



ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2008 ELECTION?



Is this America's Last Chance?

By Pastor Gene Keith

As I sit down to write this report, we are less than two months away, from what I consider to be, one of the most critical elections in this generation. If we make the wrong decisions in this election, I do not believe America will recover in this generation.

The Marriage Amendment



In Florida, we citizens have our last opportunity to amend our Florida Constitution to define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

Florida Law has always supported this, but this amendment will "set it in concrete" by making it a part of our State Constitution. If we fail in November however, it is just a matter of time before activist judges bring the same confusion to Florida as they have in California and Massachusetts.

We Will Elect a President



In addition to the marriage Amendment, we will be electing a new President. We will choose between Barack H. Obama, the most Liberal Senator in the

United States Senate and John McCain, known as a maverick Republican, who is a decorated war hero who has served several terms in the United States Senate.

We Will Elect a Vice President



We will also choose between Senator Joe Biden and Sarah Palin, Governor of the great state of Alaska.

Joe Biden is an old, pro-abortion, tax and spend Liberal, who has been entrenched in the Washington establishment for thirty years. Sarah Palin, on the other hand, is a Christian, a Conservative, is pro-life, a mother, and a reformer who enjoys an 85% approval rating by the residents of Alaska. Liberals hate Sarah Palin because she is a Conservative. They also hate Palin because she loves "guns, Bibles, and babies." Sarah Palin has been attacked by the left-wing media more than any Vice Presidential candidate in history.

AN APPEAL FROM A PASTOR

In these next few minutes, I am asking you to take time to listen to what I have to say or read this report carefully.

Time is short and the future of this Republic is at stake. I am going to "lay it on the line." I will definitely say some things with which you do not agree. But I am asking you to listen closely to what I am about to say and then do three things ASAP.

1. **Be sure** you are registered **to vote**.
2. Re-evaluate **your political affiliation**.
3. Vote intelligently!!

WHY REGISTER TO VOTE?

Every serious believer should register to vote for several important reasons:

1. Because God ordained government and the Bible commands Christians to be good citizens.

You will find this in Romans 13. We are told that God ordained government and that politicians are God's ministers. We are also told to obey the laws they pass and pay taxes to pay their salaries. It seems to me that if I have to pay the salaries of politicians and obey all of the laws they pass I ought to have some "say so" in who goes into office to represent me.

Jesus taught that Christians who didn't use their influence were like worthless salt. He explained this way in Matthew 5:11-16:

- Jesus said Christians are called salt and light. I believe light represents evangelism and salt represents our influence.
- Jesus went on to say that if the salt (Christians) lose their flavor (their influence) they become "good for nothing" but to be cast out and trampled on by men.
- If believers don't stand up and be counted in the upcoming election they and their values are going to be trampled on for the rest of this generation.

2. If you aren't registered to vote - - you don't matter. Nobody cares who you are or what you think.

- You need to understand this! Only registered voters matter.
- Local, State, and National governments only reflect the values of those who are registered and those who vote.
- If you are not registered, or are registered, but don't bother to vote, no

politician cares who you are or what you think. You just don't matter.

3. Christians are losing their influence on American Culture

There are 60 million evangelicals in America.

1992-1996 there was 17% decrease in voting
1996-2000 23% decrease
1992-2000 40% decrease

40% of the Evangelicals are not even registered to vote (24 million votes)

LAZY CHURCH MEMBERS GAVE AWAY THE 2006 ELECTION

- **We saw a 30% decrease** in the number of Evangelicals who voted in the 2006 election. (down from 28.9 million to 20.5 million)



- **54 Freshmen** were elected to the U.S. House but only 17 were pro-life.
- **10 Freshmen** were elected to the U.S. senate but only 1 was pro-life.

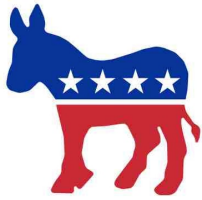
Pro-Choice Congress

The Baltimore Sun reported: "We now have the most pro-choice Congress in the history of the Republic."

- Evangelical turnout 50%
- Homosexual men 92.5%
- Lesbian women 91.0%

II. YOU SHOULD RE-EVALUATE YOUR PARTY AFFILIATION

Your Pastor's Testimony



Please allow me to share my personal testimony. I grew up in the South in a Democratic family. My parents and my grandparents were all democrats. As far as I know, all of my kinfolks who were registered to vote were democrats. That's just the way things were where I grew up. I don't think I ever saw a real live Republican until I was grown. As far as we knew, all decent people were Democrats. We all thought that Republicans were Yankee Carpetbaggers who favored big-business and cared nothing for the working man.

Wendell Willkie



I remember when the first Republican I ever heard of ran for President. His name was Wendell Willkie and he was running against our hero, Franklin D.

Roosevelt, who was naturally, a Democrat. My friends and I, all young kids, quoted a poem about Republican Wendell Willkie. The poem went something like this:



"Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white and silky. Every time he lifted up his tail, we see the face of Wilkie."

As far as I knew, it was the Republicans who brought on the Great Depression and we feared them as much as we feared the Germans and the Japanese in World War II.

Yellow Dog Democrats

Most of the people I knew were "Yellow dog Democrats." We all believed "it would be better to vote for a yellow dog than to vote for a Republican!"

No interest in Politics

I'm ashamed to admit this, but for most of my life (up until 1979), although I was a "Yellow dog Democrat," I was not the least bit interested in politics or government and for many years I didn't even bother to register or to vote.

An Awakening in 1979

That all changed in 1979 when I had an awakening. After that, I not only voted, I actually ran for public office three times. The reason I am sharing this with you is so that you will understand that I do know a little about politics and American Government.

1. Ran for Florida State Senate

The first time I ran for public office I ran for the Florida State Senate in 1979 and I ran as a Democrat. I flew to Washington, D.C. to attend a Conservative Campaign School. The other candidates there couldn't understand what a Democrat was doing at a Conservative Campaign training school.

To be honest with you, I ran as a Democrat because I honestly didn't know the difference between a Democrat and a Republican. If someone had asked me to explain the difference between the two parties, I would have parroted what I'd heard all of my life: "Republicans are for big business. Democrats are for the working man." I can't believe I actually said that, but as they say: "Ignorance is bliss."

It was at that time that I first became aware of the political (and historical) ignorance that abounds in the pews of our churches. Everywhere I went I was faced with the stupidity of well-meaning church members who parroted the line, "Preachers have no business in politics," and "you can't mix religion with politics." People like that have no knowledge of American history or the Bible. The truth is, you can't separate religion from politics. God ordained government (Read Romans 13) and the Bible says government officials are ministers just like pastors are.

We lost that Senate race but literally set the agenda for the campaign and became good

friends with George Kirkpatrick, the man who won. We can point with pride that it was that year that I and a lot of Christians “came out of the closet” and together we ushered in the “Reagan Revolution.”

Community Organizer



I might also add that I, like Obama, have had some experience as a community organizer. In fact, we were so successful in that first Senate race that I and my friends (most of whom were from our Church) came within an inch of taking over the entire leadership of the Democratic Party in Alachua County. This move caused such a stir that it thrust our church in the national spotlight. This so-called “take-over” of the Democratic Party in Alachua County aroused such national attention a well-known national magazine sent two reporters to Gainesville who traveled with me for two days on the campaign trail.

2. United States Congress

The second time I ran for public office I ran as a candidate for the United States Congress. This time I ran as a Republican and I ran against a well-known State Senator who was backed by the Teacher’s Unions and was funded from Emily’s List. As you may assume by now I lost but I gained more valuable experience about politics.

3. Florida House of Representatives

The third and final time I ran, I ran for the Florida House of Representatives and again, I ran as a Republican. I defeated a millionaire and won the Primary but then lost the General Election by 1% (499 votes out of 40,000).

The only reason I mention this is to let you know that I do know a little about politics.

- I know what it’s like to be a Conservative and opposed by the Left-wing media.

- I know what it’s like to have opposition research digging for anything they can find to discredit you.
- I know what it’s like to be lied about.
- My picture appeared on the front page of the Citrus Chronicle, below a picture of Saddam Hussein, along with a (false) news story about a lawsuit accusing me of campaign fraud.

WHY RE-EVALUATE YOUR PARTY AFFILIATION?

I had to re-evaluate my affiliation because I realized that there is nothing in the Democratic Party platform that I or any serious Christian can endorse. I didn’t leave the Democratic party. The Democratic Party left me.

COMPARE THE VOTING RECORDS OF THE TWO PARTIES

Compare the following statistics. I have listed several important issues and then have posted the percentage of Democrats and Republicans who either favored or opposed the legislation.

1. Prohibiting the federal courts from removing “Under God” from the Pledge. (HR 2389 in 2006)

- Public support 91%
- Rep 95%
- Dem 19%

2. Permitting public displays of the Ten Commandments (HR 1501) (10 Comm. Defense Act)

- Public support 76%
- Rep 93%
- Dem 27%

3. Permitting voluntary school prayer

- Public support 76%
- Rep 87%
- Dem 13%

4. Defining marriage as being one man and one woman.

- Public support 66%
- Senate Rep 85% Dem 5%
- House Rep 87% Dem 16%

5. Repealing anti-family death tax (Estate tax) (Prov. 13:22)(19:14) (Ezekiel 46:18)

- Public support 68%
- Rep 96%
- Dem 9%

6. Repeal marriage penalty tax (HR 4810)

- Public support 80%
- Rep 87% Dem 16%

III. CHRISTIANS SHOULD VOTE INTELLIGENTLY

The following statement will probably make some of you mad, but it needs to be said.

Political ignorance is a major problem in the church today. The prophet Hosea said long ago: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge!"

I've been in the church for more than seventy five years; I've been a pastor for more than half-a-century, and in my personal opinion, there are very few people sitting in the pews of our churches today who could write an intelligent paragraph explaining the difference between the Democratic and Republican Parties. Can you?

WHO'S TO BLAME FOR THE POLITICAL IGNORANCE IN THE CHURCH?

We pastors are partly to blame for the political ignorance in the church because we have failed to teach our congregations what the Bible says about Christians and government, and also for failing to teach our people the truth about America's great Christian history.

However, in all fairness to pastors, if pastors did do a good job in this area, many of them wouldn't have their jobs very long because of the ignorance in the pews today! I remember a conversation in a local pastor's meeting when one pastor said that he couldn't speak out on such issues because most of his members had voted for Bill Clinton!! Personally, I wouldn't belong to a church in which most of the members had voted for Bill Clinton.

THE 2008 ELECTION

In these last few minutes, let's focus our attention on the 2008 Presidential election.

Barack H. Obama



Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate for President of the United States. Obama is a junior Senator from Illinois, with no resume and only 143 days experience in the United States Senate. He has promoted his campaign on the theme of Hope and Change. Yet, few people have any idea of where this man came from, who he was trained by, and what his so-called changes will involve. Let's take a quick look at his background.

Chicago Politics



To begin with, Sen. Obama comes from one of the most corrupt political machines in the United States of America. Chicago!!! Barack Obama began his political career in the home of former terrorist William Aires. This man and his wife are both terrorists and have never shown

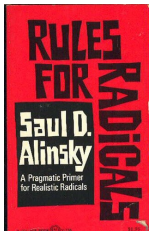
any remorse for their crimes. Aires escaped conviction on a technicality, but instead of being in prison where he belongs, he holds a prestigious position as a professor at the University of Chicago.

married, and been regular members for twenty years. Obama joined this church on purpose because he supports the Liberation Theology his pastor espouses. "Birds of a feather."

Saul Alinsky - Radical Organizer

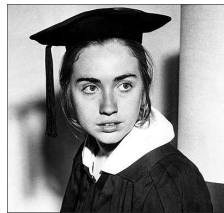


Obama touts his experience as a "Community Organizer" as if that somehow qualifies him to be President of the United States. What he fails to mention is that he learned his community



organizing skills from a man named Saul Alinsky, the radical, left-wing organizer and author of the book, "Rules for Radicals," from which Obama used as his guide. In fact, Obama's emphasis

on "Change" was taken directly from Alinsky. It may also interest you to know that Hillary Clinton wrote her thesis on this very same book when she was in college.



David Axelrod & Pastor Michael Pfleger



David Axelrod is Obama's top political strategist and he sits on the finance committee of the Chicago church led by controversial pastor Michael Pfleger. Pfleger has had

Nation of Islam head, Louis Farrakhan, as a guest speaker in his church. Pfleger practices black liberation theology, is a regular guest speaker at Trinity United Church of Christ, and was identified by Obama as a key source of spiritual guidance.



Tony Rezko - Convicted Slum Lord.



One of Obama's close friends and supporter is Tony Rezko, a Syrian-born "Slum Lord" who is under indictment for fraud. Rezko's slum apartments are located on the South side of Chicago in Obama's Senate District.

Michelle's Terrorist Friend



Obama's wife, Michelle, is close friends with terrorist Bernadine Dohrn, wife of William Aires, whose home we previously mentioned, w a

s where Obama and his wife launched their political career. Michelle and Bernadine worked together at the same law firm.



Pastor Wright - Obama's Radical Pastor



Another of Barrak Obama's close friends and mentors is Pastor Jeremiah Wright, the radical left-wing former pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, where the Obama's were baptized,

Jim Johnson and Franklin Raines – CEOs of Fannie Mae



We are now in the midst of the greatest bail-out in the history of our Republic. We may even have an economic



melt-down. Two giant institutions, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, have failed and the taxpayers are being called on to bail them out. Why have they failed? They have failed because the people running them were corrupt.



Johnson and Raines have made millions of dollars and now the taxpayers are going to have to pay the bills. What else do we know about these CEO's who have made millions by cooking the books and paying off politicians?

It may interest you to know that two of them are key players in the Obama political machine. Obama is running on a campaign of change and hope. Obama has received thousands of dollars from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In fact, out of more than three hundred politicians, only one other politician has received more money than Barack Obama.

BEFORE WE CLOSE LET'S TAKE A QUICK QUIZ

1. Do you favor higher taxes?
2. Do you support the killing of innocent babies even if they survive a botched abortion?



3. Do you oppose the citizens's right to keep and bear arms?
4. Do you favor an oppressive, progressive tax system that punishes those who work and rewards those who don't?

5. Do you favor Social Security benefits to illegal aliens?
6. Do you favor Socialism over Capitalism?
7. Do you support the present Congress led by Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid who enjoy the lowest approval ratings in the history of this Republic? President George Bush has a much higher approval rating than the present Congress.
8. Do you support a president who was trained by radicals, associates with terrorists, is friends with a convicted slum Lord, and who chose as a campaign executive, a man who was the chief Executive of the now defunct Fannie Mae (which the taxpayers will now bail out)?
9. Do you support protecting the manatees and gophers and aborting pre-born babies?
10. Do you oppose drilling for oil in the Gulf and in Alaska while continuing to remain dependent on oil from Arab countries?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, you should probably register as a Democrat. If you do not agree with those questions, you should register and vote as a Republican.

SUMMARY

- What plank is there in the Democratic party platform today that a serious, knowledgeable Christian can endorse or support?
- In the opinion of this present writer, the Democratic Party today is diametrically opposed to everything a serious Christian believes and stands for.
- In the opinion of this present writer, If the Democrats win in the up-coming election, America may not recover in this generation.

PS Democrats in Rural Areas

There is one reason many Christians remain in the Democratic Party, especially in rural areas, and that reason is that there have seldom been any Republicans running for office. Therefore, if one wanted to vote at all, one had to vote for a Democrat.

Another reason given by some Christians for not separating themselves from the party of the radical left is because many elections, especially in rural areas, are won or lost in the Primaries. So, if a person wishes to have any influence at all in government, they must register as a Democrat or not vote at all.

It is becoming common for Conservatives in rural areas to register as a Democrat until they vote in the Primary Election, and then switch to Republican (or vote Republican) in the General Election.

1. Get Registered to Vote.
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