

Christian Coalition of Pinellas County Newsletter

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+++ Christian Coalition To meet at Northside Christian +++

+++ OUR APRIL 5TH MEETING WILL BE AT NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL +++

7777 62nd Ave. North.. Easy to find; Starkey Road south from Panera Bread, cross Park Blvd. and continue south 2 Traffic lights more to 62nd Ave. North. Turn left one mile on left is Northside Christian. Go to the left side of the left side building, follow signs.

(Keene Road. (Clearwater, Starkey Road Largo/Seminole, Park Street, St. Pete, same road)

Meetings to begin promptly at 10:00a.m., First Saturday of each month

There will be coffee, and some finger food.. It's Not necessary if you wish but you can bring some also.

You may remember we had a great CANDIDATE FORUM there in the 2006 Election.

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Even though Panera Bread had agreed that they would save that room for the year, now have told us not for April and May. Northside Christian has welcomed us once again, and we say thank you Northside Christian School.

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Thinking Right
April 2008

Considering a subject for this month's column, I considered the Democrat requested mulligan on their primary. They messed it up through their National Committee, so let them count the original or pay all the costs for a revote, personally I'd like to see them establish various local committee polling sites, they can check ID's or let anyone vote if they wish – their problem, their solution, spending no tax dollars and I can hear the screams already about voter fraud!.

Maybe I can talk about Barack Hussein Obama and his response to the firestorm ignited by his Pastor, Jeremiah Wright's bombastic pronouncements of Africa first, and the perfidy of the white populace. Obama's style of Christianity and oratory will try to make a molehill out of this mountain, satisfying no one. Maybe we could consider his ties to Tony Rezko currently on trial for fraud and questionable dealings in Illinois. Obama's ties to him go much deeper than just a favorable land deal, in addition to a land deal; the relationship includes an internship the senator provided for the son of a contributor at the request of Rezko, according to a report out of the Senator's campaign office. Maybe a review of BHO's ties to Louis Farrakhan.

Another possible column could be Senator Clinton, her lack of real experience, her desire, (Along with Obama) to turn the United States into a pure Socialist Nation, backed up by her earlier ties to Communists and Socialist advocates as well as her large amounts of funding from far left sources whose goals include turning the United States toward Socialism. Or we could look at the questionable practices, unexplained deaths and very fortunate market investments in her past.

If these subjects aren't depressing enough, we could look at Eliot Spitzer and his expensive taste in women, spending scores of thousands of dollars on call girls, hookers and prostitutes (Use any or all of these names and more) proving Ronald Reagan was absolutely correct in saying politicians and prostitutes had much in common. Wait until the rest of the shoes drop on this one! New York is about to learn what an unabashed liberal will do to the struggling budget of the State of New York, and his 'progressive' agenda.

One little item to keep in mind is the Supreme Court decision coming down on the Second Amendment. There is no doubt the Bill of Rights enumerates INDIVIDUAL rights, but according to Congress, all these rights are individual except the right to keep and bear arms. Watch this one; the Second Amendment is the Teeth that protects the tongue of our right to free speech, a right enjoyed by few other nations across the world, and the reason our Military, God Bless 'em, are serving on nearly every continent. April will be interesting, especially when we look at the April Fools who may number more than the Fools of March.

I'm Vance and I'm thinking Right!

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book." - Ronald Reagan

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Longtime Christian Coalition of Pinellas member Frank Gallagher is also very active in Knight's of Columbus Frank wrote this article for the Knight's of Columbus publication. Christian Coalition is a group of those who love our Lord, we are not affiliated with any specific Church or Denomination. Although this article appeared in a Catholic publication, its views are worthy of printing here. Frank, you did a great job!

DEAR FELLOW KNIGHTS,

A.M.D.G.

THE CURRENT ELECTION CYCLE PRESENTS A SERIOUS CONUNDRUM FOR THE VOTER WITH A CULTURE OF LIFE CONSCIENCE, AS SPELLED OUT BY JOHN PAULII AND BENEDICT XVI. ONE POLITICAL PARTY IS DEDICATED TO ABORTION, EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH, EUTHANASIA AND VARIOUS OTHER SCHEMES THAT CONTRADICT CATHOLIC DOCTRINE. THE OTHER PARTY HAS DILIGENTLY TAKEN AN OUTSPOKEN STANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE IN ALL ITS FORMS.

THESE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS SEEN A LETTER BY THE BISHOPS, AS A WHOLE, THAT SAYS CATHOLICS MAY NOT VOTE FOR CANDIDATES WHO STEADFASTLY VOTE FOR, OR PROMOTE ABORTION.

THE CURRENT BISHOPS' STATEMENT TENDS TO CONFUSE; INTRINSICALLY EVIL ACTS, WHICH MUST BE AVOIDED AS MORTALLY SINFUL AND CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH WITH OTHERS WHICH MAY BE EXTRINSICALLY EVIL (DISCRIMINATION) AND MAY NOT INCUR THE SAME JUDGMENT BECAUSE OF EXTERNAL SITUATIONS.

A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL BISHOPS HAVE SPOKEN MORE SPECIFICALLY IN THAT THEY SAY; CATHOLICS, WHO VOTE TO SUPPORT ANTI-LIFE CANDIDATES WHEN THERE ARE COMPETENT PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES AVAILABLE, PUT THEIR SOULS IN JEOPARDY.

IN THE PAST, THERE WERE ONLY ONE OR TWO BISHOPS WHO SPOKE LIKE THIS BUT NOW THERE ARE NEW BISHOPS AND A LITTLE MORE SPINE IN THE OLDER ONES.

ONE CANDIDATE SAYS THAT HE IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN PRO-LIFE. BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN CONSTANT, NOT ALWAYS VOTING THAT WAY.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE CANDIDATES DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE BECAUSE THEY TRY TO SAY WHAT THEY BELIEVE BUT HAVE TO CRAFT THEIR WORDS TO FAVORABLY IMPRESS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF POTENTIAL VOTERS WITHOUT TURNING THE REMAINDER INTO ENEMIES. ALSO, THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF HELPERS WHO FEEL THEY ARE NOT SO BOUND BY THE TRUTH AND WILL PUT FORTH THE MOST FAVORABLE PROPOSITION TO THE CURRENT LIMITED NUMBER OF LISTENERS AND HOPE THAT THEIR WORDS ARE NOT HEARD BY OTHERS WHO DISAGREE.

AFTER EVALUATING ALL ISSUES AND HAVING TO CHOOSE FROM THOSE REMAINING CANDIDATES, I AM CONVINCED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ME AND HOPEFULLY FOR OTHERS IS; FIND THE CANDIDATE WHO CONVINCES ME THAT HE OR SHE WILL PROPOSE POTENTIAL JUDICIAL CANDIDATES WHO WILL DECIDE ISSUES AND CASES ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF GOD AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

I TRULY PRAY THAT ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE A SIMILAR DECISION.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO THIS IS; THERE WILL BE NO NATIONAL LEGAL BASIS FOR THE CULTURE OF LIFE FOR THE NEXT TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS.

Francis (Frank) Gallagher

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"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

- Ronald Reagan

As you are probably aware we are in a trying time. The Pinellas County Commission is proposing Amendments that would, as I understand it, give special protected privileges to homosexuals, trans-genders and other lifestyle choices; the special status would put them in with Handicap people, African Americans, national origin. David Caton, Florida Family Assn., (continued) is following this, and this should most important to all of us. We need to be part of this decision now or the results will be our own fault. It's like City Elections where 8% turn out to vote and then complain about what the elected body decisions.

The following e-mail came recently from Mr. Stewart, Chairman of the Pinellas County Commission:

" Thank you for your interest in proposed amendments to the Pinellas County Human Rights Ordinance. A public hearing on this matter has been scheduled for April 22, 2008. The public hearings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Robert B. Stewart, Chairman, Pinellas County Commission"

Thank you Mr. Stewart.

Ron Comment: It all started when the US Supreme Court and the ACLU found the 'Establishment Clause' in the First Amendment to the Constitution. This and the following Supreme Court mistakes were seeds that once planted are now reaping an ongoing harvest of evil in our USA, following God's Law of 'Seedtime and Harvest'. This Pinellas County Commission proposed Ordinance which tries to make what the Bible calls sin into politically protected behavior. For me to not support is called a hate crime. This is not hate of individuals but hate of sin.
Ron Scheffler

March 1 meeting:33 of us welcomed new Executive Director of Christian Coalition of Florida Dennis Baxley.

Dennis served 7 years in the Florida House of Representatives. He was Speaker Pro-Tem for 2007; following 2006 Leslie Waters to this important post. Dennis is a successful Ocala businessman, married to Micheline. They have 5 children and 5 grandchildren, and a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Belleview.

Dennis is known in Tallahassee as knowledgeable and a strong Christian Voice. We were impressed with our new executive Director, so at our future meetings we will have a container for voluntary contribution to Christian Coalition of Florida.

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Seminole Mayor Jimmy Johnson often attends our meetings so I asked him to update us on plans to improve 102nd Ave. North. Jimmy told of traffic back-ups in afternoon rush-hour between Seminole Blvd. and 113th Street. Those of us who drive in that mess realize that it should have already been two lanes to at least Thurston Groves. Each day it is a dangerous mess. If 102nd Ave. were 2 lane from Seminole Blvd. to the Park, with turn lanes, it would nicely solve the traffic problem without disturbing the Cemetery.

Two other things need to be done to 102nd Ave. at the same time: a Traffic Light, or Round-about, at Ridge Road, and an overpass across the Pinellas Trail like Ulmerton Road and Park Blvd. have.

This would cost TAXPAYERS **7 million dollars** as compared with the Pinellas County plan of over **33 million dollars.**

Mayor Jimmy explained at the meeting that he had an incurable lung disease, and needed a Lung Replacement, and was on the national lung list. We stopped the meeting and prayed for his 'new' lungs, Doctors with the necessary knowledge and skills, and that God would make it happen, in Jesus' Name.. After all, "with God all things are possible" In less that 24 hours from we prayed Jimmy was in Tampa General Hospital, with a 'new lung', in the recovery room, and "to God be the glory". Please continue to pray that Jimmy has successful, recovery with no complications, or rejection of the new lung..

Mayor Jimmy, at the meeting, explained that when we leave this life we should give our good parts to others in need. After all, "God loves a cheerful giver" Two places where we may make this designation on auto insurance renewal and drivers license renewal.

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"When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice: when the wicked beareth rule the people mourn." Psalm 29:2

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Ron's thoughts: Is the holiday 'Easter' or 'Resurrection' Sunday? Or is it 'Passover' and 'First Fruits'? What matters is that this is the most important holiday in the 6,000 year history since God created the world. It is fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy from the days of Moses and the Jewish nation with a spotless lamb sacrificed and the blood put on the doorpost of your home so that God's death angel would Pass Over your home, and it has been celebrated from that time.

Christians celebrate the death of Jesus on the cross fulfilling John the Baptist's prophecy in John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." And once again John 1:36 when John the Baptist said once again, "Behold the Lamb of God." Jesus is our spotless Lamb who died for our sins, to pay a debt we could never pay. Resurrection (Easter) morning Jesus arose from the dead, was seen by over 500 witnesses alive, and we celebrate His Resurrection and He lives. Scripture tells us plainly that is risen and lives forevermore. Hebrews 13:8 says "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Our Risen Savior is Risen and alive.

Happy Resurrection Day and Praise God forevermore.