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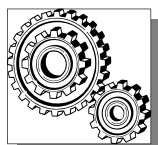
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Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

I don't know where it all began, but I think somewhere in the time of *Roe vs Wade*. Remember when the Christians were in the forefront of almost all public decisions? I remember that at one time the gays were in the closet and we were more vocal and things were going well.

During the time of *Roe vs Wade* it started to get really difficult in the Spirit realm. Many Christians went into their prayer closets to pray about this world changing event, but did not fight for what is right. Don't get me wrong—I am not saying we shouldn't go into prayer. What I am saying is this was the time that changed the face of Christianity in America

As Christians became more and more comfortable in their prayer closets, while the gay community started to come out of theirs. Christians found that as long as they are in their prayer closets the destroyer of our

souls was leaving them alone, so they stayed where they were safe.

The gay community on the outside of their closet found new freedom and began to open their wings and fly like never before. They began to become the voice of government while the Christians began to cower in fear and go deeper and deeper into their prayer closets. The problem with this is they never came out to do God's bidding. I have believed for about 5 years now that it's time to get off our knees, get out of our closets and start getting our hands dirty again.

If the gay community (being less than 2% of our nation) can accomplish what they have, what can we as Christians do if we remove our cloak of fear and start "making noise"? Sad to say, but we Christians should follow the gay example. They are bold and in your face day after day while we, with the all the

powers of heaven in our grasp, stay hidden with fear.

Fear is not of God, it is a tool of the enemy. As long as Christians bow down to that fear we are of no use to God. It should warn us of our lack of faith in the true and living God. If this be so then we really need to re-evaluate our Christianity. If God is standing with us, who can stand against us?

It's time to wake up. It's time to get off our knees and start fighting for what is ours or should I say what is God's. The only way this world and America is going to change for the better is when we move with God. We cannot move with God when we are hidden from the world in our prayer closets. Remember Jesus is coming back with an army. He's not coming back by Himself as we pray him on.

Darrell Desautels attends Community Bible Church in South Burlington, VT

"Frankly I had thought that at the time Roe was decided, there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don't want to have too many of."

***Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
(in a statement which leaves us speechless)***

A New Opportunity for Christian Education in NW Vermont

By
William Parkinson

God is under attack, America is under attack, our families and faith are under attack; not new news but certainly the battles are intensifying and coming on new fronts. We know God wins in the final battle but we cannot know if America or our families will win in this current battle. We see it on many fronts; the Bible banned, Christmas no longer celebrating the birth of Christ, attempts to take God off our money, Christian symbols banned in public places, widespread decay in morality, etc., etc., We could fill the newsletter with examples.

Now more than ever we need Christian education. We need our children educated with a Biblical based curriculum. We need to be raising up a generation of leaders with a Biblical world view in all subject areas.

Satan and the world, like an octopus, has its tentacles out trying to attack our children from every angle, all day and all night, tempting them to turn from God. On television, radio, music, movies, video games, social media, and out in the world, they are confronted if not bombarded with all manner of immorality and the worldly message that God either doesn't exist or is irrelevant to our day. We can't sit back and watch. We are called to be light, to take up the sword of the spirit which is the word of God, and start using it. It doesn't do its job resting in its

scabbard, and we don't do our job being silent.

I am sorry to say it, and I know it will offend some, but our generation has failed. We have not brought our country and people closer to God, we have let it slip away. Hopefully we can help turn our country and people back to our Godly founding principles, but it will also fall on the shoulders of our next generation to complete the task. Sunday School, home devotions and a Godly family life are all great and necessary, but for most it will not be enough to produce the leaders we need.

There is a great new opportunity for Christian Education opening up in our area. Trinity Baptist School, a full K-12 school, was started in 1974 as a place for Trinity Baptist Church to educate their children with a complete Bible based curriculum. It has a totally Christian school board, Christian administration, Christian teachers and Christian students. Every course from Bible to science, mathematics or history is taught from a Biblical perspective. I cannot overstate how good it has felt over the past 26 years to have had my 5 children in a Christian School. Not just knowing they are receiving a Bible based education but having the feeling of safety and security in their lives, knowing they are led by, taught by and surrounded by fellow believers in their formative years.

Over the years as Trinity

Baptist Church has grown, they find themselves at a stage where their children have grown and there are not enough children within that Church to fill the school. The board has decided to allow more parents from other area churches to send their children. A few of the other Churches that have been thus represented are: Maranatha- Living Hope, Essex Alliance, Hinesburg Alliance, Jericho Congregational, Christ Memorial, Calvary Baptist of Essex, Harvest Baptist of Milton, United Reformed Church of New Haven, Champlain Valley Christian Reformed of Vergennes, and First Baptist of Shelburne. The school has had students from Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Addison and Washington Counties.

Trinity students take standardized achievement tests every year and consistently score well above the national averages. I am stressing the Christian aspect because that is what makes Trinity special, but I don't want to suggest they are lacking in a general academic education. Eighty seven percent of Trinity's high school graduates have gone on to college. A few of the Colleges they have attended include: Pensacola Christian College, Bob Jones University, Cedarville, Norwich University, Vanderbilt University, West Point, Air Force Academy, Davis, Maranatha Baptist Bible, Faith Baptist, and Northland International University. A few of the professions their

grads have entered include; pastors, teachers, military careers in the U.S. Services, business management, school principal, nursing, dental hygienist, engineers, pre-med, ASL interpreter, government jobs and Home Land Security, Even if you don't have children of school age, you can support Christian Education in our area by helping with a scholarship fund donation for a child in your church, and by encouraging those with children to consider a Christian school.

There is still time to visit the school while it is in session this year and there may be the opportunity for your prospective student to spend a day here with his/her grade level to try it out. If you are like me, you will be amazed at the text books and how in every subject area they glorify our Lord. The school is a ministry of the church and not every child that applies will necessarily be accepted. To protect the rest of the children and help the school run smoothly and to its purpose, applicants must come from a family in a Bible believing church. If you would like to consider placing a child in the school you can contact Dawn Tomlinson at 879-9007 to schedule an appointment with the Head of Enrollment.

William Parkinson is one of the original founders of CAM and his family attends Trinity Baptist Church

“Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.”

Samuel Adams

Should Christians be Involved in Government?

by
Marion Clegg

We find within the Body of Christ people asking themselves should we get involved in the affairs of government? We are hearing of law suits across America wanting to remove the Ten Commandments from public places, removal of *In God We Trust* from our money, and the removal of anything that refers to Christ. We have already lost prayer and saying The Pledge of Allegiance in our public schools; programs during the Christmas holiday have been changed to just Holiday programs; and places of business greet you with Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas. Symbols of our Christianity have been removed from public view and the list goes on.

Why is this happening in a Christian nation? I'll tell you why ~ because the Body of Christ is not standing up for its Constitutional Rights. We do not want to fight for what is legally ours, given to us by Almighty God Himself. When the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution they wrote it for the people of the United States of America because they were the citizens of this land. Are Pastors telling their congregation it is not only their civic duty, but their duty as born-again believers to vote?

In Proverbs 29:2 it says *When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.* That tells me that it is God's intent that

righteous people should be in places of leadership meaning people that are in right standing with God, and obey the commands of the Lord. This can only be done by those that are born into the Kingdom of God. That is why when our government was established it was established by those whose hearts belonged to God. In Psalm 109:8b David was saying that the wicked man's days be few and let another take his office. I have prayed this over a number of wicked men and women in places of leadership, not asking that they die but only that their position of leadership days would be few, and that someone of God's choosing replace them. How many times have we used the cliché, garbage in, garbage out, referring to what we put into a computer is what we are going to get out of it. I believe this holds for the way we vote too. If we are not standing firm in our convictions of who we elect into places of leadership we are going to get those of less character. I believe that we should look to God as to how we vote and who we place in authority. If their morals do not line up with what God expects from us then we should not vote for them. We should have been praying for righteous men and women to be raised up for positions of authority and then those that have been given a call to these positions should answer that call and put their trust in God to see

them through the process.

When God raises up those people, then church members need to get behind them and support them any way they can, through their prayers, through helping to finance their campaign, and working to see they get nominated, and then go out and vote. I know it can be done but we can't just talk about it, we have to do something about it. God has promised He will heal our land if we will only humble ourselves and pray. He will work on our behalf if we do what He has told us to do.

Years ago I heard someone make the statement concerning Christians that they were so heavenly minded they were no earthly good, and I believe we are at that point today. We talk about wanting to see people saved, yet we confine ourselves to church and we do not reach out to the world. I know people that believe getting involved in "politics" is worldly and we shouldn't do that. If we would stop and think about that for a moment we would see how wrong that kind of thinking is. We need to be involved in the affairs of our communities. This is how the world sees that we are different. Our Godly influence is brought with us as we get involved. Maybe it is being a teacher of our children, a police officer, a lawyer or even running for the seats in our government, both State and Federal. Wherever God has planted us we should

be His examples. His ways should be our ways, His thoughts our thoughts in whatever we do. We are His Arm extended, but we can't be if our influence only extends to the inner walls of our churches. Not all are called into the political arena, but some are, and the rest of us should be behind them, supporting them every inch of the way. That is our way of being involved in government. We can call our representatives and let them know how we feel about certain issues, and we can write letters to our local papers to express our concerns, but we should not preach the Gospel at them. We want to love them into the Kingdom not drive them away.

When we say we are not happy with the way our legislators vote, how do you think these bills become laws? Do you think Christian legislators wrote them and voted them in? Of course not! They got written and voted in because we, the Church, have not been diligent about doing what we have been called to do. We have not taken voting and getting involved seriously but there is a day coming when we will be called accountable for all that we have not done as well as what we have done. Do you want to hear, "Well done you faithful servant, enter into your place of rest"? Only you can decide.

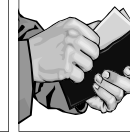
Marian Clegg attends Lamoille County Church of the Nazarene

“Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”

Benjamin Franklin



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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Save the Date Saturday, September 6, 2014

Last September CAM brought KrisAnne Hall to Vermont for an evening on The Foundations of the U.S. Constitution from a Christian view.

You asked us to bring her back!

This September 6th, from 9am to 3pm, we are hosting KrisAnne for an informative seminar on the Constitution called The Roots of Liberty where she will discuss in detail the Constitution and the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments to the Constitution), using the Founders' own words, explaining the true meaning and purpose of each amendment.

We are planning on a catered meal for lunch. Cost is \$25/each and includes lunch. Limited to 250 people. Contact us for advanced reservations. (802) 655-0280



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Next Meetings

March 11, 7:00 pm
*Living Hope Christian Church
Williston, Vt.*
April 15, 7:00 pm
*Parkinson home
Hinesburg, Vt.*

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