

MEMO

To: Member Schools
From: J. Robin Mears, Ex. Director
Date: February 3, 2022
Re: ACEA Annual Pastors and Administrator' Conference

Our annual Pastors and Administrators' Conference is now upon us. This is one of the most important meetings we sponsor each year.

This meeting is designed to keep us informed about current legislative issues and encourage us as we endeavor to educate boys and girls to live for Jesus and be good citizens.

BASIC INFORMATION...

Location: Victory Baptist Church / Chilton Christian Academy
23240 US Highway 31 ♦ Jemison ♦ AL ♦ 35085
Host Pastor: Donald Jones (ACEA Officer and Board Member)
Date: Monday, March 7, 2022
Time: 9:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
Registration: \$65 per person (Register ASAP!!)

Lunch and handouts included.

THEME VERSE ~ JEREMIAH 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- ***Jim Carns*** – Member, Alabama House of Representatives
- ***Jamison Coppola*** – Governmental Relations Director of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS)
- ***Greg Davis*** – Executive Director of Alabama Citizens Action Program (ALCAP)
- ***Becky Gerritson*** – Executive Director, Alabama Eagle Forum
- ***Joe Godfrey*** – Retiring Executive Director of ALCAP
- ***Eric Johnston*** – Southeast Law Institute
- ***Donald Jones*** – Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, ACEA Officer and Board Member
- ***J. Robin Mears*** – Executive Director, Alabama Christian Education Association

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- **Parent's Choice Act**
- **Lottery and Casino Gambling**
- **Vulnerable Child Compassion Act**
- **Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization - U.S. Supreme Court Case**
- **Status of Federal Legislative Initiatives, and more!**

I will be sharing a lot of information on the ***Parent's Choice Act*** introduced by Senator Del Marsh and others that has already passed out of the Senate Education Policy Committee. ***You need to know all you can about this legislation. It has the possibility of revolutionizing education in Alabama and your school may possibly be a big part. You need to know all you can about this bill!!!***

Also, we will have some outstanding vendors. And remember, we will take a few minutes to conduct our annual business meeting.

MORE ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

- **Becky Gerritson** is the high energy executive director of the Alabama Eagle Forum. She is smart, involved, and has worked to build a statewide network of activist that knows and understands the issues. She has a lot to offer!
- **Eric Johnston** is the president of the Southeast Law Institute. Eric has had his hands on all meaningful prolife/profamily legislation for more than 25 years. All conservative groups rely on his counsel and leadership as we seek to make our state a better place. He will brief us on the Mississippi abortion case before the U.S. Supreme Court that could overturn Roe vs. Wade in the case Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization.
- **Greg Davis** is the new man on the block but is not new to leading in biblical/conservative causes. He is the host of a two-hour radio program, has been the leader of First Priority, and will succeed Dr. Joe Godfrey as the executive director of the Alabama Citizens Action Program (ALCAP). We must get to know this good man.
- **Jamison Coppola** is the Governmental Relations Director for the American Association of Christian Schools and is an expert on current federal issues that we need to know about. Jamison is smart, articulate and well informed on the issues. Jamison works out of our Washington, D.C. Office and oversees our regional D.C. lobbying efforts.
- **Jim Carns** is a member of the Alabama House of Representatives and is the leading conservative voice in that body. He is a long-time friend of ACEA and was a big help in advancing our cause in the daycare fight. What he says will, no doubt, surprise you. You need to hear what he has to say!
- **Dr. Joe Godfrey** is a long-time friend of ACEA and has been the executive director of ALCAP for 15 years but is retiring in April. Joe has frequently helped ACEA by providing insight and knowledge about the many legislators he knows on a first name basis.
- **Donald Jones** is our host pastor and has been a part of Christian education for more than 40 years. He brings an insight of father, school leader, and pastor. He is an "old war horse" who has been in the battle for many years!
- **Robin Mears**, yours truly, has been on the job now for almost 34 years. I have worked diligently to protect the interest of church and Christian Schools, as well as church daycares. It is and always will be a team effort.

Nowhere, and I mean nowhere will you find another lineup of such powerful well-informed people as this group!! These are people that are on the front line/cutting edge of shaping public policy for God and right. This group of speakers truly are like the men of Issachar – they "understand the times."