

June 13, 2011

First Lady Maureen McDonnell,

First of all I wanted to thank you for your vision and support of our military families, it is very refreshing to have leadership embrace such a worthwhile cause and make such a difference. I am very sorry that I was unable to personally greet you, I am in Phoenix at a convention, however, please accept my appreciation of your presence, as I know your schedule can be overtaxing and demanding.

I wanted to introduce you to a vision of mine that should be close to your heart and in line with your passion for our great country. On behalf of the congregation of CommUNITY Church, in light of the current downward moral trajectory which our country has been spinning, I believe it is time for the Christian majority in this Democracy to overwhelmingly silence the godless minority in this Democracy that says we, as a people, no longer care about: ethics, morals or God, by letting them know that we do once again care about: ethics, morals and God. Further, I believe our country is sick. America is sick because of: corrupt leadership, immoral living, fiscal irresponsibility, both in business and government, lopsided priorities, selfish agendas and ultimately, a general turning away from God.

As a veteran of fourteen years, a Father to a son serving in the 101st Airborne Division on his third tour in the Middle East, a family man (married 20 years with four children) and a community leader, in spite of the state of our country, I still believe two truths: we still live in the greatest country in the world, and there is still hope.

The Bible says *"If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin and **heal their land**"* II Chron. 7:14. This brings me to my request. Our congregation is nearly poised to launch an effort to bring God's people to collectively fast and pray for our country. We are on the verge of launching a web site: www.restoreusatoday.com, advertising, using social networking, and other mediums to spread the word and garner support for a day of fasting and prayer in Virginia. This holistic marketing mix will involve a petition to our Governor to proclaim November 4th 2012, as a Day of Fasting and Prayer.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side...". First lady, I beg you to support this endeavor of ours to harness the humility and power of God's people through fasting and prayer that we may once again be that great nation "under God" and live to see our country restored to the blessed by God nation we all love and miss.

Thank you for your audience. Thank you for taking the time to come to our church in support of the Military Family Support Center. Thank you for being a woman of faith. And, thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of our request and support of our endeavor.

May our God continue to provide you wisdom, discernment, direction and strength as you serve Him by serving and leading the citizens of Virginia.

Sincerely,

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