

# the EDUCATOR

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## Be Strong and Courageous

*“Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

—Joshua 1:9

In Joshua chapter one, God told Joshua to be strong and courageous three times. Joshua was about to lead this people into battle to claim the Promised Land. Now, it is again time for God's people to be strong and courageous and enter the cultural war in order to defeat the secular humanist philosophies that are corrupting the moral and religious pillars supporting our culture and government. George Washington believed that if an individual attempted to separate religion and morality from politics, he could not be called an American Patriot. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, people of faith must restore God to His rightful place as ruler of our nation.

### What you can do:

Pray for our country. Pray that God will give us righteous leaders.

Study America's Godly heritage.

Teach your children to have a Biblical worldview.

Sign up for the “Weekly Updates” from the Family Research Council at [frcpub@frc.org](mailto:frcpub@frc.org) or 1.800.225.4008. FRC's president Tony Perkins does an excellent job explaining current events and addressing the issues that effect people of faith. Michael Greer, president of the Pennsylvania Family Institute, also sends weekly updates, contact: [www.pafamily.org](http://www.pafamily.org) or 717.545.0600.

Volunteer to distribute information. E-mail or call at least 5 people with the FRC's Weekly Update or the PFI's weekly Family Update.

Become a church liaison with the Pennsylvania Family Institute's “Protect the Church, Marriage and Family Project.” PFI will send you updates concerning social issues and then you can distribute the information to other members of your church. Contact the Pennsylvania Family Institute at 1.717.545.0600 or [www.pafamily.org](http://www.pafamily.org)

Help elect candidates who uphold Biblical worldviews.

### HELPFUL WEBSITES

Family Research Council  
[www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org)

American Family Association of PA  
[www.afaofpa.org](http://www.afaofpa.org)

The Center for Reclaiming America  
[www.reclaimamerica.org](http://www.reclaimamerica.org)

Pennsylvania Family Institute  
[www.pafamily.org](http://www.pafamily.org)

## Preserving America's Godly Heritage

### Why is it important for Americans to understand their Godly American heritage in the year 2005?

President Woodrow Wilson said, *“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we have come from or what we have been about.”*

American History is filled with inspirational stories about individuals who sacrificed their “lives, fortunes, and sacred honor” for a higher cause. Profoundly committed Christians, the Founding Fathers had envisioned America as a light that would shine the gospel to the whole world. Frustrated by King George's tyranny, they knew their only hope to freely exercise their faith was in breaking their bonds with England.

Before the Declaration of Independence was written America chartered its very first missionary society: “The Society to Propagate the Gospel among Indians and Others in North America.” While Americans thought this was a great idea, King George thought it would compete with the work of the nationally established Church of England, so he vetoed the charter. This action alarmed a number of the founders who contended for religious liberties in America. The rewriters of American history textbooks have touted economic freedom as the primary reason for the split from England; when in fact, taxation without representation was 17th on a list of 27 reasons enumerated in the Declaration of Independence.

The Founding Fathers were far more motivated by moral issues than economic ones. Samuel Adams and Charles Carroll, signers of the Declaration of Independence, both cited religious freedom as the reason they became involved in the War for Independence. Many of the Founding Fathers abhorred slavery. In 1773, Pennsylvania's colonial legislature passed a law to end slavery. Other

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## Homeschooling with a Purpose

Wendy was in a quandary. The Christian school to which she had sent her two oldest children had fallen below her expectations. Her youngest child was about to enter kindergarten and she didn't know what to do. After spending some time in prayer she sensed God's clear direction to homeschool. She was working part-time and had hoped to work full-time to earn enough money for Christian school and some extra spending money. Sensing her husband, Mark, was opposed to homeschooling, she was confident that if given the authority to render the final decision, he would veto the idea. Wanting to gather more information on the subject of homeschooling, the couple attended a workshop. Wendy was shocked when half-way through the workshop Mark announced that he thought that the primary responsibility to educate children should rest upon their parents. Wendy obeyed God and her husband but she really wasn't happy. In her own words she “pouted to God.” Why did she have to homeschool when there were so many good public and Christian schools?

After a difficult first year, the family traveled on vacation returning home

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colonies were also making attempts to end slavery, but King George vetoed these American laws. The King was pro-slavery. He felt that as long as America was part of the British Empire, it too would practice slavery. The original draft of the Declaration of Independence contained a strong antislavery statement written by Thomas Jefferson, but the delegates from Georgia and South Carolina complained so strenuously that a milder condemnation was inserted.

Authors of current textbooks are painting the Founding Fathers as atheists and agnostics. Nothing could be further from the truth. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 54 were members of established Christian churches; only two were deists. Deists believe that God exists and is the Creator of the world; however, they believe God does not interfere with the natural laws of the universe. This is a far cry from being an atheist who denies the existence of God or an agnostic who claims they do not know whether or not God exists.

Benjamin Franklin is generally considered to be the least religious of the Founding Fathers. Yet, it is Franklin who called for prayer when the delegates to the Constitutional Convention reached an impasse. The delegates were split over the issue of giving each of the states 2 votes (the Senate) or votes assigned by population (the House of Representatives). The less populous states wanted 2 votes per state and more populous states wanted votes represented by population. After Franklin's call for prayer, a compromise was reached that resulted in our current Congress consisting of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Benjamin Franklin reminded the delegates that we needed God to be our friend, not our enemy; we needed Him to be our ally, not our adversary. Franklin warned: "If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been warned in the Sacred writing that, 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.'" Franklin also called for regular, daily prayer to ensure the delegates kept God in the midst of their planning.

A committee of five wrote the Declaration of Independence with Thomas Jefferson as the primary author. John Adams suggested the words "they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights" be inserted before Jefferson's "all men are created equal." Ben Franklin asked that the words "with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" be inserted. Four references to God make the Declaration of Independence a declaration of America's dependence on God. Such men cannot accurately be described as atheists or agnostics. These men were so devoted to religious freedom for their country; they mutually pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Each signer clearly grasped the magnitude of his signature; each signature was an act of treason punishable by death.

The key to good government is good leaders; knowing this the Founders returned home after signing the Declaration of Independence to draft their own state constitutions. Delegates wanted individuals to hold office who would not misuse their positions for personal gain and were afraid of the judgment day. The Pennsylvania Constitution stated "and each member [of the legislature], before he takes his seat, shall make and subscribe the following declaration: 'I do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the universe, the rewarder of the good and the punisher of the wicked.'"

Fearing the judicial branch would become too powerful, the authors of the Constitution placed the Judiciary under the oversight of Congress, because Congress, not the Court, is the confidential guardian of the people's rights and liberties; the legislature, not the unelected judiciary, is the closest to the people and responsive to them. Thomas Jefferson declared

that, "if the court was left unchecked, the Constitution [would be] a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judiciary which they may twist and shape into any form they please."

Present day judicial tyranny is the result of Congress failing to exercise its powers of impeachment; unimpeded the Court has enlarged its powers beyond that which the Constitution authorized. Usurping the powers of Congress, the Court has legislated from the bench resulting in America's loss of a representative government. The Supreme Court now considers itself and its decisions supreme over the Constitution and Congress. Activist justices on the Supreme Court are citing foreign law as precedence for their legal decisions instead of interpreting the Constitution.

Past Supreme Court decisions cite "the separation of church and state" clause as justification for removing God from the public realm. The phrase "separation of church and state" appears in none of the founding documents. The words 'separation of church and state' first appeared in a private letter Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Baptist Society to relieve their concerns that Congress might establish a state church. Jefferson explained that the First Amendment stated "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" thus building a wall of separation between the church and state to protect the church from the state regulation.

John Quincy Adams stressed the greatest victory won in the American Revolution was that Christian principle and civil government would be tied together in an "indissoluble" bond. In the principles of American government, God is a legal concept. Believing God was the granter of freedom, the Founders established a government on the principle of God-given rights. They wisely knew that if government granted rights, the government could take them away. If our laws were not based upon the Bible but on the thoughts of enlightened men, the Constitution would become an evolutionary document. If there was no God, there would be no right or wrong and the result would be no God-given inalienable rights.

The greatest source of political inspiration for America's Founding Fathers was the Bible. It was cited in 34 percent of the documents from the founding era. The founders understood the importance of Biblical principles in establishing a stable and secure government. One of the Biblical principles most frequently quoted by the Founding Fathers was Proverbs 29:2: "When the righteous rule, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan."

When Americans learn of their Godly heritage, they realize how far America has strayed from the Founder's vision, a nation proclaiming the liberating gospel to the world. The truth motivates and equips Americans to stand against the myth of 'separation of church and state' and reestablish God and His principles as the pillars of self-government. Americans are suffering because they have allowed the wicked to rule. It is time for people of faith to place righteous men at the helm so they can once again rejoice.

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– President Woodrow Wilson

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### Homeschooling with a Purpose, Continued

by way of Valley Forge. There Wendy entered a room where she viewed a painting of George Washington kneeling in prayer. She asked the attendant, "What is this?" The attendant replied that it was a famous painting of George Washington praying at Valley Forge accompanied by his famous prayer. To which Wendy proclaimed, "I attended public school my entire life and I never knew George Washington prayed!"

Realizing she had been robbed of her Christian heritage, Wendy began enthusiastically homeschooling with a new purpose, teaching her children their Christian heritage. Wendy concluded that if the history textbooks were erroneous, her other textbooks might be as well. Wendy then purchased textbooks which held a Christian worldview. That was 17 years ago; now Wendy has five children and to this day, history is still her favorite subject to teach!

In George Washington's Farewell Address he explained,

*"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars."*

#### **Please read Daniel 9: 4 – 19.**

Daniel 9: 4-5 "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments."

#### **Pray for America.**

Please pray that God will have mercy on our souls. Pray that godly men will make a stand for righteousness and make a stand against the judicial tyranny dragging our country into Sodom and Gomorrah. Pray that the pulpits of America will once again cry out "no king but Jesus," restoring God as sovereign over our nation. Pray that we may one day reiterate the words uttered by Samuel Adams in a speech to the Continental Congress, July 4, 1776:

*"We have this day restored the Sovereign, to whom alone men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and... from the rising to the setting sun, may His Kingdom come."*

## Homeschooling Announcements

### **Achievement Tests**

PA Homeschoolers are conducting the TerraNova 2nd Edition Survey Test in various sites throughout Pennsylvania beginning October 10th. Some Pittsburgh dates are November 1st - Cecil, Washington County; November 7th North Hills; November 9th Mon Valley; November 15th Pittsburgh East Forest Hills. Preparation materials are available. Pay at the door, \$30 per child. Dates, times, and directions are available at the website [www.pahomeschoolers.com](http://www.pahomeschoolers.com)

### **Worldview Academy, Christian & Culture Conference**

November 11-12, 2005, Worldview Academy, Christian & Culture Conference is a Friday evening and Saturday designed to encourage, educate, and inspire students to take a hard look at their belief system. Understanding a biblical worldview is crucial to equipping all Christians to spread the Gospel, and to protect their minds from negative influences.

**Nationally recognized speakers: Bill Jack and Jeff Baldwin.** Where: Word and Worship Fellowship, North Braddock just minutes from the Forest Hills exit off the Parkway (route 376). Cost: \$30 per person or the family rate of \$90 for 3 or more. Lunch will be available at an additional fee. Contact: Cheryl Romanik 412.824.1616 or email her at [info@wordandworship.org](mailto:info@wordandworship.org) Website: [www.worldview.org](http://www.worldview.org)

### **Marching to a Different Drum**

Saturday, March 18th, 2005: Marching to a Different Drum, the 21st Greater Pittsburgh Homeschooling Workshop and Curriculum Fair, 9am until 3pm, (due to construction at the Bible Chapel the workshop will be held at a new site this year) Peters Creek Baptist Church in South Park, PA. Keynote speaker, Steve Demme, is author of the Math-U-See Curriculum. Used book sale & curriculum vendors will be present. Contact Sue Means at [sameans@thesafety.net](mailto:sameans@thesafety.net) or call 412-854-4188.

### **Contact Governor Rendell to Ensure Passage of Homeschooling Extracurricular Activities Bill**

Approximately half of Pennsylvania's school districts allow homeschooling students to participate in school sports and extracurricular activities. **Senate Bill 361** would mandate that all Pennsylvania's school districts devise policies to allow homeschoolers full participation in extra-curricular programs. SB361 first passed the Senate and then House of Representatives; the House made slight changes in the language so it now awaits a concurrence vote by the Senate. If SB 361 passes the Senate, its next step is the Governor's desk. **Inside sources hint that Governor Rendell is inclined to veto the bill. Please call or write Governor Rendell and ask for his support of SB 361. Give homeschooling a face;** share with Gov. Rendell how this bill would positively impact your life or the lives of other homeschoolers. Write: Governor Edward G. Rendell, 225 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Phone 717.787.2500, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

## **Vote No on the Retention of PA Supreme Court Judges**

Say *no* to business as usual in Harrisburg. Say *no* to the PA Supreme Court justices, Nigro and Newman by voting against their ten year retention. Both justices are pro-abortion and they have a history of making poor decisions including upholding the slot machines law just one week before they received a pay raise. Harrisburg legislators and staffers are openly repeating the rumor that Governor Rendell and legislative leaders promised the judges a pay raise if they would vote to uphold the slot machine law.

# Help Stop the Censorship of America's Churches

Our nation's religious leaders are being subtly and quietly targeted for preaching God's Word. Under the guise of law, pastors can be punished for proclaiming God's word on moral issues such as: abortion, same-sex marriage, homosexuality, judicial tyranny or threats to religious liberty. Preach one wrong sermon and a church runs the risk being deemed to have engaged in partisan politics and losing its tax-exempt status.

In the early days of our nation it was common practice for pastors to discuss various candidates and compare their political platforms to Biblical principles, but churches can no longer do this and remain tax exempt. This strong tradition continued for many years until 1954 when Senator Lyndon B. Johnson decided to seek revenge against two groups for opposing him in his Texas senatorial election campaign. He slipped an amendment into an unrelated revenue bill. This addition - which became law without any public debate - gave the IRS the power to stop the church from influencing politics in America.

## What You Can Do to Help

Congressman Walter Jones has introduced H.R. 235, The Houses of Worship Free Speech Restoration Act of 2005. This legislation would repeal the authority of the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of a church, temple or mosque when clergy speak out on moral issues. When Congressman Jones introduced H.R. 235, he said:

"We need to restore the First Amendment right of free speech to America's religious leaders so that they can keep America great."

Please ask your US Congressman to support H.R. 235.

For more information about H.R. 235, visit the Center for Reclaiming America at [www.reclaimamerica.org](http://www.reclaimamerica.org) or call 1.877.725.8872; [cfra@coralridge.org](mailto:cfra@coralridge.org).

# Philadelphia Identified As No. 1 Election Fraud 'Hot Spot' In America

In a report released on August 2, 2005, the American Center for Voting Rights Legislative Fund (ACVR Legislative Fund) identified Philadelphia as the number one election fraud "hot spot" in America. The report, "Vote Fraud, Intimidation & Suppression in The 2004 Presidential Election," is the most comprehensive and authoritative review of the facts surrounding allegations of vote fraud, intimidation and suppression made during the 2004 presidential election. The report lists the top five election fraud "hot spots" in the country based on its findings and the cities' documented history of fraud and intimidation. The other "hot spots" identified in the report were Milwaukee, Seattle, St. Louis/East St. Louis and Cleveland.

## Summary Of Philadelphia Findings:

— Republican volunteers were violently intimidated by union members, who assaulted the volunteers' vehicle and chased them in traffic.

— At least 15 new registrants were found to be deceased.  
— Many addresses listed for new registrants were in fact vacant lots and boarded-up buildings.

— Polling places were located in local bars, and unsafe abandoned buildings; one polling site was the district office of Democrat state Sen. Vincent Fumo and another was a private home decorated with a Kerry sign in the window.

— 43 polling locations were inaccessible to the handicapped and 17 were in businesses or homes where voters could be intimidated.

— ACT and MoveOn illegally distributed and collected absentee ballots from prison inmates in at least one Philadelphia prison,

— City voter rolls nearly matched census estimates of the voting-age population. [ In Philadelphia almost 100% of the eligible votes are registered to vote, the national average is 66%.]

**Editor's note:** The electoral system is the cornerstone of our democracy. Individuals who commit vote fraud must be punished to the fullest extent of the law with time served. Vote fraud robs Pennsylvanians of one of their most precious rights, the right of self-government. Vote fraud in Philadelphia must be rectified so that Pennsylvanians can confidently participate in statewide elections. Vote fraud disenfranchises all Americans by skewing the results of presidential elections.

Call your state representative and senator and insist that they call for election reform.

# Conservatives Run for Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

Two conservative pro-life candidates are running for Judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. There are seven positions open. Both of these candidates believe judges should not legislate from the bench; rather, they should strictly interpret and apply the Pennsylvania Constitution and the laws enacted by the Legislature. Both of these candidates are champions of family values and need your help to win their elections (see Vote Early, Vote Often). These candidates are as follows:

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**ELECTION DAY  
November 8th**

# Vote Early, Vote Often

Think ahead to Election Day. If you are going to be out of town, you can vote early by casting an absentee ballot. You can also encourage other like-minded individuals to vote, thereby voting often.

Neighbors, friends and relatives are often eager to hear about conservative candidates who share their family values. Think about who has recently turned 18, married, or moved and offer them voter registration forms. (These are available at libraries, municipal buildings and driver license centers.) You can volunteer to walk door-to-door with a candidate in your neighborhood, or you can distribute literature in your neighborhood. Other ideas include: placing campaign signs in your yard, putting a bumper sticker on your car, finding and distributing reliable voter guides, and calling or writing friends and neighbors before the election and reminding them to vote. Lastly, work the polls on Election Day.

Helpful website: [www.dos.state.pa.us](http://www.dos.state.pa.us)

# HSLDA Offers Help to Katrina Victims

In an effort to help homeschooling families who were victims of Hurricane Katrina, the Home School Legal Defense Association established Operation Extended Family. They are receiving donations to help families replace their curriculum and locate temporary housing. In the first five days, the HSLDA received 3,500 offers to help. Overwhelmed with calls, they have not been able to respond to each individual offer. The greatest need continues to be finding separate housing in apartments, summer homes, cabins or mobile homes available for 6 to 8 months. If you have such an opportunity available please e-mail the description to: [whitney@hsllda.org](mailto:whitney@hsllda.org)

If you have already extended an offer please be patient as it is taking time to respond to each offer. If you have put any plans on hold while you are awaiting a response from HSLDA, they ask that you proceed with your other plans as they do not know if or when they will be able to match someone to your circumstances.

Send donations to: Hurricane Relief/ HSLDA  
P.O. Box 3000  
Purcellville, Virginia 20134  
Phone: 540.338.5600  
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[www.hsllda.org](http://www.hsllda.org)

# Schiavo Autopsy Conclusions Flawed

Terry Schiavo's life and death clearly demonstrate that age-old adage that "if you tell a lie often enough and loud enough, it will be believed." The fervor over Terry Schiavo's death subsided once her autopsy reports were released. Just as the truths about the final years of her life were distorted, the details of her autopsy were distorted to support the fable that she had been in a "persistent vegetative state."

Terry's autopsy was reviewed by Dr. Hammersfahr, a renowned neurologist credited with helping patients with chronic brain injuries. He concluded that Dr. Nelson, the pathologist who performed the autopsy, erred in his findings. Contrary to claims that her brain was dissolved and only spinal fluid filled her cranial cavity, Dr. Hammersfahr concluded "the frontal areas of the brain, areas that deal with awareness and cognition, are relatively intact. The relay areas from the frontal and front temporal regions of the brain, to the spinal cord and the brain stem, by way of the basal ganglia, were preserved, thus the evident responses which she was able to express to her family and clinicians seeing her." Dr. Hammersfahr concluded that she was a woman trapped in her body, similar to a child with cerebral palsy, showing greater injury in the motion and visual centers of the brain.

The pathologist's comment that she could not see were not borne out by reality. Previous videotapes clearly showed her tracking a balloon at the request of a physician. The erroneous autopsy report also stated she could not swallow, but autopsies are limited in their ability to determine this function. When alive, Terry did not drool; therefore, she was swallowing 1.5 liter of saliva daily.

Dr. Hammersfahr stated, "The record must be set straight. There was no heart attack, or evident reason for this [Terry's condition] to have happened." The question of neck trauma was never adequately evaluated.

Forensic evaluation for trauma is highly specialized. Law enforcement agents should have insisted that a specialist assist the medical examiner. The cause of her medical condition was never determined and remains shrouded in mystery. In death, just as in life, the legal system failed to protect Terry. Her body cannot be exhumed and her medical condition be evaluated because her "husband" had her remains cremated. The judges who refused to comply with the Federal legislation to reinsert her feeding tube and retry her legal case anew should have been impeached and removed from office.

Dr. Hammersfahr's final comment was: "Based on the clinical evidence and the autopsy results, an aware woman was killed."

Excerpts taken from "*Doctor: Schiavo Autopsy Conclusion flawed*," June 19, 2005 Newsmax.com

# Citizen of the Year Arrested A Man with a Purpose

On April 9, 2005, South Hills Home Educators awarded its first Citizen of the Year Award to Bob Newman of Upper St. Clair. Bob was recognized as an outstanding citizen and an inspiration for his tireless efforts to end the practice of abortion. Bob, 76, is a retired salesman and a father of ten. He spends over 40 hours a week educating the public about the horrors of abortion.

His activities include: standing in front of abortion clinics trying to talk women out of aborting their unborn children, spear-heading the Face the Truth Tours in Pennsylvania, displaying large graphic signs of aborted infants near main intersections and erecting the Memorial to the Unborn in local church yards. Bob stores the crosses and the Face the Truth signs in his garage. His

stated purpose in life is to see the end of legalized abortion before he dies.

On June 22, 2005, while standing on the berm of a road adjacent to a vacant lot in Bowie, Maryland, Bob Newman was approached by a state trooper and asked to put down his sign. Bob responded by saying he could produce the legal documentation that he was lawfully exercising his freedom of speech. The officer responded with, "I don't care." Bob was then searched, cuffed, shackled and placed in a jail cell in Bowie, Maryland. Newman was charged with refusing to obey a lawful order. While in jail, Bob was filled with joy and began to whistle the refrain of the following hymn:

Here am I, Lord,  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people (babies) in my heart.

After his release from jail, a fellow pro-lifer asked Bob if he was afraid in jail and Bob's response was only that he was afraid of going home and telling his wife that he had been arrested.

If you would like to find out more about the Memorial to the Unborn or the Face the Truth Tours, contact Bob Newman at (412) 835-8127.

## We Live in Sodom and Gomorrah

Sex sells toothpaste. Sex sells cars. The liberal element of our society is sex-driven. They abhor Christianity because they do not want their sexual mores to be judged as evil. They want sex with no consequences. The liberal element of our society wants to have sex with our children and not be condemned by society. (See *Fears Grow Over Academic Efforts to Normalize Pedophilia*.) Lowering the age of consent, legalizing gay marriage and legalizing abortion legitimizes abhorrent behavior and silences society's scorn.

Men and women want to have sex without consequences, so they legalized abortion. Consider the act of abortion; a mother murders her unborn child, an act so hideous it was confined to the back alleys of America. Once legalized, it too became legitimized. It is now openly committed and protected by a fabricated right to privacy. Since when is it okay to take anyone's life behind closed doors? If a mother took the life of her child a few hours - no, a few minutes - after it was born, she would be incarcerated for murder and receive psychiatric therapy and be diagnosed as mentally unbalanced. But it is legal for her to end her partially born child's life by allowing a physician to drive scissors into the base of his skull and suck out his brains (partial birth abortion). The blood of innocent babies literally runs in the sewers of America.

America has lost its first love. No longer driven by its desire to please God, America is driven by its lust for pleasure. Sex inside the Biblical bonds of marriage is good and blessed by God, sex outside of marriage is an abomination.

In order to accomplish their liberal agenda, the free-sex

proponents must prove that the Founders were atheists and agnostics. Free-sex proponents' have purposed to free what they believe are uptight outdated Americans from their Judeo-Christian ethics. Without God there is no right and wrong; then the Constitution can become an evolutionary document altered over time by enlightened men. America's Founding Fathers were men of deep faith who built a country and a system of government guaranteeing its citizens religious freedom; the Founders never intended for society to be free from the restraints of religious morality.

*"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion... Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."* —John Adams

## Fears Grow Over Academic Efforts to Normalize Pedophilia

The following are excerpts written in an article by Steve Brown on July 10, 2003 for CNSNews.com

Cultural experts who agree with claims that the Supreme Court may have opened the door to legalizing pedophilia in its Lawrence v. Texas decision on private homosexual behavior point to the growing movement within academia to de-stigmatize pedophilia.

On its website, NAMBLA (North American Man/Boy Love Association) Director David Thorstad claims: "Pederasty, like homosexuality, has existed, and exists, in all societies that have ever been studied. Homoeroticism is a ubiquitous feature of human experience, as even efforts to repress it confirm. Men and youths have always been attracted to each other, and, like homosexuality in general, their love is irrepressible."

### **Potential trouble on the Supreme Court**

Robert Knight, director of CWA's Culture Institute, stated in an article he co-authored with the Family Research Council's Frank York. "When U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an attorney for the ACLU, she co-authored a report recommending that the age of consent for sexual acts be lowered to 12 years of age."

The paragraph from the Ginsburg report reads as follows: "Eliminate the phrase 'carnal knowledge of any female, not his wife, who has not attained the age of 16 years' and substitute a federal, sex-neutral definition of the offense. ... A person is guilty of an offense if he engages in a sexual act with another person. ... [and] the other person is, in fact, less than 12 years old."

Jan LaRue, chief counsel for Concerned Women For America (CWA) LaRue stated pedophiles may co-opt language used in the Lawrence decision regarding homosexuals; that laws against their behavior are a discriminatory attempt to harm them as a persecuted minority. And they will be supported, she claimed, by academia.

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### ***Reclassifying pedophilia already subject to debate***

During its annual convention in May 2003, the American Psychiatric Association hosted a symposium discussing the removal of pedophilia along with other categories of mental illness (collectively known as paraphilia—sexual practices that are socially prohibited) from its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

But in his 1999 article “Harming the Little Ones: The Effects of Pedophilia on Children,” Timothy Dailey, senior analyst for cultural studies with the Family Research Council, chronicled the APA’s treatment of pedophilia in the DSM and compares it to the APA evolution of homosexuality. In DSM revisions, Dailey explained that APA “adds a subjective qualification similar to that which appeared with regard to homosexuality: The individual must be ‘markedly distressed’ by his own pedophilic activity to be considered needful of therapy,” Dailey wrote, adding that in the latest revision, pedophilia “is to be considered a paraphilia when the behavior causes ‘clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning.’”

Mary Eberstadt, research fellow at the Hoover Institute, told CNSNews.com: “The evidence is plain: there is indeed an ongoing attempt from within the psychiatric and psychological communities to de-stigmatize pedophilia by de-classifying it as a paraphilia in the first place.”

### ***Academic efforts to normalize pedophilia draw fire, praise***

For further evidence, Eberstadt points to “A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples,” a study published in the July 1998 Psychological Bulletin of the American Psychological Association. It contended that “negative effects (of child sexual abuse) were neither pervasive nor typically intense, and that men reacted much less negatively than women.” It further stipulated that children’s feelings about sexual encounters with adults should be taken into effect and that “a willing encounter with positive reactions would be labeled simply adult-child sex.”

Publication of the report resulted in a formal denunciation in the House of Representatives, which voted 355-0 to condemn the essay.

In 1999, after being rejected by several publishing houses, the University of Minnesota Press published *Harmful to Minors* by journalist Judith Levine, including a foreword by former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, who was asked to resign by President Bill Clinton after she endorsed making masturbation part of the public school curriculum.

In the book, Levine contends that pedophiles are “myths” and faults the government for making pedophilia illegal. “Pedophiles are not generally violent, if there is such thing as pedophiles at all,” Levin wrote. “More important, sexual contact with a child does not a pedophile make.”

### ***The roots of de-stigmatizing pedophilia in contemporary society***

Peter Sprigg, Family Research Council director of Marriage and Family Studies, told CNSNews.com that the movement to de-stigmatize pedophilia within academia

can be traced back to Alfred Kinsey in 1948. Knight provided further explanation saying: “This view, argued on the fringe by pedophile authors over the past century, gained enormous respect when Alfred C. Kinsey published his books on male and female sexuality in 1948 and 1953, known collectively as the Kinsey Report.

“Kinsey worked to lower penalties for sex offenders and said he couldn’t understand why children were harmed by being sexually touched by adults,” Knight continued. “He based this on a series of sex experiments on children as young as 2 months of age. A chapter in *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* reports on the molestation of hundreds of boys, with Kinsey concluding that the victims enjoyed the activity.”

### ***Editors Note: Why wasn’t Kinsey incarcerated for experimenting on children?***

Peter Sprigg stated that if the medical community redefines pedophilia as not being a mental disorder; greater social and legal acceptance of that behavior will be ‘inevitable’.

But Linda Nicolosi, publications director for the National Association for Research and Therapy for Homosexuality, warned that “mental illness is a much more controversial matter; no one has ever come up with a universal definition of mental illness that is consistent across cultures and throughout time.”

## **Jeremiah’s Journey Through Childhood Leukemia**

**by Sandi Queen**

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*



*— Psalm 46:1*

As a long-time homeschool vendor, publisher, and speaker, we are always blessed when someone lets us know that the hard work we do “behind the scenes” on a daily basis has been a blessing to them. Still, much of what we do from day-to-day ministering to the homeschooling community goes unnoticed. So, it is with humble thanksgiving and overwhelming feelings of feeling cared for that we accept the many blessings that have been poured upon us by those in the homeschool community during these past few months.

In mid-April of this year, our family was in the Pottstown, Pennsylvania at the SEARCH homeschool convention. When my last speaking engagement for the day was over, we took our 3 year old son, Jeremiah, to the local hospital. He had been feverish, complaining of a stomach ache, and somewhat lethargic for several weeks. We had taken him to our local emergency room a few weeks before, but they could find nothing wrong. After a course of antibiotics, “just in case,” his symptoms persisted. I took him to our family doctor before we left for this convention, just to get an “OK”. She said she wasn’t concerned, and advised us to go to the convention, bringing him back in on Monday if he was not better by then. We never made it that far.

As I carried him through the canopy to the emergency room door of the hospital in Pottstown, I knew something was drastically wrong. In my heart, I knew it was likely leukemia, since he was exhibiting all of the classic

symptoms. I had even asked his doctor to test him for leukemia, but she was not concerned, and felt I was overreacting. When I walked into the hospital carrying Jeremiah, who was by this time unable to walk or even stand up, and refusing to eat, I demanded bloodwork. After ten failed attempts to get an IV needle into his little arm, the RECEPTIONIST finally had success, only to bump the needle and knock it back out of his arm! A few more tries, and they got the blood they needed. All they would tell us was that every one of Jeremiah's blood counts were as far "off" as they could get. They did not say "leukemia", but in my heart, I knew what it was. I had lost an uncle to this disease when I was a child, and had always been afraid of hearing that word. When the nurses all came back in to look wistfully at Jeremiah, and to give him a teddybear, I knew it was bad. Within minutes, an ambulance arrived to rush Jeremiah to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, an hour away. It was there that, on April 19, 2005, Jeremiah's diagnosis was confirmed. He had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; the success rate for this type of leukemia is 75 to 80%.

We stayed in the hospital in Philadelphia which was over 7 hours from home for 3 weeks. Our 3rd daughter, Haley (age 12), Jeremiah, and I (Sandi - AKA "Mom") stayed in his room, while Keith (AKA "Dad") and the other 4 kids traveled from one homeschool convention to another, sleeping in our motorhome in the hospital parking lot in between conventions on the weekends. It was a tough time. Not only dealing with the fact that our "baby" had cancer, but being separated during the weekly conventions plus being so far from home where our "support" was. Amazingly, however, the Lord used this time of trial to bless us abundantly.

Some folks from the convention came to visit us, bringing balloons, cards, groceries for those in the motorhome, cooked dinners, and most importantly, stayed to pray with us. Pastors from local churches heard of our plight from their homeschooling members, and flocked to see us at the hospital, praying with us. There was not one day that went by that we did not have at least one visitor come to pray with and for us. Ladies from a church in Philadelphia affiliated with our home church banded together and brought Haley, Jeremiah, and I home-cooked dinners every night for 2 weeks. They knew that their meals would provide more nutrition than a hospital cafeteria and that they would save us hundreds of dollars on hospital meals. Vendors we have known for years drove from other states just to see how we were doing. Homeschoolers around the world who had attended our workshops or purchased curriculum from us in the past sent cards, gifts, and words of encouragement each and every day. Jeremiah's bed soon became populated with over 40 stuffed animals, in addition to the boxes and bags of toys and books he received from people he never met. We were blessed to know that so many people cared enough to pray, and just as importantly, to let us KNOW they were praying. This outpouring of love is what continues to get us through each day.

After being discharged, we returned home for 5 days, only to have Jeremiah readmitted to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, two and a half hours from our home, due to complications from his chemotherapy.

Jeremiah will need chemotherapy for the next 3½ years to fight his cancer. For the past four months he has endured without medication: weekly spinal taps and bone marrow aspirates. Jeremiah also takes daily medication and has

also endured the stress caused by gaining 12 pounds in 3 weeks from steroids during the first month of treatment. He began his treatments at just 28 pounds, so a 12 pound gain in 3 weeks is quite substantial! Jeremiah had to have surgery to install a port in his chest to administer his weekly chemotherapies at the hospital clinic. He was unable to walk for 2½ weeks due to steroids and vincristine. He had to be carried in a baby sling. Jeremiah has lost his sense of taste and smell, as well as some of his hair and regressed from potty training back into diapers. He has endured being in isolation for weeks on end and unable to leave the house along with having to wear a mask in public places to prevent catching a germ. The lovely steroids he must take cause Jeremiah to suffer from major mood swings. **With all he has been through, it seems as though it could not get much worse for a 3 year old little guy.** But now he must begin a new "INTENSE" phase of his of chemotherapy called "delayed intensification". We appreciate your prayers now more than ever. He will be enduring this phase, including the drug Cytarabine, which has the common side effect of causing fevers. A fever for any reason at all, will mean being admitted to the hospital. During the two 4-day phases of "PO" (into the port under the skin in his chest) doses of Cytarabine, Jeremiah will need to have his port accessed the entire time. This means that he will have a needle sticking out of his chest, with a tub attached, for easy access, for the entire 8 days. Imagine this with any 3 year old little boy! We are not looking forward to this time. Please pray that the needle does not get bumped, rolled over on, and that no germs seep into it, which could case a systemic infection in his blood. The port is located next to his heart.

Jeremiah's initial 28 day phase of steroids put him back in the hospital with kidney problems, blood in his urine, and fluid retention, he is now back on two rounds of steroids, double the dose he was taking the first time! Needless to say, he is a bit uncomfortable. I've only touched the tip of the iceberg here with all of the things we've been facing during these past few months, but I've chronicled his journey every couple of days on the website I've set up for him at <http://www.caringbridge.org/pa/jeremiah> Please come and visit, and sign the guestbook, so we know you were there! We read it daily for encouragement. There have been many who have emailed or sent cards stating that they would love to be able to contribute financially, but, like most homeschoolers, their budget is limited. We understand, and feel that the most important thing you can do to contribute is to PRAY for the Lord to completely heal Jeremiah, and to strengthen us all daily - and that God would be glorified in our situation, the fruits of which we have seen already. While we appreciate your prayers during this time, and feel the Lord's strength daily, knowing that so many are praying, some friends of ours have seen the more practical side of our dilemma, and determined to help solve them.

As you can imagine, coping financially with a long-term illness is a major stress. In Jeremiah's first 3 months of treatment, we have already spent several thousand dollars on things that were not covered by our medical insurance. Two friends have set up a medical expense fund for those who wish to donate to help with Jeremiah's astronomical medical costs. You can find info for this fund at our website at

**<http://www.queenhomeschool.com>**

We have begun a very strenuous nutritional program with

Jeremiah, which we can already see helping him, and which we would not have been able to do without the help from this fund. Still, we know that we are only 3 months into the journey that will last us over three years. We thank all of those who have donated to Jeremiah's fund, and we welcome those who would like to do fundraisers for Jeremiah's benefit. We have had several people ask about doing fundraisers, but so far, only one has been done. Some long-time customers of ours, Josh and Lydia Tjia, from California, have used their soy-based candle business to raise some money for Jeremiah's fund. If you would like to contribute, you may send a donation of any size to:

**The Jeremiah Queen Fund  
Brentwood Bank  
401 McMurray Road  
Bethel Park PA 15102  
Checks should be made payable to  
"The Jeremiah Queen Fund".**

We appreciate your continued prayers as you think of Jeremiah and his needs. Many have mentioned that they have printed out the pictures of Jeremiah on his website, <http://www.caringbridge.org/pa/jeremiah> and have them hanging on their refrigerators or church bulletin boards as a reminder to pray. If you would like to send Jeremiah a card of encouragement, you may send it to our warehouse address:

**Jeremiah Queen – C/O Queen Homeschool Supplies  
168 Plantz Ridge Rd.  
New Freeport PA 15352**

Thank you from all of us to all of you, for your continued prayers!

Love in Christ,  
The Queen Family  
Keith and Sandi  
Kiley, Casey, Haley, Evan, Luke, and Jeremiah

**Editor's note:** In a recent conversation with Sandi Queen, Jeremiah's mother she estimated that their out-of-pocket expenses per month are \$1,000. This newsletter will be sent to 500 homeschooling families. If every family would contribute \$10, that would add up to \$5,000 or 5 months of assistance. Please don't think your contributions need to large to be helpful.

## Culture Wars—News Briefs

### ***Pledge of Allegiance Ruled Unconstitutional***

Sept. 14, 2005, the California 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools was unconstitutional because the words "under God" violate school children's right to be free from coercive requirements affirming the existence of God.

### ***Justice Ginsburg Advocates Lowering the Age of Consent to 12***

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is on record as favoring lowering the age of consent to 12 years of age. Many feel this will result in the legalization of pedophilia. See *Fears Grow Over Academic Efforts to Normalize Pedophilia*.

### ***Justice Ginsburg Defends Consulting Other Countries Laws When Making Decisions***

At a New York City Bar Association function in mid-September 2005, Justice Ginsburg defended her reliance on laws in other countries when making decisions. She stated that she "will take enlightenment wherever I can get it. I don't want to stop at a national boundary." *Don't Supreme Court Justices take on oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America?*

### ***Judge John Roberts Confirmed as Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court***

On September 29, 2005, John Roberts was confirmed as Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court. In contrast to Justice Ginsberg, Chief Justice Roberts finds judges who rely on foreign precedents running counter to the true meaning of democracy. He explained, "If we're relying on a decision from a German judge about what our Constitution means, no President accountable to the people appointed that judge, and no Senate accountable to the people confirmed that judge and yet he's playing a role in shaping a law that binds the people in this country."

### ***One Nation Under God Under Attack***

The Dover School District in Pennsylvania is in Federal Court defending the reading of the following statement to 9th grade biology students twice a year.

*"The Pennsylvania Academic Standards require students to learn about Darwin's Theory of Evolution, and eventually, to take a standardized test of which evolution is a part.*

**Sale of America's Godly Heritage CDs and DVDs to benefit the Jeremiah Queen Fund.** Rick Green from WallBuilders has granted South Hills Home Educators permission to sell CDs and DVDs of the America's Godly Heritage Seminar. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Jeremiah Queen Fund. CDs sell for \$10 (Jeremiah earns \$5) and DVD's sell for \$20 (Jeremiah earns \$13).

## America's Godly Heritage Order Form

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Make checks payable to: **South Hills Home Educators**

**\$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail orders to: SHHE  
3485 South Park Road,  
Bethel Park, Pa 15102

**total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Because Darwin's Theory is a theory, it continues to be tested as new evidence is discovered. The theory is not a fact. Gaps in the theory exist for which there is no evidence. A theory is defined as a well tested explanation that unifies a broad range of observation.*

*Intelligent Design is an explanation of the origin of life that differs from Darwin's view. The reference book, **Of Pandas and People**, is available for students who might be interested in gaining an understanding of what Intelligent Design usually involves.*

*With respect to any theory, students are encouraged to keep an open mind. The school leaves the discussion of the Origins of Life to individual students and their families. As a standard-driven district, class instruction focuses upon preparing students to achieve proficiency on standards-based assessments."*

### **Parents Speak Up Against Explicit Books**

Parents in Fayetteville, Arkansas speak up against 70 books found in the school's library. One book is *It's So Amazing*, is a sex ed. text for K-4th grade that speaks positively about masturbation, homosexuality, and abortion; and another is the *Teenage Guy's Survival Guide*, which assures ninth graders that using pornography is "natural and fine." Other targeted books include: *Doing It* a book that features teacher-pupil sex, *Rainbow Boys* that describes adult-teen unprotected sex, the worst book *Push* by author Sapphire filled with graphic sex and the lead character's description of sex with an infant. The school principal has labeled the parents complaints a "cancer." Source the Fall 2005 issue of the *Pennsylvania Family Institute's Families and Schools*.

### **A Divine Appointment**

Recently, I was sitting in the doctor's office waiting for my two daughters to finish their therapy. I was praying about all the preparations for the America's Godly Heritage seminar. I was also fretting about the amount of work and the limited amount of time remaining. In particular, I was trying to talk myself out of the need to write another issue of *The Educator* or at least postponing the next issue of *The Educator* until after the workshop. Then it happened, a divine appointment.

A man dressed like a businessman crossed the reception room and stood in the entranceway. While making two cell phone calls, he identified himself as a pastor but I couldn't catch his last name. I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to invite this pastor the America's Godly Heritage seminar. After arguing with God for a few minutes on how foolish I might look, I remembered I Samuel 15:22 "to obey is better than sacrifice."

The pastor took a seat in the waiting room. I crossed the room and sat beside him. I invited him to the workshop; he responded by asking me the typical questions about the seminar. "Where is it? When is it?" His next question was quite disturbing. "Why is the America's Godly Heritage seminar important to me in the year 2005?"

I explained that many Christians step forward to address society's

ills such as abortion and gay marriage but retreat when they hear the phrase "separation of church and state." I explained how America's Founding Fathers were committed Christians with a vision to carry the gospel to the world. Then, I paraphrased the words of President Woodrow Wilson: if a nation doesn't know its past, it will not have a vision for its future. The pastor replied, "I believe the Founding Fathers were deists—not committed Christians." I was stunned and challenged him to attend the America's Godly Heritage seminar. I concluded our conversation by introducing myself. When he introduced himself, that is when I knew it was a divine appointment. I had written this pastor a letter two years ago, thanking him for placing the Memorial to the Unborn on his church property. Just 2 hours before the meeting, I passed his church and noticed the memorial in his church yard again and gave serious thought to sending him another thank you note! I was grateful for a chance to thank him in person. Returning to my original seat, I was awestruck by the thought that God had preordained our meeting to encourage me to write *The Educator* but perplexed as to how a man who embraces the sanctity of life could be so ignorant of America's Godly heritage? Then I realized he was not in the minority of Americans, but in the majority. He, like many others, had been robbed of his Godly Christian Heritage.

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