

Under photo: Rebecca Martin and Yvonne Birdie Clark owns the Christian Theatre NarroWay in Fort Mill in the Bible belt. Photos: Anne Hollande.

## **Voices God at Trump, Cruz, Rubio or Bush?**

**Primaries: a divine, well-oiled entertainment industry keeps God's children on the right path in the Bible belt in South Carolina. But millions of Christian Americans fear that there must be more than a presidential election to save super power from that plunge into the abyss of sin.**

Rebecca Martin was on her way by car to a recording studio to record Christian music when she got a revelation. God spoke directly to her and asked her to create a Christian theatre and call it for NarroWay Productions after a passage in the Gospel of Matthew to go through the narrow gate to God. Now, 20 years later, she stands on the stage in his theater and welcomes you to a Wild West Barbecue Mystery Dinner Show, where the audience eating pulled pork and banana pudding, before actively participating in solving the mystery of who in Stinkeby has abducted one-eyed Charlie's prize pig. Because of Valentine's day is it humoristic family show one of the year's few non-religious conceptions in NarroWay. With Big Daddy's Fireworks outlets as a neighbour in an industrial neighborhood in Fort Mill, South Carolina has the theatre teamed up on being a Christian response to New York's Broadway. The mission is to bring Christian theater performances to devout Americans.

Entertainment is in the process of changing the world. It is our vocation to use entertainment to show a moral path and to give people a Christian option, ' says Rebecca Martin. Churches for everyone she met her co-director, Yvonne Birdie Clark, on a University of Tennessee. Birdie was a bit of a rebel, but after repeated attempts got Rebecca shown her way to God. Together they have two page written and directed several performances as Samson, The Cross and the Lord of Life. It is different than the one in entertainment these days can see on tv in South Carolina. After Iowa and New Hampshire is the U.S. presidential election this week has moved to sydstaten, located in the so-called Bible belt. It extends from the southern States in the East and the West to parts of the Midwest and Texas and is populated with fødtigen-Christians.

Churches of all sizes from megakirker to small family churches are scattered across the landscape. Every conceivable Christian direction has a home here in the stronghold of conservative values and for America's Christian right wing, no hopeful presidential candidate can afford to ignore. Candidates slams each other down in tv commercials, hoping to appeal to voters as the 35-year-old Angela Fluck, who took her husband and the couple's three children with the Wild West show in the theatre. She included even on the staff of 425 volunteers and unpaid actors who would like to contribute to a Christian project. Christian values are the guiding star for the family, finds her three year older husband, Rick, who is a priest, and it rubs off on the choice of presidential candidate. » I feel committed to God first and foremost, to find the candidate who stands so close to the Bible as possible, and not to think about who has the biggest chances to win. I haven't decided, "he said.

### God still controls

The Christian audience fears that the United States has set the course for sin and abyss, and that two presidential periods under the ' left-wing ' Barack Obama only has catalysed process.» I would like to have the United States back on morality right path. Once upon a time not so long ago had young not sex before marriage. Now people almost proud of having children outside of marriage, and we allow abortions and gay marriage. We are out of a total moral decay, "says the 60-year-old Keith Owens from Ashville. As a retired FBI agent with five years of posting in Turkey after the terrorist attack against the United States on 11 September 2001. September 2001 he is also concerned with national security and is scared of the idea of Donald Trump in the role of Commander-in-Chief. Generally he suspects all the candidates to say anything to get elected, so he would ask God for advice, before he is going to vote Saturday. He has confidence that God is in control.

## No sex before marriage

Another guest, Steven Cain, has two daughters at 17 and 22 years. Both still go in Sunday school and is brought up to live according to Christian values. The 49-year-old chartered surveyor has isolated her daughters from alcohol and other bad habits. Or, as he says, he has raised them to behave as "ladies" and spare themselves until marriage. The oldest was married last year. Cain wavers between the voice of Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio. He fears success for Trump because he ' probably will throw the United States into all sorts of wars '. Only a few are talking about Jeb Bush, although the former favorite Monday night drove the heavy artillery in position in North Charleston, as George w. Bush in a both funny and sharp speech supported his little brother and swipe at Donald Trump by saying that the strongest candidate is not the most vociferous man in space, but the most sensible and most thoughtful.

Almost all that Jyllands-Posten talks to in the theater, is sceptical about the politically incorrect real estate mogul and reality tv star, but it is hardly typical of all voters. According to the latest polls is Trump on the way to another convincing victory, and he leads in South Carolina with 10 per cent ahead of Ted Cruz in the Group of Evangelical Christians, who make up a majority of 60 percent of Republican voters in sydstaten. One of the perhaps most atypical Trump-support is the black pastor and television preacher Mark Burns. Other acclaimed in a speech in front of a wealthy priests he assembled for Faith Forum in South Carolina. Burns, who calls abortion supporters for ' baby killers ', pays homage to Trump to say things as they are, and to enter in order to ban gay marriage. After the speech, he was messed up by other blacks, who called him a traitor and other derogatory words like ' house negro ' and ' coon '. But Burns doesn't care. He believes that Democrats have maintained the Us black population in poverty. They have caught blacks in a welfare trap and made them dependent on public support, which has deprived them of their initiative.

"Trump is neither racist or bigoted. He has said things that could be misunderstood, and he has made mistakes, but it is in even the grace of God that he forgive people who have failed, "said Burns, referring to the fact that the Trump for over 10 years ago switched position from that accept abortion to be abortion opponent. Together with his wife, Lady T (for Tomarra, ed.), has brought together children from 13 four Pastor for 19 years and common twins at 10. The couple owns the distribution company The Now Network, with four full-time and two part-time employees emits Christian sermons and broadcasts on the Internet and on television to potentially 13 million. households from the headquarters in a detached house in the city of Easley. It is unclear how many there actually are watching the broadcasts.

The 36-year-old Burns began his own American dream, when he as 21-year-old got a revelation by watching a tvreklame from the sports company Nike. The company's slogan ' just do it ' caused him to decide to take a university degree as a businessman. He had dropped out of high school, because he made a girl pregnant and became a father as a teenager. Since Vigeland himself through and worked in odd jobs as a laborer or security guard. With training in hand he founded the Church of The Harvest Praise and Worship Center, until a year ago he opened his television company.

## Waiting for Jesus

Burns came to know Trump as a wealthy invited a number of black clergy to New York hoping to get their total support. It failed, but he got Burns ' support and confidentiality. According to the Reverend has Trump listened to his personal advice to stop using so many ugly words, which have outraged many Christians. Businessman called agree with many priests in, says Pastor, that religious freedom is under attack in the United States on all issues from the right to pray in schools to a pressure on priests to consecrate gay. ' People in the United States are now afraid to say "merry christmas", although the United States is built on a Christian Foundation. I believe that faith should play a big role for our next President. How do we know that murder and homosexuality are forbidden? It says in the Bible, "he says. With a new reference to the Bible's pastor, convinced that the Christians will lose the war on morality. The world will sink into sin, until the happy ending, when Jesus will return one day.

It can most in the Bible belt agree. It may therefore be said to be a pretty sure winner when the two black evangelists E.J. and Ruth Hicks in a newly purchased bus will run through all 50 States up to the presidential election in November to urge to vote for Jesus. Or second-best on the candidate who best represents the Savior. The couple, who lived in Germany for 27 years and founded a church there, today also produces hårcreme for women with Afro. E. j. 's calculation is that if all U.S. evangelicals show up to vote in the presidential election instead of being at home on the couch, it can still manage to save the nation.

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The South Carolina POLL N Trump: 36%

N Cruz: 19%

N Rubio: 15%

N Bush: 11%

N Kasich: 9%

N Carson: 5% N

Not decided: 5%

Trump WINS in all age groups except the youngest from 18-29 years. Here WINS Rubio with 7 per cent. In the Group of Evangelical voters lead Trump with 10 per cent of Cruz. Source: Opinion Savvy Poll for the Augusta Chronicle, Morris News and FOX 5.

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Top Left (non-NarroWay): The black pastor Mark Burns support Donald Trump. Together with his wife, Lady T, he has created a company for Christian preachers.

Top right: On the occasion of Valentine's day listed the Christian Theatre a Wild West show with several games for the audience.

Bottom left (guy in western hat): For former FBI agent Keith Owens is religion and national security the most important thing when he must choose a President.

Bottom Right (family): Fluck family of five is the Bible for the decisive guiding star in all of life's questions.