

## Christian War Fever

Chuck Baldwin was a presidential candidate in 2008, perhaps you voted for him? We welcome his explanation of why many of our church have and continue to support Washington initiated serial wars in the Middle East. Baldwin explains, from his background of a Christian pastor, why war is an affront to Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker. We hope you will forward it to your pastor and your Christ Follower friends, as we are doing.- Editor CEC

**Baldwin:**"The United States and its coalition allies have killed tens of thousands (a very conservative number) of innocent men, women, and children in its so-called war on terror. The doctrine of American hegemony (not to mention the globalist/Zionist doctrine of 'Greater Israel?') has turned the Middle East into a giant killing field. Through perpetual bombings, drone attacks, missile attacks, etc., President Trump has killed more innocent civilians in the first five months of his presidency than ISIS, al-Qaeda, al-Nusra, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Iran, Syria, Russia, China, and North Korea combined. And that fact does not take into account the billions of dollars in U.S. weapons sales to terrorist states such as Saudi Arabia and Turkey that account for thousands of additional deaths. Barack Obama and G.W. Bush did the same thing, of course. Trump is merely carrying on the same international crimes of empire as did the two presidents that preceded him."

**And here is Chuck Baldwin's conclusion:** "The spirit of war will never be extinguished from our country until it is first extinguished from our churches. A sizeable percentage of all of the evangelical/fundamentalist churches in America today are splits and splinters off of other churches. Christians will fight at the drop of hat. They will split a church at the drop of a hat. They are filled with the spirit of war.

But Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' (Matthew 5:9) As long as God's people continue to abandon the spirit of peace and embrace the spirit of war, we will never be able to sing 'God Bless America' without abject hypocrisy, knowing that God will never bless those who are not peacemakers."

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