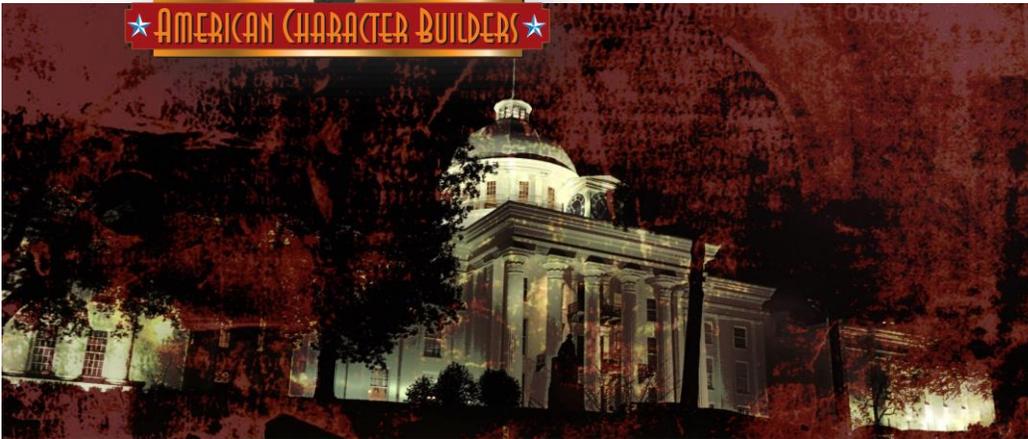


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But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good.

2 Thessalonians 3:13  
(NKJV)

## 2022 Legislative Recap

STATEWIDE — The 2022 Alabama Legislative session included exciting victories on the issues of gender and sexuality. The legislature passed, and the governor signed, two bills aimed at protecting children from the dangers of radical gender theory. SB184, known as the Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act (VCAP), prevents the use of hormone blockers and surgical procedures to alter the sexual appearance of children under the age of 19. ALCAP has worked for three years to see this bill passed!

HB322, passed as well. This bill requires school children to use the bathroom that matches their sex at birth in public schools. Before the bill passed, amendment was added that prevents the teaching of gender and sexuality to children in grades K-5. These bills represent great victories in protecting the children of Alabama!

Another victory on moral issues was found in the defeat of two gambling bills. A comprehensive bill that would have added 10 legal casinos as well as a state lottery was introduced in the senate, and a lottery only bill was introduced in the house. Because of the competing interests of the gambling lobby and the support of committed Christians from around the state, both bills failed to make it to the floor for a vote. However, with Governor Ivey stating that her biggest regret from the legislative session was the failure to pass gambling legislation, you can be sure that the issue of gambling will continue to be raised, and we, as Christians in Alabama, should continue to fight against gambling expansion that will harm our state and its people.

Despite these victories, alcohol expansion continued to be an issue with support in the legislature. HB119 allows for the sale of

alcohol at drive-thru windows. Although ALCAP was able to prevent an amendment that would have allowed for the sale of hard liquor in drive-thru windows, the law will allow for the sale of beer and wine.

HB 234 allows food trucks in Birmingham to sell alcoholic beverages. Despite the bill's passage, ALCAP managed to have an amendment included that will restrict this practice to already existing entertainment districts.

Finally, HB395 allows certain Alabama universities and community colleges to teach brewing and distilling practices as a part of their "hospitality" education programs. ALCAP was able to have an amendment included that would require the universities wishing to add this program to maintain a full-fledged campus police force (which should tell you how they see this program. playing out).

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## WHO WE ARE:

The Alabama Citizens Action Program (ALCAP), originally founded in 1937 as the Alabama Temperance Alliance, serves together with local churches as Alabama's "moral compass." This ministry provides an outlet for churches throughout Alabama to fulfill God's command to His followers to be "salt & light" in our culture. (Matthew 5:13-16)

In 2010 ALCAP became a 501c4 organization (non-profit, but NOT tax-deductible) and renamed its school program "American Character Builders," a 501c3 organization (non-profit AND tax-deductible), having its own separate Board of Directors.

Churches are encouraged to support ALCAP while individuals are encouraged to support American Character Builders with their financial contributions and prayers.

## A Word from ALCAP President and CEO Greg Davis

What a joy it has been to work along-side and learn from Dr. Joe Godfrey since October of 2021. Joe is a great friend and mentor, and with his retirement now official, he will continue to serve myself and ALCAP in a consulting role. The ALCAP Board of Directors and I plan to build upon the ministry foundation laid since 1978 by Dr. Godfrey and Executive Director Emeritus Dan Ireland as well as many others prior to these great leaders. I have said it this way- Dr. Godfrey leaves big shoes to fill and Dan Ireland left a long shadow from which we still benefit.

With the 2022 legislative session behind us, we are setting our agenda to strengthen and build relationships with legislators and churches across the state. We are scheduling preaching and speaking opportunities now for the summer and fall. If you are interested in having ALCAP be with your church or organization, please call us or contact us through our website.

Please add ALCAP, your legislators, and other elected officials to your prayer list. That will benefit our state more than any other thing we could possibly do. Of course, we are also very thankful for the financial support of all Alabama churches. We are your



missionary representatives to Montgomery standing on your behalf, between the statehouse and the church.

We hope that you will plan to bring a group to our second annual prayer rally at the statehouse steps in Montgomery during the first week of March. Weekly prayer breakfasts, small group bible studies and prayer groups among legislators will also be an ALCAP ministry emphasis during the 2023 legislative session. Of course, we will always be advocating on your behalf concerning the moral issues in our state.

Again thank-you for all of your support and trust. You allow us to be where you cannot. I look forward to continuing many more years of fruitful ALCAP ministry.

## ALCAP Hosts Legislative Prayer Rally



Mark Berry leads the prayer for the judicial branch.

On January 11th, the first day of the 2022 legislative session, ALCAP hosted its first ever prayer rally for legislators and ministers. The rally was organized by Greg Davis, ALCAP's current President and CEO. Religious leaders from across the state led prayers over the three branches of Alabama's government. Neal Hughes, director of missions for Montgomery Baptist Association, prayed for the executive branch; prayer for the legislative branch was led by Morris Johnson, pastor of Integrity Baptist Church in Hueytown; and Mark Berry, district superintendent of the Central Gulf Coast District Church of the Nazarene, prayed over the judicial branch.

"Today's gathering was not about any one political issue, just to simply pray for the leaders of the three branches of our government. We wanted to let the legislators know that we are praying for them," Davis said. "We had a nice turnout of both elected officials and ministers."

Joe Godfrey, former President and CEO of ALCAP, said, "It was exciting to see the folks who turned out," said Joe Godfrey, then current president of ALCAP. "We were very encouraged. We don't know what the future will be, but we are hopeful that this will become an annual event."

ALCAP will host the Legislative Prayer Rally during the first week of March in 2023. Mark your calendar to join legislators and ministers from across the state at the State House in Montgomery.

Pastor Morris Johnson leads the prayer for the legislative branch.



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Joe and Joy Godfrey were honored at the ALCAP annual board meeting.

Thank you, Joe, for 15 years of service!

<sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

## A Letter of Thanks

*Joe and Joy Godfrey*

Thank you!

Words cannot express how grateful my wife, Joy, and I are as a result of your words of encouragement and demonstrations of love over the last few weeks leading up to my retirement, which began on May 1. It has been a great honor to have served ALCAP and American Character Builders these last 15 years. The best part of the job has been the people we have been privileged to meet and relationships we have built. Constitutional officers, legislators, staff and fellow lobbyists at the Alabama State House, pastors, denominational leaders, ALCAP board members and American Character Builders board members, and the staff here at the office have all enriched our lives and been a genuine blessing to us.

What makes my retirement especially “stress-free” is that I believe we are leaving these two ministries in good hands. Greg Davis and his administrative assistant, Kyle Brassell (Cheryl Corley’s replacement since she is also retiring) have already proven to be highly qualified to lead ALCAP and American Character Builders into the future. I am confident that all of you will continue to support both of these important ministries with your financial gifts and, most of all, your prayers. I will begin serving as a consultant and will help Greg any way I can.

May God bless all of you as much as you have been a blessing to us!

Joe & Joy Godfrey