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"Alabama's Moral Compass"

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Dear Friends of ALCAP:

The school programs for the 2008-2009 school year are well under way and it looks like we are headed to another successful year of teaching students the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, making good decisions in life, abstaining from alcohol and other drugs and the importance of staying away from other addictive behaviors such as gambling. Pray for Bill Day and all of our teachers as they go into schools throughout Alabama with this important and challenging message for students!

This election cycle has been a busy one! Beside the presidential and congressional elections, four counties and one municipality in Alabama had a wet/dry referendum on their ballots. While the city of Arab and Cleburne County voted to "go wet," Blount, Randolph and Geneva Counties all voted to remain dry! The local leaders who fought these battles are to be commended for their hard work and for taking a stand. Many of the individuals and churches that opposed the expansion of alcoholic beverages into their communities suffered persecution, but they remained steadfast in their support of Biblical principles! ALCAP provided resources and consulted with local leaders in each of these battles. Joe Godfrey made several trips to Blount County and one trip to Arab to meet with these leaders; he consulted by phone and e-mail with leaders in the other counties; and Dan Ireland "came out of retirement" to make visits and consult with individuals and groups in some of the counties.

ALCAP is also continuing to work with counties that are fighting gambling expansion. In September ALCAP invited leaders from the 18 counties in which charity bingo has been adopted through Constitutional Amendments. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of forming a united effort to rid our state of electronic gambling machines. "Bingosinos" are "popping up" all over the state and something must be done to reverse this trend and remove these gambling machines from every location in Alabama. With the help of Eric Johnston, a lawyer and a member of the ALCAP Board, we are looking for someone who might have "standing with the Court" and would be willing to serve as a plaintiff in a case that would help us to get a judgment declaring these electronic bingo machines to be illegal. Pray that we will be able to find such an individual and the financial support to carry this issue all the way to the Alabama Supreme Court.

As 2008 is quickly drawing to a close, let me remind you that your financial support of ALCAP is tax-deductable. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and we are totally dependent upon the monetary gifts of churches and individuals. **With investments in the stock market fluctuating daily, what better and more lasting place to invest than in an organization like the Alabama Citizens Action Program (ALCAP)! When you give to ALCAP, you are investing in the lives of young people all over this state!** ALCAP is the first line of defense for local churches as we help to “head off” future alcohol and other drug-related problems in the lives of individuals and families before they get started! If ALCAP did not take the message of alcohol and other drug abstinence and gambling abstinence to students, churches might have to minister to even more broken lives and broken families than they already do. Also, if ALCAP did not go into the Alabama Legislature and stand up for the moral issues and speak out for the faith community, Alabama would likely not be the wholesome, family-friendly state that it is today!

You need ALCAP and ALCAP needs you! We need your financial support and we need your prayer cover as we fight these spiritual battles! Please remember to get your end-of-the-year gifts into our office as we get ready to begin a New Year of ministry! If your church has not yet prepared its annual budget, please consider adding ALCAP to your 2009 budget. You might consider budgeting 1% of your annual budget or \$1 per resident member each year. Every church could afford to give something, even if it is just \$10 per month for small churches or \$100 per month for churches with annual budgets in the \$200,000+ range. The larger churches could afford to do even more. If you would prefer to take up a special offering for ALCAP, someone from ALCAP would be happy to come speak at your church on the day you collect the offering. Just call or e-mail us to set up a specific Sunday.

The work of ALCAP is unique and in order to expand our ministry into more schools and churches, and in order to continue to serve as the “voice of the faith community” in the Alabama State House, we need your support! **Donations can now be made directly from our website (www.alcap.com).** Just go to the “Donations” page and follow the instructions.

Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire ALCAP staff, to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas! Remember that...

Jesus Is the Reason for the Season!



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