

## PHIL BURRESS

### A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



Phil Burress has been a part of Citizens for Community Values since its inception in 1983. He held the positions of Assistant to the President and Treasurer and served as a member of the Board of Directors before accepting the position of President in 1991. He has served in that capacity continuously since that time.

Prior to devoting himself full-time to pro-family ministry, Phil's employment background was varied. In each position held, skills were being developed that eventually would enable him to be more effective in his role as champion of family values.

His management, administrative and people skills were developed in part as a long-distance, over-the-road truck driver, as an adjunct instructor at Cincinnati State College and as the independent owner of his own landscaping and irrigation company. For five years Phil served as district chairman for

the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks. The skills that he developed there as a union negotiator and organizer definitely have been put to use in establishing working relationships with prosecutors, politicians and law enforcement officials.

An avid golfer, Phil also has found time to design and construct golf courses and still serves as a panelist rating golf courses for *Golf Digest* magazine.

Phil's effectiveness at CCV has brought him national recognition as a leader in the fight to establish high community standards. He has been the recipient of a national award from the Religious Alliance Against Pornography, the Washington Times Foundation National Service Award, and an award from the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families.

Additionally, Phil's reputation has placed him in demand as a board member and organizer of numerous other pro-family efforts. He has served as a trustee on the Clermont County Library Board for six years and as chairman of Cincinnati's Equal Rights NO Special Rights organization. In 2004, he served as chairman of the Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage, the organization that led the campaign that resulted in amending Ohio's constitution to confirm the truth of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Currently he is Coordinator of the Ohio Pro-Family Forum, and two National Pro-Family Forums; is a member of the Arlington Group, a coalition of pro-family leaders formed to coordinate efforts to promote a Federal Marriage Amendment; and serves on the board of Exodus International.

His knowledge of the pro-family issues and his robust enthusiasm have led Phil to hundreds of appearances on talk shows including *World News Tonight*, *Larry King Live*, *MSNBC*, *Good Morning America* and *CNBC*, *Fox News*, *Court-TV* and appeared in major publications such as *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *LA Times*, *Time Magazine*, *World Magazine* and *USA Today*.

Phil's wife, Vickie, also is a recognized leader in the pro-family arena and currently serves as the National Coordinator of the Victims of Pornography campaign. Together, Phil and Vickie have presented seminars across the country to assist communities in grassroots efforts to stop the harmful effects of pornography, sexually oriented businesses, material harmful to children, and the homosexual agenda.