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“Alabama’s Moral Compass”

A Shared Ministry of Alabama's Churches

THE SALT AND LIGHT MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Organized in 1937

## **The Beginning of ALCAP**

In June 1937 a group of concerned leaders from among Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians came together to discuss and organize an interfaith temperance program. The group met at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham and organized the Alabama Temperance Alliance (ATA) with Rev. Earl Hotalen, a Methodist minister, as the first Executive Director. Hotalen served from 1937 to 1946 followed by James Swedenburg (1946-1967); Elmer Nielson (1967-1970); John L. Smith (1970-1978); D. L. Dan Ireland (1978-2008); and since June 1, 2008, the Executive Director has been Joe Godfrey.

Along the way the Alabama Temperance Alliance had a name change to the Alabama Council on Alcohol Problems. Later the name was changed to the Alabama Citizens Action Program which was more descriptive of the moral and social concerns that claim the churches' attention. In 2009, the Alabama Citizens Action Program changed its name to American Character Builders and remained a 501c3 organization that continues to provide alcohol and other drug abstinence-based educational programs to public and private schools. In that same year, ALCAP was incorporated as a 501c4 organization to lobby the Alabama Legislature on behalf of the faith community.

ALCAP is the catalyst around which all church denominations can unite in a consolidated effort to address moral concerns, i.e., alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues; gambling; pornography and other promiscuous behavior; and addressing the sanctity of human life.

A Board of Directors governs ALCAP. The organization operates through the generous financial support from denominations, churches, concerned individuals, company gifts and community oriented organizations.

## **Purpose**

ALCAP serves as a resource for churches, community groups and interested individuals working to make Alabama a safer state for each and every citizen. An ethical, moral and responsible lifestyle based on biblical standards is an attainable goal to benefit the entire state.

## **What we do**

1. **Assist** local communities with issues such as wet/dry elections; gambling elections; providing research materials on moral issues; and providing speakers for church, civic clubs, community gatherings, youth meetings and camps.
2. **Legislatively** ALCAP monitors legislation on moral issues, informs legislators of the social and moral implications of such legislation and sponsors a weekly Prayer Breakfast during the regular annual legislative session. ALCAP seeks to assign each legislator and his or her spouse with a Prayer Partner who is committed to pray for them.

## **Affiliations**

In addition to working alongside the churches of Alabama there are other groups ALCAP works with and through: American Council on Alcohol Problems (ACAP), the Stop Predatory Gambling (SPG) organization, the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Alabama, various pro-life and pro-family interests, anti-pornography interests, and special groups formed to stand for historic Judeo-Christian positions.

## **YOU CAN HELP!**

Pray for the ALCAP ministry and staff. ALCAP is a 501C4 nonprofit organization. Contributions are NOT tax deductible. Since churches can give up to 5% of their total receipts to such organizations and ministries, please encourage your church to support ALCAP financially. Also, encourage the schools in your area to schedule one of the drug education programs provided by **American Character Builders**. Contributions to American Character Builders (a 501C3 ministry) ARE tax-deductible.

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"Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ..." **1 Thessalonians 1:3**