

## **America would decline with four more years of Obama**

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It was almost exactly four years ago that I was at a dinner being held at Immanuel Baptist Church on the evening of the elections. We had gathered there to kick off the program to construct its new sanctuary building, when, as I recall, around 8 p.m. it was announced that McCain had conceded the election.

The collective groan in the room was not so much heard as it was felt; none of us knew how bad things would get, but we all knew that our country was in for some serious problems.

Obama was elected in part because of the ignorance of the voters about his records and his beliefs. Less than a month before the election, even John McCain was admonishing crowds for fearing an Obama presidency. It was then that I realized he was not going to fight to win the election - in fact, he was already conceding.

I am thankful that Mitt Romney is fighting to win, and I believe that he will. It is hard to imagine what this country would become in another four years under Obama.

Even so, Obama will still have over two months in which to do more damage to this country before his term ends. Taxmageddon, sequestration and Obamacare still pose a serious threat to our economy, and Romney will face a formidable challenge to stop them if we do not see conservatives making strong gains in the House and Senate.

Still, I believe that Romney will be able to defeat these things, and in so doing it will bring about a building boom and a real boost to our economy. How big the boom will be will depend on how quickly Obamacare can be repealed and how quickly the Bush tax cuts (and hopefully more) can be renewed.

Each Sunday I look in the business section of the Tulsa World at the commercial building permits that have been issued the previous week. (I should say parenthetically that I do not read or subscribe to the Tulsa World, and haven't for years.) What I look for are large projects, the projects that are in the millions of dollars. There have been very few large projects over the past four years. Most seem to be smaller additions or remodels, with an occasional large project. That's not healthy for our economy.

Many of the large projects have been schools or other government owned projects, paid for out of "stimulus" money, which you can see if you have access to plan rooms.

Plan rooms are places where projects are posted so that contractors and subcontractors can find out about them and bid for work. Occasionally I get a call from one plan room in particular, asking me if I have any projects that they can list. Last year I was told that if it were not for school projects, they would have none to list.

Before Obama was elected, we worried about the price of steel. Some metal building companies would not hold their quotes for more than a week or even a few days because construction activity was intense and the price of steel was accelerating so quickly. Since Obama was elected, I can't recall ever hearing a complaint about the price of steel; what I have heard about are layoffs.

I think back to what has been happening to our churches and to Christians that we did not hear about before Obama became President. Persecution of Christians is on the rise in this country in a way that has never been seen in our history. Christians are being arrested on the streets for sharing the Gospel, and at least one pastor has been jailed for holding Bible studies in his home.

Churches are under serious assault by municipalities that need church properties taken off tax rolls, a result of a bad economy, liberal regulations, and wasteful spending. If something is not done, eventually churches will have nowhere to go as they are excluded from city "visions".

About a month ago I saw Dinesh D'Souza's 2016 documentary. It was disturbing to see him explain how far removed Obama is from traditional American thinking. It was disturbing to realize that Obama sees the economy as a world economy, and that the entire United States is the 1 percent who should share their wealth with the 99 percent. It was even more disturbing to see his ties to Islam and to the weakening of our armed services.

I'm going to be optimistic and say that when Romney wins, much of the dangerous nonsense that Obama has brought upon us will stop. But even so, there will be much work for all of us to do. The damage Obama has done to this country is not just in its laws and regulations, but in its culture. We will need to revive the American spirit that has been beaten down over the past four years.

None of it can happen unless we vote. Please don't fail to vote, and please vote for Romney.

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