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Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!*
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!
 For His mercy *endures* forever.
 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!
 For His mercy *endures* forever.

– Psalm 136:1-3

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!



pro life. pro marriage. pro family.

from the **Executive Director — David E. Smith**



Recently I came across a story about François Fénelon, the 17th century court preacher for King Louis XIV of France. As the story goes, one Sunday the king and his attendants arrived at the chapel for a regular service, only to find no one there but the preacher. King Louis asked Fénelon, “What does this mean?” He replied, “I spread the word that you would not be attending church today, in order that your Majesty might see who serves God in truth and who is just here to flatter the king.”

The problem exposed by Fénelon in the late 1600s is still a problem in the 21st century – many people skip church for the wrong reasons, just as many people attend church with the wrong motives. Thankfully, the Bible does not leave us uninformed as to the purpose and centrality of the local church: **the local church exists for God and for His glory.**

When we understand this truth, we see that God’s glory, not the needs of saved or unsaved people, must be the ultimate determining factor for everything that we do.

As a local church, we glorify God through corporate worship and prayer; by serving, edifying, and holding one another accountable; and through the preaching of His Word and the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. All of these actions are vital and, when done in spirit and truth, produce the sweet fragrance of obedience that glorifies and pleases our Holy God.

If we believe that the local church was founded by God for His purposes and His glory, we will see no need to redefine it according to our own selfish desires or alter it to conform to the patterns of this world. Rather, we will want to learn how God has defined it and walk in obedience to His design, trusting that He will use it for our good.

All to the *glory* of God!

In considering God’s intent for the local church, I was prompted to reach out to some of my theologian friends to discover their views regarding the importance of local church fellowship. Here are a few of their responses:

Scott Phelps, Executive Director at Abstinence & Marriage Education Partnership, cited Hebrews 3:13 *But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.* Scott commented, “I take quite seriously this description of sin as deceitful and its ability to ‘harden’ me. We are less likely to be deceived by sin when we are in regular fellowship with others who take seriously their role to ‘exhort’ me regarding the sin in my life.”

Rev. Thorin Anderson, pastor of Parkwood Baptist Church in Chicago, offered this perspective: “It is virtually impossible for a Christian to stand faithfully for Christ without the support of other Christians. We simply need each other. Also, we need accountability. And there is no accountability in a universal church. In order to hold people accountable, you must have the ability to remove them from membership, which is what church discipline is about. And it is impossible to discipline someone out of a universal church. For these and other reasons, every Christian, to be faithful to Christ, must be a part of the local church.”

Pastor Myles Holmes, lead pastor of REVIVE Assembly of God in Collinsville, referenced Hebrews 13:17 *Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account.* He explained, “The Bible makes it clear that we must have spiritual leaders. There’s a much better chance you’ll find a

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When Equality is Tyrannical

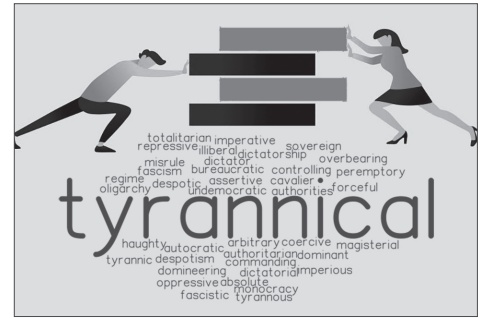
Over the past two years there has been much talk about protecting women's sports, but a major federal-level bill that has sparked some of these conversations threatens to strip Americans of religious protections. The bill is misleadingly called The Equality Act. If enacted The Equality Act will not only allow biological men who identify as women to compete in women's sports, but it will also usurp parental rights and diminish religious freedom — parents will be denied the right to approve or disapprove of sex-change medications and procedures for their children, men will be allowed to use women's restrooms, adoption agencies will not be allowed to decline same-sex couples adoption for religious reasons, and much, much more.

Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council, said this, "It would position the government to lord over churches and other faith-based institutions, dictating potentially who they hire, how their facilities are used, and even punishing them for not falling in step with

a view of human sexuality that directly contradicts orthodox biblical teaching. "No institution or person of faith, be it school, church, synagogues, mosque, business, or non-profit will escape the Orwellian reach of the Equality Act.

Simply put, the Equality Act isn't about equality at all. It's about pushing a Left-wing agenda on free people and forcing us all to accept (if not celebrate) sexual immorality while our constitutionally protected religious freedom is trampled in the rush to normalize deviancy - and enforced with the heavy hand of the federal government. Essentially every area of our culture and lives would be, in some way, touched by this draconian law. The bill (H.R. 5) is co-sponsored by all 13 Illinois Congressional Democrats and is written with no religious exemptions. Legal experts at ADF and Liberty Counsel warn us that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act won't provide any protection either.

Words have meanings, but today words often have new meanings and in the case of the horribly misnamed Equality



Act, equality means something entirely different for those pushing this big government, liberty-robbing bill. What could possibly be wrong with a bill that is all about equality? Turns out, a whole lot can be wrong — very wrong, indeed.

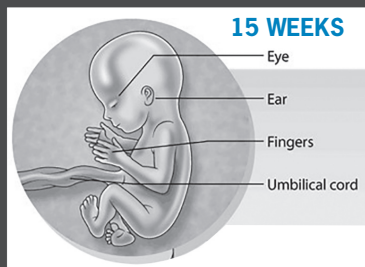
>>>> TAKE ACTION:

This onerous bill already passed the U.S. House of Representatives on February 25th by a vote of 224 to 206. We are concerned that the U.S. Senate may try to pass this bill before the November 8, 2022 General Election. So please, send a message to our U.S. Senators **Dick Durbin** and **Tammy Duckworth** to urge them to **OPPOSE the federal Equality Act (H.R. 5)**. ❄️

PLEASE PRAY!

The U.S. Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* case. This Mississippi law protects the health of pregnant mothers, the dignity of unborn children, and the integrity of the medical profession by limiting abortions after 15 weeks in gestational age.

Pray that the Court upholds this abortion regulation and upends *Roe v. Wade*, freeing states to enact abortion laws based on the wishes and values of their citizens, most of whom oppose abortion. ❄️



You're Always There for Me



When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.
You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

— By Joanna Fuchs

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17 Attorneys General Take a Stand to Protect Kids

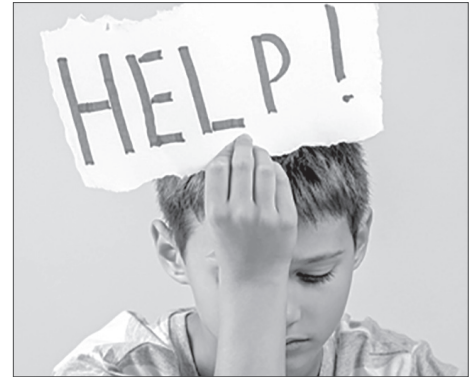
Over the summer the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health was named as the inaugural site for the national LGBTQ+ health care fellowship program. According to Dr. **Elizabeth Petty**, senior associate dean for academic affairs at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, the ultimate goal of the program is to ensure that all LGBTQ+ patients receive the highest standards of care. While this is, in many ways, discouraging and heart-wrenching news, there is real tangible hope that not all elected officials agree with the rapid expansion of LGBTQ+ initiatives.

Michael Faust, writing for Christian Headlines reported that, "A coalition of 17 state attorneys general is defending a new Arkansas law that prohibits gender transition procedures for children, saying in a court filing this week it is the job of states to protect children from a medical community that has 'abandoned' its responsibility to politics."

We applaud these Attorneys General for stewarding their position as elected officials well, but lament the fact that Illinois' Attorney General has failed to step up to protect minors. This is a great example of the power of an elected office. Courts pay attention when a coalition of attorneys general speaks. Illinois is not part of this coalition because our attorney general has bought heavily into the LGBTQ+ agenda, reminding us that elections matter.

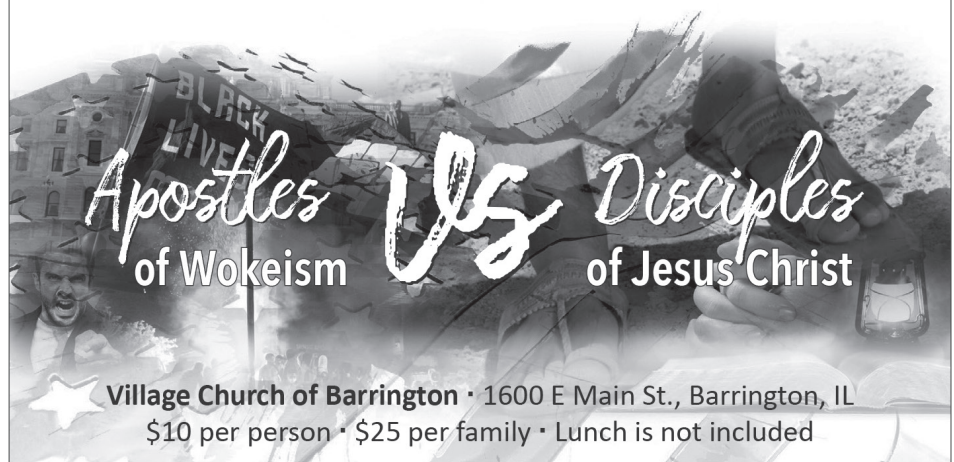
So what do we do now? Three things; first, we intentionally teach our children

how God created us as biologically male and female for a purpose — and He calls both very good. Secondly, we look forward to the next election and deliberately cast votes for those who will fight for the values we would like to uphold. And third, faithfully pray for our elected officials. God is able to change hearts and minds. We need His Spirit to move through Springfield and communities statewide, and we should avail ourselves to prayer as often as possible. ❄️



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Dr. Everett Piper

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George Barna

Founder of the Barna Research Group, currently serves as the Executive Director of the American Culture and Faith Institute, and is President of Metaformation, a faith development organization.



Dr. Rob Rienow

Founder of Visionary Family Ministries, has served as a pastor, church planter, and is the author of numerous books including, *Reclaiming the Sufficiency of Scripture*.



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"When a gender-dysphoric boy demands to use girls' facilities, he is at once acknowledging the importance of privacy and modesty, which derive from physical embodiment (i.e., maleness or femaleness), and at the same time and incoherently denying the importance of privacy and modesty for the girls whose privacy he seeks to invade."

— **Laurie Higgins**

Changes in Family Showing a Partisan and Religious Divide

Written by Micah Clark

If you consider how closely politics and values have become interwoven, it may not surprise you to learn that there is a growing divide in family formation along political and religious lines. A new report from the Institute for Family Studies called *Historic Trends in Childlessness and Marriage* has the following highlights.



- “When it comes to partisanship, there has been a persistently growing divide in marriage and childbearing between Democrats and Republicans. Over time, Democrats are getting married later and less, and have become less likely to have children. Republicans, on the other hand, have seen their marriage and childbearing rates remain largely stable.”
- “Republicans had more positive desires for marriage and childbearing as a result of COVID than Democrats. [My comment: COVID-19 has caused Republicans to lean more into the value of family. Covid has made Democrats more fearful of family.] The events of the last 18 months have motivated partisans on both sides to lean into their prior social models more heavily: Republicans by becoming even more familistic and marriage-minded, Democrats by becoming more cautious about embarking on these life decisions.”
- “Turning to religion, there is evidence of a similar intensification of pre-existing trends. For decades, there have been large differences in marriage and childbearing behavior between Americans with different religious behaviors, with those differences growing larger recently. More religious people get married earlier and are more likely to have ever been married later in life. They also tend to have more children. In the 1970s and 1980s, these differences were much smaller than they have been since 2000. Our survey indicates these differences are likely to get even larger, as religious people respond to the challenges of the last 18 months by doubling down on the stable-in-times-of-chaos bonds of marriage and family, even as more secular Americans usually see chaotic times as bad times to start a marriage or family. Thus COVID-19 likely intensified family differences between religious and political groups that have been growing in recent decades.” ❄️

Changes in General Assembly Schedule

The 2022 legislative session will end earlier with more days in session during the week. They have adjournment scheduled for April 18th instead of May 31st.

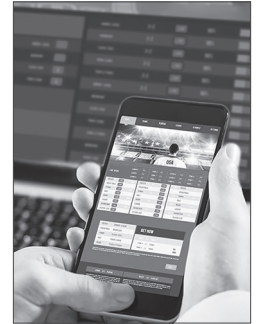
The reason for the early adjournment is that the **2022 Primary is on June 28th**, not the 2nd Tuesday in March. This is due to the fact that the new General Assembly maps are currently being litigated before federal judges and the congressional district maps were not approved until October 28th.

Pray for a slow start in 2022 to keep Chicago Dems from pushing their agenda. ❄️



Gambling is NOT Pro-Family

On May 14, 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision to legalize sports gambling (*Murphy, Governor of New Jersey, v. National Collegiate Athletic Association*). Specifically, the Court struck down as unconstitutional certain components of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) — a 1992 federal law that barred most states from allowing sports gambling.



In response, the Illinois General Assembly legalized sports betting in 2019. And in the recent Veto Session in October they approved an amendment to allow for businesses with a sports betting license to legally be allowed to take a bet on an Illinois college team, so long as the bet is placed in person at a betting facility rather than online.

According to *The Center Square* online newspaper, “the Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability said people are spending as much as \$12.9 million a day on sports wagers, both online and in-person.”

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Much too often gambling is not a harmless form of entertainment. One group that will be especially vulnerable to this current expansion of gambling is college students. (Technically, the legal age for casino gambling is 21.) Research shows that this group tends to have higher rates of problem gambling than the general population.

This is important because for many people, gambling is a zero-sum game, as they are sucked into financial ruin and more by the fantastical idea of a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Financial ruin and the addiction lead to the destruction of marriages and families, crimes to feed the gambling habit, additional addictions, and too often suicide.

Gambling policy is **NOT** pro-family. ❄️

from the **Executive Director — David E. Smith**

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godly spiritual leader in church than at the bar or the gym or the grocery store or the golf club.”

Pastor James Pittman, pastor of New Hope Community



Church in Palatine responded, “Christianity is not a mental exercise played out in the mind, but a heart exercise that can only be played out within the body of Christ.”

Pastor Stan Pratt, from Way of Life Church in Taylorville,



stated “We are one body. As iron sharpens iron, our fellowship increases our discernment and the revelation of Christ as we live face-to-face with those of like precious faith.”

As evidenced by the thoughtful comments of these godly men and wisdom of Holy Scripture, our involvement in the local church is not only vitally important, but also a biblical duty that ought not to be lightly set aside.

What stands out to me in the previously mentioned verses from Hebrews – as well as this passage from Hebrews 10:24-25: *... and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near* – is that serious disciples of Jesus Christ gathered. We should continue to gather even today to intentionally motivate each other toward love and good deeds and to encourage each other in faith.

In today's culture it is far too easy to become discouraged by what we see in the world around us, especially the flagrant embrace of sin and selfishness. High levels of apathy, cowardice, and unfaithfulness abound almost everywhere. But greater is He Who is in us, than he who is in the world! God wants to work through us and He wants us to work together. And, dare I say it, He wants us to work together side by side, hand in hand, and face-to-face!

So, if we want to glorify God, we must be committed to the people and ministry of the local church. The author of Hebrews describes a situation where some Christ followers had stopped gathering with other believers. We don't know why this was happening, but we do know that their absence meant they were

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not worshipping and praying together, and they also were not exercising accountability or encouraging and exhorting one another.

This biblical account should be a warning to us. We cannot let *nonessential* activities crowd out our fellowship and worship. One of the greatest tragedies of the modern era is that many church attendees treat participation with their local church much as they view the weekly shopping trip to the grocery store: get in, get out, and don't give it another thought until the pantry and fridge need to be replenished.

The truth is, Sunday morning worship services are important, not only because we need a structured opportunity to praise God and hear His Word proclaimed, but also because our presence encourages others and builds them up. When we come to worship, we are able to celebrate the victories God has given to others and we can use our spiritual gifts to serve and lift up those around us by sharing a kind word, a hug, or even an opportunity to share a meal together.

Moreover, as **Pastor Calvin Lindstrom** of Church of



Christian Liberty in Arlington Heights pointed out, our Sunday gatherings are a picture of the ultimate Day of the Lord – the glorious Day of Christ's triumphant return.

As that day approaches, I pray we will all see the importance of our local fellowship and the significance of encouraging each other as often as possible, stirring each other up to love, which the Apostle Paul identifies in 1 Corinthians 13 as the most important fruit of the Spirit.

Let us take our commitment to our local church to the next level and intentionally look for ways to encourage, exhort, stir up, and spur on one another in love, **all to the glory of God!** ❄️

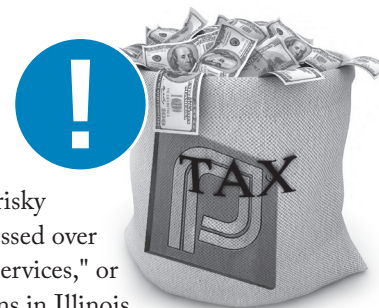
Taxpayer-Funded Organization Now Providing Cross-Sex Hormones

Did you know that **Planned Parenthood** (PP) of Illinois is not only the largest abortion-proving business in the state but is also now heavily involved in providing "gender-affirming" hormones to gender-dysphoric patients?

PP now provides cross-sex hormones and "psycho-social support services" to enable gender-confused patients to conceal their biological sex. The same organization that performs the vast majority of abortions in our state and provides inappropriate sex "education" to minors receives millions of our tax dollars to

provide cross-sex hormones that have life-altering, irreversible, and risky effects. These "services" can be accessed over the Internet via their "Telehealth Services," or in person at one of their 17 locations in Illinois.

Instead of helping those who are confused or are feeling uncomfortable in their own bodies, PP encourages and facilitates dangerous, controversial, and untested "treatments" for gender dysphoria. ❄️



It Took Far Too Long. But it is Finally Happening!

Written by David E. Smith

Parents are rebelling against government efforts to indoctrinate their children! Illinois Family Institute has been a lonely voice on this for decades. But praise God, the issue is finally breaking through. Unfortunately, thanks to super majorities of Democrats in the Illinois General Assembly, tone deaf lawmakers ignored the fact that 72 percent of Illinoisians wanted to uphold the Parental Notice of Abortion law and repealed this important safeguard. We pray that many of these radical pro-abortion activists will be held accountable and face serious challenges from pro-life candidates in the 2022 election.

These same lawmakers passed a radical "comprehensive" sex education mandate that will now be taught to children as young as five years-old. If those two bills weren't bad enough, our state lawmakers also approved legislation this year to place female hygiene products in BOYS bathrooms in schools state wide. This is in addition to a 2019 mandate passed to teach LGBT history in public schools.

The Leftist push to create apostles of wokeism couldn't be more evident than it is today.

This year IFI launched the first-ever state based effort to **"rescue our children."** When we first began planning, the task seemed daunting. Yet the board of directors and staff were unanimous in identifying government schools as the number one enemy of our faith and families. After much prayer and planning, the IFI Team decided to affiliate with a national group called **Public School Exit** in order to amplify the message: "get your kids out of government schools." We can no longer ignore the fact that our schools have become indoctrination centers.

But more than that, we need to understand that our children are part of a massive mission field — a mission field that has been neglected. They demand our utmost attention and our highest priority. Too many children in our families, in our churches, and in our communities are being disciplined in ways that are contrary



to what the Bible teaches. This cannot continue. We must get them out of government schools and focus on passing on our faith to our own children. (Mark 8:36; Prov. 17:24)

So IFI sounded the alarm by holding church leader events in regions across the state, running radio ads, sending out email blasts and posting articles and memes on social media... and the response was amazing. Parents, grandparents, pastors and retired teachers are recognizing the

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urgency of this initiative and responding to our call by pulling their children out of government schools! We cannot take full credit for these developments. The COVID-19 lockdowns and vaccine and mask mandates have been a source of great frustration for many families. It was the perfect storm. Our encouragement may or may not have been the nudge that they needed to seek alternative educational opportunities, but the timing couldn't have been better.

Let's face it, the culmination of the Left's overt godless brainwashing is wide-ranging, and includes Critical Race Theory, climate change, Black Lives Matter, an LGBT history mandate, Drag Queen Story Hour, hate-America history lessons, pro-socialism, pro-Sharia courses, not to mention Common Core math, etc.

It is bad enough that children are failing to meet proficiency standards in English Language Arts, Math, and Science, but far too much school time is now spent on social engineering, humanistic training, sexual immorality, revisionist history and other godless subject matters.

Your generosity enabled us to hire Rev. **Cesar LeFlore** to head up this initiative, and we have since brought on two part time employees to continue doing this work of contacting pastors and presenting to them the various educational opportunities they have to rescue their children. There is significant interest, but our resources are limited.



Being a voice for Illinois families, meeting with church leaders and policymakers to shine a light on these issues — we can't do it without you!

We have big plans for 2022. This initiative will continue to be front and center and with additional staff on board we hope to see more of our children enrolled in good Christian schools, co-ops, or being home educated.

While our state lawmakers work to diminish parental rights, IFI is working hard to encourage parents and grandparents to exercise their rights to educational choice. We want to do everything we can to help parents seize this moment to better protect their children from godless training and worldviews. ❄️

Spiraling Energy Prices Are Deadly to the Poor

CBN News reported on October 21st, “Experts are forecasting that the cost for heating oil could rise more than 40%, natural gas could shoot up 30%, propane, 54% and electricity, 6%. If it’s a bad winter, prices could go even higher, with propane costs doubling.”

Cornwall Alliance Board Member Dr. David Black, Director of 2nd Vote Advisers, an investment firm, and Founder of 2ndVote.com, which rates corporations on the morality of their charitable giving, said in response to the news:

The attack on fossil fuels will lead to increased costs for all consumer items, since products must be transported to brick-and-mortar stores or delivered via FedEx, Amazon, et al., and because petroleum extracts are used as an ingredient in so many commercial products. Sadly, the lowest on the economic ladder will be harmed the most.



Historically high home heating costs have resulted in the poor trying to use kerosene space heaters, home gas ovens, or other devices to heat their homes, often with the tragedy of house fires or carbon monoxide related deaths.

The energy policies advanced by the current White House administration are not just foolish, but deadly.

Our 2ndVote research has shown over the years that these days would come if we continued on the socialist/Marxist path promoted by the extreme left (and now dominating the Democrat party). What has been unexpected is how quickly after the last Presidential election cycle these policies have been implemented and how much harm has been done so quickly. The worst is yet to come.

The Cornwall Alliance is at the forefront of efforts to expose the fallacious science behind fears of catastrophic climate change, the injustice of government policies to substitute unreliable, expensive, grid-destabilizing wind and solar power for reliable, affordable fossil fuels, and the harm such policies will do to the poor. Please check them out: cornwallalliance.org. ❄️



2021 End-of-Year Matching Campaign!



The month of December is the kickoff for IFI's **End-of-Year Matching Campaign.**

Please visit the IFI website (illinoisfamily.org) regularly throughout the month of December to see what kind of matching challenge will be issued this year. We have been blessed to have a group of generous benefactors help us in the past, and we hope and pray that we can do it again this year!

We need to have a successful year-end for many reasons. Most immediately, we need the resources to respond to the avalanche of requests we are getting from Illinois parents and pastors asking for IFI's help.

Can you help by making our year-end campaign a success?

Please know how grateful we are to all of you who have made IFI's work possible these many years, up to and including this appeal. We have so much to tell you and we promise we will get to all of it over these next few weeks and into the New Year.

For now, thank you! And God bless you for helping to make our **2021 End-of-Year Matching Campaign** a success. Help us to fight for Truth in the public square of Illinois where our children and grandchildren will be raised. May we be diligent to pass on our faith, not the state's wokeism. Thank you again for your support! ❄️

We Love God's Truth

As Christmas and the New Year approach, we have many reasons to be grateful. For Illinois' leading pro-family organization, 2020 was a time of challenges, but also of clarity. 2020 will be remembered for our resolve to do the hard things and focus on what really matters.

More than ever, IFI is recognized by friends and foes as not just the leading force for traditional values at our state legislature, in our communities, and throughout our culture in the Land of Lincoln, but as almost the only voice still standing up for unfashionable



truths — unwilling to bow to the idols of our day! We are committed to the work before us. We will not compromise or capitulate to the culture. We love God's Truth too much to go soft. Plus, we want to leave a legacy of blessing to our children and grandchildren.

At this time of year, when we normally raise one-third of our annual budget, please prayerfully consider helping us with a donation to enable us to continue to stand strong. ❄️

Prayer Requests . . .

It seems like the dark powers of evil are taking over. It's difficult to tolerate what we read in the news lately and what those in positions of power and authority seek to do to transform America.

But as believers in the God of the Bible, we have every reason to be filled with great hope, anticipation, and joy. Why? Because He is greater. We must remember that God is still more powerful than anyone or anything in, above, or below this earth.

As we look at our prayer lists, let's approach God's throne with great confidence, because Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us ..." God has the ability to turn things around. Yet, if He doesn't act in the way we would like, we have to trust that His plan is best... because it is.



Please Pray . . .

Psalm 40:4

Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust,
And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Pray for the Sanctity of Life:

▪ **ABORTION:** Pray that the shedding of innocent blood would not increase despite President Biden's plans to expand abortion both in the U.S. and other countries. Pray that mother's love would compel them to choose life and that the hearts of fathers would turn to their children.

▪ **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:** Pray that parents and grandparents would not neglect the important duty of fostering intimate relationships with their children and grandchildren; teaching them the value of sexual abstinence until marriage and God's standard of monogamy thereafter; and the dangers of the birth control pill and sexual activities outside the boundaries of marriage.

▪ **PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS:** Pray that those in an unexpected pregnancy would seek help and counsel and choose to do what's right for their child and not what's convenient for themselves. Pray that the women who are being manipulated into an abortion would find a way to escape.

Pray for Families:

▪ **STUDENT WELFARE:** Pray that God would make a way for parents to remove their children from government schools that are intent on instilling godless radical ideologies into their impressionable young minds. Children are being sexualized beginning in kindergarten, taught positively about homosexuality and cross-sex impersonation. In addition, Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project and the infusion of BLM activism are being brought into the classroom. Indoctrinating children with godless lies is so

serious that Jesus said it would be better for a person to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the sea than to cause the children to sin (Matt. 18: 6).

▪ **PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS:** Pray that both parents and grandparents would pool resources and do whatever they can to provide a way for their children and grandchildren to escape the radical extremism in government schools to follow Proverbs 22:6.

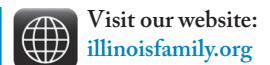
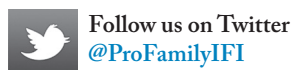
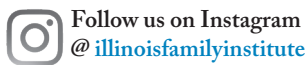
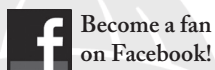
▪ **FAMILIES AS SALT AND LIGHT:** Pray that families who profess to know Jesus would spend more time discipling their children and raising them to fear the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom. Children are a blessing from God and our greatest treasure on earth. We must treat them as such.

Pray for Pastors and Local Churches:

▪ **WISDOM:** Pray that God pours down wisdom and discernment on church leaders and pastors as they shepherd their flock according to His perfect will. Pray for guidance in preaching and teaching the full Counsel of the Lord. Pray for a spirit of humility as they serve others.

▪ **THE CHURCH:** Pray that church leaders would grasp the seriousness of the indoctrination taking place in government schools. Pray that their eyes would be opened to the teaching of godless ideologies and radical activism, resulting in a hatred for America and parents being overwhelmed with worry. Pray that churches in Illinois would start their own schools. Pray that God would provide the necessary resources and personnel for these schools. ❄️

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