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Fall 2023 ACTION Newsletter

Message from the President...

A Look Back by Robert Kettering



On June 8, 2023, Pat Robertson passed on. Pat was a great friend to ACTION and was instrumental in the formation of our organization. Back around 1985, a half dozen young men were meeting regularly for a Bible study at Lloyd Smucker's office. Lloyd had a drywall company and I was a builder. The other men were employed at various companies in the local area. The Bible study was focused on how God could use individuals to impact the world we live in.

We decided that one thing we could do was to get involved in local politics to help Christians get elected to public office. At that time, even though Lancaster county was predominately pro-life, half of our elected State Representatives were pro-abortion! About that time, Pat Robertson decided to run for president. Although I didn't know much about politics, I liked Pat and thought he would make a good president. I remember when we discussed his candidacy at the Bible study and we wondered if there was anything that we could do to help him. We decided to invite him to Lancaster to do some type of event. Although we were pretty sure that he wouldn't come, we decided to invite him. (what did we have to lose?) Well, to make a long story short, Pat agreed to come to Lancaster for a dinner to promote his run for president. The dinner turned out to be Pat's largest one in the country! 920 people attended the \$100/plate dinner that was held at the Lancaster Host! It was the largest political fund raising dinner of it's kind ever held in Lancaster county! Indeed it was quite an event!

A few months later, after Pat's campaign ran out of gas, we decided that even though he wasn't going to win, we should continue to work for other candidates who would support our values. We decided to form a political action committee and we named it Lancaster County ACTION (Americans for Christian Traditions In Our Nation) At that time many of us decided to get involved in the local republican party so that we could help to elect candidates who support our values.

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"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

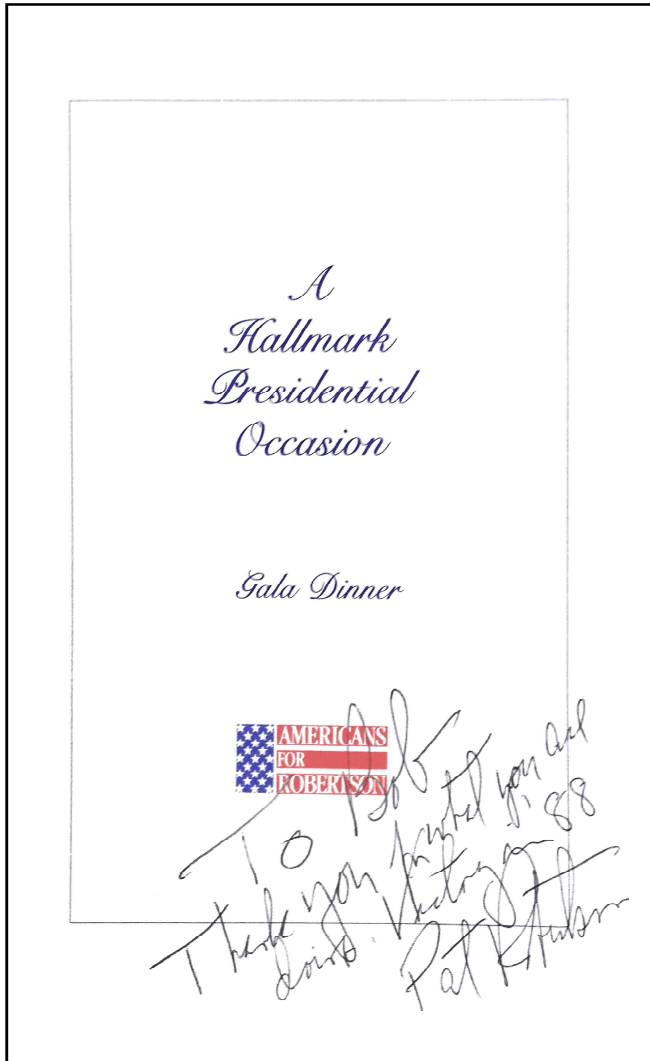
Edmund Burke

A Look Back *continued...*



920 Applaud Robertson at \$165,000 Fund-Raiser Here

One of the first candidates we helped to elect was State Representative Tom Armstrong. Tom defeated an 18 year, pro-abortion incumbent. Over the years we helped to elect other State Reps. so that today the Representatives from our county are 100% pro-life! (only Mike Sturla who represents the city is pro-abortion) We also helped to elect our former Congressman Joe Pitts, who was a leader in the pro-life movement and later helped to elect our current Congressman, Lloyd Smucker. I remember in those early days, a friend sent me a quote from Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."



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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2023 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Eden Resort - Presidential Ballroom - 222 Eden Rd, Lancaster

Our Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer

Topic: A Broader Definition of Generosity



David grew up in the northeast Baltimore County. He and his wife Marty worked with college students at secular universities all around Pennsylvania for over 20 years with a Christian ministry called DiscipleMakers. They have lived in Lancaster since 2017 when David joined the pastoral staff at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Dave is the President of FaithfulGive, an organization formed in 2023. Lancaster County has a rich heritage of faith-based non-profit organizations committed to their biblical values. FaithfulGive was started to celebrate that rich heritage as well as nurture and guard it for the next generation. FaithfulGive seeks to live out a broader definition of generosity that includes giving your time in prayer, your talents in service, and your treasure in finances.

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-847-0902) or emailing LancoAction@gmail.com by Monday, October 9, 2023.

The cost is \$25.00 per person, \$20 for members, and may be paid by cash, check or zelle. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

A Message from the Treasurer - Is Your Membership Current?

ATTENTION - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES POLICY CHANGE

The LCA "membership annual dues" is \$20.00 per family membership. In the past, dues were calculated by the members' anniversary date. The new policy is that annual dues will be scheduled to be paid based on January 1st of each calendar year. Each membership payment is due at that time. Please check your mailing label. If your membership is current, 2023 will appear on the label. Exp means your membership has expired and payment for 2023 is due. Thanks for your support!

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than the American family.”
- Ronald Reagan



