

# Providence Foundation 2016 Report

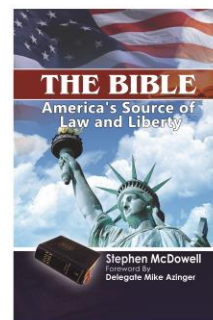
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Greetings! We appreciate your support of the Providence Foundation.

We wanted to share with you a report of some of the things we did in 2016 in order to bring Godly transformation to America and the nations.

## Legislators' Project – Reached 14 States

In January, working with West Virginia State Representative Mike Azinger, we published a new book by Stephen McDowell, *The Bible: America's Source of Law and Liberty*. Representative Azinger distributed a copy to every member of the House and Senate in his state in January 2016. This was so well received that we launched our Legislators' Project with the goal of giving copies to all 7383 state legislators in the 50 states. Within a few months we had distributed so many copies we had to reprint the book.



Thanks to the generosity of our members and other donors, we have been able to give, or arranged to give next term, free copies of this book to legislators in one or both houses in fourteen states – West



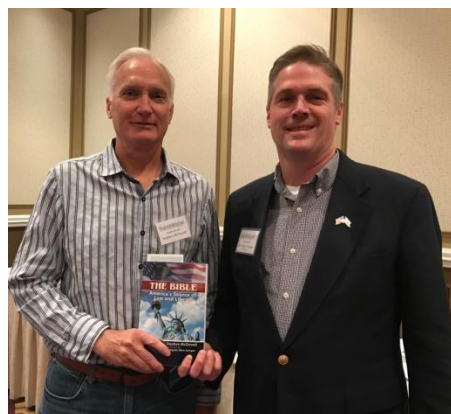
Delegate Azinger, third from right, with fellow members of the West Virginia House holding copies of *The Bible: America's Source of Law and Liberty*.

Virginia, Arizona, Missouri, Minnesota, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, Wyoming, Mississippi, California, Michigan, Nebraska, and Florida. In each of these states we enlisted a legislator or government official to write a cover letter explaining why their colleagues needed to read this book. In his cover letter accompanying the book, Tennessee Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey encouraged the senators to read this book saying, “If this state and this nation is to survive into the next generation and beyond, we must all cherish and pass along this great history and heritage.”

We have received many encouraging responses from those who have received and read the book, including from those who have a differing governmental philosophy. One leftist liberal who read the book said he found it very interesting and had never heard such ideas before. We believe getting a copy of this book to each legislator will bear much fruit; thus, we continue to work toward this end. We need your help to accomplish this. We need contacts with legislators who might sponsor the distribution to their colleagues, as well as funds so we can provide these to legislators for no cost. Indicate “Legislators Project” on the gift.

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We have endorsements from 15 legislators from a dozen different states, and from Christian leaders such as David



Stephen and Rep. Azinger

Barton, Tim Wildmon, and Rick Green. Two of those endorsements follow. See the book for more.

“If you are a leader, this is absolutely essential knowledge. On our shoulders rests the future of the greatness of our nation. Read this! Finish it. Read it again. Retain it. Teach it until it is retained!” - **Kevin Jones**, Kansas State Representative, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Former US Army Green Beret

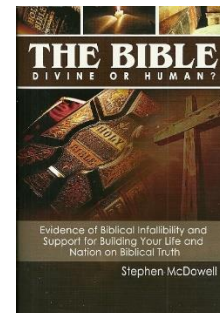
“This book looks to be the answer I’ve wanted when I am challenged by a liberal saying our country did not have Christian roots – our Founders were a bunch of opportunists and theists. I appreciate all the research and footnoting that supports this information. This is definitely both a book that inspires and one that needs to be on every conservative’s shelf for quick reference.” - **Dennis Guth**, State Senator, Iowa, District 4

## New Books

1. *The Bible: America’s Source of Law and Liberty*

This book is not just for legislators; everyone needs to know these liberating ideas. Please consider distributing copies to family and friends.

2. *The Bible: Divine or Human? Evidence of Biblical Infallibility and Support for Building Your Life and Nation on Biblical Truth* – Can we know that the claims of the Bible are true? Is there any evidence of its divinity and infallibility? The answer is a resounding YES! The implications of the Bible being the Word of the one and only God are immense. This booklet presents a summary of various proofs for Biblical infallibility. It is an inspirational and easy to read, yet thoroughly supported, argument in favor of Biblical inerrancy with the goal of inspiring you to build your life upon the divine precepts in the Bible and also to use them to transform men and nations.



## Public Presentations and Talks

- Scores of seminars and presentations were conducted at dozens of churches, Christian schools, homeschool groups, and social impact organizations in numerous states including Florida, Arizona, Texas, Ohio, Minnesota, California, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Some topics included religion and politics at a conference in Sarasota, American exceptionalism in Tampa, and God and Government in Phoenix.



Stephen speaking on Christians’ civil duties.

- On July 3, **Stephen portrayed Thomas Jefferson** at a special event at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, California, speaking on the Biblical ideas in the Declaration of Independence. Stephen entered the meeting riding on a horse while a drum and fife band was playing. This entrance was a first for him, and it is one we are pretty sure Jefferson never made, though he did visit many churches during his life.

## Christian History Tours

- Stephen conducted about 20 days of tours of Washington, DC, Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown for various groups including the three annual tours he does with Tim Wildmon and the America Family Association. In addition with assisting with the AFA tours, John McDowell also conducted numerous tours on his own, including a special tour for a television program.



Stephen speaking to a tour group on the steps on the Lincoln Memorial.

## Radio and TV

- John was interviewed in Washington, DC, for a television program – Real Talk – on the Christian nature of our historic sites. You can access this on our website (click the YouTube icon) or our YouTube page (YouTube / Providence Foundation)
- Stephen did numerous interviews on the Legislators’ Project on a number of nation-wide radio programs, including AFR and WallBuilders Live.
- Our recent book, *God’s Blueprint for Life, Liberty, and Property: A Bible Study on the Ten Commandments* continued to serve as the topic for many radio programs and interviews, including American Family Radio’s Engage, which reaches youth. Many of these interviews on the Ten Commandments are available on our website and as down-loadable podcasts.
- Numerous other radio and TV interviews were conducted on such topics as: the 2016 elections, opposition by professors and students at the University of Virginia to the university president quoting Jefferson, and America’s Christian history.



John being interviewed for Real Talk with the Jefferson Memorial in the background.

## International

- Stephen spent two weeks in Colombia, South America, teaching two one-week courses at a Youth with a Mission School of Government in Medellin. The first week’s topic was “The Bible: Source of Law and Liberty,” and the second was “Biblical Economics and Business.” He also taught two groups of lawyers in two different cities, spoke at two churches, and gave a presentation to a group of pastors on their role as watchmen on the walls of their cities. In addition, folks there have started translating many of our booklets into Spanish. One on *Crime and Punishment (Crimen y Castigo, Una Perspectiva Bíblica)* is already completed.
- We often hear from past students who are greatly impacting others. One of those, Dr. Dominic Obott of Nigeria, recently sent this report:

“Before I attended the Providence Foundation’s Institute for World Reformation in 1991, I did not believe that a minister of the gospel should take part in government, but after going through your courses my eyes were opened and my world view changed. I returned to Nigeria and contested election into the State House of Assembly and won as a representative of Abak 11 State Constituency on the platform of the Social Democratic Party (SDP). I eventually became the Deputy Minority Leader of House and Chairman, House committee on Education, Youths and Sports.”

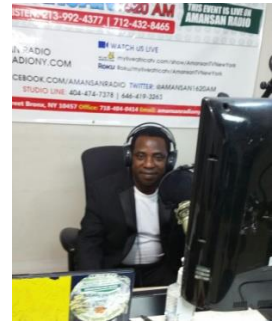


Dr. Obott and recent graduates of his seminary.

“I am currently the General Overseer of Redeemed World Outreach Ministry and Chancellor, Redeemed International Seminary of Nigeria. In our seminary, we teach your Biblical transformation principles as a course and through this have planted the seed of reformation throughout the nation. Since receiving your training I have taken active part in politics and equipped many others to do the same. Thank you for preparing me for this work.”

- Albert Mensah started a branch of the Providence Foundation

many years ago in the Western African nation of Ghana. He published some of our books and conducted many training seminars and conferences. He recently moved temporarily to New York City, and while there has continued to train others by teaching a regular program on radio regarding biblical worldview, drawing from ideas he learned from our books and courses.



PF representative Albert Mensah conducting his regular biblical worldview radio program in NYC.

## Changed Individuals

- Our books and training have impacted thousands of people in scores of countries. Not only are people’s worldview and civil action changed, but many are personally transformed as well. John O. from Nigeria wrote us last year:

“I am a Muslim and a student. Someone gave me your wonderful biblical booklet last year to read it. I was touched and realized that I am a lost sinner. I am in darkness. I need to become a Christian so that I can be saved. Then I prayed and right now I am convinced and converted to a living church where Bible is being preached. Sincerely I can now see the true light, which is Jesus, the Saviour of the world. I have received Him as my only Lord and Saviour, praise the Lord. I can now see my life changed and the Lord is so good to me. He has put a smile on my face and my name is now John.”

“I did not keep this testimonies within me but I passed it to my other Muslim friends, brothers, and sisters, telling them about the goodness and the saving grace of God. Sincerely 103 Muslim brothers and sisters have now been convinced and are now Christians; here goes their names.” He listed their names and then asked for help:

“We all need you wonderful help for our spiritual growth. We want you to teach us more things and we also want you to help us get Bibles. We sincerely don’t have Bibles to read God’s words. Your Biblical leaflet has led us all to Christ. Please help us for our spiritual need. We all are poor and don’t have money to buy.” He then asked if we could send Bibles and other materials to help them. We are currently following up on this request. If you wish to help, please mark “Bibles for Nigeria” on your gift to us.

## Book Sales

About 6000 copies of our new book *The Bible: America’s Source of Law and Liberty* were distributed in 2016 (many to legislators), and we sold many thousands of copies of our other books. *America’s Providential History* continues to be our most popular book. We sold over 13,000 copies this past year, making the total sales nearly 200,000 since it was first published. Joyce Meyer Ministries is our largest vendor, as Dave Meyer highlights this book at every one of their conferences. Kirk Cameron promoted APH after a special movie theater event he did in October, with 1200 folks buying copies at Amazon. In an earlier endorsement Kirk wrote:

“My family and I have been captivated by Stephen and Mark’s *America’s Providential History*. It is the best book I’ve read that shows God’s miraculous hand in American history. If you want your children and grandchildren to understand why America became the freest nation in all of history, then you need to read this awesome book. I highly recommend it.”

## Biblical Worldview University / On-Going Classes

Many people continue to take Biblical Worldview University classes. One goal we have for those who complete the training is for them to teach others. Three primary courses we encourage them to teach are:

### 1. Monumental: Restoring America as the Land of Liberty

Stephen and Kirk Cameron produced this as a follow-up to the film *Monumental*. One class leader wrote: “*Monumental: Restoring America* is an anointed work. It has blessed many at Bell Shoals Baptist Church. We had 25 attend our first Impact Class.” In November 2016, Stephen taught a seminar at Desert Springs Community Church in the Phoenix area as a follow-up to a class held earlier in the year.

### 2. God’s Blueprint for Life, Liberty, and Property: A Bible Study on the Ten Commandments

Thousands of individuals, groups, and churches have used this study. One woman said it was the best Bible study she had ever done. One man wrote, “This study of the Ten Commandments was a refreshing study of God’s Word. It is an important combatant in the war against lawlessness in America.”

3. *America’s Providential History* continues to be used as a textbook for classes in homes, churches, and schools.

## New Articles

We authored a number of new articles which were not only distributed through our network but via other publications as well. A couple of those include: “Why Men Commit Evil Acts;” “Why the Pilgrims Matter,” an AfaJournal Interview on the Pilgrims; Christ’s Incarnation and Divinity; Martin Luther and Reformation Day.



AfaJournal's interview of Stephen on the Pilgrims

## Website, Emailers and Facebook

In 2016 our website ([providencefoundation.com](http://providencefoundation.com)) had over 125,000 unique visitors who read articles, watched webinars, listened to podcasts, viewed Biblical Worldview University courses, ordered books, etc. We continue to add new materials making our website a virtual school. We reach tens of thousands of people each month via our bi-weekly email newsletter and almost daily Facebook posts.

## Presentations, Podcasts, and Radio Spots

- New Powerpoint presentations include: The Bible: America’s Source of Law and Liberty; Why Christians Should be Involved in Government; The Declaration of Independence; Biblical Education: The Means for Discipling Men and Nations
- Podcasts and Radio Spots: About 2 dozen podcasts are available on our website and via Itunes; about 15 one-minute Providential Perspective radio spots have been produced and regularly aired on AFR.

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Your support has enabled us to accomplish the above items and more. Thank you so much! Your continued support will help us spread Christian liberty and truth among the nations and train others to transform the culture for Christ.