

+You are cordially invited to our April 4, 2009 MEETING AT Panera Bread +
www.cpcf.org

eNewsletter **Christian Coalition of Pinellas County April 2009** eNewsletter
Meetings begin at 10:00a.m. the First Saturday of each month

Meeting address and Location Information and 'to contact us' information page4

+++++

This Issue:

- 1. Thinking Right by Dr. Vance Lackore**
- 2. Upcoming Events**
- 3. In The News**
- 4. Card Check**
- 5. Charitable Giving**
- 6. Directions to meeting site, Panera Bread; Names and Contact**

information

+++++

1..Thinking Right for April 2009

"Thinking Right for April 2009; Boobs, Bonuses, Bailouts, Banks and other Monkey Business"

I am reminded of an old Laurel and Hardy movie line, "Now this is another fine mess you've gotten us into..." One guy trying to shift the blame to another when all the evidence points to the first boob (stupid person, fool or dunce) Our financial mess, and it is deadly serious, has its roots back in the Carter Administration when then President Jimmy Carter signed into existence the Community Reinvestment Act passed by a Democrat Congress in 1977 with the intention of encouraging depository institutions to help meet the credit needs of surrounding communities (particularly low and moderate income neighborhoods). The CRA requires federal regulators to assess the record of each bank or thrift in helping to fulfill its obligations to the community. When it did not see rapid implementation the CRA was addressed again under then President Clinton with the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 Although not part of the CRA, in order to achieve similar aims the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 required Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two government sponsored enterprises that purchase and securitize mortgages, to devote a percentage of their lending to support affordable housing. The Federal Government's pressure on Banking Institutions and Fannie Mae along with Freddie Mac to issue sub-prime loans with no verifications and unwise mortgage to ratios levels have given rise to the "Toxic assets" that have literally paralyzed our financial system. In an attempt to ward off criticism, both Rep. Barney Frank and Sen. Chris Dodd prevented an examination of these assets during the Bush Administration calling Republican inquiries, a 'veiled attack on the poor that's racially motivated.'

Now, President Obama, in an attempt to staunch the bleeding, has just announced a "Plan to deal with toxic assets," with no more information or guarantees than the first bailout, second bailout, Government purchase of banks and financial institutions or restrictions on the use of the bailout funds. Today the President announced he is developing a plan where the Federal Government will regulate the salaries of top CEO's of banks and businesses. This, in addition to a desire to sign legislation to tax back to the government targeted income and bonuses paid according to contract will make the Federal Government the overseer, director, manipulator and chief administrator of our economy. Does this smell? Does it spell 'S O C I A L I S M? Or does it only spell Democrat Control of Congress, the White House, soon the Courts, and a desire to liberalize this country into a poor imitation of what we once were? We'll become a second or third rate military power, a debtor instead of creditor nation, no longer a nation under God, but a nation under the influence of a Godless liberal minority.

Don't forget, America, this came from the Democrat, leftist, liberal, elitist group that doesn't comprehend ordinary God-loving, happily-married, main stream Americans who love babies, not kill them, who vow to defend liberty and freedom and not knuckle under to every two-bit anarchist dictator around the world.

I'm Vance, and I'm thing right

Upcoming Events.....

Are you fed up with a Congress and a president who:

- voted for a \$500 billion tax bill without even reading it?
- are spending trillions of borrowed dollars, leaving a debt our great-grandchildren will be paying?
- consistently give special interest groups billions of dollars in earmarks to help get themselves re-elected?
- want to take your wealth and redistribute it to others?
- punish those who practice responsible financial behavior and reward those who do not?
- admit to using the financial hurt of millions as an opportunity to push their political agenda?
- run up trillions of dollars of debt and then sell that debt to countries such as China?
- want government controlled health care?
- want to take away the right to vote with a secret ballot in union elections?
- refuse to stop the flow of millions of illegal immigrants into our country?
- appoint a defender of child pornography to the Number 2 position in the Justice Department?
- want to force doctors and other medical workers to perform abortions against their will?
- want to impose a carbon tax on your electricity, gas and home heating fuels?
- want to reduce your tax deductibility for charitable gifts?
- take money from your family budget to pay for their federal budget?

If so, participate in the TEA party rally, the Taxed Enough Already (TEA) party. Bring your cell phone and call Congress and the president while attending the TEA party rally (Representative and Senators, 202-224-3121; President, 202-456-1414). Tell Every American about this effort by forwarding this invitation to your friends. Together we can make a difference.

There are Tea Parties scheduled in 2 locations in the Tampa Bay Area on April 15th. In Tampa we will be meeting at the courthouse steps from 12:00 until 2:00 and then again from 5:00 until 7:00

A Tax Day Tea Party is also scheduled for Clearwater. Further details for Clearwater can be obtained by calling:

Patrick O'Malley at 727-797-1404
or visiting

<http://www.teapartyday.com/Locations.aspx>

In The News.....

Speaking of Tea Parties The New York Time is attempting to block information that doesn't fit their preferred narrative, surprise, surprise! Times Watch, a project of the Media Research Center, dedicated to documenting and exposing the liberal political agenda of the *New York Times*, describes the contrast between the NYT's coverage of ACORN activism and Tea Parties in a post entitled, [No "Tea Party" Coverage, But Tiny Leftist "Bus Tour" of AIG Homes Gets Ink](#). The media outnumbered the protestors in a "bus tour" protest of the homes of AIG employees in affluent Fairfield, Conn. -- yet the Times completely ignored a larger protest against Obama's big spending plan in Ridgefield, Conn. A left-wing "bus tour" protest prowled the affluent neighborhoods of Fairfield, Conn. on Saturday afternoon, looking for AIG execs to harass. The protest, run by a group sponsored by unlabeled leftists ACORN, were railing against the bonuses paid out to employees of the struggling insurance giant. The Times found the stunt worthy of a full story in the national section of Sunday's paper: ["Carrying a Populist Message Into A.I.G. Territory."](#)

Former Speaker of the Florida House Marco Rubio is considering a run for the senate to fill the seat of being vacated by Senator Martinez. While in the Florida House of Representatives Marco Rubio earned a 100% rating from the Christian Coalition. He has proven to be a defender of the issues we believe in. You can stand with Marco Rubio by visiting www.marcorubio.com

President of the World ...just a few short months ago as a candidate for President Barak Obama visited Europe and was declared “President of the World” by the main stream media. Well, he’s off to Europe again. This time as President, but unlike the last visit, there is every indication the reception may not be the same. It appears that many world leaders are joining the ranks of the “Tea Partiers” and expressing discontent with President Obama’s economic policies. You see, many of them have tried this route and already know it doesn’t work.

The Employee Free Choice Act....

Has a nice ring to it, doesn’t it? How could you oppose it? Free Choice, who’s against that? Well, like everything else the left describes as “choice” this ends up as little or no choice at all. The Employee Free Choice Act, also known as **Card Check**, is a proposed law that would change how unions are allowed to organize workers in the United States. Big labor unions like the AFL-CIO, SEIU, and the Change to Win Coalition spent heavily during the 2009 election, and are pushing Congress to approve this law. Union membership has been declining--currently about 7.5 percent in the private sector--and they hope this law will change the rules and reverse that trend. Under the existing law today, workers have a chance to vote for or against unionization in a *private-ballot election* that is federally supervised. Under Card Check, if more than **50% of workers** at a facility *sign a card*, the government would have to certify the union, and a **private ballot election would be prohibited--even if workers want one.** So what happens if you don’t want to sign the card and form a union? In one state where it was “test marketed” workers told accounts of threats and intimidation. After all, since it was not a secret ballot, everyone knew how you voted. In this same test market the union got there way only to be overturned a year later by secret ballot. **Over 70% of voters agree that a private election is better than card check.** It may be that this legislation is “dead on arrival”. Sen. **Arlen Specter** (R) has signaled that he would vote against cloture on the measure, denying Democrats 60 votes to break a GOP filibuster on the legislation -- even if **Al Franken** gives Democrats a 59th vote. Specter was the only Republican to vote for cloture on the legislation in 2007. Let your legislators, and Senator Specter know how you feel.

Never Complain About What You Accept!

U.S. Capitol Switchboard
 1-800-828-0498 Or 1-866-220-0044
 Or Visit
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

OBAMA SOAKS THE RICH: CHURCHES, DAY CARE, HOMELESS SHELTERS

By **DICK MORRIS & EILEEN MCGANN**
 Published on DickMorris.com on March 28, 2009

President Obama's glib assertion that his reduction in tax deductions will not reduce donations is absurd. His pathetic defense at his press conference - that he would still give a \$100 dollar check to charity even if he only got \$11 less of tax deduction from it was both disingenuous and beside the point

And his comment that his reduced deduction would only impact one or two percent of the nation misses the point that it is these folks who are doing almost half of the donating. In 2006, the most recent year for which data is available, four million taxpayers had adjusted gross incomes of \$200,000 or more. They comprised 3% of the tax returns, made 31% of the income, but donated 44% of all charitable contributions. Together, they provided charity with \$81 billion in that year.

Obama's plan will cost them \$10 billion in extra taxes on the income they allocated to charitable donations. How can the president be so glibly certain that they will not curtail their charitable contributions by a like amount or even more?

Imagine all the harm Obama's program will cause. Churches will be hit most hard. They account for the largest share of charitable donations, but universities, disease research, hospitals, soup kitchens, and cultural institutions will also be hard hit. So will international relief efforts that funnel aid abroad through churches or directly. It is totally dishonest for Obama to pretend that his curtailment of these deductions won't hurt the poor. It will most directly impact them since most of the charities Obama is hurting focus on helping the impoverished.

This proposal is not about saving money. It is about controlling it. By, in effect, transferring at least \$11 billion a year from private philanthropy to government spending, Obama empowers the public sector at the expense of the voluntary one.

President Obama's recommended reduction in the tax deduction for charitable giving reflects his fundamental belief that only the government can or should help the poor. He wants to keep the impoverished directly dependent on the government - and the Democratic Party - for their daily bread.

The voluntary sector has always been the backbone of compassion in the United States. Our charitable donations dwarf those of any other country. And our system of tax deductions for giving permits us to decide what charities are worthy of our generosity - a decision Obama will transfer to the politicians under his program.

Moving With the Cloud
TGIF Today God Is First, by Os Hillman

Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out. - Numbers 9:21b

Imagine living with the uncertainty of this situation. One day you work at getting your "house" in order, only to have to pick up the stakes and move. Your ability to plan is totally gone. But even greater is the temptation to move when the cloud did not move because you felt it was time to move. For the Israelites, perhaps the grass was no longer green. Perhaps the water was not easily accessible. Perhaps the bugs were a problem. Whatever the case, they were strictly prohibited from moving if the cloud did not move.

It is still the same today. We are not to move unless the Holy Spirit instructs us to do so. We are not to make that business deal on the basis of whether or not it makes sense, but on the leading of the Holy Spirit's "cloud" in our life. It is a difficult process to move only when we are directed, and to remain if we are not. The pressure is always upon us to move, to plan, to act. But if we act, we may move into a place where the presence of God may not be. Hence, the rub. The Christian workplace believer must learn to move when

God says move; it is a sign of complete surrender and dependence on God's Spirit to direct our steps.

Ask God today if you are sitting under His cloud. Or, have you moved when He said stand still? He will show you.

+++++

IMPORTANT : SAVE YOUR Panera Bread Receipts for Joan and Martha

We prove to Panera Bread that we are not freeloaders, but spend enough to justify free use of the meeting room, Thank you.

+++You are invited to our April 4, 2009 MEETING WILL BE AT Panera Bread +++
Meetings begin at 10:00a.m. the First Saturday of each month

Meeting Location Information and 'to contact us' information

DIRECTIONS: Meeting place is located at 10808 Starkey Road, Seminole, in the Strip Stores on the corner of Starkey Road and Bryan Dairy Road.

Keene Road, CR 1 from Clearwater is the same Road as Starkey Road in Largo/ Seminole/Pinellas Park area, and Park Street in St. Petersburg.

From Tampa via Howard Franklin Bridge on I-275, the first exit is 4th St., the 2nd is Ulmerton Road, **the 3rd is 126th Ave. North, exit here.** Immediately at the fork in the road take the **left side**. Road will make a 180 degree turn and bring you to traffic light.

Turn left onto Bryan Dairy Road. Travel west about 8 miles.

This is the road Bardmoor Shopping Plaza and Panera Bread are located on left side of road.



WE PRAY THAT 2009 WILL BE A BLESSED,
 PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR ALL OF YOU SPECIAL PEOPLE

Thank you, God Bless You and God Bless America
 Vance and Ronnie, Co-Chairmen, Christian Coalition of Pinellas,

www.ccpfl.org

[eNewsletter](#) **Christian Coalition of Pinellas County April 2009** [eNewsletter](#)

Co-Chairman Vance Lackore (727) 776-7194 Vlackore@tampabay.rr.com,
 Co-Chairmen Ron Scheffler, (727) 595-6971 Cell: (727) 432-1993 rj003@ccpcf.org
 Rick Klenk, Webber: rek003@ccpcf.org Regina Brown