

# Christian Coalition of Pinellas County Newsletter

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This is your invitation to our Next meeting: Saturday, February 2, 2008A.C., Panera Bread, Bardmoor Shopping Center, corner of Bryan Dairy and Starkey Road (Keane Road to North County people, or Park Street in St Pete). Meetings begin at 10:00a.m., First Saturday of each month

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**February Special Speaker Mrs. Nancy Bostock**, is Chairperson of the Pinellas County School Board, directing approximately 158,000 students, 112,000 K thru 12, and over 46,000 Technical and Adults. Nancy has been with us many times before and will tell us what's happening. It's always another great meeting when Nancy is with us. Can you guess how many meals they serve each day? Can you guess how many miles the School Buses drive each day? Imagine overseeing a budget of about one billion 300 million? When you hear Nancy you will realize how this enormous task is, and it's done with such excellence, by our School board and Chairman.

**March Special Speaker is Dennis Baxley**, the new State Director of Christian Coalition of Florida. He served 8 years in the Florida House of Representatives and active in Ocala business.

Dennis was **2007 Speaker Pro-Tem, the FL. House**, following, **Rep. Leslie Waters Speaker Pro-Tem 2006**. Born in Ocala, married to Micheline, and they have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Former FL Rep Leslie said good things about Dennis and said that he will be good for Christian Coalition of Florida. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Belleview, and a Deacon there. Former Rep Leslie said she will try to attend that meeting also.

Leslie Waters attended our Jan meeting and led a lively discussion of current events. Check Leslie's website: [www.waterswave.com](http://www.waterswave.com) and the [link International Relations](#). Leslie has been teaching governments in the Southeast Asia how to govern. In this capacity she has been to Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Kazakhstan and Indonesia and you will see her teaching them the Waters Wave. The Washington groups that sponsored her made a wise choice having her represent the US in this important teaching work.

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President Ronald Reagan said, "No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

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## Candidates for President 2008

Some of the issues of greatest importance to Christian/Voters don't seem to be featured in the 'debates', and among these are Federal Judges, and specifically US Supreme Court Judges.

I. During the first Clinton years they nominated Ruth Bader Ginsburg, lead attorney for ACLU (anti-Christian liberty union), and also a member of there Board of Directors, and we will call that the 'Ginsburg Court'.

President George Bush (the younger) finally got 2 members approved, Justice Samuel Alito Jr. and Chief Justice John Roberts, and we call this the 'Roberts Court'. They join Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Anthony Scalia. These 4 are Justices that can be counted on to stand with the US Constitution and not create new law as their feelings lead.

In a 2000 presidential debate between Al Gore and Bill Bradley in New York, this question came up, and both candidates agreed that it was the responsibility of the president to nominate US Supreme Court Justices that are able to interpret the US Constitution to fit with the needs of society today. That is the 'Ginsburg Court' philosophy.

When the Republicans controlled The Congress, before they discovered 'earmarks' could be used to buy re-election, they passed 'Partial Birth Abortion Ban' and President George Bush (the younger) signed it into law. Don't we all agree that this barbaric form of murder should be outlawed? It was challenged in the US Supreme Court and we won. Had that been the 'Ginsburg Court' we would have lost. QUESTION: Who do we want to be choosing US Supreme Court Candidates?

We need a case to 'redeem' our 'First Amendment' from 'the Establishment Clause'; an unbelievably bad decision.

II. 'Federal Marriage Amendment'. Many Candidates say that it should be sent to the states to decide. Too late for that, the 'Ginsburg Court' has decided that they have jurisdiction. Non-Partisan Voter Guides show that:

### FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

SUPPORT Republicans: Gov. Mike Huckabee, Gov. Mitt Romney, US Cong Duncan Hunter

OPPOSE Senator John McCain, Cong. Ron Paul  
OPPOSE Democrats Sen. Hillary Clinton, Sen. Barack Obama

III SUPPORT FUNDING FOR EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

OPPOSE Republican Gov. Mike Huckabee, Gov. Mitt Romney, Cong. Duncan Hunter  
SUPPORT US Senator John McCain, Cong. Ron Paul  
 Democrats US Sen Hillary Clinton, US Sen Barack. Obama

IV ADD "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" TO DEFINITION OF "HATE CRIMES"

SUPPORT Democrat ALL SUPPORT  
OPPOSE Republicans ALL OPPOSE

Note the differences in the candidates.

1. In the issues listed above the Democrats oppose the issues important to Family and Christian Voters.
2. EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH (that kill a human embryo) Dem. For and Congressmen McCain and Ron Paul vote with the Democrats.

3. Democrats all stand with Sen. Ted Kennedy believing Homosexuality is like being born African American, or Handicapped, and you don't have a choice in the matter. No one is putting homosexuals down, all that is said is why should they have a special protected status. If they are treated unfairly they have laws we all have for protection.

V. Why are we not hearing about illegal aliens and sealing the borders more?

And wire tapping on suspicious calls? Do we think that terrorists have decided that they are sorry about destroying the World Trade Center. President Bush (the younger) said it so well in his recent 'State of the Union' address, when he spoke for all Americans and said that we will fight and we will win. He sounded a lot like Ron Reagan, and as most of you know they are my not favorite presidents of my lifetime, and that goes back a l-o-n-g way. Pres. Bush is wrong about (1) Israel and bowing to Palestinians, (2) letting Arlen Specter head the Judiciary Committee and (3) Border Security. But Bush's are very different role models compared with the Clinton's. Christians need to get serious about this election like they did in 2000 and 2004 or we'll need Newt Gingrich to come riding to our rescue once again. **Christians need to pray to God about this election.**

When I read over what I have written here and we have 2 good strong conservative candidates (the Govs,) are similar in their qualifications and positions. Then there's one middle of the road, the Washington Insider candidate, Sen. McCain, who is almost half liberal and has much unfavorable baggage and the Democrats who vote the same, anti-Christian positions. Could it be that real Reagan Conservatives are dividing the conservative vote between Romney and Huckabee, and McCain, is prospering.

The Candidates positions expressed herein are from FL Family Council, and Christian Coalition of FL, Non-Partisan Voter Guides. The conclusions based on candidate answers are presented for you, without prejudice, for your decision. Ron Scheffler

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"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." Ronald Reagan

Thinking Right, by Dr. Vance Lackore

Does a candidate for President of the United States'½ theology mean anything? Can we learn anything from his or her taking a position on Biblical matters? Are we violating any Constitutional requirements by testing a candidate's religion? These are all valid questions in the current primary season, and the questions have been raised by the candidates themselves. First, the Constitutional question: There is no mention in the Constitution of any religious or theological requirement or disqualification. The wall of separation between church and state has been erected by the left-leaning opponents of Christianity in our government and nation. Grounds for disqualification is, to them, anything that would reference the existence, let alone influence of a Supreme Being, or God on the actions of any person.

>From the perspective of the evangelical Christian, the concern is the presence or absence of moral or ethical values based upon the Bible in the life of a candidate. If he or she has religious values, do they match with the Bible or are they based upon a non-Biblical theological base, such as Buddhism or Islam or non-belief? Any candidate, therefore, that shows by his lifestyle or statements a moral or ethical position that is not based on what we believe is God's Holy Word must be carefully evaluated before the Christian casts his vote. There is a real dilemma in voting the lesser of two evils.

In the first documented election known, in Exodus 18:21 the Bible says, "You should select from all the people able men, God-fearing, trustworthy, and hating bribes. Place them over the people as officials of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens." In our current political system that is badly distorted if not broken, our available candidates must be above reproach, not in debt to contributors or special interest groups of any sort. Men who recognize God as the source of all wisdom and who are willing to subvert their own egos and ambitions to the good of the country and those who have elected them. Our elected officials at every level must be reminded constantly they are to be our representatives and not to disregard the wishes of those who have put them in office.

Each candidate for President has stated his or her position on the truth of the Bible, their belief in its inerrancy and their following its precepts either by their stated words or their past actions. Every Christian Citizen must vote as they review these candidates in the light of

Exodus 18:21. May God give us wisdom in this coming Primary Election!

*It's 1/2m Vance and it's 1/2m thinking right.*

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The forces of evil do not sleep or get weary. Below, you will find the information about an upcoming proposal to the Pinellas County Commission to introduce a "Human Rights Ordinance" designed to empower the gay and lesbian community along with other deviant sexual practitioners with special protections buy giving them legitimacy through recognizing them as a minority oppressed by an uninformed, uneducated society. We faced a similar battle within the past several years in Largo where these individuals tried to accomplish a similar task. Later, and most recently they tried to take up the torch for embattled city manager Steve Stanton and tried to make his cause their own.

Thanks to the tireless efforts and loving Christian leadership of Pastor Charlie Martin and a committed few, our communities, our homes, our faith our businesses and our families were spared this farce and the destruction that follows it for a brief period in time.

Today, they are back with a new strategy and it is time for us, steadfast and trusting in our faith to take up where Pastor Martin left off and continue the battle against outside forces of evil in our communities and with the Love and compassion of our mighty God, stand against these groups once more for our homes and our families. This is why I am urging you first to send this email and it's attachments to all your Christian Brothers and Sisters in your E-mail address book. Second, I am beseeching you to rise to this challenge and meet with us at the County Commission on Tuesday, February 19th, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the Pinellas County Courthouse, Board of County Commissioners, Assembly Room, 5th Floor, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida. Third, write the County Commissioners by any means that you are most comfortable and tell them where you stand. Finally, pray, pray and pray, not only for those taking up this challenge but for those who oppose us that they will be brought to the truth and to the light of salvation.

God Bless you and God Bless this Great Nation!

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life..." 1 Timothy 6:12

In His Service,

David A. Turngren

"I have wondered at times about what the ten commandments would have looked like if Moses had to run them through the U.S. Senate. Ronald Reagan

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