



# Vision America

**A Joyful Christmas Greeting From All of Us!**

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***Dear Friends of Vision America:***

2002 will be remembered for a lot of reasons but none greater than the year America got serious about terrorism. Everything was redefined by the events of 9-11-01 and the war that was declared afterwards. Christians understand that without God's aid we cannot win this new war, but **we need not despair as we also remember "with God all things are possible." We have so much for which to be thankful.**

As the year closes I want to thank every one of you who has supported Vision America this year with your prayers and financial gifts. It has been a record-breaking year for Vision America. **The recent elections encouraged my heart that God has not taken His hand off this great land, and we can see revival in our day if Christians continue being salt and light in our world.** Record numbers of Christians were registered and voted, and the results suggest an exciting opportunity for a new direction for our country. Now we must all be reminded that an **election is a PROCESS, not an event!**

**There is still much work to be done.**

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

***I remain ...***

***Your Friend in Christ,***

***Rick Scarborough***

**Mobilizing Pastors to Civic Action**



# *2002 - A Year of Accomplishment*



**A few of the major highlights of 2002 are listed below. Everyone who prayed for us or contributed to our ministry in any amount shares in these significant accomplishments. To God belongs all glory!**

- 1 We conducted numerous Pastor Public Policy Events all over Texas bringing in outstanding religious and political leaders to discuss the role of Pastors and their congregations in restoring religious values in America. More than 2000 pastors attended these events.
- 2 We enlisted 750 Patriot Pastors this year in Texas alone who committed to registering voters and mobilizing their congregations to vote on Election Day. We now have a total of over 1500 Patriot Pastors on our National list, and the numbers are increasing steadily.
- 3 Governor Rick Perry keynoted several of our events with Pastors. In Dallas before more than 200 Pastors and attendees, he said, when the historians write of the revival that came to Texas, they will mention Barton (David Barton) and Scarborough. That the Governor would make such a comment about Revival in Texas was humbling and encouraging.
- 4 Pastor Laurence White and I spoke on numerous TV programs and conducted dozens of interviews encouraging Christians to Vote.
- 5 We created and aired 2-minute commentaries encouraging Christian Voter participation, which aired over 103 stations 4 days a week for one month preceding the November elections.
- 6 We created and aired a twice-weekly 30-minute radio program that was carried over 30 stations in Texas for 2 months preceding the November elections.
- 7 We direct mailed 12,000 Pastors three times during the final 6 weeks of the election process encouraging Christian voter participation.
- 8 I resigned as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Pearland after 12 years to pursue my calling to Vision America as a fulltime ministry. This enabled me to travel extensively during the final 4 months of the election cycle addressing more than 40 audiences and churches including several very large congregations, urging Christians to register, be informed and to vote their conscience at the polls.
- 9 We concluded a year-long project of creating valuable records and data from which we can mobilize a growing and identifiable army of Christian Conservatives who will stand with us in our efforts to see revival in America.
- 10 We witnessed an historic election in Texas and across America in which our values were well reflected in individual races and by the overall election results.



## *The Future*

On the day following the November elections, the leadership team of Vision America gathered at a local hotel for a two-day prayer and planning workshop. During those two days we adopted a game plan for the next 5 years and are now developing the strategy to implement an aggressive program to become a major force in the 2008 Presidential election cycle. Scripture states, ***“Where there is no vision the people perish.”***

We concluded the two days with the conviction that the following four elements should guide our focus.

- 1 Continue to build, inform and equip a network of Patriot Pastors.
- 2 Continue focusing on utilizing radio as a key component in building our pastor network.
  - Radio allows us to discover pastors and laypeople who share our vision of restoring America to her Christian heritage.
  - Radio provides us with an educational arm to refute the myth of “separation of church and state” while encouraging the Christian community with truth.
  - Radio provides us with an instant link to our affiliate churches and pastors.
  - Radio enables us to quickly rally believers and other pastors to the aid of any Patriot Pastor who finds himself in controversial political or societal issues that demand a Biblically courageous response.
- 3 Continue to build an efficient and effective staff, outsourcing work when appropriate.
- 4 Continue developing a diverse financial support base working with both individual donors and private charitable foundations.

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## *Nehemiah Teamwork*

Beloved, **we cannot carry out our plans without hundreds of people just like you assisting us.** As has often been said, “By the yard, it’s hard...but by the inch it’s a cinch.” Nehemiah understood that principal and recruited hundreds of Israelites to take their individual assignments rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem. As a result, they accomplished in 52 days what men said could not be done.

**I believe God can restore and revive America.** I believe He can and will bless this great land again, if Christians will commit themselves to engaging the culture on His behalf, without fear or compromise. Please join us in this worthy endeavor. We are counting on you.

## *End of the Year Contributions*

**As you evaluate your giving at the end of the year, please consider making a generous gift to Vision America.** David Barton’s latest video project entitled “The Role of Pastors & Christians in Civil Government” contains the materials he presented at all of our Pastor events. Vision America is providing them to our entire Patriot Pastor network in Texas. We will be pleased to send you a copy of the video as our way of expressing gratitude for a gift of at least \$20. It would also make a great gift for your Pastor at Christmas time. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience in responding. In addition, you can order additional copies by calling our toll free number or visiting our website, [www.visionamerica.org](http://www.visionamerica.org).

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