

# THE AMERICA PLAN\*

## THE SEVEN STEPS OF EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR CHURCHES

### **ARTICULATE** A BIBLICAL POSITION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE DAY

Teach sound doctrine; Address citizenship and current moral issues from the pulpit as appropriate; Speak to the crucial moral issues of the day from a Biblical perspective, and why Christians must be active citizens.

### **MOTIVATE** CONGREGANTS TO BE GODLY, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

Most Christians do not become effectively and Biblically involved in any ministry or take action related to cultural and political change unless inspired by their pastor, led from the pulpit and called to appropriate activity.

### **EDUCATE** BELIEVERS ON THE "WHY" AND "HOW" OF GODLY CITIZENSHIP

Biblical Worldview; American Christian Heritage; Understanding the Biblical role of Government; and Effective Community Involvement.

### **REGISTER** ALL ELIGIBLE ADULTS IN THE CHURCH TO VOTE

If a person is 18 or older and an American citizen, this is not an option! The goal is 100% registered, 100% voting.

### **INFORM** THE CONGREGATION ABOUT IMPORTANT POLICY AND MORAL ISSUES

Pending legislation – local, state and national  
 Current moral issues – sanctity of life, pornography, gambling, marriage, Biblical justice, etc.  
 Candidates' character, philosophy and positions on vital issue

### **COORDINATE** WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED PASTORS IN THE COMMUNITY

Establish a permanent, inter-racial, inter-denominational Pastor Council of senior pastors who will stand together, speak together and act together in your area.

### **ACTIVATE** MEMBERS TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER, SERVICE AND CIVIC ACTION IN THE COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE BIBLICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE.

Create or support a **Christian Citizenship Ministry** in the church to facilitate the above activities in an organized manner, and to serve as the church's link to the community team.

## FOUR STEPS TO COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION: 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

1. Pray, fast and repent- get our spiritual "house" in order *first*
2. Serve our neighbor - meet needs, share the Gospel
3. Raise the standard of righteousness - get involved culturally and politically
4. Reap the harvest - transformed lives, transformed culture

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