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Amidst pro-family wins, Kentucky faces big choice.

Race for Kentucky Governor and other constitutional offices will be decided on Nov. 7 – please remember to vote your values!

By the grace of God and the faithful engagement of Christians across the nation, children in 20 states — including Kentucky — now have the opportunity to grow up with their God-given bodies free from the irreversible harm of so-called ‘gender transition.’

In only three years, our Family Policy Council (FPC) movement has helped secure the passage of “Help Not Harm” Laws in 20 states, protecting children from transgender experimentation via puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries (*see page 2*). These laws protect nearly 100,000 children who were at risk of being caught in the lie of ‘gender transition.’ But there is certainly more work to do!

It’s amazing to see how the Lord is moving on this issue and how Kentucky is serving as an example to other states that must still act to protect kids from this grave evil.

This summer, I attended the annual FPC national conference and was honored to present with State Reps. Jennifer Decker (R-Waddy) and Shane Baker (R-Somerset) to Christian legislators from across the nation about the lessons learned while passing Kentucky’s ban



Kentucky's leadership protecting kids highlighted at FPC Conference.

on gender transitions included in SB 150 (*pictured above*).

While SB 150 is in full effect, the portion of the law that protects children from chemical mutilation via puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones has been challenged by the ACLU and is at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (*see page 2*). We recently filed a legal brief in the case and are working with our state and national allies to craft the legal arguments necessary to help defend the law. Please be in prayer about this important case!

With your partnership, The Family Foundation is committed to winning these key policy and legal battles, while also encouraging the Body of Christ to

engage as salt and light. That’s why I am extremely excited about our first-ever **Kentucky Family Forum we are hosting on October 7** (*see back page*)!

The Forum will be a great opportunity to join with fellow Christians from across Kentucky as we discuss important policy issues from a biblical worldview and seek cultural transformation. I hope you will join us and invite your church!

You can also be salt and light by voting your values in Kentucky’s November 7 General Election. With stark contrasts between candidates and key moral issues taking center stage, Christians in Kentucky are poised to be the difference-makers in the statewide constitutional offices on the ballot, including the race for Governor between Daniel Cameron (R) and Andy Beshear (D).

Inside, I hope you will **review our Church-friendly, nonpartisan voter guide**, covering both candidates for Governor, that I pray will help Kentuckians cast a God-honoring vote (*see page 5*). Study the candidates, pray, and then vote informed on Nov. 7!

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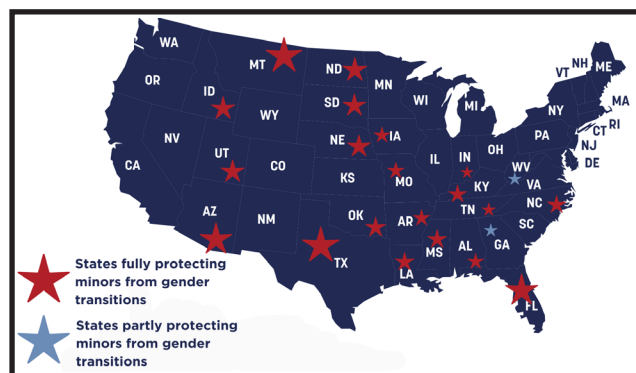
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Do No Harm: Momentum grows as 20+ states pass laws protecting kids from gender 'transitions.'

KY and 19 other states have fully protected children from gender 'transition' through puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgery.



For too long, children have been the nonconsenting lab experiments for the left's radical gender ideology. The most recent attack on children involves bodily mutilation through irreversible puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and

surgery in the name of 'gender transitioning' them.

In the real and painful instances of children struggling to reconcile with their biological sex, 80-95 percent do so by adulthood if they aren't pushed to 'transition.' But very real mental, emotional, and physical harm is done (some of it irreversible) if those around the child buy into the radical claim that they should ignore science and redefine reality. Such gender confusion contributes to the suicide epidemic.

Every child deserves to be loved, treated with dignity, and accepted for who they really are. Senate Bill 150, passed by the General Assembly earlier this year, is a shield against a real and immediate harm threatening the Commonwealth's children.

Senate Bill 150 protects children from mutilation by prohibiting irreversible puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and 'sex-change' surgeries. All three of these experimental “treatments” are about the physical mutilation of healthy, normally functioning bodies. Once you embrace physically altering a properly functioning body through puberty blockers, over 98 percent proceed to cross-sex hormones and surgery.

Fortunately, Kentucky and 19 other states have protected children from all three barbaric forms of mutilation through “Help Not Harm” laws, while Georgia and West Virginia have enacted some partial protections for children.

The Family Foundation celebrated these victories at a gathering of fellow state-based Family Policy Councils and Christian legislators from across the nation. Our executive director, David Walls, presented on the subject with Kentucky Representatives Jennifer Decker and Shane Baker.



Key protections against 'transitioning' children in effect as the case proceeds at 6th Circuit.

The 6th Circuit Court heard oral arguments on September 1, and the judges have set the goal of deciding the case by the end of the month.

On May 3, the ACLU filed a lawsuit attempting to prevent Senate Bill 150's protections against 'gender transitioning' minor children from going into effect. The law is currently in effect as the case continues at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

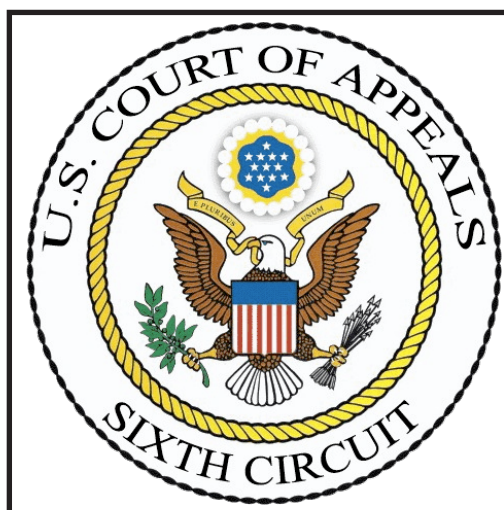
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Echoing the false claims found within Governor Andy
Beshear's veto message, the ACLU advocated for 'transi-
tioning' children through the use of puberty blockers and
cross-sex hormones.

Use of such chemicals to interfere with a child's normally functioning body can lead to irreversible side effects, further gender confusion, and paves the way for sex-change surgery (*see above*).

Despite the false claims of Beshear and the ACLU, this gender confusion contributes to the suicide epidemic rather than relieves it. The compassionate and loving thing to do is tell these kids that they are accepted, loved, and full of worth without having to mutilate their bodies or alter their 'identity.'

Attorney General Daniel Cameron's office has been defending Senate Bill 150 from the ACLU's legal challenge, which is now before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Family Foundation signed onto an amicus legal brief with 29 other state Family Policy Councils, Family Policy Alliance, and the Hale Institute to support



the defense of these commonsense protections for children.

Our legal brief focused on exposing the flawed and false claim that parents have a constitutional right to 'transition' their children through the use of chemicals.

First, framing the issue as a debate over medical care is misleading and a distraction from the real issue. These life-altering interventions affect a child's procreative capacity and attack healthy bodies by halting or destroying natural physiological processes. Such interventions are "medicine" only in the sense that doctors and drugs are involved. Thus, a parental right to direct the medical care of a child cannot be used to justify them.

Second, the claim of parents' rights is inadequate, but more fundamentally, there is a hostility and irreconcilability between the concept of parental rights and its suggested use to renounce the objective meaning of biological sex, upon

which parentage itself rests and from which it arises.

Third, the centuries-enduring and constitutionally foundational common law stands firmly opposed to a parental prerogative to permanently injure their children's normally functioning bodies. The power of parents over their children is derived from their duty, including the natural duty to protect their personal security.

A decision from the Sixth Circuit Court is expected by the end of September.

LGBTQ issues take center stage in the race for Kentucky Governor.

Going beyond talking points, stump speeches, and campaign ads: What are the facts about Gov. Andy Beshear's record?

National, state, and local media are recognizing that the race for Kentucky Governor is focusing significantly on LGBTQ issues and have felt the need to take a closer look.

WKY noted "gender reassignment surgery for minors... took the spotlight," but ongoing conversation includes broader "issues pertaining to the LGBTQ community."

So, let's take a deeper look at what *LINK nky* says is "likely to be a vital part of the Kentucky governor's race" and *WKYT* recognizes as a focus of the "day-to-day campaign stops and banter" of the race for Kentucky Governor.

During Andy Beshear's time as Governor, he has established an extensive resume as the most pro-LGBTQ governor in the history of the Commonwealth — something that Beshear and the Democratic Party have publicly bragged about.

1) BESHEAR VETOED BILL PROTECTING KIDS FROM GENDER 'TRANSITIONS.'

On March 24, 2023, Gov. Andy Beshear vetoed Senate Bill 150, which protected children from puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex-change surgery.

In his veto message, Beshear made no distinction between those three methods of gender 'transitioning.' Instead, Beshear declared that these protections for kids "allow[] too much government interference in personal healthcare issues..." Beshear's veto message went on to advocate for the importance of "improving access" to so-called "gender-affirming care."

The General Assembly overrode Beshear's veto, and Senate Bill 150 is now law.

Sources: apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/23RS/sb150/bill.pdf and apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/23rs/sb150/veto.pdf

2) BESHEAR ADMIN SOUGHT TO SECRETLY INDOCTRINATE & SOCIALLY 'TRANSITION' KIDS.

The Beshear Administration's Dept. of Education encouraged teachers to use students' preferred pronouns and names, while keeping parents in the dark. The Commissioner of Education said those who disagreed should "find a new job."

The Dept. of Education also issued flawed guidance encouraging school districts to disregard SB 150's protections against age-inappropriate LGBTQ instruction.

Sources: www.kentuckyfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Considerations_for_Using_Student_Preferred_Names.pdf; ket.org/legislature/archives/2023/regular/house-education-committee-200796 (at 59:12); and www.ag.ky.gov/Resources/Opinions/Opinions/Opinion%20of%20the%20Attorney%20General%202023-04.pdf

3) BESHEAR VETOED BILL PROTECTING GIRLS' SPORTS AND GIRLS' BATHROOMS.

On April 6, 2022, Gov. Andy Beshear vetoed Senate Bill 83, the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act," which prevented boys from competing on girls' sports teams in middle school, high school, and college.

On March 24, 2023, Gov. Andy Beshear vetoed Senate Bill 150, including its requirement that Kentucky's public schools protect the dignity, privacy, and safety of students in their care by ensuring that minor children are not allowed to be viewed in various stages of undress by members of the opposite biological sex nor minor children subjected to the use of school restrooms, locker rooms, or shower rooms by the opposite biological sex while they are present.

The General Assembly overrode Beshear's veto of both bills, which are now law.

Sources: apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/23rs/sb150/veto.pdf and apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/sb83/veto.pdf

NBC NEWS

Governor's photo with drag queens stirs controversy in Kentucky

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, an activist drag troupe, said the controversy has helped further their goal of passing a statewide nondiscrimination law.



4) BESHEAR WAS 1ST KY GOVERNOR TO DECLARE "PRIDE MONTH," POSE FOR PICTURE WITH DRAG QUEENS.

"Today, for the first time in the history of the commonwealth, I am honored to proclaim June 2021 as Pride Month." - Gov. Andy Beshear

"I would absolutely take that picture again." - Gov. Andy Beshear

Sources: <https://twitter.com/GovAndyBeshear/status/1410264736357359616>; twitter.com/joesonka/status/1230203615312306177; and www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/governor-s-photo-drag-queens-stirs-controversy-kentucky-n1145561

5) BESHEAR DISCRIMINATED AGAINST SUNRISE CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

Despite previous administrations allowing Sunrise to opt out of LGBTQ "nondiscrimination" language so they could continue to serve Kentucky's foster care children, Beshear refused to renew the contract unless Sunrise signed the language overriding their Christian objection to placing kids with same-sex couples.

Beshear reversed his position only after widespread backlash and a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision in favor of another Christian foster care agency.

Source: wng.org/roundups/sunrise-prevails-1626541393

6) BESHEAR ENDORSED RADICAL LGBTQ LAWS THAT DISCRIMINATE.

Beshear endorsed a statewide "nondiscrimination" law similar to those used to punish Christian businesses, and a so-called "conversion therapy" ban that outlaws anything but LGBTQ-affirming counseling, thus banning Biblical counseling on sexuality.

Source: twitter.com/joesonka/status/1230203615312306177

'Transgender' Worldview is Crumbling Under the Weight of Its Own Inconsistencies

Baxter Boyd, the Director of The Family Foundation's Church Ambassador Network, examines the 'transgender' worldview.

The transgender worldview is more than just a bit confusing; it is literally nonsensical, as it has no foundational basis in reality and denies objective truth. Transgender ideology is completely laced with glaring contradictions and inconsistencies.

The idea behind the transgender worldview can be boiled down to the concept that one truly is what one believes they are in the mind alone. In other words, the physiological makeup of one's body, being that of either a male or female, means nothing in determining what gender one is — one's gender is totally determined in the mind and is chosen only from a psychological standpoint.

Let me note a few of the many contradictions found within the transgender worldview:



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CONTRADICTION: WHY IS CLAIMING TO BE 'TRANSGENDER' NECESSARY?

First, if one's gender is determined in the mind alone, then how can one be “transgender,” which is an assertion that one is confined physically to the wrong gendered body? **Simply put, if one's gender is a psychological choice then claiming to be “transgender” is totally unnecessary as it does not matter what one's biological sex is.** This reveals an inconsistency in the transgender worldview, as it shows that the ideology is concerned with the material body and realizes that one's gender is not chosen in the mind alone.

CONTRADICTION: WHY ARE PROCEDURES TO PHYSICALLY 'TRANSITION' NECESSARY?

Second, once again, if one's gender is determined in the mind alone then why is the transgender movement so radically advocating for medical “transition” methods such as cross-sex hormones and surgical mutilation? **It is completely self-refuting to claim on one hand that gender is determined only in the mind, and then advocate for “transition” procedures so that an individual can attempt to “transition” physically to the opposite sex.** Again, this reveals a clear contradiction. The transgender movement knows that gender is not a psychological determination because if it was, and had nothing to do with the material body, then medical “transition” procedures would be unnecessary.

CONTRADICTION: WHY CAN'T OTHER BIOLOGICAL REALITIES BE CHOSEN?

Third, if one can be “transgender” because gender is decided in the mind alone, can one also be trans-animal, trans-racial, or trans-age? If those who

advocate for the transgender worldview desire to be logically consistent then they must agree that anyone can identify as an animal, another race, or another age, because from the viewpoint of transgender ideology biological reality is completely decided in the mind of an individual. Once again, here lies another glaring contradiction within the transgender worldview, **if gender is determined in the mind alone then logically one should also be able to determine their race or age simply in the mind, but many transgender activists would deny this.**

These are just a few of the many obvious contradictions and inconsistencies found within the transgender worldview.

Thankfully, Americans are waking up to these contradictions and realizing how faulty and incoherent transgender ideology truly is.

This is seen nowhere greater than

with the Bud Light situation. Earlier this year, Bud Light, an Anheuser-Busch company, decided to actively advocate for transgender ideology by partnering with transgender TikTok star Dylan Mulvaney.

Dylan Mulvaney is a twenty-six-year-old biological male who identifies as a “transgender girl.” Anheuser-Busch recently partnered with Mulvaney to promote Bud Light to a younger demographic. The Bud Light brand also sent packs of Bud Light to him with his face on each can in order to celebrate Mulvaney's one year since beginning his “transition.”

Bud Light partnering with Mulvaney to celebrate the deranged worldview of transgenderism has not been without great loss for the Anheuser-Busch company. This decision by Bud Light has brought about tremendous outrage and has caused the company to see sales decline by 21% since the partnership with Mulvaney was announced. Bud Light is continuing to see its value plummet week by week.

Americans are starting to see the increasing inconsistencies and contradictions within the transgender ideology. A growing number of Americans are sick and tired of having LGBTQ ideologies pushed upon us and are saying “enough is enough!” to this illogical worldview.

It seems that the transgender worldview is starting to crumble before our very eyes as everyday Americans are rejecting the nonsensical ideology, as it is rooted in nothing more than fairy tale land.



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“GENDER TRANSITION” OF CHILDREN



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OPPOSES ⁷



SUPPORTS ⁸

BOYS COMPETING IN GIRLS’ SPORTS & USING GIRLS’ BATHROOMS



OPPOSES ⁹



SUPPORTS ¹⁰

PARENTAL RIGHTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SUPPORTS ¹¹



OPPOSES ¹²

LEGALIZATION OF SPORTS BETTING



SUPPORTS ¹³



SUPPORTS ¹⁴

GOVERNMENT CLOSING OF CHURCHES DURING EMERGENCY (COVID-19)



OPPOSES ¹⁵



SUPPORTS ¹⁶

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM/SCHOOL CHOICE



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OPPOSES ¹⁸

“RED FLAG” GUN CONTROL LAW



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OPPOSES ²⁴



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Celebrating the end of *Roe v. Wade*, and one year since Kentucky's pro-life laws went into effect.

Kentucky's pro-life laws are finally in effect and there are no legal challenges pending after U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs.

Not long ago, Kentucky's preborn children were at risk of being killed for no reason at all, mothers were left vulnerable to coercion and pressure to get unwanted abortions, state lawmakers were prevented from implementing the Commonwealth's longstanding policy of promoting life, and numerous pro-life laws were being challenged in court.

The unjust and egregiously wrong *Roe v. Wade* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973 had usurped Kentucky's pro-life law, which had long been in effect, and replaced it with a system that damaged the integrity of the medical profession by causing harm to society, women, and children.

Thankfully, the U.S. Supreme Court corrected that wrong on June 24, 2022. Though the injustice that reigned for nearly fifty years can never be undone, the fall of *Roe* is a major victory that immediately triggered Kentucky's Human Life Protection Act and protected preborn children throughout pregnancy.

Despite a legal challenge and Gov. Beshear attacking the pro-life law as "extremist," the Human Life Protection Act has now been in effect for over a year and preborn children remain protected throughout the Commonwealth.



Pro-life leaders react to news of pro-life victory at the Kentucky Supreme Court during The Family Foundation's Faith & Family Advocacy Day on the morning of February 16, 2023.

Left to Right: David Walls (TFF); Addia Wuchner (Kentucky Right to Life); and Rep. Nancy Tate (Chair of the Pro-Life Caucus)

After a staunch defense of Kentucky's pro-life law by Attorney General Daniel Cameron, the abortion industry dropped its meritless challenge to Kentucky's Human Life Protection Act.

On February 16, 2023, the Kentucky Supreme Court declared that an activist Louisville judge had been wrong to temporarily halt enforcement of the Human Life Protection Act. The Court rejected the abortion industry's claim of third-party standing, emphasizing that the U.S. Supreme Court's precedent allowing such has been "strongly, and rightfully, discredited."

In the four months that followed, the abortion industry was unable to find a single Kentucky woman who was willing to come forward to claim that she was seeking an abortion, yet her alleged right was being violated – hence, their decision to file the motion to dismiss and withdraw from the case.

Now that pro-life advocates and the Kentucky General Assembly have seen the Commonwealth's pro-life laws successfully defended by Attorney General Daniel Cameron, an increased focus will be given to coming alongside women to provide the support, resources, and assistance they need. This is how we will truly build a culture of life... and that is what comes after *Roe*.

EVERY WORD OF EVERY KENTUCKY PRO-LIFE LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT ...EVEN THESE RECENTLY CHALLENGED ONES

Humanity in Healthcare Act (2022 House Bill 3)

One of the most comprehensive pieces of pro-life legislation in the Commonwealth's history, including protections for the preborn after 15 weeks, the Humanity in Healthcare Act became law in 2022, over the veto of Gov. Andy Beshear. Attorney General Daniel Cameron successfully defended the law against a legal challenge from Kentucky's abortion providers and the law went into full effect on June 16, 2023.

Human Life Protection Act (2019 House Bill 148)

An activist Louisville judge temporarily blocked enforcement of the Human Life Protection Act, but Attorney General Daniel Cameron's defense of the law led to the Kentucky Court of Appeals allowing the law to go into effect and an eventual 4-3 victory at the Kentucky Supreme Court on February 16, 2023.

Heartbeat Law (2019 Senate Bill 9)

An activist Louisville judge temporarily blocked the Heartbeat Law less than a week after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, but the law quickly went back into effect after Attorney General Daniel Cameron won at the Kentucky Court of Appeals, then the Kentucky Supreme Court on February 16, 2023.

Law Prohibiting Abortions Based on Race, Gender, and Disability (2019 House Bill 5)

The abortion provider's legal challenge to this pro-life law was dismissed on June 30, 2023. The law took immediate effect, prohibiting abortions motivated by the gender, race, or disability of the preborn child.

Law Banning Live-Dismemberment Abortions (2018 House Bill 454)

Attorney General Daniel Cameron went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which granted him the right to intervene and defend the law after Governor Andy Beshear decided to no longer do so. The law went into full effect after the legal challenge was dismissed on August 17, 2022.

The Family Foundation launches a new ministry initiative: the "Church Ambassador Network."

While respecting their independent roles, a partnership between the church and government can uniquely serve our communities.

The Family Foundation is excited to announce the launch of the Church Ambassador Network here in our Commonwealth. The mission of the Church Ambassador Network is to inspire the Church to engage government for the advancement of God's Kingdom. This mission is primarily accomplished by connecting the shepherds of God's church (pastors) with the shepherds of government (elected officials).

Both the church and the government are institutions that God Himself has established. It is clear from Scripture, that God established government for our good and for a righteous purpose. Romans 13:4 details the role of Government and its role is to protect the citizens who are under it and allow them to flourish and prosper. Also in Romans 13:4, Paul clearly indicates that government is to restrain and punish evil. The government was established by God, in summary, to simply "promote good" and "restrain evil" in our society.

Just like the church, the government has a shepherd as well. In the Bible, monarchy was the overwhelming form of civil government. The shepherd in the monarchies found in Scripture was the King. However, in modern-day America, our form of government allows for many elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels. These elected officials are the shepherds of our government here in the United States.

Although these two God-ordained institutions, the church and government, have different and independent roles, they are not intended to be mutually exclusive. Both the church and the government are designed by God to complement each other, not ignore one another.

The church is equipped in a specific way, like no other institution, to provide solutions to personal and community problems that the government cannot adequately solve.

Thus, the partnership between the church and government is one that is desperately needed for the flourishing of communities throughout Kentucky. To facilitate the partnership between the church and government the Church Ambassador Network will facilitate meetings between pastors and elected officials at our Capitol.



To inspire the Church to engage government for the advancement of God's Kingdom by connecting the shepherds of God's church (pastors) with the shepherds of government (elected officials).

Each meeting will start with Scripture, a short devotional, a time of fellowship, and end with prayer. The intent of these meetings is twofold. First, the desire is that government leaders will wholly see who they are in Christ. They are shepherds in the government to help fulfill the divine purpose of government which is to "promote good" and "restrain evil" in our society. Second, it is an aim that government leaders would see the church as a primary resource and partner to address the needs of the people they represent.

It is truly the desire, hope, and prayer of the Church Ambassador Network of Kentucky to be a tool of the Lord to help facilitate Christ-centered transformation through shepherd-to-shepherd relationships. The Church Ambassador Network of Kentucky is truly in a position to help fill our Capitol with the Lord's teaching, point government leaders to Christ, and help partnerships to grow between

pastors and elected officials to address problems facing our communities. I look forward, with great expectation, to all that the Lord will do through the Church Ambassador Network of Kentucky for the advancement of God's kingdom.

A blue ink signature that reads "Baxter" with a stylized flourish.

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Internship Helps Equip Next Generation.

The Family Foundation internship program helps equip the next generation of policy advocates.

The Family Foundation has begun developing internship programs that will be designed to not only provide hands-on policy experience and firsthand insight into the lawmaking process in Kentucky, but to also disciple a new generation of policy advocates to serve as ambassadors for Christ in an important cultural arena.

We had two hardworking and spirited interns in our office this summer, Abigail and

Ashley (pictured left) that assisted us and played an integral role in the development of our new internship program.

In addition to their help with administrative and research work, they received experience reading legislation, legal briefs, and court decisions. But most important of all were the philosophical discussions that we joined in, forming a foundation upon which the internship program will be built.

Stay tuned for future developments and opportunities, as The Family Foundation seeks to disciple a new generation while we advocate for God-honoring policy and persuade culture with Truth. Learn more at kentuckyfamily.org/careers.

KENTUCKY FAMILY FORUM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 | 10AM-4PM EST
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Confirmed Speakers



Walt Heyer
Author & Detransitioner



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Alliance Defending Freedom



David Closson
Family Research Council



Joseph Kohm
Family Policy Alliance



Robby Mills
KY State Sen.



Lindsey Tichenor
KY State Sen.



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