

# Vision America

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## Vision America Makes History With – Confronting the Judicial War on Faith Conference

On April 7-8, 2005, Vision America and its action arm – The Judeo-Christian Council for Constitutional Restoration – made history with the first-ever conference devoted to the attempts of activist judges to undermine our nation’s spiritual foundation – Confronting The Judicial War on Faith.

THE CONFERENCE WAS THE RESULT of an alliance of organizations and ministries forged by Pastor Rick Scarborough at a meeting in Orlando, Florida on January 30th of this year. Among the

leaders who agreed to support this historic event were Dr. Jerry Falwell, Joyce Meyer, Phyllis Schlafly, Father Frank Pavone (Priests for Life), Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council, Former Vatican Ambassador Ray Flynn, Alan Keyes, Michael Farris and Avela King (niece of Dr. Martin Luther King).

The impetus for the Conference was the realization that the war on our Constitution and representative government is also a war on Judeo-Christian morality, as may be seen in judicial support for abortion on demand, removal of Ten Commandments

monuments from public places, homosexual marriage and other aspects of a militant agenda, taking “one nation, under God” out of the Pledge of Allegiance and the on-going secularist assault on our way of life.

Due to the hard work of our very dedicated staff, just 10 weeks later, the conference convened at the Washington Marriott. The hand of God could be seen in the timing of the conference, coming as it did exactly one week after the tragic death

of Terri Schiavo, who was starved to death by judicial decree.

Panel discussions included – The Judicial Assault on Our Judeo-Christian Heritage

- *Judges: Abortion and Other Life Issues*
- *Judicial Nominations*

(particularly timely in light of recent events)

- *The Real Constitution • Remedies to Judicial Tyranny • Mobilizing The Grassroots*
- *and The Decline of Faith And What To Do About It.*

Speakers included former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, Alan Keyes, Phyllis Schlafly, Bill Federer, Rabbi Aryeh Spero, Morton Blackwell, Evangelist Tim Lee, Don Feder, Howard Phillips, Kay Daly, Patrick Reilly (The Cardinal Newman Society) and Michael Farris (Home School Legal Defense Association).



Dr. Scarborough confronts judicial tyranny

## Vision America’s 2005 GALA August 25<sup>th</sup> at Westin Galleria in Houston

On August 25 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, Vision America will hold its annual Faith Gala. This year’s Gala will honor United States Senator Sam Brownback, Texas State Representatives Warren Chisum and Robert Talton, and Pastor Steve Riggle

SAID VISION AMERICA PRESIDENT Rick Scarborough: “Sam Brownback is one of the clearest conservative voices in the Senate. He is a passionate, articulate and tireless champion of Christian values in our nation’s capital.”

Chisum and Talton were co-sponsors of the Defense of Marriage Amendment in the Texas House, which passed the Texas legislature this spring and will appear on the November ballot. Scarborough declared, “For their dedicated contribution to preserving the family from the relentless assault by those who would



2004 Gala

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House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was scheduled to deliver the keynote address, but was called to Rome for the pope's funeral. Instead, the congressman – who was instrumental in moving legislation to save Schiavo through the House – addressed the gathering with a recorded message.



*Rabbi Yehuda Levin gives invocation*

Perhaps the most moving moment came at the banquet, when David C. Gibbs, Esq. described the premeditated death of Terri Schiavo. (Gibbs was the lead attorney for the disabled woman's parents.) Schiavo put a human face on the growing tyranny of the judiciary. When Gibbs told how a judge's order prevented Terri's mother from putting a few drops of water on the dying woman's parched lips, conferees were moved beyond words.

Vision America President Dr. Rick Scarborough (who also serves as Acting Chairman of the Judeo-Christian Council for Constitutional Restoration) told the gathering: "It takes two-thirds of both houses and three-fourths of the states to amend the Constitution – or one judge. Judges have redefined America in the last 50 years to such an

extent that the Founding Fathers wouldn't recognize it today. It is past time for men and women of faith to stand up and say, 'Enough is enough!' An independent judiciary does not mean an unaccountable judiciary."

The Conference adopted a declaration outlining the urgent need to reform an abusive, tyrannical, runaway judiciary, and offering concrete proposals toward that end – including (in certain cases) withdrawal of

jurisdiction from the federal courts, reduction or elimination of funding for the courts and – in the most egregious cases – impeachment. To view the declaration in its entirety, go to the JCCCR website, [www.stopactivistjudges.org](http://www.stopactivistjudges.org).



*Judge Roy Moore makes a point*

Media attention was dramatic. On the first day, the conference was covered gavel-to-gavel on CSPAN. Other coverage included Newsweek, The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The Houston Chronicle and The

Christian Science Monitor.

As a result of the Conference and attendant publicity, [www.stopactivistjudges.org](http://www.stopactivistjudges.org) received over 850,000

hits in just a few weeks, and articles appeared in major newspapers across the United States – including The Washington Post (front page, Sunday edition), Houston Chronicle, Kansas City Star and a two-page spread in Time magazine.

Since the Conference, Dr. Scarborough has appeared on a number of national news shows including CBS Evening News, Fox News, MSNBC and National Public Broadcasting (radio and television).



*Alan Keyes closes conference*

Participants left the Washington Marriott feeling they had made a significant contribution to the growing movement for judicial reform – dethroning the judiciary and restoring the vision of America's founders,

embodied in the Constitution. The conference will be followed by *Opposing The War On Faith* (October 17-18) at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, also in Washington, D.C. For further details, see article on page 6 of this issue.

DVDs and CDs of the Conference (either individual sessions or sets) may be purchased online at [www.stopactivistjudges.org](http://www.stopactivistjudges.org).

Read:  
*The Rick Scarborough Report online*  
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radically alter the definition of marriage, these dedicated public servants deserve our praise."

Riggle is the pastor of the 10,000-plus member Grace Community Church in Clear Lake, Texas – a Houston suburb. He's also the president of the Fellowship of Grace Churches (composed of over 800 churches) and has an active broadcast ministry. "Pastor Steve Riggle has stood with Vision America in every battle we've fought," Scarborough declared. "He is a shining example of what a Patriot Pastor should be."

Paul and Vicki Sarvadi are Honorary Chairmen of this year's Gala.

VIP and General Receptions begin at 6:15pm. The dinner starts at 7:00pm. Tables and individual seats are still available. Donations include: Patron (1 table, 8 VIP reception tickets) -- \$2,500; Table Sponsor (1 table and 2 VIP receptions tickets) \$1,500; Host Couple (2 dinners and two VIP reception tickets) \$500; and individual tickets (one dinner) \$120.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.visionamerica.us](http://www.visionamerica.us) or by calling 713-980-3274 or 866-522-5582.



*Dr. Jerry Falwell, 2004 Honoree*

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

From The Desk of PASTOR RICK SCARBOROUGH



As I write to you today, the battle is raging over choosing a replacement for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Vision America is fully engaged in this great debate. Since justices serve on the Court for an average of 24 years, there are few matters more critical to this nation.

WHILE OUR NON-PROFIT STATUS does not allow us to lobby, we can and we will educate pastors about what's at stake here. Further, you can expect Vision America to speak out forcefully on the moral implications of a nominee's judicial philosophy and past decisions.

The recent Supreme Court session underscored how out of balance the Court is and how far from the Constitution the Court's majority has strayed.

Few of the Court's recent rulings are more troubling than its finding that Fifth Amendment eminent domain allows private property (homes, businesses and churches) to be taken by the state for private use (example: a commercial development). This bodes ill for churches that occupy tax exempt properties. Now, if a majority of city council members decide that the community would better benefit from a hotel or mall on church land, churches

across America could end up being dispossessed.

The fact that this continuing erosion of our freedoms does not translate into genuine outrage illustrates how far down the road to Gomorrah we have traveled. But I cling to the hope that sooner, rather than later, enough pastors and courageous laymen will join our efforts to make a difference.

There are encouraging signs.

In June, two members of my staff accompanied me to Washington DC, where we met with 10 Congressmen over the course of two days. We were greatly encouraged by their attentiveness and the support they expressed for our efforts to stop judicial tyranny. There is a growing presence of outspoken Christians in Congress who are committed to restoring constitutional government.

We must press ahead. Our voice must be raised above the din of politics as usual.

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Your continuing financial assistance is needed now as we work for revival. There is much to be done, but Vision America is making a difference. In the last two months articles have appeared on the front pages of newspapers across the nation from The Washington Post to The Houston Chronicle, recognizing the positive effect that we are having. Time Magazine did a two-page feature on Christian conservatives, with most of the piece devoted to Vision America. National Public Broadcasting, Fox News, MSNBC and C-Span have all covered our activities.

Now, more than ever, we are making progress. Help us stay the course. Just think what a difference one conservative judge could make on the Supreme Court right now. We are working for you – to assure that outcome -- every day.

*Dr. Rick Scarborough*  
President, Vision America

## VISION AMERICA ADDS STAFF TO MEET INCREASED WORKLOAD

With the increased visibility and the growing effectiveness of Vision America in the Culture War, several new staff members have been added in recent weeks.



*Phillip Jauregui Esq.*

**Phillip Jauregui Esq.** recently joined us, bringing crucial legal skills to assist Dr. Scarborough in his effort to curb the growing tyranny of judicial activism. Dr. Scarborough first met Attorney Jauregui while working with former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore during the battle over Moore's refusal to remove

his Ten Commandment Monument from the rotunda of the Alabama Supreme Court building in 2003.

Jauregui was a member of the legal team that represented Moore all the way to the Supreme Court, served as Moore's personal attorney, and was lead attorney before the Alabama Supreme Court, where he presented oral arguments for Moore to remain in office. Previously, Jauregui had served as assistant legal advisor to Alabama Governor Fob James and as an attorney for former Alabama Supreme Court Justice Perry Hooper, Sr.

Jauregui is widely respected in the legal community and brings much needed expertise to Vision America's far-reaching efforts. His responsibilities will include overseeing a new division of Vision America, the Judeo-Christian Council for Constitutional Restoration – a broad-based coalition of pro-life and pro-family organizations that have come together to confront and reverse judicial activism.

The JCCCR is a 501 (c) 4 organization, which will focus on lobbying members of Congress to bring the federal courts back into compliance with the Constitution. Phillip is married to Piper Jauregui and they have two children – Phillip Jauregui III (age 7) and Samuel James (age 2).



*Ray Wilson*

**Ray Wilson** has joined the Vision America team to assist Dr. Scarborough, with day-to-day operational duties and to oversee our pastor mobilization efforts across Texas.

Wilson has extensive experience as a pastor with a degree from East Texas Baptist University. For the last three years he has been district director for Texas State Senator

Kevin Eltife. Prior to that, he worked for Representative Bryan Hughes as a liaison to pastors to educate and mobilize them to be salt and light and to assist them in shaping public policy.

His extensive political experience, coupled with his pastoral background, has prepared Wilson for a successful ministry with Vision America. Ray's wife, Terri, will also join the VA team as an assistant and as the receptionist for our home office. They have two grown children, Timothy and Benjamin and one child, Aaron, in the 7th grade.



*Carolyn Cerbo*

**Carolyn Cerbo** recently joined the Vision America team as Director of Development and Public Relations. Carolyn is a native East Texan. Her background is public relations and she has served most recently in the capacity of director of sales with the Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center of Nacogdoches, Texas, where

she recruited conventions. She will be responsible for communicating with donors and assisting in setting up dinners and special events for Vision America. She is married to Robert and they have 4 grown children – Megan, David, Christine and Jeff.

Please pray for and support these wonderful additions to our growing Vision America family. Your faithful support makes all of this possible.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

# Countering the War on Faith Conference

## October 17 -18, 2005

As a follow up to its hugely successful *Confronting the Judicial War on Faith Conference* -- on October 17th and 18th, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, Vision America will conduct a conference titled *Countering the War on Faith*.

THE JUDICIARY IS JUST ONE ASPECT of the war on Christians and Judeo-Christian values. Christians are also under attack from Hollywood (television, movies and music), the news media, public education, colleges and universities, the bureaucracy and activist organizations like the ACLU, People for the American Way, Americans United for the (so-called) Separation of Church and State and MoveOn.org.

The ongoing struggle to fill vacancies on the United States Supreme Court is just one front in this decades-old struggle. Others include:

Attacks on Ten Commandments monuments and other attempts by Americans to publicly acknowledge God

- Efforts to purge religious expression from the public schools
- Relentlessly negative depictions of believers in Hollywood and attempts to slander Christianity (like the planned release of "The DaVinci Code" in the Spring of 2006)
- Harassment of Christian fellowships at many colleges and universities
- The news media's gross distortions of the motives of conservative Christians
- The calculated campaign by the ACLU and others to advance the radical homosexual agenda, including gay marriage and indoctrination in the schools.

Beyond documenting and analyzing the war on faith, the conference will explore effective ways to oppose a phenomenon which threatens our faith, our families and our future. Come prepared to discuss positive ways to oppose the War on Faith, and to help us devise a plan of action.

Details will follow.



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