

Kansas Baptist Convention Foundation

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On October 28, we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty (Liberty Enlightening the World). The 151 foot statue, a gift to the United States from the people of France, is of a robed female figure representing Libertas, the Roman goddess of freedom, and bears a torch in her 42 foot right arm and a tabula ansata (a tablet evoking the law) upon which is inscribed the date of the American Declaration of Independence — July 4, 1776, in her left hand. A broken chain, half-hidden by her robes, lies at her feet. The land on which she stands is owned by the United States government — thus, it is common to all the states.

The sculptor, Fredrick Auguste Bartholdi, wanted to give the statue a peaceful appearance and chose a torch, representing progress, for the figure to bear. He used a diadem, or crown, to top its head. The seven rays form a halo or aureole. They evoke the sun, the seven seas and the seven continents, and represent another means, besides the torch, whereby Liberty enlightens the world. The face was modeled after that of Charlotte Beysser Bartholdi, the sculptor's mother.

The French financed and built the 151 foot 1 inch statue and the Americans paid for and built the 154 foot foundation and pedestal. The first sight of this national landmark has been exhilarating for millions of immigrants and visitors to our country.

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ died on a cross, the symbol of our Christian freedom today. He reminded us that to see Him was to see God Himself. At the time the Statue of Liberty was built, America was recognized as a Christian nation and over 80% attended church at least twice a month and usually weekly or more. Today, less than 18% of Americans attend church at least twice a month; and the younger ones who do, have not been taught to tithe. It's no wonder our ministries seem to be failing!

Wouldn't you like to assure that ministry can continue into the future for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren?? Let me show you how!

There is no cost or obligation for my services:

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