Come, let the Body of Christ stand as one in Frankfort

We are the Salt of the Earth / Light of the world. How is our culture headed in the wrong direction, have we seen salutary and light and wisdom?

We have a choice: Lay back and let things crumble without a challenge, OR, stand for what we know is right and what is best.

Our thanks to Sen. Albert Robinson, sponsor of three key Senate Bills - one in each of the “Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness” categories: SB 121, SB 15 & SB 180, raised a standard for to rally around Sen. Albert Robins (London) has actually sponsored two of these key Bills, one at head of the three categories. Each has made it through the Senate, it was now to ride in the House. Other legislatures in the Senate and House who have proposed similarly important bills that fall outside the liberal- circle of what they will tolerate. This is why it is incumbent upon us to stand once again in Frankfort this time with the legislators who are being reared up the Grove.

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With Democrats in charge of the House, it would only take a few of them to act to get bills moving. With the ratio at 53 Democrats to 47 Republicans in the House, it’s clear that just four Democrats used their clout, votes would be taken and many of the bills currently held hostage would pass. This means that calls from citizens can make a difference.

Senate Bill 180 creates common sense in the public square

If Americans lose their most sacred inner freedom, they may cease being Americans. Rights of conscience make Americans unique.

The free exercise of religion is considered America’s “first freedom.” SB 180 is designed to uphold that freedom and to clarify the junction – the newly-created right to marry someone of the same sex and the longstanding right of conscience and right to object to consensual contracting of religious, or other creative or artistic services.

They were punished and, in some cases, run out of business because of their conscientious objection to participating in the celebration of a same-sex marriage.

SB 180 is a NO to protect the freedom of religion and rights of conscience of those individuals who provide artistic, expressive, creative, ministerial or spiritual goods or services.

Do Senates SB 180 (SB 180) authorize discrimination? No. This CPLO clarifies the point where same-sex marriage collides with other rights. IT DOES NOT allow restaurant owners, bakers, etc. to refuse service to members of ANY community. ALL people should be served and respected. It strictly protects sincerely-held religious convictions.

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If we hesitate in this moment...
Other good bills that deserve a debate and a vote!

The House - “the peoples’ Chamber” - is where issues should be debated. Pro-Life and other bills should not be blocked!

Besides Senate Bill 180 (see page 1), there are several other “Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness” bills that are being held hostage in the House by Chairman Tom Burch.

Senate Bill 5 - County Clerk Marriage License Clarification:
This bill corrects the problems experienced last year after the Obergefell decision.

Senate Bill 15 - Student Free Speech & Religious Liberty Act:
This guarantees First Amendment free speech and religious liberty rights to students K thru college.

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Senate Bill 152 - The Ultrasound Bill: This is a common-sense Ultrasound Bill that simply lets the patient see all the hi-tech information that patients in all other surgeries are offered. The House has already killed all Ultrasound bills for more than a decade. Kentucky’s two abortion clinics advertise that they already do ultrasounds.

Abortion providers say any effort to be transparent is “intimidate bakers, photographers and florists through lawsuits? Remember that Kim Davis was sued by ACLU attorneys not just for public capacity, but personally. And, they went after her personal assets, wanting her to pay court costs and punitive damages. They wanted to punish her!

If pro-life with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessor, Christ however bold I may be to confess, Christ where the battles rages, there the ministry of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battering rams, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.

Senate Bill 27B - Bi-Literacy Class: This bill authorizes a course for the literary study of the Bible in high school.

All three of these bills are being held in House Committees without a debate and without a vote on the House Floor. Some believe blocking conservative bills helps assure “equal” access from out-of-state for the Fall elections.

Senate Bill 257 - The Unborn Child Respect Act:
This bill bars the dismemberment of an unborn child and it provides for the humane disposal of the fetal remains.

It has stalled in the House Health & Welfare Committee.

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Senate Bill 5, 15 & 27B - each need a House vote

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Status of House Bill 257
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Status of House Bill 492 and Senate Bill 412- Both need a vote

What You Can Do:

We can make the difference

It’s about as being what we were created to be – Salt and Light.

1. Call 1-800-372-7181

2. Come to the Rally on April 11

3. Go to kentuckyfamily.org

Pray (as it if all depends on you) - If God does not answer prayer, it is stupid to pray. But, if God does, it’s stupid NOT to!

Call (the Legislative Message Line) - Let your prophetic voice be heard! If God’s kids don’t speak up for His values, who will? Who can?

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Senate Bills 5 and House Bills 217 & 314 – Marriage Licenses: Adjusts marriage licensing process.

The ACLU calls attention to bills it opposes by denouncing basic case – suicidal birth control, transgender, and imposing the name of religion. Many of these bills target private, faith-driven businesses such as florists, photographers, bakers, and ministers.

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Come, let the Body of Christ stand as one in Frankfort

We are the Salt of the earth / Light of the world. If our culture is headed in the wrong direction, have we been salty and light enough?

Scripture says, “Big oily valiant” and the ACLU (few story on page 7) and leaving your way in Kentucky over the will of the people. The Founding Fathers desired the will of the people to provide for its own rules and reason and to treat the people as the self-sustaining in the things of God as they determined their course. Unfortunately, the nation and the state are falling away from that understanding. We have a choice. Lay back and let things crumble without a challenge, OR, stand for what we know is right and what is true.

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“Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness” Rally

Last Aug. 22, 6,000 to 7,000 Kentucky citizens showed up in Frankfort to stand with Kim Davis, Casey Davis and Kay Schwartz—the three County Clerks who stood against religion. Messiah, Marshalls and Abington when Gov. Beshear tried to pressure them into violating their consciences. Their faith, and the faithfulness of those who came to Frankfort, and all of that who prayed, won the day! Ultimately, Matt Bevin—who attended the Rally, who pledged his support of the Clerks, and who was elected Governor—issued an Executive Order on Dec. 22 to redefine the situation, at least for the short term.

Now Kentucky is in the middle of the legislative cycle and we are in a bind again. Unfortunately, the Democrat-controlled House is unwilling to debate and vote on bills that deal with the Declaration of Independence: “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

The alternative to the House of Representatives’ inactivity is for citizens to go to Frankfort and make their voices heard. Please do your part! Call on SB 180.

Senate Bill 180 is Key!

SB 180 is critical because it was the understanding of the Framers of our U.S. Constitution that freedom of conscience was, in fact, the right to pursue happiness according to the dictates of your heart—which is, of course, your conscience.

The Framing Fathers had drunk deeply from St. Williams Blackstone and his Commentaries on the Laws of England. In those Commentaries, Blackstone explained that God has so “intimately connected, as inseparably interwoven the laws of eternal justice with the happiness of each individual, that the latter cannot be attained by observing the former, and if the former be practically obeyed, it cannot fail to produce the latter.” Therefore, the law of states can be reduced to “one patriotic precept, ‘that soul should pursue his own happiness.’” Hence, the third limb on the octagon of national rights: “the pursuit of Happiness.”

Now, in Kentucky, we have state legislators unwilling to protect rights of conscience, but willing to force business owners to perform acts that violate their deepest sense of right and wrong. The result will be a “train wreck of injustice and discontent.”

The alternative to the House of Representatives’ inactivity is to stand for what our Forefathers had already secured, but which is slipping away from us.

SB 180, the “Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness” Rally

Our thanks to Sen. Albert Robinson, sponsor of three key Senate Bills—two in each of the "Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness" categories: SB 12, SB 15 & SB 180, raised a standard for us to rally around. Sen. Albert Robinson (R-London) has actually sponsored three Senate Bills, as his chambers of the three categories. Each has made it through the Senate, but it is stalled in the House. Other legislators in the Senate and House have proposed similarly important bills that fall outside the liberal’s circle of what they will tolerate.

That is why, it is incumbent upon us to send our legislators in Frankfort this time with the legislators who are being roiled over the laws by their peers and by the media.

But even more importantly, we need to stand together as one as Jesus prayed we would.

Please do your part! Call on SB 180. You have an opinion (God’s opinion) and if you don’t share it with your representatives, it most likely will not be heard.

Senate Bill 180

SB 180 is a bill to protect the faith and moral principles that are the foundation of our institutions. SB 180 is the pro-life bill, the Religious Liberty bill, and the Rights of Conscience bill. SB 180 is the key bill that stops the Terry Schiavo-like legislation that is slipping away from us.

In the 2015 General Assembly Session, the pro-life side was “food.” It was the number one issue of the House and Senate. Yet, in 2016, that spirit is “dead.”

The Family Foundation of Kentucky is working to change that. We are building a strategy to get SB 180 passed and sent to the governor.

We need your help to do this. We want you to sign our petition, "Save the Alternatives." You can sign and email it to the Clerk of the House and the Clerk of the Senate. You can also download a PDF of the "Green Slip for Legislators" project and hand it out to your legislators. It is a way for you to reach the legislators who are being roiled over the laws by their peers and by the media.

Thank you for your support. Please do your part to help us get SB 180 passed and sent to the governor.

House blocks key bills

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