



CAPITOL COMMISSION GEORGIA

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Capitol Commission seeks to accomplish the Great Commission in the Capitol communities of the world. As one examines Scripture to learn what God has said concerning the relationship between the church and the state, the primary thought is that the church is called to pray for our president and those in governmental authority (1 Tim 2:1-4). While many things could be prayed on behalf of our elected officials, the context of the passage in 1 Timothy directs one to pray evangelistically for those whom God has placed in authority.

For a leader to believe, however, the message must be declared (Rom 10:12-15). Therefore, the work of Capitol Commission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our state capitols. The work of a Capitol Commission director is also the work of a pastor and a missionary. We desire to come alongside fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to edify and equip them with Bible studies, personal discipleship, prayer, and encouragement (i.e. the work of a pastor). However, for those who are not followers of Christ, we seek to build relationships so that opportunities may arise for the declaration of God's amazing grace.

The Identity of the Ministry

Capitol Commission Georgia is part of a nationwide ministry group currently serving in 18 states. The headquarters of Capitol Commission is located in Raleigh, North Carolina, and the ministry is governed by a national board. The desire of Capitol Commission is to minister in all fifty state capitols, including our nation's Capitol in Washington D.C. and foreign capitols throughout the world. There are several methods for accomplishing the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ in the Capitol communities.

There is a Bible study for legislators and lobbyists in the Capitol building each week during the legislative session. Following the legislative session, there is a Bible study for staff members in the Capitol building each week. The Bible studies are typewritten in complete form, then emailed throughout the Capitol community and hand-delivered to each legislative office.

Various meetings are arranged with elected officials. These may include meetings in their offices, or meals in the state director's home. A number of these meetings occur outside the legislative session in the home districts of the legislators. The meetings allow the opportunity to meet families, friends, pastors, and churches of the elected official.

Capitol Commission sponsors events throughout the year. These may include the annual Pastors' Gathering at the Capitol, receptions, and services to pray for and honor our leaders.

The state director also spends time traveling to build relationships with churches and pastors to help facilitate ministry relationships with their local leaders. State directors speak in church worship services, men's breakfasts, pastor's gatherings, and Sunday School classes for the purposes of informing individuals with regard to the ministry work and how they can become a part of ministering to those whom God has placed in authority over us.

The Support of the Ministry

Capitol Commission Georgia is supported by the generous gifts of businesses, churches, and individuals. Capitol Commission is not a state-funded work; rather, those who have a heart for the soul of the leader fund it.



Ron J. Bigalke accepted God's call to serve as the Georgia state director for Capitol Commission in November 2009, and began making Bible studies available throughout the Capitol community during the second half of the past session. He has more than ten years of experience in numerous discipleship and evangelistic ministries. He has instructed courses for Bible colleges and seminaries, and continues this ministry. His church and leadership experience includes conference speaking, pastoral ministry, pulpit ministry, and youth ministry. Ron is an ordained minister, and is certified in apologetics evangelism. His teaching experience also includes service as a secondary teacher and administrator, in addition to service on several school boards. Ron is a frequent contributor to and editor for various publications. He is also a member of several Christian professional societies. His training includes two pastoral internships, and many years of service through the local church. Dr. Bigalke's formal training includes the following degrees: ABS, BS, MApol, MDiv (honors), MTS, PhD, and a second PhD (ABD).