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Involving the Christian in Community Action

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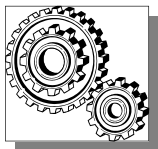
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*Barton is coming to Vermont on September 22, 2006*

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Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

As we take a look at what is happening with our Country I have to stop and wonder where all of the Christians are. Polls tell us that 84% of the population in the United States consider themselves Christians or at least believe in God. If this is the case, where are they when we look at what we have representing us in Washington, and in our home State of Vermont? So many times I have been embarrassed when I get a call from Washington wanting me to contact my Senators or Representative concerning an issue. I have to say, "We have no representation in Washington" and then I think what happened to all of the conservative thinking people who live in Vermont.

When I was with Concerned Women for America I learned that in California the Christians were fed up with the liberal representation they had in Washington and one of the districts decided to do something about it. A man who had never been in politics before decided he would be willing to run for the office. All of the churches in that district got

behind him and he won. To bring this a little closer to home - five people from my church that lived in Hyde Park decided to go to a Caucus Meeting. We were astonished to find that there were only six others there and if we had had two more from the Christian body, we could have been the majority. As it was, one of us was elected to go to the State Convention. This is where the state platform is voted on and



if there had been enough of "us" from all over the state, we could have had a platform that would have been pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Just to give you an example - I was talking to someone the other day that lost their seat in Legislature by less than 20 votes. Upon talking to some people they found that a number of people they had worked with

had not gone to vote, and neither had some of the people from their church. One vote can make a difference and when we do not vote we are actually casting a vote for the opposition.

Over the years we have had some good men and women running for political offices, and even town and city positions. We could have had (and do have in some instances) Christians on school boards, in town and city offices, but it takes our votes to get them in.

In the Book of James we are told not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers also; and in Mark 16:15 we are told to go out into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. How can we do these things when we do not get involved? Not all are called into the political arena, but some are. Are we behind the ones that are called? Do we support them in any way we can? Are we willing to forget our doctrinal differences and purpose to be unified in the cause? It disturbs me deeply when I see the takeover of our State and our Country with the hatred that has risen throughout this land. Where is the



**"A society of sheep must in time beget a government of wolves."**

***Bertrand de Jouvenel***

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"salt"? Where is the "light"? Is it because we know what the Book of Revelations says about end times and we know these things have to happen? Is it because of this we just sit back and do nothing? What do we do when we read articles in the paper about removing prayer from the schools, not allowing anything that relates to Christmas from singing Christmas carols or exchanging cards in the public schools? Where were the Christians in Williston when the bus driver was told she would have to remove the Christmas decorations she had on her bus because it might offend someone? Were you not offended? Does that not count? Or do we hide our feelings because we read in Matthew, when Peter asked how many times do you forgive, and Jesus told him seventy times seven. Is this a time we stand on that Scripture? Didn't Jesus go into the Synagogue and heal the woman on the Sabbath? That made the religious leaders angry. Did He not stand up for all His Father had told Him? All of the churches in that particular school district should band together and go to the school board meeting, armed with their Constitutional rights. Let the Board know they objected to their removal of our Christian heritage from the schools or from public property. If they had a room that was overflowing with people that were objecting, they would have had to listen and reconsider their stand. We had one lone pastor here in Lamoille County that went before the school board

and informed them Sunday was HIS day, and it was the day the youth of that church got together, but the school had started having play practice and sporting events that were taking his youth from their youth group. He went on to tell them they had six other days they could use but Sunday belonged to him. We should be so bold today!

Proverbs 29:2 says "when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn". Why do you think the righteous are not in authority? Could it be that we are not listening to the voice of God and heeding what He is telling us? Could it just be that we, followers of Christ, have not been fulfilling the Great Commission? Have we just been sitting in our churches, not getting involved with the outside world, believing that we should not get involved in the political arena because it is not the Christian thing to do? Did you know many of our Founding Fathers were ministers of the Gospel, and in setting up the government to run this Country, they sought direction from God Almighty and His Holy Word? All 50 states when composing their Constitution gave reverence to Almighty God. As late as 1959 when the State of Hawaii became part of the United States, its Preamble stated, "We, the people of Hawaii, grateful for Divine Guidance establish this Constitution". Now, we have people going to court to remove any trace of God from existence.

We need to stand up for our God given rights. We should be fighting to keep God strong in our homes, in our schools and in our government. The reasons are obvious. After reading David Barton's book entitled "America to Pray? or Not to Pray?" I found that since prayer was taken out of the schools our youth have gone steadily down hill. He says in the introduction, "While the removal of school prayer cannot be blamed for all the declines, the presence or absence, legality or illegality, of prayer and the acknowledgement of God in public arenas is the primary indicator of philosophy under which official public policy is being conducted." He gave examples of the decline by stating that from 1952-1962 SAT scores were relatively stable but from 1963, when prayer was removed from schools, the decline was unbelievably rapid. Teenage pregnancies have increased over 400%, by 1988 the percentage of out of wedlock births to teens skyrocketed to 69% with welfare being given to these teens rising to \$21.5 billion in 1990, sexually transmitted diseases starting in junior high student, ages 10-14, with gonorrhea alone has increased almost 400% since 1961-63. These are just a few statistics referenced in Barton's book. Once the most common problems in schools were talking, chewing gum, making noise, and running in

the halls. They have been replaced by rape, arson, bombings, murder, suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, gang warfare, pregnancies, abortions, and venereal disease. These statistics were taken from government departments.

Now, do you understand why we need to be more involved, not only in our homes, but in our churches and our government? These are cold hard facts that need to be addressed by each and every one of us. There is a world out there going to Hell if we don't get involved and become the salt and light that we were called to be. There is a need to be examples for the world to see to take notice that there is a way other than the way they are going. We need to stop living by double standards and live the life we were called to live. It is not too late to start today. As we enter this new year of 2006 let each of us purpose to go to God in prayer and ask Him how we can be His Arms extended in our communities, and in our government. Let's get involved. Let us be that army of God here in Vermont and let us take back what the enemy has stolen. I will close with Proverbs 28:1-2, "The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are bold as lions. When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily, but with wise and knowledgeable leaders, there is stability." NLT

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**“As government expands, liberty contracts.” - Ronald Reagan**

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## David Barton



Author and historian, David Barton is the Founder and President of WallBuilders, a national pro-family organization which distributes historical, legal, and statistical information, and helps citizens become active in their local schools and communities. WallBuilders is a name taken from the Bible book of Nehemiah. And just as Nehemiah led a grassroots movement in Jerusalem to rebuild the walls of that city and restore its strength and honor, so, too, WallBuilders seeks to energize the grassroots today to rebuild that which makes America strong—its constitutional, moral, and religious foundations.

David's exhaustive research (from original writings) on the Founding Era has rendered him an expert in this field, and consequently he serves as consultant to state and federal legislators, has participated in several cases at the Supreme Court, was involved in the development of the History/Social Studies standards for both Texas and California students, and has contributed to projects and legislation set forth by countless other groups, individuals, and legislators across the country. David is the author of numerous works and this information has been directly implemented to reclaim the original intent of our Founding Fathers in the areas of faith and family.

David speaks to hundreds of groups each year across the nation and appears on numerous television and radio programs to communicate the truth regarding our country's religious roots and the role individuals can play in reclaiming our spiritual heritage which has been forgotten. David is currently breaking ground in the African-American community with his presentations, *American History in Black and White*. His heart for ministers has paved the way for exclusive Congressional Pastors' Briefings on Capitol Hill where hundreds of clergy have been impacted by some of the country's top conservative political leaders in these educational and informative sessions.

David holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oral Roberts University and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Pensacola Christian College. He has been a recipient of national and international awards including *Who's Who in Education* and DAR's highest award, the George Washington Honor Medal. His work in media and the educational medium have merited several Angel Awards, Telly Awards, and the Dove Foundation Seal of Approval.

David and his wife Cheryl have three grown children, Damaris, Timothy, and Stephen, and reside in Aledo, TX.

### **America's History: Have We Forgotten?**

**Mark your calendars -7:00 PM September 22, 2006**

**Sheraton Inn & Conference Center**

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead  
James 2:17

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**The Christian Action Ministry is currently working on three projects this summer:**

**Bible Curriculum in Public Schools**

**An evening with David Barton  
America's History: Have We Forgotten?**

**Candidate survey for this fall's election**

**If you have an interest in getting involved and making a difference (and how could you not after reading this issue's lead article), please get in touch with us.**

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**Next Meetings**

*May 8, 7:00 pm  
Community Bible Church  
South Burlington, Vt.  
Jun 12, 7:00 pm  
Maranatha Christian Church  
Williston, Vt.*

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