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Celebrate with us on July 11, 2025

By Bill Johnson



In a year when we are witnessing a massive overthrow of tyranny in our beleaguered country, it is our great pleasure to announce our unfolding plans for a 40th anniversary thank you celebration for the existence of our ministry in Michigan and throughout our nation, for that matter.

And, this announcement locks in and launches our invitation and the beginning of receiving registrations for our event to come together and to give thanks to God for His faithfulness with the help of so many – young and old – over these years since our fledgling jump start and God-ordained beginnings in 1985! The half has not been told, but we intend to tell it and to celebrate it this summer on Friday, July 11 at 5:30 PM in our hometown of Fremont, Michigan.

Read carefully as we begin the first official unleashing of our thank you gathering.

What: American Decency Association
40th Anniversary/Celebration
Thank You Dinner
Where: Faith Baptist Church auditorium and fellowship facility
7729 W. 48th Street (1 mile west of ADA headquarters) Fremont, MI 49412
When: Friday, July 11, (5:30 – 8:00 PM)
Why: To give thanks with like-minded servants of God and friends of ADA – young and old

God has truly blessed the ministry of American Decency with years of grace and mercy as evidenced by 40 years of history. It is for that reason that we decided some time ago that it would be a wonderful thing to celebrate our history with the many of you who have appreciated our ministry and stood with us through one or more of the following ways over the years (1985-present): prayer, financial support, volunteering at our mailings, praying with us in front of our building, letter writing, sending in post cards to advertisers and politicians, picketing, boycotting, making telephone calls, showing up at our meetings (even hearings as we worked to pass anti-obscenity legislation) at one location or another: Lansing, Grand Rapids, Holland, Ferry, Fremont et al.

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[Bill Johnson's MY TURN column printed by the Muskegon Chronicle circa 1996]

We are very excited about what God is going to do in putting this celebration together as the possibilities abound. It is as the Lord leads as we have so much to share and to have others help us in sharing our story, our history. Thankfully we have a little time to put our history on display in an entertaining and inspirational, God-glorifying way.

By God's grace, we have a rich storage of videos displaying aspects of our ministry internally and externally. Some of it fun and funny within. And, externally, newsclips of interviews done with CNN, MSNBC, FOX NEWS and local media from Grand Rapids, Flint, Lansing, Cadillac, Kalamazoo.



[Bill and Jan Johnson pictured with Donald Wildmon at AFA/AFR, Tupelo, MS in the very early days of American Family Radio circa 1994]

Personal Note: Young eyes and old eyes



This morning as I was on a virtual meeting with our staff, how could I not see my grandchild nestled in son Chris's lap looking attentively at me with her eyes looking intently into this image of me on the screen. Baby Jaelle was born October 1, 2024, nicknamed Jju by her big sister Reagan (aged 12).

I mentioned to the staff, "Wow, young eyes - old eyes!" It was a sight of such lovely innocence, freshness, and inquisitiveness! I, of course, as the oldster. I am old enough to be her great-grandfather at 78 years old. Some of you may recall that Jan and I adopted three children in our earlier years. We were told we wouldn't be able to have children and so we began adopting at the age of 30. After 19 years of marriage, and just a few months after walking by faith and giving up my teaching position in the Fremont Public Schools, we were shocked by the news that Jan was pregnant with child; to be more precise with our son, Chris! Jan gave birth at 43 years old. A few friends were already way along the way in having a number of grandchildren. Our friends referred to Jan and I as Abraham and Sarah!

Of course, we wondered what God had in mind not only for us, but for Chris – who, I was told by friends with a chuckle, "you'll be the father of a high school graduate at 60 years old!"

What is God doing? I started asking that a long time ago. I left teaching when I was 43 and went into full-time ministry in an antipornography organization (American Family Association). On the speaking trail, I would sometimes say, "If anyone would have told me back in my college years that I would be leading an organization that stood against pornography, I would have said 'over my dead body.'"

But what about little Jju? What about you no matter your age whether young eyes or old eyes? What is God doing?

Jan and I were talking just this morning about her parents, Dave and Geneva Van Sloten, remembering comments at a funeral from one saying, "they were the best Christians I ever knew." Jan remarked that in their family of seven children her parents weren't about discussing God and Christ as much as they were living the Christian life unassumingly before young eyes. I certainly saw that, as did the other brothers-in-law who fell in love with them for similar reasons. We saw Christ in them. We saw living examples of Christianity.

As we marvel at the big things - important people doing important things at the highest levels, seemingly with the enthusiasm and energy for doing right and doing good - may we not be discouraged about the little person that we see in ourselves and the little that we seemingly are doing. Rather, may we look to Jesus to refresh us in thought, mind, and sincerity as we ask him to help us abide in Him more faithfully. Help us to trust that the little things, done in Christ's name, will have a lastly impact. By His grace, may we build our faith on what he is showing us by His good favor and pleasure!

Then may it be that those young eyes - not only our infants, but our teens and adult children and grandchildren – will be able to say, "They helped me to know how to live as a Christian in such a confusing world." *Young eyes and old eyes*.

It isn't always pretty. Within the last two months, I sensed the need to call a cousin whom I never saw much of but cared about him. His older brother became a pastor while Bob had a couple of divorces early on in his life. In his own words, he went through women like they were candy.

In recent years, he began to post on Facebook - "I am at peace today because no matter what I face, God is with me! If you feel God is with you. Amen!" Another reads: "Remember this: We can survive without American athletes, actors, social media stars ... but not without

soldiers."

I called Bob to get caught up on his life. For one thing, I saw that he was proclaiming Christ boldly on Facebook daily! "Bill, I will tell you. I have told very few, but I will tell you." Married multiple times. Unfaithful. Drunkard. Angry inside. Screwed up his life while young. Broke the hearts of his Christian family. Uncle Sam called him up into the Vietnam War. He was shipped out to California for a time of training and then was shipped out to Vietnam. He volunteered for Special Forces. He was singled out to lead a special assignment of four others. He was told that if he refused the assignment he could be sent to Leavenworth where they house military prisoners "until the sun doesn't shine." Then this terrible assignment, that he led and fulfilled fully, forcefully and pitifully. His years since: PTSD, sleepless nights with nightmares two and three times a night. His then fiancé told him that she wouldn't marry him unless he told her the full story about Vietnam.

They have now been married some 50 years. She has been a true Godsend! Then slowly, Christ's grace penetrated his broken heart. His love compels him to post: **The Name above all Names, Jesus!** A Facebook post reads: "My Dad was the best and always will be. He may be gone from my sight, but he will always be in my heart." His faithful mother used to call me, asking: "Please pray for Bob."

His family's Christian heritage had been largely ignored if not thoughtlessly backhanded by Bob. Sometimes, it can seem like our love and lives were in vain/are in vain.

In closing, Bob's mom and dad never saw Bob's new life in Christ. Their deaths preceded Bob's salvation. But their faithfulness was not in vain.

May God give YOU EYES to see it and to live it. You are being watched. You are being seen. Young eyes. Old eyes. Loved ones. So called enemies. You and I are being watched. That "they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." (I Peter 2:12)

DOGE On the Trail of Government Waste

By Chris Johnson



Late in the 2024 election season, before they became a seemingly inseparable duo on the campaign trail, Donald Trump and Elon Musk were still only distant admirers of one another's work. But that all changed with their public, two-hour conversation on Musk's still fairly recently acquired social media platform formerly known as Twitter. Within weeks, Musk would be a top Trump promoter, putting millions of dollars into activating likely conservative voters in swing states, speaking passionately at rallies, and spending countless hours at Trump's Mar-a-lago headquarters.

That conversation was the beginning of, not just a friendship and powerful election machine, but the now infamous Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Immediately after acquiring Twitter, Musk infamously fired 80% of its employees, rightly estimating that the company could run better with fewer hands on the wheel. He also opened the company's files to the scouring of independent journalists, which resulted in the "Twitter Files" and revealed the strings with which the Biden Administration and Intelligence Agencies were controlling the conversation on sites like Twitter. He proposed doing something similar to the government with DOGE.

"I think it would be great to just have a government efficiency commission that takes a look at these things and just ensures that... taxpayers' money is spent in a good way and I'd be happy to help out on such a commission," Musk said in the course of that conversation to the hearty agreement of the future president.

So, on his first day, Trump created DOGE.

But, he didn't create DOGE from nothing. In fact, it's more accurate to say that Barack Obama created DOGE, but *he* called it the United States Digital Service. Trump's executive order rebrands and restructures

Obama's USDS which was created to sherpa government computer networks into the digital era. In fact, while one of the left's main lines of attacks against DOGE is the youth and inexperience of its employees, USDS has always been staffed by the freshest of the professional class.

But now, these young tech nerds aren't just applying their skills to streamlining government online services, they're using those digital systems to find fraud and inefficiencies - to the tune of billions of dollars, so far.

DOGE started by going after low-hanging fruit: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts within the federal government. By tracking down and canceling contracts and closing DEI offices, DOGE saved its first billion. They cut nearly another billion when they canceled contracts with the Department of Education citing one egregious example where, "One contractor was paid \$1.5 million to 'observe mailing and clerical operations' at a mail center."

They found more billions of wastes of taxpayer money in the grants proffered by USAID, shuttered their offices, and folded them under the Department of State. Trump's executive order calls for DOGE teams to work within each federal agency to minimize inefficiencies and waste and, as of mid-February, DOGE accounts were created on X for each federal agency. The Department website also keeps a running log of what's been cut and ranks the agencies for the most found savings.

According to doge.gov, as of February 17, "DOGE's total estimated savings are \$55 billion, which is a combination of fraud detection/deletion, contract/lease cancellations, contract/lease renegotiations, asset sales, grant cancellations, workforce reductions, programmatic changes, and regulatory savings."

The department's initial goal is to update the website twice a week to maintain transparency, with the end goal being that savings would show up on the website in real time.

In response to all of this responsible governance, fourteen blue states sought a Tem-

porary Restraining Order on DOGE, citing Elon Musk and DOGE's lack of authority. But, as the White House has rejoindered, their role is to advise the president, it is under his authority that the changes have been made. The judge declined to halt the efficiency efforts.

On top of lawfare, several DOGE employees have been targeted personally, with old social media accounts being scrubbed for offensive comments, resulting in one employee being fired temporarily before being brought back aboard.

Among DOGE's next targets, however, are the IRS and the Social Security Administration, and the left has taken the opportunity to feign outrage that private citizen's data should be analyzed by the federal employees at DOGE. The head of the department even stepped down hours after DOGE gained access to the data. To demonstrate how necessary an exam of the SSA was, Musk tweeted out a chart demonstrating Social Security database numbers indicating that more than 20 million Americans over 100 years old were listed as alive, and obviously eligible to collect Social Security. Census data estimates that number to be closer to 100,000.

Perhaps it's the knowledge that billions of grant dollars towards their pet projects will be on the chopping block, perhaps it's the fraud that will be found in the IRS or the SSA, perhaps it's the DEI initiatives that have already been done away with, perhaps its just the fact that DOGE's success would be a feather in the Trump administration's hat. The left is up in arms at DOGE's success, and is going all out to disarm the efficiency agency, AND undo as much as possible.

American taxpayers deserve to know what our money is being spent on, and only transparency can give us confidence that it's not being thrown away on silly projects, at best, and, at worst, projects that go against our best interest. DOGE is helping to provide that transparency and confidence. It's important work, and we hope to see their continued success.

Has the Glory of the Lord Departed from Wheaton?

By Lisa Van Houten



[Photo credit: Not the Bee]

Wheaton College built a reputation of Christian conviction and Biblical scholar-ship, producing some of the most highly regarded and boldest Christian witnesses of the last century. It's alumni include Billy Graham; missionaries Jim and Elizabeth Elliott; and Pastor John Piper.

However, Wheaton's once sterling reputation has become tarnished as their convictional courage of the past has given way to cowardly capitulation to the ideological voices of the world. That was on full display in recent weeks after Wheaton posted a social media message offering congratulations and prayers to one of their alumni, Russell Vought, for his confirmation to the prestigious position of Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Trump administration. Wheaton has done the same for other notable alumni. The post simply stated: "Wheaton College congratulates and prays for 1998 graduate Russell Vought regarding his senatorial confirmation to serve as the White House Director of the Office of Management and Budget!"

Yet that was obviously too much for the leftist alumni Wheaton has been producing who flooded the post with rage-filled comments, berating the Christian college for congratulating a "fascist" Trump administration official. So, what was Wheaton's response? Did they condemn the malicious comments and rebuke their alumni for their unchristian behavior? No, instead Wheaton deleted their own post about Russell Vought and in essence apologized for offering prayers and congratulations to this Christian brother, stating: On Friday, Wheaton College posted a congratulations and a call to prayer for an alumnus who received confirmation to a White House post. The recognition and prayer is something we

would typically do for any graduate who reached that level of government. However, the political situation surrounding the appointment led to a significant concern expressed online. It was not our intention to embroil the College in a political discussion or dispute. Our institutional and theological commitments are clear that the College, as a non-profit institution, does not make political endorsements. Wheaton College's focus is on Christ and His Kingdom.

This nonsense apology capitulating to the progressive mob is both cowardly and dishonest. There was nothing in Wheaton's original post that was a political endorsement; in fact, the apology began by stating that this is something the college typically does for government officials - so why is Vought any different? The difference is that Wheaton has been drifting away from it's Christian moorings, allowing unbiblical, leftist ideologies to creep into the once stalwart college. And in so doing, has shown more fear of offending man, than God. As Mollie Hemingway stated: "If Wheaton bends the knee in response to intolerant mobs of the left on something like *encouraging prayer for a prominent alum*, you have to wonder how well they're preparing students for a hostile world that hates the Gospel."

That is a great question to ask considering that for years Wheaton has welcomed Godless ideology into the college, such as offering classes in Marxist critical race theory and employing professors who advocate for universal salvation, which denies the very heart of the Gospel, that salvation in through Christ alone. The college has also hosted questionable speakers in recent years, including a speaker on race who gave a profanity-ridden, sexually explicit talk, derided Biblical teachings, and asserted that to be white is to be racist. And in another example of the theological rot at Wheaton, Professor Mark Yarhouse, director of the Sexual and Gender Identity Institute, has advocated for assisting gender confused children to pursue transgenderism and opposed legislation which would prohibit the prescription of puberty blockers and crossgender hormones for minors. A faithful Christian cannot promote that which is in direct opposition to the teaching of Scripture that it is God who determines our gender and to deny that is to rebel against our Creator.

Wheaton can point to their bold and Biblical Statement of Faith, originally written in 1924, but those principles articulated on paper are not being put into practice under the current leadership. If they were, Wheaton wouldn't have qualms about heeding the scriptural command to pray for those in authority and "all who are in high positions." (I Timothy 2:1-2, ESV) In a letter calling on Wheaton to return to its previous faithfulness, concerned alumni of Wheaton write: "Christian students and parents want a college that will shape them into the kinds of countercultural people who will walk boldly into the wind in the strength of Christ, wherever He leads them."

One of those bold Christians is Russell Vought, who will bring his Christian influence into our nation's government. You may remember Vought also served in Trump's first administration and, at that time, was berated by Senator Bernie Sanders because Vought expressed the Christian doctrine that belief in Jesus Christ is the only way for salvation. Sanders attacked his faith, stating that Vought was "really not someone who this country is supposed to be about." Perhaps Wheaton agrees with Bernie Sanders.

When Billy Graham spoke at the dedication of Wheaton's Billy Graham Center in 1980, he charged its leaders to maintain a zeal for the biblical gospel and warned, "If the leaders of a future generation take any other path may they be, as the Apostle Paul said to the Galatians, accursed, because 'Ichabod' [the glory of the Lord has departed] will be written on this place."

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Trump and Tuberville: TNT

By Steve Huston



President Trump is moving like a whirl-wind, reversing the previous administration's ungodly and unconstitutional attacks against common sense, sanity, and the citizens of the United States. Gary Bauer rightly describes his tireless efforts to aright our nation: "President Trump is working each day like it may be his last. He's doing everything he can to restore America as a great nation and restore the American people as the custodians and governing citizens of our nation... Donald Trump does in a day what a normal president does in a month."

He's protecting women athletes from confused men, protecting children from WOKE teachers and WOKE agendas, protecting the citizens of this great nation from the World Health Organization by pulling us out of it and strengthening our borders to protect us from others harms that illegal border crossers might bring, and he's pardoning the wrongly incarcerated political prisoners of January 6th – that's the short list of things he's done in his first month in office.

The president has also moved quickly not only to restore sanity to our military, but also to right the many wrongs that took place under the previous administration. Thank you, President Trump, for reinstating and giving back pay to members who were wrongly discharged for refusing the COVID shot, for banning DEI initiatives, and for prohibiting gender-confused persons from enlisting into our military. These things should go a long way in restoring American's faith in our military. It should also begin to alleviate some of the anxieties our allies have felt over the past four years.

There is another great thing our president has done regarding the military; it's an act that supports those who are calling him "the most pro-life president" we've ever had. To this we not only owe thanks to President Trump, but we owe a debt of gratitude to the man who stood in the gap until President Trump came along to stand for life regarding our military and their family members.

Standing strong, standing long, that would describe Senator Tommy Tuberville's (R-AL) valiant position for life, even when many "pro-life Republicans" would disparage him. We are so thankful that President Trump's Pentagon has reversed the Biden administration's policy of funding abortion travel expenses for military members. That's right, taxpayers will no longer be footing the bill, thanks to an executive order issued by President Donald Trump.

We've reported several times on Sen. Tuberville's anchored stand for life, refusing to budge in the face of strong opposition and false accusations. We are now pleased to report and say "Thank you, Sen. Tuberville, for your faithful and valiant stand for life and for right." In response to the Department of Defense no longer funding abortions for military members, he issued this statement:

"For the past two years, I have been sounding the alarm about the Pentagon's illegal and immoral practice of using taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. I took a lot of heat when I stood alone for nearly a year in holding senior Pentagon promotions over this—but as of today, it was all worth it. The Biden administration treated taxpayers like their own personal Piggy bank that they could use to bankroll their woke agenda. President Trump and Secretary Hegseth affirmed today what I've been fighting for since I got to Washington: zero taxpayer dollars should go towards abortions. Under President Trump and Secretary Hegseth's leadership, the Pentagon will once again be focused on lethality, not pushing a political agenda. Thank God common sense has been restored to our military under President Trump's leadership."

He recalls standing against these "pro-life Republicans" into the wee hours of the morning, only to watch them applaud Trump's decision to protect life in the military, saying it was the right thing to do. Tuberville's response to these RINOs? "Just

hypocrites."

"I'm proud of the small role I played in protecting taxpayers and standing up for life," the senator said. "Trump and I have something in common: promises made, promises kept." (The Federalist)

Thankfulness is long overdue. <u>Send Sen. Tuberville a word of thanks for his valiant and constitutional stand for the sanctity of life and for taxpayers over the past year.</u> An email form and phone number to contact him can be found here: https://www.tuberville.senate.gov/contact-old/contact-form/

Tuberville doesn't see the victory as complete until we "make Trump's executive order law so that the next pro-abortion president can't simply reverse executive branch policy, Hyde Amendment not withstanding." (The Federalist) President Trump has done his part; Sen. Tuberville has done his; and, now, it's time for you and I to do ours. Contact your U.S. Representative (https://www.house.gov/representatives/fin d-your-representative); urge them to support Rep. Eric Burlison's (R-MO) Life at Conception Act (HR722) which has been introduced to recognize children as humans to be protected under the 14th Amendment.

In introducing HR722 Rep. Burlison stated, "Every life is a sacred gift from God, deserving of dignity and protection from the moment of conception. The Life at Conception Act uses Congress' constitutional authority to define personhood, fulfilling our moral and legal obligation to safeguard the lives of the unborn."

This legislation has been introduced over 13 times since 2011, but has never made it out of committee, even during a unified Republican government under President Donald Trump's first term. Obviously, there'll be much opposition, but there is also a lot of headway being made; urge your U.S. Representative to strike while the iron is hot. Let them know that their constituents want HR722 passed!

It's a stand for righteousness and a stand for image bearers of God.

Conceived to Be Destroyed

By Lisa Van Houten



Biblically-thinking Christians know these things about the unborn: That each life is created and known by God; that every life from the moment of conception - is an image bearer of God and thus deserving of protection; and that God hates the shedding of innocent blood. Every baby, no matter the circumstances of his or her conception, is a blessing from God.

Millions long for a baby and yet have been unable to conceive. Infertility is truly heart-breaking and the pain couples experience through this struggle should not be dismissed. It is good and natural to desire children. However, when it comes to the moral implications of in vitro fertilization (IVF) the good ends do not justify the deadly means. As renown Professor Robert P. George wrote regarding IVF, "if ever there were a time to recall that old adage about the paving materials of the road to hell, this is it."

IVF turns babies into commodities to be created for the purpose of being bought and sold, turning the gift of life into a transaction. IVF also kills far more babies than are born as a result of the process. Only 7% of human embryos created via IVF will result in a live birth. The other 93% are either simply discarded or frozen indefinitely. More babies are killed through IVF than through abortion.

The success rate of IVF is very low - only about 50% for women under the age of 35 and significantly lower as women get older. Therefore, to increase the chances, fertility doctors create far more human embryos than they intend to implant in the mother, purposefully conceiving life that they know they will destroy. Clinics then determine which embryos are given the chance for life, while the rest of their siblings will be either killed or frozen. These tiny lives created in the lab are graded on their "quality" and only those deemed the "healthiest"

are chosen. Any with genetic health conditions are immediately destroyed. However, embryos can also be rejected if they're the "wrong" sex or don't have the traits on the parents' "shopping list," such as the desired eye or hair color.

In essence, it's a form of eugenics, choosing only those with desirable characteristics. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, promoted eugenics to limit the births of "undesirables." The Nazis called it Lebensunwertes Leben, "life unworthy of life," as justification for the extermination of Jews and others deemed inferior. IVF also destroys human life that is deemed "undesirable" or "inferior."

In regards to the embryos not destroyed, but frozen, at some point parents must decide what to do with their children in cold storage. There are now companies that have found another ghastly way to market these children – literally turn them into merchandise. Parents can have their frozen embryo children turned into jewelry for their mom or dad to wear. Discarded babies turned into trinkets. It's truly sickening.

In 1974 Dr. James Watson, the famed molecular biologist and geneticist who co-discovered the structure of DNA, warned Congress that if IVF technology was normalized, "all hell will break loose, politically and morally."

Besides a moral issue, IVF is indeed a political issue, as President Trump has signed an Executive Order expanding access to IVF. The White House stated that the EO "recognizes the importance of family formation" and "make[s] it easier for loving and longing mothers and fathers to have children." It's highly commendable that President Trump sees that family formation is vital for a healthy society, which is God's design. Videos and photos of Donald Trump interacting with children reveal a side of the man that the mainstream media are loathe to portray – a father and grandfather who truly seems to love children. Recently, he was shown interacting with Elon Musk's son, taking his young granddaughter with him to the Daytona 500, and sweetly holding Sean and Rachel Duffy's Down Syndrome little girl in the Oval Office. To his credit, Trump has instituted many strong,

pro-life policies and actions, one of which my colleague, Steve Huston, describes on page 5. However, IVF cannot be considered pro-family when the vast majority of unborn babies created through the process are killed.

Liberty Counsel's Mat Staver stated: "Children created through IVF are human beings made in the image of God, just as any child conceived naturally. As far as the future of IVF is concerned, it must be approached in a way that affirms the sanctity of each embryo's life, places the protection of children before the desires of adults, and treats embryos as children instead of objects for sale."

While President Trump's IVF policy is intended to bring more babies into the world – not only a laudable goal, but also a creation mandate – sadly, it will have the opposite effect: the destruction of millions of image bearers.

President Trump's order does instruct the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy to "submit to the President a list of policy recommendations" regarding IVF. As Family Research Council (FRC) reports, the White House signaled that it may work with pro-life organizations to help formulate those IVF policy recommendations. Many people, perhaps including President Trump, don't truly understand the moral implication of IVF. Pray that the Trump administration has open hearts and minds to listen to the counsel of pro-life voices. FRC's president, Tony Perkins, stated: "As the president's team makes policy recommendations, my hope is that the Trump administration continues its proven track record of protecting the most vulnerable among us and respecting the dignity of all people—including the unborn, who are so often treated as disposable. The Trump administration can address the infertility crisis in America in a way that is morally and scientifically sound, enabling many more Americans to experience the beautiful gift of children."

By God's grace, may it be so. And pray that our nation will one day recognize that <u>all</u> human life, from conception to natural death, is sacred and worthy of life.

We Must Do Our Part

By Steve Huston



One of my favorite memes is pictured above; President Trump is saying: "In reality they're not after me. They are after you. I'm just in the way."

The previous administration proved the veracity of this statement as the Biden regime came after the American public using every means available to them, and then some, to fulfill Obama's promise of "fundamentally transforming the United States of America" - once they got Trump out of the way. Instead of an "American Dream," we became an "American Nightmare": an America divided, whose light had dimmed, while sanity and common sense had all but been choked out, and one that our parents and previous generations would not be able to recognize, while all three branches of government SEEMINGLY tossed the Constitution - the law of the land - aside, occasionally giving it a hat tip to somehow appease watching conservatives.

But God, in His great mercy, brought President Trump back to stand between "us and them" again. Most of you are well aware of the many great Executive Orders (EO) he's been writing at lightning speed to right the terrible wrongs that have been taking place. As a flawed man, he's also done some things which, from a Biblical standpoint, I wish he wouldn't. That doesn't change the fact that he's bringing America back from the brink of destruction. Let us continue to pray that God will save him and further use this man for His glory.

As I've stated, President Trump is doing much good through his EOs, but if we don't want all his good work to go to waste once another president with different goals comes into office, then we must do our part to codify as many of these EO's as possible - concentrating on those of the highest import, making them more permanent. It's

time for the legislative branch to support the work of the executive branch instead of watching the judicial branch — which was meant to be the weakest of the branches — legislate from the bench rather than of ruling rightly according to already established laws.

Below are only a few of the many bills that are being introduced or re-introduced to Congress. For the sake of our nation, do your part and look for others, some of which may be found at the link below. It's an article rich with information. (The quotes in this section come from The Washington Stand.)https://washingtonstand.com/news/10-bills-that-would-codify-trumps-executive-orders-into-law.

- 1. Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) **re-intro-duced** his *Jamie Reed Protecting Our Kids from Child Abuse Act*. "The legislation would cut off federal funding to any medical institution or university affiliated with an institution that carries out transgender procedures on minors."
- 2. Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) introduced the *No Tax-payer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2025 (H.R. 7)*. "The bill would bar the U.S. government from funding abortion directly, underwriting abortion through federally funded health care insurance plans (including Obamacare) and carrying out abortions at VA hospitals."
- 3. Congressman Chip Roy (R-Texas) **reintroduced** the *No Taxpayer Funding for the United Nations Population Fund Act* (*H.R.436*) last month.

"The United Nations Population Fund is a globalist, Orwellian, propaganda machine that shills for the Chinese Communist Party its brutal mandatory abortion practices. President Trump was absolutely right to end taxpayer funding to this corrupt and antilife organization during his first term and I look forward to him doing so again,' Roy told TWS. 'At the same time, Congress has a duty under our constitutionally vested powers to ensure that U.S. tax dollars — regardless of which administration is in the

White House — can never flow to this dystopian propaganda machine under any future administration. That's why we need to put this bill on the president's desk right away."

- 4. Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX) has introduced the *WHO* is Accountable Act (H.R. 600). "The bill would prohibit the use of funds to seek membership in the World Health Organization or to provide assessed or voluntary contributions to the World Health Organization..."
- 5. Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-MO.) and Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX) introduced the Dismantle DEI Act. "The bill terminates all DEI-based programs, offices, trainings, and grants including identity-based quotas and anything rooted in critical race theory (CRT) and does not allow the government to rename or repurpose them. Significantly, the legislation extends beyond government entities themselves to include federal contractors and accreditation bodies. It also creates a private right of action for individuals to sue offenders."

There are five more bills that The Washington Stand urges people to get behind. Please read the article, learn the reasoning behind these bills, and contact your senators and representatives, urging them to support these items.

Remembering that each state has the privilege and the responsibility to protect itself from federal government overreach (thank you, 10th Amendment), we ought to be doing all we can to "drain" our own "state swamps" of RINOs that are not following their platforms or are handing power over to their Democrat counterparts.

As Andrew Roth writes in The Federalist: "We are at a critical moment in our nation's history. President Trump has four years to push through sweeping reforms to reduce the size and scope of the federal government. But voters must remain vigilant against the 50 state-level swamps. Conservative lawmakers are on the front lines, doing the heavy lifting, but they need our support and defense. The fight is far from over."

Rick Warren Wants You to Know Jesus is Not On the Right By Chris Johnson



Best-selling author, pastor of one of the largest churches in America, presidential faith advisor – Rick Warren's resume would be impressive to anyone looking for an American representative of the Christian faith.

Tragically, however, Warren has often used his platform, not to share the unchanging Word of God with the world, but to convince Christians to sideline their beliefs to gain the world's favor.

The most recent example of this happened on X last month, when Warren posted a picture of Christ on the cross with this "observation:" John 19:18 'They crucified Jesus with two others - one on each side & Jesus in the middle.'

The guys on both sides were thieves.

If you're looking for the real Jesus, not a caricature disfigured by partisan motivations, you'll find him in the middle, not on either side.

Clearly thinking this statement poignant, Warren was apparently taken by surprise when Christians pushed back:

Rick, what is the 'middle' position between castrating a child and not, or dismembering an infant in the womb and not? And are you really comfortable claiming that Jesus Christ has not 'picked a side' on these fundamental moral questions? Matt Walsh asked.

Commentator and comedian Wade Stotts shared a picture of Warren standing between John McCain and Barack Obama: When he says 'in the middle,' he means somewhere between these two guys.

It was Chad Prather from the Blaze who put his finger right on the issue, however, NAR-ROW is the way, Rick. Jesus isn't lukewarm or middle of anything. He's extreme. Stop making Him palatable and safe.

Trying to make the Savior "palatable and safe" is how Rick Warren gained his popularity.

It's how he got invited to speak at the World Economic Forum in 2008, where he encouraged them to leverage the global unity and earned trust of the local church to meet their goals, including pandemic preparedness.

It's how he got Barack Obama to appear on his stage at Saddleback Church.

It's how he got invited multiple times to be on Oprah Winfrey's Lifeclass program.

It's also how he came to speak at the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) convention, encouraging Muslims to work with Christians on a global agenda.

After he received all of this pushback, however, he deleted his post, following it up with: *I apologize*. *I wrote poorly*.

I don't believe Jesus was a centrist. He stands far above it all. 'My kingdom is not of this world...' Jn. 18:36

Jesus demands our total allegiance as the center of our lives.

Those are good words; the problem is, Warren didn't take back what he said before, just said that he "miswrote." I'm not being petty, but by looking at the points Warren is trying to make in these two posts, we can piece together exactly where he stands. What Warren is trying to communicate is that Jesus wouldn't take a political side – and since there's really only one political party that even pretends to cater to Christians, what he's saying is only relevant to conservative, Republican Christians.

If Jesus is either in the middle or above it all, the point is that He's not on the left or the right. But the Democrat party is never really credited with being a home for Christians – so that goes without saying. What Warren means is that just because you're a Christian doesn't mean you have to be a Trump supporter.

And of course, that's true. There are any number of aspects of the Trump administration that a Christian could and *should* take

issue with, most of all, their recent push of IVF.

But, holding Jesus' position on issues like homosexuality, transgenderism, and abortion alone will see you ostracized on the left if you dare to speak out about it publicly. If you boldly state that God Himself "knits us together in our mother's womb" and that "God created [mankind] male and female," and that "a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife," congratulations, you're on the right, if only because the left won't have you.

And it is Christians' duty to speak out publicly about those things, exactly because, as Warren says, "Jesus demands our total allegiance as the center of our lives."

So, while it's true that Jesus isn't located on some point of the American political spectrum, agreeing with God's Word on some of the most hotly debated political subjects will place us at a certain point on that spectrum. And, even if it makes pastors like Rick Warren uncomfortable, we should take those stands anyway – even if it costs us our Oprah appearances or our WEF speaking slots.

I'll admit, I've never read Rick Warren's <u>Purpose Driven Life</u>, but just analyzing that title makes me wonder how easily that phrase, "Purpose Driven" might slide into simple *pragmatism*, or choosing our path based on what we think will work, rather than what we know to be right.

No matter who's popular or who's president or what political party you might be associated with by saying it, Christians must stand unashamedly on God's Word.

