It's time to stand!

This is a VERY important season.

We are looking for new people, new groups and new churches that would like to lock arms with us. Can you help us?

We will have updates and materials to share during the 2016 General Assembly. Can you help us?

There are many people who would like to get “connected” via email, Facebook and Twitter. Can you help us?

We need a woman’s outreach that will encourage women’s groups in the key role they play. Can you help us?

We can speak in your church as “Responsible Christian Citizenship.” Can you help us?

If we each do a little, a lot of good work will be done!

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Of the 2016 two sessions of the special to the pro-life community occurred. Senate Bill 4, has passed the Kentucky House of Representatives and Planned Parenthood of Louisville began seeking abortion legislation. 

Just before the start of the session, lawmakers were considering three major proposals that could affect abortion laws. The proposals were: 

1. House Bill 4, which would prohibit the sale of abortion drugs to women in Kentucky. 
2. Senate Bill 43, which would require doctors to report any case of suspected child abuse or neglect to law enforcement. 
3. Senate Bill 78, which would ban elective abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, based on a finding that the fetus can feel pain. 

Senate Bill 43 was fiercely opposed by abortion rights advocates, who argued that it would lead to more women seeking unsafe abortions. 

With a few hours before the session adjourned, Senate Bill 43 was defeated on a 23-26 vote, with one Republican voting against the bill and one Democrat voting in favor. 

The Kentucky legislature is a lame-duck session, meaning that it is the final session before the next state election. Members of the legislature will be up for re-election in November, and the fate of abortion legislation will likely depend on the outcome of that election.
There are two things between this moment and the greatly anticipated 2016 Fall elections that will determine who will control the 2016 General Assembly: the special elections scheduled in March and the general elections scheduled in November.

In the March 8 Special Elections or in the elections scheduled this Fall. In some sense, the two elephants in the room are both “Republican.”

Here is the bind: If Speaker Stumbo corrects the committee assignment disparity, it is likely that socially conservative bills will pass, inflaming the liberal side of his caucus.

Speaker Stumbo is grasping to retain control of the House, but two realities are working against him.

Speaker Stumbo now has a total of 50 Democrats but only 12 Republicans (roughly two to one ratio). One House committee actually has 1 Democrat to 8 Republicans.

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**The Student Privacy Act - House Bill 364**

Across the country, some school administrators have been focused on “being sensitive” to students who struggle with their sexual identity. Being kind and understanding, without doubt, is important. However, many schools have decided to allow, for example, an 18-year-old high school boy who believes he is a girl “trapped in a boy’s body” to use the girls’ locker room and/or bathroom. In the interest of being sensitive to the boy, they are violating the privacy rights of all the female students. This bill gives the school other options, such as providing a single-use bathroom, providing a uni-sex bathroom or allowing the gender-conflicted student to use the faculty restroom (with the oversight protection that it provides).

**The Religious Liberty and Rights of Conscience Act - Senate Bill 7 (not yet assigned)**

Across America, Religious Liberty has been intensively under attack for more than two decades. To stop the onslaught, this bill underscores the underlying premise of the First Amendment – in particular, the “free exercise” of religion. By so doing, it is an effort to apply Thomas Jefferson’s “wall of separation” that he proposed in order to keep government out of a citizen’s free exercise of their faith. Very recently, especially with last June’s Obergefellsame-sex marriage decision, individuals and organizations have attempted to force others to participate in religious wedding ceremonies in violation of their conscientious objections. Here is the problem uncovered: When Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, citizens were not forced to participate in an abortion against their sincerely-held beliefs. With LGBTQ activists are trying to use the momentum of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to bring the forces of law and order to bear on people with deeply-held and centuries-old spiritual convictions.

Those that this bill protects are American workers such as cake bakers, photographers and florists – “Protected Service Providers” all - who often serve in the wedding ceremony realm and who do not want to use their personal and specialized skills in furthering something their faith says is not in God’s will.

**Student Free Speech & Religious Liberty Act - Senate Bill 15**

This bill was prompted by school officials from all over the country with the purpose of protecting the rights of students to free speech and religious liberties without being penalized by school officials. (Call House members – the bill has passed the Senate)

**Make one call for each bill!**

**Call 1-800-372-7181**

Call the toll-free Legislative Message Line and leave the following messages. It is very easy. You will not have to speak to your legislator – simply leave a message for “all the legislators in (my) county” with a receptionist.

#1 “Pass The Student Privacy Act - House Bill 364”

This bill would protect the privacy rights of students by barring schools from allowing students with opposite biological genders to share the same restroom, locker room or shower room at the same time. (Call House members – your Representative – if it clears the House it will pass!)

#2 Just say: “Pass The Religious Liberty and Rights of Conscience Act”

This bill protects individuals who invest themselves in creative expression so they cannot be forced to violate their conscience or religious beliefs. (Call House and Senate members)

#3 “Pass The Student Free Speech & Religious Liberty Act - Senate Bill 15”

This bill guarantees that students would be free to maintain their 1st Amendment free speech and religious liberty rights without being penalized by school officials. (Call House members – the bill has passed the Senate)

**Call on each of the Pro-Life Bills (see upper right)**

With no new pro-life bills on the House Floor for 12 years (see page 2), it’s time for debate and action on bills that will protect women and unborn children alike. (Call House members – your Representative – that’s where the battles are.)

You can call in the evening! The Legislative Message Line is open from 7:00 am until 11:00 pm EST Mon thru Thurs. It closes at 6:00 pm on Fridays.

Pro-Life/Sanctity of Life Bills - Senate Bills 7, 25, 152 & House Bill 257

Since 2004 - for 12 years - no new pro-life bills have been allowed on the House Floor by House Leadership. Clearly, as an American, whether you are “pro-life” or “pro-choice” you would be for honest and robust debate on issues that separate us. This should be particularly true for the House of Representatives, which holds the distinction as “the people’s Chamber.” In an era of politically-inspired manipulations, my toll-free bill has reached the House Floor since 2004. (NOTE: See story on Senate Bill 4 on page 2)

**Senate Bill 7** - After the discovery of Planned Parenthood’s selling of fetal body parts for profit, this bill underscores the principle that public funds should not be given in any way to organi-zations that provide abortion services. This bill cleared the Senate on Feb 2 with a bipartisan vote of 33 to 5. (Make your call to your Representative – it’s a House battle now.)

**Senate Bill 25** - This bill bars the sale of fetal body parts in Kentucky. It is in response to the video revelations from last year, demonstrating that Planned Parenthood was profiting from the deliberate harvesting of body parts taken from aborted fetuses. This bill cleared the Senate on Jan. 27 with a bipartisan vote of 36 to 2. (Call your Representative – it’s a House battle now.)

**Senate Bill 152** - This is the common-sense Ultrasound Bill that simply lets the patient see all the hi-tech information that patients in all other surgeries are offered. (Call your Representative – it has passed the Senate numerous times in the last 15 years, only to be blocked in the House.)

**House Bill 257** - This bill bans the dismemberment of an unborn child and it provides for the humane disposal of the fetal remains. The bill has 56 co-sponsors – clearly enough to pass if it is heard. (Call your Representative – it is a House Bill and it is in the House where opposition will rise.)

**You can have an impact for the Lord!**

Your call to the Legislative Message Line should only take about one minute. Please try to make one call for each bill. Think about it – it takes less time and it is easier than eating another piece of pizza! You’ll be hearing a message for your legislator with a margarita – don’t be afraid, you do not have to be a debater, just a message giver. These are a few tips to make your responsible Christian citizenship as easy, but as effective, as possible.

**Be Kind** - You can be firm, but be polite. Your legislator wants to hear from you (he or you personally next time), so do not give him a reason to ignore your message by having a bad attitude.

**Be Direct** - You do not have to have the bill number, particularly in the early stages of a Session when a bill number may not have been assigned, but state clearly what you want done. Your legislator will know what you want when he gets your message saying “Pass The Student Privacy Act” or “For The Religious Liberty and Rights of Conscience Act.”

**Be Full of Faith** - You are speaking to the best of your ability the concerns that the Lord would have, so be confident, even bold with your encouragement. Remember, you are “giving heart” to someone who is under the gun in Frankfort.

**Do Not Be “Religious”** - Christians speak and Bible-speak are not known languages in Frankfort. Speak your message in the language of the listener – simply make common sense for Kentucky. The truth that you share will have its own impact if it is simply understood. The Spirit will amplify it in His good time.

**Call Act Soon** - Legislators will be mobilized in their role in what they hear from you on each of these bills.
A day in the life of a bill

A legislature is in session and the House is considering the bill that Speaker Stumbo has referred to a committee. The Speaker is busy with other business, but he knows that the bill is coming to the House soon. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations, which is where the Speaker's chief of staff, Rep. Stan Lee (R-Lexington), has been working to develop the legislation. The Speaker's political strategy is to pass the bill quickly and then allow the Senate to debate it. This way, the Speaker can avoid any difficult votes and prevent the Senate from challenging his leadership. Meanwhile, the Senate is preparing to debate the bill as well. The Senate leadership is divided on the issue, with some members supporting the bill and others opposed. The Speaker is hoping that the Senate will approve the bill quickly, so he can get it to the Governor for his signature. The Governor has promised to sign it into law, but he is concerned about some of the provisions in the bill. In particular, the Governor is worried about the provisions that would legalize same-sex marriage and allow for public funding of abortion services. The Governor is a strong pro-life supporter and believes that these provisions are inconsistent with his personal beliefs. The Speaker knows that the Governor will veto the bill if the Senate passes it without making any changes. The Speaker has been negotiating with the Senate leadership to create a compromise that will satisfy both the Governor and the Senate. The Speaker has proposed a series of amendments that would address the Governor's concerns, but the Senate leadership has rejected them. The Speaker is determined to pass the bill, even if it means going against the Governor's wishes. He believes that the bill is in the best interests of the state and that it will benefit the majority of Kentucky residents. The Speaker is confident that he can get enough votes to pass the bill in the House, but he knows that he will need the support of the majority of the Senate as well. The Speaker is meeting with his colleagues in the Senate to discuss the bill and to try to build support for it. The Speaker is hopeful that he can get the necessary votes to pass the bill, but he knows that it will be a challenging task. The Speaker is confident that he can accomplish his goals, but he also knows that he will face many obstacles along the way.
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