



## June 2007 Special Summer Edition

This is a **Special Summer Edition** of the NEMA Newsletter. Since this our last networking luncheon for the summer, it will be a 'bulletin' rather than a full-blown monthly publication. Many of you will be taking some time off for some much needed rest; while some of you will be conducting summer outreaches. Your people will be traveling on their annual vacations as well. Whatever you have planned I pray that God's special blessings will be upon and with you and your families.

### **Monthly Network Luncheon - June 14th**

Calvary Christian Fellowship will be the host for our June 14th, 2007 Network Luncheon. Pastor Rod Bryant and his staff will be preparing our lunch menu. We begin gathering at 11:30 for a time of fellowship. We will be served at 12 noon and wrap things up around 1:00pm.

This will be our last Network Luncheon for the summer. We hope that you will set aside this time to be together for the summer break.

CCF's Directions: Highway 59 N to North Park Drive. Turn East on North Park Drive and proceed approximately \_ mile. The Church is located on the left (North) side of North Park Drive.

### **Forth Thursday, June 28, Corporate Prayer**

Our regular, forth Thursday, prayer meeting will be held at CCF as well. The prayer time is from 12 noon till 1 o'clock. This will also be our last prayer gathering until September.

### **Family Life and Religious Freedom Issues**

#### **Students' Religious Rights Bill Passes,**

House Bill 3678 passed the Senate and was sent to the Governor. The Bill's author saw it as a miracle of God because the bill was dead on arrival the night before. Thousands of Texans sent emails and called their Senators to demand that the bill be sent to the floor. It was not only sent to the floor but it was passed with a no-veto margin! This bill gives Christian students the freedom to express their religious views with out persecution. Google HB 3678 for details.

## ANTI-HPV MANDATE BILL ON ITS WAY TO GOVERNOR

The Texas House accepts Senate changes to HB 1098, which countermands the Governor's executive order on the HPV vaccine. Vote is a veto-proof 135-2. The Governor was defeated in his attempt to mandate this vaccine for Texas school children.

## Two Pro-Life Bills Die in Texas House

Two abortion bills — one to require detailed reporting by abortionists and another to require ultrasounds before abortions — stalled in the Texas House on Tuesday. The first died on a technicality; the second was pulled from debate.

Midnight Tuesday was the deadline for all Senate bills to be passed in the House.

The first proposal would have asked women seeking an abortion to reveal their age, race, marital status, city, county, state and nation of residence, and the reason for the abortion. Their names would not be recorded.

**Staying Informed:** Many of you have asked for websites that would keep you informed on family-life issues and conservative political action. Two that you might find interesting are: *[citizenlink.com](http://citizenlink.com)* and *[drudgereport.com](http://drudgereport.com)*. The first site is that of Dr. James Dobson. The second is a mixture of politics and issues. On the Drudge Report you will find all types of articles. At the bottom of the report he lists hundreds of sites you can investigate. These sites are on both sides of the political spectrum.

A question was recently asked to the Church, "**Is America being disciplined?**" The Church replied in the affirmative! The Church continued, "America **is** being disciplined by the **secular progressives** who have successfully **penetrated** our educational system, particularly our colleges and universities, our political institutions, our newspapers and TV outlets and most other communication outlets. They have penetrated the judicial system where their activism is taking away our Constitutional rights every moment of every day! Their influence is almost monolithic in Western culture. Actually, we are only living in the **shadows** of our God given rights. A second question was asked, "But where is the Church in all of this?" The Church replied, "Well, the church is very busy doing the things that she has always been doing. There really isn't much else that the church can do, you know, because there is a great wall of separation that does not allow the church to get involved in political matters. To be honest with you we are too busy with our spiritual agenda to do much else, anyway. We allow the secular progressives to waste their time on those unimportant areas of our culture." "Hum, that's very interesting", Jesus Christ replied.