



# The Messenger

Messenger Project Newsletter

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## Messenger Notes

**Lionel De Leon** sang *Meaningless (Ecclesiastes 1:1)* with the worship team during the September 25<sup>th</sup> offertory at **Community Bible Church**. His next song from the Bible will be performed on October 30<sup>th</sup> and *The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13)* is his tentatively scheduled song.

*The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)* is being fine-tuned before we mix it down and tackle the last two songs for our upcoming **Messenger Project CD**.

## Scriptural Warning

*“Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge you, on the kingdoms that do not call on your name” (Psalm 79:6)*



## George Washington

At 21, Washington was sent to Fort-Le Boef (Waterford, Pennsylvania) to warn the French against encroaching on British land. On his way back, he was shot at by an Indian from 15 paces (who missed). Washington later fell into the ice-filled Alleghanny River, but saved himself by catching a timber. That night he nearly froze in his wet clothing.

At 22, Washington was sent to fight the French, where his surprise attack on an advancing detachment of 30 killed the commander along with nine others and captured the rest as prisoners. His surprise attack brought a retaliatory French army of 700 against him, and he was forced to surrender after an all day fight. Washington was allowed to march (disarmed) back to Virginia (with his

troops) after signing an agreement with the French.

Gen. Edward Braddock invited Washinton (when he was 23-yrs-old) to join his expedition as a personal aide-de-camp with the courtesy title of colonel. Braddock’s army was ambushed and bloodily defeated. Washington had two horses shot underneath him and his clothes were cut by four bullets, but he was unhurt. Every other officer was killed or wounded, including Braddock (who died with Washington at his side).

When Washington was 44, British General Howe planned an assault against his army, but a storm disrupted Howe’s plans and forced him to evacuated the city, leaving behind 200 cannons and stores of small arms and munitions (which Washington collected).

Later that year, General Howe thrust a crushing force against the Americans and could have decimated Washington and his troops, but Howe delayed his attack. During the delay, Washington was able to ferry his remaining forces across the East River under the cover of a dense fog.

On Christmas Day of 1776, the American Revolution was at its darkest hour. With 2,400 men, Washington struck brilliant blows against Trenton and Princeton and revived the hope and energy of the nation. Britian’s General Cornwallis immediately hastened with 8,000 men to Trenton, finding Washington strongly posted behind the Assunpink Creek. The two camps skirmished for a while until Cornwallis decided to wait overnight “to bag the old fox.” But that night, the winds shifted and the roads froze hard, allowing Washington the opportunity to steal away with deceptive campfires still burning.

The Indian who shot at Washington could have easily killed him if he were a better marksman. Washington could have died from hypothermia after spending a frigid night in wet clothes. The French could have dismissed Washington’s peaceful surrender. Washington was miraculously spared death when two horses were shot from under him and four bullets cut his clothes. A storm and a fog spared Washington from Howe’s planned attacks and a shift in weather spared Washington from Cornwallis’ planned attack. An atheist might say that Washington was the beneficiary of “dumb luck,” but we who understand the power and will of God know otherwise.

Washington was a godly man whose first official duty as president was a prayer for our nation. In his farewell address, he warned us not to believe that morality can exist without religion. But our nation has since rejected God by turning the First Amendment into a separation of church and state. No longer do we pray or teach Biblical wisdom in our public schools. No longer are we allowed to celebrate Christmas with nativity scenes or to display the Ten Commandments on school grounds. No longer can we pray at football games or graduations. Jesus cannot be credited as a role model by high-school valedictorians. What kind of religious freedom is this?

If Christians do nothing to reverse this trend, we can be sure as the Lord lives that there will be a divine judgment against our nation. If God would not spare his chosen people (the Jews), what makes us think that we will be treated any different? We must remain “one nation, under God” to receive his blessings. It is my fervent prayer that our nation will once again call on the name of the Lord and be blessed.