

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

Kempsville Presbyterian Church

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THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

“Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing.”

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

“Dear woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

“I am thirsty.”

“It is finished.”

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Retracing Jesus' Steps

...Thousands of Christians have begun Holy Week by retracing the steps Jesus took on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Palm Sunday procession in the

Holy City was larger than in previous years, thanks to a lull in violence. Under sunny skies, crowds marched from the Mount of Olives into the Old City of Jerusalem. The Bible says Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as followers spread palm branches in His path, fulfilling an ancient Jewish prophecy. In Bethlehem, Palestinian Christians walked or rode donkeys toward Jerusalem, knowing they would be stopped by the separation barrier Israel is building. Their march became a demonstration. Agape Press.

EU Report Calls for European Countries to Increase Fertility

With recent European Union enlargement to include much of Eastern Europe, the EU rocketed by US population of 260 million by roughly 190 million. Even so, the European Union is increasingly concerned that this robust number will shrink as European's continue to demonstrate a deep-seated aversion to child-bearing.

In a report released last week, the European Commission warns that Europe is facing "unprecedented demographic change" because "Europeans have a fertility rate which is insufficient to replace the population." The report suggests that a "return to demographic growth" should be an "essential" priority for Europe, and that governments should encourage higher birth rates by strengthening families.

The report, titled "Confronting demographic change: a new solidarity between the generations," raises the alarm that "the fertility rate everywhere is below the threshold needed to renew the population (around 2.1 children per woman), and has even fallen below 1.5 children per woman in many Member States, and to "less than 1.3 children per woman in certain southern and eastern European countries."

The report states that "young people are becoming a rare...resource" as Europe's "total working age population

(15-64 years)" is "due to fall by 20.8 million" by 2030. The ratio of persons outside working age to those of working age will rise from 49% to 66% by that time.

The report advises that "families must be further encouraged by public policies that allow women and men to reconcile family life and work." Among the suggested policies are "family benefits" and "parental leave," as well as access to affordable housing.

The report warns of the economic consequences of Europe's declining population, stating that "never in history has there been economic growth without population growth." According to the report, "ageing could cause potential annual growth in GNP in Europe to fall from 2-2.25% today to 1.25% in 2040."

The report thus suggests that "ever larger migrant flows may be needed to meet the need for labour and safeguard Europe's prosperity." Already "[i]n many countries, immigration has become vital" to ensure population growth. Immigration is responsible for the predicted slight rise of 11.5 million in Europe's overall population by 2035, although the total will drop thereafter.

The report also advises that "the retirement age will have to continue to rise," and "employment participation will have to increase," so that both people under 15 years and those over 64 will be integrated into the labor market. More women will also be encouraged to work, as Europe needs to exceed an

"employment rate of 70%...to compensate for the expected drop in the working age population."

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Comment: *This report applies almost exactly to the United States. Every fact mentioned, the birth rate, etc. is exactly right for the US. We need to have our young women have more children or our country will also fail. Today the Muslims in the US have a birth rate of 6+ per woman. The blacks and Hispanics are second with a birthrate of about 4 and white American women are averaging 1.4 births. This is unacceptable. Some predict that the Muslims will attain a majority here in about 40 years. Pastor Marshal Foster had an idea for a "Christian Dynasty", which simply put was Christians having large families and raising them for Christ. We have at least two good examples of large Christian families here in the Church. Think about it... Editor*

"There are those who believe that a new modernity demands a new morality. What they fail to consider is the harsh reality that there is no such thing as a new morality. There is only one

morality. All else is immorality." -- Theodore Roosevelt

Huge Pork Spending Bill

"Sadly, the highway bill that passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week was a pork-stuffed budget-buster. ... In 1987, Ronald Reagan vetoed a highway bill he called a 'textbook example of pork barrel politics.' That bill contained 152 earmarks. The 1998 highway bill, the first one after Republicans took control of Congress, had 1,850 -- more than 12 times as many. This year's bill, after 10 years of Republican control, has more than 4,000." --Rep. John Shadegg <http://FederalistPatriot.US/service.s.asp>

Stop the Lottery
The business of government is to suppress evil, not to supervise it. Yet the argument often made in favor of state-operated lotteries is that the vice of gambling can be managed and made into something virtuous for the public. Hogwash!!! More details:

Socialism Fails

"Given that the two centuries of socialists' experiments, whether by utopians, Marxists, or Fabians, always ended in economic failure and a loss of personal liberty, why are people around the globe still proudly proclaiming themselves socialists?" --Richard Rahn <http://FederalistPatriot.US/service.s.asp>

Comment: The United States has supported Russia (USSR) since 1922 when they would have failed without massive shipments of wheat and large grants of dollars. The US has been supporting Russia every since. Without our support Russia would fail even today. If we truly wanted to win just cut off all foreign aide and handouts. Ed.

"Podcasting" is a web-based broadcast medium. Audio files (most commonly in [MP3](#) format) are made available online in a way that allows software to automatically detect the availability of new files (generally via

[RSS](#)), and download the files for listening at the user's convenience.

Podcasting Goes Political

Former Democratic U.S. Senator and VP hopeful John Edward's helped blast podcasting into national politics Tuesday, with the announcement that he will begin podcasting through the [One America](#) website.

Podcasting has shown recent interest by politicians, but was perhaps first notably used on a national level by [Donnie Fowler](#) in January during his bid for chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Though few Democrats have tried Podcasting, even fewer Republicans have experimented with the new tool. However, the GOP has been innovative in web broadcasting such as the recent launch of the "[Off the record](#)" web video series, featuring interviews with Party leaders, activists, and rising stars in the GOP. From Politics-Online.

Comment: The newest method of pumping the message. Look for it to come your way and pray you have some control over what you get. Ed.

NAFTA, CAFTA & FTAA

An Issue We Need to Learn more About!!!

You may think I am beating a dead horse to death, but these phony treaties with UN sponsored organizations is not a dead issue. Our government is considering CAFTA & FTAA and will try to pass them the first time they can sneak them through.

NAFTA is now 11 years old and has been a disaster for US businesses. We have lost Tens of Thousands of jobs and businesses to countries south of us. CAFTA, which is Central America Free Trade Area, and FTAA which is Free Trade Area of the Americas are not about free trade, they are about control. A giant new bureaucracy will be installed to tell the US how to trade, how much, when, and where. We will lose our options.

The first thing to go will be our borders. Mexicans will be able to get in their cars and drive to whatever state they desire. NO BORDERS. That is not all of the problems but you get the idea.

Put April 18, 2005 on your schedule and come out to the Philippine Cultural Center on Baxter Road, VB at 7:00 PM to learn more about CAFTA & FTAA. Also, and more important, learn what we can do to stop the FTAA and save our country. We have Mr. William Jasper, a national speaker, a prolific writer and expert on the UN as our guest speaker. We need hundreds of concerned citizens

Quiz: What are the two greatest documents in recorded history? (After the Bible of course!)
Answer: (1)The Declaration of Independence and (2) the Constitution of the United States with the Bill of Rights.
Protect them with your life.

writing their US Senators and congressmen/women telling them to STOP the FTAA. Editor.

WHAT: Speaker on CAFTA & FTAA
WHEN: 7:00 PM
April 18, 2005
WHERE: Philippine Cultural Center
4857 Baxter Rd, Virginia Beach, VA
CHARGE: \$5.00 (Optional)
For more information call **Vernon at 495-1541**
"Get the US Out of the United Nations"

THE ARMED CITIZEN

Baltimore Ravens cornerback Corey Fuller was confronted at his Tallahassee, Florida, home by an armed man about 2:30 a.m. when he and a houseguest went outside to retrieve something from his car. The gunman chased after Fuller who ran back into his home to get his revolver. After an exchange of gunfire the assailant fled and no one was injured. Fuller is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of his assailant. (*St. Petersburg Times*, St. Petersburg, FL)

LEARN MORE ABOUT CAFTA & FTAA, BE INFORMED. FIGHT FOR AMERICA.