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"...for so great is my veneration for the Bible, and so strong my belief, that when duly read and mediated on, it is of all books in the world, that which contributes most to make men good, wise, and happy- that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more steadily they pursue the practice of reading it throughout their lives, the more lively and confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens of their country, respectable members of society, and a real blessing to their parents...."

John Quincy Adams, Letter to his Son, September 1811

Haiti Revival

One month after a tragic earthquake left the country of Haiti devastated, the President of the tiny country called the people of Haiti to three days of [prayer and fasting](#). Nearly 92% of the Haitian people have lost a loved one, and the death toll continues to rise with over 217,000 declared dead. Yet, the Haitians are experiencing a movement that is unexplainable. Nearly 6 years after the President of Haiti declared a rededication to Satan, the people of Haiti are now turning to their Creator. Jerry Miel, who has worked with the Christian radio station Radio Lumiere (Radio Light), reported on the event:

The Haitian President announced that there would be 3 days of holiday from work for the purpose of fasting and prayer. This is absolutely historic. If you have ever been in Haiti as a visitor or missionary, could you ever have imagined such a pronouncement? Could you imagine such an announcement from the U.S. President? This morning I saw a young Haitian-American woman, the leader of a work team, crying because the Americans could not understand the incredible importance of this day and wanted to go about business as usual.

This was not "a minute of silence for the deceased" or something as equally insignificant... As I sit here this evening, I can hear the preaching coming from a nearby church. Services have been going on all day.

What is so significant about this [call to prayer](#) is the timing. Not only was it announced on the one month anniversary of the quake, but it happens to fall on the time that Haiti normally celebrates its version of Mardi Gras. Typically voodoo and witchcraft practice would be filling the streets, yet thousands stood in the city of Port-au-Prince to participate in the worship service.

Jerry Miel stated his continued amazement at the scene and expressed his desire for the U.S. to find the same desire to turn back toward God:

Can people still say that Haiti is a voodoo country? What has been happening and is continuing to happen in Haiti did not happen because of the earthquake. It has been happening because the Haitian people know how to pray. This is a tremendous outpouring of God's power as the result of prayer.

Twenty years ago I started praying for the Gospel to change the Haitian culture. I think that I am seeing God do that work.

The only sadness that I feel today is for our nation. While a nation that has long been under Satan's domination is turning to God with total commitment, our nation, founded on Godly values has rejected God and rapidly is trying to forget that His name even exists. Let us pray for revival.

AACS has been active in raising awareness and giving aid to Haiti. AACS President Keith Wiebe sent a letter to all AACS member schools urging them to give a love offering to help the people in Haiti. AACS students answered the call to the desperate need, and to date a total of **\$32,520.62** has been sent to Haiti relief by AACS students.

This money has been sent in its entirety to CrossWorld Missions, a mission organization with missionaries located in Haiti working tirelessly to give aid. If you or your school would like to give, we are continuing to send funds each week as we receive them. Please make your check payable to AACS and send your contribution to AACS Haiti Relief Fund, 602 Belvoir Avenue, East Ridge, TN 37412. You can also make an online donation by clicking [here](#) and selecting "Outreach." All contributions sent to AACS for the "Haiti Relief Fund" will go in their entirety to the relief work taking place in Haiti.

Consumer Financial Protection Agency Threatens Non-Profits

The American Association Christian Schools joined with several prominent non-profit groups in expressing concern for the language included in the Administration's [proposal](#) to create a Consumer Financial Protection Agency. The President [urged](#) Congress to create the new agency as a key part to his financial reform, stating, "It's very important to have a consumer finance regulatory authority that is willing to actually enforce the law, so that people aren't getting gouged."

While the House has passed legislation that would allow for its creation, the battle continues in the Senate. Non-profit groups are not only concerned that they will become subject to the new agency's regulations if they receive charitable donations, but are also concerned with the bill's language that would force any group or institution that offers financial education to be subject to the agency's oversight. The legislation that passed the House included language that corrected these problems; however, the proposed legislation for the Senate does not include these protections. The letter that the AACS signed with other concerned non-profit organizations delineates on these concerns by stating the following:

In the current draft of the legislation, nonprofit organizations would be potentially covered under the Consumer Financial Protection Agency ([CFPA](#)), simply by seeking charitable gifts to support their missions, or by working to promote financial literacy as part of those missions....Further, nonprofits with missions encompassing any type of financial education – from teaching the basic financial literacy building blocks to a budget or check-balancing seminar – would be caught up in costly CFPA oversight because they provide "educational courses and instructional materials to consumers on individual financial matters." These provisions have the potential to impact hundreds of thousands of organizations including schools, foundations, rescue missions, social services organizations, women's shelters and many others.

We are certain that Congress did not intend to cover activities such as food banks for seeking donations, schools for teaching our children how to save, missions and shelters for offering the homeless a way to find self-sufficiency, or churches for providing budget balancing workshops in low-income communities. The final bill should be modified to clearly reflect this intent and ensure that the CFPA will not subject the nonprofit community to another layer of regulation, fees and increased paper work – at a time when they can least afford it.

While no new language has been added to the Senate version to protect the autonomy of non-profit organizations, AACS will continue to monitor the bill and work to clarify the language in order to protect schools and churches from unnecessary regulation and oversight.

Conservatives Gather for the Annual Conservative Political Action Conference

Conservative individuals and groups from around the country traveled to D.C. last week to convene at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the “most [powerful](#) national annual convention for conservatives.” Over 10,000 were in attendance at the Conference that hosted numerous [conservative leaders](#), the most notable including Florida Senate candidate Marco Rubio, Governor Tim Pawlenty (MN), Rep. Mike Pence (IN), former MA Governor Mitt Romney, former Vice-President Dick Cheney, and the keynote speaker Glenn Beck, host of a Fox News Opinion show.

While there were a few controversies stemming from mostly-Libertarian supporters the homosexual republican group GOProud who made a presence for the first time at the conference, the overall atmosphere of the conference was grounded in the common belief that the country’s current path must be reversed to its founding.

Many conservatives were encouraged by the overwhelming number of youth represented at the conference. In fact, many workshops catered to young conservatives, including the XPAC lounge, a place for students to network with conservative groups while enjoying snacks and playing games. One of these young people was AACS student Byron Aynes, a high school senior from Greenville Christian Academy in North Carolina and also an alumni of the AACS Youth Legislative Training Conference (2009). Byron, who attended CPAC with his five siblings, was encouraged to keep active in the current issues of our nation. Urging others to do the same, he stated the following:

CPAC 2010 was a way for Americans to express their growing desire for something better. Many eyes have been opened to the "change"; and they no longer want it. It was a statement that "we the people" are tired of "big brother" government. But most importantly, CPAC 2010 was a conservative call to arms. I attended to gain insight and knowledge in key issues, and I certainly gained that insight and knowledge; however, I also came away with a desire to influence our government. Any citizen, no matter what age, race, or gender, can make a difference; but the torch is being passed to a new generation that must stand for conservative principles and values. As Christians, it is our duty to stay informed and involved. CPAC can give you the tools and information to make an impact in politics. I know I will never forget the knowledge and fun-atmosphere of CPAC 2010.

Many hope the energetic atmosphere of the Conference will continue to grow and will play a dominant role in the 2010 November elections.

In Case You Missed It:

[Weekly Market Update](#) provided by Jeff Beach of the [AACS Investment Team at Merrill Lynch](#)

[Abstinence Education Does Work](#)

["Moratorium" for DADT](#)

[Pro-Life Concerns remain in Obama's HealthCare bill](#)

