



# The Voice of Victory



The voice of him that crieth... prepare ye the way of the Lord...—Isaiah 40:3

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## Upcoming Events:

**November 11th:**  
Veteran's Day

**November 25<sup>th</sup>:**  
Thanksgiving  
Candlelight Service  
7:00pm

**November 29th:**  
Church wide  
"Tree Lighting Dinner  
And Service"  
4:30pm



**Visitation**  
Every Tuesday  
Evening  
7:00pm

**Prayer Night**  
The first Friday Night  
of Every Month  
7-9pm

**Bringing in the Harvest Day**  
October 18, 2009



2 time Chili Champ Jeff Niederer



Caleb Turkey Bowling



Chili Cook Off Judges



Fun and Games Time

## Mark Your Calendar:

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
Communion and  
Feet Washing Service  
6:00pm  
During Evening Service

**December 20<sup>th</sup>:**  
Christmas Program  
6:00pm  
During Evening Service

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>:**  
Vision Night  
6:00pm  
During Evening Service

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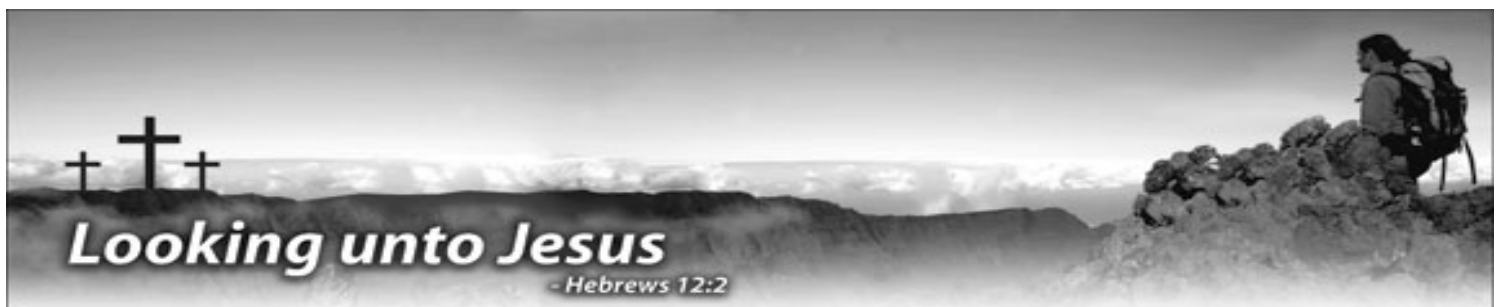
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# The Pastor's Page



## "Standing for the Unborn is Biblical"

**Deuteronomy 19:10** That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

**Psalms 106:38-40** And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.



### H.R. 3962: Bad Medicine

As the House adjourns to honor our veterans, most members are headed home after waging their own war over the attempted government takeover of health care. Well into Saturday night the clash over H.R. 3962 had produced a few principled heroes: leaders like Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Mich.) and Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.) who led a bipartisan coalition to protect the unborn--no matter the personal or political costs. In the end, their persistence paid off.

The Stupak-Ellsworth-Pitts-Kaptur-Dahlkemper-Lipinski-Smith amendment to strip taxpayer-funding from the legislation passed 240-194 with incredible support from both parties. A whopping 64 Democrats supported the measure, making this amendment one of the largest pro-life policy statements in Congress since *Roe v. Wade*. For FRC, who made abortion a focus of the health care debate even before President Obama took office, the amendment's passage was a huge victory.

Unlike so many votes in today's Congress, this one is representative of mainstream America. Seventy-one percent of men and women--regardless of party, race, income, or age--agree that abortion isn't health care. And while there may not be overwhelming consensus on abortion in America, there *is* a consensus that it should never be federally-funded. Even Democrats who aren't traditionally pro-life made a political calculation that the country *is*. On Saturday, they recognized that a cultural shift is underway on the acceptability of abortion in our nation--and that, in itself, is an accomplishment.

If there's one group that can't claim victory, it's Planned Parenthood. This vote was a stunning rebuke of their agenda in an arena they traditionally dominate. Even as their allies paraded across the House floor in support of the funding, they failed to persuade 240 congressmen that this amendment went beyond maintaining the status quo. Like the Hyde amendment, Stupak-Pitts prohibits federal funding from paying for abortion, or paying part of the cost of any plan that covers abortion. But it *does not* prevent states, localities, or individuals from paying for abortion or insurance that covers abortion with non-federal dollars. The 17 states that currently pay for abortion coverage with their own money can continue doing so. Women can still buy plans that include abortion, but those plans can't get subsidies. In other words, federally-funded abortion was something this bill would have *created*. As Rep. Stupak said, "[This amendment] simply continues what has been the law of the land since 1977." Thanks to Representatives Stupak, Brad Ellsworth (D-Ind.), Joe Pitts (R-Pa), Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Pa), Dan Lipinski (D-Ill.), and Chris Smith (R-N.J), H.R. 3962 will not be paid for with the lives of future generations. -Family Research Council, Nov. 9, 2009

For more information log on to: [www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org) and search HR 3962

"When we stand for the rights of the unborn we support the very heart and mind of God. The right and sanctity of life is God's declaration to all as set forth in His holy word. We do not have the right to redefine God's truth, only the responsibility to uphold it." – Jason Myers



# Youth Notes



## Give Thanks

By: Bro. Tony Patterson

*Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.*

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. A lot of people seem to look past it to “Black Friday” and Christmas. But this year let us take time to be thankful. Here in America we have a lot to be thankful for. Even though it seems like some things are changing we still have a great deal of liberty than many of our other Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Here at Victory we have a wonderful church family and we are seeing God bless us with people being saved. We seem to have all that we need but we can’t forget where it comes from.

As I sit back and just think of what we have here I can’t help but “magnify him with thanksgiving.” As Christians we should be more thankful than anyone. Not only do we have the tangible blessing that were mentioned before but we have salvation and the hope of Heaven that those who are not saved just don’t have.

Not only do we need to be thankful to God because of the blessings we have but because it is the will of God, a command for us. Paul wrote “In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” Thankfulness is part of God’s plan for Christians.

This year when you sit down to eat turkey and mashed potatoes, “praise the name of God...and...magnify him with thanksgiving.”

## Upcoming Youth Events:

### This Month:

November:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>:  
**Youth Tree Cutting.**

10:00am-2:00pm

All Youth are invited to come out with us as we cut our church Christmas tree.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>:  
**Tree Lighting and Christmas Dinner Service**

4:30pm

### Looking Ahead:

December:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>:  
**Christmas Program**  
6:00pm  
During evening service

Tues. 29<sup>th</sup>-Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup>:  
**Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference**  
Leaving around  
7:30am Dec. 29.





# Missions and Ministries

The First Mission  
Bro. Bill Ribbans

As we begin to turn our thoughts towards Thanksgiving and Christmas, I thought about the very first Christian mission. This is when Christ left His home and the splendor of heaven to enter into a sinful world with a straight forward goal of that mission – “to seek and to save that which was lost”.

I think about that first Christmas Eve when final preparations were being made for the mission. Maybe Jesus went around to each angel to shake their hand and to tell them to try not to miss Him too much, He'll only be gone 33 1/2 years. They all knew He would suffer greatly while He was gone, but they also knew it had to be. I imagine the last hours He spent with His Father. From eternity past, they both knew this day would come. The redemption of all mankind rests on the Son's shoulders. He alone could be the “lamb without blemish and without spot”.

Christ knew He had a limited amount of time so He gathered together a group of twelve to train in order to continue the mission when He went back home. For three and a half years Jesus trained the trainers. When Christ's work was complete, the disciples were given their (and our) mission: to go and teach all nations everything that He commanded us to do; to spread the true Gospel, nothing more and nothing less.

Our commission starts the moment we are saved and lasts until we follow Christ home. He sacrificed so much more than we ever could but in the end we are “heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ”. No matter how we look at it, no matter what we may be going through, or how little time we have to do the things that need to be done in life, our sacrifices can't compare.

In Acts 1:11, as the disciples watched Jesus ascend into heaven, the Bible says that two angels asked them, “why stand ye gazing up into heaven?” as if to say, “What are you doing standing around? You've got work to do.” That work is still going on today. Are you gazing or going?

