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Franklin Graham comes to Frankfort May 4: It's time to pray! It's time to be salt & light!

With Christians across the Commonwealth concerned about our state and nation's direction, NOW is the time for faith and faithfulness!

May 4 is a day of destiny for Kentucky . . . perhaps for America. On Wednesday, May 4 Franklin Graham is coming to Frankfort to challenge Kentucky Christians to be the difference and to make the difference in the future of our state and nation. He will challenge us to pray, to believe and to act.

The "Decision America Tour 2016" will have a prayer rally on the Capitol steps at noon. Graham will be there to share, encourage and admonish the citizenry of Kentucky to do our part to turn from our present course and engage with faith and faithfulness so that the obvious does not result from the course that we are currently following.

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Graham," said Kent Ostrander, executive director of The Family Foundation. "When we saw that the 2016 General Assembly was wrangling on the budget and shifting its calendar repeatedly, we cancelled our Rally set for April 11 and encouraged everyone to come on May 4. This way we can get to the root of the state's and nation's problems – the spiritual malaise."

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are wondering why the House of Representatives is unwilling to debate and pass the sanctity of life bills that protect both mother and child, and the religious liberty bills that protect deeply-held convictions of conscience. Most would agree that there would be more courage in Frankfort if a revival or awakening took place that impacted both everyday citizens and political leaders.

Volunteers and organizers are hoping for thousands of Christians from across the state and across denominational lines to attend and agree together in prayer for Kentucky and the nation.

"As I talk with people across the country, there's a hunger for a spiritual revival in America. It begins when we, as Christians, commit to prayer, standing firm on God's Word and living out our faith in every aspect of life," said Graham.

Franklin Graham leads Prayer Rally

at 12 noon

Wednesday, May 4

on the front

Capitol Steps



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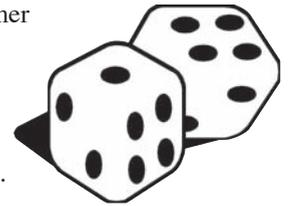
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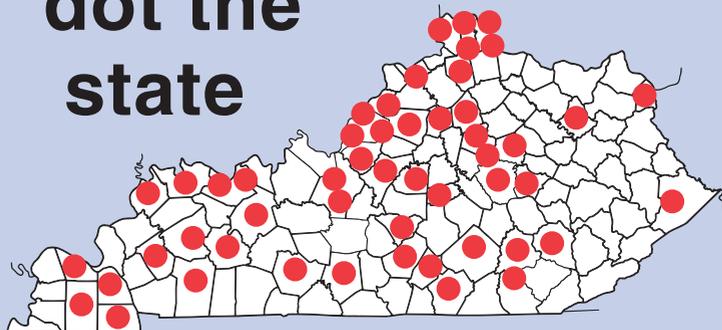
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**Go ahead, get one for your car
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**You'll be making a stand for life
and for compassionate, life-saving intervention because
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that you donate above the actual cost of your license plate.**

THIS is Unbridled SPIRIT in Kentucky!

Religious liberty / Privacy bills also died in House

Like the pro-life bills that died in the House, religious liberty and privacy bills also received no hearings in that Chamber.

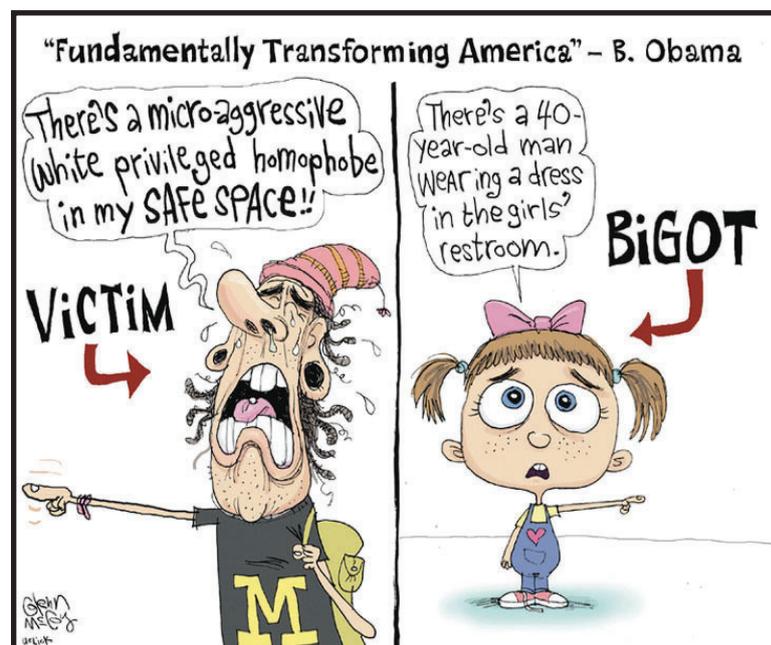
Besides blocking sanctity of life bills (See page 2), House Leadership also blocked other traditional values bills that have become sharply contested in states across the nation.

Senate Bill 180 - Religious Liberty / Rights of Conscience Act: SB 180 affirmed the American right of conscience, currently under attack across the nation. Since the *Oberge-fell* same-sex marriage decision, individuals and groups have attempted to force others – in violation of their conscience – to participate in same-sex weddings. This violates Kentucky’s Bill of Rights Section 5: “No human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.” SB 180 passed the Senate on March 15 with a 22-16 vote, but was ignored, dying in the House Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 15 - Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act: SB 15 guaranteed First Amendment rights to students K thru college. Here are examples: It would allow a valedictorian to “thank my parents and God” in their graduation address – no longer can “God” be censored. Students could no longer be intimidated by school officials just because they are people of faith. It would allow free artistic and literary expression when the school chooses to present plays that may have religious verbiage in them (i.e. *A Charlie Brown Christmas*). It would also clarify that school officials may not discriminate against a student group (like a Christian Student Fellowship) simply because the group conducts its internal affairs and elects leaders in accordance with its stated mission. SB 15 passed the Senate on Feb. 4 with a 31-2 vote and then languished, unheard in the House Education Committee for 39 days.

House Bill 364 - Student Privacy Act: School administrators in Kentucky are dealing with students with gender dysphoria (biological males who think they are girls and vice versa). These students want to use the bathroom and locker rooms of the

opposite biological sex. The Student Privacy Act would have allowed school administrators to care for students with gender dysphoria while still respecting the privacy rights of all the other students. Under this Act, administrators would determine how best to accommodate all students *except* they would not be allowed to place students of opposite biological sex in the same bathroom, locker room or shower room at the same time. HB 364 passed the Senate in 2015 but this year was never heard by a House committee.



Why did the 2016 House “behave badly”?

It is all about the power and control of the very liberal and the handful of Representatives called “House Leadership.”

What is going on in the state House of Representatives? Why are House members *not* passing basic pro-family bills that have Kentucky’s traditional values written all over them?

The answer is subtle, but not complex. The bottom line is that about 12 very liberal members of the Democrat Caucus vote as a block and determine who their Leadership will be. That Leadership then controls the House with deference to those liberal 12, which in turn, since all bills must pass both the House and Senate, controls what is ultimately passed through the General Assembly.

More specifically: There are 100 members of the State House with 53 Democrats, making the Democrats the Majority Party. Those 53 House Democrats decide who will be in the five “seats of power” in that Chamber – “House Leadership”: the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Floor Leader, the Majority Caucus leader and the Majority Whip.

Here’s where it gets interesting because it only takes 27 votes from the 53-member caucus to install someone into a Leadership position.

Enter the “liberal Democrats.” Originally made up of eight very liberal female representatives, some of whom have moved on and some of whom have been replaced by very liberal men, this “caucus within the caucus” of 12 representatives wields unusual power over the Chamber. Here is how: Imagine if you were running for a Leadership position, say for Speaker, and your opponent (from within your Party Caucus) has already secured 26 votes while you had only 15 – all you would have to do is *make a deal* with the “liberal caucus” and they would vote as a 12-vote block and you would secure your

needed 27 votes to become Speaker. *They* actually would control who is elected into Leadership!

What would it take to be awarded their 12-vote block?

Sources close to House Leadership have said that it is simply a promise not to let “right-wing” legislation come to the floor where it would likely pass. This includes bills that would limit or shed light on abortion; bills that would frustrate the pro-gay/pro-lesbian agenda; and bills that would promote true religious liberty.

Examine the 2016 Session: Senate Bill 4 - An Informed Consent Bill, which finally corrected the Patton Administration’s mishandling of Rep. Katie Stine’s 1998 “Informed Consent Act,” overwhelmingly passed both the Senate and House with votes of 32-5 on Jan. 19 and 92-3 on Jan. 28, respectively. This, of course, was *before* the March 8 Special Elections to fill four vacant House seats.

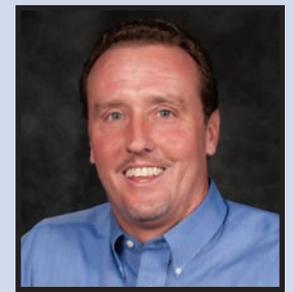
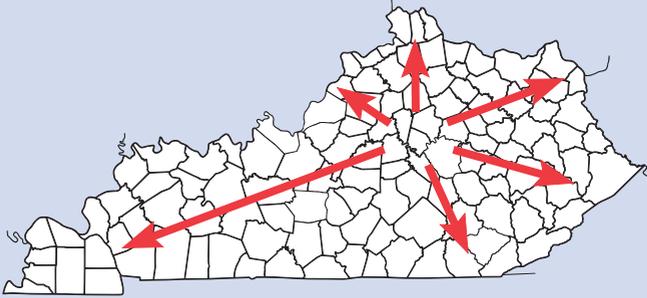
With the Democrat to Republican ratio in the House at 50 to 46 in January, it made sense for the Democrat Majority to pass a popular pro-life bill. After the March 8 election, when Democrats won three of the four Special races, none of the other six sanctity of life bills received a debate on the House Floor, or even a simple hearing in a committee. (See related stories above, on top of page 2, and on page 7)

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The Kentucky Marriage Movement



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Join with us in focusing on the First Priority – Marriage and Family

As the cultural design for marriage has dramatically shifted, it has become evident that we must recapture the priority of marriage as God designed it, holding up His standard to restore society.

God's order in our churches will allow us to regain influence in our communities and culture. Reformed theologian Herman Bavinck, with regard to civilization and building a culture of love, states in defining the home as "the first and best school of nurture that exists on earth."

By God's design, there is no other institution, whether by efforts of specific individuals, organizations or societies brought about by **either the church** or the state that can replace or compensate for the family.

We want to encourage these Truths through our churches and pray to impact our culture. We must also remember that when we, even in our churches and with good intentions, "re-order" God's design, we surrender territory to the enemy and weaken our influence in the world. Let us, with courage and grace, stand firm on His Truth in all spheres of influence as we are called.

The foundational relationships in which we mature and express His

agape love are:

- 1) God/Christ
- 2) Marriage
- 3) Family
- 4) His Church, including servant-leaders as described in I Tim 3:1-5.
- 5) All Others - our neighbors

In God's design, the church never replaces marriage and family. In fact, attempts to replace them always lead to cultural demise. His Body thrives as we extend the loving relationships nurtured in covenant marriage and fellowship found in imperfect but forgiven people and families!

Every marriage and family is a "little church." If we are not strengthening each "little church," then it matters little the size of our "big churches."

In relationships outside God's design, His Church must be there without compromising His Word on marriage and family.

As we focus on these foundational relationships, reflecting His Love for us as His Bride, we lay again the foundation for a moral and thriving society.



For more information, call **(859)255-5400** or go to **www.kentuckymarriage.org**

We at The Family Foundation want to show an educational pro-life video in **YOUR** county. Together we can make a **H-U-G-E** difference. Are **YOU** willing to assist?

Please contact us. Call us at: **859-255-5400**

or email us at: **kent@kentuckyfamily.org**



This is a **B-I-G** election year. Vote on May 17!!!

The ultimate question is whether religious freedom and free speech are still primary in America or if new rights now trump them.

A presidential election year often brings a flurry of activity in other races, and that is especially true in Kentucky. Over 270 candidates have filed for seats in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives as well as the Kentucky legislature.

With the power for the 100-member Kentucky House of Representatives up for grabs, there is currently an astounding 208 candidates hoping to represent Kentuckians in Frankfort. The current make-up of the House is 53 Democrats to 47 Republicans, and Republicans are hoping to take control for the first time since 1922. Thirty-one representatives – 22 Republicans and 9 Democrats – did not draw a challenger and will return to the General Assembly next year. Nine representatives – Democrats Johnny Bell, Larry Clark, Mike Denham, Chris Harris and Leslie Combs and Republicans Bob DeWeese, David Floyd, Brad Montell and Thomas Kerr – are not seeking re-election. All in all, 81 candidates will be on the primary ballot for the State House.

Currently, Kentucky has . . .

53 Democrats and 47 Republicans in the State House of Representatives.

27 Republicans and 11 Democrats in the State Senate.

Five Republicans and one Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Two Republicans in the U.S. Senate.

The Kentucky Senate is currently made up of 27 Republicans and 11 Democrats, but only half of the Senate is up for election this year. Senators serve four-year terms, so only those that represent odd-numbered districts have elections. Ten of those did not have anyone file to run against them; therefore, 29 of the 38 seats are already set in place. Of the nine remaining seats, only two are open – Representatives Carroll Gibson (R-Leitchfield) and Chris Girdler (R-Somerset) will not be returning.

U.S. Senator Rand Paul is seeking re-election and has drawn two opponents in the Republican primary. The Democrats will have a busy 7-way race to determine who will represent their party for the U.S. Senate seat in November.

In the U.S. House, Rep. Ed Whitfield chose to retire in western Kentucky's 1st District. Two Democrats and four Republicans will face off in the Primary for that seat. Brett Guthrie did not draw opposition, so he will return to represent the 2nd District. John Yarmuth of Louisville will not have a primary opponent, but three Republicans are battling for the opportunity to defeat him in November. There will be no primary for the 4th District, but Republican Congressman Thomas Massie will face Democrat Calvin Sidle in the Fall. Congressman Hal Rogers did not draw Democratic opposition, but he will have a primary against John Burk, Jr. for the 5th District. And in the 6th District, there is a two-way primary for both Democrats and Republi-

cans to try to unseat Andy Barr.

The Family Foundation will once again make its *Kentucky Candidate Information Survey* (KCIS) available for use for families, churches and businesses. "We want to provide voters with reliable information in the candidates' own words, just as we've done for over 20 years," said Sarah Roof, KCIS project coordinator. "Informed voters lead to a more representative government." Roof suggests that, after May 3, everyone visit www.votekentucky.us for responses to this year's *Survey*.



Kentucky Candidate Information Survey

To get info about the May 17 Primary candidates in their own words, and/or . . .

To print off information on races that you can copy and give to others (**after May 3**), go to:

www.votekentucky.us

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

IMPORTANT "To Do"! We will not be printing hard copies of the **KCIS** Survey for the Primary. Therefore, send an email requesting a digital copy that you can forward to your church friends:

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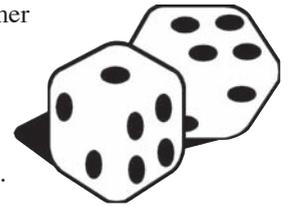
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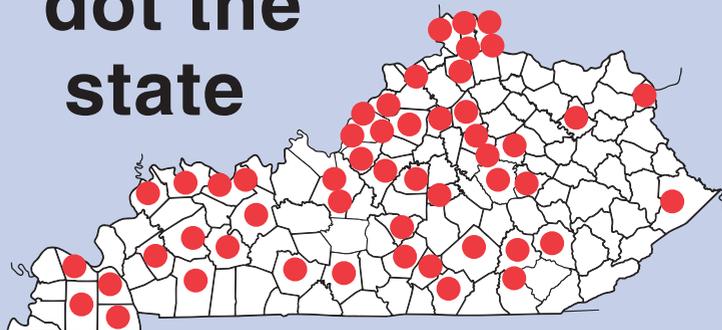
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Legislative obstruction of the people's will

Sometimes you hope for a particular result and it doesn't come, but what you learn in the disappointing outcome is invaluable. Such is the case with the 2016 Session of the General Assembly: Many good bills did not become law by passing both Chambers of the Assembly — but now everyone across the state can easily see why.

It has been recognized for years that the leadership of the House Democrat Caucus has been pushing its members, the entire House, and therefore the entire Assembly to the left on the sanctity of life issue — *there has been no NEW pro-life bill allowed on the House Floor for a debate and a vote since 2004*. Twelve years! This means that regardless of what

pro-life bill the Senate passes, or what pro-life bill any Representative introduces, none will be given the

opportunity to be debated and voted upon on the House Floor. In that sense, House Leadership is controlling the entire General Assembly on the sanctity of life issue.

Yes, Senate Bill 4 passed both Chambers. And, yes, it was the first bill signed into law by new Kentucky Govern-



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nor Matt Bevin. (A great first bill.) And, yes, Rep. Jeff Hoover (R-Jamestown), Minority Floor Leader, was on his toes when SB 4 was almost transformed by a hostile pro-choice representative on the House Floor into a “tele-med abortion authorization.” But the fact remains that

SB 4 *simply corrected* a deliberate mishandling by the Patton Administration in 1998 of Rep. Katie Stine's

Informed Consent Act that passed that year.

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Once SB 4 passed, no other pro-life bills were considered — not even in committee, let alone on the House Floor.

And there were several of them, some originating in the House (which received no attention), and some that came over from the

Senate with overwhelming votes of support. (*See related story on page 2*)

But it wasn't only pro-life legislation that was deliberately killed. Last year, The Student Privacy Act was passed by the Senate with a vote of 27 to 9 and was allowed to die without an action in the House. The reason? “Not enough time to consider it in a short Session.” This bill would simply have made sure that students of opposite biological gender were not directed into the same bathroom, locker room or shower room at the same time. The bill authorized school administrators to take care to provide for any student that is transgender, but the one thing they could not do is mix boys and girls in those private and vulnerable settings.

This year the “same” basic bill was

introduced in the House — House Bill 364. It was never heard — not even in Committee. And there was time — this year was a “long” Session.

Senate Bill 15 — The Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act sponsored by Sen. Albert Robinson (R-London), just like last year, passed the Senate

overwhelmingly 31 to 2, but was never even considered by a House Committee. (Just like last year.)

SB 15 would simply have codified into the Kentucky Revised Statutes the freedoms that federal courts have acknowledged for students so that teachers and school administrators would not find themselves in violation of federal law when they acted out of fear of the “separation of church and state.” Students have been told they can't pray, can't bring the Bibles to school and cannot mention “God” in a valedictory address when, in fact, *ALL* of those are basic student constitutional rights.

And the last example is Senate Bill 180 — the Religious Liberty / Rights of Conscience Act. This bill, for example, would simply have protected a baker from being forced to violate his deepest religious convictions by shielding him from those who would try to force him to use his talents to create a wedding cake for a same-sex marriage. But it would also protect the gay and lesbian baker from being forced to bake a special cake for the Westboro Baptist Church.

SB 180 passed the Senate with significant support but was never considered in the House.

Here is what we must learn: If a court system can have something called “obstruction of justice,” then a legislative body can have “obstruction of the will of the people.” Both are incompatible with our republic form of democracy, and it needs to be corrected soon.

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The House, in essence, can control it all

In recent years, the name of the game has been “leveraging your influence.” It is sad . . .

A small group of very liberal legislators, working with liberal lobbyists and liberal organizations, has been controlling the entire General Assembly on the “social issues,” like the sanctity of life, religious liberty and issues involving homosexuals. It's actually very simple: As long as a group can control House Leadership, they can control the House, and since all bills must pass both Chambers, they control the entire General Assembly. This has been going on for more than 10 years.



Across the state we need people who want to make a difference.

We need volunteers . . .

Kentucky, and America in fact, are approaching a tipping point where we may not be able to correct our downward course. The Family Foundation intends to continue to stand for the family and the values that make families strong, but government too often is working against the family and against family values.

We need to recognize that "WE ARE THE GOVERNMENT" and that we must act rather than simply slide into the trash heap of history like great cultures and nations.

So, we need help . . .
would you be willing to . . .

- **Sign People Up?**

Encourage your friends to sign up for the *CITIZEN* newsletter.

- **Pro-Life Seminar?**

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- **Distribute Information?**

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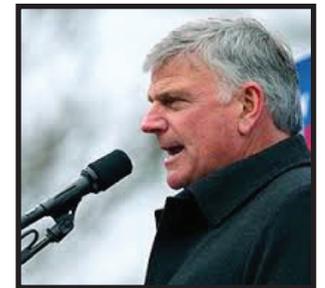
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