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## **Pastors Call for Modern-day “Black Robed Regiment”**

*“If today’s church does not stand as our founding generation stood, we will not only lose our republic, but our liberties as well.”*

— Pastor Dan Fisher, founder of “Bringing Back the Black Robed Regiment”

Wake up, church, wake up! America is in decline, and the people are fighting for what is true and for what is right. Shepherds, it’s time to take responsibility and protect your flocks, as few have entered the battle to “fan the flames” of true revival and change.

So say Paul Blair and Dan Fisher, co-pastors of Fairview Baptist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, reminding us that “so goes the pulpit, so goes the church. Everything hinges on the church. The answers are never coming from Washington, D.C. The answers will come from the state and local levels.”

The dynamic duo has served in Christian ministry for decades, yet many people will know them not by their sermons but from their esteemed positions in public service and major-league sports.

Blair, the son of an Edmond, Oklahoma, preacher, was a rising NFL star who played for the Oklahoma State Cowboys and then the Chicago Bears. At age 26, he became “serious with God” upon reflection of his Christian life, which, up until that point, he felt he was living in name only. On a winter’s evening in February 1989, he fell on his knees and prayed, and ever since God has moved in his heart and he has “truly been a new creation in Jesus Christ.”

Fisher, a former two-term Oklahoma state legislator, delivered his first sermon as a teen and was a full-time pastor by age 23. In 2008, he founded what has become the renowned “Bringing Back the Black Robed Regiment” production, which traces the underreported story of the “Patriot Pastors” of the 18th century who preached the biblical principles of liberty and government from the pulpits and led the men of their congregations to defend those principles on the battlefields of the American War for Independence.

Together, Blair and Fisher form a powerful team driven by the nation’s history and filled with abundant hope for her future. Their depth of understanding of America’s past has helped them develop a ministry that engages all areas of society rather than compartmentalizing the Christian faith into separate areas of the “secular” and the “sacred.”

### **In Defense of Liberty and Truth**

In an interview with *The New American*, Blair explained that unlike the courageous “Patriot Pastors” of the American Revolution, who led the Colonists in breaking free from the stranglehold of Britain’s King George III to gain America her independence, many of today’s pastors are negligent in providing evangelism, discipleship, and protection for their people. Using their passion and imagination, Blair and Fisher have launched several ministries centered on themes of defending truth and freedom.



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**Consistency:** Pastors Paul Blair and Dan Fisher did not change a thing about the way they preached pre- or post-Covid, but were still villainized for speaking out.

Fisher, for example, travels all around the country performing his one-man Broadway-like act of “Bringing Back the Black Robed Regiment” in full period costume. Their nonprofit Liberty Pastors trains preachers to learn the biblical principles the “Patriot Pastors” knew and took for granted.

Invoking the writings of the late historian Alice Mary Baldwin, best remembered for her research of the influence of the New England clergy on the constitutional doctrines of the American Revolution, Liberty Pastors teaches how the early American preachers influenced the Colonists about politics via a comprehensive biblical worldview.

“The Puritans and the Pilgrims of New England recognized that God had information about everything,” exclaimed Blair. “God established the home, God established the church, God established this realm that we call civil government. We need to be looking to the Bible for proper instruction and limitations of the civil governing authority.”

## Running Toward, Not Away From, Real-world Issues

Changing the way pastors look at preaching is the primary mission of Liberty Pastors. Each year, the group holds a three-day conference that famously kicks off with a type of trick question for attendees, who are asked to reflect upon that area of their lives that Jesus is no longer ruling over.

The only aspects of life not permissible for the pulpit, explained Blair and Fisher, are those areas in which God does not play a role. But, since the Lord rules over *every* part of a believer’s life, no part of life is off-limits for the church.

Pastors wrestle with all the hot-button issues, and must be the salt and light in *all* areas of society, including politics and government. Consider how much the Bible has to say about economics and the



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role of civil government, and what to do when government becomes tyrannical, asserted the pastors.



**Stick to the basics:** All areas of a Christian’s life should adhere to biblical principles, preach Blair and Fisher. Unfortunately, many pastors today act like CEOs of large corporations rather than men called by God to speak the truth. (duckycards/Getty Images Plus)

Unlike megachurch leaders such as “America’s Pastor” Rick Warren, or Harvest Christian Fellowship’s Greg Laurie, Blair and Fisher have engaged the insidious culture battles that many influential pastors have chosen to ignore.

Liberty Pastors are uniquely trained to understand the evils of Marxism as well as the biblical foundations of a republican form of government and free-market economics. Liberty also teaches leaders how to expose the lies behind billion-dollar agencies such as Planned Parenthood and the Marxist Black Lives Matter (BLM) — which raked in millions of dollars in donations spent on high-end real estate for BLM founders instead of helping black communities.

## Censoring Christian Voices

Yet for challenging the status quo and for providing information through their podcast *Ridin’ the Storm Out* that dispelled the myths of the efficacy of the Covid-19 vaccine, Liberty Pastors was permanently banned from video platform Vimeo for “repeated violations” of “health misinformation and vaccine misinformation.”

In a letter informing the pastors of their termination from the platform, a Vimeo employee named Ryan from the Orwellian-sounding “Trust and Safety” department explained that owing to repeated violations, the group would not be allowed to re-register with Vimeo and would lose a significant portion of their paid subscription.

A member of Liberty Pastors staff told *The New American* that broadcasts of church sermons and podcast episodes are deleted so often from YouTube and Twitter that the church no longer posts on those sites. This means less traffic for the church, of course; but isn’t that the point, to cancel Christian voices so they are eventually not heard at all?

“Too many things were wrong with the COVID response and the shutdowns,” observed Blair, admitting that although he moved church services online for a brief time, he reopened his doors when he started



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investigating Covid and began addressing the issues with his congregation.



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“A lot of pastors are afraid because they’ve been taught to be afraid,” remarked Fisher. “They’ve been taught strict separation of church and state. They’ve been taught they’re going to lose their nonprofit status if they speak out, and that the IRS will come and close them down.”

Fisher feels that many pastors today are compromised and act more like CEOs of major, for-profit corporations rather than men called by God to speak the truth and bring people to know His Son Jesus Christ. “Paul and I have not changed a lot since before COVID. We’ve been doing the same thing for years,” said Fisher. “It’s just that COVID put a big spotlight on us and made us look more rebellious even though we’re not trying to be at all. We’re just trying to be faithful.”

Many pastors who refuse to engage in the culture wars do so because they are afforded the luxury of their God-given freedoms and the abundant blessings of American liberty. And while Christians today are censored by Big Government and Big Tech, they are hardly persecuted for their faith in the same way as the Christians of previous centuries.

## A Prayer for the American Church

Similarly, pastors of the 18th century performed their duties a bit differently than the pastors of today. For instance, they preached the “whole counsel of God,” explained Fisher, applying biblical principles to civil government, the church, and the family. Their message spread and had the power to change the culture, even as King George III tightened his grip on the Colonies.

“We want the people God has entrusted to us to have healthy homes, strong families. We want them to make good wages and to be able to provide for their families,” said Blair, who cannot believe the lies his church family has been told about masks and experimental “vaccines.”

“Pastors need to be savvy enough to protect their flocks,” he continued. “Hopefully those who have refused to evangelize, disciple, and shepherd will be out of the ministry soon, and only the pastors who are doing what God has called them to do will remain.”

Blair and Fisher believe their congregation desires to hear God’s perspective on cultural issues and that



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it is their job to provide the people with insight into what God has to say on any given subject, whether abortion or the LGBTQ agenda. They also believe that real change is possible and call on Christians to perform their civic duty and to be held accountable. They inspire active engagement in the defense of truth and liberty in the fight against modern-day tyranny.

“For years, the Left decried book censorship, yet now if anyone disagrees with anything they are in control of, they will censor those differing opinions,” said Fisher. “Of course, I don’t care about my opinion, this is what God says, this is God’s opinion. If you dare have an opinion different from the Left then all of a sudden freedom of speech, freedom of the press, none of those rights matter.”

To win this war — and it *is* a war — Christians, Jews, and (in general) traditionalists must do their duty as citizens and get out and vote and change America for the better. Consider the number of people who have lost their jobs, and that the battle has only increased in scope. People do not realize that vaccine mandates and lockdowns are an iteration of the next step, and that next step is going to be much worse. No longer can lives of believers be separated into the “secular” and the “sacred.” All areas of our lives must adhere to biblical principles, including politics and government.

“Lies fear the truth,” concluded Blair. “The only thing that can destroy lies is the truth. Anyone who cannot defend their position with facts, often wants to suppress or attack the facts from being presented. So, we continue to find other avenues to get our message out. There are plenty of free sources out there, and YouTube is not one of them. We need to weaponize where we spend our money. You never know who is going to cancel you next.”

To find “canceled” pastors fearlessly preaching against the tyrannical overreach of the state, visit [libertypastors.fairviewbaptistedmond.org](http://libertypastors.fairviewbaptistedmond.org).



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