

Richard Cash, GOP Candidate for 3rd Congressional District

Richard Cash, a businessman from Boyersville, announced his run for Congress before an enthusiastic crowd of over 200 supporters on Saturday, April 18th. He is running for the seat in the third district, which is being vacated by Gresham Barrett. Richard Cash has been an entrepreneur and small business owner for the last 10 years. In 1999 he bought a neighborhood ice cream truck, which he has parlayed into a fleet of 13 yellow and green trucks under the name, Sweet Memories Ice Cream, LLC. He also started and owns a used vehicle business, which has been located on Hwy 153 for the past 5 years.

"Any small business owner knows that his money is at risk each day he opens the doors," says Cash. "The idea that a business can be too big to fail and should be bailed out by the taxpayers goes against the basic principles of free enterprise capitalism. We're rewarding irresponsibility and poor business practices, and that in itself is irresponsible. When you combine the bailouts, President Obama's interference with business, his drive towards socialism in health care, his determination to "green" the economy, and his outlook on funding higher education, it's obvious we're heading into a perfect storm of economic catastrophe."

Richard Cash and his wife, Marcia, have been married for 24 years, and God has blessed them with 8 children. With a wry sense of humor, Cash relates the 13 trucks to his 8 children. "As my family grew and my business grew, it occurred to me that 1 would need one truck to support each kid. For a while there it seemed like a competition there between the number of trucks and the number of kids. But somewhere along the line the number of trucks got completely out of control. Marcia and I tried hard, but we couldn't keep up. It looks like we'll have only the 8 children."

Cash is a 1982 graduate of Furman, with a degree in economics and business. He finished with magna cum laude, and Phi Beta Kappa honors. He is concerned about globalism and the loss of national sovereignty. "In 1981, I studied abroad for a semester, and spent six weeks studying what was then known as the Common Market. It involved the free movement of goods across the borders of European countries. That has now evolved into the European Union, a political entity that is gradually eroding the sovereignty of the nations involved."

Cash continues, making a comparison to the United States. "We're heading down the same road. First NAFTA, and now talk about a North American Union. I'm not into conspiracy theory, but you don't have to be to see the mega-trend. Just read the papers. The idea of a global currency has been floated by the Chinese. Talk of a new world order is commonplace. President Obama just said on his European tour that, 'All nations must come together to build a stronger global regime.'" Cash stales flatly, "I oppose all that. We have ambassadors and a State Department to handle relations with foreign nations. We don't need supranational political entities."

Many readers in the Upstate will remember Richard Cash for his pro-life work with Pastors For Life in the 1990s. Cash says. "I organized the first Life Chain in Greenville, with more than 5,000 participants from over 100 churches. For seven years, I helped pastors and churches, raising pro-life awareness, and organizing and coordinating various pro-life activities. Pastors For Life also purchased a building for a crisis pregnancy center next to the abortion clinic on Laurens Rd., and

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that abortion clinics eventually closed down. We thank God for that, what a happy day."

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Richard and Marcia home-school their children, using a Classical Christian approach. "It's working," says Cash. "Marcia has done a great job." The oldest child, Laura, is in the honors college at USC, studying nursing. The oldest son, Colby, has been accepted in to the honors college at Clemson, with plans to study engineering. "For my part, I've been building a home school sports program for the last seven years. With a lot of help, we now have 11 teams playing basketball, soccer, and volleyball. I love competitive athletics. I'm kind of the ultimate sports dad."

Richard Cash believes that "America must turn back to God." He says, "It's a simple, but profound truth. For a generation, we've been turning away from God and the Christian foundations of our nation. We've rejected the moral absolutes taught in the Bible, and we've allowed the Supreme Court to drive God out of the public square." Cash concludes. "The result is what I call secular hedonism. No reference to God, Jesus, or the Bible allowed in the public forum. Everyone does what is right in his own eyes, which has led to the moral anarchy we're now experiencing.

"The issues of socialism and globalism are crucial," says Cash, "but the last issue I've mentioned is of first importance. Turning back to God is not an option, it's the hope and future of America." Richard Cash can be reached at his website, SendRichardCash.com.