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“Speaking the Truth in love” Ephesians 4:15

PRESS RELEASE

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**PASTOR GARY G. DULL AND THE FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTOONA
PLANS TO COOPERATE WITH THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE FUND BY
PARTICIPATING WITH “PULPIT FREEDOM SUNDAY” ON OCTOBER 2, 2011.**

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Altoona, PA – On Sunday, October 2, 2011, Pastor Gary G. Dull and the Faith Baptist Church of Altoona will be participating in the Alliance Defense Fund’s PULPIT FREEDOM INITIATIVE. The purpose of the initiative is to encourage pastors and church leadership teams to “stand up and speak out to restore fundamental freedom of speech and freedom of religion rights in America’s pulpits.”

Since 1954, when Senator Lyndon B. Johnson proposed an amendment to the IRS 501 (c) (3) tax exemption code, pastors and churches have been “absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.” That basically means that a local church pastor is restricted from speaking the truth about what the Bible says in reference to a particular candidates’ position on moral, spiritual or political issues. Such a restriction is a clear violation of the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Up until 1954 pastors across America were free to speak their conviction on certain candidates or political issues, but since then, such freedom has been taken away, thanks to Lyndon B. Johnson. Such restriction is clearly unconstitutional.

In 2008 the Alliance Defense Fund conducted the first PULPIT FREEDOM DAY on September 28. 33 pastors from 22 states participated that year. In 2009, 84 pastors from 30 states participated and in 2010, nearly 100 pastors participated in the initiative. This is the second year Pastor Dull and the Faith Baptist Church will be participating.

In expressing why PULPIT FREEDOM SUNDAY is so important Pastor Gary G. Dull said, “The Bible commands that pastors are to preach the whole counsel of God and bring the scripture into direct application to the issues of life, including on the personal, moral, spiritual, political and ecclesiastical levels. For any government to restrict a pastor from such preaching is to prevent the pastor from fulfilling his God-given responsibility as one who has been set aside by God to proclaim divine truth.” In addition Dull stated, “History reveals that up until 1954 pastors freely spoke out on many issues in America which helped to guide the nation along the lines of biblical truth.

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Since the restriction was applied, pastors have been silenced in many ways and consequently moral demise has been running rampant across our beloved country. Pastors must be free to preach what God has placed upon their hearts without the fear of any government intervention or prohibition.”

On Sunday morning, October 2, 2011 at 10:30, Pastor Dull will be delivering a message entitled: “WHAT AMERICA NEEDS IN ORDER TO RETURN BACK TO THE VALUES UPON WHICH SHE WAS ESTABLISHED.” In the message Dull will be stressing the importance of free speech in the pulpit and what qualities must be seen in elected officials of every level.

Since 2010 Pastor Dull has been a member of “THE NEW BLACK ROBE REGIMENT,” which is a fellowship of preachers established by the WALL BUILDERS organization under the direction of historian David Barton. Each pastor involved must agree to a lengthy pledge that includes the following statement.

“I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF GOD’S MINISTERS TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE ON EVERY ISSUE, WHETHER SPIRITUAL OR TEMPORAL, AND I WILL NOT LET THE FEAR OF MAN, THE FEAR OF GOVERNMENT, OR THE FEAR OF POSSIBLY OFFENDING SOMEONE KEEP ME FROM BOLDLY PROCLAIMING GOD’S POSITION ON EVERY ISSUE OF THE DAY.”

Pastor Gary G. Dull has signed the pledge out of his desire to be faithful to God as a minister of the Gospel, his love for the United States and his concern that American preachers may become more and more restricted from proclaiming the Word of God as the nation travels further and further away from the Judeo-Christian Values upon which she was founded to a secular nation where God is completely forgotten.

For more information on PULPIT FREEDOM SUNDAY please go to speakupmovement.org.

For more information on THE BLACK ROBE REGIMENT please go to brr.wallbuilders.com.

Thank you!