

Subject: Fwd: CRITICISMS OF DARWIN

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 11:19:02 PM Central Standard Time

From: Retired Judge Darrell White

To: Pastor Jesse Bourgoyne

CC: Valerie Hodges, Hank Hankins, Jeffery Paul Cox, Danny Pennington, Mark Crosby

Friends:

I am forwarding along an email of possible interest from Livingston Parish Pastor Jesse Bourgoyne. FYI, while the [2008 Louisiana Science Education Act](#) does contain some helpful language, a careful reading convinces me that it does not automatically protect teachers in responding meaningfully to the concerns raised by Pastor Bourgoyne over critical thinking in the classroom concerning evolutionism, global warming and human cloning. It references the possibility that a local school board could formally adopt supplementary educational materials, which would then be subject to challenge by ideologues through a potentially burdensome process that could ultimately involve the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Avoidance of such distractions may be possible through adoption of the aspirational language in the popular local policies adopted by Ouachita and Central. Some pertinent documents are available here: <http://gdurl.com/rYsu/viewer>

I understand that award-winning Ouachita Parish science educator Danny Pennington (copied herein) has expressed his willingness to conduct in-service training for science teachers should that prove helpful. He presented such training to Central School District educators several years ago.

Judge Darrell White (Retired)
225 603-2544

----- Original Message -----

Subject:CRITICISMS OF DARWIN

Date:Fri, 6 Mar 2015 10:56:13 -0600

From:Accountability Church <accountabilitychurch@cox.net>

To:'judgewhite' <judgewhite@cox.net>

My name is Jesse Bourgoyne and I pastor the Accountability Church on Highway 16 in Watson. One of the teenagers in our church attends Walker High School in the 10th grade. She came home from school recently very upset about what was being taught concerning evolution. She talked to her mother, who contacted me. We are concerned that an honest debate discussing issues that have not been proven are not allowed in the classroom. We are also aware that other school boards have adopted resolutions that have proven to be lawful to allow such discussions.

We asked that you look into this matter, and if you desire more information feel free to contact me at home 225-667-3027 or cell 225-317-1017. You could also contact retired Judge Darrell White 225-603-2544 for exhaustive information on the topic.

I thank you for your consideration
Jesse L. Bourgoyne
Senior Pastor
Accountability Church



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Subject: Re: SUGGESTION: Science Academic Freedom Resolution

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 8:14:53 PM Central Standard Time

From: Retired Judge Darrell White

To: Hodges, Rep. (Chamber Laptop)

CC: Jim Lloyd, Danny Pennington, Hank Hankins, Mark Crosby, Pastor Jesse Bourgoyne

Representative Valarie Hodges:

The Ouachita Parish Science Curriculum Policy and pertinent information concerning Central Community School District's comparable policy, etc. can be found here: <http://goo.gl/w29h1l>. Attached is an updated draft of the language we would like to see passed in Livingston Parish and elsewhere. Thanks for your leadership in setting up a meeting with some decisionmakers to move us forward. Please let me know if you have trouble reaching Central School Board Member Jim Lloyd who should be enthusiastic about the subject. Monroe science educator Danny Pennington (copied herein) should be agreeable to joining us by teleconference to discuss with Board Members the efficacy of such a policy.

Judge Darrell White (Retired)
225 603-2544

On 1/29/2015 9:09 PM, Hodges, Rep. (Chamber Laptop) wrote:

Judge White,

Do you want me to try and set up a meeting at my office? I could have my assistant contact School Board members.

It would be very interesting to being some school board members from Central or other places this has already been done to talk to us and tell how it is being or has been implemented.

Thoughts? Thank you for all you do in the cause of truth!

Valarie

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2015, at 11:58 AM, "judgewhite" <judgewhite@cox.net> wrote:

All:

Let's get some more Livingston School Board members to a meeting and develop a timetable to introduce the science academic freedom resolution in this Parish. Satan is pleased with the status quo!

Judge Darrell White (Retired)
225 603-2544

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 3, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Mark Crosby
Date:01/27/2015 8:17 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: judgewhite
Subject: Re: Prayer Alert

Looking forward to it!!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 27, 2015, at 6:57 PM, judgewhite <judgewhite@cox.net<<mailto:judgewhite@cox.net>>> wrote:

Pastor Mark:

I agree. Let's move forward with another meeting in furtherance of science academic freedom.

DDW

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 3, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Mark Crosby
Date:01/27/2015 5:31 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: judgewhite ,Joel*hm Rushing ,John Sumich ,Jamie ,Jim Otken ,Keith Drennan
Subject: Fwd: Prayer Alert

Incredible !

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: MForest585@aol.com<<mailto:MForest585@aol.com>>
Date: January 27, 2015 at 5:22:53 PM CST
To: advancedschoolconsultants@cox.net<<mailto:advancedschoolconsultants@cox.net>>
Subject: Prayer Alert

Dear Friends,

Please pray for Principal Kendria Sanders who was suspended for letting a student pray during a Christmas program.

The battle on the education mountain continues.

Thank you,

Todd Trahan

Intercessors for Louisiana

Goldonna school suspension rallies community in prayer
Vickie Welborn, 8:42 a.m. CST January 27, 2015

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More than 200 people are estimated to have attended a late afternoon prayer rally Monday in Goldonna emphasizing religious liberty. The event was sparked by the recent 10-day suspension of the Goldonna Elementary and Junior High principal for including a student prayer on the Christmas program. (Photo: The Times/Vickie Welborn)

GOLDONNA –The recent 10-day suspension of a Natchitoches Parish school principal because of a student-led prayer during a Christmas program was the catalyst for 200 or more people gathering here late Monday afternoon for a prayer rally.

Goldonna Baptist Church Pastor Jason Womack was almost speechless as folks continued to gather on the church parking lot that sits across from Goldonna Elementary and Junior High. They sat in folding chairs or brought their own, while others stood.

"I hope this goes from church to church," Womack said of the turnout to support "religious liberty. ... This is not just about Goldonna, but about bringing God first and foremost back into our hearts."

There was no bashing of the school system or personnel concerning the suspension of Principal Kendria Sanders during the more than hour-long rally that included speakers, singing and prayer. The overall theme shared by Womack and five other area pastors was the need to call Christians to prayer for the community and nation. Natchitoches Parish schools Superintendent Dale Skinner, interviewed separately earlier in the day, expressed support for the rally, but said he hoped everyone understood his decision to discipline the principal was not "personal."

All Natchitoches Parish principals have been reminded on different occasions about the federal law that prohibits school officials from participating in or soliciting prayer at a school event. Skinner fell back on personal experience as the former principal of Natchitoches Central High when he was on the receiving end of a complaint of prayer there.

The issue followed him to Central Office when he had to deal with a complaint filed by the Americans United for Separation of Church and State that also involved a second Natchitoches Parish School.

"We were reported and we had to stop immediately," Skinner said. "It appears they can do whatever they want no matter what you and I think."

Also fresh in his mind is a lawsuit a Sabine Parish couple filed last year against the Sabine Parish School Board, alleging their son was being harassed at Negreet High because of his religious beliefs. The American Civil Liberties Union joined in the lawsuit.

The School Board in March settled the issue out of court at the recommendation of its legal counsel, District Attorney Don Burkett, who said the U.S. Supreme Court rulings are clear when it comes to what is and is not allowed when it comes to religion in public schools. The settlement required Negreet officials to remove religious photographs and references from the building and abide by the law.

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The Rev. Jason Womack, pastor of Goldonna Baptist Church, speaks to the crowd gathered late Monday afternoon for a prayer rally in front of the church. (Photo: Vickie Welborn/The Times)

The U.S. Department of Justice visited Sabine school leaders last week, again asking questions about what took place at Negreet involving the student and a separate situation at another school. Officials were informed a report will be issued.

Skinner said the Goldonna principal was disciplined because he made it "clear what was legal and what wasn't" at principals' meetings. "If she had asked me about it we might could have worked around it."

Skinner is conducting an investigation into the school program and plans to make a full report to the board. Some misinformation about the program's contents had been published, including identifying the principal, he said, as leading the prayer when it was a student who prayed. The program also featured religious songs and a child portraying Jesus hanging on the cross.

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The Rev. Mike Honzell, pastor of United Baptist Church in Campti, speaks to a crowd gathered at a prayer rally Monday afternoon in front of Goldonna Baptist Church. (Photo: Vickie Welborn/The Times)

A student can voluntarily pray, Skinner clarified; however, it must not be solicited. At Goldonna, the prayer was listed on the program, he said.

"We just have to be very careful. We don't want to encourage a lawsuit," said Skinner, who admits he tried to find a way to have prayer at the Veteran's Day program to honor the veterans who gave of their lives for the country. "But I was told we could not. You could have a moment of silence."

Church and school are often intertwined in Goldonna, a community of about 426 people in the northeast corner of Natchitoches Parish. At least 15 minutes from Campti and 15 more minutes to the larger Coushatta, the rural area is reachable by a two-lane highway literally snaking its way up hills and around deep curves hugged by pine thickets.

Goldonna Baptist offers programs on Wednesday nights for its children and those in the community who attend school across the street. "We feed them and teach God's word," said Womack. "We just want to see good things for our kids, our community."

Womack hopes the church, which averages 50 to 75 in Sunday school and about 100 in the worship service, and the support shown in recent days by other pastors begins a movement to increase awareness of religious liberty.

"We believe God is God and we should be able to pray to Him when we want to. Don't deny us our rights," church member Pat Bell said.

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Goldonna Alderman Ben Dupree joined in the rally to pray for students in the Natchitoches Parish school district, as well as those across the country and nation. He agreed with the Rev. Mike Honzell, pastor of United Baptist Church in Campti, who told the crowd it's not the responsibility of the school system to teach their children about Christianity.

"It's my responsibility, but I do ask God's blessings on the school," said Dupree, who retired as a teacher and coach.

Womack said the next step will depend upon what fires are lit. He's been asked to speak before the School Board, but he is not convinced that should be his focus.

"This not about me or Goldonna Baptist, but about other people's hearts," Womack said.

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