



FFRF 'fool me once' campaign targets Rapture madness

FFRF was not enraptured over Pastor Harold Camping's prediction that (once again) the world would end Oct 21. In its "fool me once" campaign, FFRF erected 40 small educational billboards throughout Oakland, Calif., home base of Camping's Family Radio. FFRF encouraged onlookers to use their judgment not just to reject Camping's irresponsible predicts of "Judgment Day," but all unsubstantiated religious claims.

FFRF's message is instead of worrying about the unknown and unknowable and wasting time, money and energy speculating over the nonexistent: "Make this world better."

A number of Camping's Family Radio followers quit their jobs and even spent their savings to help in his \$100 million campaign, which included placing 2,000 billboards around the U.S. last spring warning of "Judgment Day" May 21. We're still here!

'Clean money' — minus 'In God We Trust' — dispels myths



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Drawing the winners at the Oct. 8 "clean money" raffle at the FFRF convention are (left) FFRF staffers Melanie Knier and Katie Stenz, student Taylor Myers, staffer Katie Daniel and students Connie Ward and Alice Obar.

FFRF warmly thanks Taylor, Connie and Alice — all students at Mount Holyoke — for staffing book tables at the conference. Thanks also to volunteers Luther Weeks and Kevin and Paula Gough for additional convention help.

More convention photographs can be found on pages 10–15. A slideshow of hundreds of convention photos is online:

ffrf.org/outreach/convention/past-conventions/

And the winners are . . .

In order of denomination (not in seating order), winners of the drawing for "clean money" at the 34th annual FFRF convention are: \$1 — Rosalyn Berger, Florida, and Michele Tucker, Maryland (both god-free bills donated by Patricia Karn, Washington); \$2 — Joseph Wilkins, Illinois, and Alice Bennett, Indiana; \$5 — Victoria Usher, Connecticut (donated by the late Irving Kasow, Nevada); \$10 — Todd Peissig, Wisconsin, (donated by Craig Thomson, Pennsylvania); \$20 — Marty Stone, Georgia (donated by Bruce Lowerre, Florida); and two \$100 grand prize winners — Mike Barrows, New York, and Rosalyn Berger, Florida (one bill donated by Robert Newbegin, Wisconsin, and the other by Judy Simons, Arizona).