

This is a very atypical newsletter as you will see. The emphasis this month is not on some of our regular concerns regarding decency. Those concerns obviously remain very real. However, recent court and gubernatorial decisions have forced me to see that there are some shifts occurring politically that, if not effectively countered immediately, will result in a chaos none of us living have heretofore experienced.

Am I being alarmist? Radical? I don't desire to be, but having been called to this position and serving as its leader for twenty years, it would be wrong to give you a false sense of well-being at a time of societal crisis.

As you will read in this newsletter, other ministries, too, are reporting very serious times ahead. I urge you to read these reports prayerfully. ~ Bill Johnson



**United States Supreme Court**

## Chaos in California

Written by Gary Bauer, president of Campaign for Working Families

So-called same-sex “marriages” are scheduled to begin today (June 16) in California. I say “so-called,” because you can steal a word and apply it to something that it isn't, but that doesn't make it so. ...

And because California has no law restricting marriage to state residents, homosexual activists across the country can flock to the Golden State, get “married” and then file suit in every state of the union demanding that their “marriages” be recognized. This dispute between conflicting state laws will end up in the federal courts in short order. Only the Defense of Marriage Act protects us, and Senator Obama has already announced that he wants to repeal it.

How did we get here? You've got leftwing judges across the country engaging in social engineering, ignoring the law and legislating from the bench. You've got a liberal media establishment that is try-

ing to make the demands of the militant homosexual movement equivalent to the civil rights movement, which is ludicrous. And you've got weak-kneed politicians, like the “Terminator,” Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. In the movies, Schwarzenegger was a tough guy willing to take on robots and aliens, but when faced with screaming homosexuals and the uninformed opinion of four liberal lawyers, he became “Barney Fife,” unwilling to defend the institution of marriage.

Among the first homosexuals to get “married” [June 16] will be a lesbian couple who were plaintiffs in the lawsuit that led to the California Supreme Court's redefinition of marriage. One of the women told the media, “It will be nice to be able to stand there and get married and say ‘We won.’”

Her declaration of victory may be premature. You will decide whether or not she and the militant homosexual movement eventually win. As I have repeatedly said, the cultural war over our values is real, and only one side will prevail. But it's up to you. It's up to you the voters, if Califor-

nia's marriage protection amendment passes this November. It's up to you to elect candidates who will defend our values and appoint the right judges. It's up to you to persuade your friends and family members that our values are worth defending and to expose the liberalism of candidates, like Barack Obama, who are pandering to extreme special interest groups. It's up to you to support organizations, like Campaign for Working Families, that are working every day to oppose the myriad of radical leftwing, George Soros-funded groups, like MoveOn.org and the ACLU, that want to redefine our values and force people of faith into the closet.

If we work harder and work together to defend faith, family and freedom, we can make America a “shining city upon a hill.”

But if we lose hope and give up, we will, as Lincoln warned, “meanly lose the last best hope of earth.” [[Campaign for Working Families, June 16, 2008](#)]



**From the desk of  
Bill Johnson,  
president**

I'm alarmed by the happenings that are not only serious when taken at face value, but also threaten our very well being. I urge you to read this newsletter prayerfully. It is vital that you and I understand how to pray and be prepared for what is unfolding.

The once subtle attack and faltering is no longer easy to miss.

Don Wildmon in his daily broadcast stated regarding the \$335 million dollar campaign being waged by the ACLU (see page 3): *"This is probably the most dangerous, frightening thing I've seen in thirty years of being engaged in the culture war. ..."*

Wildmon went on to say that if the White House also goes liberal in the fall election that with the money backing of the ACLU and their energized agenda coupled with a liberal U.S. House, Senate and White House: *"It's all over fellas."*

What does that exactly mean? Gary Bauer's words from the lead article on the front page: *"... You've got left wing judges across the country engaging in social engineering, ignoring the law and legislating from the bench. You've got a liberal media establishment that is trying to make the demands of the militant homosexual movement equivalent to the civil rights movement, which is ludicrous. And you've got weak-kneed politicians, ..."*

You might ask so why, Bill, seemingly all of a sudden are you alerting us to these concerns?

As so many of you do (hopefully all of you), I try to keep myself abreast of the daily news. I do so by way of reading a daily newspaper. I also go online for particularly concerning news articles. However, my main news sources have increasingly become the daily email alerts from "Campaign for Working Families" with Gary Bauer. Some of

you may recall that we had Gary Bauer as a guest speaker in the '90s. Bauer once headed Family Research Council and ran for President in earlier years. I also read faithfully the daily emails from Family Research Council and listen regularly to Don Wildmon's daily radio broadcast called AFA Report.

These ministries and leaders have demonstrated that they are truth tellers. Their observations and counsel are worthy of being heeded. Because of the plethora of concerning news that has been unfolding over these recent weeks, I couldn't in good conscience not bring them to your attention and emphasize that I share their concerns and believe you ought to as well.

Let me try to summarize a few things that make me think that things are coming to a head and that if several of these things go the wrong way, we will be in a world of hurt. Don Wildmon's words, "It's all over fellas." That's a scary way of wording it, but ...

**Let me give it a try.**

(1) **This financial empowerment of the ACLU and the targeting of the heartland is concerning.** That means a lot of money to pay lawyers to fight controversial court cases. Relentlessly!

(2) **We Christians and Christian organizations don't have the money they do,** and, there is grave concern amongst Christian leaders that collectively we don't have the resolve that they do.

(3) **There is seemingly more rampant forms of social engineering unfolding - judges ignoring the law and legislating from the bench.** The media with their millions upon millions of dollars pressing an agenda rather than reporting news objectively.

(4) **The upcoming presidential election.** Bauer discusses the candidates in his email alert of June 16: *"Do you see the difference, my friends? The contrast between these two candidates on issues of national security and judicial appointments is stark. With each passing day, there seems to be no position too radical for Obama not to embrace it. He has advocated the full repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act. He is so extremely pro-abor-*

*tion that he opposed legislation to protect babies who were born after botched abortions. He wants to repeal the Bush tax cuts. He wants to meet with Holocaust-denying dictators. Now he has embraced the idea that foreign terrorists deserve the same constitutional protections that you have, giving the Islamofascists more rights than we gave Nazi spies in World War II."* (Referencing a troubling Supreme Court ruling of June 16). ...

(5) **As voters are discussing the choices before them, there is a growing concern amongst conservatives that voters of all ages - but even more so the younger - will be drawn by appearances, feelings, promises of change not based on substance.**

(6) **There are many within our ranks who won't take the time to educate themselves on the issues or the candidates.** There are masses of individuals who aren't even registered to vote and who even if they are registered won't vote due to lethargy, disinterest, or cynicism.

(7) **I haven't even discussed concerns regarding national security and Islamofascism.** Many have not educated themselves on the distinct differences between our two presidential candidates and their positions on defending America. Don Wildmon's words again - with just a few wrong choices, "It's all over fellas."

(8) **Is it all over? Only God knows.** I know that we are never told in the Bible to give up. We are told to stay faithful, to be the salt and light of the world. To pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. By His grace that's what I intend to do. I hope you will, too. You and I are needed for such a time as this - as never before! I believe it. Do you?

***"For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off"***  
**Psalm 37:28**

## Growing chaos in America



### The ACLU smells blood

The heartland is poised to get some religious heartburn, courtesy of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and megadonor George Soros. The organization best known for suing its way to Christian suppression has its eyes on some prime conservative real estate in its \$335 million local expansion. Knowing that the biggest battles may soon be fought on the smallest scales, these agents of social injustice plan to “build a civil liberties infrastructure in the middle of the country,” bringing with it a radical agenda of homosexual rights, unlimited abortion, the extinction of the traditional family, and secularism. Hoping to add new offices in the battleground states of Michigan, Texas, Florida, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, and Tennessee, the ACLU has already raised the majority of the funding needed to accomplish its national campaign. With overflowing bank accounts, taxpayer dollars from attorney fees in Establishment Clause cases, and offices in key red states, the ACLU will be a formidable force. ...

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### Gary Bauer, President of Campaign for Working Families states it this way:

The Left is desperate to win. It is energized, organized and incredibly well-funded. Radicals see politics and the pursuit of power as their religion. While George Soros could bankroll this entire operation if he wanted to, he doesn't have to because millions of liberals are literally tithing to leftwing causes and candidates. The Left understands exactly what is at stake in these elections. It didn't give up after 2000 and 2004. Instead, liberals fought harder, worked longer and gave more.

Are there disagreements on the Left? Absolutely. But liberal Democrats don't let their disagreements get in the way of winning elections. They fight out their differences after they have won. Conservatives had better wake-up soon before the country we cherish is lost forever.

### California renegade judges rule for same-sex marriages

On May 15th four members of the California Supreme Court committed an outrage against the people of the Golden State and, potentially, all Americans. They struck down a law adopted by California voters in March 2000 and imposed homosexual marriage in the state. Under this ruling, the state's public school curricula, businesses, government agencies, and even certain religious entities will almost certainly be forced to recognize homosexual “weddings.”

Despite the fact that citizens gathered far above the needed number of signatures to place the matter on the ballot for a public vote in November, the California Supreme Court voted not to stay the decision. Refusal to “stay” the decision sets up a tangled legal web in which potentially thousands of same-sex “marriages” may be legally unrecognizable when and if the amendment is approved by voters. Homosexual activists have set the stage for legal theater and will tell voters that it's up to them to prevent it by playing along with the court's creation. Voters in California must realize that the court's irresponsibility does not negate their responsibility to provide the needed checks and balances.

[Family Research Council, May 23 & June 4, 2008]



### New York Governor appointee propels the state closer to gay “marriage”

In New York, the judicial branch may have some competition in the race to redefine marriage. Gov. David Paterson (D), Eliot Spitzer's replacement, is inventing new policymaking powers for the executive office by issuing a statewide directive that same-sex “marriages” performed in other jurisdictions will be recognized in New York. Announced the day before California's Supreme Court ruling, the sweeping decision will impact as many as 1,300 rules and regulations “governing everything from joint filing of income tax returns to transferring fishing licenses between spouses.” Under the order, same-sex couples who reside or work in New York will receive the same benefits as heterosexual spouses. Pat-

erson described the decision as “a strong step toward marriage equality,” instead of what it truly is—an attempt to circumvent the legislature and propel the state closer to gay “marriage” without voters' consent. Under Spitzer, a bill was introduced to legalize homosexual unions, but it never passed New York's Republican-led Senate. Paterson's office sees this as the next best thing. Although the order is the first of its kind in the U.S., other left-leaning governors will almost certainly follow suit.

[Family Research Council, May 29, 2008]



### Coming soon to a bathroom near you?

On May 29 over the protests of thousands of families, Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter (D) signed SB 200 into law. The legislation blurs the sexual lines by making all public accommodations, including locker rooms and restrooms, “gender-free.” In other words, anyone—regardless of their biological identity—will be welcome in the men's or ladies' room, including cross-dressers, men who self-identify as women, women who self-identify as men, and people who haven't made up their minds. To make matters worse, Colorado defines “public accommodations” as everything from malls, restaurants, and schools to small and even home businesses. The other side says this is about discrimination. But the chance of offending a few people hardly justifies putting everyone else at risk, which is exactly what SB 200 does. For every transvestite who takes advantage of this law, there are a dozen sexual predators who will see this as a chance to put women and children into a vulnerable situation. Focus on the Family launched a statewide awareness campaign, but in the end, even Colorado's largest Christian ministry couldn't compete with Ritter's desire to pay off liberal financier Tim Gill, who sank serious dollars into the governor's election campaign in 2006. From here all eyes will turn to Montgomery County, where a November ballot initiative will determine the fate of its bathroom bill.

[Family Research Council, May 30, 2008]

As Focus on the Family's Dr. James Dobson has said, this could ultimately have serious implications for the entire country.

## What lies ahead? “The law of unintended consequences”

My friends at AFA engaged in a discussion on the AFA Report broadcast of June 17 of what lies ahead. The round table discussion included Rusty Benson, Jeff Chamblee and Donald Wildmon.

**Benson:** The question to me, Jeff, is we don't know what the full impact will be on the culture. The question is how do Christians live in the midst of that? What do we do after the decline has begun and you can see it? How do we live? What do we do? How do we react to this whole thing?

**Wildmon:** You will be put back into your own corner. To make it real simple though I don't mean this literally: You will be allowed to carry on certain activities within your church building. Certain activities you will not be allowed. People don't realize we're talking about religious freedom and freedom of speech. And you would not be allowed to stand in your pulpit, Rusty, and preach from the first chapter of Romans. You won't be allowed to do it because that will be hate speech. That is illegal. You can't say anything negative about a person who is a homosexual. You can't say that's immoral. ...

Incidentally ... in all the news reports coming out of California it will always be thousands of homosexuals and a small group protesting. The small protesters will always be given a line or two and the people getting married will be given six o'clock prime time news coverage and if you get on camera they'll find some rabid person who is anti-homosexual and hateful in their speech. These are the people they will present to the American public as those opposed to homosexuality.

**Benson:** or ... You just don't mention it. ... This is no big deal. This has been coming a long time now. Get over it.

**Chamblee:** One of the things I've been struggling with, and I'll just be honest with you, is this feeling of hopelessness. And you look at all of this and you wonder what are my children going to inherit? Here's what I come back to though - that God in His sovereignty many times in history has used resistance and difficult times to be fertilizer for the church because when the muscle has resistance put on it, it has a tendency to build up. It becomes stronger. My hope is that the Gospel will be successful in going forth and people will be saved and perhaps the



church will be revived. The wheat and the tares in situations like this will become evident. And the Lord has told us in the end times both will say “I'm a follower of God. I believe in Christ.” But there's a final reaping that separates the wheat and the tares.

**Wildmon:** My response to that would be that God has created a moral order and you violate that at your own risk. In other words, if we violate God's moral order then there are consequences - we suffer. And, that'll be evident: breakdown of morality in society. Look, we're not just talking about homosexuals getting married. We're talking about every other thing that we have considered to be wrong, immoral and a detriment to society for nearly 2000 years. And now we're turning all that over and going in another way, and we don't know where we're going. There's a law called the law of unintended consequences. And we don't have a clue how this is going to change our society. And it's not going to be for the good. ...

**Bill Johnson comments:** I have often said that to me being a parent is the most difficult calling in life, and, as many my age and older have said, “It has become increasingly difficult over these last years.”

Just a few short years ago one of the great challenges was to keep your children from television programs and movies that were permeated with pornographic images and godless themes. That's still of concern, but there is such a wide array of pressures upon children and the Christian family trying to raise them up as true believers committed to His name.

It seems to me that there are some constants that God calls us to. Let me name only a few:

- (1) “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” and “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” [Matthew 22:37, 39b]
- (2) “Continue in the things which thou hast been assured of knowing of whom thou

hast learned them; that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” [II Timothy 3:14-15]

Why is it that some of the simplest solutions are carelessly overlooked or avoided in rebellion? I can say with complete honesty that when I began to take time with God in a time of studying the Scriptures (daily and regularly), I began to experience victory over sin, encouragement, hope, strengthening.

We first need to know Christ personally and experience fellowship with Him throughout the day. A devotional life is the wellspring of that relationship and then learning to live in obedience to His living Word.

Scripture memorization has been extremely fruitful for me. Memorizing scriptures that pertained to things that I was going through have repeatedly helped me to stand fast in the faith despite great discouragements, disappointments, heartaches and heartbreaks.

Our answers to all of life are found in the Bible. I believe we may not be very far away from having our faith challenged beyond what we have ever known.

Devotions, scripture memorization, a solid prayer life, fellowship with fellow believers, being a member of a Bible-believing church and a church that preaches the whole counsel of God with power and conviction. (You desperately need this and so do your children). Living in obedience to God's Word.

Living a life free of hypocrisy. As we live a life transparent before God, we will have nothing to hide before our family, friends, workplace, church.

“Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey. His servants ye are to whom ye obey whether of death unto sin or of obedience unto righteousness.” [Romans 6:16]

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