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**American Chronicles 7:14** by Rusty Thomas

**"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).**

Operation Save America is gearing up for its national event in New Orleans, LA from July 19-26, 2014. Committed Christians throughout America will join with the local church in New Orleans. Together, they will seek the Lord and work to make New Orleans abortion free in Jesus' name! OSA has some unfinished Kingdom business to complete in New Orleans. When we first came to New Orleans in 1995, there were eight abortion mills applying their grisly trade. Today, there is only one.

Recently, Governor Bobby Jindal of Louisiana signed HB 388. This law has the potential to shut down three of the five remaining abortion mills defiling the state. These three mills happen to be the ones OSA plans to confront with the Gospel of Christ during the National Event.



Rusty given 'em heaven

To help prepare the way into New Orleans, we are calling for three days of fasting and prayer July 14-17, 2014. The goal is to fulfill **Isaiah 58:6**, which states, **"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?"** The starting date for this fast and prayer is the seventh month (July), the 14<sup>th</sup> day, in the year of our Lord 2014. It is a significant day. It will signal a national call to pray for America based upon **2 Chronicles 7:14**.

OSA is calling this prayer movement, *American Chronicles 7:14*. Starting July 14 (7/14) and ending at the midterm election on November 4, 2014, individuals, families, and churches are asked to pray for America. When the clock hits 7:14 AM and 7:14 PM, Christians everywhere are asked to stop and pray for our nation. If twice is impossible, once a day would suffice. One way to remember these times is to set phone alarms for 7:14.

Rev. Rusty Lee Thomas, who is spearheading this effort, stated, "We pray a spirit of supplication will inspire multitudes with broken and contrite hearts to intercede for our nation. The need to pray for our government, the church, the lost, with a specific emphasis on delivering our nation from evil is vital for our future."

**Governor Bobby Jindal Signs Abortion Restriction Legislation** By Marsha Shuler The Advocate June 18, 2014

As Gov. Bobby Jindal signed into law Thursday, June 13, 2014, new restrictions on physicians who can legally end pregnancies, a pro-abortion rights lawyer promised to take the state to court. The new law requires abortion providers to have active admitting privileges to a hospital within 30 miles of where the service is provided. The hospital would have to offer obstetrics and gynecology services. This law could close three abortion mills.



The Legislature overwhelmingly approved the “Unsafe Abortion Protection Act,” the latest in a string of laws that have made Louisiana the most anti-abortion state in the U.S. “These new laws will give women the health and safety protections they deserve, and continue to make Louisiana a state that values individual human life,” Jindal said in a news release issued by his office.

Ellie Schilling, a lawyer who represents abortion clinics in the New Orleans area, however, warned, “There will certainly be a court challenge to the (law’s) constitutionality.” The requirement that physicians affiliate with a nearby hospital could lead to the closure of three of Louisiana’s five abortion clinics. The three are in New Orleans, Metairie and Baton Rouge. Two others, in Shreveport and Bossier City, likely would not be impacted by the added standards. The new law would unconstitutionally restrict a woman’s access to a

safe and legal abortion because it sets up requirements that the clinics could not meet and would, therefore, have no choice but to cease operations, Schilling said.

In states with similar laws, physicians often have found it difficult to receive admitting privileges, for a variety of reasons, including the geographical locale of the hospital or a facility’s religious affiliation. In Texas, more than two dozen clinics closed after a similar law was enacted in that state, and in Mississippi, all the clinics closed but one in Jackson. (*Our next stop after New Orleans!*) The new law doesn’t go into effect until Sept. 1, and Louisiana clinics will attempt to comply with it. “At this time, the clinics are attempting to comply with the law, just as they comply with the many other statutes and regulations that already regulate their practice,” she said. The constitutionality of similar laws has been challenged in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Wisconsin. The Texas law has been upheld in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Cecile Richards said the new law in Louisiana is part of a dangerous national trend. “With these same restrictions enacted in other states, the United States is becoming a country where a woman’s ability to make personal medical decisions without interference from politicians will be dependent upon where she happens to live,” Richards said in a statement. “That cannot be what the Supreme Court intended when it established a woman’s right to safe and legal abortion more than 40 years ago.”

Planned Parenthood is the leading abortion provider in the United States but does not offer abortion services in its Louisiana facilities in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The group is building a facility in New Orleans that might provide abortions. (*Not if We can Help It!*)

Jindal traveled to West Monroe for a news conference, where he signed the new abortion restriction, as well as legislation that stops Planned Parenthood from providing health and sex education information in public and charter schools. Joining Jindal were sponsors of the bills, state Reps. Katrina Jackson, D-Monroe, and Frank Hoffmann, R-West Monroe.

#### **New Orleans Pastors Meeting 6/17/2014** by Dr. Pat McEwen

Bro Bill Shanks never does anything with less than excellence, but this was enough to leave this old servant shell shocked. The only way I can describe it is – God took over! As Dale led worship, White, Black, & Hispanic men of God poured in, filled the church and worshipped, not politely but excitedly. Flip recalled the history of the pro-life movement in New Orleans and how Bro Bill’s 1994 prophesy of how stopping abortion would stop the murders in the streets of New Orleans had proven true. All eight abortion mills shut their doors for seven days – no murders in the streets for seven straight days. We serve an amazing God!

Flip exhorted us that God is looking for His Church to rise up and end abortion in this wounded land. Sometime during Flip’s message God took over. Things were noticeably different from most pastors’ gatherings I have experienced. At the luncheon that followed the service pastors not only ate together but *really* fellowshiped and planned together. There were no “kings” present. We were as one. As I wondered about this phenomenon I think I have come to understand why it happened and often does with OSA leaders. Flip, Dale & Bro Bill (and so many OSA Leaders) *are* true salt. A tweet by Jason Benham says it all “*Salt gives it's life for the sake of what it's applied to. Once it's out of the shaker, you never see it again!*” Join us in New Orleans, July 19-20, 2014..

**Is America Still Good?** by the Benham brothers (David)

Is America still good? Noah Webster, commonly referred to as the “Schoolmaster to America,” described the word *good* in his 1828 dictionary as “Having moral qualities best adapted to its design and use, or the qualities which God’s law requires; virtuous, pious; religious; applied to persons, and opposed to bad, vicious, wicked, evil.”

Alexis DeTocqueville, the French Sociologist who wrote *Democracy in America*, exclaimed, “Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits ablaze with righteousness did I understand the secret to her genius and power. America is great because she is good. When America ceases to be good she will cease to be great.”

DeTocqueville & Webster understood the true cornerstone of our amazing Republic. Jesus Christ is the bed rock of liberty and, to our shame; we have forgotten that moral goodness that undergirds her foundation. The more I see comments from our President like I read this week (comments below) the more I realize that, as a nation, we seem to have contracted spiritual AIDS, where our immune system (God’s church) fails to distinguish between good & evil, therefore rendering her ineffective to fight off disease.

From the mouth of our President at an LGBT fundraiser in NYC this week:

- *“So Pride Month is a time for celebration, and this year we’ve got a lot to celebrate. If you think about everything that’s happened in the last 12 months, it is remarkable. In nine more states you’re now free to marry the person you love – that includes my two home states of Hawaii and Illinois. The NFL drafted its first openly gay player. The U.S. Postal Service made history by putting an openly gay person on a stamp – the late, great Harvey Milk smiling from ear to ear.”*
- *“When I took office, only two states had marriage equality. Today, 19 states and the District of Columbia do.”*
- *“But because of your help, we’ve been able to do more to protect the rights of lesbian and gay, and bisexual and transgender Americans than any administration in history.”*
- *“We repealed “don’t ask, don’t tell,” because no one should have to hide who you love to serve the country we love.”*
- *“I lifted the 22-year ban on people with HIV traveling to the U.S.”*
- *“Before I took office, only one openly gay judge had been confirmed in history. We have 10 more.”*
- *“...we stopped defending the so-called Defense of Marriage Act in the courts and argued alongside Edie and Robbie before the highest court in the land.”*
- *“I’ve directed my staff to prepare for my signature, an executive order prohibiting discrimination by federal contractors on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.”*

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David & Jason

Moral goodness is key to our health as a nation. Apart from Christ there can be no moral goodness. It grieves me to hear the President of the United States make such statements contrary to, “...having moral qualities which God’s law requires; virtuous, pious, religious, and opposed to bad, wicked, and evil.”

So what are the churches whom DeTocqueville described to do now? [Matthew 7:5](#) provides the answer: **“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”** In my opinion, if the Church leads the way in goodness the nation will follow. I find it interesting that nearly every time I write or speak I end up referencing **2 Chronicles 7:14**. So I’m going to end with that verse, once again, as our way back to goodness in America.



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**Kissimmee OSA Regional** by Deanna Waller



**Dale Sochia explains his sign to Christian school children**  
"Hands were meant to hold me not kill me." They were not traumatized!

On Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, gentle Christians poured into the city of Kissimmee to denounce the wicked acts of Planned Parenthood and to encourage local troops to continue the good fight! The night before the event began Dr. Littell told us two pro-life doctors were suing PP for violating the "No surgical procedures" clause of the declaration of covenants. The papers were served on the Orlando Planned Parenthood this very week, praise be to the Lord! May this be the stone that brings down Goliath!

The first evening of worship was hosted by Centro de la Familia Cristiana where we were blessed by a children's program complete with lights, music and puppets. Reverend Flip Benham encouraged us with the Word and a challenge to the men, to rise up and lead their families with God's help! Many came forward and two young men gave their hearts to The Lord!

Each day began with morning devotions at 6:30am and Rev. Flip preaching from the book of John before we headed out for a busy day! We stormed the gates of hell raising awareness of the reality of abortion. Some cars would lay on their horns as a sign of dislike but more often with a friendly wave or a "thumbs up." One man felt, after seeing our signs, that God laid on his heart to buy us all pizza for lunch! Sooo good! Many folks wanted to know how they could help.



Afternoons proved to be good times to leaflet the neighborhoods of Dr's Kornberg and Karr, who recently transferred ownership of 610 Oak Commons to Planned Parenthood. Christians

distributed flyers at the entrance of up-scale gated communities to expose the deception of these men and Planned Parenthood.

The evening rallies brought our time together to a close as we heard from local leaders such as Jay Rogers, John Barros and Dr. Littell and Flip, Rusty and Cal Zastrow brought the Word



**Jay Rogers, Dick Maxwell, Dr. Littell**  
(teacher, preacher, doctor)

We were a living witness at the future Planned Parenthood site. We were able to minister to several persons in need as well as continue to display the photographs of baby Malachi and baby Collin. Chet Gallagher reminded us of the importance of displaying our signs with respect to the life of the child. Many people will see these signs for the first time and be grieved by what they see. Our last rally at New Life Cultural Center was bittersweet as we were reminded this would be Rev. Flip Benham's last regional event as Director of Operation Save America.



**Last Day – Kissimmee stands strong!**

**End note:** On Saturday, flag day, many of the OSA leaders had to leave to travel to New Orleans to prepare for the July National Event and we were a bit nervous. When OSA comes to a city, whether for a regional or National Event our purpose is to lift up Jesus and encourage local Christians to allow the theology of heaven to become biography in the streets. There is always the chance that when we leave they will not "show up." We called Jay Rogers to see how Saturday morning went. He replied, "Well, we only had a few less than (long pause) **one hundred!** That is exactly what we had hoped and prayed for – that the local churches, would rise up. Planned Parenthood will not open in Kissimmee when the Church of Jesus Christ says, **"Oh, No you won't!"**

**See you at the gates of hell in New Orleans this July 19-26, 2014 ~ Flip**