

Are We A Christian Nation?

Americans United for Separation of Church and State Orange County Chapter - General Meeting

Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 pm

Irvine Ranch Water District¹ 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks) in Irvine



Our next speaker will be AU Chapter President, Steph Campbell, who will challenge the notion that we are a Christian Nation.

She will cover the historical background and the differing views of early presidents. How do we reconcile “In God We Trust” on our currency with our nation’s commitment to the separation of church and state? What are the legal limitations of religious entanglement with government, the role of the IRS, and AU’s Project Fair Play?

Steph will cover some of our most important First Amendment cases and what they mean for the separation of church and state:

- Engel v. Vitale: Prayer in the Schools
- Lemon v. Kurtzman: The Lemon Test for Government Funding of Religion
- Glassroth v. Moore: Religious Symbols in Public Spaces
- Aguillard and Dover: Creationism and Intelligent Design

We will end with a group discussion of “*Manufactured Myth*,” by Mark Weldon Whitten, professor of philosophy at Lone Star College in Texas. We hope that you had a chance to read this article in the February 2009 issue of Church & State Magazine. In it, Prof. Whitten exposes the myth behind the promotion of the United States as a Christian Nation. We hope that you will join in the discussion!

Steph Campbell is a national board member of Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the California State Director for AU as well as the Orange County Chapter President. She is a graduate of the University of Washington with degrees in English and Political Science and has an MBA from Cal State Fullerton. She is a regular speaker on church-state issues for AU and for the ACLU. She works for Apani Networks in Brea as a software project manager developing secure transaction software.

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