?

The Crusader does not wish to deny anyone the right to protest policies which they feel unjust, but simply requests U.S. citizens to examine the situation from different points of view. When one soldier was asked how the protests in America made him feel, he responded, "I'm proud to defend a country in which people are allowed to do that."

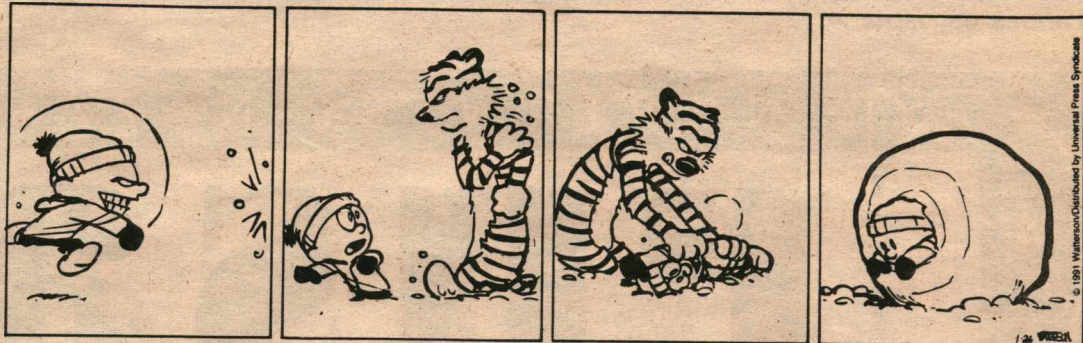
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Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



IF WE GO FAST ENOUGH AND PULL UP JUST AS WE HIT THOSE ROCKS, WE MIGHT, IF WE'RE LUCKY, CLEAR THE RAVINE AND HAVE THE RIDE OF OUR LIVES!



ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE MISS, WE'LL PROBABLY SPEND OUR FEW REMAINING DAYS HOOKED UP TO MACHINES AND INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS!



IT'S EITHER SPECTACULAR, UNBELIEVABLE SUCCESS, OR CRUSHING, HOPELESS DEFEAT! THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND!



OK, THERE IS A MIDDLE GROUND, BUT IT'S FOR SISSY WEASELS.



THE FAR SIDE

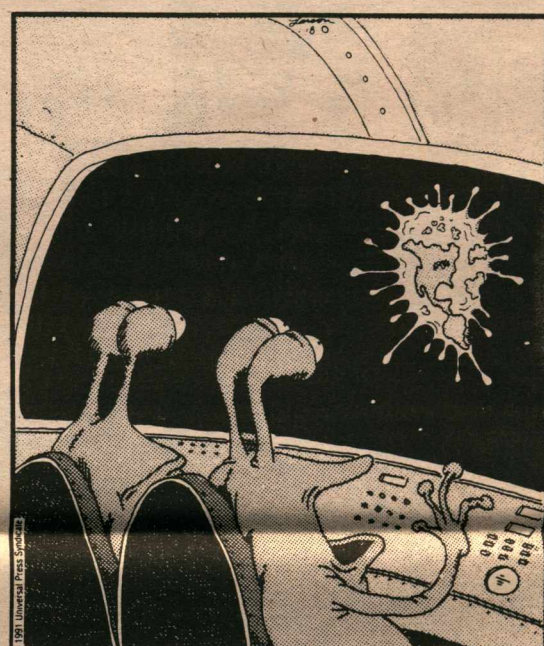
By GARY LARSON

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Hold still, Omar. ... Now look up. Yep. You've got something in your eye, all right — could be sand."



"Oh, gross!"

The trouble with war

Dr. Dick Stellway
Crusader Special

Encouraged by the early effectiveness of the saturation bombing against Iraq, former secretary of state Henry Kissinger has proclaimed: "There is no doubt that Iraq will be destroyed." This, of course, goes much further than the mandate the U.S. obtained from the United Nations—the permission to use force to obtain the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait.

To bring Henry Kissinger's prediction to pass could possibly involve the destruction of Baghdad—particularly if the allied forces deem it necessary to go after the many military targets reportedly located next to areas heavily populated with civilians. The legendary city of Baghdad has existed since the eighth century and is a symbol of Arab pride. Its destruction would likely become a battle cry for Islamic fundamentalists and further contribute to the growth of that movement.

Such a force threatens to destroy the balance of power that many Arab leaders friendly to the U.S. enjoy. Those who invited the Arab leaders into the Gulf would most assuredly be in trouble.

Any resurgence of anti-colonial sentiments (Islamic fundamentalism represents but one form) would seemingly "require" the presence of U.S. troops in the Gulf for years to come—just to prevent the toppling of Arab heads-of-state which are friendly to the U.S. Yet any sustained presence of U.S. forces would further feed anti-colonialist sentiments while threatening President Bush's "New World Order."

These observations might be alleged to constitute a sort of worst-case scenario. After all, Baghdad may not be totally annihilated. Yet a weakened Saddam Hussein and a destroyed war arsenal will create a power vacuum in the Gulf. Iraq's misfortune would seem to be Iran's good fortune. Iran would like nothing better than to move against its arch-enemy to

the east. The fact that most of Iran's holy shrines are reportedly in Iraq simply adds to Iran's desire to expand into Iraq.

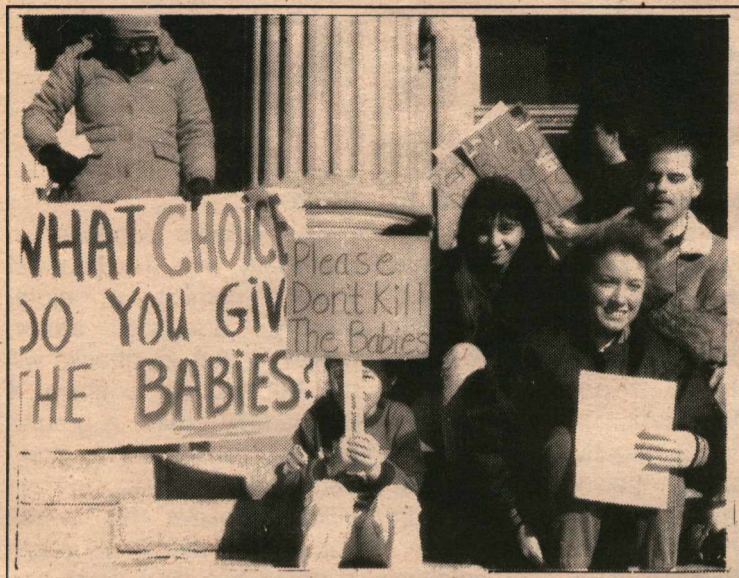
William Hyland, editor of *Foreign Affairs*, has observed: "It would be a supreme irony if the United States destroyed Iraq, thus permitting Iran to re-emerge as the strongest power in the Gulf, and in passing, also strengthen Syria."

Some analysts maintain that, given its internal problems, Iran is presently in no position to move hastily against Iraq. But what about Syria? Some analysts suggest that the past deeds of Syrian President Hafez al-Assad make Saddam Hussein look like a Sunday School boy. For years, Saddam has aggressively pursued a power base in the Gulf. He would like nothing better than to expand his sphere of influence. Yet his past success has been somewhat dependent on his ability to play one super power against the other.

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FEATURES

Pro-lifers march for the unborn



Matthew Quick, Maria Dilulo, and Lois Fuller turned out to support the pro-life activists in front of the Capitol Building in Boise. (Photo by Kevin Huisman)

By Brian Reckling
Crusader Editor

A bitter wind whipped through the crowd, but the temperature could not affect the commitment of over 600 people who gathered on the steps of the Idaho State Capitol last Saturday to express their pro-life views.

This was the eighteenth consecutive year that the pro-life supporters have

gathered to commiserate over the Roe vs. Wade decision that made some abortions legal.

Three motorcycle policemen led the activists in their march from Julia Davis Park to the Capitol. The march was not met with any protests, except for one woman who felt compelled to voice her pro-choice views from her car as she drove by.

The crowd seemed to express a sense of hushed enthusiasm because of the war in the Gulf. Many marchers waved flags, and many carried signs supporting the soldiers in the Gulf.

The keynote speaker was Idaho Right to Life Vice-President Karen Hefner, who vowed to wage a massive educational campaign aimed at turning the tide in the next election.

"We will mount an all-out effort to educate, county by county, district by district, individual by individual to get ready for the 1992 elections. We will succeed; God and truth are on our side."

Organizers considered cancelling the rally this year out of respect for the soldiers in the Middle East and their families, but finally decided to go on with the rally. Instead, they showed their support by saying a prayer for the American forces in the Gulf at the opening of the rally.

"We're here to make the point that all life is precious,

whether it's our servicemen over there, or unborn children in Idaho who'll never make it to first grade, said Mike Havener, 38, of Twin Falls.

Last year's march and rally had over twice as many participants as did this year's, but the enthusiasm and dedication showed by the pro-life supporters was as strong as ever, and their

goals are again set on lofty levels.

After Governor Cecil Andrus vetoed House Bill No. 625, which severely restricted the availability of abortions in Idaho, many people believed that the pro-life supporters would be quieted for a while, but Hefner urged people to forget the "sting of defeat," and asked for support on new petitions to get bills into the state legislature.



Most Pro-life activists carried fairly subdued signs in protest of Abortion. However, this sign expressed a more eye-opening view. (Photo by Kevin Huisman)

Trouble

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Given this new face of geopolitics, he would have to reconsider this strategy.

As if these problems weren't enough, the demise of Saddam Hussein will exacerbate the Palestinian-Israeli problem. Many Palestinians have looked to Saddam Hussein as their savior. (The fact that Yasser Arafat sided with Iraq only worsens matters.) Elevated Palestinian frustrations will produce major problem for governments such as that of King Hussein of Jordan. Any "victory" against Iraq will dramatically increase the pressure on the Americans and their allies to consider this issue, quite likely by calling an international conference. (Some analysts insist that Saddam Hussein would have been willing to negotiate a withdrawal from Kuwait had the allied forces been willing to hold such a conference.)

Former Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Qasem has warned that the irony of American gunboat diplomacy is that our victory is our total loss. He is far from alone in his observation. Foreseeing the destabilization that a "victory" would bring about, Charles Kimball, professor of religion at Jurman University, warns that people will talk for years to come about what the U.S. did to the Arabs.

If Mr. Qasem's prediction of "total loss" is to be avoided, it is imperative that the U.S. waste no time in pursuing a diplomatic solution to the Palestinian-Israeli issue and to the problem of political instability in the Gulf.

In an address to the Middle East Studies Association last November, Rashid Kalidi, history teacher at the University of Chicago, observed that the U.S. was proceeding "half-blind" toward a war in the Persian Gulf. He went on to observe that George Bush seems to have no one on his decision-making team who knows very much about the Arab world. Having started us down the path of war, let's hope and pray that the president avails himself of wise and informed counsel when the war with Iraq is "over."

Participants in a recent meeting of the Soviet-American Task Force in Lebanon and the Middle East have generated some recommendations which may constitute good counsel for President Bush. Conference participants agreed that the Persian Gulf crisis has caused too much disruption for things to ever return to what they were. In light of this, they called on the U.S., under the auspices of the U.N., to jointly convene a Conference on Peace and Cooperation in the Middle East. The aim of the

conference would be to launch a process similar to that of the Helsinki conference in security and cooperation in Europe back in 1975. The conference, they said, should include representatives from all countries in the region along with the major powers and the Palestinians.

The aim of the conference would not be to impose solutions on the delegates. Rather, it would provide a forum for considering a number of issues, including Israeli and Palestinian concerns, arms control, the Lebanese crisis, human rights, and regional economic development and

cooperation.

Such a conference could contribute substantially to President Bush's notion of a "New World Order." But whatever this means, let's join in word, deed, and in fervent prayer that God's peace and justice will be visited on the peoples of the Persian Gulf.

Apocalypse Now?

CONFESSIONS OF AN ARMAGEDDONOPHOBIC

By Jerry Kester
Crusader Special

I can clearly remember when it first started, this horrible fear of the end of the world. It was the early 1960s, and the U.S. had just lived through the Cuban Missile Crisis. I was too young to know much about that, but I clearly remember the evangelist who came to our church.

He had been reading Revelation and was sure that the end was near. I might have colored, counted ceiling boards (there was always 108), or contemplated the light fixtures in our church that looked like little sleds all stuck together. (It should be clear to you that I grew up before children's church, a fact I still resent.) My mind would have wondered halfway around the world had it not been for the

visual aids. This evangelist had a flare for art, and had drawn the beasts, seven-headed monsters, thundering horses, angry angels, and a host of other things that give a second-grader the shivers, and placed them on slides. In our dark church, they came alive to me. When I closed my eyes to sleep at night, they were projected on the insides of my eyelids, introducing me to insomnia. I went to the altar that week for the first time in my life, not to receive Jesus as my Savior—Mom and Jesus and I had already taken care of that eternal business—but to ask Jesus to save me from the monsters.

When I reached junior high, there was a new method of evangelism that was taking churches and youth groups by storm. Filmmakers were producing second coming films to convince young people to come to Jesus. I saw them

all—"A Thief in the Night," "A Distant Thunder," "Image of the Beast," "Years of the Beast," "The Beast Meets Bambi," and a lot more. My phobia grew with the intensity of these films. I would sometimes wake up in the middle of the night, certain that Jesus had come, the Christians were gone, and I was beast-bait. On nights like that I would sneak to the door of my parents' bedroom and listen to Dad snore. He was the best Christian I knew; if he was still around, there was some hope for me.

I carried these images off to Bethany Nazarene College in the early 1970s. Pictures of an angry God. Somehow that little song "Be Careful Little Hands What You Do" had changed for me. Let me sing it for you if you have forgotten how it goes. (If no one is watching See Second Coming on page 4)



American Troops move in closer toward the Kuwaiti border to prepare for a showdown with dug-in Iraqi forces. Photo courtesy of the Idaho Press-Tribune and AP Leafdesk.

War breaks out in Gulf

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encourage the Israelis not to strike out at Iraq.

Recently, Iraq national television broadcasted videotaped interviews with prisoners of war. Five of them reportedly were Americans. The prisoners had negative comments about the war, and the United States involvement in the war. It is, however, believed that the soldiers could have been under duress when they spoke.

After the sixth day of fighting, Iraqi officials claim that 154 allied war planes have been shot down. The United States claims this number to be a "wild exaggeration," and says that only 15 planes have been downed. Saddam Hussein went on Iraqi television to say, "The tyrant's missiles and aircraft are being

destroyed."

Air attacks continue on Baghdad, with the heaviest attacks coming at night. Military analysts agree, however, that air attacks will not be enough to finish of Saddam Hussein. A ground attack is necessary to bring Iraq to its knees. Most officials believe that an all out ground attack will begin in about two days. Iraq has had months to thoroughly entrench itself in the desert and prepare for hand-to-hand combat. They have tank bunkers that are up to ten feet deep, razor wire strung all the way across the desert, and land mines buried very deep in the sand. The U.S. has the technology to cope with the obstacles in its way, but military officials agree that timing is crucial.

Second Coming

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you read this, just sing along--I don't sound good alone.)

*Oh, be careful little hands what you do,
Oh, be careful little hands what you do,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful little hands what you do.*

(If you are having a good time, gather a group of friends and sing all the verses: be careful little ears what you hear; be careful little eyes what you see; be careful little feet where you go; etc.) The tragedy for me was that the third line, the one that says "For the Father up above is looking down in love," had been changed. It became "For the Father up above will smash you with His glove." The whole song

changes when you sing it that way. I carried a real fear that my life, or the world, would end and I would not be ready.

In my sophomore year, an evangelist figured out that Jesus was going to come back in September. The slides from that dark church so many years ago flashed through the theater of my mind. I didn't see the second coming of Christ as a good thing at all. It sounded like the end of all my hopes and dreams for life. If He came, would I be ready? I thought so. I hoped so.

I got my first job as a youth pastor during my senior year at Bethany. That summer, I loaded up the van and took my group to summer camp. The camp director had decided to use

the second coming as the week's theme, and called the camp "All Apocalypse Week." Each night after chapel, a second coming film was shown. After Thursday night's movie, I found a group of about thirty high school student in the middle of the ball field at 1:30 a.m. They were praying the prayer that I had prayed so many years before--"Jesus, please save me from the monsters."

In fifteen years of youth ministry, I've never been able to show one of those films. Am I overreacting? Maybe. But somehow the focus is all wrong. Do I think it is a terrible thing to live my life is such a way that I have no place for Jesus? Of course! But it is equally tragic to live my life in fear Jesus' return. He loves me, and gave Himself for me.

My son Greg confirmed my beliefs when he was turning seven. "Greg, what do you want for your birthday?" I asked him.

"I'd like Jesus to come back!" he exclaimed. I was glad he hadn't seen the slides.

As the winds of war blew by the hill of Megiddo last week, those old fears born so long ago still gave me the shivers. As I watched CNN report from Baghdad, I wondered, "Is this the end?"

I held my six year-old close and tried to explain the

unexplainable. Somehow I began to long for the second coming of Jesus--my friend Jesus. I said, "Wouldn't it be great, Brad, if Jesus just showed up with a bunch of angels and said, 'Knock it off!'"

"Yeah, Dad, that would be great!"

There is a Father up above, and He is looking down in love, so be careful little world what you do.

Jerry Kester is a minister of youth in Kent, Washington. Jerry will be speaking in chapel on Wednesday, January 30.

Troops in the Gulf

Keri Coil: 2 friends
Travis McKinney: cousin
Lyndell Rhoads: cousins and friends
Justen Staudinger: 5 friends
Jeannine Howard: friends and uncle
Cheryl Thiessen: cousin and friend
Roger Kramer: brother
Jerry Mullin: 2 friends
Scott & Vicki Hammer: relatives
John Boersma: friends
Krista Fried: friends
Paul Jagosh: cousin
Glen Lacy: friend
Michelle Poteet: friend and cousin
Buff Bufford: uncle and friend
Jacqueline Moon: friend
Tami J. Cashell: Tom Hart
Pam Greeno: brother
Jennifer L. Snyder: friends
Robyn Hyde: cousin
Marie Schloss: James Sebens
Brent Fladmo: 3 friends
Trent Fulcher: cousin
Melanie Elder: 3 cousins, 3 friends
Traci Fluetsch: cousin, 3 friends
Juli C. Barton: friend
Jill Noble: cousin
Lisa Van Schyndel: Daniel

Merrillat
Dana L. Bullock: cousin and friends
Matt Classen: cousin
Teresa Taylor: friends
Matt McLaughlin: brother-in-law
Suzzane Weinert: cousin
Coleen Hart: cousin and friend
Lois Fuller: cousin, and brother-in-law
Christie Rockwood: friend
Naomi Brown: cousins
Sheryl Pixler: friends
Brenda Swan: uncle, 2 friends
Nathan Sutherland: friend
Matthew Brown: 2 friends
Stephanie Kinman: brother-in-law, 2 cousins
Stacey Campbell: friend
Melanie Krumm: 4 friends, boyfriend on the U.S.S. Midway
Juliana Rimel: friend
Jon Vandal: friend
Edward Scott Seol: 5 friends
Dave Paul: friends and cousin
Linda Tjelta: 3 friends
Wendy Bond: uncle
Derek Huit: 4 friends
Jim Pearl: Dan Thompson
Paige Crafton: friend and relative
Mil Benale: friends
Gretchen Andersen: cousin
Erica Andrew: friend

Preston Crow: two friends
Shauna Rich: friends
Alison Moore: cousin
Kara Powers: cousin
Tracey Smiley: cousin and friend
Kimberly Morgan: friends
Karalee Rogers: friends
Janell Brown: brother
Mike Redmond: 3 friends
Mike Henderson: 2 friends
Rachelle Rich: friend
Conney Davis: friend
Lori Strange: friend, step-brother
Pam Jones: 4 friends
Roger Kadey: friend
Tanya Rydwell: cousin and 3 friends
Jenny Wallin: friend
Becky Nichols: 2 friends
Brad Ballie: friends and family members
Glen Loyd: friends
Kevin Kehus: friend
Grant Stevens: friend
Don Kurts: brother and 2 friends
Julle Zuckschwedt: 3 cousins, friend
Darel Grauberger: friend
Kevin Pearl: Dan Thompson
Jorene Batalli: friend
Mike Rigge: uncle
Debbie McEwen: 2 friends
Jeff Jencks: friend

C. McAlexander: Terry Hensley, Kevin Barnes, David O'dell
Shannon McKay: Chris Smith, Corey Smith, Chris Snyder
Barbara Randel: cousin-in-law
Brian Fye: friends
Kim Herse: friends
Jeff Doud: friend
Hollie Tlegs: Todd Simmons
Mike Cronrath: friends
Kimberly Traver: 4 friends
Eric Ely: Gregory B. Ely, brother
Keith Millar: friends
James Fitts: Scott Weber
Sandi Chandler: family and friends
Jon T. Drahn: cousin
Tracy Buster: friend
Terry Buster: cousins
Stacy Dawn Rusco: cousin, uncle, and friends
Trishia Cummings: friend
C. Mahaney: friends
Janet Veach: friend
Janna Venard: Dad and cousin
Brenda Mason: friends and cousin
Lee Thorpe: friend

Wendy Decker: friend and cousin
Lisa Hatmaker: 4 friends
Stephanie Zinn: friend
Johnathon Coose: cousin and 2 friends
Jay Bower: friend
Christin Quisell: friend
Kevin Mowry: Mike Darling, Erik Adler
Thomas Darling: friend
Michele Doud: 2 friends
Matt Thomas: 2 friends
Kristin Pyne: cousin and friend
Stacey Davis: cousin
Marc Otto: Jeff Rockett
Ann French: cousin
Susan Yoshikane: relative
Jason Rhoads: friend
Christine Talmadge: cousin
Jay Edgbert: 3 friends
Tammy Breshears: friend
Ric Cook: 5 friends and 2 relatives
Todd Binford: cousin
Mark Hilty: friend
Korri Kinney: 2 friends
Robin Laraway: friend
Julie Steelsmith: friend
Ronda Flowers: 2 friends

The Crusader regrets not being able to include the names of everyone who was listed on the chapel cards. The Crusader encourages everyone to pray for our women and men in the Middle East, and peace in our world.