

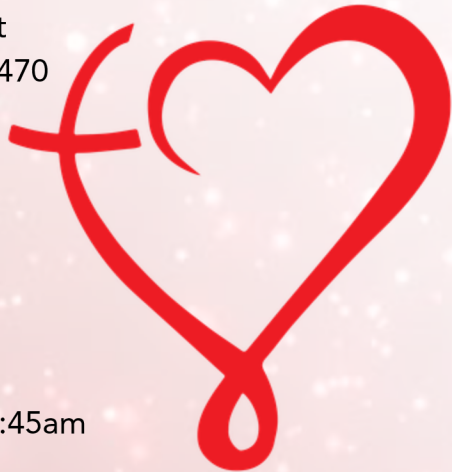
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HAPPY
4th of
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JULY SCHEDULE

15th D6 Park Night at Shallotte Park (5550 Main Street) 6-7:30pm

16th Bags of Hope Packing 10:30am
Take part in providing food to those in need by helping to pack bags of food.

18th Bags of Hope Distribution 10:30am
Take part in providing food to those in need by helping to distribute bags.

22nd Family Beach Worship at OIB Community Center 5:30-8pm
Pizza, worship music, and devotion

24th
-26th CentriKid Summer Camp for Grades 2nd - 5th

29th Family Outdoor Move Night: *David* 7-9pm
Watch David from your car, or big your chairs or blanket. Pizza, popcorn and drinks.

JULY SCHEDULE

1st Independence Day Family Cookout 6-8pm
Bring Your Grill and Food to Share

6th Office Closed

Youth & Fusion Pool Party at Rutledge 6-8pm

8th D6 Service Night at FBCS 6-8pm
Packing Blessing Bags for the Homeless

Donations Appreciated (Collection bins at both entrances):
• Fast Food Gift Cards \$5 /\$10 Pull Tab Canned Food Bottled Water Snacks

11th Cars & Coffee 8-10am

12th Quarterly Ministry Meeting 6pm

15th Youth & Fusion 6-7:30pm at FBCS

MARXISM, MAMDANI, AND AMERICA AT 250 YEARS

Who thought it would ever happen in America? In 2025 New York City elected Zohran Mamdani as mayor, a Muslim Marxist who is openly, and aggressively, implementing the ideals of Marxism in the world’s busiest financial hub.

Then, in June, Mamdani-backed socialists swept the primaries in New York City.

For 250 years the United States has stood for liberty and fought for freedom. But, based on the direction we are headed, the America the Founders gave us will likely no longer exist for our children and grandchildren.

America at 250 Years
We are the most prosperous nation in history, uniquely distinguished by the rights and privileges we protect for our citizens. Here, the government serves us. We do not serve the government.

Our Founders grounded our government in biblical truth that dovetailed with Enlightenment ideals. Where monarchies claimed that God had ordained kings to rule, the Founders declared that God had not ordained rights for only the upper class and the elites, but that God had created every human being and so endowed all people with individual, “inalienable” rights.

These rights, the Founders insisted, were enshrined in truths that were “self-evident” to all people. The government’s job, then, was to protect the rights that God had given the citizens and to provide for their safety, to advocate for their prosperity, to protect their liberty, and to ensure their equality under the law. Central to this form of government was the right and the privilege of the citizens to own property and to be responsible for their own well-being.

Our Constitutional Republic is based on a biblical worldview, but Marxism and socialism are born of evil, opposing, and destructive lies. The two worldviews and the governments they produce are incompatible. In other words, it is impossible for America to survive a Marxist revolution and still be the same America founded 250 years ago.

Oppressors or Oppressed
Karl Marx derived his ideology from the philosophy of Georg W. F. Hegel. It’s complicated, but the main idea is that two groups vie for power until one overcomes the other. Therefore, people are identified by their group identity, not by their humanity. And two groups dominate—the oppressors and the oppressed.



Marxists weaponize this ideology to justify violence against people who get in their way. The working class are the “oppressed” and must overcome the “oppressors.” Violence against the “oppressors” is not only condoned, it’s encouraged and required. The more Marxism grows in favor in America, the more violence will be allowed against anyone defined as an “oppressor” by the ruling class of Marxists.

But our Founders intended that all people would be equal under the law, treated as human beings and united by our citizenship and by our identity as Americans. Dividing us by class doesn’t create a stronger America. It erodes the foundation of the nation.

Justifying Greed and Theft
Not surprisingly, Marxists favor socialism over capitalism. By demonizing wealthy capitalists, Marxists can justify the seizure of assets and the theft of vast sums of wealth. That’s why, in socialist countries, the dictators are wealthy and everyone else lives in poverty.

Socialism is anti-biblical and incompatible with American ideals. It inflames greed and envy and legalizes the theft of private property. To lose personal property rights is to lose liberty.

Historian John Wilsey writes that, according to the Founders, “Property was necessary to liberty.” Our Founders believed that, “No person, not even the king, could deprive a person of his property without his consent.”

But that is precisely what socialism does. Socialism is never virtuous or benevolent. It is envious, evil, greedy, and malicious.

And it is anti-Christian.



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...CONTINUED MARXISM, MAMDANI, AND AMERICA AT 250 YEARS

Anti-Christian
In every country where Marxists and socialists have taken control, Christians have suffered.

Christians teach that people are all created in God’s image. We advocate for free will, personal responsibility, liberty, and the character traits of Christ, such as honesty, truth, integrity, sacrificial love, and generosity. All of these traits conflict with Marxism and socialism. Marxism cannot tolerate any such ideals that foster freedom and cultivate individuality.

I don’t know what is in store for New York City, but I know that the more Americans embrace Marxism and socialism the more we will accelerate the collapse of our nation.

If Jesus doesn’t come back, will America make it another 250 years? Not if socialists and Marxists have their way.

Don’t be fooled by his smile. Mamdani knows what he is doing.

One more thing
In July, 1995, I walked down stone steps with my interpreter into a sullen, colorless subway tunnel in steamy Ukraine. While I was there to teach in a pastors’ conference, we had a brief break one afternoon. My interpreter graciously acted as my tour guide for my one precious outing in the city.

But we were not in the tunnel to catch a train. He led me into the bowels of Kiev to see a relic left over from the days when Communism cast its angry shadow over the city.

Only four years earlier, Ukraine had declared its independence from the former Soviet Union. Every Communist and Marxist memorial had been purged from the city streets above, like freedom had swept through and cleaned house.

But not here. Not below the streets. Etched into the marble walls of the subway tunnel was a massive, intrusive relief of Vladimir Lenin, the Marxist monster who engineered the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of people during the Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

As far as I know, to this day, every traveler who catches a train in that station still passes underneath the watchful eye of the architect of one of history’s most evil and destructive empires. Ukrainians will never forget the horrors of Communism, the cruelty of Marxism, and the poverty of socialism.

No, they won’t forget. But we sure have.

In Him,
Pastor Bob

