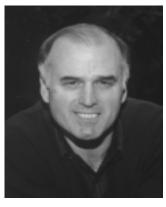
# The Vision

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## We Know How It Starts... God Knows How It Ends

by Dr. Rick Scarborough



Dear Partners:

As I write this article, we are in the final hours before what now appears to be certain armed conflict with Iraq. It has often been stated that while the beginning of a war can be predicted, no one but God knows when or how it will end. This is a time for believers across the country and around the world to cry out to the God of heaven in prevailing prayer. Let us all petition the Lord for wisdom and strength for our President, his cabinet and war counsel. We must also remember to pray for our military and the innocent people of Iraq.

I recently convened a conference call with the distinguished Board of Advisors whose names appear elsewhere in our publication. There was unanimous affirmation to my request for them to directly assist in a major thrust to identify men and women who will assist us in enlisting pastors in every state to "Stand Up, Speak Up, and Refuse to Give Up". We are now following up with each of these Mighty Men of faith, discovering ways that Vision America can best

serve them as we work together in the common goal of seeing America restored to her Christian Heritage.

Please mark May 8th on your calendar. Vision America will be hosting a Dinner in Nacogdoches, Texas, to introduce our work in East Texas. Mr. Bo Pilgrim will be our honored guest and keynote speaker that evening. This great American is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer-Chairman of the Board of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, an international company. He has received numerous awards for his tireless work in his industry and for his charitable and philanthropic work. That evening, I will also speak and bring an update on Vision America and our growing network of Pastors.

Dr. Laurence White and I now host a weekly radio program called "Vision America Presents". If you are in the Houston Area you can receive the program over KKHT radio, 1070 on the AM dial, or you can go to our website, www.visionamerica.org, and listen over the Internet. The program airs each Sunday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Plans are being made to begin airing a daily, 30-minute program in select markets across the country very soon.

Beloved, we depend on our partners across America to pray for us and to support us financially. Thank you for standing with us.

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# **Time To Stand**

#### by Dr. Laurence White

Laurence White has been pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church for more than 20 years. He is a highly sought after public speaker and national co-chairman of Vision America.

As I write these words the United States senate has twice failed to

invoke "Cloture" to bring an end to the protracted debate of President Bush's nomination of Miguel Estrada to the Federal Appeals Court. This nomination is of critical importance to the pro-life cause. Our enemies seem to recognize that fact and are acting accordingly. The allies of abortion in the Senate are absolutely determined to deny the President his constitutional prerogative to appoint qualified Federal Judges. No one who is even vaguely pro-life or profamily will be acceptable to these radical extremists. Ted Kennedy, Hilary Clinton, Chuck Schumer, Pat Loehe and their ilk are fully prepared to defy the will of the people and deny the U.S. Constitution in their fanatical defense of the unalienable right to murder unborn children. If they are allowed to succeed, not only the prolife cause, but constitutional government in America, will have been severely damaged. It is time for those who stand for life in the Senate and across our country to demonstrate a similar dedication and resolve. We must understand how much is at stake in this battle and act

accordingly. It is time for Senator Frist and the Republican leadership to "take off the gloves" and respond in kind to this blatant abuse of power. No more Cloture Votes! No more "Gentleman's Filibusters"! The only way to defeat this obstructionism is to force the Democrats to sustain a real Filibuster. Keep the Senate in session seven days a week, twentyfour hours a day until this nomination has been given a vote. Do not allow the Senate to conduct any other business until the nomination of Miguel Estrada has been approved. The timidity of the majority is only encouraging the arrogance and intransigence of the minority. Theirs is a failed philosophy which has been discarded by the majority of the people and the Senate. The only recourse left to them is the last option of failed causes, the Filibuster. Force them to use and display their obstructionism before the entire nation. Our enemies know how much is at stake in this matter and are acting accordingly. It is high time our friends did the same! Write, call, and E-mail the members of the Senate today. Let them know that America will tolerate no more delay on the nomination of Miguel Estrada. We want vote and we want it now!

# **Laurence White's Calendar of Events**

April 24 Attending 16th Annual Banquet for New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Collinsville, MO

Each Sunday, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Dr. White teaches a Bible class at 8:30 a.m. and preaches at 9:30 a.m. with another Bible Class following the service

Each Wednesday, service is held at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

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## East Texas Gala

On May 8, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., Vision America will host a dinner and gala at the historic East Texas landmark, the Fredonia Hotel in downtown Nacogdoches. Bo Pilgrim will be the keynote speaker. Local and State elected officials, as well as area Pastors will be honored at the event. We will celebrate the accomplishments of Vision America over the past twelve months, and highlight the plans for the future. You may visit our website for more details or call our offices at 877-Seating will be limited. 9CALL-VA. For information about sponsoring a table or attending a private reception with Bo Pilgrim at 6:30 p.m., call our offices and ask for Angie.

#### **Letters from our Friends**

Dear Rick & Staff,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Thank God for the results you have achieved and for what He will do with your commitment to Vision America. The November Election surprised many, but I know you all were a big part of it. Enclosed is \$20 to help your (our) cause. I plan to make a consistent contribution of \$10 every month and believe it is being planted as a seed in fertile soil. God bless you. With love, in Jesus—V.P. Houston, TX

# "Vision America Presents"

In our last publication an announcement was made that in February we would be launching a new daily radio program to be aired over 16 stations in the USA network. Due to financial limitations, the programs have been delayed with latest projections now being for a launch date in June.

Our weekly Sunday evening program has been well received and shows great promise for expansion. One sponsor has stepped forward to cover a portion of the underwriting of this program. Our plans are to take this hour and a half program and supplement the content with relevant and timely information to create the five half hour programs that will air across the nation.

Prominent people who have been interviewed during the last month on "Vision America Presents" include: Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, U.S. Congressman Walter Jones and Historian, David Barton, plus a host of others. The daily program will be designed to be informative and inspiring with Pastors and Christian laypeople as the primary target audience.

Please keep this important project in your prayers. Also, prayerfully consider making a special contribution this month to help us make the program a reality.

"Vision America Presents"

KKHT Houston

1070 AM.

7:30—9:00 p.m.

Listen in through the website

# Rick Scarborough's Calendar of Events

- April 1-2 Attending private briefings & meetings with Congressional leaders in Washington, DC.
- April 3-4 Attending the Executive Board Meeting for the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas in Dallas.
- April 9-11 Speaking in several venues in Des Moines, Iowa.
- April 13 Speaking to a multi-church Vision America Rally in Pecos, Texas.
- April 22 Participating in a rally in Tyler, Texas.
- April 25-26 Participating in a meeting of Conservative leaders in McLean, Virginia.
- April 27 Speaking at a rally at First Baptist Church, Kirbyville, Texas.
- May 1 Keynote speaker at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Tyler, Texas.
- May 8 Vision America Dinner & Gala featuring Bo Pilgrim, Nacogdoches, Texas.

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Vision America is a non-profit, tax exempt organization, dedicated to encouraging Pastors and people of faith to become actively involved in restoring America to the original vision of our Founding Fathers. Our mission is to educate and motivate Pastors, and through them—their congregants, to be salt and light, standing for Biblical morality in the public square.

We are completely dependent on God's people giving generously to support our endeavors. The salaries of the staff are set by the elected Board of Directors and each dollar given is carefully and prayerfully accounted for. Please consider making Vision America a regular part of your giving each month. Thank you for partnering with us.

# The Mission of Vision America...

To inform, encourage and mobilize pastors and their congregations to be proactive in restoring Judeo-Christian values into the culture and civil institutions of our nation.