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"Alabama's Moral Compass"

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Dear Friends of ALCAP:

Since our last newsletter, much has happened and some exciting plans are being made! First, let me share the final results of our school program. ALCAP teachers made 2,221 module presentations, covering 10 different subjects, to 700 public and private schools throughout Alabama. That translates into 108,320 students who learned about living a positive, healthy and alcohol/other drug-free lifestyle! In addition, 21 more programs were presented in the state universities and colleges at the undergraduate and graduate levels in Kinesiology and Education, and segments of the National Trio Programs (Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services), plus the Reach-out-Programs, LINK, Nu-Start, RESTART, 21st Century and summer schools added 6,000 more students who received ALCAP studies.

I reported in the last newsletter about the 2008 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature, but since that time, a Special Session was called by the Governor. Though he stated that the Special Session could only deal with the matters for which the Session was being called, a 2/3 majority vote can allow other bills to be brought up for a vote. One such bill was SB7, sponsored by Senator Pat Lindsey (Democrat-District 22). This bill failed to get enough votes to receive a third reading and died in the Senate. SB7 would have removed the population requirements for a municipal option vote within dry counties in Alabama. A similar bill passed the House, but died in the Senate during the Regular Session of the State Legislature. This second attempt to get this bill passed is a reminder that this and similar attempts to expand alcoholic beverages in Alabama will not go away! This is one of the reasons why ALCAP is so important to the well-being of our great state and it is why I felt God's call to this ministry! Stopping alcohol expansion and gambling expansion, and all of the other moral issues that ALCAP stands for is why Dr. Dan Ireland devoted 30 years of his life to this ministry and it is why so many others have given so much to this ministry! And, these are the reasons why we need your continued support (prayer and financial support) as we seek to "stand against" (as the Apostle Paul put it in Ephesians 6:11) "the wiles of the devil!"

Members of the ALCAP Board Executive Committee voted at their July meeting to adopt a new logo for ALCAP. You can see the new design at the top of this newsletter and it will appear on all of our printed materials in the future. The logo is meant to look like a compass, reflecting our desire to be "Alabama's Moral Compass." It also communicates the idea of a lighthouse, illuminating the culture with a Biblical worldview. The letters are connected in order to represent the fact that ALCAP does not operate in a vacuum, but works together with various denominations, churches, school officials, parents, Christians and concerned citizens of Alabama for the purpose of building a better state in which we are able to raise our families!

The Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist Convention has introduced a challenge for Christians to pray for our nation as we approach the 2008 Election in November. They have asked churches all across America to participate in a 40-day prayer vigil leading up to Election Day; and then to hold a continuous prayer time 40 hours prior to Election Day. While this is a Southern Baptist-initiated emphasis, I would like to challenge all of the denominations, churches and Christian individuals in our ALCAP Family to participate, as well. You can download information and prayer guides from the internet by going to the ALCAP Home Page (www.alcap.com), scroll down to the section titled, "Links to other organizations that relate to ALCAP," click on the "ilivevalues.com" link, and then click on the "40/40 Prayer Vigil" block.

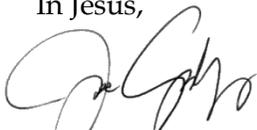
Another exciting goal we are currently working to accomplish is a devotional guide and New Testament distribution plan. ALCAP has purchased 350 copies of the "It's a New Day New Testament," which includes a 30-day devotional guide that focuses on stewardship. We are trying to get permission to distribute one copy to each legislator and all of the secretaries who work in the Alabama State House when the 2009 Legislative Session begins in February. Pray that we will be able to secure permission and that those who receive a copy will use it.

One other matter that we are excited to share is that we are beginning to offer our ALCAP programs to churches! Student ministers may want to invite one of our ALCAP teachers to lead a Wednesday evening or Sunday evening session. Or, a church or association of churches may want to have two workshops going simultaneously—one for students and one for parents and interested adults—on a Sunday afternoon. Those workshops could be followed by an "ALCAP Rally" in the evening worship service, giving students an opportunity to commit to an alcohol/other drug-abstinent lifestyle. Please contact our office if your church would be interested in hosting one of these programs.

Many of you responded to our last newsletter in a positive way! Your generous gifts allowed us to get through the first month of the summer season without having to dig into our VERY small reserves. Words cannot express my deep and sincere gratitude for your demonstration of commitment to this ministry! If you were not able to respond last time, or you are able to make another monthly contribution, please know that we will be good stewards of the gifts you give and that we will continue to honor Christ as we serve the churches and followers of Christ in standing for the issues we all hold dear.

As churches begin preparing their budgets for the next year, let me encourage you to talk to your church's leadership about including ALCAP in the budget. Most small churches could manage \$10.00 per month (\$120.00 per year); larger churches could do as much as \$100.00 per month (\$1200.00 per year); and some churches could give even larger amounts and never "miss it!" The work of ALCAP is unique and in order to expand our ministry into the schools and continue to serve as the "voice of the faith community" in the Alabama State House, we need your support! Donations can now be made directly from our website. Just go to the "Donations" page and follow the instructions.

In Jesus,



Joe Godfrey

Important note: In order to upgrade our printing capabilities to include color, the ALCAP Executive Committee approved the leasing of a color copier. Therefore, we have a Toshiba black and white copier that was purchased in 2007 that is available for sale. For details, please contact Cheryl Corley in the ALCAP office at 205.985.9062 or by e-mail to ccorley@alcap.com.

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