

# CALLED 2 Action

Since our inception in April of 2004, **C2A** has been blessed with tremendous success and has become a leading voice for Christian values in North Carolina. Our focus is local, our method is grassroots activism, and our strength comes from an unyielding commitment to the truth of God's Word. Here are some highlights from our first three years:

- **Radical Sex-Ed Legislation** In 2007 the State House introduced a reckless bill that would have eliminated abstinence-based sex education in North Carolina and replaced it with a curriculum that was being championed by Planned Parenthood and NARAL, the “dynamic duo” of abortion in America. This new direction would have promoted deviant and dangerous sexual behavior to children as young as 12 (i.e. withholding actual condom failure rates for teens and introducing “alternative” sexual activities). We worked with our friends at the American Family Association to distribute over 100,000 emails statewide directing a massive public pressure campaign aimed at the legislature. We also worked with the two Catholic Dioceses covering all of NC who agreed to write and *hand deliver* a signed letter from the NC Bishops to Speaker Hackney and the committee members in question. Our efforts were successful and the bill was stopped.
- **NC State Marriage Amendment** 2007 was a “near-miss” for the marriage amendment effort. We helped to organize a record-setting rally at the legislature attended by nearly 10,000 North Carolinians. From there we worked with AFA to distribute over 200,000 emails across the state and brought tremendous public pressure to bear on a small group of legislators in the State House who were trying to kill the bill. After a miraculous vote that sent the bill to the floor for a vote, Speaker of the House Joe Hackney single-handedly shuffled it off to another committee to die. In a blistering follow-up email we unapologetically called it what it was...a flagrant abuse of power.
- **Harvest 07 with Pastor Greg Laurie** Although this was not an official C2A event, Steve Noble, our Chairman, served as the “point-man” on the local team and was able to utilize all of our church contacts and influence to get the crusade efforts off to a fast start. In fact, the Harvest team has stated that this was the best local effort they had seen in their 19-year history! Hundreds of Called2Action members served as volunteers and every one of our church partners got involved with the crusade. Our 16-month effort came to a crescendo with over 41,000 people in attendance and close to 3000 decisions for Christ! Nothing can impact our culture more than a heart that has turned to Christ.
- **North Carolina Pledge of Allegiance Bill Passed in 2006** After an 18-month public pressure campaign, leaders of both state houses finally gave in and passed this bill. As a result, every public school in NC begins its day with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our partnership with the American Family Association was invaluable in this victory.
- **“The Runway” Adult Business 2006** For the first time in 10 years, the Raleigh Board of Adjustments granted approval for the building of a “strip club” located near a prominent intersection and residential development. We worked with neighboring businesses and an appeal was filed. Aided by a citywide prayer campaign, the attorneys fighting the club prevailed and the strip club developers were defeated.
- **Sexually Explicit & Vulgar Language in Public School Books** In 2006 Parents of 12 and 14 year-old students contacted us when they discovered this material in reading assignments. We took the issue public at an open School Board meeting where one of the mothers read these excerpts *out loud* for the board, public and press. After several meetings and an email campaign, the school board responded with an official policy change resulting in stronger safeguards to help keep this filth out of the hands of children.
- **Day of Silence vs. Day of Truth** For the last three years, C2A has informed parents about GLSEN's campaign in the schools promoting their homosexual agenda. We list the schools that are involved and provide helpful

resources and legal advice (if needed) through our partnership with Mike Johnson at the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF).

- **NBC's "Book of Daniel"** Working with our friends at AFA, we targeted NC businesses that advertised during this terribly anti-Christian series. We also mounted an aggressive email & phone campaign aimed at the local NBC station manager. The program was cancelled and NBC lost millions of dollars every time it aired.
- **Christmas Display on Public Property in 05' & 06'** We successfully lobbied and won approval from the Raleigh City Council to put up a Christmas display in Moore Square, a downtown public park. The 2006 display went further than the 05' display by including a prominent banner adorned with scripture. C2A will continue to lead this charge to express & celebrate our religious beliefs in the public square.
- **Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign** For the past three years, we have partnered with one of the largest black congregations in Raleigh (The Upper Room COGIC) to place a full page ad in the Raleigh paper challenging Christians to shop at stores that *include* the phrase, "Merry Christmas".
- **New Age Teaching/1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Violation in Public School** In 2005 C2A investigated a local elementary school that had hired a "New Age" teacher to conduct classes with K-5 grade children on "stress reduction", which included chanting, breathing exercises and other "energy focusing" methods. Our friends at the Christian Law Association (David Gibbs III, Terri Schiavo's attorney) prepared an 11-page brief on this 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment violation which was presented to the school system. After a long internal investigation, the school system simply disagreed with the allegation, but because of the national press this situation received, C2A believes the chances of this happening *again* have been greatly reduced. The new age teacher in question has not been back to any Wake County school.
- **Voter Guides and our PAC, Called2Elect** C2A has distributed tens of thousands of its Voter Guides through local churches during the past two election cycles as well as during local School Board races. In 2005, we started our PAC to endorse candidates that share our values. We have also worked with AFA and The Center for Reclaiming America for Christ to distribute our non-partisan Judicial Voter Guide statewide to over 150,000 people.
- **Stand for the Family Rally featuring Dr. James Dobson** This was the event that gave C2A a tremendous boost in our first year! Working with Focus on the Family Action and the NC Family Policy Council, we were given the task of driving attendance to this critical event in support of our open US Senate seat in 2004. The original goal was @ 4500 people, but our relentless appeal to local churches was greatly blessed and we filled the arena with nearly 14,000 values voters. Our preferred Senate candidate was down 10 points before the rally, but ended up winning by a comfortable margin. To this date, the Raleigh Stand for the Family event remains the largest by far of any Focus rally *across the nation* to inform & energize voters.
- **Our National Partners** Many of our initiatives would not have been successful without the assistance of our friends that work the "national stage". Starting with Focus on the Family back in May of 2004, God has continued to give us favor with the most powerful and effective national pro-family groups in existence. Help from these "big guns" is only a phone call away now, and we are so thankful for this amazing blessing. *American Family Assoc., Center for Reclaiming America for Christ, Concerned Women for America, Focus on the Family Action, Family Research Council, The Arlington Group, Alliance Defense Fund, Christian Legal Society, Christian Law Association, Liberty Council, and Priests for Life*, just to name a few.

“Behold, Jerusalem lies in ruins and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the walls and remove our disgrace.” Nehemiah 2:17