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RALLY for the County Clerks and for First Amendment Religious Freedom!

The re-definition of marriage is a severe loss for the nation, but we CANNOT also lose religious liberty for citizens/public workers.

"I have worked in public policy with The Family Foundation for 25 years now and this is *THE MOST IMPORTANT* issue we've faced as an organization," said Executive Director Kent Ostrander. "So we are pleased to be working with all the others who are standing with the County Clerks and for First Amendment religious liberty in the aftermath of the *Obergefell* same-sex marriage decision."

With the Church across the nation teetering between action and inaction in the wake of the June 26 decision, Ostrander hopes that Kentucky can be a leading state to set a bulwark against the efforts attempting to erode religious freedom.

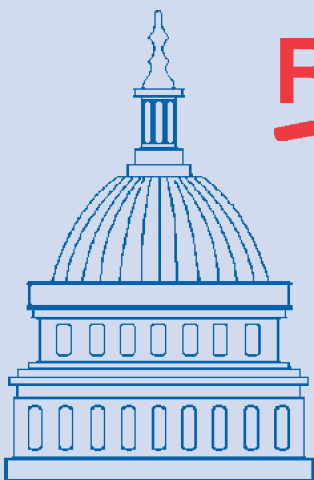
According to Ostrander, Gov. Steve Beshear is the key because he could act with an executive order to settle the question of whether county clerks should be forced

against their deeply-held conscientious convictions to have to authorize same-sex marriages. Currently, two county clerks, Kim Davis from Rowan County and Casey Davis from Casey County, have ceased issuing licenses altogether because they do not want to discriminate against anyone, yet their convictions dictate that they cannot be a part of a same-sex marriage. With their names listed on the license and the office they hold described in state law as the authorizing agent, they understandably are reluctant to participate. Fifty-eight other county clerks have asked the Governor to act to grant them the freedom not to issue same-sex marriage licenses by providing another way to serve that function.

To date, the Governor, in a private meeting with Casey Davis, told him to "do his job or resign." In addition, the Governor has repeatedly said that he will "let the Courts and the Clerks work it out." What that has meant is a lawsuit filed by the ACLU on behalf of plaintiffs against Kim Davis. Unfortunately, the plaintiffs have authorized the ACLU to go after Kim Davis' personal assets for court costs, attorney fees and "punitive damages" so she could lose her house and life savings if they were to triumph in the case.

Federal Judge David Bunning set the schedule after two hearings asking that briefs be filed by July 30 and then seven days to respond. He went further suggesting that he would likely rule in the week of August 10. If he maintains that schedule, that sets the rally in Frankfort somewhere between 8-12 days after his ruling. That makes the rally a celebration of victory or a statement of resolve as the case is appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

"It is my hope that this religious liberty issue will bring the Body of Christ together in a significant way," said Ostrander. "There may be differing doctrine, but I am optimistic that every Christian can see the dangerous ground on which America is treading when it weakens religious freedom."



RALLY at the Capitol in Frankfort

12 noon to 2:00 PM
Saturday, August 22
Come and bring others!

The rally will be a peaceful but strong statement that Kentuckians want ALL that is good for America and for all American citizens, but the one thing they cannot allow is any loss of religious liberty or freedom of conscience.

To help or for more information, call 859-255-5400

Words from history can guide our steps today

Germany was a decidedly Christian nation in the 1920s and 1930s, internationally recognized for its scholarly and distinguished theologians. But, we all know when the salt loses its savor, it is worth nothing but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot of men.

Consider these words from Martin Niemöller (1892–1984), a prominent Protestant pastor who stood as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps. After World War II he travelled broadly, speaking out on what went wrong in Germany. He himself would apologize to the Jewish people for his inaction.

“First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me.”

The *Obergefell* decision has changed things. Many are coming under fire because their Christian religious convictions do not allow them to participate in a same-sex marriage ceremony. No, America does not have a “Nazi Party” that is alive and well today, but freedom of conscience/religious liberty can be squelched by any group that is in power at any time unless those being governed have the faith to be bold and courageous.

“First they came for the baker, and I did not speak out because I was not a baker.

Then they came for the photographer, and I did not speak out because I was not a photographer.

Then they came for the County Clerks, and I did not speak out because I was not a County Clerk.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me.”

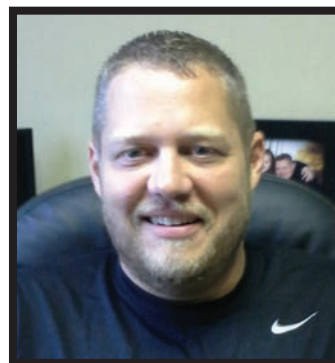
Meet Kim & Casey Davis: Two heroes of the faith

Neither is defiant nor judgmental. They just have a quiet resolve to stand on their Biblical convictions and American religious freedom.

They are not mean-spirited. They are not critical. They are simply standing for a reasonable policy that will help gays and lesbians secure their marriage licenses without clerks having to violate their deeply-held religious convictions about marriage.

Where they have found themselves is at the very “tip of the spear” in this national battle for religious liberty. This is not something they asked for, or wanted, but the state and the nation are now looking as to whether the *Obergefell* decision will not only re-define marriage, but whether it will also re-define religious freedom for all Americans.

Some people have suggested that they just need to “Do their jobs.” But the reality is that these two are fighting the good fight for ALL the others – the bakers, the photographers, the florists, the wedding chapel owners and the wedding bed and breakfasts. Religious liberty was not just given to pastors and churches – it is a right given to all Americans, and these two are standing in the gap for all!



Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis & Casey County Clerk Casey Davis: Not related by blood, but by purpose

head of the Commonwealth must then find the least restrictive way to issue licenses. To date, he has not even tried to accommodate these two County Clerks and the 58 others who do not want to be forced to place their name on something they believe to be unholy.

Clearly, if these two win their fight, then the others can win their fights. If these two lose their fight, then religious freedom may not even be complete for the pastors and churches and Christian schools.

Are these two individuals perfect? No. They are just like everyone else . . . but they still have the right to religious freedom. And they should not have to lose their job because of their faith . . . especially a government job where they were elected by the people.

Besides, Kentucky Law states that the government must use “the least restrictive means” when enforcing a policy that deals with a “compelling interest.”

Okay, if marriage licenses are a “compelling government interest,” fine . . . But Gov. Beshear as the head of the Commonwealth must then find the least restrictive way to issue licenses. To date, he has not even tried to accommodate these two County Clerks and the 58 others who do not want to be forced to place their name on something they believe to be unholy.

Legal Defense Fund created

It will be used exclusively for legal and legislative efforts to protect religious liberty.

On July 6 at a news conference in Frankfort, Kent Ostrander, executive director of The Family Foundation, called on the governor to protect the religious freedom of the state’s county clerks and announced the establishment

of the Kentucky Religious Liberty Defense Fund that will be used for the legal defense of those who are targeted to have their religious liberty curtailed and for legislative measures that will ensure religious liberty for all.

To give to the Religious Liberty Defense Fund:

- Mail check to “The Family Foundation” with “religious liberty” in memo. [P.O. Box 911111 Lexington, KY 40591]
- Go to www.kentuckyfamily.org & use “Donate” tab.
- Use cell phone, download the **Givr** app for [iPhone](#) / [Android](#), & search for “The Family Foundation.”

Facts that must not be ignored . . .

With all the hype about same-sex marriage, more profound things must not be lost for the sake of the County Clerks and other citizens.

U.S Constitution Bill of Rights - The First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” Religious liberty is the *first* part of the *First* Amendment. It takes up over one third of the words in the amendment even though there are five clearly enumerated rights.

The Freedom of Conscience: Even during World War II, when the ongoing existence of America was in question, the United States government never forced a conscientious objector to pull a trigger and violate his conscience. Why are we now changing our standard over *same-sex marriage*?

The U.S. Constitution: In the *Obergefell* decision, same-sex marriage is elevated as a fundamental Constitutional right. As everyone knows, the word “marriage” is not even in the U.S. Constitution – but the free exercise of religion clearly *IS!* Unfortunately, there are those who want this decision on “marriage” to trump the explicit First Amendment. This, ultimately, is all about sexual politics – *NOT* justice and *NOT* the Constitution.

The Kentucky Constitution - Bill of Rights section 5 - “Right of Religious Freedom”: “No human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.”

The Governor’s part: Gov. Beshear said repeatedly that “the courts and the clerks would have to work out their differences.” Practically speaking, that meant that the Governor would not do a thing to protect or accommodate the County Clerks’ rights of conscience. Worse, it meant that he would turn the Clerks over to the ACLU attorneys, allowing them to sue for court costs, attorneys’ fees and “punitive damages” from the Clerks’ personal assets.



Kentucky Law: The Governor is not above the law and he must also do what the law says. Consider the Kentucky Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2013. It underscores that Government employees have very significant protections from the force of government violating their religious liberties. Kentucky government by law must use the least restrictive means to accomplish any action that limits the religious liberties of its citizens and employees. The Governor must act in a way that protects the county clerks as well as oversee the issuing of licenses. To date, all he has done is press the issuance of the licenses and then sit back and let the ACLU sue the Rowan County Clerk personally.

The question of the County Clerks had already been contemplated by the Legislative Research Commission before legislators passed the act in 2013. The LRC’s Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate said, in part: “Additionally, the least restrictive alternative required of the local government may be minimal, for example, in adjusting the timing of certain events in a jail, or significant, for example, if it requires hiring additional staff or paying overtime for other staff to do a job that an employee declines to do because of religious beliefs.” The LRC’s conclusion was that there would be times when there would be “minimal” or “significant” costs to protect the religious liberty of Kentucky employees.

“That which unites us”: Casey Davis, County Clerk for Casey County, met with the Governor on July 9 and shared the Governor’s own words with him. In his June 26 letter to all the state’s County Clerks, the Governor concluded with this statement after telling them to issue the licenses: “After all, the things that unite us as a people are much stronger than the things that divide us.” Casey told the Governor that the things that unite us – and *HAVE* united us for several centuries – are the things in the First Amendment, including religious liberty. His words fell on deaf ears because the Governor simply told him, “If you can’t lay your personal feelings aside and uphold the oath that you swore to, then you need to do the honorable thing and resign.”

Whose conscience is honored and whose conscience is rejected? In that same letter of June 26, the Governor wrote: “Neither your oath nor the Supreme Court dictates what you must believe. But as elected officials, they do prescribe how we must act.” That is interesting because the Governor had let Attorney General Jack Conway *NOT* do his duty to defend the state Constitution and its Marriage Protection Amendment because of his conscientious objections but is apparently trying to force the County Clerks to “do their job” against their consciences. Evidently, those that ask for and claim to be tolerant want tolerance and accommodation to work in one direction only – “It is their way or the highway.”

And, worse, the Governor’s statement actually encourages officials to be hypocritical — “Believe one thing but do another.” (*That’s surely not Biblical.*)

Do we still have a democracy? One of the bitter pills that must be swallowed is the fact that the *Obergefell* decision overturned more than 50 million voters’ decisions in 36 states to protect traditional marriage while validating the minority of voters who wanted to redefine. In Kentucky, the vote of the people was 1,222,125 to 417,097, or 74.6 percent to 25.4 percent. And what most Kentuckians do not realize is that more voters voted “Yes” to protect traditional marriage than had voted *both* “Yes” and “No” combined on any other constitutional amendment in the Commonwealth’s history. The votes in the 2004 General Assembly by Kentucky’s legislators which authorized the Marriage Protection Amendment were 85-11 in the House and 33-5 in the Senate.

Is this about Constitutional rights or the power to force into compliance? In the first federal court hearing in the lawsuit against County Clerk Kim Davis on July 13, it was interesting to note that the plaintiffs and their ACLU attorneys were willing to drive from Rowan County, through Carter County and into Boyd County in order to pursue their lawsuit, but were unwilling to drive to any one of the seven neighboring counties to get their marriage license. The second hearing on July 20 was even more striking: they had to drive from Rowan County to Kenton County – a minimum of five counties. Obviously, this is not about getting a marriage license . . . It’s *ALL* about the use of the power of government to force other citizens to comply even if it forces them to violate their consciences.

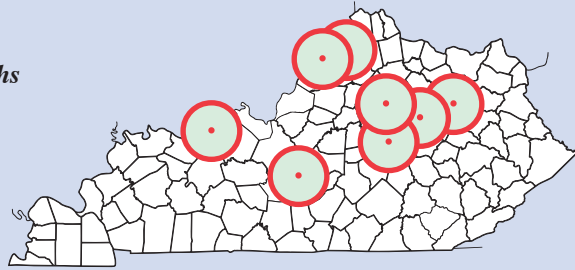


Love & Respect's Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

The Kentucky Marriage Movement



Love & Respect's Sarah Eggerichs



Various regional events listed below

To register, call **(859)255-5400** or go to **www.kentuckymarriage.org**

Lexington, Sept. 11 - 12

Love and Lordship Presentation - Greg Williams
Eastland Church of God
2598 Liberty Road, Lexington, KY 40509

Carrollton, Sept. 18-19

Love and Lordship Retreat - Greg Williams
General Butler Sate Park (Ten Mile Baptist Association)
1608 US Hwy 227, Carrollton, KY 41008

Campbellsville, Sept. 25-27

Love and Lordship Event - Greg Williams
Green River Marina (Men's Retreat)
2892 Lone Valley Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718

Salt Lick, Oct. 9-10

Love and Respect video conference - The Eggerichs
Kentucky Church of God Couples Retreat
3169 Mudlick Road, Salt Lick, KY 40371

Lexington, Oct. 16-17

Art of Marriage video conference - FamilyLife
Consolidated Baptist Church
1625 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, KY 40505

Lexington, Oct. 23-24

Love and Lordship Conference - Greg Williams
Historic Pleasant Green Baptist Church
540 W Maxwell Street, Lexington, KY 40508

Carrollton, Oct. 30-31

Love and Lordship Retreat - Greg Williams
General Butler State Park (Howard's Creek Couples Retreat)
1608 US Hwy 227, Carrollton, KY 41008

Owensboro, Nov. 6-7

Art of Marriage video conference - FamilyLife
Bellevue Baptist Church
4950 Hwy 56, Owensboro, KY 42301

A testimony from a recent "Love and Lordship" event . . .

"My husband and I attended the marriage conference this weekend, and I walked away so filled and so overwhelmed with the Holy Spirit. The way God moved through the message was amazing. I loved it. God has been working in my life over the past 4 years (we will be married 4 years in November of this year). This is my husband's first marriage, and my 4th marriage. It still seems unreal to me, but after this message, I realize that it's taken me 40 years and 3 marriages to learn how to love. My husband, who has fallen away from God, is now more focused on taking care of his elderly mother. Tensions are high right now and this conference couldn't have come at a better time in both of our lives. God is always good, and His timing is amazing. I do pray that as a result of this conference our church will start a mentoring program and mentor couples like us.

We both just want to say 'thank you'. Thank you for bringing God's word in a message that was so profound and real, and right to the heart. A message that after all these years, I finally get it.

This message from God is going to change lives, change families, change marriages. Thank you, thank you, thank you for God's message on marriage." – DP

YOU can impact the 2015 Executive Branch election by volunteering . . . **Please do!**

You can: 1) Register people in your church or group to vote, & 2) Help distribute the **Kentucky Candidate Information Survey**.

Though many commentators point to how much money each candidate has in his campaign coffers, the fact is that everyday voters make the decision about who gets elected. Money can be used to inform people, but it cannot buy votes. That's why everyday people working hard for their candidate(s) and for our democratic system are so important. Here are two ways you can help: Get people informed and get them registered to vote.

Getting Out Information on the Candidates

Election Day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3 when Kentucky voters will decide who will lead this state during the next four years in each of the statewide constitutional offices – Governor/Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Treasurer and State Auditor.

Some of the races have candidates that are diametrically opposed to one another on

the issues so citizens have very serious choices to make. “When I read the answers of the candidates as I prepare the *Survey* it is apparent that in some of the races



To volunteer, call us at

859-255-5400

or email us at

sarah@kentuckyfamily.org



Kentucky Candidate Information Survey

To get info on the Nov. 3 Election and candidates *in their own words*, and/or . . .

To print off information on races that you can copy and give to others *(after Sept. 1)*, go to:

www.votekentucky.us

All information has been handled with IRS standards and is suitable for churches and nonprofit organizations.

*Send us your email for a digital copy that you can print, or call us and we will mail you the **Survey**:*

sarah@kentuckyfamily.org or ***(859)255-5400***

there is a very clear ‘fork in the road’ as we move forward in the Commonwealth,” said Sarah Roof, *KCIS* project coordinator. “Kentucky citizens will choose which fork we will take on Nov. 3.”

Jack Conway and Matt Bevin will square off in the Governor’s race. Vying to be Attorney General are Andy Beshear (D) and Whitney Westerfield (R). For Secretary of State are Alison Grimes (D) and Stephen Knipper (R). For State Auditor are Adam Edelen (D) and Mike Harmon (R). For Treasurer are Rick Nelson (D) and Allison Ball (R), and for Commissioner of Agriculture are Jean-Marie Lawson-Spann (D) and Ryan Quarles (R).

With all the advertising by candidates and outside groups, it can sometimes be hard to determine which candidate best represents you. Responses to the *Kentucky Candidate Information Survey (KCIS)* will once again be made available and it is important because it is the one publication *with the candidates’ in their own words*.

“The key to election is informed voters,” said Roof. “It cannot be overstated for voters to make the effort to educate themselves by getting to know the candidates and then, of course, going to vote.”

Survey responses will be available at www.votekentucky.us after Sept. 1. The *KCIS* has been published since 1993 and is a non-partisan project with the purpose of serving candidates by helping them get their message out and serving voters by providing them with reliable candidate information.

Getting Citizens Registered to Vote

Voters decide an election, and no one can vote unless they are registered. Therefore, getting fellow church friends, organization members and neighbors registered to vote literally can make a huge difference.

If you do not believe that fact, ask Republican Gubernatorial Nominee Matt Bevin who won his Spring Primary over three other contenders by only 83 votes! That’s 83 votes out of 214,193 votes cast.

The Family Foundation is offering simple voter registration “kits” that, when used with a copier, can register any number of citizens in an orderly and easy fashion. The key to its use is to work with the pastor of the church or the leaders of the organization and schedule a brief window of time for the registration process.

The Foundation will gladly send you a free “kit” with simple step-by-step instructions if you are willing to serve your church or community.

“Kentucky Family Values” is a Super PAC; It is **NOT** The Family Foundation! (*Pass this on.*)

This Kentucky-based Political Action Committee’s primary “values” are to get Democrats elected . . . at all costs.

Since the 2010 Supreme Court campaign finance decision, new groups have emerged on Kentucky’s political scene. Often referred to as Super Political Action Committees (Super PACs), they influence elections by making independent campaign expenditures to support or oppose candidates.

The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (KREF) designates Super PACs as “unauthorized campaign committees” and lists 16 registered in Kentucky as of September 2014.

One of these Super PACs, Kentucky Family Values (KFV), has attracted attention because of controversy surrounding its methods and messaging. At issue are KFV’s logo and name and its claims to support conservative family values and oppose out-of-state big money groups that influence Kentucky elections.

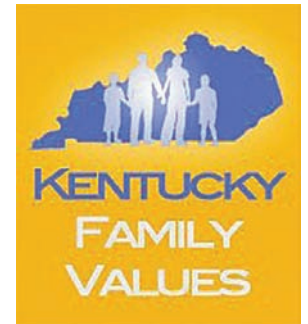
“What initially caught our attention was that their logo and messaging was strikingly similar to that of The Family Foundation,” said Joyce Ostrander, policy analyst for The Family Foundation. “Many of their radio ads described the organization and their candidates as having ‘family values’ or being ‘conservative,’ but their objectives and what they supported are vastly different than what The Family Foundation stands for. Therefore, one has to wonder if misleading voters was accidental or intentional.” (*See logos above*)

Voters were misled, and during the last weeks of the Nov. 2014 election, The Family Foundation staff received many frustrated calls and emails. “Citizens assumed the ads they were hearing and seeing were from us. Many were upset about the positions and candidates they thought we were supporting,” said Sarah Roof, office manager. “We repeatedly explained that Kentucky Family Values is not The Family Foundation, and furthermore, The Family Foundation does not endorse candidates.”

The Family Foundation logo (left) compared to the Kentucky Family Values logo (right).



Was their choice deliberate?



The Family Foundation supporters were frustrated because candidates endorsed by Kentucky Right to Life Association were opposed by KFV. According to reports filed with KREF, in one race alone (House District 62) KFV spent \$129,978 opposing pro-life incumbent Ryan Quarles (R) and supporting his opponent, Chuck Tackett (D).

“Clearly KFV defines family values differently than conservative traditional family values groups such as The Family Foundation,” said Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst. “Most Kentuckians consider the sanctity of life, sanctity of marriage, and religious freedom to be examples of traditional family values issues.”

So just what was KFV’s goal?

According to Kenny Colston of WFPL News in Louisville, Kentucky Family Values is a Democrat Super PAC “helping Democrats beat back the GOP’s attempt to take control of the House.” Investigation into their spending in the last two general elections confirms that all

money KFV spent was to elect Democrat candidates and defeat Republican candidates.

And where did their money come from?

Despite KFV’s radio ads stating that voters were “tired of out-of-state big money influencing elections” and “spending millions to buy this election” and that KFV was from “here in Kentucky,” donor data obtained from the KREF shows that for the November election, the majority of KFV’s donations came from out-of-state “big money,” mostly powerful Washington, DC-based unions.

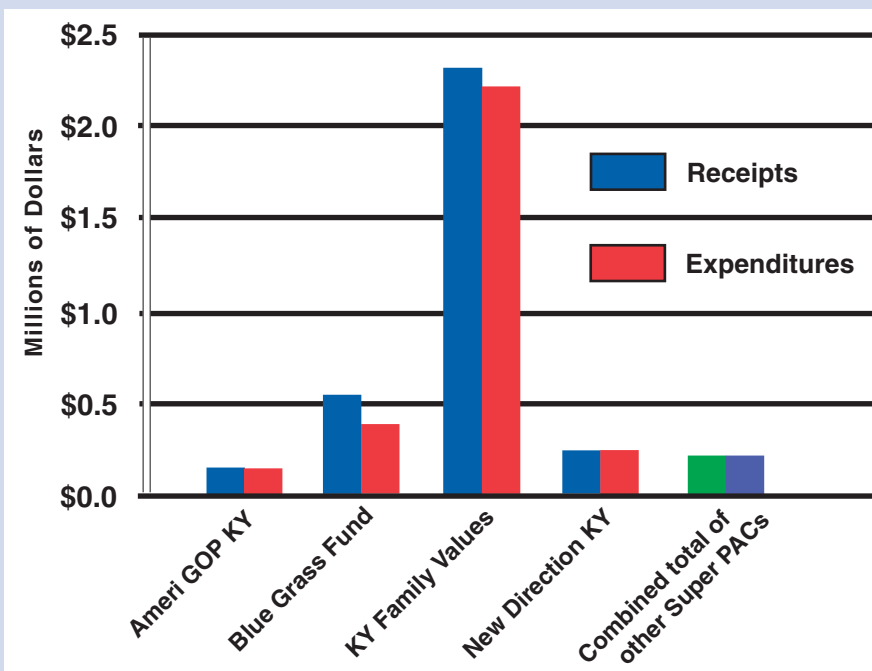
In both the 2012 and 2014 general elections, KFV spent over \$2 million. KREF reports for the Nov. 2014 election show KFV spent more than all of the other Kentucky registered Super PACs combined (*See chart left*). All the races it targeted were Kentucky House races.

“Kentucky Family Values would be more accurate if they said they are an out-of-state, big money union group trying to keep Democrats in control and are masquerading as family values conservatives in order to fool Kentucky voters,” said Joyce Ostrander.

Kentucky Super PAC Activity Reported in 2014

Kentucky Family Values:

- Dwarfed all other PACs in receipts and expenditures.
- Outspent and outraised all other Kentucky Super PACs **combined**.
- Raised most of its money from outside Kentucky for General Election of 2014:
 - \$862,500.00 reported from out-of-state donors.
 - \$755,075.00 reported from in-state donors.
- All money is spent only **for** Democrat candidates or **against** Republicans.



Opinion: This is happening all across the nation. Will Kentucky stand strong and lead the nation?

They are trying to put religious liberty in a box

Several weeks ago, I participated in a debate on “Kentucky Tonight,” KET’s weekly public affairs program, on the issue of “LGBT rights and religious freedom.” This was just a couple of weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court had struck down the democratically passed marriage laws of states that had defined marriage as between one man and one woman.

The Court’s decision was, of course, hailed by the political groups who had been pushing for the repeal of traditional marriage laws. And why not? They would otherwise have had to go through the same steps in the democratic process that cultural conservatives had to go through to pass laws making the traditional definition of marriage explicit.

Despite the decisions supposedly being about “fairness,” what it actually showed about the way our justice system now treats social issues is revealing.

Conservatives, we now know, are to be required to slog through the long democratic process in order to pass laws



Martin Cothran is the senior policy analyst for The Family Foundation

reflecting their beliefs. To change the Constitution in Kentucky, for example, you have to have a bill introduced, then get it passed by both chambers of elected state lawmakers, and then convince a majority of Kentuckians to vote in favor of it on the next statewide ballot.

The result is that courts now permit laws if they are passed for liberal reasons, but not for conservative reasons.

Meanwhile, all social liberals have to do is to find a judge who is sympathetic to their agenda, and have him or her invent a brand new right out of thin legal air.

How fair is that?

The proponents of same-sex marriage argued that they were winning the public over to their position. But if that were so,

they would have been able to convince popularly elected lawmakers to change the law. And the fact that they couldn’t—and had to bypass the democratic process altogether—is an indication of how weak that claim really is.

In fact, the entire way such issues are handled by federal courts now is skewed

against traditional beliefs. One of the tests such laws must pass is the “rational basis” test. But this test automatically discounts any law that was motivated by religion, tradition, custom, or morality—the very reasons cultural conservatives support any law.

The result is that courts now permit laws if they are passed for liberal reasons, but not for conservative reasons.

This creates an interesting political environment in which liberals can pass laws they believe in, but laws that conservatives support are disallowed for the mere reason that conservatives believe in them.

And again, this is all done in the name of “fairness.”

Now that judges are actively advanc-

ing the liberal political agenda on important values issues and prohibiting conservatives from passing laws on the basis of their beliefs, what happens next?

In scheduling the show as it did, the decision-makers at KET obviously saw the writing on the wall: Now that the High Court had advanced the special

interest political agenda of gay rights groups on the marriage issue, it was the issue of religious freedom that would now be in the spotlight.

Already supporters of same-sex marriage are pressing their advantage, and ignoring First Amendment religious freedoms.

In Kentucky, several county clerks, who took an oath to the Kentucky Constitution that defined marriage as between a man and a woman, have refused to issue marriage licenses because of the new law for religious reasons. One of them is being sued by the ACLU.

The ACLU has always claimed that its purpose was to defend the First Amendment, but it has apparently forgotten that the First Amendment includes the provision that people have the right to freedom of religious exercise. This makes you wonder why the ACLU is attacking, rather than defending, the county clerks.

The same people now criticizing the county clerks for refusing to perform a normal duty for religious reasons were noticeably silent when Attorney General Jack Conway violated his own oath of office (and the position he took against same-sex marriage in his campaign for office) and refused to defend Kentucky’s marriage law. Interesting, he too did it for religious reasons (appealing to the Pope)!

Of course, this is just another example of how liberals can now do things conservatives can’t. Fairness, like marriage, has now been redefined.

CHOOSE LIFE plates raise \$33.7K

Only the compassionate work of pregnancy care centers receives these funds.

Money raised from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 through the sale of the official, “CHOOSE LIFE” specialty Kentucky license plates is once again being passed on to the state’s 50+ pregnancy care centers that help women with untimely pregnancies bring their child into the world.

In 2005, the Kentucky legislature created an option for specialty license plates to give various and diverse Kentucky organizations an opportunity to spread and support their message. The Family Foundation was designated as the organization to serve the Kentucky’s network of pregnancy care centers (PCCs). In 2006, legislators made provision for a voluntary \$10 donation above the cost of the plate to be earmarked for local PCCs.

The initial cost of the specialty plate for a citizen is \$44.00. Of that, a \$10 donation is earmarked for the pregnancy center that serves the driver’s county. In the ensuing years (renewal years), the cost for the plate is only \$31.00, again with \$10 going to the pregnancy care center. One hundred percent of the funds donated are distributed to the PCCs by The Family Foundation, which itself contributes the cost of the annual audit as well as the administrative and distribution expenses.

Kentucky is one of the most pro-life states in the nation even though political maneuvering has stopped all pro-life legislation in the state House of Representatives for the last 11 years.



It's time to ACT! We must not just sit by and watch!

Come to the

Rally for Religious Liberty/ Freedom of Conscience

and

Stand with the County Clerks

Sat., August 22 at noon

on the Capitol Steps (See pages 1-3)

and come to one of our three

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later this Fall

(See below for details)

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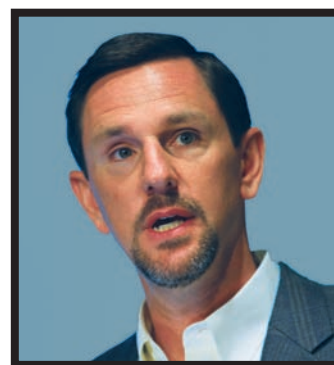
Join us at one of our 25th Anniversary Lectures

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we've asked some of the "experts" to share their thoughts on one of our most important messages: *"Responsible Christian Citizenship: What does the Bible say?"*

Dr. Hershael York, Professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church, Kelly Shackelford, President of Liberty Institute, and Dr. Paul Chitwood, Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will each address the topic in a lecture in their own way.

The three lectures are each scheduled at 7:00 PM: 1) in Lexington on Sept. 15 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 2) in Louisville on Sept. 22 at Highview Baptist Church - East Campus, and 3) in Madisonville on Oct. 5 at Grapevine Baptist Church.

A fourth, special lecture for pastors and leaders will be offered at



Dr. Hershael York (left), Kelly Shackelford (center) and Dr. Paul Chitwood will share their messages on "Biblical Citizenship" at these venues and times:

● **Dr. Hershael York - Sept. 15**
Immanuel Baptist Church - 7:00 PM
3100 Tates Creek Rd - Lexington

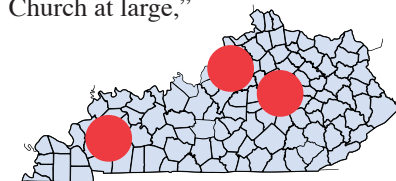
● **Kelly Shackelford - Sept. 22**
Special Leaders' Meeting - 2:00 PM
Ashland Ave. Baptist Church
483 West Reynolds Rd - Lexington

● **Kelly Shackelford - Sept. 22**
Highview Baptist Church
- East Campus - 7:00 PM
15201 Shelbyville Rd - Louisville

● **Dr. Paul Chitwood - Oct. 5**
Grapevine Baptist Church - 7:00 PM
85 Sandcut Road - Madisonville

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington and will discuss the new battle around religious liberty in America. Kelly Shackelford, whose legal group focuses entirely on religious liberty, will offer that seminar at 2:00 PM on Sept. 22.

"On our 25th Anniversary of the opening of our doors at The Family Foundation, we wanted to have well-respected leaders and theologians articulate a core message to the Church at large,"



said Kent Ostrander, executive director and founder of The Foundation. "These men are as solid as can be found."

Feel free to invite guests. These events are not fundraising events.