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# AMERICA ATTACKED



**O**N TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, our country suffered a number of brutal attacks by a foreign enemy.

The first occurred at 8:45 a.m. A Boeing 767 aircraft carrying 92 people crashed into Tower One of the World Trade Center in New York City. The plane exploded on impact.

The second attack came at 9:03 a.m. Another Boeing 767 aircraft, this time carrying 65 people, crashed into Tower Two of the World Trade Center, also exploding on impact.

The third came at 9:45 a.m. A Boeing 757 aircraft carrying 64 people crashed into the west side of the U.S. National Defense Building, also known as the Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia. It caused three of the five separate "rings" of the Pentagon to collapse.

At 10:00 a.m., a fourth Boeing jet plane, another 757 model carrying 45 people, crashed into a field southeast of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was apparently heading for another prominent American landmark.

At the same time the fourth plane was going down, the situation became worse in New York. Tower Two of the World Trade Center collapsed nearly to the ground after suffering a number of explosions and an intense fire. At 10:29 a.m., Tower One also collapsed.

Upon hearing of these events, the world went into shock and then panic. For the first time in many years, America had been directly attacked in a warlike manner. The skyline of New York was greatly changed. Many people,

including military personnel at the Pentagon and civilians and uniformed officers in New York, were feared to be dead. Americans wondered if more attacks were coming.

To ensure that none were, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered all commercial airplanes out of the air Tuesday. (They were allowed to fly again on a very limited basis starting 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, the 13th.) There have been a number of bomb threats and the like across the country, but no major violence has occurred since Tuesday.

In subsequent hours, another large building, Seven World Trade Center, collapsed, and other buildings began to flake walls and windows. By that time, these buildings had been evacuated. This wasn't the case with the towers, though, because security guards apparently told the people to stay in the buildings during the attack. The people that went against these orders are among the ones that lived.

As soon as the first airplane hit Tower One of the World Trade Center, police officers and firefighters came rushing to the scene. They were assessing the damage and helping injured people when, just a few minutes later, the second plane came. Then, soon after that, the buildings collapsed. Because of this, the lives of many of New York's bravest and finest are feared to be lost, as they were buried under rubble. It is a sad truth that many

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*Oh, God,*  
**Hear the cries of  
Your people,**  
*Oh, God,*  
**As we call out  
Your name,**  
*Oh, God,*  
**Come pour out  
Your mercy**  
*As we pray,*  
*as we pray.*  
**We've been called to  
be a people of prayer,  
Of fervent petition,  
compassion, and care;  
We desire to meet  
this call to share  
The light of Your glory,  
Your mighty deliverance,  
The power of Your  
passion for people  
everywhere.**

From The Branch of Faith Church Songbook

# KEY TO NUMBERS ON MAP

The numbers on the map at right correspond to the structures listed below.

An enlarged version of this map is available to readers for free. Send a request to: The Christian Kid Monthly Newsletter, 10 Oak Hills Drive, Rocky Point, NY 11778.

## WORLD TRADE CENTER

- 1. One World Trade Center (DESTROYED)**  
Tower One of the World Trade Center. It was built 1966-1972. It had 110 stories and was 1,368 feet tall, without the antenna on top. Collapsed 10:29 a.m. on Sept. 11.
- 2. Two World Trade Center (DESTROYED)**  
Tower Two of the World Trade Center. It was built 1966-1973. It had 110 stories and was 1,362 feet tall. Collapsed 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 11.
- 3. Three World Trade Center (DESTROYED)**  
The Marriott World Trade Center Hotel, formerly the International Vista Hotel. Destroyed when towers collapsed.
- 4. Four World Trade Center (BADLY DAMAGED)**  
The Southeast Plaza Building. It housed the New York Commodities Exchange.
- 5. Five World Trade Center (DESTROYED)**  
The Northeast Plaza Building. Collapsed 5:31 p.m. on Sept. 12.
- 6. Six World Trade Center (BADLY DAMAGED)**  
The new U.S. Custom House, relocated from near Battery Park in the early 1970s.
- 7. Seven World Trade Center (DESTROYED)**  
The Tishman Center. It housed Secret Service and Internal Revenue Service offices, as well as the mayor's new emergency management headquarters, among other things. It was built in 1987. It was 570 feet high and had 43 stories. Collapsed 5:25 p.m. on Sept. 11.

## WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

- 8. One World Financial Center (STANDING)**  
Oppenheimer & Co. Building. Also houses Dow Jones. Built in 1986. It is 577 feet high and has 37 stories.
- 9. Two World Financial Center (BADLY DAMAGED)**  
Merrill Lynch Building. Other address: 225 Liberty Street. It was built in 1986. It is 645 feet tall and has 44 stories.
- 10. Three World Financial Center (BADLY DAMAGED)**  
American Express Building. Also houses Lehman Brothers. Other address: 200 Vesey Street. It was built in 1986. It is 739 feet tall and has 51 stories.
- 11. Four World Financial Center (STANDING)**  
Merrill Lynch Building, formerly Dow Jones. It was built in 1988. It is 500 feet tall and has 34 stories.
- 13. Winter Garden (DAMAGED)**  
An all-glass building which features gardens and rare plants inside. It is 120 feet tall.
- 15. North & South Gatehouses (DAMAGED)**

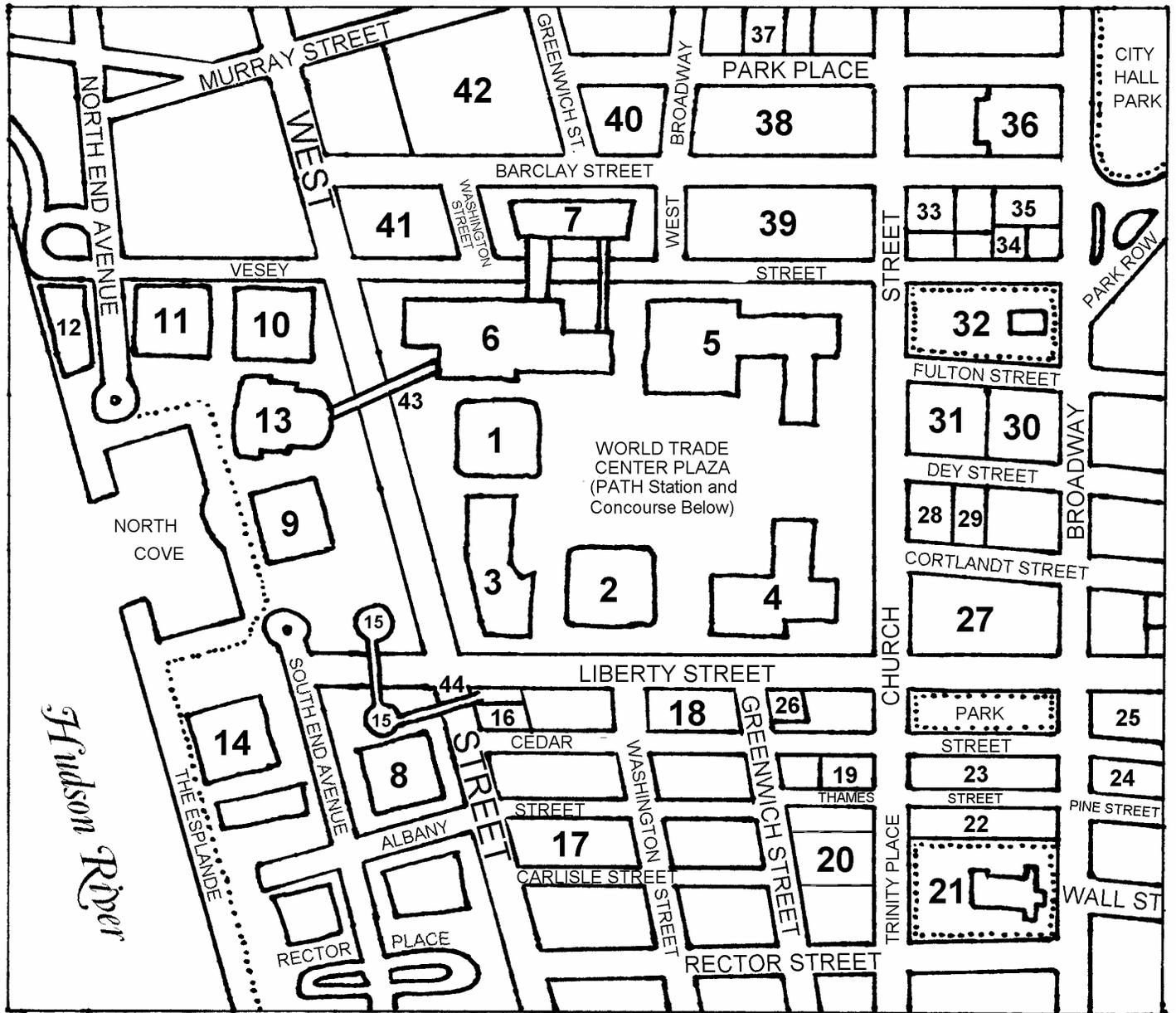
## OTHER BUILDINGS

- 12. New York Commodities Exchange (STANDING)**
- 14. Gateway Plaza (SOME BUILDINGS DAMAGED)**  
A grouping of tall buildings housing offices and residences. Number 400 badly damaged.
- 16. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (DAMAGED)**
- 17. N.Y. Marriott Financial Center Hotel (STANDING)**  
Address: 85 West Street.
- 18. One Bankers Trust Plaza (DAMAGED)**  
Bankers Trust Building. Other address: 150 Liberty Street. It was built in 1974. It is 565 feet tall and has 40 stories.
- 19. New York University Graduate School (STANDING)**  
Address: 112 Cedar Street.
- 20. American Stock Exchange (STANDING)**  
Address: 80 Trinity Place.
- 21. Trinity Church and Cemetery (STANDING)**  
This historic church was built in 1846. The steeple is 280 feet high. (See the June issue of TCKM.)

- 22. Trinity Building (STANDING)**  
Address: 111 Broadway. It was built in 1906.
- 23. U.S. Realty Building (STANDING)**  
Address: 115 Broadway. Like its neighbor, it was built in 1906.
- 24. Equitable Building (STANDING)**  
Address: 120 Broadway. It was built in 1915 and houses the Equitable Life Assurance Co. It is 545 feet high and has 36 stories.
- 25. HSBC Building (STANDING)**  
Address: 140 Broadway. It was built for Marine Midland Bank in 1966. It is 688 feet high and has 52 stories.
- 26. Firehouse (DAMAGED)**
- 27. One Liberty Plaza (BADLY DAMAGED)**  
Other address: 165 Broadway. Merrill Lynch has offices here. It was built in 1973 on the site of the old Singer Building. It is 743 feet high and has 54 stories. It is the 21st tallest structure in NYC. It threatens to collapse at any time.
- 28. East River Savings Bank (DAMAGED)**  
Address: 20 Cortlandt Street. Historic building built in the art deco style of the 1930s.
- 29. Century 21 Department Store (DAMAGED)**  
Address: 22 Cortlandt Street. Located in the old Wall Street Journal Building. Part of a chain of stores that has one City location and one Island location in Hicksville.
- 30. Old AT&T Building (STANDING)**  
Current tenant: H.J. Kalikow Co. It was built in 1917.
- 31. Millenium Hilton Hotel (BADLY DAMAGED)**  
Address: 55 Church Street. It was built in 1992. It is 588 feet high and has 58 stories.
- 32. St. Paul's Chapel and Cemetery (DAMAGED)**  
This is the oldest building in Manhattan, built in 1766. The churchyard joins up to Church Street directly across from 5 WTC, and it has been covered with debris. Some graves date back to the 1700s.
- 33. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church (STANDING)**
- 34. N.Y. Lawyer's Association (STANDING)**
- 35. Transportation Building (STANDING)**  
It was built in 1928. It is 546 feet high and has 44 stories.
- 36. Woolworth Building (STANDING)**  
Address: 233 Broadway. The Woolworth Corporation, now called Foot Locker Corporation, is headquartered here. The building was built in 1913. It is 792 feet high and has 57 stories.
- 37. Consolidated Edison Substation**  
ConEd is reporting that two of their power substations are damaged and not functioning. It is not known if this is one of those.
- 38. 100 Church Street (STANDING)**  
Former CNA Insurance Building.
- 39. Federal Office Building (DAMAGED)**  
Address: 90 Church Street. This is also the home of the Church Street Station of the Post Office.
- 40. 30 West Broadway (DAMAGED)**
- 41. Verizon Telephone Building (BADLY DAMAGED)**  
Address: 139 West Street. A new building which houses offices and, in the basement levels, the switching offices for the local exchange. These offices are now flooded with oil and water. Over 20,000 telephone lines went through the building and are now out of service.
- 42. The Bank of N.Y. Building (STANDING)**  
Address: 224 Greenwich Street. Formerly the Irving Trust Building.
- 43. North Bridge (NEARING COLLAPSE)**
- 44. South Bridge (DAMAGED)**

# TCKM Exclusive Map

from the cartography office of J. Macellaro  
THE EDITOR



I have created this map just for TCKM readers. In no other media will you find a graphic such as this, for it has been created from scratch using a variety of authoritative sources. The map above shows an area of Manhattan in New York City approximately two thirds of a mile high by one half of a mile wide. One inch equals approximately 445 feet.

The map details the streets and buildings in the area most affected by the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. The numbers on the map correspond to the numbers in the key on page 2. The key also gives information on the status of each structure.

Please note the following items: The area west of West Street is known as Battery Park City. The World Financial Center is located here. The 1 and 9 lines of the subway normally stop at Rector and Greenwich streets and at Four World Trade Center. The N and R lines stop at Rector Street and Trinity Place, and at Cortlandt and Church streets. In addition, other subway lines service Broadway. Underground PATH trains, run by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, usually stop at the World Trade Center. Most unmarked buildings are either residences or smaller office buildings. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this map, but there may be some errors because of recent moves by some tenants.

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...”  
-Psalm 23:4a

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innocent people, at the Pentagon, in New York City, and in Pennsylvania, have lost their lives.

What you have to know is that you are safe. The federal government is making sure our country is very secure. We have to go about our lives and do what we would normally do. We can do some added things, though, such as pray for everyone involved and encourage our families to donate money supplies to organizations such as the Red Cross or Salvation Army. Every little bit will help the courageous rescue workers who are sifting through the rubble day and night. And your prayers can save many and help our country and the world recover from this attack.

Why did this happen? you may ask. As the Rev. Billy Graham said at a

prayer service at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Friday, it is a mystery. All we know is that the devil influenced the actions of the attackers, and an opening was left for those planes to come in—America needs God. Also mentioned by Rev. Graham was the fact that America needs a revival. This revival is coming, slowly but surely. We are a God-fearing country, but many have gone astray.

So thank the Lord for His mercy. He will comfort everyone that needs it. Our nation is strong and mighty. We will conquer our enemies and rebuild what was lost. Years from now, we will cringe when the date September 11, 2001, is mentioned, but our country is swelling over today with a pride and togetherness like never before, and it will for quite some time.

**MUCH MORE IN  
THE OCT. ISSUE  
WRITE TO US  
WITH YOUR WORK**  
**FROM THE EDITOR**

My mother and I left home this morning at about 8:45. Normally I would stay at home and do my school work, but today we were going out to Nassau County to post legal notices. This is a job that my mom and I have been doing for a few years now.

It was a day like any other. Before heading west, we stopped at my sister's house to pick up my two nieces. They were tagging along so they didn't have to go to the doctor for their brothers' appointments. At about this time, something terrible—something so horrific that only one incident in American history can compare—was happening. And we had no idea.

We traveled west on Sunrise Highway to North Lindenhurst, where we had our first posting of the day. We parked in the lot in front of the stately Babylon town hall. There was a man with all his car windows open blasting the stereo.

“If you're in any of the buildings in Battery Park City, evacuate the area immediately,” read the radio announcer. That's all I heard before we walked through the town hall's doors. It was about 9:45. I was going to say something to my mom. I had a nagging feeling that something was wrong. I assured myself that it was just one of those crazy morning radio programs from the City that just plays jokes. Then, coming out of the building, we passed the car again. I heard another announcer, this time having a fit about an airplane. “Is it ours? What kind of plane was it?” I heard her say.

The person's way of speaking had somehow convinced me it must be a hoax, and I completely forgot about it until lunch.

“You know, Mom, there was a guy with his car doors open playing the radio at the Babylon town hall before, and they were talking about evacuating Battery Park City, and all this stuff. It must have been one of those shows.”

“Yeah, guess so,” my mom replied, and we went on enjoying our KFC chicken in Mineola (which is in central Nassau). We didn't notice anything out of the ordinary, except for that quite a handful of emergency vehicles had raced past our window while we were eating.

After lunch, we went on our merry way, oblivious of the things that were happening in the world around us. We were joking around in the car, having fun. In Mineola, at the intersection of Roslyn and Old Country roads, there is a large “monument,” if you will, made up of numbers 8 or 9 feet high—'76. The numbers were installed there on the green in 1976 for America's Bicentennial. The concrete base the metal letters stand on says something about the Spirit of '76. I see this sight all the time, but my niece hadn't.

“What's the purpose of that, a big 7 and 6?” she remarked.

“It's for the Spirit of '76,” I replied. “It's the spirit of freedom.” And I went on to tell about how America turned 200 years old in 1976, and how everyone was very proud of it. We figured out how old we would each be for the Tricentennial (some would prefer “Tercentennial”), if the Lord tarries. I will be 91 years old. (I just missed the last celebration.)

As we got nearer to home, I noticed that every flag was at half-staff. I wondered why.

“I wonder who died,” I said somewhat jokingly. But we've seen the flags at half-staff before and never found out why. Again, I brushed it off.

Mom had to bring the girls home and I had some of my job to do (I work for a newspaper out of the house), so she dropped me off at our house.

“It's just me!” I said happily to my dad as he walked down the stairs.

“So I guess you've heard about the tragedy,” he said.

A fear gripped me. What could be so bad my father would call it a tragedy? I remembered back to the radio broadcast.

“You didn't hear? The World Trade towers are gone—leveled—and they got the Pentagon, too.”

The whole story unfolded before me, from Dad, the TV, the radio. It was like a dream. I kept wondering if it was. How could this happen? I had thought many a time about another war starting. But then I thought, How could we get involved in a

war? Who would ever pick a fight with the U.S., knowing how powerful we are? But somebody has. The second and third tallest buildings in the United States are gone. Hundreds of people are presumed dead. The record books will have to be rewritten. People are saying that this day will be remembered like the day Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, or the day Lincoln or Kennedy was shot. We'll all remember exactly what we were doing that day when tragedy struck. (My writing this down will make it doubly hard for me to forget!)

But the Spirit of '76, the spirit of freedom in America, will never fade. We've gotten through tough times before. Enemy attacks, assassinations, wars, economic depressions—they all made America stronger in the end. Patriotism is high. Fly your flags high! Remain undaunted by these attacks. Our country is a strong one, a nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*Joey Macellaro, September 11, 2001, 8:20 p.m.*



A now-out-of-date graphic shows the towers at left.

**Local Radio  
Stations Help L.I.**

Sure, watching TV at a time like this is informative, but some local radio stations have gone “beyond their call of duty” to provide help for confused Long Islanders. WBLI 106.1 FM and WBAB 102.3 FM have handled the situation especially well, taking calls and talking with people on-air continuously since Tuesday. The DJs at these stations and others have worked many extra hours to service the needs of our area.

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**Fly Your Flags High!**

The people that attacked us did so in order to tear us apart as a nation. They wanted to plunge us into mourning.

But they didn't succeed! We're ready to defend our freedom, and our national pride is stronger than ever. So put your flag out in the front yard, wear your reds, whites, and blues, and turn to good what the enemy meant for bad!

**“Pray without Ceasing...”**

**For the families of the dead and injured, the rescuers, our government and leaders, and the nation as a whole.**