

Donald E. Wildmon - ADA's speaker for July 27 conference!!

by Bill Johnson



Don Wildmon with Bill and Jan Johnson at AFA/AFR headquarters circa July 1994



The Rev. Donald E. Wildmon circa 2000

Years come and go. We meet a lot of people. We meet a few individuals along the way that particularly impact - even influence us in significant ways.

Donald E. Wildmon, from my perspective, is the leading cultural warrior in America. Some of you know that Don was almost taken out of this world nearly two years ago with a serious case of encephalitis. However, characteristic of Don, he did not give up nor give in. Don's voice is as needed today as ever before. We are blessed that he accepted our invitation and will be our featured speaker at ADA's July 27 summer event.

What makes this man so special? Let me count just a couple of the many ways.

Don Wildmon has been recognized as one of the great Christian leaders in our generation.

As he would often mention when he was explaining his calling, he said, "I was called to the pulpit ministry." He served in this capacity for a fair number of years. But he became deeply burdened about what was being aired over American airwaves. God laid upon him a burden for this country and, back in 1978, called him to begin the great work of the American Family Association.

His passionate burden and calling could not be fenced in. God began to use Don's voice of outrage over ungodliness on the

airwaves to extrude him into forming a very humble ministry and then little by little becoming one of the leading Christian influences of salt and light in America. God used Don's resilient faith to keep him more focused than perhaps any Christian leader in our generation.

I was moved and shaped by many of his words in the early years of receiving the AFA Journal. The following quote was taken from what was then the NFD Journal, January 1986. He was seeing then what so many weren't noticing at that time, but now 25 years later see so very clearly. Read it and weep.

"... I am under no illusion about whether the Church of Jesus Christ will continue should we lose the battle for decency. Of course it will continue. It is of God and will continue until the end of time. However, I am practical enough to realize the tremendous hurt and suffering which society will endure should we lose the fight. And right now we are losing that battle, losing by default.

Next to leading people into a saving relationship with Christ, I am thoroughly convinced that the battle for decency is the most important battle we currently face in our society. The battle is not against dirty words and dirty pictures, but against religions which seek to make man God -- humanism, hedonism, secularism and materialism. Indeed it is a struggle for the very foundation of Western civilization.

We can keep our Christian witness confined within the comfortable realm of our local church and our denominations, judging our church and our denominations success in baptisms, buildings, budgets, church socials and activities. But if we do, we will deny the very reality of the living Christ and lose the Christian foundation of Western civilization.

We are at a very significant crossroads in the history of Christianity. Historians three hundred years from now will say it was the most crucial crossroads that organized Christianity has ever faced. And unless our pastors begin to lead their people in practicing their faith beyond the friendly confines of structure and denomination, and do so quickly, I shudder to think what kind of society we will pass on to those who come after us.

Christian pastors are the key in this struggle. The outcome is squarely on their shoulders. They face the greatest challenge ever faced by Christian pastors of any age. Whether they will rise to that challenge remains to be seen.

Don

This is a man of God! Opportunities to hear a man like this are few and far between. More will be said in the months ahead.

Mark your calendar for Friday, July 27 at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church, in Fremont, Michigan.



From the desk of Bill Johnson

A cultural warrior and my mentor will be with us

In the months ahead, I will be sharing other quotes and information regarding our July 27 summer event featuring Donald E. Wildmon in addition to the quote on the front page.

Looking back to last summer we were graced by Gary Bauer as over 320 were blessed and encouraged!

I have seen and heard Don Wildmon speak and take a stand so many times and in so many ways since first meeting him in Tupelo, MS back in 1987.

Though Fremont is out of the way for many of you, that doesn't have to keep you from joining us. Tupelo, MS was out of the way for us but many times my family and I went out of our way to be there with Don Wildmon for various AFA events. I've never been sorry despite the sacrifice in time and money.

Some of you live in the Detroit area. Others perhaps in the Chicago area. Many are only an hour or two away.

Getting away for such an opportunity as this will benefit the soul, spirit, and mind.

Did you know that Don Wildmon received the James C. Dobson Vision and Leadership Award at the 2010 Value Voter's Summit in Washington? Other noteworthy recipients include Jim Dobson (for whom the award is named), Phyllis Schlafly, Chuck Colson and Ed Meese.

We have received such favorable comments from some of you who have attended our previous summer events and have taken a moment to say such things as: "We're planning on coming back next year."

"The area people are so hospitable and welcoming." "The speakers you have had have been outstanding!" (Pam Stenzel in 2009, Gary Bauer in 2010).

The overnight lodgings have also been found to be comfortable, inexpensive and welcoming.

Our friends at First Baptist Church, Fremont are making their wonderful facility available to us, as they stand with us in ministering to us, as we desire to minister to many others!

For those of you traveling from several hours out of town or out of state, I urge you to make your room reservations early as there are not a lot of lodging availabilities in our community.

I will be asking Don to speak for at least 45 minutes and hopefully be available to answer some written questions that will be submitted prior and/or during his presentation.

I hope you can sense my excitement in having Don with us for ADA's summer event!

We in the pro-family ranks thought we were going to lose this great man a couple of years ago. To see how God has once again restored him to continued service is yet another testimony of God's grace and Don's love for Christ and obedience to His life-long call. Don fought back from the hospital bed - from not being able to stand and walk - to a wheel chair, to a walker, to a cane, to getting back into the ranks of service daily in his regular office - though no longer AFA's president, still serving effectively.

I couldn't resist. Here's another quote from this man of God:

".. The very future of not only our society but the whole of Western civilization depends on what those in positions of Christian leadership do or fail to do. The struggle will not be easy nor be won without great suffering and sacrifice. The cross is still at the heart of the Christian faith. We must never forget that."

If you love Christ and our heritage and are burdened for what lies ahead, you need to be here. I'm not exaggerating! God bless you as we join together to glorify God!

Conference accommodations



The Shack is a very popular location for family vacations, conferences, and overnights for visitors throughout Michigan. There are still a few rooms available for Friday and Saturday night. Located 7 miles northeast of Fremont. See their website at: <http://www.theshackbandb.com/> or call: 231-924-6683



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FCC v. Fox = Flood of Filth?

by Lisa Van Houten



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Recently the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in a landmark case regarding television decency standards that could open the floodgates of filth even wider on network television.

The case is FCC v. Fox Television Stations, 10-1293. While many appreciate the “fair and balanced” reporting of Fox News, it’s important to remember this is the same corporation which brings us vulgar programming that attacks our values on the regular Fox Network.

Network broadcasters (joining with Fox) are petitioning the Supreme Court to overturn a 1978 decision that upheld the FCC’s authority to regulate TV content on network television during the hours when children are more likely to be viewing television – between the hours 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM. The major networks – such as ABC, NBC, CBS, and Fox – are publicly-owned airwaves and must comply with Federal Communication Commission indecency standards to protect the public interest.

Of course anyone with a television knows that current network programming is anything but a safe haven for family viewing. While the current law is the equivalent of the little Dutch boy plugging a hole in an already leaky dike, if the current standards are overturned, no matter how flimsy and poorly-enforced they are, there would be nothing stopping broadcast networks from airing a flood of nudity and profanity at any time and on any program.

Parents Television Council president, Tim Winter, stated: “The broadcast television networks would not be waging a decades-long legal battle to secure the right for something they don’t intend to do. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the networks, the American people are going to

get a rude awakening when broadcast TV becomes indistinguishable from Cinemax, HBO or something even more explicit. Children, parents, families and indeed all Americans deserve better use of the airwaves that they own.”

Even rocker Steven Tyler of rock band “Aerosmith” fame, as well as current judge on Fox TV’s “American Idol” understands that.

While certainly not a person with a reputation of sterling character – in fact, in keeping with FCC standards, Tyler’s comments have been bleeped several times while serving as judge on “American Idol” – yet Tyler had this to say regarding the current case before the Supreme Court:

“There’s a certain charm and passion and magic in not showing full-frontal nudity” or using constant profanity, Tyler said, as the high court prepared to take up a First Amendment case on the regulation of the airwaves.

“If you start surfing channel to channel and you’re on NBC and it’s (expletive) and channel 4 and it’s (expletive) and channel 7 and it’s (expletive), it wouldn’t be fun to surf,” he said.

Besides, he said, where’s the creativity? ... the use of blunt language “turns it into something crass.” ...

There are pejorative terms, such as those involving race and gender, that never should be heard on TV, said Tyler.

<http://news.yahoo.com/>

It’s up to President Obama’s administration to defend this law that they have been lax to enforce. Currently there are 1,471,912 outstanding indecency complaints sitting before the FCC – which shows not only the

government’s lack of enforcement, but also is evidence of American concern regarding indecency on public airwaves. However, Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. did argue that if the Supreme Court were to overrule current standards, “the risk of a race to the bottom is real.”

As the government has standards regarding corporate pollution to protect citizens - rather than leaving it up to us to filter our own water and wear gas masks to protect ourselves from smog - we as a nation have a responsibility to protect children and set limits regarding the most offensive television content on public airwaves.

While the current administration is certainly not the first to turn a blind eye to enforcing decency standards – both Republican and Democratic administrations in recent years have drawn the ire of pro-decency groups such as ADA with their “do-nothing” attitude toward enforcement of the law - those standards do exist and serve at least as somewhat of a deterrent. However, if the Supreme Court should side with the networks instead of the interests of citizens, there will be no stopping the flood of filth.

The Supreme Court, whose rulings are supposed to be made solely on the basis of constitutionality and not public opinion, doesn’t give opportunity for you to express your views.

However, we do urge you to “take action” with a much Higher Authority. Pray for our Supreme Court Justices as they make decisions on this precedent-setting case, as well as others before them this term, praying that God will lead, guide, and grant them wisdom in making right decisions.

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” Proverbs 29:2

Our Supreme Court justices are Chief Justice John Roberts, Justices Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Alito, Ginsberg, Breyer, Kagan, and Sotomayor. (Justice Sotomayor has recused herself from this case due to her prior involvement when this issue was before the appeals court.)

Elections, the U.S. Supreme Court and societal trends



As we showed the two hour DVD “One Nation Under God” again recently in our facility as both a matinee at 1:00 pm and then later at an evening showing, we recognized the great importance of getting prepared to vote in the primaries and then the November election.

There is so much at stake. Certainly one of the greatest long-term impacts that any president makes is in regard to the person(s) that he brings to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Case in point: President George W. Bush is given rather average grades with the exception of his handling of national security and especially for the two Justices he named to the highest court, namely Justice John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

We saw again just recently the great importance of the make-up of the U.S. Supreme Court as they decided favorably in a decision that many are saying is one of the most important decisions decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in the last several generations regarding religious rights.

Another case before the U.S. Supreme Court that may not turn out so well for Christians is in regard to the urgent matter of pornography, obscenity and indecency over the American airwaves.

Those of you who follow this ministry closely know that we have been regularly promoting the distribution of this significant two hour DVD “One Nation Under God.”

Will concerned folks like you and me take it to their church leadership and ask that it be shared with the congregation in Sunday School classes and/or special venues? Will pastors understand that they are being true to their callings as ministers to help their people fulfill their calling as Christian citizens? If Christians don’t arise from their

lethargic condition and do the basic duties of citizen – register to vote, be attentive to helpful resources like “One Nation Under God” which will help them understand what is at stake, and then vote – then we can expect that the “salt will continue to lose its savor” and we will continue slouching toward Gomorrah.

We are making this very informative, engaging, spiritual, challenging two hour DVD available for free except for the cost of shipping and handling – a mere three dollars.

Many are responding. Hundreds of this DVD have been sent recently with more requests coming in every day. The “One Nation Under God” DVD carries no political endorsement; that’s not with this DVD is about. Rather, we’re promoting “One Nation Under God” to bring awareness, understanding, action, and to encourage you to share it with others!

Stand with us and order this free DVD. God bless you as you stand for Truth!

Order this DVD and then be used of God by showing it to others!

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to gather in your home to watch One Nation Under God. Together, you’ll learn how to view history and current events in light of God’s Word, and how to take action that aligns with His truth. You can make a difference – one person, one household, one neighborhood at a time!

To order the DVD “One Nation Under God” fill out the enclosed response card or call us at 1-888-733-2326 and stand with us as God leads you, dear friend. View this DVD with loved ones. Let it serve as a reminder of what is at stake.

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Sports Illustrated: A wolf in sheep's ... tiny bikini?

by Lisa Van Houten



The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue is expected to hit newsstands, supermarkets, and magazine racks on February 14 – Valentine's Day - giving millions of men and boys easy access to pornography in the mainstream family marketplace. Stores that would never sell a Playboy seem to have no qualms about selling the SI swimsuit issue. However, other than the "legitimate" name of Sports Illustrated, there is very little difference between the two.

Is it a stretch to label the SI swimsuit magazine as pornography? After all, the word "swimsuit" would imply that the models featured are wearing clothing. Think again. While the tiny scraps of cloth that make up the "swimsuits" worn in this magazine might stretch the definition of clothing, the SI swimsuit magazine also includes numerous photos of topless and completely nude women.

Well, you may say, the great artists of old created nude works of art. True. However we all know the purpose of this magazine is not for "artistic" purposes. It's not about swimsuits or famous models and it certainly isn't about sports – not even women's sports. It doesn't even contain any articles.

This SI swimsuit magazine has one purpose, and one purpose only – the erotic display of women for the pleasure and self-pleasure of men. Otherwise known as pornography. I find it quite telling that stores place this magazine under the heading of "men's interest."

Take a moment and really think about what this magazine is about and the views and thought patterns it establishes within our culture. It teaches young boys and men to objectify women – to see them as sex

objects to be viewed and used for their pleasure. This pattern of thinking has permeated our culture to such a degree we can easily overlook it and accept it as normal. When boys grow up with this sexualized view of women constantly before them from Sports Illustrated, television, movies, music, advertising, how does it shape their thinking and behavior?

And what about girls and women? What do the likes of SI Swimsuit teach them? It sends the message that their worth is dependent upon their sex appeal. That to gain acceptance they must degrade themselves. While the essence of beauty and femininity is not found in perfectly proportioned body parts, this pervasive view of women is reinforced by the SI Swimsuit edition creating a false standard for girls.

While you may agree with me that SI Swimsuit is pornography, you may also think it doesn't affect you. After all you would never allow such material in your home. You guard your family from the false messages of the world. You have taught your sons to respect women and your daughters that their worth isn't dependent upon their body. Why should this magazine concern you?

It should concern you because it affects your fellow man. It contributes to sinful actions and attitudes in our culture – a culture in which we all interact. It should concern you as a Christian because it attacks the view that we are created, male and female, in the image of God - and that is where we receive our worth. It should concern you because as Christians we are called to be salt and light – exposing the unfruitful works of darkness.

You can help to do so by speaking out against the SI Swimsuit magazine in stores where you find it. Check out the magazine section and the racks at the checkout counters where you shop. (The SI Swimsuit release date is February 14.) Take it to the store manager or owner and express your concern about such material in a family shopping place and urge others to do the same - and let us know at ADA of the stores you find selling the magazine.

Mail Bag



This is one of the few organizations that speaks out on behalf of biblical morality and Christian values in practical, everyday life.

J.P.

Any true disciple of the Living Lord of All should walk in agreement with this association.

A.J.

I would like to recommend all on my facebook friends to check out this site as I think we as a country need more good and positive lifestyles for our friends and family in order to help our country recover from those who are trying to harm and take away our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and I want just the opposite for our nation. God Bless America!

C.R.

I firmly believe in your mission. We must get more people to God and His teachings!

L.D.

Keep up your wonderful God fearing godly work.

America needs restoring and you are part of it under God's direction.

Dr. W.

Thanks for all you and your staff do. Bless you, P.K.

*Bill, ... you are a champion against the filth on TV and in movies and expose p*rnography for what it is,*

S.S.

Thank you again for all the work you do in hopes that we may help turn back that tide. D.B.

Thank you for all you do in arming the people to combat the influence of sexualization and perversion in our society. May God bless your efforts.

C.H.

Are you there Decency? It's we, the viewers

by Lisa Van Houten



There's a new trend on network television that makes me think of a song I learned in an elementary school music production. The song is "Anything You Can Do" from the Broadway musical "Annie Get your Gun" with the memorable line – "Anything you can do, I can do better; I can do anything better than you." In this duet, one male singer and one female singer playfully attempt to outdo each other in everything from shooting to singing.

What we're currently seeing on TV is a new breed of programs which showcase lead female characters and seem to follow the same theme as the above-mentioned song lyric. However, their claim isn't anything you can do, I can do better. Rather, instead of "better," the claim of these shows seems to be "I can be cruder" than men.

We've long written about the raunchy *Two and a Half Men* filled with crude, sexual dialog between the male characters. Now this season, we see numbers of new shows following the same trend – but these shows have leading "ladies" spouting endless vulgarities. Shows such as *2 Broke Girls* on CBS, *Whitney* and the new *Are You There, Chelsea?* both on NBC.

In the premiere episode of *Are You There, Chelsea?* (originally titled *Are You There, Vodka? It's Me Chelsea*), this is what we find out about the lead character: Chelsea is a lush of a sports bar waitress who can power slurp the worm out of a bottle of tequila (which lands her in jail with a DUI - where she kisses a female inmate); has an endless supply of sexual terms she uses in every conversation; and has taken a Marine to bed on Veteran's Day claiming it was patriotic.

While trying to be as vulgar and offensive as possible, the show "Chelsea" of course also has to offend Christians. While in jail, Chelsea does what she says she always does when she's in trouble – she prays. However, the god she prays to is Vodka (thus the original title).

Chelsea is bailed out by her sister who she describes as her "judgy, super-Christian, sister." When Chelsea tells her sister she prayed (to Vodka), her sister answers "Vodka is not the Lord." Chelsea answers, "Are you sure? They both are invisible and have a hand in unexplained pregnancies."

All that in just the first two minutes of the show.

Heavy drinking – including driving drunk – is portrayed for laughs. In fact, NBC, the producers of "Chelsea," currently have a drinking game on their website to promote the show, entitled "What's YOUR Drink?" The game's description states: "Do you relax with a glass of wine? Or take your vodka with more vodka, like Chelsea? Find out which drink is a perfect fit for your personality!"

I won't describe the language and scenarios of the rest of the show because it was far too explicit and crude. One television reviewer gave the show a D+, describing the show this way: "a 30 minute sitcom ... with numerous remarks about being drunk and approximately 79 euphemisms for the word "vagina," all of which substituted for jokes."

Another critic stated: "Much like the show's lead-in, 'Whitney,' 'Chelsea' tries real hard to shock us with crass jokes. ... the show seemed determined to establish just how edgy it could be. ... [I]t seems ... TV writers think pretty ladies plus gross out gags and phrases are a new winning formula. ... But just being vulgar isn't enough to carry a sitcom."

Perhaps TV reviewers are also getting sick and tired of the crassness that passes for actual creativity on television today. At a recent press conference regarding the raunchy sitcom *2 Broke Girls*, a verbal

"brawl" broke out between the show's creator and television reporters/critics who accused the show of stooping to racial stereotypes and profane jokes. One critic asked: "Do you see the need to get away from making vagina and anal sex references? And as the critic pointed out, the show airs in early primetime at 8:30 in the evening.

The creator of "*2 Broke Girls*" defended the vulgar so-called "humor" of the show describing it as "classy dirty" and said "I consider them high-lowbrow. I think they're fun and sophisticated and naughty and I think everybody likes a good naughty joke"

Another reporter asked: "Going back to classy-dirty. Are there restrictions about things you can say? ..."

The show's creator claimed: "... sex is a part of comedy writing. We seem to offend people with the use [of] words rather than nudity. ..."

That is where television is today – TV writers and creators who think sex has to be a part of comedy writing. And so we see shows trying to outdo each other in their race to the gutter. "Any joke you can tell, I can tell dirtier; any word you can say, I can say raunchier."

Enclosed are postcards to McDonald's and Olive Garden - two of the sponsors of the vulgar shows "*Are You There, Chelsea?*" and the equally concerning show "*Whitney*."

It seems completely incongruous for companies that claim to be good corporate citizens to turn around and sponsor programs that regularly pollute hearts and minds – shows filled with vulgar dialogue and crude sexual references, promoting illicit sexuality and demeaning both women and men.

We encourage you to mail the cards to let these advertisers know you are holding them accountable for empowering such shows.