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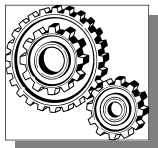
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Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

Way up here in Vermont we tend to be on the outskirts of where the big national speakers give their presentations. It is rare for us to have the opportunity to hear, in person, someone as prominent in his field as David Barton. Most of us have probably seen him on television or in one of his videos, and many of us have read one or more of his numerous books. But I suspect, few of us have had the experience of seeing and hearing him speak in person and then answer questions from the audience afterwards. I was excited to see him on TV about a month ago promoting the

National Bible Curriculum in Public Schools program, another project CAM is currently working

documents on our Country's founding era and on the founders themselves. He speaks to hundreds of groups each year and on TV and radio programs. He has degrees from Oral Roberts University and Pensacola Christian College. He is the founder and president of Wallbuilders. He and his wife live in Aledo, Texas and have three children.

A few of the books he has written include: *The Myth of Separation, Original Intent, American History in Black and White, The Bulletproof George Washington, Benjamin Rush, The Second*



on bringing to Vermont.

David has done exhaustive research from the original



"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress" - Ronald Reagan

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Amendment, America's Godly Heritage, Keys to Good Government, A Spiritual Heritage Tour of the US Capitol, The Spirit of the American Revolution, Restraining Judicial Activism, and others.

At 7:00 PM on September 22, at the Sheraton Inn in South Burlington, he will be speaking on **America's History: Have We Forgotten?**

What a great time for us to get inspired by what our founding fathers truly intended for our country and how they really believed themselves. Also to learn what the law truly says about issues involving the Christian and the Church, relative to the government and law. David has the legal expertise on exactly what pastors can do and say within their church. He also knows what is allowed on public property and in the schools.

Did you know the phrase separation of church and state originally comes from a letter from Thomas Jefferson reassuring a church that Government would not interfere with its operation and rights? Two days after Jefferson wrote that letter he attended church services preached by his friend Rev.

John Leland right in the Capitol building in Washington, DC. In its first years, the Capitol building was used as a church for public worship by a vote of Congress; and under President Jefferson musicians were provided at government expense to aid in the worship. Now the courts claim we cannot even display the Ten Commandments in public buildings, using the intent of the Founders as a reason, and yet in truth those same Founders used the most important public government building of the time for public worship of God. Earlier during the Revolutionary War, the acting Continental Congress on September 11, 1777 ordered the importation of 20,000 Bibles. Now you get in trouble for carrying one in schools. We need to hear, remember, and retell these truths about our Country.

I have been listening to a few of his tapes to get ready for the event and I have been very impressed with how easy he is to learn from and how well he documents what he says with historical references. By the way, we do have a few copies of his DVD's we can loan out to groups or classes to give a small sample of what you will be getting on the 22nd.

CAM has put a lot into bringing David Barton to our area. We are counting on there being enough Christians in our area who will want to give up one evening to learn about these issues. It would be a sad commentary on our local Christian community if we don't fill the hall for such an important speaker, and it would make it that much more difficult to entice other leaders to put Vermont into their schedules. Conversely, what a great signal it will send to Christian activists and speakers (not to mention our local politicians and the media) if we fill the hall to standing room only. You won't want to miss it yourself, but also consider bringing your friends, neighbors, Sunday School class, or church fellowship groups. Home schoolers and history classes should consider it for a field trip. We are having a contest and the church that has the most registered attendees will receive four Barton videos. There will also be a drawing with signed copies of David's books awarded to the lucky winners. Pastors can request free bulletin inserts for their congregation with an announcement of the event and bio of David Barton. You can also learn more

about David at www.wallbuilders.com.

If you would like to come and help as an usher or to man the registration or book table please give us a call.

Please do come and join us for the evening. I am sure you will enjoy hearing David speak and will learn new and inspiring facts about our founders and our country's history. There will be an offering taken but the event is free and open to all—until the hall is full! There is plenty of free parking right on site. Call 372-6442 or 862-3427 for reservations. People will be welcome at the door but those with advance reservations will get in more rapidly and there will be a reserved section up front for those who have made reservations; plus, it will help us with our planning. See you there: Friday, September 22, 2006 at the Sheraton Inn in South Burlington at 7:00 PM.

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“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot keep forever.”
Thomas Jefferson

How to rate a Candidate for Public Office

By
Bob Garvey

Most of us are insulated from what candidates really think about the issues that we hold dear to our hearts. Some of us insulate ourselves by turning off the radio or TV whenever we hear a political ad. However, the media has a way of insulating us by never bringing up the real issues that are vitally important to us as Christians. What are the “real issues” we should question each candidate for public office about, especially our incumbent or prospective State Representatives or State Senators.

When voting for a member of the House of Representatives, you must know what Legislative District you live in, and who the incumbent Representative is. If you don’t already know, your Town or City Clerk’s office has that information. Once you get a name of both the incumbent (is currently the elected Representative or Senator) or the challenging Candidate, you need to call them or check their web site, if they have one, and ask them where they stand on those issues.

In his booklet, entitled Voter’s Guide for Serious Catholics, Karl Keating of “Catholic Answers” outlines a list of five non-negotiable issues. I am writing this from a “Catholic Perspective”. However, having worked with folks of other de-

nominations for the past fourteen plus years in CAM, I truly believe that Karl’s items are shared by all believing Christians.

If you don’t agree with his list, consult with your Pastor and discuss which issues you don’t have to worry about. When you finish that discussion, this author will be very surprised if you don’t agree on all five. It is extremely important that you act on what you believe by calling and questioning the candidates, and discern whether you should support or refuse to support his or her candidacy.

The five issues that should not be negotiable for any Christian voter because they concern actions that are **always morally wrong, and never must be promoted by the law.** No candidate who really wants to promote the common good will support these five non-negotiable issues. They are:

Abortion! - The direct killing of an innocent human being, and therefore, a form of homicide.

Euthanasia! - Often disguised as a “Mercy Killing” is also a form of homicide.

Fetal Stem Cell Research - Respect for the dignity of all human beings (embryos) excludes any experimental ex-

ploitation or maneuvering of the human embryo..

Human Cloning:- Is also in opposition to the dignity of both human procreation and of the conjugal union, because the rejected or “unsuccessful” clones are destroyed, each becomes a form of homicide.

Homosexual Marriage:- True marriage is the union of one man and one woman. True marriage is undermined by any other form of “marriage”. If “Homosexual Unions” were recognized, as they are now in Vermont, the participants would be encouraged to persist in what is an objectively immoral arrangement.

Previously, if you were going to be gone on Election Day or you were ill, you could obtain an “Absentee Ballot” from your Town or City Clerk’s office. Today you merely request one and it will be mailed or delivered to you. There is no reason that must be given for your request. This means that you can vote as early as two weeks prior to the announced election date.

If you are one of the fifty percent of Christians who are not registered to vote, isn’t it time to recognize your responsibility as both a Christian and as a responsible citizen and register? Being a Registered Voter

also allows you to participate in a Political Party and add your voice to others of similar leanings in the selection of good candidates to run for office. That’s really participating in the Democratic process.

Please mark your calendars that September 12th is “Primary Election Day” for registered voters to express their idea of who should run in the General Election. This year is critical. Republicans can pick one of two candidates for United States Senator (Greg Parke or Rich Tarrant), and the Democrats can choose from five, (Larry Drown, Craig Hill, Peter Moss, Louis Thabault, and Bernie Sanders). For the House of Representatives, Republicans choose between Mark Shepard and Martha Rainville to challenge the Democratic Candidate, Peter Welsh. The General Election will be held again this year on November 7th Mark your Calendars)!!

We are blessed to live in a Country where our vote does count rather than a dictatorship where we would lose all of our individual freedoms. Thanks be to God. May God Bless and guide all of you!!

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“Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon the teachings of the Redeemer of Mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent, our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian” U.S. Supreme Court, 1892

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead
James 2:17

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Primary Election September 12th

Don't forget to vote in the primary election scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th. In the primary, the major political parties select who will represent them in the general election on November 7th. Due to the nature of the primary, your vote can have a greater impact than the general election because the "committed" people are the ones who show up to vote.

A major party is defined as a Party whose candidate for any State Office in the most recent General Election, polled at least 5% of the Vote cast for that office. In Vermont the major Parties are the Republican, Democratic, and Progressive Parties.

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Next Meetings
September 11, 7:00 pm
Open Doors World Outreach
Essex, Vt.
October 9, 7:00 pm
Community Bible Church
So. Burlington, Vt.

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