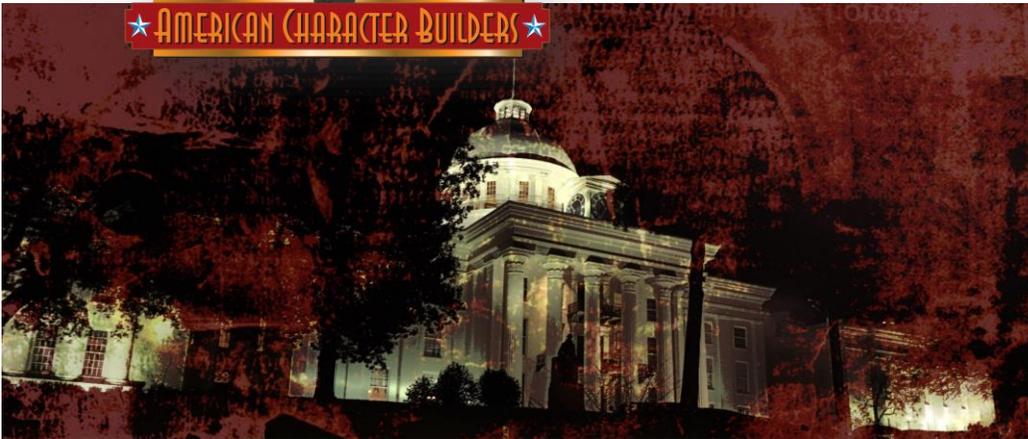


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But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good.

2 Thessalonians 3:13  
(NKJV)

## 2022 Legislative Session to begin January 11 / ALCAP to host a prayer rally on the State House steps at noon

STATEWIDE — The 2022 Alabama Legislature will begin its Regular Session on Tuesday, January 11. Due to the pandemic, the RSA Plaza Grill, where we always held our weekly prayer breakfasts during the regular sessions, has permanently closed. For that reason, and because we have seen a decline in participation at the prayer breakfasts, we have decided to host a one-time prayer rally on the steps of the State House on the opening day of the session at noon.

Greg Davis, the new President/CEO-Elect of ALCAP & American Character Builders, and I are urging legislators, staff, pastors, and churches from all over Alabama to participate. The event will only last 30 minutes, and we will use that time to lift everyone involved in state government to the Lord in prayer. We, especially, hope that churches in the Montgomery area will bring busloads of members to the event.

### ***What to expect in the coming session...***

Though Sen. Del Marsh, who introduced multiple gambling bills in the past, has indicated he will not introduce a gambling expansion bill during the 2022 Session, we anticipate that other legislators may.

Alabama legislators and constitutional officers are elected on 4-year cycles called a “quadrennium.” Since this is the last year of a quadrennium, and elected officials will face voters during the June primaries and in the general election in November of 2022, they are often reluctant to introduce controversial bills during an election year. However, some legislators have become convinced that Alabama citizens are clamoring for a state-sponsored lottery and may think such legislation would enhance their re-election bids. That is why it is

important for everyone to contact his/her legislator and let them know of your opposition to gambling expansion in Alabama. Contact all of the constitutional officer candidates from the gubernatorial candidates all the way down the list and tell them, too, of your opposition to gambling in Alabama.

ALCAP will, also, be monitoring continued efforts to expand marijuana and alcohol expansion during the 2022 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature. If you would like to receive updates throughout the session, visit our website, [www.ALCAP.com](http://www.ALCAP.com), and sign up for our ALCAP Updates and Alerts.

Let me encourage you to begin praying now for the legislators and staff. Pray, too, for ALCAP as we get ready for this next legislative session.

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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.



## Greg Davis to lead ALCAP & American Character Builders

*During a called meeting of both the ALCAP & American Character Builders Boards, Greg Davis was called to lead these two important organizations upon the retirement of Joe Godfrey on April 30, 2022.*



Greg, whose father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were all Baptist pastors in Alabama, led the First Priority Student Ministry of Alabama for the last 25 years. He, also, hosts a Christian talk radio program on WXJC (101.1FM) every weekday afternoon from 3-5PM. That radio program has now become a ministry of ALCAP & American Character Builders and will be a tremendous tool for advocating the biblical principles upon which these ministries are founded.

Be in prayer for Greg and his wife, Sandi, as they go through this transition period together.

Cheryl Corley will also be retiring April 30, 2022, so please pray for her and her husband, Paul, during this coming time of transition in their lives.

If you know someone interested in working as an administrative assistant and/or office manager at ALCAP/ACB, please contact Cheryl at [ccorley@alcap.com](mailto:ccorley@alcap.com).

BIRMINGHAM, AL—During a called meeting on September 24, 2021, of both the ALCAP & American Character Builders Boards, the Executive Director Search Committee gave their unanimous recommendation that **Rev. Greg Davis** be named to lead both organizations upon the retirement of the current director, Joe Godfrey. Both Boards voted unanimously to accept the Search Committee's recommendation.

The Boards, also, voted to rename the position (in keeping with other non-profit ministries and organizations) "President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)," as well as retaining Joe Godfrey as a part-time consultant to assist when and where needed.

Greg began his work as the President/CEO-Elect of ALCAP & American Character Builders on October 1 and will assume the full responsibility of leading both ministry organizations on May 1, 2022.



## Key Problems with the Alabama “Medical” Marijuana Law and Suggested Changes

*Prepared by Local Expert, Christine Carr (CRNA), for ALCAP*

1. Conditions List: Too broad, unscientific, designed for a large customer base; less about medicine, more about profit. Must require a full scientific review of each condition, with **evidence**. Require proof of treatment resistance.
2. Doctor/Patient Relationship: No specialist required, no established follow-up, no contraindications or drug interactions identified. Must forbid telehealth, require in-person exams, list all medications that interact, and identify conditions that are contraindications. **Require** specialist collaboration and consent.
3. Liability Immunity: Should not have preferential immunity, especially when informed consent is weak. Other physicians are not given liability immunity, why MJ doctors? Other businesses must consider liability, why are growers and pot-shop owners exempt?
4. Children and the Unborn: Require testing, consent from pediatrician and specialist, neg pregnancy test for women. No child should be given marijuana unless closely followed by their pediatrician and specialist, whereby both must consent after extensive trials with established therapies. The child’s IQ, behavior pattern, and family environment must be well-documented before and after MJ treatment. No parent should be on MJ or any mind-altering drug when caring for their child. **No fetus or infant should be exposed to THC**. Due to brain development, **raise the minimum card age from 19 to 25**.
5. Doctor Education and Training: 40 hour **minimum**; training in each condition; require deference to specialists. Most doctors know very little about marijuana. A 4-hour video training is not enough. If we care about excellent patient care, let’s make sure our doctors have evidenced-based, thorough training. They must work with the patient’s specialist.
6. Worker Training, Drug Testing, and Accountability: Forbid medical advice, use of product, and require drug testing. Pot shop workers are most likely to be users of MJ and give medical advice with no training. This current law does not require drug testing, any medical training, nor does it prevent workers from giving medical advice.
7. Data Collection: Fund the PRIDE School MS/HS student survey, require toxicology on ALL suicides, violent deaths, traumas from motor vehicle accidents, etc. How can we truly know the effects of drugs in Alabama when the data is so poor? Hospitals should test toxicology for traumas. Every county coroner and medical examiner should test for drugs. Our forensics labs need more funding to complete these tasks quickly.
8. Inspections: Establish a requirement for a set number of inspectors for every grow site, processor, and store by law, not commission suggestion.
9. Law Enforcement: **Back the Blue**; protect officers, require direct commission involvement with veto power; road safety measures. For every county and municipality that opts-in for shops or gives permission to grow, they should be required to hire a set number of police officers and inspectors.
10. Caregivers: Must be re-visited, require drug testing, medical training, and must be present, providing documentation. Minimum age should be 25.

**\*\*We were not afforded honest, open, scientific debate last session. Help us address concerns and protect our homes.\*\***



Remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

<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)

## PLAN TO SCHEDULE A “FORGOTTEN COMMAND” CONFERENCE IN 2022...

Christ’s call to become His followers carries with it three assignments – THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS (to love God and to love others), THE GREAT COMMISSION (to make disciples) and THE GREAT CALLING (the often “forgotten command” to be salt & light). To neglect any one of these is to fail to follow Christ completely. ALCAP is now offering a FREE video series built around this theme of “THE FORGOTTEN COMMAND.” In the introductory video and the six-sessions that follow you will discover how each of these assignments are intertwined in the purpose and mission of Christ’s Church. Each video is accompanied by a discussion guide and the series can be presented in a one or two-day conference or retreat setting, or as a six-week study. It is available to download for free from our website, [www.ALCAP.com](http://www.ALCAP.com).

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ALCAP & AMERICAN CHARACTER BUILDERS STAFF!

As we close out 2021 and prepare for what we all hope will be a better year in 2022, ALCAP and American Character Builders are grateful for your continued prayers and financial support. Please consider a year-end contribution to help us begin the new year on a good foundation. We have sought to be good stewards of the gifts you have given in the past, and we will continue to do our best to accomplish as much as we can with limited resources, but we need your help. If you are an individual who would like to contribute, make your checks payable to *American Character Builders* in order to get a tax deduction. If you represent a church, we request that you make your checks payable to *ALCAP*. You may also visit our websites ([www.ALCAP.com](http://www.ALCAP.com) and [www.AmericanCharacterBuilders.org](http://www.AmericanCharacterBuilders.org)) to make contributions online. If you are interested in including American Character Builders in your estate planning, please contact our office to discuss this option.