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April 14 Banquet to Celebrate 25 Years

FRC President Tony Perkins to Deliver Keynote Address

CCV's Annual Spring Partnership Banquet will be held Monday evening, April 14, at the Schiff Banquet & Conference Center, located in Xavier University's Cintas Center.

"This will be a very different, and a very special banquet," promises Jerry Lyon, CCV's vice president of operations and the event's coordinator.

"The difference," he explains, "stems from the fact that 2008 marks CCV's 25th Anniversary."

Roots

CCV's origins go back even farther than 25 years.

Following the 1977 Cincinnati Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade, a small group of pastors began meeting together to pray for the families of greater Cincinnati, especially with respect to the devastating

specialists who could educate and equip grassroots activists, in 1983 those pastors took a leap of faith and formed a non-profit organization dedicated to that task. One of those founding pastors, Dr. Jerry Kirk of College Hill Presbyterian Church, agreed to serve as president.

And so CCV officially was birthed.

"What God has accomplished through CCV since that humble beginning 25 years ago is nothing short of miraculous," says Lyon.

"We are determined to make this year's banquet primarily a celebration of His faithfulness during those 25 years, and a tribute to the many courageous and selfless men and women through whom He has worked to make not only greater Cincinnati but all Ohio communities better places to raise our families."

FRC's Perkins: The Natural First Choice

The evening's keynote address will be delivered by Tony

Perkins, president of Family Research Council, another organization celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2008.

After attending the 1980 White House Con-



FRC President
Tony Perkins

ference on Families, several noted pro-family leaders, led by Focus on the Family's Dr. James Dobson, felt that the time was ripe to establish an independent organization to drive the national policy debate on family issues. In 1983, the Family Research Council (FRC) was

incorporated as a non-profit educational institution in Washington, D.C. The organization quickly assumed Dobson's intended role and within just a few years grew to a multi-million-dollar organization with a nationwide network of support.

Prior to becoming FRC's fourth president, Perkins served as a two-term legislator in Louisiana, where he drew national attention by authoring and passing the nation's first marriage covenant law.

A sought-after speaker, Perkins must limit engagements because he regularly is called on to articulate the pro-family perspective on national network news programs.

"When we first began planning banquet details in November," says CCV's president, Phil Burress, "I immediately thought of Tony as the natural first choice for the keynote address and called his cell phone." Burress and Perkins work closely

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NOTE THE CHANGE!

Yes, the title line above is correct!
CCV's 25th Anniversary Banquet will be held on Monday evening, April 14, not April 1, as previously announced.

In the process of setting our banquet date last spring, we established that there were no conflicts on April 1. Just recently, though, we learned that our friends at another important pro-family ministry, Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati, had later scheduled their annual banquet for the same evening.

Immediately both event teams researched alternative dates. In that both the Schiff Conference Center and our keynote speaker, Tony Perkins, were able to accommodate a change to April 14, we made the change.

We apologize for any inconvenience, and hope that you will be able to attend both events.

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direct and indirect effects that pornography and other elements of our highly sexualized culture were having on those families.

Realizing after a time that effectively addressing such cultural issues would require a team of

Human Trafficking Tops 2008 Legislative Priorities

Ohio is one of only 14 states that do not have a human trafficking law on their books.

Bruce Purdy, CCV's State Grassroots Director, is determined to see that changed.

In fact, when Ohio's current legislative session ends in December 2008, Purdy would like to see a human trafficking law in the Ohio Revised Code that would serve as a model for other states.

and assisting victims, and providing housing and other assistance for rescued victims.

"We certainly were willing to get involved," recalls Purdy, "but still questioned what the connection was between CCV's key issues, addressing the harms of sexually-oriented businesses and pornography, and human trafficking."

That's when Purdy began to absorb himself in the issue, reading every available study, report and article pertaining to human trafficking. And that's when human trafficking began to climb to the top of CCV's legislative priorities.

The federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 divides human trafficking into two forms:

- **Sex trafficking** – the recruitment, harboring,

transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years; and

- **Labor trafficking** – the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Human trafficking is the second largest criminal industry worldwide, trailing only illegal drug dealing and raking in over \$30 billion annually.

Between 14,500 and 17,500 persons are trafficked into the U.S. each year. Beyond those actually

brought into the U.S. from Asia, Central and South America and Eastern Europe, though, there are an estimated 200,000 U.S. citizens — most of them females between the ages of 11 and 17 — enslaved in various forms of commercial sexual exploitation.

The Ohio Connection

What proved most shocking to Purdy and the entire CCV staff, though, was that Ohio is recognized as a major hub for trafficked victims.

Two practical considerations contribute to this fact: geography and demographics.

Lake Erie allows trafficking to move from Canada, while the various interstate corridors allow movement of victims to cities throughout the country. The large number of colleges and military bases also contribute to the traffic. Cleveland and Columbus have been identified as major cities popular among johns seeking Asian massage parlors serving as fronts for brothels. Toledo has been identified by the FBI as one of the top recruiting centers in the country for underage prostitution.

Purdy, who officially serves as CCV's representative on the *Rescue & Restore* coalition, believes that CCV's first response to the Ohio trafficking problem must be to increase awareness, especially among policymakers and their constituents.

As critical as increasing awareness is, though, Purdy is committed to simultaneously addressing Ohio's lack of legislation. "The two go hand-in-hand," he maintains.

During the past year three trafficking bills have been placed into the legislative process. To analyze those bills, Purdy enlisted the assistance of the Renewal Forum, which has evaluated current laws and upcoming legislation in every state. They were able to provide key language revisions, which should make the current bills even stronger.

LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

A victim of trafficking may look like many of the people you see everyday.

Ask the right questions and look for clues. You are vital because you may be the only outsider with the opportunity to speak with a victim. There are safe housing, health, immigration, food, income, employment, legal and interpretation services available to victims, but first they must be found.

If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, call 1.888.3737.888
For more information about human trafficking visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.

A Revelation

That desire, shared by CCV's board and staff, represents a change of priorities. Until spring of 2007, human trafficking wasn't even on CCV's legislative radar.

It was in the spring that representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) approached CCV about becoming a ground-level partner in the Ohio branch of a national HHS-initiated effort — *Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking*.

Rescue & Restore seeks to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including law enforcement, health and social services, faith-based organizations, and legal aid groups, for the three-fold purpose of increasing public awareness of the human trafficking problem, identifying



Purdy hopes that CCV can coordinate the efforts of the sponsors of those existing bills and present to the Legislature before summer recess a bill that meets all the criteria identified as necessary to an effective, compassionate law.

"This certainly should be a bipartisan effort," adds CCV's Director of Governmental Affairs, Barry Sheets. "Once they understand the nature and extent of the problem, legislators on both sides of the aisle should be quick to support this effort."

Says Purdy, "Human trafficking is nothing less than modern-day slavery. By definition, what we're dealing with here is the raw exploitation of human beings, compelling human beings to provide labor or to engage in commercial sex against their will, by means of force, fraud or coercion. The human slavery that already has been exposed right here in Ohio is shocking and shameful. And there's no doubt in my mind: Once we have a legislative framework in place to expose and prosecute this horrendous crime, we'll find that we've only scratched the surface of the Ohio trafficking industry."

More Hot Issues

Three other issues round out CCV's legislative priorities as the Ohio General Assembly resumes activity for the second year of its 127th session.

Ultrasound Viewing Option Bill – Early last year, Rep. Shannon Jones (R-Springboro) introduced H.B.314, which would require that, if an ultrasound examination is performed prior to or during an abortion, the abortionist must give the woman an opportunity to view the active ultrasound image of the unborn child and an opportunity to receive a physical picture of the ultrasound image.

Ultrasounds provide scientifically accurate information that women should have an opportunity to view in order to make a more informed decision about abortion. So often viewing the live image of the human life growing within her has touched the heart of an abortion-bound woman and has

saved the life of her unborn child.

With bipartisan support, H.B.314 was passed by the House 73-20 on December 12, 2007 and sent to the Senate for consideration. To date, the bill has not been assigned to a Senate committee.

"Prevention First" – Bills identified by this deceptive name are under consideration in both chambers. Sponsored by Representatives Jon Peterson (R-Delaware) and Tyrone Yates (D-Cincinnati) and Sen. Sue Morano (D-Lorain) this dangerous bill would eliminate the state mandate to teach abstinence education, re-direct over \$1 million in state tax funds to abortion counseling and provider services (*away*

from abstinence education), and mandate that "comprehensive" (condom-based) sexuality education be taught in Ohio's public schools. CCV will lobby to defeat these bills, which are the product of Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio.

Importuning – On November 11, 2007, the Senate voted 29-1 to pass S.B.103, legislation sponsored by Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) that would create mandatory minimum sentencing for those convicted of the crime of importuning, which is soliciting someone for a sexual act. In the House, this bill has been assigned to the Criminal Justice Committee.

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together on the Executive Board of the Arlington Group and other national pro-family forums.

"My phone call reached Tony," recalls Burress, "but not in D.C. I found him in Louisiana — changing diapers!"

Tony's wife of 21 years, Luwanna, had just given birth to the couple's fifth child.

"Tony immediately checked his calendar, though, and committed to our event," said Burress. "Born and raised literally just down the street from CCV's office in Sharonville, Tony jumped at the opportunity to celebrate our dual 25th Anniversaries while also visiting family."

25th Anniversary, 1st Annual Awards

A key component of the 25th Anniversary Banquet will be the presentation of three first annual awards.

• **The Rosa Parks Citizen Activist Award**, named in honor of the woman nationally recognized as "the mother of the modern-day civil rights movement" for her courageous refusal to surrender her seat to a white male passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1953.

"No one person better portrays what we refer to as the

'power of one,'" explains Burress, "and CCV has had the privilege of walking alongside a lot of 'Citizen Rosas' during our 25 years."

• **The John Peter Muhlenberg Pastor Leadership Award.**

Muhlenberg was the clergyman/soldier/ politician most noted for the sermon that he delivered to a Woodstock, Virginia congregation on January 21, 1776. Preaching from the third chapter of Ecclesiastes ("To everything there is a season"), when Muhlenberg reached the eighth verse, "a time of war, and a time of peace," he raised his clergy robe to reveal his colonel's uniform. "This," he declared, "is a time of war." The next day he led out 300 men from the county to form the nucleus of the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army.

Courageous pastors like Muhlenberg have been, and continue to be, essential to CCV's mission of restoring Biblical principles to the culture.

• **The William Wilberforce Elected Official Leadership Award.**

For over a century a virtual unknown among Americans, Wilberforce today is appreciated and admired by many in the U.S. thanks to the 2007 movie, "Amazing Grace," which chronicled his 20-year battle in the British Parliament to abolish the slave trade. At a

time in British history similar in many ways to the U.S. today, Wilberforce exemplified moral leadership, even though doing so required standing against public opinion and against party expectations.

"Wherever there have been victories in CCV's history," says Burress, "there have been Wilberforce-style elected officials willing to take a stand."

"We've tossed around the idea of these three annual awards for several years," Lyon explains, "and decided that our 25th Anniversary was the perfect time to launch them."

For these first awards CCV's board and staff will try to choose the one Ohioan who seems to stand out in his or her respective category during the organization's entire 25-year history. Says Burress, "With so many outstanding candidates, those are going to be tough, close calls."

In future years, the awards will be specific to persons who have distinguished themselves during the past year.

A commemorative program and video presentation, plus a look at the challenges facing CCV in 2008 will be among other features of the gala affair.

For additional information on the April 14 event, or to reserve a table or seat, contact CCV's office by phone, (513) 733-5775, or visit CCV's Web site, CCV.org.

CleanHotels.com Ad Aired on Cornerstone Bancard Hula Bowl

Presenting Sponsor Donates Airtime



"I'd hate to even think about what a 30-second spot on a nationally televised bowl game would sell for," says CCV's president, Phil Burress. "No doubt, it would consume a major portion of our annual budget!"

That's why Burress was almost speechless when Nick Logan, CEO of the Hula Bowl's presenting sponsor, Cornerstone Bancard, called to ask if CCV could prepare a commercial to air on the game's January 12 broadcast on the Versus Network — complements of Bancard!

Almost speechless.

He managed to get out an enthusiastic, "You bet!"

CleanHotels.com is CCV's Web site that allows travelers to locate and book lodging facilities that do not offer pornographic pay-per-view movies.

"So many of the nation's hotels, including most of the major chains, make available graphic, hardcore pornographic movies through their in-room, pay-per-view service," Burress explains. "We developed CleanHotels so that families and businesses could book lodging

without the risk of exposing loved ones or associates to such dangerous materials."

"Over the past five years, we've poured a lot of resources into development of a user-friendly site that rivals the major players in this competitive industry," says Burress. "Unfortunately, it remains one of those 'well-kept secrets' due to the lack of any

budget for marketing the site. We've had to rely on word-of-mouth and the free publicity of allied ministries."

A Perfect Fit

Burress referred to Logan's offer to air an ad on the Hula Bowl as a "God-send" and "a perfect fit."

When Cornerstone Bancard purchased sponsorship of the Hula Bowl in 2006, Logan's objective was to restore the college football season's last bowl game to a family-friendly event.

the selection of sponsors. He has declined support from potential advertisers whose commercials or corporate philosophies were morally objectionable.

When Logan learned about CleanHotels.com and the site's marketing challenge, he called Burress and offered to air a commercial free of charge.

Production \$\$

Although small in comparison to the value of a Hula Bowl ad, the cost of producing a quality commercial also could be significant and prohibitive.

Burress knew how to approach that hurdle, though. He had done so numerous times in connection with the organization's significant advocacy campaigns.

He quickly contacted Clint Cline, whose marketing and communications firm, Design4, specializes in state-of-the-art media messaging and imaging for Christ-

ian ministries and issue advocacy groups.

"As usual," Burress explains, "the Design4 team came through. They produced a professional-quality, innovative animated spot that met all our objectives, and did so on a very modest budget."

To view CleanHotels.com's Hula Bowl ad, visit CCV's Web site, CCV.org.



Logan's personal convictions and his corporate mission are never out of sync. "Everything that we do should be done to the glory of God," Logan explains, "and to the best of our ability."

Accordingly, he began to upgrade every aspect of the Bowl, moved it to Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, home of the Pro-Bowl, and began to be very selective in

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Phil Burress



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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC POLICY

CDA Update

As government officials throughout the state attempt to understand the breadth and depth of Ohio's Community Defense Act (CDA) relative to their local communities and consider how to effectively enforce it, the pornography industry is continuing its desperate effort to get the law off the books.

The 2007 National State of the Union report by the Association of Club Executives (the trade association of the sex business owners) identifies Ohio's CDA as the pornographers' public enemy number one.

"We've never seen local and state governments take such a broad swipe against the industry using the sword of legislation given to them by CCV attorney Scott Bergthold," write ACE's president and executive director. "The Community Defense Act is the Trojan Horse...being given to every state that will open its gates to receive this specious gift."

[Editor's note: Scott Bergthold, arguably the nation's most skilled attorney in the writing and defense

of adult business law, drafted the original version of the CDA legislation and is currently defending a number of Ohio's county prosecutors and city law directors who have been sued by the porn industry in federal court.]

After failing last fall in their attempt at a referendum petition that was fraught with criminal fraud and disgraceful deception, sex businesses filed suit against sixty-eight county prosecutors and city law directors asking the court to prohibit them from enforcing the law. True to form, they claimed CDA somehow violates the First Amendment rights of strippers and pornographers in Ohio.

On October 18, 2007 the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio denied their first request for a temporary restraining order, thereby allowing the law to go into effect.

Their next move was to request a preliminary injunction.

The four days of preliminary injunction hearings in Cleveland were punctuated by claims from the sex industry — claims that bor-

dered on the absurd.

Consider just two examples:

- Their key "expert witness" argued that sexually oriented businesses not only do not increase crime in the communities where they locate (as the U.S. Supreme Court repeatedly has ruled), but that they actually *reduce* crime.
- Another witness for the porn shop owners tried to portray himself as a victim of the unfair law, and then was forced to admit that police closed down his video viewing booths because they became a haven for criminal activity and subsequently a public nuisance.

On the other hand, the state's attorneys and witnesses provided compelling testimony about the widespread crime that accompanies unregulated sex businesses.

An Associated Press article covering the trial focused on the testimony of one former dancer, Julie Shematz. Discussing her experiences in clubs in seven states, she testified that illegal drugs and sex were common activities. "Prostitution was normal," said Shematz. "There wasn't a night that I worked that I

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Adult Stem Cell Successes Continued in 2007

73 and Counting

2007 was an exciting year in stem cell research.

Much of the mainstream media attention to stem cell research in 2007 focused on the fall announcement that researchers had developed embryonic-type stem cells from adult stem cells.

Indeed, that news was exciting. And in the brief three months since that announcement, three additional research teams have replicated that success with the new cells.

However, these newly developed cells, called "induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells, have problems. Being "embryonic-type" cells, they have the same propensity to multiply out of control and produce tumors, as do embryonic stem cells taken from embryos. Due to this tendency and

other problems, to date there have been no successful treatments recorded using embryonic or the new embryonic-type cells.

Meanwhile, with little or no mainstream media fanfare, successful treatments using adult stem cells continued to mount in 2007.

Adult stem cells are found throughout the human body from birth, as well as in placentas and in umbilical cord blood. Unlike embryonic stem cells, their use involves no ethical problems, since no embryos are destroyed in the retrieving process.

To date, peer-reviewed studies have documented 73 different conditions in humans in which health has been improved through therapy using adult stem cells.

Three members of the staff of our national partner, Family Research Council

(FRC), have been tracking the successes of adult stem cell research. Their recent paper, "Adult Stem Cell Success Stories — 2007 Update," catalogs the medical treatments using adult stem cells that appeared in scientific literature during 2007 alone. Among the areas in which success stories were documented are heart tissue regeneration, Type 1 diabetes, bone cancer, nerve regeneration, liver cancer and neurological disease.

Yet mainstream media and liberal politicians continue to promote the investment of taxpayer dollars to fund research with embryonic stem cells — research that has serious ethical implications and that has produced zero successful therapies.

To read the complete report of Dr. David Prentice, Bill Saunders and Michael Fagoso, visit FRC's Web site, FRC.org and search keyword, "Insight."

ATTENTION MEN

Tool Time Men's Purity Conference March 8

Hope Church, Mason Event to Feature Mark and Deb Laaser

Internationally recognized authors and speakers Mark and Debbie Laaser will highlight Hope Church, Mason's 2nd Annual Tool Time Men's Purity Conference & Exposition on Saturday, March 8.

The half-day conference is designed to help Christian men face and deal with the impact that a highly sexualized culture has on their relationship to God and to others.

Dr. Mark Laaser is executive director of Faithful and True Ministries and director of the Institute for Healthy Sexuality of the Ameri-

can Association of Christian Counselors. He has conducted workshops and seminars both nationally and internationally for over 25 years, often joined by his wife, Debbie.

The first of Dr. Laaser's seven books, "Faithful and True," was the first Christian book to address the issue of sexual addiction. Debbie and he co-authored "Open Hearts," on the subject of healing couple relationships. And Debbie's first solo book, "Shattered Vows," has just recently been released.

What is the significance of



Dr. Mark and Debbie Laaser, Faithful and True Ministries

"Tools" in Hope's conference title?

Dr. Laaser explains, "We have found that having access to tools to form deeper and more intimate relationships with Christ and with our brothers and sisters in Christ, who also struggle (with sexual temptation), is the way out."

To learn more about Hope's March 8 Tool Time event, call the church office, 513-459-0800.



At Hope Church, we understand real-life sexual temptations that men face everyday: from billboards, to magazine ads, television, and even at the office. We not only understand it, but we are willing to meet it head on.

This one-day conference is designed to help all of us effectively deal with the impact our sexualized culture has on our private lives.

You will be better equipped with tools to help you stay accountable to other men, learn to fight temptation with God's Word, and know that you are not alone in this battle for Sexual Integrity.

What to Expect: A great time with other men, a "pull no punches" approach, truth about our common struggle, practical help in dealing with sexual integrity, great food, music, and videos, check it out and find hope—its a winnable war!

WHO: Any man (16 and older)

WHEN: 8:00 am - 12:30 pm | Saturday, March 8, 2008

WHERE: Hope Church | Mason, Ohio

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mark & Deb Laaser

COST: \$25 per person (Father/Son: \$40; Bring a friend: \$45)

www.hope-church.org

For more information call 513-459-0800, ext. 343.

So watch your step, friends. Make sure there's no evil unbelief lying around that will trip you up and throw you off course, diverting you from the living God. For as long as it's still God's Today, keep each other on your toes so sin doesn't slow down your reflexes. If we can only keep our grip on the sure thing we started out with, we're in this with Christ for the long haul. **Hebrews 3:12-14**



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wasn't propositioned."

A private investigator also took the stand to tell of his very recent inspection of numerous Ohio sex businesses. Typical and telling was his experience in one strip bar. The investigator noted that he had not been in the club two minutes when a stripper approached him, began groping him, and then offered him sex for sale.

Spectators of the four-day trial agreed that Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr. appeared to raise no serious concerns or questions about the law or the state's witnesses. This, along with his solid decision upholding the law and refusing a TRO, give hope that the families of Ohio will once again prevail

with this common sense legislation that protects our communities from the crime and numerous other problems associated with sex businesses.

A decision on the constitutionality of CDA from Judge Oliver is expected late February or early March. Please pray that Judge Oliver will have wisdom, discernment and clarity as he prepares his decision.

Even a favorable decision at this federal district court level may not be the end of legal challenges to CDA. The desperate sex industry might still appeal to the Sixth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. This, we feel, would be no more than a delaying tactic, in that the Sixth Circuit already has upheld sex business laws with regulations even more stringent than those of CDA.

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