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Pat Toomey Keynotes 20th Anniversary Banquet

Message from the President by Bob Kettering

Pat Toomey addressed this year's LCA Banquet held at the Eden Resort Inn. The republican U.S. Senate hopeful told the audience that the Democratic majority in Washington is leading our nation on an unprecedented lurch to the left and he challenged conservatives to fight back at tea parties, town halls and finally the



Pat Toomey



*PA Supreme Court Candidate
Joan Orié Melvin*

After Toomey's address, LCA Vice President, Kirk Radanovich, presented the Outstanding Citizen award to Pastor Jamie Mitchell, Pastor of New Song Fellowship Church in Lancaster. (See article on page 4). Thanks to all who made this year's banquet a great success.

Banquet CD's are Available
(see page 3 for details)

voting booth in 2010. The former congressman told the 230 supporters, "I want to be that 41st republican vote needed to sustain a filibuster."

Paul Hollinger, who served as emcee for the evening thanked Toomey for doing what voters had been unable to do, that is, to get Arlen Specter out of the republican party. Toomey told the crowd that in 10 years, thanks to the unprecedented spending by President Obama and the democrats, the debt level in this country will be greater than the combined debt generated under every president from George Washington to George W. Bush. He encouraged us to push back saying that "We're not the kind of people who are going to sit back and let this happen."



*Pastor Jamie Mitchell received the
2009 Citizen of the Year Award*

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

Pastor Mitchell's Prayer Before the State House Stirs Debate

One June 10, pastor Jamie Mitchell delivered a prayer to the PA State House. Due to the sad condition of our culture, this prayer caused quite a debate.

Because of his willingness to speak the truth, LCA presented him with the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award.

Below is an article by Pastor Mitchell that was printed in the Sunday News 8/21/09.

I have the privilege to pray in many settings. Each time, I craft my words to make people consider our requests to God and to be Biblically accurate so God will listen.

Sometimes people have thanked me and even complimented me on my intercession to the Almighty. But no prayer has invoked the response of the one I delivered June 10, at the state House of Representatives.

Since that day I have been forced to think: Why such a reaction? Was it the content of the prayer? Was it the context of the place? Or maybe it was how I ended the prayer:

"I ask it, in the name of your son, our living Savior and Master, Jesus the Christ, Amen."

I appreciate the opportunity I have been given to set the record straight.

First question: How did I get invited to pray in the House? My state representative, Scott Boyd, submitted my name, as can any House member. The Speaker of the House then formally invites you. Scott never saw my prayer, never asked for a copy, and never encouraged me to pray [for anything]. Moments after I said "amen," House members stormed the Speaker's desk in protest. Scott was summoned by the Speaker. I have not talked with him since June 10 but I do know that he has unfairly caught flak over it.

Second question: What were you thinking when you crafted the prayer? I was not sure what to pray. I Googled "house of representative prayers" and got thousands of hits. I found one that resonated with my musings. Pastor Joe Wright delivered that prayer in the mid 1990s to the Kansas State House. Some have accused me of reciting his prayer. If you read both, you will see similarities in form, but not in wording. My desire was to offer up a Biblically accurate prayer and to stir people's thinking on moral issues. It seems that God's ideas on issues are being silenced.

Third question: Did you think anyone would be upset? Stirred, forced to think, uncomfortable for sure, but not upset in the way a few House members were. And not to cause Speaker Keith McCall to issue a policy in

which prayers would be reviewed and the "name of Jesus" [and names of other religious figures of faiths] would not be allowed.

But I have been more amazed by the positive response. I have e-mails from politicians in other states thanking me. I have hostesses in restaurants pat me on the back and affirm what I said. A woman in the waiting room of a garage thanked me for saying what she is feeling. I think I hit a nerve on what the rank-and-file in this country feels.

Fourth question: Are you just another "ax-to-grind, politically-motivated, fighting-fundy, leisure-suit wearing preacher" who sees everyone in government as the devil's relative? Absolutely not. I stopped wearing leisure suits in the '80s.

I was honored to pray at the Capitol because I believe our elected officials are what God's word calls them - "divinely ordained ministers of God" (Romans 13). God commands us to pray for our officials. I know that every day they hear from pollsters, pundits, and fundraisers on how to shape their decisions. Why not hear from God's heart? If people are upset with the prayer, they need to take it up with the Holy Scriptures.

Lastly, what was the most surprising aspect of all this? That is easy: how the name of Jesus was the real offense. The agitated representatives were most upset with my closing. I could hear them say "he had no right to pray that way!" What did they think I was going to say?

America is a beautiful tapestry of religious freedom. I have no problem with [others faiths invoking the names of their religious figures], but it is wrong when the Speaker singles out evangelical Christians and tells us that we cannot say the name of the one who gave his life for us.

I am thankful that the Speaker saw the unconstitutionality and inappropriate nature of his policy and has gone back to leaving it up to the pastor to determine what he believes God wants him/her to pray. [Clerics are still asked to keep prayers interfaith and apolitical.]

The real issue here is recongizing that government should never silence the clergy or legislate how someone can pray.

I am glad that I was used to provoke thinking and to remind us how easy the freedoms we have enjoyed can be threatened, and equally how they can be rescued - if you are willing to take a stand and say a prayer.

At least this time around it was "Pastors 1, Politicians 0!"

See Entire Text of Prayer on Page 6, The Rev. Dr. Jamie Mitchel is the senior pastor of New Song Fellowship Church on Prospect Street.

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

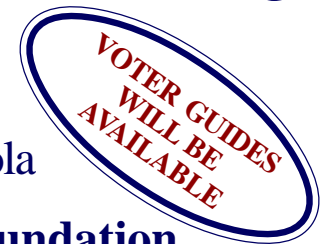
Saturday, October 10, 2009

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Leola Restaurant, 365 West Main St, Leola

Stephen McDowell, President, Providence Foundation

*Rendering to Caesar the Things that are God's
Statism - The Golden Calf of the Modern World*



Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-569-0148) by Wednesday, October 7, 2009. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

A Message from the Treasurer - Is Your Membership Current?

Please take a moment to make certain that your membership is current, by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter to see if your dues are up-to-date. The number "2009" should appear in the parenthesis on the label. If it does not, please fill out the form below and mail to:

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President Obama Jumpstarts The New Washington Abortion Agenda by Michael Ciccocioppo

Pro-lifers predicted what would happen if Barak Obama were to be elected President of the United States. With less than one year in office, no one should be surprised at how quickly he has begun working his way down the checklist of the Washington Abortion Agenda.

There were, of course, those pro-lifers who decided to put aside the pro-life issue and vote for the pro-abortion senator from Illinois believing that other issues demanded their vote. After all, the candidate promised, "change we can believe in." But now, buyer's remorse is setting in for many Americans who voted for this President - especially pro-life Americans who voted for "change."

Pro-lifers have been hit between the eyes with "change that is unbelievable!" Unfortunately, there are no "lemon laws" regarding impulsive votes for president. There's no opportunity to get your vote back and "spend" it on another candidate. You're stuck for four years.

Lesson learned: When a candidate says he or she is going to serve the desires of pro-abortion special interests groups - don't vote for him or her. Do everything you can to prevent their election before it is too late.

No "Grace Period" for Unborn Babies

President Obama never spoke of his abortion agenda in his inaugural address, but something he said struck an eerie note with many pro-lifers. At one point he proclaimed to, "...those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken - you can not outlast us, and we will defeat you."

He was actually speaking to terrorists around the world. But his words were still echoing in our heads two days later when we made the annual March for Life on Washington D.C. He released a statement on January 22nd honoring the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade as a decision that, "not only protects women's health and reproductive freedom, but stands for a broader principle: that government should not intrude on our most private family matters." He recommitted himself to protecting the "right" to abortion.

WASHINGTON ABORTION AGENDA CHECKLIST

- Sign the Freedom of Choice Act and remove all restrictions on abortions at the national, state and local levels, including the ban on partial-birth abortions
- Celebrate the 36th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade with an official statement claiming it "protects women's health and reproductive freedom"
- Rescind "Mexico City" Policy so that taxpayer funds can be sent overseas to organizations which promote and provide abortions
- Restore funding to the United Nations Population Fund which relies heavily on coerced abortions
- Cancel the prohibition against using taxpayer funds to conduct research that requires the killing of human embryos
- Appoint radical pro-abortion officials throughout the President's cabinet and his administration
- Appoint radical pro-abortion officials to enforce the nation's laws at the U.S. Department of Justice
- Appoint radical pro-abortion judges throughout the federal judiciary
- Appoint radical pro-abortion justices to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Repeal the Hyde Amendment so that taxpayer money can fund abortions in the U.S.A.
- Remove the ban on abortions at U.S. military facilities
- Restore the Office of Women's Budget Initiatives and Outreach, which would promote abortions
- Repeal the Health and Human Services conscience clause rule for health care workers who do not want to take part in abortions
- Make abortion a standard covered service under a new national health care initiative

The very next day, January 23rd, the President fulfilled a campaign promise by rescinding the "Mexico City" policy. This policy denied our federal tax dollars to organizations which promote and perform abortions overseas. President Obama's cancellation of this policy means that abortions overseas will, no doubt, rise with the infusion of what amounts to a global abortion industry bailout.

Obama immediately surrounded himself with like-minded anti-lifers. He named Rahm Emmanuel, a former Illinois Congressman with a 100 percent pro-abortion voting record, as his White House Chief of Staff. Obama's Domestic Policy Adviser, Melody Barnes, previously served on the board of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. Ellen Moran, who became the president's Communications Director, previously led the pro-abortion political action committee known as EMILY's List.

President Obama has also appointed individuals who share his radical pro-abortion ideas to some of the nation's highest positions. These include Hillary Clinton to Secretary of State, and Tom Daschle and later Kathleen Sebelius to Secretary of Health and Human Services. The leadership in the Justice Department is rife with extreme pro-abortion advocates. All of these complement the radical pro-abortion Joe Biden whom Obama selected to be his Vice-President.

The President has also issued an Executive Order clearing the way for our federal tax dollars to be used to do research on human embryos that have been killed for this purpose. He revoked Executive Orders issued by President George W. Bush on August 9, 2001 and June 20, 2007, which prohibited federal funds from being used in this way. This will, no doubt, stimulate the killing of untold millions of living human embryos.

Unfinished Abortion Business Still Looms Before Us

The checklist on this page shows a lot of unchecked boxes on Washington Abortion

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Obama Jumpstarts Abortion Agenda *cont.*

Agenda. We have every reason to believe that President Obama and his pro-abortion partners in this leadership of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives are working very hard behind the scenes to put some more checkmarks on their to-do list.

Whether we voted for him or not, the President is the President of the entire nation. He has a responsibility to serve all of us. We have a responsibility to communicate our wishes and our desires to him.

Let it not be said that we fell short of our duty at the critical junction in our nation's history. Let us speak out boldly and often. We can do it. One effort demonstrates that clearly.

Together we have stalled what candidate Obama promised would be his first order of business if elected President - to sign the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). People across the nation began massive campaigns, such as the PA Pro-Life Federation's anti-FOCA petition drive, to stop FOCA.

Paraphrasing the President from his own inaugural address, let us say to him and those in league with him in their determination to destroy the very fabric of our society: "To you who seek to advance your aims by inducing terror on unborn children and slaughtering vulnerable innocents at all stages of life, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken - you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you."



LCA Welcomes New Board Member Dr. Clark Regitz

Dr. Clark Regitz has recently joined the board of LCA. Clark has been active in Lancaster County politics, currently serving in his seventh year as a committee man in Manheim Township as well as serving in his first term on the Lancaster Delegation of State Committee.

Clark is a doctor of Chiropractic and his office is in Leola. In his spare time he enjoys discussing politics and religion with whoever he meets. Clark will serve on the board by assisting with our computer database and helping to network with churches.

He and his wife Elena live in Neffsville where they enjoy home schooling their six children, Catherine, Joseph, Victoria, Buckley, Jefferson, and Margaret. They attend the Christian Life Center church in Manheim.

A big thank you to Clark for being willing to serve.

ACORN Funding Stripped in the House and Senate

(excerpt from Congressman Pitts' FAXLINE)

With the release of more damaging videos showing ACORN employees offering criminal advice, Congress acted to prevent taxpayer money from going to the organization. Last week, the Defund ACORN act, introduced by Republican Leader John Boehner was attached to legislation that passed in the House. This act, co-sponsored by Congressman Joseph Pitts, prevents any federal funds from being provided to the organization.

The Senate last week voted 83 to 7 to prevent ACORN from receiving any federal housing funds. It is appalling that such an organization should receive federal funds and he joined with many of his colleagues on a letter to President Obama asking him to immediately sever all federal government ties with ACORN. The organization should be investigated and prosecuted for its criminal actions.



Text of Prayer Given Before State House by Pastor Jamie Mitchell

“Our gracious Heavenly Father, we come before You today because we have nowhere else to go. For You are the true and living God. You are the Maker of Heaven and Earth. You are the sustainer of man and all that we are or ever will be. You are the only real hope for our nation and our commonwealth. We come before You in this grand hall, before the important and the powerful, in complete humility and brokenness because Your holiness consumes our failings, reveals our iniquities and lays bare all of our unrighteousness.

We come to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your help and guidance. We know Your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that’s exactly what we’ve done. We have ignored Your spiritual compass and have tried to guide our paths with our own values, desires and indulgences.

We confess that we have mocked the absolute truth of Your Word and called it relativism.

We have worshipped other gods, failing to acknowledge You alone and called it multi-culturalism.

We have exploited the poor and naive; and called it the lottery.

We have made excuses for the law breaker and called it tolerance.

We have demeaned the law keepers and called it politically correct.

We have neglected our neighbor and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness, irresponsibility and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn children and called it a choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it releasing their creativity.

We have abused power, been party to backroom dealing and even hoped for our colleagues downfall and called it political savvy.

We have squandered our resources and paid back favors with taxpayer’s funds and called it stimulus.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women, who have been sent here by the people of Pennsylvania, and who Your Holy Word calls, ordained ministers of peace, to govern this great commonwealth.

Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. May they choose today to be servants of You, Almighty God, and then prosper their steps for their obedience. May we live in reverent fear of your greatness in comparison to our insignificance.

I ask it, in the name of your son, our living Savior and Master, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

