



ARISE! MINISTRIES

Mount Up On Wings - Isaiah 40:31

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The Millimeter Miracle

"For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war:

and in multitude of counsellors there is safety." -- Proverbs 24:6

On Saturday, July 13, a 20 year old man fired several rounds at former President Donald Trump. One of the bullets hit him, clipping his right ear. Providentially, Trump had just turned his head to look at the screen behind him. Had he not done so, the bullet would have hit him squarely on his head, most likely killing him instantly.

This is being called, **"The Millimeter Miracle."**

On Sunday, the day after the assassination attempt, the former and possibly future president posted on Truth Social.

"Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers yesterday, as it was God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening. We will FEAR NOT, but instead remain resilient in our Faith and Defiant in the face of Wickedness. Our love goes out to the other victims and their families. We pray for the recovery of those who were wounded, and hold in our hearts the memory of the citizen who was so horribly killed. In this moment, it is more important than ever that we stand United, and show our True Character as Americans, remaining Strong and Determined, and not allowing Evil to Win. I truly love our Country, and love you all, and look forward to speaking to our Great Nation this week from Wisconsin."

The former president shared the "very surreal experience" that nearly ended his life during an interview aboard his private plane enroute to the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, "The doctor at the hospital said he never saw anything like this, he called it a miracle."



He also said, "I am supposed to be dead" and then repeated, "I am supposed to be dead."

No, Mr. President, you are supposed to be alive! God planned it so.

The Word of God reminds us in **Acts 17:28** "For in him we live, and move, and have our being..." God has a purpose for sparing your life.

During an interview Monday on NBC's "TODAY" show, Trump campaign senior adviser, Jason Miller, said the former president "feels very fortunate" to be alive.

"And as he said, it's only by the grace of God that he's even still with us. It's miraculous that President Trump turned his head just that slight amount at the right moment to avoid the bullet," Miller said. "And the message that President Trump is coming out with after this is very simple: We have to unite America. We have to unite the country."

Asked by host Savannah Guthrie on the "TODAY" show if he expects a different tone from Trump going forward, Miller pointed to Trump's [post](#) on his social media site Truth Social on Sunday urging the need to be "resilient in our faith and defiant in the face of wickedness." He added, "The disunity and the unrest that's happening at the national level just simply isn't good for the country. It cannot persist. We have to come together in this moment."

President Joe Biden called on Americans to "lower the temperature" of political rhetoric in an address from the Oval Office on Sunday night, asking for more respectful discourse and civility in the wake of the

assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump.

“Disagreement is inevitable in American democracy,” Biden said, “but politics should never devolve into a ‘killing field.’”

“While we may disagree, we are not enemies,” Biden said in remarks that lasted about six minutes. “We’re neighbors, we’re friends, co-workers, citizens, and most importantly, we are fellow Americans. We must stand together.”

Let’s pray that they remember that!

EAGLE’S EYE ON THE NATION

“Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.” – Prov. 11:14

The Republican National Convention

The Republican National Convention was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin last week. They nominated Donald Trump as their candidate for the presidency and J.D. Vance as his running mate. Vance is a prodigy, an intelligent and young VP nominee who, according to political pundit Ben Shapiro, is an audacious pick as opposed to a politically strategic one.



Vance, a 39-year-old Marine veteran and Yale Law graduate from working-class Appalachia, is the first millennial to run on a major party ticket. Author of bestselling memoir *Hillbilly Elegy*, Vance worked in tech and finance before entering the Senate in 2023. In 2016, he was an outspoken “never Trumper” but says he realized their policies aligned despite “stylistic” differences.

The delegates also adopted a 20-point platform – “America First: A Call to Return to Common Sense.” They state that “America is in serious decline” and called for a return to the principles that made our nation great.

“When America is united, confident, and committed to our principles, it will never fail.

Today and together, with Love for our Country, Faith in our People, and Trust in God’s Good Grace, we will Make America Great Again!”

You can read the RNC Platform by clicking on:

[GOP’s 20-point policy platform](#)

The Democrat National Convention

The Democrat National Convention is scheduled for August 19-22 in Chicago, Illinois. They will also nominate a candidate for the presidency and his/her running mate. They will also adopt a party platform.

I will compare the two platforms next month.

BIDEN DROPS OUT

In a political earthquake, [President Joe Biden announced Sunday](#) he is ending his bid for a second term and endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee.

Will anyone challenge her for the nomination? As they used to say on the radio, “Stay tuned.”

EAGLE’S EYE ON NEW YORK

“The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.” -- Nahum 1:3

Severe storms and several tornadoes ravaged New York State last week, leaving a trail of destruction and killing at least one person, with hundreds of thousands of energy connections lost to downed power lines.

Governor Kathy Hochul declared a [state of emergency](#) across the state Tuesday. She said central New York, Mohawk Valley and the Southern Tier had been hardest hit. She spoke with both the mayor of Rome, Jeffrey Lanigan, and Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. Lanigan said at a news conference: “It looks like a war zone.” Rome suffered the most damage, since a tornado roared straight down the main street of the city.

As far as I know, no Independent Baptist Churches were damaged, including Friendship Baptist Church in Rome.

LIBERAL LOGIC???

“That building in particular has a sloped roof at its highest point. And so, you know, there’s a safety factor that would be considered there that we wouldn’t want to put somebody up on a sloped roof. And so, you know, the decision was made to secure the building, from inside.”

-- Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle

MINISTRY REPORT

July 14-20

I preached at Lynwood Baptist Church in Hadley, NY on Sunday, July 14. Pastor & Mrs. Stephen Carpenter are good friends, and it was a blessing to be with him.

On the weekend, my wife and I celebrated one of our grandson’s graduation at his open house, and enjoyed hearing our son, Kevin Stiles, preach at his new church.

TOM STILES SPEAKING

July 28 Victory Baptist Church, Fredonia, NY
August 4 Faith Bible Church, Montgomery, NY
August 11 Cornerstone Baptist Church, Perrysburg, NY
August 18 First Baptist Church, Johnstown, NY