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# TOM SOMMERS

—MY TESTIMONY—

**She cleaned houses for many people on Huntington Blvd and in the Sunnyside area. These were the “Financially Stable People” of the 1940’-50’s.**

**Mom was a great cook.** We ate like rich people every night. All prepared by my Mother. She was the very best.

**Mom & I went to church 2-3 times a week.** I accepted Jesus as my Savior when I was 5-6 years old. Mom was a solid Christian! My sister Betty is 18 years older than me. My Brother Fred is 10 years older than me.

**Our Dad never went to church with us. Pop was an alcoholic.** By the time I got home from school, he was already “juiced”. It didn’t take much for him to be drunk. Many nights my Mom & I would carry him to bed and some nights, we would let him sleep on the floor.

**When I was 16 – August 1959 – just before my senior year at Roosevelt High School,** my Mom went into the hospital for surgery. They found she had Colon cancer. Mom underwent a major surgery and died a couple days later in the hospital from a heart attack! I was devastated!! My Mom & Dad had separated a few weeks before. My Dad had dementia from all the alcohol and he was sent to the Stockton State Hospital. De

# A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO FRESNO COUNTY

*My Mother was a very hard working, very loving tough German – Russian lady. Margaret Lehman Sommers – born in 1905. Mom was only about 4’10” – but strong!*

mentia was not very common in 1959. He had no memory of anything. My Dad died in 1973 at age 69.

**So – I was all alone – August 1959. Mom died – Dad in Stockton.** I moved in with my Brother Fred & his wife Pat for my Senior year at Roosevelt

**I became very angry with God! Why didn’t you take my alcoholic Dad? Why my precious Christian Mom??**

**I basically walked away from The Lord at that time.** I went to church occasionally, but I was not memorizing verses or doing Bible Studies.

**In short, I lived on my own while at Fresno State.** My Brother & Sister were always there for me. I ate with them often.

**Barbara & I got married on June 14, 1964. I signed a Baseball contract** with the California Angels & played Pro Ball 1964-67 – not in the Major Leagues –in AAA.

**I was very fortunate to play for the great Pete Beiden** at Fresno State & Jake Abbott at Roosevelt. The Angels gave me a Minor League Managing position in 1967-68 & then I was fortunate to be moved into the Front Office of the Angels at

**Anaheim Stadium** as the Minor League Director from 1968-1977. In those jobs –

you get “Hired” to get “Fired”. Our Angels Team had a bad year in 1977 – I was fired.

**I joined my Brother Fred with New York Life &** we moved back to Fresno from Anaheim in 1980. Barbara & I and our son Kirk and our daughter Beth attended church occasionally, but I was a long ways away from The Lord Jesus. Then on May 1, 1985 thru a family crisis – I cried out to Jesus and said – “I know all about you, but I am not following you. Please forgive me of my many sins and today I recommit my life to you”.

**My life totally changed! We became very involved** with our church. Someone invited me to CBMC. I met Warren New who took me thru “Operation Timothy”. I began meeting with several men every week leading Bible studies. Around 1988-89 I met Dave Simmons – the Founder of Dad, The Family Shepherd. I began leading many groups of men in Operation Timothy and Dad, The Family Shepherd. I was with New York Life for 32 years! I was asked to become the Director of Fresno CBMC in 2010 which I did thru 2021. Barb & I were so very, very “Blessed” with so many Christian friends. I was doubly Blessed to have Kathy Salinas as my Assistant & Secretary from 1982-2021.

**I retired from CBMC** at Christmas 2021. I am now still very busy, meeting with men everyday. Sometimes Mentoring, sometimes in Bible Studies. Barbara retired several years ago after teaching for over 30 years at Jackson School in Selma. Our Son Kirk owns BC’s Pizza in Clovis. Our daughter Beth loves being a Home Health Care Provider.

Fresno is our home. We have many close friends. I call 25-50 men (MondayFriday) connecting with them. Getting to know them. Staying in contact with them – some every week & some every month.

**The Lord Jesus is my Savior. He has Blessed us in so many ways. My favorite Bible Verses are:**

**Joshua 1:8-9**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**Psalms 139:23-24**

**Romans 8:1**

**Romans 8:37-39**

**James 4:7**

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

**Just to name a few!**

**Oh, by the way – my Dad accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior on his death bed in 1973.**

**My Brother Fred is 90. Strong Christian and a great role model. My sister Betty is in Heaven with my Mom & dad. And – I was a twin. My twin died at birth.**

**We have a great family here on Earth and a very special family waiting for us in Heaven. Barbara’s Mom & Dad are in Heaven also.**

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John Somerville and his wife, Mary, love the North Fork ranch where they've lived for 46 years. Forty acres backing up to the national forest, it proved wonderful for raising their six children. No longer a working ranch, it seems like a place where a guy who's led a busy life might settle down for his senior years.

# Ask the Experts TRAVEL

## The Adventurous Life of Colonel Somerville: Purpose, Passion, and Fun

But settling down has probably never occurred to Colonel John T. Somerville, USMC (Retired).

John is more likely to be preparing a talk on one of many subjects in which his life adventures have made him an expert. Or contemplating his next book. He might be staying in shape on the ranch's pitching mound or in its batting cage (he's still active in the Senior Men's Baseball League). Or perhaps reminiscing with Mary about some delightful moment they shared on one of their numerous trips to Israel – and planning their next one.

The land of Israel and the Jewish people have remained the heart of John's life purpose for 50 years. John speaks of Israel with passion and joy.

Passion and joy, in fact, seem to characterize all of John's many adventures, beginning with growing up in small-town Ohio "in the best of times," when everyone "knew everybody in the neighborhood, summer meant playing baseball after chores until it was dark, and parents never worried about you being away from home for 10 hours."

John served 30 years in the U.S. Marines, 20 as an Infantryman, 10 as an Intelligence Officer. Keeping his commission in the Reserves permitted him to coach sports while in college. For two years he worked as an assistant with the legendary football coach Woody Hayes at Ohio State, where John earned his PhD.

Later John traveled all over the world on contract with the U.S. Marines Corps. Though sometimes sent into the world's danger zones, he loved those assignments: "Every morning I woke up scared [my superiors] would find out I was having too much fun!"

The assignments took him to many parts of the Middle East, including Israel. In 1972, on his first trip there, a casual conversation with a taxi driver in Tel Aviv became "a moment that changed the trajectory" of his life. Until that moment his focus in Israel had been the military aspects of a nation preparing for war.

Impulsively John asked the taxi driver, "Are you guys still looking for the Messiah?" The driver's robust "Of course we are!" brought John a sudden realization: he was in the very land where the Bible stories he had known from childhood happened.

In the years since, John has visited Israel over 90 times and has become a leading authority on the nation. He has come to know Israel from the pages of Scripture. He has walked the streets that Jesus walked, spoken with locals as well as world-renowned authorities, and participated in archeological digs.

On many of those visits John has led Bible-based tours, offering insights into both the ancient locations and current events. Mary has often accompanied him on the tours. Above all, they hope to see others fall in love with this land and its people, who they believe "are still God's chosen people."

As founder and co-director of Zion's Watchmen, John challenges individuals, groups, Congress, and all government bodies to take seriously the promise of Scripture that God will bless the nation that blesses Israel. His third book, The "Accidental" Presidents who Became the "Blessers" of Israel (2020), is a fascinating read about five American Presidents. The details of their lives and their official actions will surprise, amuse, and inspire you.

So, while John and Mary's lovely ranch may no longer be described as "working," Colonel Somerville certainly is...still working with passion and joy, loving every busy moment.

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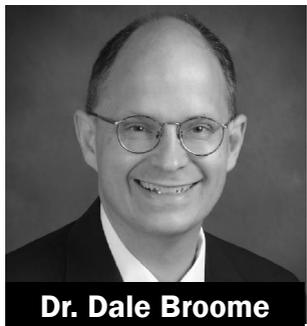
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# Education MATTERS



## PARENT REVOLT LEADS TO SCHOOL CHOICE



Dr. Dale Broome

**C**hristian parents are often leading the charge, voicing complaints to administration, running for school board, or exiting the public schools. Christian parents are beginning to take seriously the Scriptural commands of Proverbs 22:6 to “train up a child in the way he should go” and teach them the moral commands of the Bible in every aspect of education, according to Deuteronomy 11:18-19. And they don’t want their public schools teaching them values and behaviors contrary to the Bible. But it is not enough to pull your child out of

*There is a parent revolt going on to take back control of their child’s education. They are fighting against Covid mandates, comprehensive sexual education, transgender grooming and critical race theory in the public schools.*

public school. You must take your child’s share of funding with you. Otherwise, that money will be used to indoctrinate other children. School Choice does precisely that. It allows parents to capture state education dollars to fund a high-quality, parent-directed education that emphasizes their moral values. School Choice is sweeping across the country and is now available in 34 states or territories, but unavailable in California.

After an initial attempt in 2022, Californians for School Choice (CFSC) is planning another campaign to qualify their Education Savings Account (ESA) initiative

for the ballot in 2024. Each child’s ESA would be funded with \$15,000 per year, and could be used for private or religious education or homeschooling. Any unused funds rollover in the account and be used for college or vocational training.

During the previous campaign many churches and pastors were reluctant to allow signature-gathering because it was perceived as “political” or potentially illegal. The truth is that School Choice is a non-partisan issue, for which churches can legally advocate and collect signatures, according to Liberty Counsel and Alliance Defending



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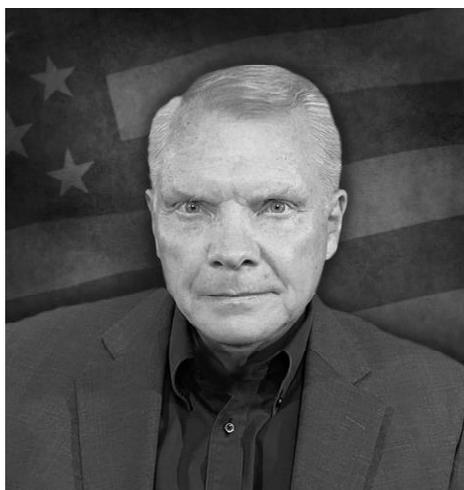
Freedom. The CFSC initiative would make it financially feasible for more parents to get their kids a Christian education and for more churches to start Christian schools.

Many homeschool parents remain skeptical about taking government funds for fear of government intrusion into their homeschool. Homeschoolers can always choose not to participate. But quite frankly, the state can’t

micromanage every homeschool in this state, and initiative provisions are written to prevent this. Under the CFSC initiative the \$15,000 per year could be used for homeschool expenses, if the program is administered by a private school. If the parents choose to homeschool with a private school affidavit, they can still accrue the funds and use them later for a private high school, college or vocational training.

**Learn more about the School Choice effort:**  
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## Proposition One called the Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment.



LAWRENCE HEBRON

Topping the chart on California’s ballot this-coming November 8 is Proposition One, called the Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment. It reads, “The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives.” This represents a significant change in the current California law about abortion.

Back in 1850, the first session of the California State Legislature passed the “Crimes and Punishments Act” which criminalized abortion under all circumstances except to save the mother’s life. The topic gained fresh attention in the late 1960s when a rash of new legislation and judicial rulings expanded the opportunity to receive legal abortions. In 2002, California Governor Gray Davis signed the Reproductive Privacy Act, which legalized abortions up to the point of fetal viability, which is often considered to be about 24 weeks into the pregnancy. After that, abortions could only be performed if it was determined that continuing the pregnancy risked the mother’s life. Prop 1 eliminates any time constraints on abortion, so presumably, an unborn baby could be killed up to the moment of birth.

Obviously, Prop 1 should be Number One on the “Hit Parade” of all Christians and people of conscience. It must be defeated.

The slaughter of innocents has always been abominable to moral people and was one of the worst offenses committed by the ancient Jews, incurring the wrath of God. It would be nice to think that we have learned something over the millennia, but apparently not so much in this area. So, what can we do? Contact local pro-life organizations and pregnancy resource centers to see how you can help. Tell acquaintances to vote against Prop 1. Talk to your pastors. You can show them this article. They often lack the courage to deal with “political” issues, but the massacre of helpless pre-born babies—every one of them a child of God—goes far beyond politics. Anyone who cannot speak up against such atrocities, has no place in the pulpit.

If Christians would simply unite on this issue and vote, we will win and save the lives of untold numbers of babies.

# GOOD NEWS IN TOUGH TIMES



By Ivy Jelden

**I came up with this theme when I had a column in the Orange County Register.**

The country was experiencing challenges and people needed encouragement. The name was, “Faith in the Valley.” The idea was to highlight what God was doing through His people. I interviewed people with stories of how they overcame adversity and wanted to share these victories.

The tough times have only increased, not only in our country, but worldwide. The best news is of course, is the enduring Gospel and how God’s people continue to act as a vessel for His love. I also hosted a Radio Show, Lemonaide Live. My guests shared their lives and then we received phone calls from people around the world requesting prayers. It was amazing, for sure. My online magazine called Lemonaide magazine shared Biblical teachings, testimonies, and emphasized how God takes life’s lemons and turns them into lemonade.

I believe there are still stories to tell, featuring ordinary people doing extraordinary things, through God and with His strength. “With God, all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26b). We may have to remind ourselves, fifty times a day, but nevertheless, it is truth. “This is the victory that has overcome the world even our faith” (1 John 5:4b). I now volunteer on the Prayer and Evangelism Team at two Church Food Pantries. I meet amazing people who wait in their cars for hours for groceries and spiritual sustenance. I hear their heart, their cries, their needs, combined with gratefulness and acknowledgement of God’s goodness. I’ve formed relationship with many and get to hear about their lives weekly. I am privileged to encourage and pray for their salvation, healing, and deliverance. In a grim world, I see the hand of God.

What I’ve learned is that God has a call on every Christian’s life. As much as we want to isolate from the world, the following scripture describes His plan. “And He (Jesus) called His servants, and delivered them 10 pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.” (Luke 19:13). In other words, we should step out in faith to do God’s bidding, whether it is entering the political arena, reaching out to our neighbors, or just praying for others.

I want to bring to you real stories and real victories. In some instances, the story isn’t finished or complete. However, like the “Great crowd of witnesses,” as expressed in Hebrews 12, we are inspired every day!

*It is time for the fraudulent ‘education system’ to be exposed and replaced with real education before even more children are irreparably harmed — and the nation itself is destroyed.*

**Freedom Project Media**



**Dran Reese**

**Dran Reese, founder of Salt & Light Council is telling people that “the public schools are indoctrinating American children,”** rather than educating. At Salt & Light Council we are promoting a movement toward healthier educational choices.

**We have seen a dramatic erosion of standards in California schools.** That, along with coronavirus shut-downs, has led parents to look to a growing menu of alternative schooling possibilities. Education, like police and fire protection, is a service every community needs. When government stops

providing them, communities self-organize a replacement. An uptick in private security and neighborhood safety organizations reflects this kind of response. The same is happening with schools.

**Many of us feel that unsound methodology and pedagogy damages children.** California’s third-world level test scores in math, reading, writing, and reasoning reflect a system that has already failed.

**Many parents are also concerned with the proliferation of anti-scientific curricula.** “The public schools,” notes Reese, “are sexualizing American children with radical sex education, including flagrant promotion of homosexuality, fornication, gender confusion, and more. This indoctrination of children has its roots in the pseudo-scientific quackery of Alfred Kinsey, the ‘sex researcher’ responsible for the rape and sexual torture of thousands of children and babies. These abominations should have no place in a school classroom, as some schools have even been caught actively normalizing pedophilia. The risk of sexual abuse in schools is high and getting worse.”

**Ms. Reese’s Salt & Light Council is working with a community-based organization, Liberty Coalition,** to chart a path forward. Her “Public School Exit” provides on-line guides for parents. Liberty Coalition founder, Terry Wild, notes that this program provides organizational documentation and identifies teaching resources.

**Reese reflects a burgeoning movement providing alternatives to a system unable to reform itself.** Inner cities and rural children are hardest hit. The pandemic shut-down has led to the growing popularity of programs that merge high-tech resources with greater parental involvement and control. “California public schools,” states Reese, “no longer represent values that make quality education possible. The time has come to unite and disconnect and turn to alternatives that work.” The Learning Pod, a small group of students led by a teacher assisted parent volunteers, has gained traction. Thanks to on-line resources, a high-tech version of the one room schoolhouse has reappeared in backyards, garages and churches. Even parents with a limited education can opt for schooling that actually prepares children to compete in a high-tech world.

**Churches and other faith institutions have a vital role to play. They have been largely missing in action.** “Where are the faith leaders in this crisis? Why aren’t they leading? Christian leaders who play it safe may be viewed harshly by the next generation. This sentiment may be a bit blunt, but it seems to be growing in of people of faith.”

**Wild pointed to his Liberty Coalition’s and the Salt and Light Council’s web sites as places to explore a promising way forward.**



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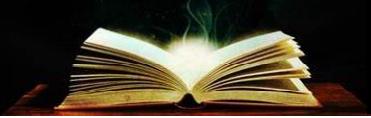
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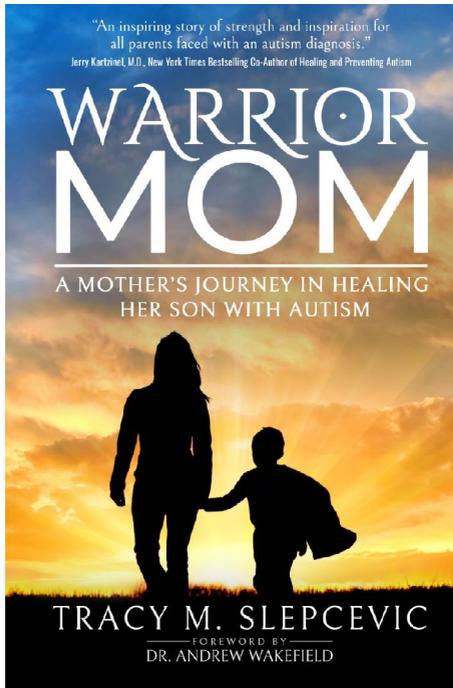
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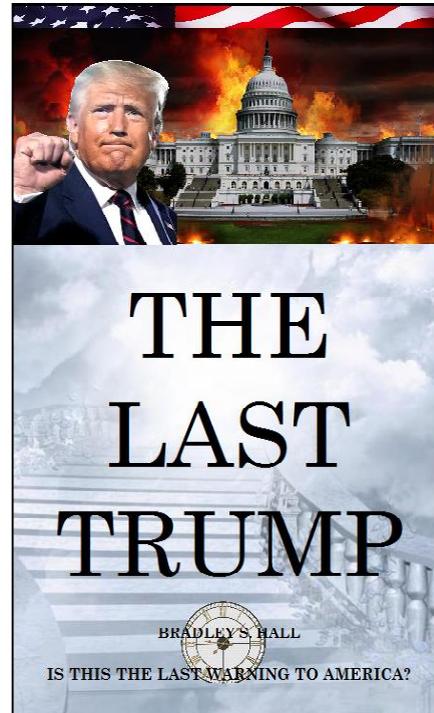
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**Fernando Bañuelos**  
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**Revista Christian News respalda a Fernando Bañuelos para alcalde de Parlier**

## ¿Qué es mejor para los latinos: el Partido Demócrata o el Partido Republicano?

En una conversación reciente, el reportero de noticias Ildelfonso Ortiz y la editora de noticias internacionales Frances Martel hablaron sobre la creciente popularidad de la ideología conservadora dentro de su comunidad. Los dos notaron el creciente reconocimiento entre los latinos de que el núcleo de su cultura e identidad es fundamentalmente incompatible con las metas y valores de la izquierda radical. Ortiz, quien es mexicano-estadounidense, señaló que la cultura y los valores mexicanos son “más conservadores que los que presentan los demócratas” y que el enfoque demócrata para moldear la identidad hispana en beneficio del partido es “la definición de racismo”.

“Durante mucho tiempo, el Partido Demócrata ha tratado de dar la imagen de que es el partido de los inmigrantes. Por supuesto, lo que hemos



visto con el tiempo es que es mentira”, dijo Ortiz. “Si miramos la cultura mexicana, somos realmente más conservadores. La ideología de un mexicano es más conservadora que la que presentan los demócratas”.

“Siempre, cuando llegan a la presidencia o llegan al poder, se olvidan de los hispanos. Es algo que, lamentablemente, no ha cambiado”, agregó, “y la gente está empezando a despertar a esa estrategia”.

Martel, quien es cubanoamericano, argumentó que este creciente despertar ha generado tensiones entre las élites demócratas y las bases conservadoras, que alcanzaron su punto máximo este año con un extraño intento de la izquierda de boicotear los alimentos Goya, un alimento básico en los hogares hispanos.

“Lo que el Partido Demócrata ha tratado de hacer para solidarizarse con los hispanos este año ha sido trágico. Intentaron boicotear a Goya, que es la marca de comida hispana más famosa de Estados Unidos”, dijo Martel. “Todos tenemos recuerdos de cocinar productos Goya con nuestras abuelas y nos dijeron que ya no podemos usar Goya. Intentaron cambiar nuestro idioma. Nos dijeron que el español es transfóbico y que ya no somos hispanos; somos 'Latinx'. No sé qué es eso. Se escribe "latín" con una x. Es impronunciable en español”.

Martel concluyó que sentía que la izquierda estaba intentando “cambiar el alma de la identidad hispana”, que está orientada a la familia, es religiosa y se enfoca en el trabajo duro y la superación personal.

“Lo que estás describiendo es la definición de la supremacía blanca del Partido Demócrata, donde nos imponen su punto de vista a los latinos”, respondió Ortiz. “Nos están diciendo qué podemos comer, qué no podemos comer, cómo debemos hablar; esa es la definición de racismo. Quieren dominarnos sin que nos demos cuenta, que pensemos que están haciendo algo bueno por nosotros... casi dando la impresión de que, para ellos, los latinos son una raza inferior”.

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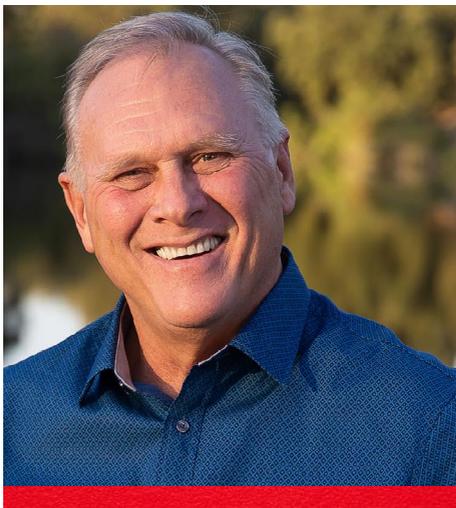


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# A new Christian College comes to the Central Valley... *Resurrecting California Christian College—A New Vision*



## KEVIN COOKINGHAM

By Richard Bailey

### INTERVIEW:

**People whom we have spoken with are on fire about this effort.**

A year ago, those members of the Central Valley churches started meeting to discuss how to start a new Christian College in the Central Valley. Those churches included Trinity Community Church, Woodward Park Baptist Church, High View and Grace of the Valley in Kingsburg.

We have been meeting for over a year with the aim of starting an accredited Christian college. In the process, we found California Christian College. It's been in existence for 65 years. California Christian College was considering shutting its doors. We met with them and are in the process of offering a new vision for California Christian College utilizing a new board, new teachers, and new curriculum.

We did this because we feel that many churches and Christian schools have incorporated Woke cultural values into what was once a pure gospel. We want to create a school that has Christian teachers who know God's word. We will offer students a biblical framework.

Although, California Christian College is a four-year college, our focus in the next few years will be to

“Members of four Central Valley churches have been meeting for the last year focusing on filling a need in the Valley – Christian education for college kids. We are developing a new vision and purpose for California Christian College. We intend to produce strong Christian leaders. This is a start-up year. We expect to go full blast the following year. California Christian College will offer Biblically-based, affordable, high-quality education at an accredited institution.”

provide students that have graduated from high school general education courses and AA degrees. These students can move on as Christian leaders to secular campuses or to another Christian school to complete a four year degree.

One of the great things about California Christian College is that we are accredited and yet cost about 1/3 the price of other private schools. Students can save a tremendous amount of money each year on tuition and by staying at home for the first two years. All this while continuing to mature. Students will leave as Christian leaders as they go out and continue their education.

California Christian College will be taking trips during the school year. These are the equivalent to mission trips. Students can leave with those experiences and incorporate what they've learned into their daily lives.

Face it. Students that have gone to church all their lives often lose their faith in secular schools. Studies show that up to 65% reject their faith after going to secular colleges. The first two years of a students' college life are crucial. We want to be foundational for our students. Our graduates will impact the rest of the world through their lives with values, words, work ethic, biblical perspective and leadership skills. This will anchor the rest of their lives

As Vice President of Strategic Planning and Development for California Christian College, it is great to see the excitement for building strong Christian leaders in the Valley.



**Dr. Sam Musgrave,**  
Pastor at Trinity Community Church and Steering Committee Member of the new California Christian College

The world's higher education is in dire need of revolution. America's finest institutions have guzzled the poisons of falsehood and our nation is suffering its toxins. The only remedy is King Jesus, "the truth, and the way, and the life" (John 14:6). He is not a truth, or my truth, or one of many truths, but the truth. All creation tells His glory and declare His works (Psalm 19:1), yet many Christian Universities have bowed en masse to the secular zeitgeist, cowering to "woke" ideology and the pride of confusion. The Church of America must wake up and stop exporting kids to Rome only to weep as they become Roman. We, the Church, must reclaim education. Pastors characterized by biblical conviction and evangelistic zeal have assembled to revitalize a local institution that has served our community for 65 years. Locating its classes on local church campuses and staffing its classes with highly qualified professors, we are thrilled to offer Central California the strong, deep, fervent education it's young men and

women so desperately need. As Pastors invade the classroom, a culture of discipleship will expand the government of Christ over every faculty of the soul and every facet of life. It's shocking that American Believers have segregated education from Christian Discipleship. But, praise God that He is for us and not against us (Romans 8:28-35). If we turn from our apathetic spiritual lethargy and seek His Kingdom and righteousness, not even the Gates of Hell will withstand us. Our faculty is committed to excellence, including Dr. Gary Tuck (Ph.D.) of Western Seminary, Dr. Will Costello of Grace Bible Church (Visalia) and The Master's Seminary, Dr. Walt Loscutoff (Ph.D.) of Fresno State University and the Apollo Missions of NASA, along with several other incredibly qualified, godly men and women. Join us as we watch the King reform education in America, and never despise the day of small things (Zechariah 4:10).



**Brendan Tomassian**  
Adjunct Professor of Biblical Greek at California Christian College and Pastoral Assistant/Seminary Administrator at Grace Church of the Valley

The revamped California Christian College is exactly what this valley needs. Our students should not have to leave the valley to find a school with an orthodox, biblical worldview that is rigorously theological in both secular and spiritual majors. As someone who failed to find such an opportunity as an undergraduate student myself, I could not be more excited for the opportunity that we are bringing to our churches and community!

## America's Godly Heritage

**Daniel Webster, orator, congressman, senator, secretary of state.**

"If we and our posterity shall be true to the Christian religion, if we and they shall live always in the fear of God, and shall respect His commandments, if we and they shall maintain just moral sentiments and such conscientious convictions of duty as shall control the heart and life, we may have the highest hopes of the future fortunes of our country.... But if we and our posterity reject religious institutions and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us."

**James Madison, architect of the Constitution, fourth president of the United States.**

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe."



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"Voter Contact is one of the most effective methods to impact voters and share the conservative platform. When voters hear the Republican policies, they side with our party. I encourage all Republicans to get involved with Fresno County Republican Party, walk their precinct as a Neighborhood Team Leader and talk to voters this election so we can **protect our Valley and take back America.**"

**Rep. Tom McClintock**



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**With your help and determination, we can take back the majority of city councils, school boards, and other offices so we can truly restore the power to the working class of Fresno County.**

**President Trump and Congressman Tom McClintock, above, have explained what you can do to Save Our Country!**

**In fact, former President Harry Truman once said,** "The most important job I ever had in politics was being a Precinct Captain!"

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FRESNO, CA – The Fresno County Republican Party is excited to announce our endorsements for the November election. All across America, small business owners, parents, community leaders, and industry professionals are stepping up to the plate to deliver results for their respective districts. These candidates represent the conservative platform of less government, safe communities, quality schools, and restoring American greatness.

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**Michael Maher**

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**State Senate District 12**

**Shannon Grove**

**X - Coalinga-Huron Unified School District - General Obligation Bond - NO**

**H - City of Mendota - General Transactions and Use Tax - NO**

**M - City of Fresno - Veterans Support Transaction and Use Tax - NO**

**K - West Hills Community College District School Facilities Improvement District No.1 General Obligation Bond - NO**

**- West Hills Community College District School Facilities Improvement District No. 3 General Obligation Bond - NO**

**L - Selma Unified School District - General Obligation Bond - NO**

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**Karen Steed**



### The Blame Game

by Pastor Jymme Foote, Jr.  
Breaking Free Revival Center  
We're built this way, people are. God asked Adam in the garden of Eden, "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" And Adam replied, "It was the woman You gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

Then God asked Eve, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

And that's where it started. The Blame Game. Down through the ages man blames woman, woman blames the snake (often a man!), and everybody blames God. It's part of our sin nature. We're built this way.

The crying, the anger, the vitriol is on my TV today, as it has been ever since SCOTUS struck down Roe v Wade. "They've taken away our rights! It's a war on women! It's the

extremists who want control! You are placing us at risk!"

Then there's the not-so-subtle vein winding through Pride month. "If you don't like who we are, if you disagree with our version of sexuality, blame God! He made us this way." Or, "God put me in the wrong body. I'm not really a man, I'm a woman!"

But let's not stop there. "It's the white man's fault... If it wasn't for those immigrants.... Those lazy, freeloading, welfare lovers... It's the patriarchy, the old boy's club, the system, the president... The devil made me do it!" It's them, not me.

Jesus asked, "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?" If you listen closely, the Lord may be saying, "It is your body, I gave it to you. But you made the decision to have unprotected sex." He could be saying, "It is your vessel, but when you got her pregnant, rather than manning up, you ran from the responsibility of fatherhood." God is pro-choice. He's given us the opportunity and ability to choose Him, and to choose life. Remember the earliest days in the Garden of Eden? God told Adam that he could freely eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil. If he did, on that day he would die.

Sadly, that day did come. The serpent deceived Adam's wife Eve, and she ate the forbidden fruit, as did her husband when she gave it to him. Despite the serpent's deception, it was still their choice to break God's command. Interest-ingly, there were no angels guarding the tree until after the transgression. The word of the Lord should have been sufficient to bar the way, to protect them from the terrible consequences of disobedience.

Yes, disobedience to God exacts a hefty price - death. Could that be what we see all around us, the death throes of a rebellious and adulterous generation? The ranting madness, the parades of perversion - do they herald America's last moments?

If that's where we are today then we must move swiftly to proclaim the virtues of personal responsibility. Instead of blaming others, confess. Instead of pointing fingers, pray. Instead of ranting and raving, repent.

Maybe there are enough planks in our collective eyes to rebuild, or at least, reinforce the fractured structure we call America.

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**From the desk of Cliff Wong, President of the NRA Members' Council of the Central Valley.**

**Recently, we've seen an increase in Senseless Mass Shooting in our Nation! With those Shootings, we've also seen an increase in Gun Control Laws from the Anti-gun Liberal Left.** Adding more Gun Control Laws to the thousands already Laws are not stopping the Criminal Minded and Mental Health individuals. It only affects us Law Abiding Citizens who follow Laws. Self-protection is a God given right. Our Founding Father's ensured that right in our U.S. Constitution under Amendment 2. The actions of a Criminal should never prevent you, a Law Abiding Citizen, from exercising that right. We MUST start protecting our schools.

**We can all see our world is getting crazier, so we need to start counteracting** that through Mental Health help and protecting our children. Schools need one entrance and one exit, armed and trained staff which could be hired Veterans, trained CCW holders and so forth. There are real solutions to these horrible problems, so let's start talking about them! **Stand and Fight Join the National Rifle Association NRAS incereely, Cliff Wong**

**From the NRA - Cliff**  
**Clifford Wong <cliffwong1960@gmail.com>**



## CenterStage Clovis Community Theatre (a 501c3 non-profit organization) is

now in its 32nd year of bringing live theater onstage to our valley community. The health restrictions due to the pandemic of the last few years made producing major shows virtually impossible. However,

# CenterStage Clovis Community Theatre Presents

## The Christmas Truce of 1914

CenterStage Clovis has nevertheless continued to bring entertainment to our Central Valley. In December of 2020 we presented "Hope for the Holidays" which was aired on Valley Public Television. In December of 2021, we produced the live staged radio version of the 1944 Lux Radio production of "It's A Wonderful Life" titled "Merry Christmas George Bailey" and performed in the Clovis Veterans Memorial District (CVMD) auditorium.

Our current project is an exciting and challenging

## ALL IS CALM

production of the very timely and important play, "All Is Calm." The musical details the true real-life spontaneous truce between Germany and the Allies, which occurred on Christmas Eve, 1914 during World War I, resulting in a single day of camaraderie, music and peace before both sides returned to fighting in the morning.

An extraordinarily talented cast of fifteen men brings this true story to life with iconic WWI patriotic tunes, trench songs, medieval ballads and Christmas carols from England,

Wales, France, Belgium and Germany with texts woven from letters, autobiographies, poetry, gravestone inscriptions and an old radio broadcast.

"All is Calm" will be performed in the Clovis Veterans Memorial District's 350 seat auditorium. A major theater upgrade of its sound, lighting, and projection capability including the installation of the largest LED screen in the Central Valley will greatly enhance the production.

A total of six performances are scheduled for the weekends of Nov 12 and

19, 2022.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, seniors and Veterans, and \$15 for groups of 10 or more. Additionally, the November 17, 8pm show, will be a special performance for active duty military, veterans and their families at a greatly reduced rate. Tickets will be available online at centerstageclovis.com beginning September 12.

Sponsorships are also available.

For additional information please visit [www.centerstageclovis.com](http://www.centerstageclovis.com)



# TED GAINES: A POLITICIAN LAST: GOD, FAMILY AND COUNTRY FIRST!

*As a fifth-generation Californian, I am a husband, and small business owner, with children and grandchildren building their lives here. I am fully invested in a California future where we can prosper and provide opportunities for the next generations.*

**TED GAINS**  
Board of Equalization  
[www.tedgains.com](http://www.tedgains.com)

I have served in local government, the California State Assembly, Senate, and I am currently your representative to the California Board of Equalization. While there is this notion of a separation between church and state, my faith plays a central role in my life. Stanford anthropologist Tanya Luhmann recently wrote a book entitled "How God Becomes Real." In that book, Tanya writes that people of faith "attend differently to their thoughts, feel calmer and more beloved." Our faith in God helps us tackle everyday challenges rather than feeling discouraged or defeated. It makes us feel alive, with the promise of hope and possibility. My mentors in my life have been my father and mother, who have since passed, friends from my church, and our pastor at the California State Capitol. My Mom overcame the death of my sister by embracing her faith, accepting Christ and over time became an ordained minister. She ministered to thousands of people who were sick and dying over the decades. She was my Sister Teresa. One of her favorites Bible passages was: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Thessalonians 5:16-18. She was a great mother of five children and wife to my dad. I have often used my faith and advice from my mentors to help illuminate a pathway in times of complex and obscure darkness. I have sat on legislative committees, hearing the horrors of children who were sold to sex traffickers, the lives of people addicted to crystal meth, homeless stories because the breadwinner has died of cancer, and so many others. My life pathway has led me to serve my community in public office. As your representative, I have worked with both Republicans and Democrats to help find solutions to protecting against the erosion of Proposition 13, allowing families to pass down their homes to their children without the taxman taking half of it, protecting families and seniors on fixed incomes, putting limits on how much property taxes can increase a year, and a host of other issues from wildfires, drought, criminal justice, and protecting our freedom and right to practice our faith. Oftentimes this journey has been a lonely one. As your representative to the California Board of Equalization, our agency oversees and administers 34 tax and fee programs. I also get to hear

appeals from individuals and businesses about tax disputes. There

is no question where I stand - I am a person of faith who works to create a better tomorrow. To challenge injustice, look out for those in need, and be responsible and accountable to our community. To learn more about me, please visit [www.tedgains.com](http://www.tedgains.com).

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## Running the Bases – a Movie Review

It isn't often I go to a movie theater and pay ridiculous prices, but I just saw a movie that was more than worth the price of admission. No sex, no violence, no degenerate big-name stars, just a good story and believable actors.

**Yes, Running the Bases is a Christian movie.** Not one name or face I recognized, just solid relatable actors that looked like real people. Because it was a story about ordinary people, not superheroes.

**Running the Bases is a sports drama about twin boys, Josh and Luke, raised in a Christian family preparing to go to college and live out their dream to play baseball.**

When Josh collapses and dies while running the bases during a game, Luke is informed that he suffers from the same heart defect that caused his brother's death. Thus, Luke's plans for the future are stopped in their tracks. But God has another plan for Luke. A chance encounter helps him realize he can be a part of the game he loves as a coach. A coach that

cares more about the character of his players than winning. Suffice it say, winning plays a big part in Luke's success and he is soon persuaded to leave his small town in Arkansas and move to a big city Texas school where winning is paramount regardless of the fallout. Luke faces a variety of situations where he is forced to make choices between his faith and a job he loves.

**I'll leave it at that except to say the story is one that will stay with you long after it ends. You will laugh, your eyes will get teary, you will cheer and you will leave the theater inspired.** That doesn't happen often these days.

**Unfortunately, the movie is on limited release as is often the case with faith-based movies** and word-of-mouth is the only way you hear about them. I was one of only four people in the theater. However, I am anxiously awaiting the release of a dvd because it's a keeper.



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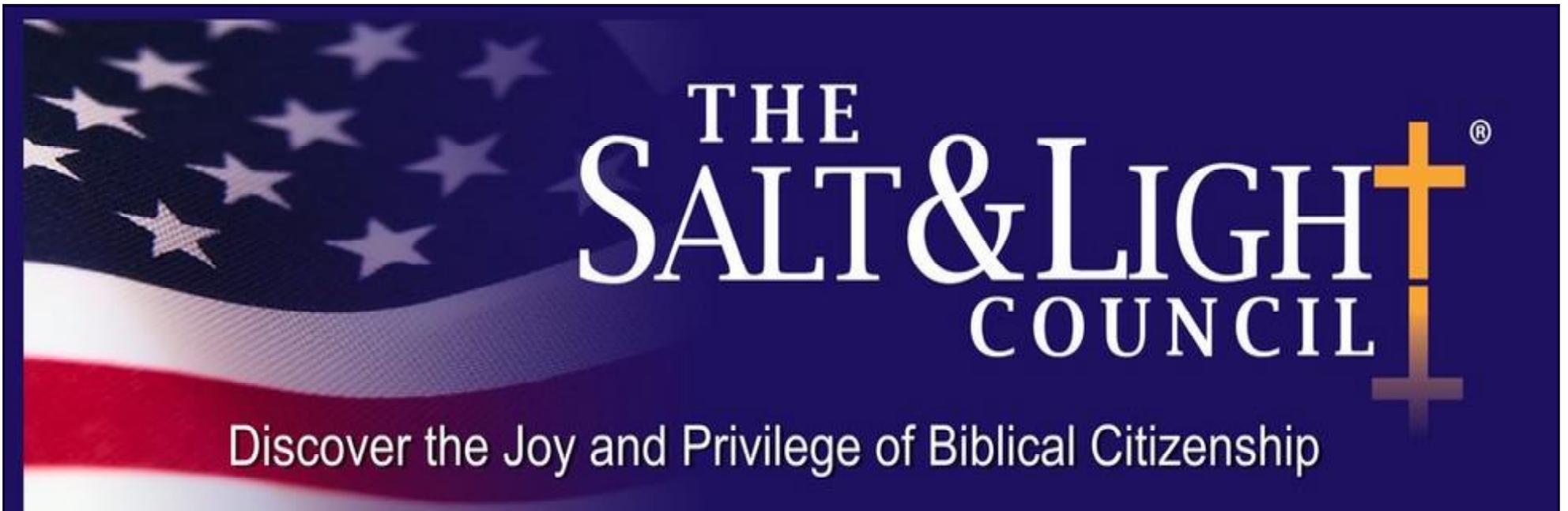
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# CHURCH MATTERS



By: Alana Sorensen

We are losing our freedoms everyday. Stolen elections, FBI raids, out of control inflation, government lockdowns... Where does it end? How do we stop it? I asked myself that several years ago and here's what I know.

**#1: Don't get discouraged. We've been here before.** Generations before us thought we were done!! But we fought and we persevered, even when the odds were against us. And it won't take a majority either. Like my favorite founding father, Sam Adams said, "It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting the brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." So if you were frustrated when you were

## WHAT TO DO? That's the magic questions every Christian is asking themselves right now. Our country is in decline.

the only one that wasn't wearing a mask in a department store full of hundreds of people, then take heart...you're the irate, tireless minority. If you can't believe that people still drop their kids off at public indoctrination centers (aka public schools) everyday, then take heart...you're the minority keen of setting the brushfires of freedom.

**#2: We won't produce fruit by trying to change the minds of boards that won't change their minds.** I learned this when I was part of a group that protested the SDU School Board for 2 years and they didn't budge an inch. Moral of the story: If the board won't change then change the board. Hence, why our main focus at The RMNNT has been to train up and educate conservatives how to run for local office. We need

to build the bench and we need to be in it for the long haul, even if it takes us several elections to prevail. As a result, we have nine RMNNT trained candidates that are now on the ballot this November. If you didn't decide to run this election, then help someone who is. If we want to win we have to realize it's going to take hard work - making calls, knocking on doors, putting out signs. I love the lyrics of Travis Dennings new song. We should make it the theme song for all conservatives. *"I've been thinking somebody's gotta keep it red 'round here. Might as well be me."*

**Alana Sorensen**  
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## There is Good News that brings healing to division



By: Dennis McCourt

*Because of limited perceptions, people often see racism in situations when there is no racism there. This can happen when a well meaning person inadvertently offends a racial minority. For example when an employee is overlooked for a promotion at work because of low performance and they happen to be a person of color. Conversely, sometimes when there truly is racism manifested some people neglect to see it or call it out.*

**Like when a racist person** acts out in hatred to purposely harm someone of a different race and it is overlooked or minimized.

**On a lighter note this reminds me** of a man who once made a public statement "I'm not a racist. I hate everyone equally!"

**In the Bible, we learn that there is only one race, that is the human race. Acts 17:26** "From one man he made every nation of the human race to inhabit the entire earth." According to scripture, any hatred towards fellow man is sin. Unfortunately, man's sinful condition has fostered a particular type of hatred that we call racism. There is a type of reverse racism that is being promoted in society and even in some liberal churches. This is being taught through ideologies like CRT (Critical Race Theory), Liberation Theology and other subversive doctrines that cause division in our communities, including houses of worship. These ideologies foster reverse racism when the majority race is mistreated because of their majority status or the color of their skin. We see this in different places including some classrooms where young children are labeled as oppressors because they are white.

**Followers of Jesus stand against all types of racism, including reverse racism.** We can only find real true racial, class and gender reconciliation in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 "In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal." We have the antidote to racism in Christ Jesus. I invite you, if you have not turned from your sins, to do so now and put your faith in Christ who died for your sins and rose from the dead! By doing this, you will find eternal salvation and be enabled by God's Spirit to have discernment and to be an agent of healing in this divisive age. God will help you see clearly and expose the misperceptions and false accusations of racism. Also, you will be able to acknowledge, point out and stand against racism when it's truly there. That's good news

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**Our country is at a crucial juncture. With each passing day, President Biden aggressively advances** our nation away from many of the Judeo-Christian principles central to our way of life and toward ideals and expressions that are diametrically opposed to our Republic.

**In the face of such tremendous cultural winds it can feel** as though our small voice has no value or consequence — like we're alone screaming into the wind with no hope of change. And yet, one of the highest and clearest actions we can take at this time is to stand up, get involved and let our voices be heard.

**The Save America Now PAC is a collection of like-minded** men and women who are committed to fighting this cultural shift and returning our country to the truth of its foundation. We are driven to secure a pro-life, pro-American, pro-family nation that rejects the social-welfare, ideologically-driven tide

being forced upon us by our current President. We aim to do this by strategically funding critical congressional races for the greatest impact with our collective resources.

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**Briefly stated,** we exist because we need saving. We live in a time when several fundamental principles, upon which this country was built, are under assault.

**SANCTITY OF LIFE**

**Even after the** monumental victory of overturning Roe v. Wade, President Biden continues his crusade to instantiate abortion into federal law. Indeed, the recent decision in Kansas shows just how much the unborn still need our protection. We rejoice in the triumphs of these past months, but have no illusions that the battle has been won.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

**Did you know that the President and**

**Democratic-led** Congress are unashamedly attacking religious institutions in their championing of the so-called "Equality Act" (the single greatest assault on religious liberty this country has ever faced)? Did you know that, if passed, the "Equality Act" can prevent churches from requiring their leaders to adhere to the organization's beliefs on marriage, gender, and sexuality?

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**Proposition 1 would amend Article 1 the California Constitution by adding the following:**

**The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives.**

This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.

**This language is significant in a number of respects.** Existing California law as restated in the California Health and Safety Code permits legal abortion until fetal viability, the point in pregnancy when a child could survive a delivery. That point varies depending on the child and a hospital's resources,

# Opposing Proposition 1

*This November, the first ballot initiative that will face California voters will be Proposition 1. Enraged by the overthrow of Roe v. Wade, aggressive pro-choice zealots in our state legislature are trying to insert a vague, unbounded, explicit right to abortion into the California Constitution. We must vote NO.*

and is somewhere between 22 and 24 weeks into a pregnancy. Following fetal viability, abortion is legal in California if the pregnancy poses a risk to the mother's "health," as judged by a healthcare provider.

The vast majority of abortions take place prior to fetal viability, and California's definition of maternal "health" is quite broad. Nonetheless, California does have some limitation to abortion codified in state law.

The text that Proposition 1 would import into the California Constitution (our foundational law in California, which overrides any contradicting statute) makes absolutely no mention of fetal viability or maternal health. It absolutely asserts that the state may not interfere with an individual's right to choose to have "an" abortion, with no qualification. It is hard to read this text and not think that it is designed to legalize all abortions, including late-term, third-trimester abortions of healthy babies from healthy mothers.

**And yet, that is precisely** what some of its proponents are trying to claim. Toni Atkins, the leader of the Democrats in the California State Senate and

one of the initiative's co-authors, is trying to run away from this politically unpopular consequence of the initiative's language, claiming that it does not actually change the practical law-on-the-ground of abortion in California. If this is so (one might ask), why introduce the initiative at all? Or why not make that clear in the text itself?

**Atkins is running away from this language because** late-term abortion is extremely unpopular. Large majorities even of Democrats and self-identifying pro-choice persons oppose third trimester abortions.

**There is also a risk to religious liberty** contained in this bill. California law protects the rights of hospitals, doctors, and other medical personnel not to perform or be forced to participate in abortion. Willingness to participate in abortions cannot be a precondition for acceptance into medical schools or other medical training programs, and medical employers may not fire someone for refusal to participate in abortion.

**A number of abortion advocates have argued that these kinds** of state conscience protections unduly hinder the ability to access

abortion, denying "essential healthcare" services to women. The ACLU (a key partner in the Legislature's yearlong efforts to expand abortion access in the wake of Roe's overturning) has been suing Catholic hospitals for their refusal to perform certain contraceptive-related procedures that conflict with Catholic teaching on the grounds that such a refusal is unlawfully discriminatory against women. That argument would easily transfer to refusals to perform abortions.

**It does not take much imagination to foresee how this new constitutional amendment** could be weaponized against pro-life healthcare providers. An enterprising ACLU lawyer could convincingly argue to the California Supreme Court (five of whose seven members were nominated by Jerry Brown and Gavin Newsom, with a sixth on the way) that conscience-protection laws constitute state action "denying or interfering" with the right to abortion, and thus should be struck down as unconstitutional violations of Proposition 1's mandates.

**Pro-life people aren't the only ones who should oppose Proposition 1.** Even Californians who believe in some right to abortion, but not completely unrestricted late-term abortions, should oppose it. It is a wild, reckless, poorly-drafted attempt to enforce a radically permissive abortion policy that will harm healthcare provision in California and take the lives of fully-developed children. California law already protects the right to abortion, and this measure goes beyond even what its authors claim to want. Vote no on Proposition 1.

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# Cornerstone Church Goes to the Big Fresno Fair

**Come Go to Church and Get into the Fair for Free**

**Cornerstone Church of downtown Fresno will combine its 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday morning services at the historic Wilson theater into one service at 9 AM on October 9 in the Paul Paul theater of the Big Fresno Fair.**

**Ever since I was a kid I've always** loved going to the fair. Stated Pastor Jim Franklin, Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Church Fresno. Growing up I was always involved in FFA and the fair was a highlight of the year.

**The big Fresno fair is such a great symbol of our roots as a community.** Now with the addition of the Museum it is such a wonderful reminder of our heritage here in the Valley. There is only one thing that I saw that was missing. The influence of faith in our valley.

**There is no way to deny the important role** that faith has played in the Valley. That is why we are so excited about partnering with the Big Fresno fair to bring our Sunday morning service to the Paul Paul theater the first Sunday of the fair October 9 at 9 AM.

**This is not the first time** that we have partnered with the big Fresno fair grounds.

**Thousands of people from the Valley** joined us in the Big Fresno Fair grandstands for our Celebrate America event on July 3 of this year.

**The theme this year** was One Nation Under God. It was a great celebration of our countries godly heritage. It ended with one of the largest free fireworks display in the Valley. We are planning on this being an annual event and expanding it every year with the help of the big Fresno Fair.

**An added feature to conducting our Sunday morning service on October 9 at 9 AM in the Paul theater is that all of those who attend the service will get free admission into the fair.** Just show up for our service and enter through the Chance Street or Butler Street gate. There is a charge for parking but admission into the service and then into the fair afterward will be free.

**There are people that would never go to a church but they have no problem** with coming to the fair to hear the good news especially if they're going to get into the fair for free.

**With our hard economic times this will be a great opportunity for entire families** to come and hear the good news and enjoy a day at the fair. With all that is happening today, inflation, crime, and all of the political unrest around we need something positive in our life without it affecting our pocketbooks negatively.

**I want to encourage you to come and bring your entire family** and join us on October 9 at the big Fresno Fair. The celebration begins at 9 AM but I would encourage you to get there by 830 to get a good seat.

**More information can be obtained at our website [www.CornerstoneFresno.Com](http://www.CornerstoneFresno.Com)**

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