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STEP of Faith #1 - The 2015 General Assembly Session:
We are gently ready to engage the 2015 General Assembly where the House Leadership has killed all new pro-life bills for years. But we must take our stand and we must speak out. It will take a faithstep by all of us, and in God’s providence, to keep.

STEP of Faith #2 - The Marriage Case:

The Family Foundation was the lead plaintiff in Baker v. Nelson, the 2014 case that struck down Kentucky’s marriage law.

In his February ruling, Heyburn, a federal district court judge, struck down the Kentucky marriage law:

"The Family Foundation wrote three amicus briefs for the case, two at the District Court level and one at the Court of Appeals. Most rewarding is the fact that many of his arguments were incorporated into Judge Sutton’s majority opinion. Stan Cave, attorney for The Family Foundation, wrote an amicus brief with the U. S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment. In both these decisions, he appealed to the U. S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment. After Justice John G. Heyburn overturned Kentucky’s marriage law in two separate decisions, one in February and one in May, Kentuckians who voted in favor of the traditional definition of marriage had to feel the sting of the increasing willingness of unelected federal judges to overturn laws that had the clear support of voters.

Kennedy’s marriage law was approved by voters in 2004 by more votes than any other Kentucky constitutional amendment.

The string of defeats on the marriage issue has surely had the effect of demoralizing those who support the traditional definition of marriage. But for once, defenders of traditional marriage have something to cheer about.

After a number of losses in the lower federal court, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed that marriage is a state concern.

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State Senate majority grows; House stays the same

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Nov. 4, 11 was an exciting evening for Kentucky Republicans (and for U.S. Senator John 30, who picked up two of the six seats in the State Senate—keeping the party in control of both the Legislative and Judicial branches). Turned around, the reverse is true. Democratic lawmakers lost five seats in the State Senate, but retained their majority in the House of Representatives.

Ostrander’s assertions are certainly true. But, in this transfer of power, the 14th Amendment’s due process and equal protection clauses require recognition of same-sex marriage. Here they are:

It appears that the President does not know what the 14th Amendment is.

II. That promoting the common good is an inherent constitutional objective.

The people of America responded to his declaration in a way that stunned the pollsters and the pundits alike. Obama’s policies “are on the ballot,” and the American people rejected them (and their Senate proponents) at the ballot box in record numbers — instead of narrowly winning the Senate, the Republicans now hold a majority of 53-46 and could sway it to 56-46 if necessary. Louisiana held a runoff between two top vote recipients of Nov. 4 — Senator Mary Landrieu and Congressman Bill Cassidy — but it is not clear in the 91st District where Henderson (D) is leading. It is less clear in the 91st District where Henderson (D) is leading. It is less clear in the 91st District where Henderson (D) is leading.

Nov. 4 was an interesting evening for Kentucky Republicans: Their U.S. Senator won by 15 points, they picked up two (or three seats in the State Senate — depending how you count*), but they made no progress in the State House — still 54 Democrats and 46 Republicans. Turned around, the reverse is true. Democratic lawmakers lost five seats in the State Senate, but retained their majority in the House of Representatives.

But, in fact, none of these assumptions are true. No one has ever even considered the 14th Amendment’s due process or equal protection clauses. Failing is required to do same-sex marriage or with marriage at all — until the past decade when judges started inventing the right in order to comply with the political agendas of gay rights groups. Unless you can establish the first, the due process argument fails. And unless you can establish the first, the equal protection argument fails. And, of course, no one really believes either of these things, including the activist liberal judges who simply pretend they are not problematic.

And not only does the reasoning of many courts assume what we know to be untrue about the 14th Amendment in general, but there are two things you have to believe in order to justify the argument that the 14th Amendment’s due process and equal protection clauses require recognition of same-sex marriage.

State House majority changes; House stays the same

Once you actually analyze the arguments, you realize that it is not legal arguments that are forcing courts to invalidate traditional marriage laws, but politics. Judges are not interpreting laws, but making them.

Obama rebuked by U.S. Senate wins across nation

Americans responded to Obama and his policies with unusual force, setting up Congress to spar with the President.

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If this is how the debate over marriage now being conducted in the courts, you will quickly notice what is the chief argument against same-sex marriage. The 14th Amendment. It is used as a sort of incantation by which they think they can magically transform marriage from an inherently contingent relationship between a man and a woman into a relationship that men and women are interchangeable.

“Then why does the right to marry violate the 14th Amendment?” they will say, and, legally, because the second clause states that they are not attorneys and do not have the expertise to answer the question, the normal goal of majority in the State House.

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Berea City Council votes gay rights down 5-3

This was a victory for the everyday citizens who decided to stand up for what they believed against activists from the outside. When Berea City Council rejected a proposed fairness ordinance that would have included lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals as a protected class from discrimination, Bedford Baptist Church Pastor Kenny Davis credited the victory to Berea’s church community coming together in opposition to the ordinance.

Berea is a small college town, neither side expects the issue to go away. (See sidebar article.) At the Oct. 7 meeting a crowd of about 100 filled the city’s meeting room. The crowd grew so large that some were sent to a service station next door to watch the deliberations on television. Meanwhile, Davis vows to continue to be vigilant, engage City Council, reach out to the community with the truth of scripture, and pray.

Davis believes the ordinance proposal is less about civil rights and more about advancing a national movement to make homosexual behavior acceptable, and he doesn’t want to see gays hurt in any way. But the Church has to remain true to scripture, no matter the opposition.

Despite the fact that the opposition to the ordinance had characterized the pastor’s message as hate-filled and mean-spirited, “they stood together not wavering, but sharing the gospel, sharing the love of Christ,” Davis said. “Unfortunately, some members of my church bought into the rhetoric instead of remembering who I am.”

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Despite the enthusiasm among local community leaders, this ruling is still binding until the Supreme Court rules otherwise.

The council will be considering whether judges or the people should decide the question, said Judge Sutton, setting the issue sometime next year.

Gay strategies pressure Kentucky

Despite the support of the secular culture and media, many of their efforts have failed. Despite setbacks in such communities as Berea, Owensboro, and Henderson and the failure to get a statewide “fairness” law passed this year in the General Assembly, gay rights activists are still trading to keep their fight to add LGBT individuals as a protected class from discrimination.

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In his book "Forgiven, but not in God’s sight," Davis also states that the ordinance would have been bad for business in Berea, seeing how it broke a precedent Kentucky had established in 1991 in the landmark case of Hurley v. Irish-Americanposables is within their power," he said, “they have a duty to do something about it.”

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But not all. Davis related how one Berea College student attending his church opposed the ordinance despite his being gay. “He just thought the ordinance was wrong because it would create more animosity and more problems.” That stance caused the senior to be ostracized from many in the gay community.

Supporters of the Berea ordinance argued as hate-filled and mean-spirited, “they stood together not wavering, but sharing the gospel, sharing the love of Christ,” Davis said. “Unfortunately, some members of my church bought into the rhetoric instead of remembering who I am.”

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What is “Emerge Kentucky”?

It is a new organization that gives more credibility to the fact that people are trying to bring California politics into the Bluegrass. With all the good that is going on, Democrat women elected to office, a group of women from Louisville led by former state Rep. Linda Belcher, have been successful in Kentucky. One of those women, Rep. Rita Smart (D-Richmond) is Emerged Kentucky’s only alumnus to hold state-level office. However, it was not for lack of trying. In an April 2014 article, AIPAC described 31 progressive women candidates, hand-picked and trained by Emerged Kentucky, who had filed for office in Kentucky in 2014. Among them are:

- Rep. Linda Belcher serves on Emerged’s Advisory Board. These women did win elections.
- Emerged Kentucky alumna also ran for seats ranging from School Board and County Clerk to Metro Council and Family Court. Some of these Emerged alumna were successful this November.

“Kentucky Family Values” is a Super PAC

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

A 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding regulation of Super Political Action Committees (PACs) made reporting requirements less stringent for these political groups, up many analyst.

"Scalia's decision, new groups have emerged in Kentucky a political scene seeking to influence elections by advertising for or against candidates. Although these groups appear on both sides of the aisle, one such group, Kentucky Family Values (KFV) has attracted attention because of controversy regarding its confusing messaging."

"One has to wonder if misleading voters is accidental or intentional," says Joyce Steele, now the president of Emerge America, also serves on Northern California’s Democratic Party’s Advisory Board. Some of those Emerge alumna were successful this past November.

Emerge America’s Director, Alisha Woodward, came to Emerge America from Emily’s List, an abortion rights organization.

Emerge Kentucky’s Advisory Board includes all Democrat women serving in state-level office along with other members such as First Lady Jane Beshear and actress Ashley Judd.

Emerge Kentucky graduated its first class of 16 women in 2010; since then, 81 more women have completed the 70-hour, six-month training program. Rep. Rita Smart (D-Richmond) is Emerged Kentucky’s only alumnus to hold state-level office. However, it was not for lack of trying. In an April 2014 article, AIPAC described 31 progressive women candidates, hand-picked and trained by Emerged Kentucky, who had filed for office in Kentucky in 2014. Among them are: Rep. Linda Belcher serves on Emerged’s Advisory Board. These women did win elections.

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as well as for another judge on the three-judge panel. "If a federal court deems the people suffered over an issue long thought to be within their power," he said, "they deserve an explanation. We, for our part, cannot find one, as several other judges have concluded so." Judge Sutton’s ruling, which defies the pro-same-sex marriage rulings in several other federal courts, is likely to prompt the U.S. Supreme Court to step back

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Let’s go Krogering!

When Berea City Council rejected a proposed fairness ordinance that would have included lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals as a protected class from discrimination, Berea First Baptist Church Pastor Kenny Davis ousted the victory to Berea in his own commentary opposing the ordinance.

Berea City Council votes gay rights down-5-3

This was a victory for the everyday people who stood up for what they believed against activists from the outside.

If you shop at Kroger, you can very easily enroll your Kroger Rewards Card to benefit The Family Foundation. It takes a couple minutes to register your card choice. The Church must not compromise what God says about homosexuality.

The three largest cities in Kentucky (Louisville, Lexington and Covington) have already adopted fairness ordinances...and they have a number of strategies to accomplish that goal.

One strategy national leaders of the movement have embraced is focusing on rural communities rather than on urban communities, especially targeting communities with a college or university presence. "The divide is not between red states and blue states," wrote Silas House in a column, "but between urban and rural America." The success of the ordinance....was necessary to allow the Berea Human Rights Commission, formed in September 2011, to investigate claims of discrimination against gays. Currently, the seven-member Commission is limited to investigating claims of discrimination based on religious, race, sex,....or physical disability. Opponents questioned....and one member of the commission had not received any complaints of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Davis believes the ordinance proposed by the council was...loved about civil rights and more about advancing a national movement to make homosexual behavior acceptable, and he broader at the same time as the Catholic Church’s position on the civil rights struggles of the ’60s. “This is not about skin color,” he said. “It’s a matter of behavioral choice. The Church must not compromise what God says about homosexuality. The Church must remain true to scripture, and pray.

If the ordinance had passed, Berea would become the eighth Kentucky city to adopt a so-called "comprehensive protection" ordinance that would have added LGBT individuals as a protected class in Berea...rulers in Berea would have to defend the ordinance....”Things were said about me and what I believe that simply weren’t true. I have no animosity toward anyone who voted against the ordinance....or in any way. The Church has to remain true to scripture, and defend the ordinance....Certainly, some members of my church brought into the church, instead of remembering who I am...Davis declined how one Berea College student attending his church opposed the ordinance despite being gay. "You just thought the ordinance was wrong because...would continue, saying, “Despite the narrow defeat of the fairness ordinance, it’s likely Berea has not seen the end of this issue.”

Davis is waiting to see how the case will be decided.” He also argues that the ordinance would have allowed...or gender identity. The case was about whether judges or the people should decide the question, said Judge Sutton, writing in the opinion piece, “but between urban and rural America.” Following the vote, the “Bereans for Fairness” declined LGBT fairness in Berea would continue, saying, “Despite the narrow defeat of the fairness ordinance, it’s likely Bereans would not see the end of this issue.” Baker, Davis and others who wish to continue the...Marriage case victory

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Berea Gay strategies pressure Kentucky’s efforts

Despite the support of the secular culture and media, many of their efforts have stalled. Despite setbacks in each community as Berea, Owensboro, and Henderson and the failure to get a statewide “fairness” law passed this year in the General Assembly, gay rights activists still promise to keep their fight to add LGBT individuals as a protected class in Berea. One strategy national leaders of the movement have embraced is focusing on rural communities rather than on urban communities, especially targeting communities with a college or university presence. “The divide is not between red states and blue states,” wrote Silas House in a

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# State Senate majority grows; House stays the same

There was a major change in the way Washington will work after the election, but Frankfort may change very little.

Nov. 4 was an interesting evening for Kentucky Republi-cans: Their U.S. Senator won by 15 points, they picked up two (or three seats in the State Senate –

“Unless citizens get actively involved, moral and family issues will be prone to getting stuck, as they have for the last ten years, never to reach the House Floor for debate.” – Kent Ostrander

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To continue to step forward we are looking towards to.

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Martin Cothran (right), senior policy analyst for TheFamily Foundation, debated Judge John Heyburn II at the annual meeting of the 80 member Lawyers Association in Louisville on Nov 13. Judge Heyburn, who ruled against the 2004 Kentucky Marriage Protection Amendment twice in his District Court, was overturned by the 6th Circuit on Nov 6. Video of the debate can be viewed at:

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