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March 3: Special Senate election for 27th district

The Kentucky Marriage Movement

Opinion: The average American doesn’t understand that we have several “dictators” sitting on the U.S. Supreme Court bench.

Why I wish there were more like Moore

What has happened in Alabama (recently) regarding the marriage issue is truly remarkable on a number of fronts: The evangelical, the most important aspect of what is taking place is a constitutional amendment to define marriage in Alabama. In fact, lack of understanding about what is taking place in this matter leaves us in the debate in the Supreme Court.

Under our Constitution and under federal judicial practice, the decision of one federal district court judge is not binding on another federal district judge. As recently as 2014, Justice Moore said, “A decision of a federal district court judge is not binding precedent on either a different judicial district, the same judicial district, or even upon the same judge in a different case.”

In other words, federal constitutional jurisprudence is not so impenetrable as to allow one judge to decide for all other federal (or state) judges what the Constitution says. So, Justice Moore wisely said, in essence, Alabama probate judges cannot allow one judge in one district to decide what the constitution means in other districts that might decide the question differently. If you think there’s “chaos” in Alabama now, let another federal judge in Alabama rule the other way and see what you have then!

David Fowler is the president of the Family Action Council of Tennessee.

Benjamin Franklin’s plea for prayer

“... as recorded by James Madison

In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have hitherto been so much of the time irregularly applying to the Father of Lights in admiration of the rights of men? In the beginning of the Congress with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, & they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending providence in our favor.

In this situation of this Assembly, we have frequently remarked that it is the inclination of mankind to consolidate under one man and one woman violated our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance?

“Our lack of understanding about what is taking place may well explain why we’re debating marriage in the first place.

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The Kentucky Marriage Movement Various regional events listed below

Lexington, April 17-18
Love & Respect video conference - The Eggerichs
Gardenside Christian Church
490 Holly Springs Drive, Lexington, KY 40504

Nicholasville, July 17-18
Love and Leadership Event - Greg Williams
Church of the Savior Men's Retreat
1301 Brannon Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356

Campbellsville, Sept. 25-26
Love and Leadership Event - Greg Williams
Church of the Savior Men's Retreat
Green River Lake, Campbellsville, KY 42718

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Citizenship is already underway at Answers (AiG) in Williamstown for the nation’s newest theme park – Ark Encounter. The Creation Museum at AiG is erecting a Noah’s Ark replica that will have a theme park with associated displays that is expected to bring hundreds of thousands of tourists to Kentucky via the I-71, I-64 and I-75 corridors. Unfortunately, Gov. Steve Beshear is already raising their Ark.

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Liji August, an argument was heard before the federal 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati to determine whether Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky would lose their marriage protection amendments to their state constitutions. The people of each of these respected states had added their amendments with overwhelming majorities. At the time, no other federal Circuit Court had ever heard a case relating to similar amendments in the states that set their own marriage laws.

Through60sbriefs had been filed, and many attorneys were engaged in the 6th Circuit process, and “ALL” that could be done had been done, the leaders of the four family policy organizations (one in each of the four states) communicated with each other and decided to challenge the Body of Christ in each of their states to pray. The vote was made clear on Nov. 6, when the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals released their 2-1 decision upholding the amendments of each of these states.

As expected, that decision precipitated an appeal from the gay couples involved in the case and the U.S. Supreme Court would respond to their appeal on Jan. 16 granting a certiorari case and the U.S. Supreme Court responded to their appeal on Jan. 16 granting a certiorari

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The Constitutional Convention had been meeting for five weeks, and had hit a vote rule. The entire effort to create a stronger union was in jeopardy. Eighty-one-year-old Benjamin Franklin, quiet during most of the deliberations, then addressed the group. According to James Madison’s notes, Franklin rose, addressed the President of the convention, and, after his brief explanation, made this point for prayer:

“Let’s go Krogering!”

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You can easily enroll your Kroger Rewards Card to benefit The Foundation. A percentage of your purchases will then be donated to The Family Foundation. Please join us in this simple fundraising effort (at NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU). It takes a couple minutes to register your card — just follow the steps below and note our official incorporation name.

1. Go to Kroger.com/communityrewards
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4. Go to “Find Your Organization,” find Family Foundation of Kentucky, Inc (or use code below). Click “Enroll.”
5. For most of Kentucky, use code #92920. For Northern KY (Cincinnati suburbs), use code #24726. Northeast KY (Ashland, Western KY (Paducah & Murray) and Southwest Central KY (Bowling Green & Glasgow) are not yet online.

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There has been some movement! Will you help by making the toll-free calls?

The Student Privacy Act - Senate Bill 76
Across the country, some school administrators have been focused on considering the needs of students who struggle with their sexual identity. Being kind and understanding, without doubt, is important. However, student groups in the same way they may grant it for other non-religious groups. Students of faith may not be discriminated against.

#1 “Pass The Student Privacy Act - Senate Bill 76”
This bill would bar school administrators from violating a student’s privacy rights by ordering that someone with a different biological gender use the same bathroom or locker room.

#2 “Pass The Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act - Senate Bill 71”
This bill guarantees that students would be free to maintain their First Amendment free speech and religious liberty rights without being penalized by school officials.

#3 “Pass The Face-To-Face Consultation Bill - Senate Bill 4 & The Ultrasound Bill - Senate Bill 7”
These bills require the abortionist to make time for a face-to-face consult prior to abortion, and require that he offer the opportunity to see her ultrasound.

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**Representative**

*These bills are now in the House (or will be soon). It is very easy. You will not have to speak to your legislator – simply leave a message for them with a receptionist. If you do not know who your representative is, the receptionist can tell you. Double your impact by having your spouse call. Call four times (on different days) and ask the receptionist to convey these following messages.

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The Ultrasonic Bill - SB 7 & Face-To-Face Consultation Bill - SB 4

Two bills, one topic: Legislators and citizens alike know that The Ultrasound Bill, Senate Bill 7, is an effort to give women all the information they need to make an informed decision. Too often abortionists have kept facts from their patients – facts that when learned later have often led post-abortion women to deeply regret their abortion decision.

And similarly, Senate Bill 4 helps remedy yet another injustice of the abortion industry. In 1998 the Informed Consent Law was passed to assure that women received all the information available and had the opportunity to ask questions of their physician. Instead, the abortion lobby twisted the meaning of the law in the regulation process so that a taped phone message was regarded as a “consultation.” Senate Bill 4 corrects that injustice – it requires a face-to-face consultation.

The Lottery/Horse Racing Bill - Senate Bill 74

This was a surprise because no one was expecting an expanded gambling bill to be pushed this year. Concerns for this bill include: 1) diverting money to the horse racing industry that normally would go to education; 2) the lead that the Horse Racing Commission gave (G) (?!)to have it abide by Executive Branch ethics rules; and 3) the broad expansion of gambling through this “new” concept.

The Family Foundation opposes Senate Bill 74. With this bill, a wagerer can purchase a Lottery tab for a live race somewhere in America, but he cannot choose the race or the horse. It is not real horse racing, but it uses horse races to sell the tickets.

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The Kentucky schools need Kentucky values. The Family Foundation opposes Senate Bill 71. With this bill, Christian leaders and conducts its internal affairs in a manner consistent with its religious beliefs and stated mission.
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Pass over more important than the fact that Kentucky could become the leading state once again in the protection of the values that make families strong. There are many people who call on the Name of the Lord. Very few of them believe that the Lord has blessed us. We will look at the present General Assembly to underscore the opportunities He has left us. And we will look forward to see what we can do to lead the charge.

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