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"I urge you, first of all, to **pray for all people**. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. **Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority** so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." **1 Timothy 2:1-4, NLT**

As I sat watching the inauguration of President Barack Hussein Obama with Bethany Hope and Aaron Joseph, I reflected on many of the changes that would follow even before this national ceremony would be over. Our cover story this month affirms that those changes began even while the ceremony was underway. In reflecting, I thought of how many married couples would now miss out on the divine opportunity to be adoptive parents because a birthmom will be led down the road to abortion through the new administration's pro-choice policies/agenda. I reflected on how many more hearts and minds would be led astray with the new administration's pro-gay policies/agenda. I reflected on

how our nation may be at greater risk because of the new administration's plans to close Gitmo, use the U.S. Court Systems to try terrorists, pull our forces out of Iraq and establish a "civilian national security force that's just as powerful, just as strong, just as well-funded as our military." (WND.com, 7.15.2008) Those few moments of reflection literally sent a chill down my spine (and thru my bulging disks that I'm now battling) as I pondered

these and other changes that this leadership change was ushering in right before my eyes. I reflected upon how Bethany Hope has only known President George W. Bush during her first 8 precious years of life as a pro-life president who faithfully defended the Sanctity of Life and help protect our nation in the War on Terror. I reflected on Aaron Joseph's excitement in exclaiming, "Look Daddy ... Prez-udent Busshhh," whenever seeing him on TV.

Through all these reflections, I came to realize that I was witnessing the fulfillment of many promises which Candidate Barack Obama had made on the Presidential Campaign—promises of **CHANGE!** But despite all these changes and the many more to follow, most of which I am sure our family will not favor / nor support as evangelical Christians, one thing will **NOT** change—our commitment to God's Word as He commands us to "**pray ... for all who are in authority**" and to serve as His "**Salt and Light**" (**Matthew 5:13-16**) to our nation and our world as they both are being enveloped by an advancing veil of spiritual darkness. Although our family, like many of you, celebrates the historical accomplishment of seeing our nation's first black President, that victory is clearly overshadowed by the new administration's agenda, much of which clearly conflicts with values and teachings of God's Holy Word. Yet as I shared with our family and our church, we must pray for our new President, that God might touch his heart with His truth and lead our nation back to Him!

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## Obama Administration Poised... Sweeping Pro-Homosexual Policies Underway!

**P**resident Barack H. Obama is poised to be the most pro-homosexual chief executive in the history of the United States.

Unveiling his agenda on Inauguration Day on the newly refurbished version of the White House web site, Obama called for the repeal of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), as well as the extension of more than 1,000 federal marriage benefits and adoption rights to homosexual couples. The new administration laid out its plans on the Web site (whitehouse.gov) at exactly 12:01 p.m. EST, during President Obama's swearing-in ceremony. The website's "Civil Rights" section lists a number of items long on the homosexual agenda, including expanding federal hate-crimes laws, repealing the ban on homosexuals in the military and extending the definition of workplace discrimination to include sexual orientation. In the section entitled "Support for the LGBT (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered) Community," the Web site says Obama wants full inclusion of homosexual couples under federal law. The website reads, "President Obama supports full civil unions that give same-sex couples legal rights and privileges equal to those of married couples ... (he) also believes we need to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and enact legislation that would ensure that the 1,100-plus federal legal rights and benefits currently provided on the basis of marital status are extended to same-sex couples." Among those federal

legal rights are the ability to file joint tax returns, own property, and buy health insurance together. President Obama also favors granting adoption rights to homosexual couples, saying that children benefit from a healthy home, regardless of the sexual orientation of the "adoptive parents." "President Obama believes that we must ensure adoption rights for all couples and individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation ... He thinks that a child will benefit from a healthy and loving home, whether the parents are gay or not," the website reads. President Obama further promises to distribute contraceptives through the nation's public health system, saying the move is vital to combating HIV and AIDS – and the new president wants contraceptives to be distributed in federal prisons. "The president will support common-sense approaches including age-appropriate sex education that includes information about contraception, combating infection within our prison population through education and contraception, and distributing contraceptives through our public health system." President Obama will renewed his pledge to expand federal hate-crimes laws to include sexual orientation – an effort he spearheaded as a freshman U.S. senator. The bill that Obama introduced in the Senate, the Matthew Shepard Act, would make it a



federal hate-crime to commit violence against someone because of their sexual orientation. President Obama also wants to lift the federal ban on needle exchanges, which provides intravenous drug addicts with free, clean needles in an effort to ensure they abuse illegal drugs safely.

The new White House site confirms that President Obama plans to work towards his desire to repeal a federal law that prevents homosexuals from serving in the military. Obama says that the only test for military service should be patriotism. "The key test for military service should be patriotism, a sense of duty, and a willingness to serve. Discrimination should be prohibited ... The president will work with military leaders to repeal the current policy and ensure it helps accomplish our national defense goals," Whether homosexuals are ever allowed to serve in the military won't be Obama's call. Only Congress can enact a policy that affects the military—though the President has great powers of influence.

As Christians, we **must** be in fervent prayer for our new president and his administration. - CNSNews.com, 1.21.2009



# Campbell's Soup Company

...pledges even more "pro-gay" advertising!

The Campbell's Soup Company has placed double-page ads, promoting their Swanson line of broth, in the December 2008 & January 2009 issues of The Advocate, the largest homosexual magazine in the United States. One of the ads features two females and a young boy in a restaurant, identifying the women as "partners," (lesbians implied) with the little boy presumably being the "son" of one of the gay women.

The American Family Association (AFA), a pro-family advocacy group, condemned the ads, saying they "send a message that homosexual parents constitute a family and are worthy of support," and that Campbell's Soup is giving "their approval to the entire homosexual agenda." The AFA has begun a campaign to encourage the company to remain neutral in the culture wars by not supporting homosexual publications and same-sex "marriage" with advertising dollars. Campbell's spokesman Anthony Sanzio was quoted in the Media Daily News as saying that the company will continue to support the homosexual agenda. "Our position on this is pretty straight forward. Inclusion and diversity play an important role in our business, and that fact is reflected in our marketing plan. Our plans for the Swanson brand include additional placements in The Advocate," Sanzio said. "Campbell's has been in business since 1869. For more than a century people from all walks of life have enjoyed our products. We will continue to try to appeal to all people in ways that are meaningful and relevant to them," said Sanzio in a phone interview conducted with WorldNetDaily.com.

A similar campaign was launched by the AFA against McDonald's restaurants last year when it was revealed that the hamburger giant had put an executive on the board of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) and was listed on the group's website as a "Corporate Partner." A five-month boycott ended successfully last October when McDonald's announced that it had severed its ties to the homosexual

business group and declared neutrality in the culture wars per AFA's request. In an email to its franchise owners, McDonald's said, "It is our policy to not be involved in political and social issues. McDonald's remains neutral on same sex marriage or any 'homosexual agenda' as defined by the American Family Association." Prayer-led boycotts do work! Source: LifeSiteNews.com, 1.8.2009

✉ To express your concern to the Campbell's Soup Company 'pro-gay' advertising, please contact the following:  
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**Lambda Sigma Phi (LSP)** is a Christian fraternity founded at the University of Alabama in 2000. Daniel Weaver, LSP fraternity president, says some of the fraternities did not have good reputations, so there was a desire among some guys to start something different, "so we started it here at the university, and we wanted to build around a fraternity that had Christian values and recruit guys who were really on fire for the Lord and wanted to minister and be an example for the campus." Weaver says Lambda Sigma Phi (a "dry" <no alcohol> fraternity) holds weekly Bible studies, and all of their members are active church members. Since its founding, the Lord has blessed the fraternity as their membership has grown so that they have filled up their house and are now able to be on campus debt-free. Lambda Sigma Phi is just one of many Christian fraternities now on secular campuses throughout the United States. - OneNewsNow.com, 12.29.2008

📖 Study Matthew 5:13-16, 1 John 2:6, 1 Peter 2:21, Proverbs 20:1, 1 Timothy 4:12

The thought police are back in full force. A U.S. District Judge in Illinois recently sided with the ACLU, which had argued that a "moment of silence" in Illinois schools violates the mythical "separation of church and state." Although students were not required to pray in school, Judge Robert Gettleman claimed, "This statute is a subtle effort to force students at impressionable ages to contemplate religion." Attorney David Cortman of the Alliance Defense Fund told Family Research Council that this is just another example of how radical the 'Left' has become. The ACLU even objects to a moment of silence because of the *potential* for prayer. Students aren't forced to do anything except be quiet, and that hardly violates the Establishment Clause. A similar case was debated in Texas but was dismissed on appeal. The case will likely now go into the Illinois court system.

- FRC's Washington Update, 1.22.2009

📖 Study Matthew 10:22 & 16:18, Mark 13:13, Luke 6:22 & 21:17, John 7:7 & 15:18-20, Psalms 37:32-33 & 1 Chronicles 16:11

**Pray** for this new legal attack on students' freedom & for God's divine favor!



✚ Take a few moments to study what God's Word says on the sin of homosexuality: Leviticus 18:22&20:13, Romans 1:16,24-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 4:15, Isaiah 5:20, Genesis 1:26-28

Please **PRAY** for Campbell's Soup Company executives/board members—that the truth of Christ's love would pierce the veil of political correctness & cultural expediency in their equating of the homosexual lifestyle to the traditional family unit of one man and one woman in covenant marriage.

**PRAY** for Christians to take a **bold**, but **loving** stand for the inerrant truth of God's Holy Word!

#### Quotable Quote...

"We are in a fight for our principles, and our first responsibility is to live by them."  
- President George W. Bush (shortly after the terrorist attacks of 9. 11.2001)



## On the Home Front...



### SUPREME COURT RULING 'EXPOSES' OUR CHILDREN

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to revive the Child Online Protection Act, designed to protect children from sexual material and other objectionable content on the Internet. The federal law would have barred websites from making harmful content available to minors over the Internet. Ironically, the Justice Department will continue to prosecute producers and adult consumers of internet pornography. Alliance Defense Fund Special Counsel Pat Trueman shares, "Isn't that an odd thing? You can prohibit an adult from buying it, but you can't prohibit an adult from giving it to a child ... I think this is a travesty of justice!" - OneNewsNow.com, 1.22.2009

### FEDERAL JUDGE SQUASHES ATTEMPT TO SILENCE PRAYER

A federal judge in Washington, D.C., denied a request by atheists to stop prayers at the recent presidential inauguration. Atheists had planned to crash the inauguration invocation, claiming the government is choosing between "believers" and "those who don't believe" and imposing religion on atheists and agnostics. Michael Newdow, a California attorney who pushed a case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court in an unsuccessful effort to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, served as one of the plaintiffs. It had also sought to prohibit Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts from using the phrase "So help me God" at the end of the presidential oath of office which he administered to Barack Obama. This lawsuit was Newdow's third attempt to stop inaugural prayers since 2001 - he has lost every case ... **Praise God!** -WorldNetDaily.com, 1.16.2009

### NEW SURVEY FINDS CHRISTIANITY NOW ONE CHOICE OF MANY

A new survey finds Christianity is no longer the default faith of most Americans. The survey was conducted by The Barna Group, which found that half of Americans believe Christianity is just one of many options for genuine faith. George Barna, the group's founder, believes the study confirms that more Americans are adopting a pluralistic mindset. "Americans are increasingly very accepting of a diverse array of faiths ... They're less likely to think that Christianity is right or accurate in what it teaches," Barna notes. According to Barna, the survey also finds that many Americans are adopting their own ideas about faith, apart from God's Holy Word. "What we find is that people are deriving their biblical literacy and their views of spirituality from conversations that they have with friends, and they give that equal weight to things they might get in church or from other religious settings. They'll get their faith views from their own personal reflections as well as from their personal experiences and observations," says Barna. The survey did reveal that most Americans still call their faith an important source of personal and moral guidance - a positive note on an otherwise alarming report. - OneNewsNow.com, 1.16.2009

### PRESIDENT OBAMA KEEPS HIS WORD & ABANDONS "LIFE!"

One day after the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, President Obama signed an executive order to lift the Mexico City policy, a Reagan-era policy that prohibits taxpayer funds from going to organizations that promote or perform abortions overseas. President George Bush had reinstated the pro-life policy on his first day in office in 2001 after President Clinton had revoked the policy in 1993. -LifeSiteNews.com, 1.23.2009

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**"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."** 2 Timothy 4:2



Rev. David Haltom

## No Sugar on That Mistake!



Executives at Krispy Kreme, one of the nation's largest doughnut companies, got the "hole" truth when it comes to mixing politics with pastries. After receiving complaints from across the nation, the business pulled what sounded like a pro-abortion phrase from a national marketing campaign. In an effort to capitalize on the inauguration of Barack Obama as president, Krispy Kreme started a campaign that raised eyebrows with pro-life advocates. Here is what they said, "Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc. is honoring America's sense of pride and freedom of choice on Inauguration Day, by offering a free doughnut of choice to every customer on this historic day, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. By doing so, participating Krispy Kreme stores nationwide are making an oath to tasty goodies - just another reminder of how oh-so-sweet 'free' can be." American Life League (ALL) president Judy Brown noted the usage of the "free choice" language that is the mantra of abortion advocates. Brown contacted Krispy Kreme with the concerns of millions of pro-lifers and the next day they dropped the language from the press statement. "We are grateful to Krispy Kreme executives who realized the inappropriate use of the phrase 'freedom of choice' and have changed their announcement (given that) Barack Obama is one of the most radical pro-abortion politicians ever elected president. Obama received millions of dollars from the 'freedom-of-choice' abortion industry because he swore that, as one of his first acts, he would sign the Freedom of Choice Act." -Renew America, 1.22.2009 & LifeNews.com, 1.19.2009 Contact Krispy Kreme by going to <http://www.krispykreme.com/contact.asp>