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Message from the President . . .

Evangelical Christians hold the key to Bush re-election
by Robert Kettering

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In the United States, there are 60 million evangelical Christians. That's the good news. The bad news is that in the last presidential election, only 15 million of us voted. As Christians we must understand that the policies in our country are formed only by those who take an active role in the election process. If only one of every four evangelicals bothers to vote, we should not be surprised when those who are elected do not share our values and then pass laws which further undermine those same values. As evangelicals, we must learn to select those candidates who will vote Biblically and not be fooled by campaign rhetoric. Most candidates have a voting history and it is the record we should observe rather than a few sound bytes or the candidate's commercials. If more of us would take the time to cast an informed vote, we would see great results. Prov. 29:2 tells us that when the righteous rule the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule the people groan. Yet how can the righteous be elected if the righteous do not even bother to vote. Many elections are decided by a very small percent (consider the spring primary - Specter 51%, Toomey 49%). As more evangelicals become actively involved in the process, we can expect these close elections to go our way. II Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) says "**If my people**, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land". You see, it really is up to us. If we will fulfill our responsibility, God has promised to heal our land.

In this presidential election, the two candidates offer as stark a contrast on moral issues as you'll ever find (See Comparison on pages 2 and 3). These issues are of great importance to our families and to the future of our nation. They include the type of justices who will be appointed to the Supreme Court, Abortion, (including the barbaric procedure known as partial birth abortion), The Defense of Marriage Act, and federal funding of the abortion pill in public schools.

This election is expected to be very close. In PA, the margin of victory will probably be a few percentage points. Clearly, we as Christians have the opportunity to decide who will win this election, we can make the difference, but only if we take the time to vote.

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

Edmund Burke

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Lancaster County has a new source for political and citizen involvement information. Please check out the brand new "lancastercountyaction.org" website. We will be using this website to inform our members about upcoming events and urgent information. You will be able to view our newsletter and download our voter's guide. I will be updating the news page often so we can give you the most up to date information possible. Please check out the site and let me know what you think



Volunteer for the President by Kirk Radanovic Vice President

If you would like to volunteer some time and do something good for the President please contact us. One of the most effective ways to reach people for the President is to call them and encourage them to show up on Election Day and make a difference. We need to man the phone banks for President Bush to ensure a win in November. We need volunteers on Tuesday evenings from now until Election Day. If you can donate some time please e-mail me at Klakrad@dejazzd.com or call me at 665-5106.

Where Do The Candidates Stand on Life Issues

Where do they stand on partial-birth abortion, in which fully-developed, living babies who can feel pain are stabbed in the head before their brains are suctioned out?

BUSH: promoted and signed into law the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

KERRY: voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act six times.

What about the Unborn Victims of Violence Act ("Laci and Conner's Law") where prosecutors may bring a second charge if an unborn child is injured or killed?

BUSH: promoted and signed into law the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

KERRY: voted against the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

What about taking your tax dollars to pay for abortions?

BUSH: opposed taxpayer dollars for abortion. He blocked federal tax funds from going to organizations that promote and perform abortion overseas.

KERRY: voted to use federal taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion.

What about informing you that your minor child is having an abortion?

BUSH: supports parental notification before an abortion. He signed a Texax parental notice law when he was governor.

KERRY: voted against parental notification in the Senate. He also co-sponsored the now defunct "Freedom of Choice Act," which would have nullified state laws, like Pennsylvania's parental consent law.

What about keeping unlimited abortion on demand throughout pregnancy legal?

BUSH: believes that Roe v. Wade should be reversed, allowing the people through their elected state representatives to once again pass laws to protect unborn children.

KERRY: supports Roe v. Wade, which allows abortion for any reason at any time in pregnancy, and in the form of infanticide called partial-birth abortions.

What about appointing Justices to the Supreme Court?

BUSH: will appoint Justices to the Supreme Court who will strictly interpret the Constitution according to its text and history and not use the bench to legislate.

KERRY: pledged to "only" appoint pro-abortion Supreme Court Justices.

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting



Saturday, October 2, 2004

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Leola Family Restaurant

2491 New Holland Pike (Route 23, Leola)

Speaker: Peter Marshall

AMERICA IN CRISIS: A Christian Wake-Up Call

Peter Marshall is a Presbyterian minister and evangelist, who, for over 35 years, has ministered on Christian growth and maturity, and taught on our Christian heritage across the country. Believing that America is in moral and spiritual crisis, and that nationwide revival is the only hope for us, his prophetic ministry now focuses on two major themes: First, the urgent necessity of recovering the original American vision, and the truth about our Christian heritage. His other major emphasis is the importance of putting 2 Chronicles 7:14 into practice: "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face; then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land."

Son of Senate Chaplain Dr. Peter Marshall and author Catherine Marshall, he graduated from Yale University and Princeton Seminary, and then served as pastor for twelve years. Since 1977 he has devoted himself to a continent-wide ministry of preaching, teaching and writing. He lives on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-653-6605) by Wednesday, September 29, 2004. The cost is \$9.00 per person.

2004 VOTER GUIDE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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Defense of Marriage Act
Constitutional Amendment to Protect Marriage
Unrestricted Abortion on Demand
Banning Partial-Birth Abortion
Taxpayer Funding of International Abortion Organizations
Allow Federal Funding of Morning-After Pill in Public Schools
Full Repeal of the Death Tax
Raising Taxes on American Families
Raising the Gas Tax
Discriminating Against Faith-Based Charities
Defending School Vouchers as Constitutional
Increased Penalties for Obscenity on Television
Full Funding Support for Our Troops in Iraq
Increased Funding for Defense Weapons Programs
Cutting Intelligence Budget Despite Terrorist Attacks
Increased Funding for Armed Forces Pay
Personal Social Security Savings Accounts
2nd Amendment Expresses Individual Right to Bear Arms

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Stem Cell Research that Offers Cures - without Controversy

By U.S. Rep. Joe Pitts

Despite claims made at the Democratic National Convention, there is no ban on stem cell research. In fact it is perfectly legal.

In 2001, President Bush became the first president to allow federal funding to be used on embryonic stem cell research. While I disagreed with his decision (I don't think any taxpayer money should be used to destroy nascent human life), today thousands of these stem cells are available to researchers and millions in federal money is spent on stem cell research.

However, the issue is much more complicated than sound bytes offered at a political convention.

Not long ago, a scientist named James Thompson discovered that all human cells were formed from something called "stem cells," and that if those stem cells could be isolated, virtually any kind of human tissue could be formed in a laboratory. Stem cells may be derived from two sources: from adult tissue or from human embryos.

Taking stem cells from a human embryo is impossible without killing it. Adult cells (including umbilical and placental cells) may be taken from a person without harming him or her in any way.

The moral dilemma is obvious: Is it ethical to kill a human embryo, even if it might help us find a cure for Alzheimer's or Parkinson's? Is it right to take one life to possibly help another? What if that research showed no hope of making progress towards cures of these diseases?

Since both presidential candidates are on the record as saying that "life begins at conception," it is important that we ask when it's appropriate to end the life. No one wants to stand by as diseases take our friends and family from us. But no one wants to create human life just to destroy it, especially if the promise of that research may never come to fruition.

The good news is we may not have to. Currently, adult stem cells are used to treat 45 diseases; embryonic stem cells are not used to treat any.

Scientists have isolated muscle stem cells that can improve muscle regeneration in damaged muscles in a mouse with muscular dystrophy.

Scientists at the University of Florida were successful in isolating, insulin-producing cells from adult bone marrow stem cells. These cells secreted insulin in a controlled manner and reversed diabetes in mice.

Bone marrow stem cells, when exposed to damaged liver tissue, can quickly convert into healthy liver cells and help repair the damaged organ, according to research done at Johns Hopkins. And bone marrow stem cells implanted in the heart have shown positive results in repairing damage done to the heart during a heart attack.

The list goes on and on.

Adult stem cell research offers cures without controversy. Just ask Laura Dominguez.

An accident on July 3, 2001, left 18-year-old Laura with no movement in her legs or hips and no feeling below her collarbone. She went to hospitals and doctors. They could offer no cure, but they helped her live with her disabilities.

Several years later, a doctor in Michigan proposed that Laura visit Dr. Carlos Lima in Portugal to undergo olfactory mucosa surgery. The procedure involves the removal of tissue from the olfactory sinus area, transplanting it into the spinal cord at the injury site.

The result? After her surgery, Laura regained some sensation and motor control of certain muscles. She is now able to point her toes. With braces, she can walk some distance. She continues to progress.

If you still don't buy it, just follow the money. Embryonic stem cell lines developed in a laboratory can be patented and sold to the highest bidder. Despite this potential for huge profits, our world-class, multi-billion dollar biotechnology industry in America spends relatively little on embryonic stem cell research. Instead, advocates hope to get the American taxpayer to shoulder the risk of investing in research without promise, on the off chance that corporations may profit from the patenting and selling of embryonic stem cell lines.

It's a win-win for companies, but a lose-lose for taxpayers and for human life. We can do better.

And, fortunately, we already are. Adult stem cells are offering cures without controversy, not vain hope in false promises.

Hillary Clinton Addresses Pro-Abortion March

Pro-abortion politician Hillary Rodham Clinton joined with Planned Parenthood activists and other members of the abortion lobby in April in a rally designed to shore up support for legalized abortion. The New York Senator has become the face of the pro-abortion movement in the U.S., pushing for taxpayer funding of organizations that promote abortion overseas. Senator Clinton's appearance at the Washington pro-abortion march signaled that her support for abortion on demand during all nine months of pregnancy continues. Public opinion polls, however, indicate Senator Clinton represents a minority viewpoint. A recent poll conducted by the Zogby firm showed that those who identify themselves as pro-life now outnumber those who label themselves "pro-choice."



A Message from the Treasurer

Fall is just around the corner. So 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 "2004" should appear in the parenthesis on the label. If it does not, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

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849 Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

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NAACP Leadership Blocks Pro-Life Resolution

The leadership of the NAACP, the nation's best known civil rights organization, refused to adopt a pro-life position on abortion at its annual convention in Philadelphia in July. The refusal came after a local chapter urged the organization to accept a resolution that would have repudiated the pro-abortion stand embraced by the NAACP earlier this year. "When it comes to abortion, the NAACP is significantly out of touch with the vast majority of Americans," said Day Gardner, director of Black Americans for Life. The abortion rate for black women is now three times higher than that of white women. The NAACP has also disappointed pro-life blacks through its harsh condemnation of pro-life President George W. Bush. "It is incomprehensible that the NAACP would support abortion on demand, after all that we, as black people, have endured and achieved. We support President Bush's efforts to uphold the civil rights of all Americans including the unborn," said Gardner. "I urge the African-American community to remember where we came from. I ask every black man and black woman to think once again about the civil rights of all our people no matter how small their unborn bodies may be," Gardner added. Since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, more than 14 million black babies have died in the womb.



Iraq is more than just an oil rich nation ... Did you know?

The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon which was a city in Iraq. And you have probably seen this one. Israel is the nation most mentioned in the Bible. But do you know which nation is second? It is Iraq. However, that is not the name that is used in the Bible. The names used in the Bible are Babylon, Land of Shinar, and Mesopotamia. The word Mesopotamia means between the two rivers - - more exactly between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. The name IRAQ means country with deep root. Indeed, Iraq is a country with deep roots and is a very significant country in the Bible. Here's why:

The Garden of Eden was in Iraq. Gen. 2:10-14

Mesopotamia which is now Iraq was the cradle of civilization.

Noah built the ark in Iraq. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq.

Jacob met Rachel in Iraq. Jonah preached in Ninevah - which is in Iraq.

Assyria which is in Iraq conquered ten tribes of Israel. Amos cried out in Iraq.

Babylon which is in Iraq destroyed Jerusalem. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq.

The 3 Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq.

Belshazzar, the King of Babylon, saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq.

Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq.

Ezekial preached in Iraq. The wise men were from Iraq. Peter preached in Iraq.

Adam and Eve were created in Iraq - Genesis 2:7-8

Satan made his first recorded appearance in Iraq - Genesis 3:1-6

Nimrod established Babylon & Tower of Babel was built in Iraq - Genesis 10:8-97 & 11:1-4

The confusion of the languages took place in Iraq - Genesis 11:5-11

Abraham came from a city in Iraq - Genesis 11:31 & Acts 7:204

Isaac's bride came from Iraq - Genesis 24:3-4 & 10

Jacob spent 20 years in Iraq - Genesis 27:42-45 & 31:38

The first world empire was in Iraq - Daniel 1:12 & 36-38

The greatest revival in history was in a city in Iraq - Jonah 3

The events of the book of Esther took place in Iraq - Esther

The book of Nahum was a prophecy against a city in Iraq - Nahum

The book of Revelation has prophecies against Babylon which was the old name for the nation of Iraq -

Revelation 17 & 18

No other nation, except, Israel, has more history and prophecy associated it than Iraq.

Pray for the country and for the people of IRAQ. Pray that God's will would be accomplished for the nation.



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