



Boldly Bringing Biblical Principles to Public Policy

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And He who sits on the throne said,  
“Behold, I am making all things new.”

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

We are living in days of deep division and open hostility toward the Truth. I do not have to tell you that these are not ordinary times in which we live.

In the wake of recent evil — the assassination of Charlie Kirk, the cold-blooded murder of a young Ukrainian refugee in Charlotte, the assassination attempts on President Donald Trump, mobs attacking federal agents, and assaults on prayer warriors outside abortion clinics — the lines could not be clearer.

Make no mistake about it: **we are in a spiritual battle.**

As Dr. Del Tackett calls it, a *cosmic battle* — not merely of politics or policies, but of **ideas: truth versus lies, good versus evil.**

This battle isn't new. It's as old as Elijah on Mount Carmel, standing against the prophets of Baal — a clash between the one true God and the idols of man.

And that battle continues today — for hearts, for minds, for eternal souls.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 10:

**“Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,”**

Could Scripture be any clearer?

We are called to **pull down strongholds, destroy arguments, and take every thought captive** to Christ. That is our calling.

Charlie Kirk understood this.

He entered the public square armed

not with rage or rhetoric, but with **the Truth.** He boldly declared, *“Jesus sets us free, redeems us, and is our Savior.”*

He wasn't shy about his faith. He said, *“I'm nothing without Jesus. I'm a sinner. I fall short of the glory of God.”*

He knew Acts 4:12 — *“There is no other Name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

Charlie believed Jesus conquered death, rose again, and now reigns at the right hand of the Father. And now, Charlie worships in His presence.

We grieve his loss — but we also take up the mantle. May God raise up **many more Christian warriors** in his wake.

Here in the Land of Lincoln, Illinois Family Institute has been *fighting the good fight* since 1992. Our mission: **to boldly bring biblical principles to public policy.**

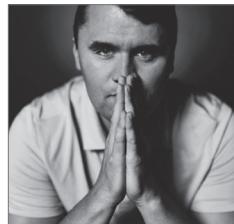
We need more Christians to boldly and winsomely speak truth where deception reigns, to defend our God-given rights where harm advances, and to shine the light of Christ into every corner of our culture.

IFI cannot do this alone. When darkness grows bolder and deadly lies advance, God calls His people to rise up with unity and resolve. If we truly strive to love our neighbors as ourselves — as Jesus commands in Matthew 22:39 — we cannot remain silent or sit on the sidelines.

**We need you to stand with us** — through prayer, advocacy, action, and financial partnership. Together, we can uphold biblical values, encourage families, protect children, and champion the sanctity of human life.

Illinois needs believers who won't back down. So does America.

Join us in this vital mission! 





# A Pro-Life Letter

*Written by David E. Smith*

In October 2025, a group of 51 Republican U.S. Senators sent a powerful letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.** and FDA Commissioner **Dr. Martin Makary**, urging a reevaluation of the approval of a generic version of mifepristone, the leading drug used in chemical abortions.

The letter expressed deep concern that the FDA's approval of the generic drug was inconsistent with the agency's stated commitment of reviewing safety data discrepancies and conducting a comprehensive reassessment of abortion pill safety, saying

**The “abortion-on-demand” culture enabled by the Biden-Harris administration’s removal of critical safeguards on the only FDA-approved abortion regimen is currently the biggest threat to unborn life in America today.**

These pro-life federal lawmakers emphasized that unrestricted access to abortion pills undermines state pro-life laws, as thousands of doses are shipped monthly into states that have restricted abortion access following the *Dobbs* decision.

They urged the suspension of the generic mifepristone's approval, reinstatement of the in-person dispensing requirement, and withdrawal of FDA guidance allowing pharmacy distribution without adequate medical supervision.



The letter cited research indicating that over 10% of women using mifepristone experience serious adverse events such as hemorrhaging, infection, or sepsis, contradicting claims that the pill is safer than over-the-counter medications.

They ended their letter with this emphatic statement

**We are committed to continuing to work together to give a voice to the voiceless and protect women from the dangerous effects of unregulated access to chemical abortion drugs. The life, safety, freedom, and health of millions of Americans, born and unborn, depend on it.**

U.S. Senators **Susan Collins** (R-Maine) and **Lisa Murkowski** (R-Alaska) did not sign the letter, making them the only Republican senators not to join the effort. ♦

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# It's Not Too Late: A Story of Abortion Pill Reversal

Written by Alyssa Sonnenburg

**E**Emily was only 19 when she found out that she was pregnant. Most 19-year-olds are preparing for college.

Not Emily — well, not anymore. She was staring at two bright pink lines on her at-home pregnancy test.

She was terrified. What were her parents going to think? How was she going to support a baby on her part-time work salary? How was she going to continue college?

With fear driving her, she drove to **Planned Parenthood**. The first thing the nurse at Planned Parenthood had her do was sign waivers releasing PP from any legal responsibility if something were to go wrong. After all, the side effects linked to the abortion pill are startling.

Finally, the nurse handed her the first dose of the abortion pill, mifepristone. Emily recounts,

*"I didn't know it then, but this pill would cut off the baby's food supply and cause him to stop growing and thriving. I stared at the pill in my hand and became overwhelmed with sadness and the feeling that I was making a terrible mistake. But yet again, the fear I had of being pregnant overcame all other emotions, and I took the pill."*

So many stories end there. So many lives end there. But not Emily's story. Not her baby's life.

On the drive home, Emily was overwhelmed with sadness and guilt. She regretted her decision to end her baby's life.

*"Ironically, it also poured rain the entire night. I felt like Jesus was crying for what I had done."*

When she got home, Emily confided in her sister that she had just taken her first abortion pill but regretted her decision.

That night, Emily and her sister scoured the internet for answers — was there a way to reverse the deadly path that Emily had begun?

Eventually, they came across a website discussing the abortion reversal pill. The website had a hotline nurse available, so Emily called the number.

While the nurse was finding resources for Emily in her area, Emily prayed for her baby.

*"I felt like my soul was crying and pleading with the Lord on behalf of my baby's life."*

Less than 12 hours after Emily had taken her abortion pill, she took her first dose of the abortion reversal pill.

For clarification, the first dose of the abortion pill (mifepristone) blocks progesterone from being absorbed by the womb. Progesterone is necessary for developing babies because it strengthens and maintains the uterine lining, reduces contractions, and prevents miscarriage. When this hormone is not allowed to reach the baby, the baby loses all stability and protection.



The abortion reversal pill floods the uterus and womb with progesterone — rushing to the aid and protection of the baby.

The abortion reversal pill is only effective if it is taken in less than 24 hours of the abortion pill and if the recipient has only taken the first dose (the reversal is ineffective if the second abortion pill, misoprostol, has been taken.)

By God's grace, Emily (and her baby) had made it in time.

*"I think a common misconception about babies and one that the abortion industry loves to promote, is that young babies in utero are only cells and aren't real people. This is entirely untrue and when I saw that [six week] model I couldn't believe that I almost ended my little baby's life."*

That following July, Emily gave birth to a healthy baby boy weighing 9.5 pounds.

She named him Ezekiel, which means "God strengthens" because that is exactly what God did. He protected little Ezekiel from the abortion pill and its harmful intent.

*"I am for forever changed into a new person because of my son and what I went through to bring him into this world. He is the absolute best thing that has ever happened to me, and I am so blessed to have him as my son. God says children are a blessing and a gift from above, and I cannot agree more. I hope everyone, when faced with this choice, chooses life, but thankfully, if they make a mistake like mine, there's a second chance, which is the reversal process."*

Emily and Ezekiel's story is just one of many.

The abortion pill reversal saves lives and gives second chances.

**If you regret your abortion  
pill and want a second chance,  
visit [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com).**



*"Who is a God like you,  
pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the  
remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever,  
because He delights in steadfast love." Micah 7:18.♦*

# Gambling Corruption

Written by David E. Smith

On the national front, the FBI and Department of Justice recently announced the arrest of dozens of individuals in a massive, tech-driven gambling bust involving organized crime families and personnel connected to the National Basketball Association (NBA).

For years, IFI and other Christian organizations have warned that legalized gambling would corrupt professional sports and politicians and victimize hardworking citizens—and that's exactly what's happening. The line between competition and corruption grows thinner every year as scandals erupt across leagues, lawmakers grow cozy with casino lobbyists, and families are torn apart by addiction and debt.

What was marketed as "harmless entertainment" has become a moral and social cancer—one that preys on human weakness and erodes the integrity of our culture.

A quick, informal poll of friends and social media followers revealed that no one was surprised by the FBI's announcement. Many believe the corruption reaches far

beyond the NBA—and they're probably right.

According to a 2024 article from WGLT, about 4% of Illinois adults suffer from a gambling disorder, while another 7% are at risk. That's more than 1.1 million people across our state whose lives and families hang in the balance.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in 2018 allowing states to legalize and regulate sports betting, the gambling industry has exploded. What we're witnessing is the inevitable result of normalizing an industry built on exploitation and addiction.

According to a CNN report in June 2024, at least 23 professional players or coaches have been suspended or permanently banned from their leagues for sports betting violations since 2018, and these are only the cases that have been discovered.

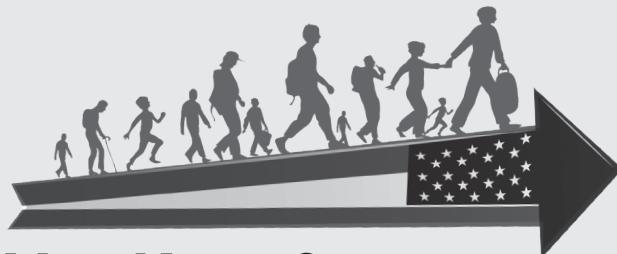
Practically every television broadcast now features betting odds and parlay promotions. Sports betting commercials are unrelenting and offer hundreds of



dollars as an enticement to new sports wagering platform users. Our culture has systematically normalized an industry that destroys families, fuels addiction, and, as this case demonstrates, provides fertile ground for corruption at the highest levels of professional sports.

FBI Director Kash Patel and the many law enforcement agencies and personnel involved in these enforcement operations deserve credit, but law enforcement cannot solve a problem that society has so enthusiastically embraced. Until our culture recognizes gambling for what it truly is—an exploitative industry that preys on human weakness and breeds corruption—we will be unwilling and unable to correct it.

Legalized gambling is anything but good public policy. ♦



## Did You Know?

America's immigration shift isn't just a national statistic—Illinois' demographics are rapidly changing too.

- In Illinois, the share of foreign-born residents has grown to **15.4% (=1.96 million)**—higher than the national average of **13.8%**.
- In Chicago, **22% of residents**—about **597,000 people**—were born outside the U.S., with the largest groups coming from Mexico, China, India, the Philippines, and Poland.
- In New York City, nearly 1 in 3 residents is foreign-born—about 5.8 million people (29%).
- In Los Angeles, 39.7% of the population is foreign-born. The broader Los Angeles metro area has 4.4 million immigrants.
- In the city of Houston, 28.5% of the population is foreign born.

Several major Illinois cities have high percentages of foreign-born residents:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Aurora</b> — 25.6%</li> <li>▪ <b>Elgin</b> — 26.3%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Naperville</b> — 22.6%</li> <li>▪ <b>Joliet</b> — 15.2%</li> </ul>
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Another interesting tidbit: the state of California has the highest percentage of foreign-born residents: 27.7%

These figures—sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau—show that immigration continues to reshape our communities in profound ways. While IFI supports robust legal immigration, the years of open boarders have overwhelmed our cities and social welfare safety net, hospitals and education systems. Too many unvetted immigrants are criminals, predators, gang members or even radical jihadists.

A growing number have secured commercial driver's licenses and are involved in serious highway accidents—incidents that include the deaths of other drivers. Our state, like California, is issuing standard driver's licenses to illegal immigrants—and under Governor J.B. Pritzker, the push to normalize lawlessness only accelerates. Instead of prioritizing public safety, state leaders are bending over backward to accommodate those who have broken immigration laws, all the while demonizing those who enforce them. ♦

# Veto Session Update

We are sad to report that physician-assisted suicide (SB 1950) passed the Illinois House in late May and then, as our families slept, the Illinois Senate quietly passed it with the bare minimum vote at 3AM on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

For years, a broad coalition of organizations and concerned Illinoisans has worked tirelessly to block this legislation. That effort must now shift to the Governor. This legislation puts the most vulnerable among us—the elderly, the disabled, and those struggling with depression—at grave risk.

Illinois is now poised to become the 12<sup>th</sup> jurisdiction—and the first Midwestern state—to normalize suicide. And make no mistake, the message this sends to our loved ones and neighbors is that suicide is a legitimate “medical option” when life feels too hard to bear.

Our attention now turns to **Governor Pritzker**. We must pray—then call and email his office—and pray again that he will veto this dangerous bill. Every phone call, every email, every prayer matters in defending a culture of life in our state.

This moment is also a sobering reminder: our work is far from finished.



Lawmakers do not have the final word—we do, in our homes, churches, and communities.

It is incumbent on all of us—fathers and mothers, grandparents and church leaders—to teach the next generation the sanctity of human life.

We must be intentional and vigilant, so our children are not pulled in by the deadly lies our culture is trying to sell them.

As for IFI, we will continue to stand for those whose voices are dismissed or silenced. We will continue to point to the Author of Life, who alone gives us dignity, purpose, and worth. ♦

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## More Sad Veto Session News



That same day, also in the wee hours of the morning, billions in damaging legislation were forced through the General Assembly. This includes an **\$8 BILLION** “energy” scheme (SB 25), which:

- Eliminates rate caps
- Undermines property rights
- Subsidizes unreliable, inefficient power sources
- Raids downstate road funds to bail out Chicago transit
- Increases homeowner’s insurance costs
- Creates sanctuary zones that block ICE cooperation and weakens law enforcement ♦

## And to the Republic

When asked what kind of government we have, many Americans say, “a democracy.” That’s inaccurate, but a common misunderstanding.

The United States was founded as a constitutional republic, not a pure democracy. The distinction matters.

- In a **republic**, God-given rights are protected from the shifting passions of the majority.
- In a **democracy**, rights are whatever the ruling majority decides they are at any given moment.

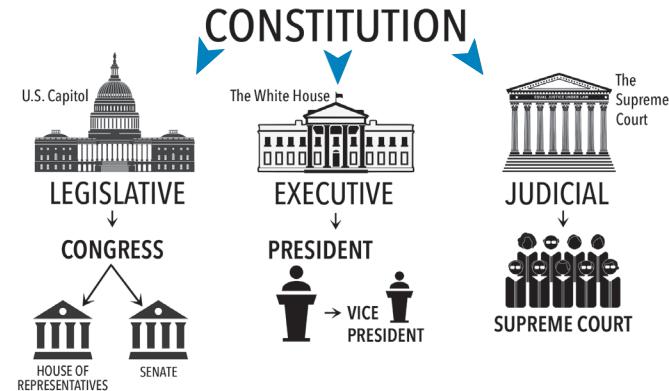


James Madison warned of this danger:

[“Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention.”](#)

Our Founding Fathers wisely chose a form of government that acknowledges:

- Rights come from God, not the government.
- The Constitution restrains government power.
- The rule of law protects minorities and dissenters.



- Checks and balances prevent tyranny and hold officials accountable—to the law and to the people.

America’s strength lies in its recognition that human rights are endowed by our Creator, not granted by the state. A pure democracy can vote those rights away.

Christians must pray for those in authority and work diligently to preserve the system that has served our nation well for nearly 250 years. Moreover, we must resist every effort to surrender our God-given liberties to the shifting winds of popular opinion or the expanding power of government. ♦

# Dr. James Dobson's Legacy

Written by Penny Pullen, IFI Founding Executive Director

By now, most of the readers of this newsletter are aware that Dr. James Dobson went to His Lord in late August. For many, his home-going marks a milestone in the history of our world, of our country and of our own family.

For decades, he shared the benefits of his wisdom, his education, his faith and his unwavering commitment to principle in aiding parents who needed that wisdom and needed to build their own confidence in parenting children prepared to take their place responsibly in leadership, stewardship and citizenship.

We acknowledge also Dr. Dobson's leadership in public policy, which fosters strong families, committed to their own future and the future of their communities and country.

An example of that leadership comes from Illinois Family Institute. IFI opened for business on Jan. 14, 1992, as a new public policy organization dedicated to



equipping faith-filled families for effective, responsible, informed citizenship, associated with Dr. Dobson's Focus on the Family as an officially recognized state-based family policy council.

Our first newsletter was a four-page bulletin inserted into Focus's monthly magazine mailed to the thousands of Focus families in our state. And our first benefit dinner, by which we grew IFI to become a major influence within the Illinois pro-family leadership, drew more than 2,300 people to hear Dr. Dobson himself deliver an inspiring keynote address in a Rosemont ballroom, welcoming us into the arena of family policy.

I believe I can speak for current and past leadership of IFI in stating, we are forever indebted to Dr. James Dobson in so many ways. And we mourn his passing from this life while celebrating the life he shared with us so powerfully as servant of the one true God, our Lord Jesus Christ. ♣

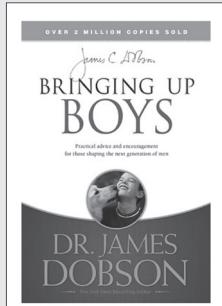
## Grateful for Dr. Dobson

Written by David E. Smith

To add to what Penny wrote, and as I reflect on his life and influence, I can't help but marvel at the profound legacy he left, not only on our nation, but on me personally.

I remember vividly reading his book "Bringing Up Boys" when my oldest son was just two years old. It was very helpful in understanding the cultural shifts of our time, including the erosion of biblical masculinity, the breakdown of the family, and the absence of strong male role models.

The book emphasizes that boys and



girls are fundamentally different, not just biologically but emotionally and psychologically. Dobson asserts that effective parenting requires recognizing and embracing these differences rather than applying a one-size-fits-all approach. One of his key quotes encapsulates this mission:

*"Our objective as parents is to transform our sons from immature youngsters to honest, caring men, respectful of women, faithful in marriage, strong leaders, and men secure in their masculinity."*

Dr. Dobson modeled faithful perseverance. His legacy is not simply in the past; it's alive in every family like mine, striving to hold the line. And by God's grace, it will be alive in generations to come. ♣

## The Value of Religion



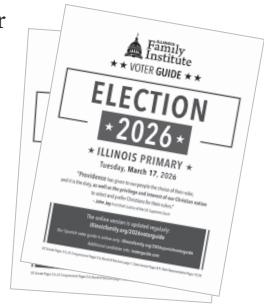
A recent Pew Research Center poll shows a significant shift

↑ 31%

in how Americans view the role of faith in public life. After hitting a two-decade low in 2024 — when only 18% of adults said religion was gaining influence in America — that number has now surged to 31%, the highest level in 15 years. The new findings, released in late October, reflect a 13-point jump in just one year, signaling renewed recognition of religion's importance in our nation. ♣

## Primary Election VOTER GUIDES

Early voting for the March 17, 2026 General Primary Election in Illinois will begin Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. You will want to make sure that your



family and your Christian friends are ready to vote by confirming your voter registration status. You can check this through your local county clerk.

We're taking orders for our IFI Primary Election Voter Guides to distribute at your church, in your community and to your family. Let us know how many you'd like and where you want them sent. Contact us by:

- email [v.kathy@illinoisfamily.org](mailto:v.kathy@illinoisfamily.org)
- call 708-781-9328

**ACTION:** The book of Nehemiah reminds us: *prayer* is the first weapon in every battle. As Illinois heads toward crucial elections in 2026, God's people must pray, stand firm, and fight for our families and our future. Then we must pray some more, because ultimately, the battle belongs to the Lord. ♣

# Charlie Kirk's Legacy

Written by David E. Smith

The assassination of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University in September has had a profound impact on many Christians in the United States and even around the world.

The IFI staff and board of directors, my wife and children continue to pray for his wife Erika, their two small children and for the staff of Turning Point USA and TPUSA Faith. May God help them deal courageously with the fallout from this horrible situation.

The assassination clearly highlights the depths of human wickedness. Jeremiah 17:9 reminds us: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."

That sobering truth is on full display in the cold-blooded murder of Charlie, whose only "crime" was speaking the truth and upholding the Gospel.

Yet we cling to the Apostle Paul's assurance that believers "do not grieve as others who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Charlie's life and testimony remind us that death does not have the final word for those in Christ.

## A Strong Advocate of Truth

Charlie was a courageous defender of truth. His breadth of knowledge on a wide range of issues was thoroughly impressive. But even more than that, his life reflected a love for God, family, and our nation—values he shared passionately from the heart and inspired millions.

I first met Charlie in 2010 at a Palatine Tea Party event. Though still in high school, he was the evening's opening speaker—and he spoke with authority, armed with facts and statistics. I followed him as the second speaker and remember

thinking how extraordinary it was that someone so young could hold a room with such confidence and clarity. His poise and insight left a lasting impression.

Raised by two loving parents in the Chicago suburbs, Charlie attended Wheeling High School. Few could have predicted that he would rise to become an international conservative spokesman, media personality, and trusted ally of President Trump and his family.

We take great comfort knowing that Charlie's faith was genuine. He stood firm in Christ, unwavering in his conviction that mankind's only hope is found in the only Son of God, Jesus. Today Charlie lives with the Lord he served so boldly.

## Going Forward

This assassination is yet another reminder that we are engaged in a war—not of flesh and blood, but a spiritual battle that manifests in chaos, death, and destruction.

In the Olivet Discourse, Jesus warned that in the last days, "the love of many will grow cold" because of the increase of lawlessness and wickedness (Matthew 24). The "love" He described is *agape*—the selfless, sacrificial love that characterizes true Christian faith. That love withers when hearts grow hardened by sin and the influence of worldly values.

The Apostle Paul likewise warned that "in the last days perilous times will come, for men will be lovers of themselves..." (2 Timothy 3:1–3). We are seeing that reality unfold in our time.

How, then, should we respond? We must pray fervently, proclaim the truth boldly, and love steadfastly—even as we



remember that many remain captives of Satan's lies. Our calling is clear. We must continue to work:

"in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will" (2 Timothy 2:24–26).

To honor Charlie Kirk's legacy, we must stand firm in the faith, put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:11), and overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21). That is how the church advances—not by fear, but by faith; not by hatred, but by love; not by retreat, but by courage, rooted in Christ.

Let us pray without ceasing, speak truth without fear, and love our neighbors without wavering. In a world darkened by lies and violence, we must shine the light of Christ with courage and conviction—for the glory of our good God. (See Mark 1:14–15; Luke 13:3; Romans 5:18–21; Acts 2:38 and Acts 3:19; Joel 2:12–13) \*

## 70% of Voters Reject Biden's Risky Abortion Pill Policy

A recent national poll shows that **70% of voters want to reverse** the Biden administration's dangerous decision to weaken safeguards on the abortion pill. Even a majority of liberals and self-identified pro-choice voters agree that women should see a doctor before taking powerful chemical abortion drugs.

The FDA once required in-person medical oversight because these drugs can cause serious injury, severe bleeding, infection, and even death. But under Biden, those protections were stripped away—all to expand the abortion industry's reach.

**This survey reveals the truth:** most Americans reject radical abortion policies that put women at risk and leave the unborn with no protection at all. It's time to restore medical safeguards and stop treating women's health as expendable in the pursuit of an abortion-first agenda. \*



# Prayer Requests

Earlier this year, a widely-circulated study attempted to explain why same-sex couples have fewer children than — get this — “different-sex couples.” That’s the latest linguistic gymnastics to avoid saying “husband and wife” or even “married couple.” *It is absolutely absurd.*

Apparently, “birthing people” wasn’t confusing enough.

## PLEASE PRAY WITH US:

➤ Thank God for His longsuffering and goodness to the people of the United States. Our freedoms, standard of living and modern conveniences and technologies are blessings that come down from a good God. (James 1:17)

➤ Thank God we live in a republic where we can participate in our government and pick our leaders.

➤ Violence and lawlessness are seemingly out-of-control in our cities and suburbs. Pray that God’s truth and His peace would supersede the anger and brutality of man as people turn back to God and repent for their wicked ways.

➤ As we learn about corrupt politicians, lawmakers, judges, and businesspeople that selfishly seek their own gain at the expense of others, ask the Lord to expose malfeasance, nepotism, fraud, graft, exhortation and every crime committed by those who claim to be a “public servant.”

➤ Pray that ungodly officials would be removed from office and a more righteous person take their place. Let their authority be stripped from them according to Isaiah 22:20-22.

Humanists and atheists are doing everything they can to distance society from God’s design and His Word. That’s why they work overtime to call evil good and good evil. They aren’t content merely to erase the distinction between male and female — now they insist there are countless “identities” in between. They even seek to redefine when life begins and

when it ends.

We invite you and faithful Christians across the state to join us in prayer for our state and nation. Understanding that the problems and challenges that we face as a culture are not political in nature, but primarily spiritual. As such, fervent prayer and fasting is the best way to engage in this spiritual warfare. ♦

energy, and funding needed to saturate their districts with their pro-life campaign messages and materials.

➤ Pray that efforts to indoctrinate children in government schools will fail and that local school boards will reject this agenda for their students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

➤ Please pray for the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court as they weigh their decision in *Chiles v. Salazar*, which challenges Colorado’s law banning so-called “conversion therapy” for minors. The decision could have an impact on Illinois law restricting counseling those who are experiencing unwanted same-sex attraction.

➤ Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for God’s hand to protect Israel and for wisdom for President Donald Trump and the many other U.S. officials involved in working toward peace; and

➤ Please pray for the healing of our divided nation, and for a national revival. May we be one nation under the God of the Bible.

You will keep him in perfect peace, **Whose mind is stayed on You,**  
Because he trusts in You. —ISAIAH 26:3

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