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Negative Effects of Gambling Being Felt in Florida



By Luann Yarrow, The Good News,
09/01/07

Gambling is on the upswing in the Sunshine State, but state revenues are \$83 million less than the jackpot anticipated, and local families are feeling the effects. The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling recently announced that annual calls placed to its 24-hour HelpLine (888-ADMIT-IT) shot up nearly 25 percent from last year. (This is going to be an issue the FFPC is very closely monitoring during the Special Session this and next week in Tallahassee.) Full Story [HERE](#):

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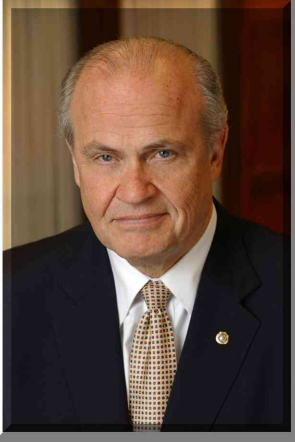
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Tickets on Sale Now: An Evening with Fred Thompson in Hollywood, FL



Tickets are on sale NOW online for a Major FFPC South Florida Dinner event. An Evening with Fred Thompson, will be on Friday Night November 16, 2007 from 6:30-9:00PM at the stunningly beautiful Westin Diplomat Hotel *right on the beach*.

Purchase your tickets or a table online through our secure PayPal system with a credit card now

[HERE](#): Consider making this a part of a special weekend get away with your spouse, family or

friends. Special rates for this new hotel are available. If you live in South Florida and have never been to one of the FFPC dinner events, you will not want to miss this one.

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FRC Washington Briefing Features National Heavy Weight Conservatives



'Blockbuster event' will equip values voters for next year's election.

by Jennifer Mesko

Dr. James C. Dobson, founder and chairman of Focus on the Family Action, is requesting your presence at the Washington Briefing, a values voters summit coming to the nation's capital in late October. Dr.

Dobson called the lineup of speakers unparalleled. "It involves Judge Robert Bork, Gary Bauer, Rick Santorum, Tony Perkins, Ed Meese, Bill Bennett, myself, others. It's going to be a blockbuster event. And we're here to urge people to get their reservations in quickly." Also attending are Republican presidential candidates Sen. Sam Brownback, former Gov. Mike Huckabee, Sen. John McCain, former Gov. Mitt Romney and former Sen. Fred Thompson. Full Story [HERE](#): For Information on Registration [HERE](#):

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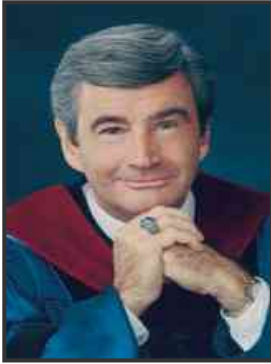
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Listen to one of the Finest Speeches Dr. Dobson has ever given- at Dr. Kennedy's Funeral



Note from the FFPC President: I had the opportunity to attend the funeral of Dr. D. James Kennedy at Coral Ridge



Church several weeks ago. The highlight of the service was a powerful and moving address by Dr. James Dobson. The theme was answering the call by the next generation of leaders both in ministry and in culture. I believe this is one of the finest addresses ever give by Dr. Dobson. It will inspire and challenge you. Frankly, it brought me to tears as it is a very emotional and serious appeal. The full speech is 42 minutes in total but the last 15 minutes after the story about his father is really the heart of what I want you to hear. It is well worth the time to listen: To watch and listen to the video press [HERE](#): and scroll into the video to get the final segment.

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The Rationale for the Florida Marriage Amendment - Special Editorial by John Stemberger



The News-Journal recently argued that the Florida Marriage Protection Amendment to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman "lacks rationale."

To the contrary, its rationale is obvious. Marriage, like the oxygen we breathe, is all around us, but not easily seen; taken for granted but yet vitally important to our continued existence. And like marriage, when oxygen is altered in its basic form, we quickly realize how important it is. I use the term same-sex marriage and same-sex families *interchangeably*. Because when you create a same-sex marriage, you simultaneously create a same-sex family. Full Editorial [HERE](#):

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40 Days for Life Has Begun



This fall, 89 cities in 33 states
across the nation will unite for a
unique pro-life campaign called *40*

Days for Life -- an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives,
bring healing, and prepare America for the beginning of the end of
abortion. The campaign will be conducted simultaneously in all locations
from September 26 - November 4. More Information [HERE](#):

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