

THE CHURCH FINDS ITS VOICE



A Coalition of Lindsey Communications, The Lindsey Foundation, Faith Wins and the Pacific Justice Institute to Empower the Resurgence of the Church Vote!

Comm #27: A Special Christmas Edition - “Sermon Showcase”

Hello pastor friends and Merry Christmas to you all! The four of us in the *Church Finds Its Voice* Coalition - Joan, Brad, Chad and I (Kielle), send our best wishes to each one of you and pray that your holiday season is filled with love, peace, happiness and an abundance of blessing!

As we were writing our last Comm to you - in which we sent you our list of gifts - Joan had the great idea of another resource we can gift to you...the “*Sermon Showcase: A Recommendation of America’s Best Historical Sermons for Your Consideration This Month.*” This new resource is the addition of remarkable, historical sermons that Wallbuilders hosts on their website. Each month, we’ll showcase 4 sermons from the Wallbuilders archives that are historically significant and also relevant to current political and cultural events.

So, here is December’s *Sermon Showcase* just for you. We hope you find these sermons to be a powerful inspiration to you!

- ***Christian Holy-Days*** -- <https://wallbuilders.com/sermon-christmas-1844/>
(Includes a brief article about the celebration of Christmas in colonial America.)
- ***The Christmas Festival*** -- <https://wallbuilders.com/sermon-christmas-1843/>
- ***Snow and Vapor*** -- <https://wallbuilders.com/sermon-snow-vapor-1856/>

- ***Communism in the Churches --***

<https://wallbuilders.com/sermon-communism-churches-c-1960/>

*If you'd like to see more, these sermons and others are available to view on the [Wallbuilders website](#) along with some additional information - typically a picture of the original title page, some brief information about the preacher (if available) along with the sermon text. We truly hope you enjoy these special writings, and we look forward to sharing the next round of relevant sermons in next month's Comm.

The happiest of holiday wishes to you all! We stand with you and are praying for you!

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle

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Comm #26: Makin' A List, Checkin' it Twice

What is on your Christmas wish list, dear pastors and ministry leaders? This month we're out to give you the best gifts we can offer, and put them in the easy form of lists you can 'check twice'!

Here we go, and I'll start. This is Joan, and may I say how joyful it was to get to meet and know so very many of you as we traveled the states on the *American Restoration Tour*? It was our pleasure to bring our nation's greatest historian, David Barton, to over forty cities and witness the strengthening of the Church as so many of you heard the truth about America's Christian founding.

Here are my top 7 gifts in my list. I trust you'll check it twice!

1. *America really is a Christian nation*, founded by believers following Biblical ideas to produce a system of government that has been, and is, the wonder of the world. One doesn't have to be a Christian to live here, but our Constitution is Bible based, and that's why it works.
2. *And you are its leaders*. By historical legacy, and by calling. Only Christians can carry forward a nation devised to uphold Biblical precepts, and must do so.
3. *You must 'be the media'* for your kids and grandkids. For your congregation and your neighbors. Use the resources provided at WallBuilders.com, which is David Barton's organization, and teach, teach, teach our country's Godly history to others.
4. *Give goofy news the go-by*, and get your news from accurate sources. Experts we have consulted recommend the following list:

> Washington Examiner: Probably the most robust alternative, conservative-leaning news site with broad coverage and many fresh posts every day, with categories such as “Defense & National Security,” “Healthcare,” “Business” and “Energy.” Plenty of political news (“Beltway Confidential,” “Washington Secrets” and Byron York’s “Daily Memo” providing an excellent political news rundown from a conservative perspective), podcasts and a slate of opinion columnists.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/>

> Daily Caller: Co-founded by Fox News host Tucker Carlson, the site reflects his sensibilities with an emphasis on liberal intolerance and posts about topics suppressed by the leftist media, as well as looks at how traditional media outlets are distorting the news. But it also provides fair and accurate coverage of all the major news of the day.

<https://dailycaller.com/>

> The Washington Times: In addition to providing a conservative opinion perspective and highlighting right-leaning interests in their news section, they also do investigative reporting on subjects that the liberal media aren’t interested in (Biden administration, cultural issues, free markets). Downside: They have a paywall which requires a paid subscription after viewing just a few stories a month.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/>

> RealClearPolitics. As the name suggests, of the sources in this list, the one most focused on politics. The site features dependable statistics and significant original reporting, but its strength is its daily list of a well-balanced selection of political articles from the left, the right and in between.

<https://www.realclearpolitics.com/>

> The Daily Wire: Created by Ben Shapiro, the podcaster/talk radio host very popular with younger conservatives, the site’s posts are oriented toward content that resonates with people in their 20s and 30s.

<https://www.dailywire.com/>

> CNSNews, with “the right news, right now,” aims “to fairly present all legitimate sides of a story and debunk popular, albeit incorrect, myths about cultural and policy issues.” The site specializes in the angles to events ignored by the major media outlets, with a special focus on life issues and the federal debt.

<https://cnsnews.com/>

> FoxNews, Newsmax and One America News Network (OAN). Whether by watching their TV channels or by reading their web sites, they all provide news you won't see on the other news channels, free of the all too-widespread antipathy toward conservatives and religious believers. Newsmax has the advantage of being the easiest for "cord cutters" to watch, with a free online feed (<https://www.newsmaxtv.com/>) and is free to watch on Roku, Amazon Fire stick and other streaming services with free channels.

<https://www.foxnews.com/>

<https://www.newsmax.com/>

<https://www.oann.com/>

> El American: A new, bilingual site with news of interest to Hispanic Americans, emerging as a trustworthy news source that reports on matters often omitted by Univision or Telemundo.

<https://elamerican.com/>

5. *Keep going in your role as a budding David-Barton- trained American historian;* consider encouraging your church to use the outstanding *Constitution Coaches* program run by Rick Green (Rick is a close associate of WallBuilders). Click this link to see: <https://coach.patriotacademy.com/constitutioncoach/>
6. It's Christmas! *Bless your family with the book [The American Story](#) by David and Tim Barton.* It is, in my view, the most **accurate well-written summary of U.S. history** out there and every Christian American should read it and know it. Do that, and the next time you hear some goofy, wrong blather about America, you'll know just what to say back.
7. *Personal messages are so powerful;* a handwritten note or call to a TV network, a news organization, a corporation, a legislator is the most powerful media you can employ. It's a version of showing up, and leaders are incredibly impressed by these personal efforts.

That's it! And now, here is your list and an incredible recap of the *American Restoration Tour* from The Church Finds Its Voice coalition member Chad Connelly, President of Faith Wins:

Well, we pulled it off! When our coalition planned *The American Restoration Tour* with David Barton teaching the irreplaceable role that God has played in American history, our team prayed we could get to 25-35 cities in 10-12 states in a two-month period. As I've written in previous letters to y'all, it got out of hand—in a very good way. **The response from pastors across the nation who wanted to have David Barton in to speak was truly overwhelming and amazing.**

In fact, when it has all been said and done, we did 42 meetings in 12 states between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, and we had just over 13,000 people in those meetings! To say the tour exceeded our expectations is a massive understatement to be sure.

David told me personally, “we’ve never had trouble booking speaking, but no one has ever strategically booked us in key spots in such a short period of time as you and your team did.” Maybe that’s why God let me be in politics --the recognition that we as believers need to be more politically strategic in our thinking! Whatever the reason, we give HIM the glory and praise for so many Americans getting to hear the truth about God’s role in our nation. There were so many positives that came from the tour. I could write pages and not cover them all. Certainly, we achieved our overall goal—find and identify other pastors and faith leaders who would help expand our voter registration program next fall. There is no doubt that if we can raise the necessary funding, **we will increase the 750k new evangelicals we registered in 2020 in 2022.** But maybe the best thing was the impressive and truly reassuring hunger for truth that we witnessed across the nation.

It fired me up to discover that all is not lost in our nation! We met parents who have now seen exactly what their kids are learning, and NOT learning in school, who showed up to their school board meetings demanding that anti-American and anti-God teaching stop! We met normal, everyday Americans who are now running for local and state office, who just emerged to run after watching the chaos that some elected officials have allowed in their states. We met pastors who literally APOLOGIZED for neglecting to engage the culture and fulfill their Biblical mandates to be salt and light. We helped recruit HUNDREDS of Bible-believing, patriotic men and women who became poll watchers in the state of Virginia and who helped lead a wave of conservative Christian voting that astounded the “experts” who just didn’t see that coming!

While we don’t tell anyone who to vote for or even which party to support, there is no doubt that Christians vote for Biblical values and those are more associated with conservatives. A political news aggregator developed this map to show the real impact across Virginia that clearly demonstrates the difference church voters made in that state. Many pundits, elected officials and even media outlets made statements that the church voter turnout was the difference maker in the state’s fall election.



In a big picture sense, Christians recognize that our society is changing. While we see those changes and sometimes succumb to the media narrative that Christianity and conservatism are dying, it's just not true. Conservative policies work when they are enacted and despite changing ideas in society, truth doesn't change. God-fearing, patriotic Americans KNOW that many of the policies we've seen enacted at the state and national level over this past year are not good for our country. You can't kill truth, and God's people are out there wondering what they can do regarding making a difference in these crazy times! **We have a path for anyone sitting in a pew to engage to make a Matthew 5 Salt and Light impact right in their community, state and nation right now.**

Consultants and most party officials have seemingly given up on trying to engage the Christian voter. I saw it first-hand working in politics at the highest levels in America but at least party leadership at that time understood the vital importance of engaging the evangelical right. As a former state party chairman, I don't begrudge the efforts at "outreach" – politics is a game of addition after all. However, personnel IS policy and when the national party many thought were dedicated the most to Biblical values hires staff for a "Pride Coalition" that will obviously fight against core values in their platform -- there is a massive problem. Here's the link to [You've Gotta Fight for the Right in the Party](#), a great article on the topic by Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council.

I am thankful for Joan Lindsey and her vision to come alongside my program and help give it the boost we needed to expand. We as believers must conclude that there are literally people on "our side" who simply don't hold our values and if we financially support their efforts, we are truly paying to fight ourselves internally. We simply must create efforts to maximize the faith vote and that's what our program has done and is doing. We hope you had the chance to come out to one of our *American Restoration Tour* stops this fall, and if not, I have a sneaking suspicion that folks all over America are talking right now about how to make sure we include them next year, so we'll invite you to one of those, too.

Thank you for all you do for our nation. God's hand on America is undeniable, but while there are people doing their best to cover it up and lie about His role, we'll be out there reminding them of the truth and activating them to go make an impact for America and God's Kingdom here on earth! God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

-Chad

And now Pacific Justice Institute with their Christmas list for you....

While this last year has been full of challenges, it has also resulted in tremendous opportunities for churches to serve, impact and receive protection like never before. As we wrap up 2021, let us not forget those opportunities as we move into 2022. Here is PJI's Christmas list of ways we are actively empowering churches across America:

1. What a gift! We are leading the charge as it relates to Church Homeschool Co-Ops. One way we're doing this is...
 - Providing direction/resources as to HOW to start and complete educational curriculum requirements
2. We are protecting their congregations from losing their jobs in these ways...
 - We are providing resources focused solely on religious exemption or accommodation letters
 - We are providing steps to take action in the event of religious exemption or accommodation denial
 - We are representing tens of thousands of people across the country to defend their religious freedoms
 - We are serving thousands through our bi-weekly Zoom calls to provide legal advice and answers to your most important questions
 - We are hosting Town Hall meetings throughout the country
3. Another gift! We're expanding the ways we can support you by opening new offices:
 - We are opening offices coast to coast, (20 in total) which include the following: California (5), Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, Texas, Florida, Mississippi, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Illinois, Georgia and Pennsylvania.

4. And finally we're orchestrating voter registrations at hundreds of churches on Sunday mornings, most for the first time ever!
 - We are doing this by working to empower more than 1,000 such churches in 2022.

Pacific Justice Institute's gift to you is that we are standing with these churches and pastors to provide confidence and clarity to know how to navigate the resistance that comes when churches start to find their voice. PJI offers protection to those who have suffered from government overreach and vaccine mandates. But most importantly, we are standing with those who feel they are in this fight alone. We want everyone across the nation to know that when you stand for freedom, YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

-Brad

Hi all, Kielle here. I want to start by wishing you all a very blessed and Merry Christmas! This season tends to go by in a flash, and so this year I'm personally challenging myself to slow down and enjoy every moment of it, turning my focus to Christ and the beautiful story of why He was sent to us here on earth. How blessed we are to have such a loving God and to live in a great nation gifted to us by Him.

Another gift to be thankful for is our *Church Finds Its Voice* coalition. God has blessed us mightily in this small group of 4, and we praise and thank Him for giving us the foresight, strength and wisdom needed to accomplish the *American Restoration Tour* with David Barton, and for what's to come next!

My Christmas list to you is a simple one and the best gift that I can offer you...these resources that we've been carefully and thoughtfully compiling for you this year. Our goal in starting *The Church Finds Its Voice* has always been to support the faith leaders and pastors of this nation, to strengthen you with aid, education, resources, connection, legal resources and a whole lot of prayer. We've done this through 26 communications (Comms) now, and we want to gift you access to everything we've ever shared with you in those Comms so that you can easily find and refer to those resources. [The Church Finds Its Voice website](#) has every Comm available to you, so please visit it and utilize those at any time.

Wishing you all the gracious blessings of our Lord during this season of hope!

-Kielle

We stand with you and are praying for you!

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle

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Comm #25: The American Restoration Tour is All That!

Good afternoon treasured pastors and Church leaders, and warm greetings from the road. The American Restoration Tour is midway through the schedule with several states left to go before ending late November.

And it is truly All That!

We had wanted you to see David Barton, our nation's greatest historian, live and in person so you would know, *really know down deep* that America's true history is nothing short of magnificent, and that the role played by pastors is nothing short of profound. You carry the baton for those first pastors, and your role should always be just as profound in the running of our country.

I've been state to state, city to city and here's what I *know*; the Church has been publicly, brutally discredited by many on the left including the media, and that same Church no longer feels like being polite about it.

So now, you're listening to David Barton as he travels to you around the country and hearing the truth about yourself as Americans - **that YOU should be leading this country**, no bones about it. From the first - Christopher Columbus onward - God has established this country to be a reflection of His plan for government, to be run by a Godly and reverent people. And up until fairly recently, that's what we had. But now it's time to correct.

At each speaking event on the *American Restoration Tour*, here's the order of how we go; Chad greets and tells how [Faith Wins](#) began in order to connect the churches. And then that our coalition formed under the name [The Church Finds Its Voice](#) to strengthen that effort.

Then I describe what our four organizations bring to the effort and then introduce David. To introduce David Barton it's good to say that of all U.S. historians he's the only one who knows the full accurate story. He's the only one who personally owns 160,000 original American documents and has researched them for decades to piece together what really happened, what was said, what was meant, and how entirely Biblical it all was.

And that makes him a problem for the current crop of history revisionists. David Barton's version of history is the only version that's documented!

And that makes YOU, once you hear our country's true history from David Barton's lips, also a big ol' problem for those guys.

Because you'll know the true history.

Which is an *awesome* thing. The Church should know our wonderful Christian history, should be defending our Christian based Constitution against these revisionists, and definitely should be leading our government and our education.

Everywhere we've been, audiences of the saints have responded with immense encouragement, astonishment and awe to what David is presenting. When I'm sitting in the audience, I can see and hear the emotion and energy in the crowd as they hear, usually for the very first time, what has been kept hidden from them by those who would wish to silence the Church. There is a new embrace of their duty as saints to lead in matters of national governance. It is absolutely thrilling to watch the Church come alive!

The American Restoration Tour is all that!

Chad is going to tell you more exciting insights from the tour next. Be sure to [click on the link to David's American Restoration Tour special presentation](#) he did on Columbus Day to see and hear for yourself how transformative it all is! Then Brad is going to recap the legal rights of the Church (we have them aplenty!) Then Kielle will bring it all home.

Take good heart dear Church. God is our Defender.

-Joan

Here's Chad, President of Faith Wins, with another update live from the tour...

Hello everyone and thank you for your prayers! I hope many of you have made it to one of the 35 meetings in 10 states we've held so far on the American Restoration tour! By the time you read this, we'll have completed over 90% of our planned meetings and boy, has it been a whirlwind!

Our goal was simple-- put as many people as possible in front of America's greatest living Christian historian, David Barton, in 40+ cities in 15 or so states so that more Americans would have an appreciation of God's role in our nation and a new awareness of the importance of their engagement in today's culture. Of course, our plan was to then mobilize those folks to increase the number of pastors and churches who would lead in their communities next year and conduct voter registration AND to help us spread the word to other churches to do the same.

By all accounts of anyone watching, our little part time team has more than pulled it off! In fact, my secret goal was for 5000 pastors and faith leaders to be in those meetings and after just about 90% of the tour, we have now had **over 12,500 people** in those meetings with more to come! Our meetings have run the gamut—we've held meetings in churches where we had a ready-made crowd and just folded our portion into their Sunday morning or evening or Wednesday evening services, we've done pastor breakfasts and lunches, and we've even done community meetings where a group allowed us to come in and join in their event. Our team has re-learned the old adage, "blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape!"

It has been a blessing partnering with Lindsey Communications, the Lindsey Foundation and Pacific Justice Institute to equip pastors across America with the tools they need to fully engage this culture. There is no doubt this tour could not have been this big and broad without all of their help.

Truly, it has been wild—we've endured another phase of Covid around the nation, travel challenges, flight delays, schedule changes and even David's laryngitis but we have not cancelled a single meeting, AND, we've actually added some meetings in various areas on the fly. I'm really proud of the team for all of their detailed organization and planning for venues, churches, flights, and assorted other situations that they tackled with poise and professionalism. One of the real blessings is that **over 30 other pastors** have now asked me to let them host an event in the future—that is truly outstanding and a real indicator that our relationships are expanding as we prayed. I'm excited as we move forward into a nation-defining election season

coming up. Indeed, like maybe never before, **we MUST maximize the Christian vote AND voices in every level of American government** if we are to keep our republic alive!

-Chad

Click on the link below to watch David's Columbus Day presentation and the regular presentation he's giving to the Church on these tour stops, and see for yourself how amazing he is live. What he shares and how he shares it will **BLOW YOU AWAY!!**

[David Barton on the American Restoration Tour - Lancaster Baptist, Columbus Day 2021](#)

[David Barton on the American Restoration Tour - Canaan Baptist Church, September 8th, 2021](#)

And now an update from Brad Dacus, President and Founder of Pacific Justice Institute...

Never before have we seen such a great need for the protection of religious freedom. From church closures to employees' and students' status threatened, we are seeing just how far the gubernatorial and presidential administrations intends to strip us of our most fundamental freedoms. While Pacific Justice Institute has served tens of thousands of people of faith who have been threatened with termination or suspension for refusing to get vaccinated due to their sincere religious beliefs, we are working diligently to help in other matters related to parental rights and other civil liberties. The ways in which we help are by providing resources, legal advice and representation **ALWAYS AT NO CHARGE**.

We are currently defending Los Angeles police officers against the city of Los Angeles, the LAPD, and LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, over their mandate requiring these officers to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The city marked October 20th as the date to fire thousands of officers if they have not gone along with the department's unconstitutional mandate. We believe that the civil liberties of people all around the country are being threatened and we at PJI won't stand for it. We expect this to turn into **thousands** of officers seeking legal representation.

Moreover, we are concerned about the rights of parents to decide what is best for their children's wellbeing. This past summer new provisions of Florida law were enacted to require all school district facial covering policies to unconditionally allow parents to opt their children out of wearing facial coverings at school. Initially, the School Board of Palm Beach County complied and changed its facial covering policy to allow unconditional parental opt-outs. The parents of over 11,000 students submitted opt-out letters. However, on August 18, SDPBC eliminated the parental opt-out and dishonored already-submitted opt-out letters. PJI is stepping up for parents' rights to opt out their children.

PJI strives to serve as many people as possible. That is why we offer a variety of **free resources**. Here are some of our popular resources as of late.

- [COVID Vaccine Resource Page](#): Provides instructions on how students and employees can draft a religious exemption or accommodation letter. The page also includes other valuable resources pertaining to mandatory vaccination.
- [Denial of Religious Exemption](#): Step by step guidance on what to do after religious exemption or accommodation is denied.
- [Four Types of Church-Parent Homeschool Co-Ops](#): Alternative education paths that parents can utilize to ensure their children receive biblical value-based education.
- [Zoom Calls](#): PJI's bi-weekly Zoom calls serve to share the latest updates on legislation, PJI cases, and issues concerning religious freedom with time allotted at the end for Q&A.

PJI has also been quite busy **servicing churches and pastors across this great nation** with the *Church Finds its Voice* program. PJI Pastor Liaison Peter Mordh, continues to work directly with thousands of pastors providing valuable resources, direction and tools necessary for pastors to navigate the existing world and aid both themselves as well as their congregations. A few of those resources are the following:

- [12 Practical Ways for Civic Stewardship](#)
- [The Church Finds Its Voice Communications](#)
- [Five Ways Pastors Can Encourage Their Members to Vote](#)
- [Church and Politics](#)

To access these resources and many more, click the links above or visit [PJI.org](#).

Pacific Justice Institute is here to walk with you every step of the way. **With 19 offices in 15 states**, we are protecting the rights of churches, parents, employees, businesses, students and many more individuals, coast to coast. If you or someone is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [PJI.org](#) or give our office a call at 916-857-6900.

While it has been a long season with the everchanging COVID-19 mandates and other issues in our nation, we want you to know that **you are not alone!** We at Pacific Justice Institute pray that you are encouraged and equipped to exercise your rights to boldly live out your faith.

Keep the faith!

Running the Race,

- Brad

God has clearly abundantly endowed David Barton to share our nation's true founding story in the most electrifying way, but he has also endowed YOU as pastors and faith leaders to take these remarkable truths and carry them back to your congregations, communities and beyond...with that same passion and life changing unveiling of truth. It is YOUR voice, the voice of YOUR church that will be the catalyst in carrying such vital messages forward, so that every single person in this nation can know the truth.

Don't forget that everything we're writing about and sharing with you in these Comms, from biblical truths about our nation's founding, to legal help and communications strategies and what's happening in the Church, can be found in those archived Comms, attached to this email and on the website here: www.churchfindsitsvoice.com so please do use that resource - it's for you!

David's latest book, *The American Story: The Beginnings* is one of the most popular books being sold (and sold out!) on The American Restoration Tour - you can get it here:

<https://shop.wallbuilders.com/product/the-american-story-the-beginnings-b43-2/>

It's the best summary of our country's real history, and covers a lot of what David is presenting from the stage. You'll read it and will have a powerful understanding of how the revisionists are twisting history. If you're not able to hear David in person, this book covers what he's saying and beyond - it's miraculously good and will arm you with the truth!

-Kielle

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Comm #24: It's On! *The Church Finds Its Voice* Brings America's Forgotten History to the Church

Hello to our wonderful pastors and friends. Kielle here with you today, and I'm starting us off this time because I wanted to take a moment to recount the full story of how the *Church Finds Its Voice* coalition came to be. Now that the *American Restoration Tour* featuring David Barton is underway, planning to stop at an incredible total of 44 churches across the country, our small but mighty coalition of four is realizing quite quickly that, what started out as a simple question of "why can't we just..." has grown into something much bigger and more important to the future of our nation than we could have imagined a couple of short years ago.

So we thought we'd retell the story from the beginning....

Lindsey Communications and the Lindsey Foundation (me and Joan) were more than concerned over what was happening in our state of California, a bellwether state for the nation. You'd think the people of California would be flooding polling sites on election day, willing to do anything for some positive change. We were hearing the frustrations, but not seeing the actions from exasperated citizens. We also began hearing something that alarmed us. Pastors were openly admitting to avoiding any politically related talk, in their church or otherwise. It had become a taboo topic not to be touched on in church.

But wait, didn't the Church used to be the "*THE place*" where citizens would hear sermons that were actually based directly on current political events? Across our nation's history, most politicians have been pastors or men and women who have come up through the Church. You've read in these Comms all about our remarkable history of Christian leaders across so many

decades. So where did that leave us, when now the Church - the place from which we as Christians and believers should gain wisdom on how to approach civic life and make positive change in our communities and our nation - is avoiding just this very topic?

As we continued to hear upsetting stories of churches being shut down and threats of pastors and church-goers being arrested during the height of the pandemic, we knew something must be done, not just to help strengthen Church leaders to address these issues, but to equip and empower them to find their voice again. We desperately needed a revival of the Church's God-given role to raise up wise, political leaders, to share Biblical truth that influences policy and decisions at every level of politics, and so importantly...to educate congregations on the issues so they can vote in an informed way!

As Christians, we make up the majority of voters in the United States...64% in fact! Imagine if we all voted...in every election...all the way down the ballot. Imagine if the Church raised up candidates for political office in every cycle. Just Imagine if we heard those Biblical axioms every Sunday in church that truthfully informed us on how to make a difference, at every level, in how our extraordinary, God-ordained nation is run.

But where were our people of faith in the civic process? So this next question came about -

“Why don't we just connect with all of the Christian churches?”

A massive undertaking in the form of such a simple question. I think I even said, “How many can there be?” Connect with the churches, remind them of their legal rights to preach on politics, policy, civics and elections, and then offer them support as they regain the strong voice they once had in this nation.

And that's how it started...the idea to legally and civically equip and lift up every Church, pastor and faith leader. We were going to start with our state, the most populated state in the country (40 million people live here, by the way, I'm laughing to myself as I think back on the conversation). It was a monstrous task, and we knew we needed God's miraculous provision to bring us just the right team to accomplish it. So we asked, and He delivered in a God-sized way...we met Chad Connelly.

As the former head of Faith Engagement for the Republican National Committee, Chad was the man behind the incredible 81% voter turnout for Trump in the 2016 election, as well as the Founder of Faith Wins. You know him because you're friends with him (who isn't?)...Chad is the relationship builder. And then we brought on the brilliant Brad Dacus, who we've known for decades through the work of the Lindsey Foundation and Lindsey Communications. Brad is a

Supreme Court case winning attorney and President of the Pacific Justice Institute, a no-charge firm dedicated solely to protecting the faith community from infringements on our Constitutional rights. We brought the idea and the backing, and they each brought their astounding, niche abilities to connect with and equip pastors, as well as to take this effort well beyond the boundaries of California. With our superstars on board, the plan quickly became a nationwide effort.

While we are a main coalition of 4, we are backed by the “*Standing With*” coalition, which consists of over 75 additional organizations supporting this work. By the 2020 election, the *Church Finds Its Voice* efforts had resulted in 750,000 new voter registrations, connections with nearly 17,000 faith leaders across the country, and reached over 11,000 churches. It was by God’s grace and provision that the *Church Finds Its Voice* was able to have so much more of a reach and outcome than we could have ever anticipated during that first conversation two years ago. But God has clearly readied the hearts of churches and believers, and the response has been overwhelming.

As we began to prepare for 2022 mid-term elections, we knew this work had to continue, and so we had another one of those “what if” conversations. This time we were mid-pandemic, post 2020 election, and with a new Presidential administration installed, the topics that had rapidly risen to the top of everyone’s mind were fears over the continuing viability of our Republic, the move to rewrite our nation’s true history, and both the fate and state of education for the generations to come. How do we combat these issues that increasingly put our Christian nation in danger? And so, here came our second “why don’t we just...” question, but it came out as more of an impassioned statement. Not “why don’t we just,” but “**we MUST let our pastor and faith leader friends hear from David Barton.**”

No one knows our nation’s founding history better, and no one delivers the captivating and electrifying truth of how God has chosen just this country to be a Christian nation, raised up by Him to speak the truth of Jesus Christ to the world, than David Barton. *Our Church Finds Its Voice* work continues, and now **includes a 44 stop, nationwide speaking tour featuring David Barton.** *The American Restoration Tour* is underway now, and it’s already having even more of an impact than we were confident it would.

People have been praying for this country, and the hunger for the truth and to hear the voice of the Church has only grown. The Church is having its “for such a time as this” moment. This is the time we have been preparing for...the *Church Find Its Voice* will continue to equip and back you, and now David is making the connections for you through his brilliant sharing of our nation’s history. This is our call and our role as believers...this is what we were supposed to have been doing, and now we’re hearing that call, stepping up and letting our voice be heard.

Our coalition remains resolute in our desire to help people of faith have their voices heard in civic life, to supply and enable pastors and congregations to speak out, boldly preach on the issues, encourage the vote and come together to protect our nation's biblical values. Let's stand up proudly for our heritage as a Christian nation. We were with you at step one, and we're with you every step of this journey.

With gratitude,

-Kielle

Hey everyone, Chad here with the report from the road! The highlight for me is that we've now been in 6 cities in 3 states so far on our American Restoration tour and 1108 people, including over 125 pastors, have now seen America's Greatest Christian Historian, David Barton!

We're literally in the middle of all of the travel-- in fact, when I leave tomorrow for meetings in Colorado, Ohio, Virginia, NC, California, Arizona, Nevada and Michigan-- I won't be home for 2 nights in a row for over a month. This is the time that we make sure people understand that God's role in our nation is irreplaceable. Another huge highlight for me personally is that Jim and Joan traveled with us through our first four meetings in the state of Georgia and we had a blast!

I could tell so many stories-- the older couple in South Georgia who said that they were ready to give up until they heard David Barton on the tour and now they're re-energized for the fights ahead, or the pastor in SC who said, "I thought I knew my history-- I didn't know 10% of what he covered!" or the young couple in Pennsylvania who bought David's new book, "The American Story" for each of their kids to read, or the now over one dozen pastors who came to me and have said, "I want to host a David Barton American Restoration Tour event in my town!"

I really could tell you dozens of stories already from only the first 6 meetings but this will have to suffice with this added note: if we are ANYWHERE near you on the tour, and you can go to the www.faithwins.us site for the full schedule and details, you do not need to miss it! I promise you that everyone leaves saying, **"more people NEED to hear this!"**

God Bless ya'll, please keep us in your prayers. As you can imagine, this is intense and busy and has SO MANY moving parts. Our team is performing spectacularly and we are doing what we

set out to do-- motivate, inspire and activate more Christians to get involved right where they are to make a difference in our nation!

Thank you and God bless, I hope to see you on the Tour!

Chad

Here's an update from Brad Dacus, President of Pacific Justice Institute:

Thousands of parents, teachers, pastors, and community leaders have reached out to PJI in the last few months as they navigate the uncharted territory of vaccine mandates and unconstitutional government overreach. We've been offering legal support and encouragement as tens of thousands have downloaded the resources for students, employees, and employers. Every single day hundreds of Americans receive specific assistance from one of our attorneys or staff. As we speak, PJI has over 50 cases in active litigation across the nation, and many of which are related to forced vaccination by employers. Christian schools have been able to stay open. Nurses, policemen, and public-school teachers have kept their careers because of the legal assistance they have received. A couple times a month our attorneys host a zoom call with organizations and nonprofits from all over the country to answer questions and cover relevant topics. We are here to help in such a time and we will continue to expand to help as many people as we can.

One of the ways we have been helping pastors and churches is by training and encouraging them on how they can legally and effectively be a voice for truth to those with whom they have influence. And now more than ever, pastors are taking a stand and are beginning to find their voice in the community. Churches are becoming a voice of reason and they are beginning to take a stand in a loving yet courageous way. Many churches who were unaware of their access to legal help are helping their congregants fight to keep their jobs/careers all while maintaining their convictions. Pastors and faith leaders across the country are uniting people whereas the media and our government are trying to divide. Pastors are informing their people, while big tech is censoring helpful and needed information. The church is infusing courage and faith in a moment filled with so much anxiety and fear. The church is certainly finding its voice and churches are beginning to stand together to help their communities navigate challenging and complex issues.

As rumblings of new lockdowns and mandates are on the horizon, we see countries like Australia completely gripped with fear as their COVID case counts and death rate do not live up to the totalitarian measures that are being taken. We must remember that God has not given us a spirit

of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7) We must with love and power, and with one voice, stand up to those who are attempting to leverage the fears of others for personal and political gain.

The reality is that the coronavirus is not going away and it will be just like every other virus that has become a part of daily life. We can continue to develop our treatment plan as there will be hundreds of other variants throughout the next 20-30 years. Ultimately, we cannot live in fear and we cannot remain in bondage to the unknown. Many of the decisions that are made are leveraging what is unknown for some sort of control or manipulation. This will end when Americans stand up to those who are abusing their power.

Finally, let me reassure you that **the law is on your side and the Constitution is on the side of freedom and religious liberty**. So, do not be silent. This is the moment that your church and community need to hear the truth, and you are legally and constitutionally powerful to be able to proclaim it. Know the difference between new laws passed by the legislature in your state and guidance made by an elected or appointed official. Speak out with a good spirit against those mandates that limit the freedoms guaranteed by our founders. Let us at Pacific Justice Institute stand with you as you make your voice heard in your community.

-Brad

Hey, Joan here. We're well underway with the *American Restoration Tour*, and I've had the privilege of being present at most of the Tour events. It's been an honor to get to meet many of you, and it's been thrilling to watch the Church in city after city, freshly grab ahold of the truth about our wonderful country's history.

David Barton, our nation's leading historian, in telling this history is telling a history of you, the leaders of the Church.

It was always the Church who led in developing our Republic to be founded on the Word of God. Our very Constitution is a document of Biblical direction about law, civil society, defense, private property, economics and everything else.

You will carry it forward. You first because the Church should lead. When it does, our country thrives. If silenced, our country fades.

Our coalition of our four organizations are pledged to bring you America's forgotten history this fall. We pray this will strengthen you in your civic life.

So very many stand with us in advocating for you, rooting for you, praying for you, and empowering you.

With all our very best,

Joan

We stand with you and are praying for you!

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle

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Comm #23: The American Restoration Tour Begins ***Telling You What They've Kept From You***

Good afternoon to our greatly treasured pastors and ministry leaders. Joan here, and we can't wait to see you...at least we'll get to see many of you, and I wish it were all.

Last month we gave you a preview of what we've been up to on your behalf; planning a speaking tour to bring our country's premier historian, David Barton of WallBuilders, to as many towns and cities as we could muster. We want you to hear directly from him, live and in person, what he knows about our nation's true story.

OK, so it's occurred to me as it probably has to you, that historians haven't exactly been in the mainstream of American thought for some years. Our public schools have been cleansing curriculum to avoid much history. And why? Because **there are those whose idea of freedom is being 'freed' from any remembrance of a nation defined by the Church.** Which is what we are still, despite their straining efforts to grow the State, *not the Bible*, to be our dominant voice.

We used to have historians in this country who were pretty much unified in the story they shared about America's Founding, and told the truth about the God-led men and women who revolted and fought a war to get what they wanted more than anything; freedom to follow the Bible exactly to have a life in step with Biblical teaching.

And they did it. They had a miracle of a win against the English military, which was magnitudes stronger than theirs, by divine help. And so they started to build a country reflecting the way Scripture said it should be. Our very Constitution, for example, is basically one verse after another put into more human words. It was so brilliant that even the men who wrote it remarked in their writings that they felt God's supernatural influence. I believe it. I've read it and I see it. Plus it has lasted almost 250 years - that alone is unexplainable any other way.

*So one historian remains who still understands all this; **David Barton**. It's no wonder that those who would like to rid America of all faith try to take him down. It's because he knows the truth, and the truth is astonishing.*

So we wanted you to hear him. You come, and then you will absolutely know it's the truth.

David owns the largest privately held collection of original American writings in the country. For decades he has led his team of researchers in studying them to accurately understand our exact story, and then to tell it. He is in demand - what I would call super-demand. And since we sent you last month's email comm to announce that we're bringing him to 16 states, we've been inundated with requests. We're up to 40 cities because you all know, you absolutely know, that our country's leaders and media *have not wanted you to know what he knows*.

They'll tell you anything, anything but this.....**that America is a miracle raised up to present a life with Christ to its inhabitants and to the world**. A Godly witness more compelling than any domination by force (the human way). America has been the gold standard, the country whose borders are flooded with those who want to be here because it has been the Church that has created what former President John Adams called *Utopia*. Here's what he said in a letter to Thomas Jefferson:

"Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited....What a Utopia - what a Paradise would this region be! The Bible is the best book in the world."

So here comes the *American Restoration Tour*, starting September 8th and going through mid-November. To bring you the *true* story, from our *best* historian, so you *will know*.

Please visit our website's Events page here <https://www.churchfindsitsvoice.com/about-1> to see the schedule for these appearances.

All of us in the coalition (ha, there are only four of us!), want not a thing from this except to serve you. We just wanted you to hear David because we all sense a strengthening of the Church

in this country. Revival? Well, I think so and pray so. What a thrill it has been for us to watch you all use your voice more and more, and increasingly bless the country. We are so glad for you.

-Joan

Here's an exciting update from Chad Connelly, Founder of Faith Wins, and his team, all working diligently to plan the *American Restoration Tour*...

Our team at Faith Wins is in the middle of planning all of the details and logistics of making 40+ meetings happen in 16 different states over a 10 week period, and we are all so excited that all of you will have the chance to hear America's greatest historian, David Barton, in your area!

We had 17 pastors from around the nation - who had emerged from last year's meetings determined to get involved and make a difference - meet with David this spring. Those meetings gave us a glimpse of what you're in store for...**a changed perspective on God's role in our nation's history and the truths that are foundational to America's success.**

If you know pastors or others in churches near you who doubt that they should be involved "politically" or have a say in what happens in our nation, those people NEED to hear David. His presentations stir people to action because they hear, maybe for the first time, the TRUTH about how this nation was formed, how pastoral leaders in our past emerged to be THE most influential voices that forged a nation. It is truly sad that America's rich history has been intentionally lied about, glossed over, or covered up by people bent on destruction, but this is YOUR chance to help change that in your communities! God Bless you, see you in your state soon!

-Chad

And now from Brad Dacus, President of Pacific Justice Institute...

Have you ever listened to someone tell a story and halfway through their tale you realize that there is just no way what they are telling you is true? That's exactly how we want millions of young people to feel when they begin to listen to their woke, leftist public school 'history'

teacher as he or she begins to falsely describe America as being founded in 1619 when the first slaves arrived to the first colonies. We long for the day when young people no longer tolerate the narrative that this country is so evil and systemically flawed that it must be deconstructed and reformed into the image of the left. This image of how America needs to be ‘transformed’ has been the focus of a massive movement of leftists in America for quite some time. They are intent on changing the present by erasing our past. They have poisoned the minds of so many Americans and countless young leaders across our nation have been trapped by their corrupt perspective of the past.

However, Jesus said it best when He told a group of misled leaders in the nation of Israel that the truth would make them free. (John 8:32) There is nothing more liberating to young leaders than to know the truth. There is nothing that the next generation is more hungry for right now than the truth. There’s nothing that can wake up the Church and help our communities to return to the morals and principles that made this country great than the truth. And there is no one more qualified to talk about the truth of how this country was truly founded than the historian and champion of the truth, David Barton.

This tour is going to be such an asset in helping churches inspire the next generation to stand for the truth. Never have we had a moment in our history where this information was so crucially needed to change the trajectory of where we are heading. We can’t wait to meet you on this tour and to offer all of the different help and resources available to you and your church during this dark hour. We are **passionate about equipping you** to be salt and light in the community in which God has called you to engage.

Satan knows what the left no longer hides: **the Church is the key to restoring America**. The Church can no longer sit back and take a ‘neutral’ position. Now is the time to engage and overcome the powers of darkness. Now is the time to make our voices heard. Now is the time to restore America!

We are just a handful of days from this tour commencing! Let’s begin to talk to those around us and encourage them not just to attend but to join you in sharing the truth about our country every American desperately needs to hear.

-Brad

Our dear friends, we are all buzzing with excitement over what God is doing through our Coalition, using it to bring David Barton's powerful message to you - a message of truth and reality so compelling, the enemy and those who hate our country will say anything and try anything to silence it. Those efforts alone speak volumes about the battle for the future of our nation.

The American Restoration Tour starts in only 11 days!! Remember to check the Events page of the Church Finds Its Voice website for Tour dates and locations -

<https://www.churchfindsitsvoice.com/about-1>

God has gifted David Barton with the ability to present America's founding history in the most astonishing way possible - sharing the real, factual TRUTH - he holds the greatest collection of historical, founding documents to prove it!! And hearing him speak is a life-changing event. We are honored to bring his remarkable voice and teaching to as many of you as we can, and we promise it will be a turning point in the way you understand and view our nation, the men and women who faithfully founded it and God's providential hand over every moment of its existence.

Living in the United States is a gift...a blessing that we should never take for granted, and we thank God every day that He has endowed us to it and it to us. We pray for you continually, that you each would be strengthened by His mighty power to seek the truth of our country's founding and history, and share it with conviction in a time it is needed more than ever.

With a grateful heart,

-Kielle

We stand with you and are praying for you!

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle

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Comm #22: The Word That Changes Everything

Good afternoon to you, our treasured pastors and ministry leaders. Joan here. Do you know, we pray over you all the time, and you're on our minds even more so now as we are about to let you in on a really really good plan we've been hatching for you.

Starting in September, we're bringing **David Barton**, our country's premier historian, to about 35 cities across the country to tell you - especially you- **the truth about America's miraculous incredible mind-blowing story.**

There's nobody better than David to do this. Outside of the Library of Congress, he's got the most extensive privately held collection of original American documents in the country. He's spent decades, along with his team of researchers, combing them, in order to understand the exact accurate truth of our country's life story.

And our story is that FAITH is the underpinning of our country. Pastors are its backbone. The Church is its strength. The Word of God has influenced every little thing. And it's precisely because of that Biblical guidance when our Founders launched us, that America has been the thrilling wonder of the world.

The Word of God changes everything. **Every. Thing.** And Church leaders who teach that Word are the ones who truly uphold our amazing life here in America.

But aren't you tired of the secular media telling everyone that the Bible has no place in our national life? They are ludicrously wrong! Seriously- that's enough of that!

So we thought we'd show you David, let you see and hear David. Bring him to you for real - live and in person. Let *his words* explain our country which was founded by sticking to GOD'S Word, and just how that works. Because, trust me, you've never heard anything like this in your life. What you'll hear will electrify you. Once you know the truth about us, your view of America will clarify, and you will explode with joy and gratitude.

I have personally heard David speak many times, so I can tell you it's true. And yes, hiking him all around the country is a real undertaking, but we all wanted to do it for you. So you'd know. And so you could gather in person and hear **David's words right out of his mouth.** And see **him with your own eyes.** It's the best way.

On our website for [*The Church Finds Its Voice*](#), you'll see the event schedule for the speaking tour we're calling "*The American Restoration Tour.*" Please have a look.

It will change everything.

Progress is fine and all, but it's definitely NOT fine when people think progress should erase God's grace toward us and pretend He was never a part of our freedoms. He's the most important part!!

We're the only nation that has ever had real freedom, and we've been a kind of living example to other countries of what freedom in Christ must be like. **Our country's Christianity has been our most compelling witness to others.** It's why protesters in Cuba wave OUR flag!!

Now our challenge is to keep *ourselves* as our TRUE self. It's time to refresh what we know about who we really are; a country under God's Word. The Word that changes everything.

-Joan

More on this from Faith Wins President and Founder, Chad Connelly...

I can tell stories of pastors from all over the nation who have been stirred over the past eight years as I've traveled and met with them in their churches and towns. There is no doubt that when they become informed about God's role in American history-- and Joan is right-- NO one can deliver that better than David Barton; they are inspired to get off the sidelines and into the game to engage this culture!

I took 17 top pastors on our Faith Wins team to Washington, DC this past spring and had them listen to David Barton's talk about God's providential role in our nation's history, and I wish all of you could have seen their reactions first hand. Two-thirds of those pastors were under 35 and had never had the chance to hear David Barton speak - and most weren't even familiar with his work. Here are some quotes I wrote down then ---

"I had no idea pastors spoke on issues from earthquakes to railroads to elections..."

"I have to up my game to match what pastors used to do to teach their congregations about the issues of the day!"

"No wonder our generation is so confused, most of us (pastors) AREN'T teaching our people to think!"

I really could go on and on but suffice it to say, you need to be at one of our events this fall. We'll be putting out the dates soon, but there will be over 35 events in over 15 states. The coming *American Restoration Tour* is specifically for you pastors. We'd like you to come and bring an associate pastor with you if you can, and/or an elder. Visit [The Church Finds Its Voice website](#) for event opportunities that may be open to families, as well.

God Bless, stay tuned for our announcements!

-Chad

Here are thoughts on this from Brad Dacus, President and Founder of the Pacific Justice Institute...

America needs a revival of what has made this country great, but this is not possible without a clear reminder of the values God has blessed this nation with. David Barton provides the greatest historical evidence to provide the reminder for what made this country great. He will encourage people of all backgrounds to increase their love for America and to seek to restore our nation back to its moral foundation.

The *Restore America Tour*, this fall, has the potential to unite churches all across America around the common theme of patriotism and the founding principles that will be on full display at each of these events. There will be eye opening information about our history that every Christian needs to hear, and it will be the paradigm shift needed to propel change in America today.

Pacific Justice will be helping promote these events and will be encouraging all freedom loving people to be a part of the incredible movement that will flow from these gatherings. We believe the Church is ready to help restore America and again receive God's blessing. For instance, as PJI has been providing resources for pastors who have had their liberties and freedoms limited during the pandemic, we have seen a resurgence and an awakening of churches that had all but abandoned their responsibility to be the ambassadors of the values that our founding fathers held dear.

-Brad

And some final thoughts and encouragement from Kielle Horton, President of the Lindsey Foundation...

Friends, we are certainly in a time of spiritual battle in this country. The enemy wants nothing more than to take down our God-blessed and purposefully chosen nation. Have you felt it lately? I sure have...it can seem like there are challenges, difficulties, stresses and discouraging news every which way we turn. But be encouraged by the **good news that our mighty God is always in control**...He goes before us, so very ready at every moment to love, help and guide us.

I recently heard a powerful sermon on the 23rd Psalm...verses we have listened to and recited multiple times, verses I know you have preached on many times. But this time, and on the receiving end of a deep dive into the meaning of each verse, I had my eyes opened to the beauty of God's love for us in those promises.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with

oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

God is leading you, friends. It isn't always easy, and it is not promised that it will be, but God does promise to be our faithful, loving and dedicated Shepherd who will always lead us in the right way. In the midst of the times when you feel that His calling on your life is too difficult or the stress feels too overwhelming, remember His faithful promises to us.

Resting in His Word changes everything.

We are covering the *American Restoration Tour* in prayer, and we are also praying for protection over you, your church, your congregation, your community and all who will hear David's compelling words. He is with us always, going before us, making our paths straight...our cups runneth over. God Bless You!

-Kielle

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Comm #21: You're A Ringer!

Good afternoon to you, respected Church leaders. Joan here, and I am wishing you a very Happy Independence Day, as well, as it's coming right up.

Two hundred and forty five years - an amazing length of time for any country to succeed under just one, same Constitution, but we've done it. We've done that very exactly, and we still, to this day, expend enormous amounts of effort to exactly decide how best to stick to that document. Our Declaration of Independence goes hand in glove with our Constitution so that both are closely followed.

Both were written by human men, but *praying human men*. They asked God to help them every day they wrote, and when they were done, they recorded in their journals, letters, and notes how closely they had felt God's very presence guiding them.

Our Constitution - every word of it - is sourced from the Bible. The men who wrote it knew scripture, *really really* knew it. A couple of them had read the Bible all the way through by age four!

All of them were men of deep, strong faith and used scripture, not human reasoning, to guide their thinking. They were very aware of how flawed human reason can be, **so they specifically wrote that our new nation would be guided by the laws of nature and of nature's God.**

The laws of nature are what God instituted when He made the creation. These laws are good for all time, and they're to be followed by all people all over the world. They are certain and true.

The laws of nature supersede our biased, swayed reason, so we defer to them.

Nature's God is the expression of what He wants us to do, put into Scripture for us to know. There's no such thing as the 'divine right of kings' for us here in America. Human kings make human mistakes and are pushed about by biases.

America's independence was declared for all the world to read, so all mankind would know we were going to be under God. And it's gone well, very well. Think of all these years of favor we've had!!

But we forget, and we just mustn't forget. We must remember who we are. We are a **Christian nation** with our guiding documents in step with nature's law, and nature's God. It's so awesome, and we can be immensely proud of it. Proudly ringing out with boldness and joy to tell our story once again - to our families, to our churches, throughout our country.

Just as a sports team has its 'ringer' (its best player), **YOU are our country's ringers**. You're our best team members using your voice to ring out freedom; both the freedom to be found in Christ, as well as the freedom here in America.

If Americans are not an example to the world of the life with Christ, how can we be any kind of witness? Why would anyone want what we have? And yet America's true story, true history, and true focus has always been the laws of nature and of nature's God, which we follow and then present our joy and freedom to the eyes of the world.

Dear friends, I believe our Church is in revival. Our voice is not just louder, it's truer and surer than it was. **In God we trust as we help freedom ring!!**

As we approach the 4th of July with this remarkable history in mind, here is Brad Dacus, coalition member and President of the Pacific Justice Institute, with his top 4 freedom of speech reminders he wants to provide you with, so that you can be letting them ring!

1. Freedom of speech is the God-given right of every American

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Reason and free inquiry are the only effective agents against error." When free-speech *decreases* the amount of error and deception *increases*. This is why Jesus spoke so many times about truth and error. Truth is God's gift to freedom loving people, and it is not a benevolent gift that can be given or removed at the

whims of whoever happens to be the ruling class. The freedom of lawful expression for every American is guaranteed and given by our Creator and no one can mute that right. So regardless of how the government sees the matter of free speech, it is our sovereign privilege and we must treat it as such.

2. Freedom of speech is the cornerstone of the constitution

If the Constitution is the foundation of our democracy then free-speech is the cornerstone upon which all of our liberties rest. Without the freedom of speech, all the other freedoms provided by our founders will be quickly erased. Independence thrives in a free market where ideas are being shared and prosperity is always linked to the freedom of expression. If free-speech succeeds in our country then we as a country succeed, but if the government and big tech clamp down on this crucial liberty every other liberty will be at risk. Someone once said, “Those who can control words can control the world.” Obviously, there are natural consequences to anything that is said and those consequences should be weighed, but there is a greater consequence to hindering free speech in order to try not to offend.

3. Freedom of speech is preserved through open expression

The only thing that can ever preserve free speech is more speech. The more debate and open discussion in our country the less fear and silence will be the norm. Our voice online and in our communities is the key to preserving this first amendment right. Our current government and big tech are no doubt infringing and censoring free speech, but the greatest threat to free speech is always the self-censorship of free people. Free speech will only be free the more we choose to use it. So, SPEAK COURAGEOUSLY and inspire confidence in others to be thought leaders - leading where God has given them influence.

4. Freedom of speech prevails in the unified pursuit of its protection

Benjamin Franklin was relentless in his pursuit to protect free speech, and he would always warn, “Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech.” In an era of misinformation we all must be committed to standing up and making our voice heard when any public or private entity chooses the “abridging of free speech.” The phrase, “we the people” is still the most powerful phrase in our founding documents, but we must stand together to make our voice heard. Organizations like Pacific Justice Institute are enabling and standing with those who are courageous enough to speak up and stand for the freedoms that make this country great. Pastors and faith leaders must have a voice and the confidence to know that the legal right to lawful

expression - that right can and will be defended at any cost.

Chad Connelly with you now, President and Founder of Faith Wins, sharing his top 4, most inspirational stories of powerhouse ringers:

There is no doubt that these are critical times for our nation. I'm not sure that we're not at another 1776 fight for Independence or 1944 D-Day type of turning point for America. Like those times, our nation NEEDS people to stand for truth. The very idea of "truth" is under assault -- movements to abolish American history and monuments, insane ideas like "defund the police", out of control government overreach and limitless spending-- it all makes our heads spin!

We need more leaders who are willing to stand and be the "ringer" of the bell calling for a stand! We as believers know we're in a spiritual fight --it is playing out before our very eyes, but there are ringers who are standing. I have had the great pleasure of watching pastors we're working with catch the vision of a fully engaged Church-- being salt and light and becoming the 3/3 pastor that my buddy Pastor Billy Ingram describes.

Pastor Ingram told me last fall, "Chad, until I heard you guys speak about the importance of engaging in this culture and at this time, I was a committed 2/3 pastor. God created 3 institutions: the family, the Church, and civil government. I had ignored the third one of those-- but not any more." Since then, Pastor Billy had 38 people from his church get involved in the local county party and take leadership roles in two separate county party teams! Not only is his church conducting voter registration drives, Pastor Billy is actively engaging other pastors in Georgia to take up the bell and start ringing for freedom too!

I met Pastor Brian Gibson of Kentucky by watching him on tv interviews. Pastor Brian recognized early that the shutdowns were not only punitive and discriminatory against churches, but definitely were unconstitutional at best and maybe even unnecessary at all! He formed a group called www.peaceablygather.com where he rallies other pastors to stand up against government overreach and tyranny! We met this past week in person at the National Religious Broadcaster's convention in Dallas to discuss Faith Wins and our efforts to encourage pastors. We hit it off immediately and Pastor Gibson will be partnering with Faith Wins as we move ahead to spread the word that church is always ESSENTIAL and that it is crucial that pastors take their leadership roles in our nation with total commitment to truth.

Pastor Tom Alvis has been a friend for some time. He had always done his part in ministry and in the Central Virginia area communities as a pastor leader. He had even participated in local party politics and gone to a state convention or two. This year, with all of the attention on Virginia as one of only two states with statewide elections, Faith Wins has been very active and we worked to get pastors to put Christians into the process for the selection of candidates of the party they chose. Pastor Alvis took a major role in helping get almost **600 CHRISTIANS** to participate in Virginia's unassembled convention in early May. Four years ago, Pastor Alvis was one of TWO people he knew of in churches to become involved at that level and this year, he helped get nearly 600, or almost 9.5% of the total turnout, to come to a statewide convention and vote for candidates that most clearly aligned with a Biblical worldview. He's a ringer!

Finally, and I suppose I could tell these stories all day long, but Pastor Dom Burkhard, of Swarz Creek, Michigan deserves notice! Dom took the energy he gained from our work and the imprint on his heart by God's conviction that it was time he led other pastors to engage in voter registration and in connecting with state representatives and senators in his home state of Michigan. Dom formed a group there called 121 Capitol Connection-- a Christ-centered ministry reaching the people who influence policy and legislation. The mission of 121 Capitol Connection is to provide prayer support, encouragement, and the light of the gospel to Michigan State Government officials. Dom realized that in I Timothy 2:1-2, the Bible commands Christians to avidly pray for their government officials to the end that (v2) we can live out our godly life in freedom and peace, and (v4) God can work to save souls. Our desire is to see the power of the love of Christ and His gospel making a difference in our state Capitol for eternity. Dom's a modern-day ringer too and he's doing his part to bring along other pastor leaders in his community and state.

I appreciate all of these guys! I could list dozens and maybe hundreds more. Honestly, I believe there is an awakening going on-- that we as **Christians CANNOT be silent** in the face of the nonsense we're witnessing in our nation. I have been utterly amazed at the response. Yes, very RARELY, I'll have the normal negative Norman who tells me what one pastor actually said the other day, "you know Chad, people are just tired-- they're tired of COVID, the elections, the unrest and protests and they just don't want to come to meetings about how they need to engage more." I respectfully told him that those things ARE THE REASONS we must engage. I used the Apostle Paul's life example of hardship and setbacks in the midst of writing the majority of the New Testament to let him know that those things demonstrate exactly why we need to stand. At the same time, I'm watching organic uprisings of parents and teachers who are saying "NO" to the governmental push for a Marxist theory in our schools and watching normal, tax-paying, God-fearing Americans taking a stand for truth.

Summit Ministries just commissioned a poll that you'll like. Here are the takeaways:

- 82% of Americans say freedom of religion is important to a healthy American society, only 9% say it is not important
- Only 20% of Americans say churches and faith-based charities should be required by law to hire people who oppose their religious beliefs.

I attached the full poll, but this is outstanding! **Eighty two percent of Americans know that religious freedom is foundational to America!** Boy, that's a far cry from what the mainstream press tell us and what some government officials believe, huh?? This tells me that the press and the left are totally out of touch, once again, with Americans. Here are the details.

<https://www.summit.org/about/press/new-poll-overwhelming-majority-of-americans-support-religious-freedom-oppose-key-provisions-of-equality-act/>

Here's a 6-min Newsmax clip about it from Chris Salcedo's Tuesday show:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/otkqyz6boxggqi/MilesMyersCSS062221.mp4?dl=0>

Take heart, people are standing! They just need leadership. This is our time...we aren't having to cross the frozen Delaware River or march with no shoes in the frozen tundra to attack Trenton at Christmas in 1776, and we're not having to face the withering fire of the German guns on the beaches of Normandy, **we just need to vote**. And make sure our churches hold voter registrations and that 100% of the people in our churches vote. That's it. Take a stand. **This is OUR time. It's our turn!** God Bless you and I sure hope you'll join us on our 30+ city tour with American historian David Barton this fall to learn why America is so special and worth fighting for!

Hello amazing pastor friends! What encouraging stories of faith leaders and pastors standing up as Ringers, letting their voices be heard, and making a tidal wave of difference for the Kingdom of God. We know that you and your most important voices are making such an impactful difference right now...we see the ripple effects and are amazed!

I am most hopeful to see some of you later this year, as we take our remarkable national treasure, David Barton, around the country to speak. What a phenomenal resource he is! I could listen to him speak all day. His wealth of knowledge about our nation's Christian founding and heritage is astonishing, and the way he presents that history captures our attention in ways that very few

can.

In an age when we are overwhelmed with available resources and information, and the opposition twists the truth on a daily basis, isn't it nice to have such wonderful, sure, go-to instruction at hand?

Sometimes I have to remind myself to take a step back from the sea of articles, books, tweets and posts that are available today - all sharing wildly differing opinions, and very often stretching, twisting, and manipulating what is actually true - and refocus on those real, go-to resources. I thank God all the time that he left us the ultimate resource with the right answer every time on every issue - the Bible! - the go-to powertool for you, the faith leaders and "ringers" of our time. What else do we need to let our voices ring loudly with **actual, biblical TRUTH**; truth that cuts through the noise of deception and arms God's people with just what they need to be warriors for Christ in a time when they are needed most. Thank you for **your voice** that shares that truth and for your steadfast commitment to letting it ring!

-Kielle

We stand with you and are praying for you!

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle

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Comm #20: Why Do We Sit Here?

Warmest greetings to our esteemed pastors and ministry leaders all around the country. Joan here, and we want you to be assured our little coalition of four prays for you so very often, and that we hear from you all constantly, too.

And ow, yikes, many of you are not liking what's happening in our country. We're hearing a firm unity of views, and we are with you in those concerns.

Dazzling it is! The **sheer number of concerns**.

Also dazzling- the sheer number of you who are out of your chairs and saying something.

I've heard for years that when a company gets a personal letter or call, it's impactful. Same thing with elected leaders. **Calls, letters, visits really are noted**. For example, Chad wrote a thank you letter to Senator Manchin for standing firm on keeping the filibuster. Signed by hundreds of pastors!

Thank you's are as powerful as notes that confront.

Because it's true that YOU are the most important voice in America. Wow - there's a sweeping statement, and I mean it. The Church ... our body of believers... is massive and our country's Constitution taken straight from the Bible those same believers follow. That means your voice is not just respected - though it is that - but required.

2 Kings 7:3 is a great response to a siege situation, "**Why do we sit here until we die?**".

Sit-eth not-eth!! We're not supposed to, but are to speak up firmly but lovingly.
The Bible directs us to engage.

Here's amazing news from Chad Connelly about engagement going on right now:

It doesn't take much reading of the Word of God to recognize that we have a Biblical obligation to be salt and light and to engage EVERY aspect of our lives with our faith.

Too many people, and even some pastors, have been misinformed, and even lied to, in an effort to silence the Church and Christians. I love the name our team chose-- "*The Church Finds its Voice...*" What if we really did??

Well, it's not just about voting or conducting voter registration in your church. Those are easy, legal, non-partisan-- and let's face it-- the more we teach those things, the harder it will be for someone to argue that they're "political." No, those are **spiritual activities** that fall in line with our Biblical worldview, but they may indeed have a political impact and boy, do we Christians need to make an impact these days!

In West Virginia, we have 100's of churches passing around a "Thank You" note that I wrote to Senator Joe Manchin, one of two US Senators in the state of West Virginia. He's a democrat who might not vote conservatively on many occasions, but I felt the need to thank him for his previous statements that he would never vote to end the filibuster rule in the US Senate. As most of you know, if the filibuster rule is ended, not only does it end LONG-TIME Senate tradition, it allows for the passage of some of the most evil and anti-Biblical legislation in American history. Our plan is to deliver 1000's of signatures of West Virginia believers to Senator Manchin in the next week or two, not to beat him up, but to thank him for his own words on keeping an invaluable United States institution intact.

We're also actively engaged in several other states-- getting church members to run for local and state offices, teaching pastors how to conduct voter registration drives, and doing smaller meetings with other pastors to expand the reach. One state in particular where we've worked extensively this year is Virginia. That state is only one of two with 2021 statewide elections. Our pastors there wanted to get heavily involved so our team

led 100's of churches to register for the State's party conventions. We're still tabulating numbers, but can absolutely say that we had almost **600 Christians** from those churches- in 45 counties across the state- ACTUALLY participate in an unassembled convention on May 8th. We obviously didn't tell them who to vote for, but they held zoom interviews of the candidates and made their choices based on those interviews. The really amazing thing-- the last time the state of Virginia held their convention, only 2 of those nearly 600 Christians participated!

I have said this over and over, but ANY candidate, elected official or movement conservative organization who ignores or takes the faith vote for granted--given today's cultural environment, WILL LOSE. We need to get involved and we need to get informed.

On the information side, Faith Wins will be hosting, along with our "*Church Finds its Voice*" partners and with America's greatest historian, David Barton of Wallbuilders, an American Restoration tour later this summer and fall. Pastors across the nation will be invited to listen to David, get the best history lessons ever, and fellowship with other pastors getting prepared to really make a difference in the 2022 elections and beyond! Stay connected with us and we'll make sure you're invited too!

God Bless you!

-Chad

And now thoughts on what we can do to continue speaking truth and making an impact - from Coalition member Brad Dacus, President of the Pacific Justice Institute;

Why are things going downhill so fast?

Nothing is more painfully obvious to a pastor than what the result will be when stubborn and selfish men and women are left to their own ideas and desires. Now it is becoming obvious to our country what happens when stubborn and selfish politicians are

completely in control of making policy decisions with no regard to whom it hurts or how it affects future generations. Most of the growing number of problems we are facing right now can be directly attributed to a ruling class who cares only about benefiting themselves. They will say anything and do anything to keep or obtain more power. There is no true respect for our Constitution or for our founding/guiding principles. No, just a love for self that drives an insatiable desire for control and complete conquest at any cost.

Where to go from here?

The United States Constitution gives us our best and only option for addressing the disaster we are in as a country. The first three words of the constitution are famously, "We the people". These three words ultimately threaten many of our corrupt politicians the most. They know that if the majority in our country ever became united around common values and principles they would immediately lose their power.

All throughout the Old Testament, we are given examples of prophets, priests, and common people standing up and confronting the kings and rulers of their day. Standing for Godly values in our cities, states, and nation is not just a good thing to do, it is a divinely appointed responsibility that we must embrace and steward.

National patriotism of course does not replace or overshadow our heavenly mission and eternal focus, but it is absolutely biblical to actively stand for the principles and the values that we hold dear. Far too many pastors have hidden behind the seemingly noble effort to not be "sidetracked" by a "lesser" message, meanwhile the freedom (that was a gift from God) to be able to proclaim the gospel is needlessly fading right before our eyes. The U.S. is the final beacon of hope and light in our world, and we are quickly giving that light away...watching the influence with which God has blessed our country rapidly decrease. Pastors can no longer be passive and timid about speaking truth. The Bible speaks volumes regarding every key issue that we are facing as a country today and silence from the pulpit during the greatest moral shift in the last three decades is absolutely unacceptable.

Here are just some of the polls that demonstrate the result of pastors not leading/helping their flocks to understand how the truth should shape and change their lives and communities:

- 51% of churchgoing Americans say the Bible was written for each person to interpret as he or she chooses. (*The State of American Theology, Lifeway Research, 2016*)
- Less than 10% of sermons preached in evangelical churches mention hell, sin, or anything "controversial". (*Pew Research Center, 2019*)
- Only 57% of millennials believe the Declaration of Independence better "guarantees freedom and equality" over the Communist Manifesto. (*YouGov, 2019*)
- 24 out of 25 of all millennials in the U.S. say they don't have a Biblical worldview. (*Worldview Measurement Project, American Culture and Faith Institute, 2017*)
- Over half of all Americans have never read the Bible and don't know what it says about relevant issues. (*Bible Engagement in America: Biblical Literacy, American Bible Society and Barna Group, 2016*)

Are Christians still the majority?

Christians are still the largest group of voters in our country despite the dip in church attendance during the pandemic and lots of posters sounding that alarm.

(<https://news.gallup.com/poll/341963/church-membership-falls-below-majority-first-time.aspx>) If it were up to the media, they would make everyone believe that the Church is all but irrelevant and completely obsolete. The mainstream media as a whole desires to be the exclusive voice to inform Americans on how and what to think. But the Church is still the loudest voice in the hearts and lives of American children and adults. The Church cannot be duped into believing that its voice is not important or cannot have a massive impact. The majority of people in our country disagrees with the direction of our current leaders and we must let those around us know there are more that are with us than there are that are for them! Way more! So, we must speak up! We must gather together with one voice to show our support for the values that made this country great.

How to speak the truth and involve the Church?

Every time a bill is proposed or passed and/or a government official says or does something contrary to the Bible, we must lovingly point it out and share the Biblical principle that was violated. Also, we cannot wait for elections to encourage involvement

in our local communities. We must elevate the importance of civic involvement and stewardship.

Here are some practical ways to involve our church in the civic process:

- Attend City Council meetings and speak up for Biblical values, religious liberty and the freedom of speech.
- Attend school board meetings and research the agenda that is being pushed or taught to the children in our community.
- Have sign-ups for those that are willing to run for school board or for any other open positions on an upcoming ballot.
- Encourage those who are retired or have a more flexible schedule to run for a local elected position.
- Get a list of all the polling locations and try to have someone from your church at each location.
- Keep track of all the decisions being made by state and federal elected officials and write thank you notes when something good is accomplished.
- Attend county precinct meetings and be vocal about what is being placed on the platforms.
- Offer to bring lunch to your mayor and city council members.
- Get to know state and county officials by asking them for specific prayer requests and what your church can do to help.
- Have one person in your church who is up-to-date on all of the legislation, state and federal, that is being proposed.
- Encourage someone who might be interested to become a state delegate.
- Call and send emails when something is being passed that does not align with biblical or constitutional values.
- Develop a network of pastors in your area who are willing to stand for important local and national issues.
- Have a list of verses for each relevant issue that is currently being discussed on local or national news.
- Emphasize voter registration several times a year.

How can we have the greatest impact?

Recently when all of the COVID-19 lockdowns were taking place, the state of Nevada decided to open up casinos but require churches to stay closed. A group of pastors gathered together and decided to petition the governor to provide fair and equal treatment for churches. These pastors did not all believe the same and were not all of the same denomination. Many of them had never even met up until that point but they were all united around the belief that their religious liberties were being infringed. So, from all over the state of Nevada they traveled to their capital in Carson City and scheduled a meeting with each of their elected officials. They kindly but strongly made their voice heard and the result was incredible. Their governor (not a Christian or conservative) agreed to work with them, and although they weren't able to accomplish everything they had wanted, they still were able to meet with the same guidelines as were given to the casinos. When we stand together and make our voices heard there's no limit to what we can do in our cities, in our states, and in our country as a whole.

Let's begin working together and make the majority that we still have known to our leaders. THE TIME IS NOW! How much worse does it have to get before we start speaking up and working together for the sake of our country. We cannot be silent! We cannot hide the light we have been given because the darker it gets the brighter our light shines.

-Brad

Hello pastors, friends...Kielle here, and honestly feeling more hopeful than I have in the past several months. We're just back from meeting with a number of national leaders in the faith and policy arenas, and there is a general regaining of courage that's coursing through us all right now. It seems that we collectively agree that we've been through the worst of it, that we're "coming out the other side" finally...stronger, wiser and filled with a whole lot more indignation than we were a year ago. In my opinion, that's not a bad thing...to be indignant at what's gone on in our country, especially toward the unjust actions that have been taken against our churches and faith communities. There has been the fear of shutdown, arrest, financial penalty, and total church ruin waved in front of your faces, and in some cases around the country, those things actually happened. But you stood up, **found your voice** and used it to stand up for the religious freedoms that your church family and all Americans have the right to practice.

Some leaders of this nation fear the Church and the power we hold as believers - individually, but really they fear us as the immense, passionate and effectual body that they know we are, that we have been before and that we can be again if we find that courage to speak up and speak out. Now is your time to do just that. Psalm 56:11 comes roaring to mind here, *“In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?”*

I'll tell you what man can do to you...nothing that God can't prevent, provide for, or overcome. Find your courage, friends. Trust in the Lord that He will give you the words and actions to fight this battle well, and that all we do will honor Him and His will for our lives on this earth.

God bless you! You are always in our prayers for wisdom, strength and protection,

-Kielle

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-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle - *Your Church Finds Its Voice* Leadership

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Comm #19: “The Much”

Good morning, esteemed pastors and ministry leaders. Hope you all had a blessed Easter and got to enjoy the celebration more like in normal (non-covid!) years. Joan here, and we had a kids’ egg hunt followed by our annual 1,000 egg hunt for ‘the big kids’, and revelled in the freedom.

We’re thinking a lot lately about freedom. We definitely don’t want to lose our basic freedoms, but sure enough, there are forces at work that are chipping away at just that. Our precious liberty! To speak, to gather, to defend.

And how, exactly, is this able to happen!?!? We just hear it everywhere. Folks are taken aback at a seeming tsunami of government rolling over our freedoms. And they’re asking what is to be done.

So, here’s what the big government folks don’t want you to know..... **it really doesn’t take much to move the needle away from the tsunami.** And in fact, it’s happening as one by one, needle-movers speak.

Write the letter (it’s really impactful), make the personal call, send in the op-ed, speak your freedom-loving mind.

It’s the ‘much’ that is enough!!

Your personal voice carries giant weight because you’ll speak in step with what God has instituted in this particular country. Our constitutional republic honors God first and you are our national voice.

I was in elementary school in Los Angeles when the Supreme Court ruled in 1962 that we couldn’t pray anymore in the morning. Prayer and faith was to be culled out. Two individuals had filed suits, and...voila!

We kids were shocked when we heard. We thought it was the dumbest move ever. (Hey- we weren’t wrong as it turned out. Stats show a massive tanking in SAT scores, literacy, high school

completion, etc. etc. etc. after 1962). But my point is that it was just a couple of people who set this off! They squeaked and their wheel got the grease.

We kids wished the Church would have 'squeaked'.

If men and women of faith had broadly spoken out, the tragedy of 1962 might have been averted.

We're learning it doesn't take much to move the needle and it doesn't take many. All over the country, pastor voices are now emerging to stand for freedom. Their 'much' is enough to have effect.

The Church has always led here in America. Your voice is a good voice. Thank you for using it.

And now, on the topic of how it doesn't take much to move the needle, here's Coalition member and President of the Pacific Justice Institute, Brad Dacus with some advice on how to do that with confidence...

It seems that almost weekly there is a new media story detailing a church or pastor confronted by local authorities because of their decision to assemble as a group of believers. Each one of these occurrences are unique and have their own set of surrounding circumstances—but they underscore a new wave of government interference and infringement in America that has not been seen or experienced in our lifetime.

In order to equip and legally prepare pastors for the potential of an unwelcome government interaction, Pacific Justice Institute recommends the following actions:

Ask for help.

Any pastor or faith leader can reach out to Pacific Justice Institute for legal counsel (www.PJI.org), and if there is potential for legal action, Pacific Justice can be named as your legal counsel and aid in your defense WITHOUT CHARGE. Health department officials and government attorneys will often contact pastors directly, and pastors by profession are usually ready to speak. Yet, there is much wisdom in responding with a prepared statement after practical, legal counsel has been received.

Know your rights.

The Fourth Amendment of the Constitution states that there cannot be an unreasonable search without probable cause and without a warrant being issued. If a government official appears on church property without presenting a warrant, do not let them in. Communicate this with your church teams to let them know that it is only fair and right for the government to go through the correct legal process.

Be kind but wise.

If a health department or government official will not leave church property and continues to ask questions, be kind but don't feel the pressure to answer their questions, especially if the official has suddenly appeared on the property without notice. Let them know they can leave a notice or set up an appointment to talk to your legal counsel. When in doubt about what to say in these circumstances, no answer is the best answer. Jesus instructed us to be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. This discerning approach applies to interactions with a potentially hostile or argumentative local or state official.

Prepare a statement.

It is common for local or county officials to send a notice prior to conducting a site visit. If you have advance knowledge of their visit, be sure to prepare a statement that can be reviewed by an attorney prior to dispatch.

These practical legal tips can equip you to increase preparedness and proceed with confidence in the face of uncertainty and tension. Let Pacific Justice Institute know how we can continue to partner and stand with you and your ministry during these unusually challenging times.

Once again there are options and you do HAVE rights.

Running the Race,
Brad Dacus

Sharing his thoughts now is Chad Connelly of Faith Wins and Church Finds Its Voice coalition member;

Throughout American history, Pastors have led in their communities with pertinent lessons on how the issues of the day related to the Bible's instructions. There is no doubt that many pastors have abandoned that portion of their Matthew 5 salt and light obligations in these days in their zest to be politically correct, and maybe not always Biblically correct.

When pastors engage and teach their congregations to think, act, and vote Biblically, America wins and grows. When the godless lead our cities, states, and nation, America deteriorates. Scripture tells us in Proverbs 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority; the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

Pastors and faith leaders need to recognize is the ability they have to influence the people in their pews on the issues of the day. In turn, their congregations need to realize the true influence they can have on elected officials.

A recent poll was done of state legislators around the country.

When asked "Please tell me the credibility that each organization has when you are considering public policy opinions and decisions,"

Corporate lobbyists had a 61.5% credibility,
Chambers of Commerce came in at 74.2%, but
Local constituents had a 91.7% credibility rating.

YOUR influence matters! YOUR VOICE matters and our nation NEEDS you and your leadership now more than ever! God Bless you,

-Chad

Kielle here with you and praying for blessing, strength, wisdom and courage for you all as we push forward through times that can feel very uncertain. I want to encourage you to be the "much" in the "it doesn't take much" to let your voice be heard and gain traction in protecting our precious freedoms. I can share personally that making the calls, writing those emails, or sharing with others how to effectively reach elected officials on a particular issue does in fact make a big difference! Elected officials work for you...it is their job to listen to you in order to represent the wishes, thoughts and desires of their constituents accurately. Hold them to it!

We stand with you and are praying for you!

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle - *Your Church Finds Its Voice* Leadership

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Comm #18: Undistracted

Good morning and Happy Easter to all of our wonderful pastors and ministry leaders. Joan here, wishing us all an Easter celebration of exceptional joy and faith. *Risen again* is a phrase we can also apply to our Church in America.

The Church is finding its voice! Please don't listen to the media, really, don't when they try to make it seem as if you're an outdated voice, because that's not true. We need you...we've always needed you, and not only that, we need you to *lead*. As did those before you who were the pillars of American life.

You all know that I study our country's history and that it fills me with awe. Our first act as new settlers here was to pray to God, thanking Him and dedicating the new country to be a witness to the entire world. That is our awesome original pledge, and we were brilliantly fulfilling it until...

Until we stopped inviting Him into our national life. Hey, I grew up in L.A. in the fifties and our country was united; **undistracted**. We prayed in school, and read books threaded through with Biblical teaching. Most everyone we knew went to church. Morals were a required thing of elected officials. So I remember our great country, how respected we were in the world and how thrilled we were to be part of a country that was free. America was the country that asked God to help us do it right. But, take *out* faith from public life, and voila, it goes wrong. I was a kid when the Supreme Court took Him out of the schoolroom and I witnessed our country struggle from then on.

So now, we're a bit off course from our good start. Many of our country's founders were steeped in the Word. John Witherspoon, a signer of our Declaration had read the entire Bible by age 4, plus memorized much of the New Testament. Also founder John Trumbull had read the Bible through by age 4. Families made sure to know scripture and to teach their children. Having been

kept from personally reading the Bible for centuries, early Americans determined that every single citizen would own a Bible, read it, and be free to live it.

The Bible was the primary school textbook for a long, long time. Its study was undistracted. And guess which college had this as its expectation:

“Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3), and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the holy foundation of all sound knowledge and learning...”

The answer is...Harvard!!

(Benjamin Pierce, A History of Harvard University, Cambridge, MA: Brown, Shattuck, and Co., 1833, appendix, P.5. Found in the article *The Heart of Higher Learning* from *The Founders Bible*, copyright 2012 by Shiloh Road Publishers, LLC.)

And so folks grew wise. **America invited God into our national life.**

Scripture saturated the thinking of early Americans, and look what they did! They produced a government that produced a country that has been the *wonder* of the world. Remove the church, and we have become the *target* of the world.

How to get back? Here's how; the Church teaches scripture, and the saints read scripture, and we lead our country to a good place of wisdom. *Revival*. And you are the leaders of it.

Problem: our media. As a media person myself, I find it really sad how American media (mostly) dismisses our Church. And...they are not always careful about factual reporting. So, maybe we don't get our information from those guys. Instead, maybe we spend more time reading the Bible (getting wise), and *only* use sources that actually deal in factual news and information. Truth, and truth. Good plan.

Last time we wrote to you we included some suggested media sources for pretty good factual coverage. This time we'll do it again, with thanks to Mr. Brent Bozell and Mr. Brent Baker of the esteemed Media Research Center (for more

information, visit www.mrc.org) who have graciously given us the following advice:

All the outlets you listed in your prior comm are good sources and as Brent Bozell pointed out, no outlet is perfect as “click-based” society leads to some hyped content based less on news than teasing people into reading a post.

Here are ten sites which I believe provide a quality product which pastors can trust. Reading a few posts on any two or three of these sites every day will offer readers a good understanding of the most important news of the day, without any “fake news” or content which denigrates conservative values or people of faith:

> Washington Examiner: Probably the most robust alternative, conservative-leaning news site with broad coverage and many fresh posts every day, with categories such as “Defense & National Security,” “Healthcare,” “Business” and “Energy.” Plenty of political news (“Beltway Confidential,” “Washington Secrets” and Byron York’s “Daily Memo” providing an excellent political news rundown from a conservative perspective), podcasts and a slate of opinion columnists. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/>

> Daily Caller: Co-founded by Fox News host Tucker Carlson, the site reflects his sensibilities with an emphasis on liberal intolerance and posts about topics suppressed by the leftist media, as well as looks at how traditional media outlets are distorting the news. But it also provides fair and accurate coverage of all the major news of the day. <https://dailycaller.com/>

> The Washington Times: In addition to providing a conservative opinion perspective and highlighting right-leaning interests in their news section, they also do investigative reporting on subjects that the liberal media aren’t interested in (Biden administration, cultural issues, free markets). Downside: They have a paywall which requires a paid subscription after viewing just a few stories a month.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/>

> RealClearPolitics. As the name suggests, of the sources in this list, the one most focused on politics. The site features dependable statistics and significant original reporting, but its strength is its daily list of a well-balanced selection of political articles from the left, the right and in between.

<https://www.realclearpolitics.com/>

> The Daily Wire: Created by Ben Shapiro, the podcaster/talk radio host very popular with younger conservatives, the site's posts are oriented toward content that resonates with people in their 20s and 30s.

<https://www.dailywire.com/>

> CNSNews, with "the right news, right now," aims "to fairly present all legitimate sides of a story and debunk popular, albeit incorrect, myths about cultural and policy issues." The site specializes in the angles to events ignored by the major media outlets, with a special focus on life issues and the federal debt.

<https://cnsnews.com/>

> FoxNews, Newsmax and One America News Network (OAN). Whether by watching their TV channels or by reading their web sites, they all provide news you won't see on the other news channels, free of the all too-widespread antipathy toward conservatives and religious believers. Newsmax has the advantage of being the easiest for "cord cutters" to watch, with a free online feed (<https://www.newsmaxtv.com/>) and is free to watch on Roku, Amazon Fire stick and other streaming services with free channels.

<https://www.foxnews.com/>

<https://www.newsmax.com/>

<https://www.oann.com/>

> El American: A new, bilingual site with news of interest to Hispanic Americans, emerging as a trustworthy news source that reports on matters often omitted by Univision or Telemundo.

<https://elamerican.com/>

America has an astounding history, built by those who used scripture as their primary teacher. Like them, we do best when the Bible is the book we read the very most. Adding in truthful sources of news and information is freedom from the distraction of inaccuracy. **Undistracted is powerful.**

We're praying for you, backing you up, and being glad in your voice. It has risen once again, and is getting stronger all the time.

An update and thoughts from Coalition member, Chad Connelly...

"We live in strange times indeed. Every generation surely faces unsettled and uncertain times and obviously, some generations of Americans faced real trouble, strife and even war. Maybe these days pale in comparison to the challenges those previous generations faced. At the same time, cancel culture, media disinformation and dishonesty, and clutter and confusion by established institutions we used to trust have made these days difficult in their own right. Pastors, faith leaders, Sunday school teachers, Deacons and surely parents are all coming face to face with a time when there is so much noise and confusion out there that it's just tough cutting through that clutter to get to TRUTH. That's where we have to reside— in TRUTH and in HIS Word. It seems our lives are dictated by the "swipe" on some social media platform and too much of our thinking comes from what some anonymous source claims.

There is also no doubt that part of the distortion — and certainly there are folks who are anti-Biblical and anti-God and I believe, anti-American— comes from those who are participating in this intentionally, who want to rewrite our true

American history. It doesn't take much honest reading of original sources to see that you cannot tell the story of American success without telling about God's providential role in the formation of what has become the most prosperous and most free nation in world history.

If only we could go back to true journalism in the mass media instead of corporate media distortion and now open and widespread censorship of things conservative and Christian! I honestly think the mainstream media is so sold out to leftist ideals that I am not sure they can recover in the short term with any credibility. That leaves it to us to find trustworthy sources of news and information, but it also means we have to be MORE discerning and wise about what and who we listen to and get our news from.

For starters— and I am confident that all of you are doing this— STAY IN THE WORD and dedicate daily time to prayer and Bible reading. That is always first on the list. Along with that, how are we doing in reminding our children and grandchildren of that importance?? I know I work hard to stay focused on reminding my loved ones that true wisdom only comes from God. I can hear one of my life mentors, Charlie "Tremendous" Jones saying to me, "Don't forget Romans 10:17, 'So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.'" We learn and develop faith by staying in The Word of God.

After our Bible reading, we are all people who others look to for advice and counsel, so we have to be very smart about our sourcing. We MUST be well-versed and well-read people and we have to know what sources to read and to recommend. Obviously there are hundreds, but for me, every Christian in

America ought to be reading David Barton's books and articles on www.wallbuilders.com. As my mentor, friend, and co-Coalition member, Joan Lindsey says, "David is simply a national gem." There is more original source information in his brain than any person's I've ever met! David has been a hero and mentor to me from afar and I've known him now for almost 30 years. If you ever get the chance, you should go to his library in Texas and spend a day — he and his team have amassed more original source information from our Founder's

than any place other than the Smithsonian! In the meantime, read his books and pass them along!

David and I and other national leaders in the faith community will be partnering in 2021 to come to your state and your cities to do more intensive pastor trainings. WE HAVE to get more of our pastors to engage this culture! We're losing our rights and freedoms to a dishonest press, a committed group of elected officials who are socialistic at their core and to an angry, misinformed mob of people who hate the very idea of America and do all they can to distort truth and create mayhem. As with all things, the answer is Jesus. I don't care what the question is, but the answer is Jesus. Right after that, it's being informed, passing on good and trustworthy information, and engaging this culture with TRUTH.

God Bless you and we hope to see you soon!"

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." -John 17:17

Kielle here, and so glad to be back writing to you all again. I want to echo Joan's powerful words at the beginning of this Comm. The citizens of our nation are searching for truth...realness, facts, and truths free from distractions used to control and manipulate. Dear pastors, your voice, saturated in biblical truth, is the one we can *trust* with confidence and what we so urgently need; shining the light on that real truth so that we can find it within the myriad of distorted news that permeates our culture today. Thank you for courageously accepting your calling to do so. We need to hear this resounding truth more than ever!

And our co-Coalition member and President of the Pacific Justice Institute, Brad Dacus, offers these resources to help keep you undistracted! If you'd like to

remind yourself of your legal rights, read their thoughts about government overreach, and read how PJI is available to help you, please see the following:

PJI Speaks On the Role of Government Overreach (attached as a pdf)

And visit this link:

<https://www.pacificjustice.org/resources/for-churches/>

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Comm #17: Stronger Than Before

Good evening our most treasured, most honored pastors. Joan here, and the number one thing for you to be dead sure of is that our small CFIV Coalition, our *Standing With* coalition, plus others all over the country are **praying for you, working for you, and rooting for you in a massive way**. We wish you could know how unified believers are in the country. *This January compared to last, the Church is already stronger.*

The media, and its skilled use of rhetoric, do not want you to believe you're unified. It benefits those who promote a 'big State/silent Church' position, to make it seem as though you are not together.

They've done a good job recently, but the reason for their aggressive rhetoric is that the Church has power...and it scares them. The Big State people want power, and know that *you have a Power they'll never understand. What a threat.*

This last year, your voices joined in unity as huge numbers of churches all over the country embraced the Biblical command to see to the selection of leaders. The Church voter turnout was staggering. Mighty. The outcome of the vote was confusing, and the election process has stimulated troubling concerns.

We now have leaders who would like to expand the State. Some wish to restrain freedoms. However....

Please don't let anger, upset, and confusion dominate. Look up. You're about to witness in a powerful way.

We know the immense intensity of prayer that's gone up over our country. That's not for nothing. **You're stronger than before and clearly God is preparing you.**

Here is what we do now to strengthen unity; 3 things:

Talk to each other. Reach out to your fellow pastors and ministry leaders, and grow those friendships. The left is dividing our house so pick up the phone and hear each others' voices. Meet together often. Encourage each other to strong, true teaching. When you *strengthen the unity of pastors*, you strengthen the entire Church in the U.S. Believe it, you matter in this.

Teach family. The family unit must be protected and you are the one to teach its sacred standing to the saints. Do you think the news media, schools, movies, and music are a help? Don't think so, because they know the massive impact a family has on faith. *Strengthen the family.* Teach it. Exemplify it. Provide resources to help it.

Help friendship. These lockdowns have separated us all, and this is not the Biblical kind. Be ye separate doesn't mean from each other! Fellowship is critical. Teach friendship. *Strengthen the bonds of friendships amongst believers.* Can we still do home groups? Hope so, even if outside.

Church leaders, families, friends... these three aspects of Christian life are incredibly powerful. Even totalitarian governments throughout history have not been able to prevail when believers keep a connected life in these ways.

And don't worry about the news media. There's a sorting and a sifting going on right now. It's my belief something big, something good is working its way through. I asked several friends who are national leaders in media, who do we trust right now for true reporting? A good "short list" here;

[CBN News](#)

[Washington Times](#)

[Christian Post](#)

[The Federalist](#)

[CNS News](#)

[One America News](#)

[Newsmax](#)

[Fox News](#) (with discernment. Their reporting is a mixture right now. I would advise cross-referencing their reporting with these other outlets.)

Friends, *last year was the just the start of the Church in America strengthening its voice.* Men and women of faith knew they must vote and they did. About as many again are actually still not registered to vote, though, so this year it's a good thing to address that and continue voter registration events. Biblically, the saints are called to participate in raising up our leaders, so we all need to register to vote so we can use that voice.

Don't be confused, it's clear. Don't be upset, something big is happening. And a word about anger, if you're feeling it. God gives us the ability to feel that emotion when we know something's wrong, and it can fuel us to bring light and right to any situation. Our country is so

precious as it was meant to be a Christian witness to the world. ***It has been, it can be, it will be even stronger than before. You make it so.***

And here is an update and thoughts from Coalition member and Faith Wins President Chad Connelly...

Dr Jerry Falwell has been credited with saying when he was organizing pastors to engage the public arena, "The problem with Christians getting involved is, when we win we quit, and when we lose we quit!"

We definitely have to quit quitting! No matter the outcomes of issue advocacy or local or national elections, the Bible tells us that we must be salt and light! George Whitefield famously said, "Duty is ours, Results are God's!"

God is definitely in control, and there have been zero "Aha!" moments in heaven when HE was surprised by anything. We are always to do our parts in every avenue of life.

I know that in my life there have been things I have wanted badly to "fix" and you come to the conclusion that you just can't fix everything right away. **Sometimes you pause, take a deep breath, determine to get better at what you're good at, let some dust settle and then re-commit and double down in accomplishing the things you believe God has called you to.**

I'm convinced God has called me to work to build relationships with pastors in each state, equip them and teach them to empower their people to maximize the Christian vote and influence at the local, state and federal levels. There is no doubt that God's people NEED to be engaged in our nation at every level of government and in every aspect of our lives. We intend to make sure of that happening! God is not done with you, or us, or the United States of America!

-Chad

And now the legal perspective from coalition member, Brad Dacus, President of the Pacific Justice Institute...

In Psalm 2, David poses the question, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord." As we process what is taking place in America in this post-election aftermath, we can

identify with the psalmist. We are living in an angry and hostile society with the majority of our elected leadership setting themselves against God and seeking to silence the voice of God's people. Daily, we see new examples of leaders pursuing an agenda that is contrary to Christian values:

- Millions of dollars of new funding for Planned Parenthood
- Attempt to coerce pro-lifers to fund and promote abortion
- Christian colleges facing loss of accreditation if they support biblical marriage and sexuality
- The LGBT agenda as a top international "human rights" focus, as was the case when Hillary Clinton was in charge of the State Department
- The U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice again forcing shared locker rooms and bathrooms in schools and workplaces nationwide
- The Department of Health and Human Services led by an avowed enemy of religious freedom, California's current Attorney General, Xavier Becerra
- New Momentum for the deceptively titled "Do No Harm" and "Equality" Acts - squelching the practice of faith in Christian-owned business, schools and Christian radio stations
- Radical appointees to the federal courts
- Raids of courageous journalists who expose destructive entities like Planned Parenthood- a tactic used by the Attorney General of California at the time, Kamala Harris
- Weaponization of the IRS to shut down conservative nonprofits (Conservative groups and ministries experienced this in the Obama-Biden Administration)
- A new federal push to limit or ban needed Christian counseling

Challenges like these, a result of the recent election, will only thrust our nation into further moral darkness. But, for Christians, there is good news in the midst of this frustrating and dark season! **We are called by God to be the light!** And the darker the night, the brighter our lights can shine.

Jesus gave us this promise in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." So yes, while we face trying days ahead, we can be of good cheer. We can embrace the hope that comes from Jesus, and we can emerge stronger than before as overcomers through His strength.

This is not a time to let up, shut up, or give up. As believers engaged in a spiritual battle, we are not fighting for victory— we are fighting from victory. With this assurance, now is the time to share the truth of the Gospel to others and then to **engage our churches to stand firm in biblical truth.** Encourage involvement in local elections. Encourage Christians to run in local elections, to stand against censorship of conservative voices, and to advance anti-voter fraud reform. Facilitate volunteerism as poll workers and watchers, and do what you can to lead a generation in the active pursuit of biblical truth and justice.

We must stand for the liberties that have made this country great. And we must prepare for what is ahead in the midterm elections, praying for a resurgence of conservative voices in the House and Senate.

The work before us is great, but there is also reason for hope and gratitude:

- The Supreme Court is friendlier toward free speech and religious freedom than ever seen before
- The closeness of the last election offers hope that the extreme radicalism of the new administration will result in constitutionally-minded candidates retaking Congress in the 2022 midterm elections

Keep the faith. Stay engaged. And, prayerfully stand for our God-given freedom in these important days! Together, we can emerge stronger than before.

-Brad

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” -Jeremiah 17:5, 7

What profound - and timely! - wisdom from the book of Jeremiah. Kielle here with you, and I'm thankful for sound, biblical wisdom more than ever just right now. If you've been feeling like I have these past few weeks, there have been more emotions than I can name swirling inside of me, from frustration to hope, from indignation to motivation, from confusion to seeking. But where I've landed is where I always want to land...not on the wisdom of man, but on the truth of the always-faithful, never-changing word of God. Thank you Lord for giving us an instruction manual to navigate such disconcerting times of life! If we are seeking truth, it only comes from God. If we are yearning for real and accurate information, it's in His Word...all of it...everything we need, and **you**, our pastors and faith leaders, have the great commission to be translators of the good word!

There is a sifting happening in our nation and as believers. This is your time to amplify the truth - God's word - with clarity and strength. Help those who are seeking to find the right ways to channel these God-given emotions into actions that will have tangible effects. You're called to decipher the word of God, which is the same no matter what is happening around us. Hold to it,

take joy in it...it will keep you strong. That's what you've been doing this last year and you can see what's happened...you're stronger than before.

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Comm #16: The Church ‘Woke’ Up

Our dearest pastors,

How much do we love you? You’d probably be surprised and laugh a little bit at us if you knew how we applaud you, pray for you, cheer you, give of our resources, of our time, reach out to our networks...basically all we’ve got. For you! You have always been the key. The fulcrum around which our freedoms turn.

It’s trite, I know, and I hesitate to say this, but this is a time to say that our efforts are for “such a time as this.” The Church as you know has been under heavy attack for decades in an unholy push to make you silent. How untrue it is to make you think that your voice should stay separate and away from a public arena where government decisions and policy issues are weighed, measured and implemented. Ha!! No! That is NOT what scripture ever said. How ironic that a minority of so called intelligentsia, who would like all citizens to be what they call “woke,” is in fact wholly terrified that the Church would come awake. And I mean that in the Godly sense. This is that “*such a time*,” when the Church as a whole across the country has indeed awakened, stretched, found its voice, and come to full realization that God never wanted us to be silent and separate. In fact, **He commanded us to be the biggest voice of all in this country.** The Church is commanded to keep believers awake to the miracle God wrought when He founded the United States of America on faith.

This was the year that all of you pastors and ministry leaders stepped up and got engaged and got involved and fulfilled the calling that God put on all of us who follow Him and live in this biblically based country.

You did it!

Oh wow and oh boy, did you ever!

We are thanking God with overflowing hearts because in 2016 the evangelical turnout was historically high, but just now in 2020, it exploded. In 2016, there were roughly 32 million evangelical voters. **Last month, 41 million....Forty. One. Million.**

Now the Enemy attacks. The focus is Georgia. And the team at Faith Wins and our coalition, is encouraging and exhorting the Church there to keep the momentum going and vote. The Senate race underway, now deciding for just two seats, will make the difference between keeping our country able to practice faith or losing our rights to do so.

Isn't that weird, never thought I'd say that, but it's true. Seems like every election we've had in my lifetime it's "the most important election of our lifetime." I never really, really thought that. Now I really, really know that.

I want you to hear from Chad Connelly who's on the ground in Georgia, because what he has to say is just mind blowing.

From Chad Connelly:

There is a LOT Of information we DO NOT yet know for sure about the election in November. Here is what we DO KNOW:

Donald Trump received the second highest number of votes for President in US history. He shattered the previous record held for most GOP votes in US history. Until this 2020 election, Barack Obama held the record for most votes with 69,498,516 in 2008. Obama was less popular in 2012 and received 65,915,795, almost 3.5 million LESS votes than he received just four years before, making President Trump's numbers even more impressive.

Donald Trump set a record in 2016 for the most GOP votes in US History, with just under 63 million (62,984,828). In fact, with reporting still being completed, it is now projected that Donald Trump will end up with approximately 73-75 MILLION votes, giving him an increase of 10-12 MILLION new votes in 2020 compared to his record setting number in 2016.

We have done the first measurement of church voter registration that I know of on a mass basis. I'll detail this in our end of year report and break it down more, but our organization can confirm that the churches that we connected with registered just under 750,000 new Christian voters this cycle. Our goal was higher, but with the virus complications that limited our time, travel and meetings, we still traveled to 15 states and conducted 79 in-person meetings with 2,645 pastors in those meetings. We had a little over 16,000 pastors from all 50 states on our zoom or conference calls or in person from just over 11,500 different churches.

Early reports on evangelical voting indicate that some 41 MILLION evangelicals voted in 2020, which would shatter the previous high of just over 32 million. While that is exciting news and shows us that Christian voters were more engaged in 2020 than at any time in modern political history, and their votes impacted local, state and federal races across the nation, it also shows us that the UNTAPPED Christian vote remains somewhere between 30-40 million. There are an awful lot of people sitting in pews across America who simply do not think their vote counts. We have work to do.

The major feedback I have received from pastors is that many of them had pushback from a small number of their congregants as they became more vocal. Too many people in the pews sincerely believe that a pastor teaching them the Biblical view of issues like abortion, religious liberty, marriage or the defense of Israel constitute “politics.” I beg to differ and in our talks, I have told thousands of pastors a quote a pastor buddy in DC told me, “it is inconceivable that the God who created human government would want His own people NOT to be involved.” In fact, I don’t believe that those issues are “political” at all, but are spiritual. Yes, they have been politicized by the media and by leftists in churches, but that fact DOES NOT remove our responsibility to be salt and light in our culture and it certainly doesn’t remove a pastor or leader’s responsibility to teach their people the Biblical view of those issues.

We cannot let people who don’t even believe in the Bible to tell us how to approach issues. That has happened over many years and only shows me how much work we have to do and how we have to increase our relationships in every state with key influential pastors so that the Christian voice is heard and felt everywhere in every public arena.

In the meantime, please be in prayer for our Pastor Tour of Georgia this week where we have 12 meetings in 12 different cities in the state over a 5 day period. We are doing all we can to maximize the Christian vote in the January 5th runoffs there. I’ve also attached some historical numbers for you to see that compare voter totals in the various states between the 2016 and 2020 elections.

God Bless and Merry Christmas! God isn’t surprised by anything and Romans 8:28 is still true!

While a 501 C3 can’t advocate for or against a party or candidate, this reporting of Republican votes coming from evangelical churches is simply factual and doesn’t reflect a bias of the organization to any candidate or party. Evangelicals have historically voted significantly for candidates or parties supporting what they see as Biblical issues.

-Chad

Now a great update from Peter Mordh, who is the *Church Finds Its Voice* Liaison for the Pacific Justice Institute; (he's on the ground right now in Georgia):

"We have been contacting every pastor we know in Georgia to make sure they are encouraging and reminding their members to vote on January 5th. This crucial run-off election will determine the balance of power in the United States Senate and will send a message to the rest of the country about whether or not this important swing state is still conservative.

We have had meals and in-person meetings with around 100 pastors as we wanted to pray for the election and remind them of their legal right to stand for truth. We targeted the counties surrounding Atlanta where the majority for conservative vote was lacking in the November election. There were over 24,000 conservatives who voted in the spring primary but failed to vote on Nov. 3.

The response from the pastors we have spoken to has been overwhelmingly positive as they are all so thankful we would fly out to help Georgians get out and vote in this historic election."

-Peter

Action Steps to Take Right Now That the Georgia Runoff Election is FAIR!!

Call and Email the Georgia State leadership, Elections Office and Boards in these States where the election integrity concerns are greatest.

- ****In most cases, it only takes a minimum of 50 calls or emails as the threshold for action to be taken.****
- Highlighted emails/numbers indicate the most critical priorities.
- Note: It absolutely does not matter if you live in Georgia! Call and email anyway...they need to hear from us all.

When someone answers...

Introduce yourself. Say you're a citizen and a voter and that you'd like to express your opinion about the runoff election or ask a question about the runoff. In those cases, that's all you have to do as an intro to explain why you're calling. Then let them know how you feel about the importance of ensuring election integrity and that every legal vote should count and that **ONLY** legal votes from legal voters count. Ask them what they are doing to ensure that these questions of election integrity are being answered thoroughly.

Georgia:

Help with the Runoff! Call and email...

Georgia Governor, Brian Kemp

(404) 656-1776

Send a message to Governor Kemp through the Constituent Services Chat Box:

<https://georgia.gov/contact-georgiagov>

Lt. Governor, Geoff Duncan

(404) 656-5030

Attorney General of Georgia, Chris Carr

Phone: (404) 458-3600

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Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, Chairperson

Phone: (404) 656-2881

brad@sos.ga.gov

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Phone: (404) 651-5935

Email: rebecca.sullivan@doas.ga.gov

Mr. David J. Worley

Phone: 404-205-8400

Email: david@ewlawllc.com

To Contact GA Elections Officials By County:

<https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do>

Pastor friends, your work has had a tremendous effect already on this election....look what you've been able to do!! 41 Million Votes!!! Our job now is to ensure that every one of those

votes matters and counts. You have found your voice....please keep using it in every way you can, and let's get the vote out in the Georgia runoff elections! THIS IS ALL THAT MATTERS NOW! **The outcome of those races will drastically change the course of politics, policy and the ability to practice our faith freely in this nation for the next four years and beyond.** Your charge now, as pastors and faith leaders, is to implore your congregations to **Vote, Vote, Vote! It Matters, It Matters...Every Single Vote MATTERS!**

We are with you...praying for you constantly, and we thank you for the sacred, important work we know you will continue doing in the weeks to come.

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle - *Your Church Finds Its Voice* Leadership

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Comm #15: The Secret to Honest Elections

Dearest Pastors and ministry leaders, a very good evening to you. Joan here, and you are on my mind in such a deep way. Have been actually ever since Election Day which wasn't really a 'day', but unfortunately the start of this other process of untangling the knot of questions surrounding the honesty, or lack thereof, of the vote.

Our small coalition is filled with joy at how the Church turned out to cast their votes! Oh how grateful and proud we are, at the raised voices of men and women of faith in our nation as huge numbers of us voted. We voted, expecting our votes would be handled with integrity. Likely, most were.

However, clearly there are extremely serious concerns about the handling of *mail-in* votes, and over the vote *count*, which need to be addressed. Addressed swiftly, and sternly. There is an increasing groundswell of stories coming forth which cause those concerns. Any citizen, regardless of party, should be really, *really* troubled at any dishonesty within voting. And now, this is where you come in, *because you're the Church leadership, the moral voice of the country.*

It's your legacy, to be that voice. And to bring it to the entire country, to stand up for what is right, and true, and honest. To retire in silence, or to shrug and say "What can I do?", or to say "All governments are raised up by God so we should just comply", is to throw away duty.

What *is* the secret to honest elections in our country? It's the Church!!

From the start of our country, up through most of the last century, Church leaders followed the Biblical mandate to advise both government leaders, and citizens on the way to lead the national life. Only in this century have we been increasingly told to stay out of it. And who, we might ask, benefits when the Church is kept away from public life?

If you know the answer to that one, then you accept our duty to speak up for what is right.

The vote is still being counted, it's not over, and if the Church will stand up for a clean, honest count, then an honest count is what we'll get.

If, and I say if, there have been dishonest proceedings afoot as are being widely alleged, then we should absolutely insist it be looked into and cleaned up. If not us, then who?

There *isn't* anybody else. It's the Church who ensures our citizens are taught to respect honesty in all endeavors of life. Including elections. That's always been the secret to our strength.

So, here is what to do, **starting at once, today if you can**:

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Pennsylvania:

Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf

717-787-2500

Send a Message to Governor Wolf: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact/#PhoneNumber>

Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kathy Boockvar

Phone: (717) 787-6458

Bureau of Elections

(717) 787-5280

RA-Elections@pa.gov

To Contact PA Elections Officials By County:

<https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx>

Arizona:

Governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey

(602) 542-4331

Make comments to Gov. Ducey here:

<https://azgovernor.gov/engage/form/contact-governor-ducey>

Secretary of State, Katie Hobbs

602-542-4285

Send a Message to SOS Hobbs here: <https://azsos.gov/contact-azsos?category=comm>

Secretary of State Elections Division

602-542-8683

Email Elections Division here: <https://azsos.gov/contact-elections>

To Contact AZ Elections Officials By County:

<https://azsos.gov/county-election-info>

Nevada:

Nevada Governor, Steve Sisolak

(702) 486-2500

Send a Message to Gov. Sisolak here: <https://gov.nv.gov/Forms/Share/>

Nevada Secretary of State, Barbara Cegavske

775-684-5708

sosmail@sos.nv.gov

To Contact NV Elections Officials By County:

<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>

Michigan:

Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer

517-335-7858

Send a Message to Gov. Whitmer here:

<https://sombgovweb.state.mi.us/GovRelations/ContactGovernor.aspx>

Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson

888-767-6424

Send a Message to the SOS here: <https://mdosupport.happyfox.com/new/>

Michigan Department of State

Send a Message to the Dept. of State here: <https://mdosupport.happyfox.com/new/>

To Contact MI Elections Officials By County:

Search for your City/Township: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index/#yourclerk>

Wisconsin:

Wisconsin Governor, Tony Evers

(608) 266-1212

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/governor/voice-an-opinion>

Lt. Governor, Mandela Barnes

(608) 266-3516

Wisconsin Elections Commission

elections@wi.gov Put "Message to Commissioners" in the subject line

(608) 266-8005

To Contact WI Elections Officials By County:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyElectedOfficials>

Send a Message to Attorney General Barr:

- You'd be shocked at the impact every single message makes! Call AG Barr's office and tell him you support his recent decision to investigate voter fraud.

Here are some talking points to use: AG Barr, the American people are experiencing first hand, seeing, reading and hearing of many cases of voter fraud. Thank you for stepping up to investigate these many cases of fraud. We deserve fair and legal elections and a result that is deemed legal by the Federal Government, not by the corrupt media, big tech or by one political party. Our legally cast votes should matter. Please protect the integrity of our elections system!

202-353-1555

Let's leave as many messages as we can and let AG Barr know we expect them to seriously investigate.

- Click on this link to write a message to AG Barr:
<https://www.justice.gov/doj/webform/your-message-department-justice>
In the drop down menu, select Messages to the Attorney General
Copy the above message or write your own!

Breaking News...Catch This:

Here is a link to Every Legal Vote's page showing how Electoral College votes play out right now in scenarios considering illegal votes vs. only counting legal votes: <https://everylegalvote.com/country>

Our dear friends, it is more important than EVER that we continue to fight for what we know is morally and legally right. It would be disastrous for us to get complacent now. If we don't stand up now, the ramifications will be felt for

decades to come. We stand with you and **encourage you and your congregations and contacts to reach out to all of the leaders and elections officials listed above** so that the voice of the Church can be heard in a resounding appeal for justice!

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Comm #14: It's Been There All The Time

Good morning, our cherished American pastors and ministry leaders. We thank God for you, watching as huge numbers of you have faithfully prepared for tomorrow's election. Joan here, and today please know how many folks across the country stand with you.

Sidebar....I'd wondered if something was true, and just this morning read that it was - that our country has always had a small but noisy subgroup that wanted to silence the Church out of public life! (see Thomas Paine, *The Age of Reason*, and the early National Liberal League).

Not new then, after all.

In answer to Thomas Paine, the Founders boldly voiced a defense of faith as being the absolute necessary guide for government, and I mean they were loud, unified, and sure in that defense. As each generation after them did. Until they didn't so much, and silence set in.

The **voice of the Church was there all the time**, just squelched more and more.

But ah, now!! Now!! Do you know the revival of faith and confident voice that's growing? We hear about this all the time - pastors and saints speaking out with a fresh first love. Our voice has been there all the time and now it's being lifted up and sent out.

Tomorrow the Church will speak. Every vote is needed. The polls are OFF. And there's concern over potential fraud. So each single vote matters very much indeed.

We know you've been telling your congregations to vote. Thank you and God bless you.

-Joan

Now from coalition member and President of Faith Wins, Chad Connelly, an update from the road...

There's just not more to tell you.

You've been inundated with political ads on your tv, your computer, and even your cell phone. You've read polls, predictions, and prognostications until you're tired of it all. I'll be brief and ask you the same question I've been asking myself.

Have I done everything I could to fight for and defend my values in this election?

Are you sure your church, your family, and your friends are all voting? If you're not positive, there is one more thing you could do. **Make 10 phone calls, for that matter make 20!** Let's leave nothing unfinished, and do all you can to turn out 100% of the Christian vote! God is in control, and he is on the throne, but he expects us to do our part.

I've just left Pennsylvania doing what our team could until the last moment. I'm praying right now that everyone reading this is doing the same thing. God bless y'all and God bless America!

-Chad

Hi all, it's Kielle here, and reading about this new concept of identifying a *Red Mirage* - a tactic to subdue turnout numbers and offer the opposition a reason to decry any challenges to ballot counts. It's just another distraction to thwart voters from getting to the polls on election day...ignore it!

It's more imperative tomorrow than ever that **every, single person vote!!!** No matter what, no matter how close to the deadline on election night, get your vote in and counted, and please tell everyone you know to do the same!!

With dedicated prayers covering you,

-Kielle

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It's crunch time and we're with you! The Voice of the Church is the most important voice to be heard!

-Joan, Brad, Chad and Kielle - Your *Church Finds Its Voice* Leadership

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Comm #13: A Hundred Percent

Good morning treasured pastors and ministry leaders. Joan here, on November 2nd, with you on my mind. You, personally and exactly, are the voice our nation expects to hear from tomorrow. **Our vote is our voice.**

Question: If the Church votes, is the Enemy pleased? Or, is he foiled?
Answer: the Enemy would be helped by our silence. A hundred percent.

We pray that *a hundred percent* of the men and women of faith in our country will vote.

In 2016, the last Presidential election year, the Enemy got a little shocker... 81% of the Church turned out and voted their faith thereby securing a leader who respected life, liberty, freedom of religion, and the Constitution in its entirety.

Our amazing nation started its life with Founders who repeatedly stressed that religion and civil liberty have to go together. So we must vote.

The Church you lead decides the nation we have. By our votes - our voice. A hundred percent.

Here is an update and thoughts for you in this remaining day before Election Day from coalition member, Chad Connelly:

While every election is important, it is not dramatic to say that this one is THE most important election of our lifetimes. It surely appears that this election may very well determine our nation's dominant worldview and I'm pretty sure the lines have never been more clear.

It is a privilege to vote and we as Christians have both a legal AND a **spiritual responsibility** to cast our vote for the candidate in every election whose policies most closely align with our Biblical worldview. Over the past 244 years, thousands of men and women have paid the ultimate price to give you and I that right-- let's make sure we not only exercise it but make sure that 100% of your family, your friends and those in your church do the same!

There are massive issues we, as believers, must always vote for: life, Biblical marriage, defense of Israel, religious liberty and more, but safety and security and law and order issues have arisen that should make us even more convicted about voting the right way.

You've committed to making a difference, we've organized, educated, and activated the church to maximize the vote, and we know you're praying too, now it's time to go VOTE Biblical values!

-Chad

Our fearless pastors, if believers show up on Election Day - in righteous defense of our freedoms, our faith, our families and our nation - and **VOTE**, we can make an essential difference. But we MUST VOTE! Please continue to encourage everyone you know to make it to the polls tomorrow!!

In prayer over you all,

-Kielle

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Standing beside you and remaining faithfully in prayer for you,

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Comm #12: New Heroes of the Republic

Good morning precious pastors and ministry leaders of our treasured nation. Joan here, and this morning I just really want you to know the high esteem with which we regard you. 'We', being the four of us in this coalition which we put together to humbly serve you this year. We do believe God has called us to do it, and we are deeply committed to you.

Your voices had been being pinched off for increasing years, but these last four years the current administration has freshly welcomed you and respected what you have to say. That is a God-led love, we think. And what do you think - do you feel an **upswell of revival** in our nation? I hope you do, as I do.

Given what has gone down this year, I pay attention when pundits say that our future as a country might become Socialist. Oh I pray not, but clearly there are those who are advocating for it which is the opposite of the free nation *Under God* we've been.

'With liberty and justice for all' has been our guiding principle all this time. The Founders meant that seriously, because it's Biblical therefore true. And they fought for it.

We've *always* fought for it. Had to, to keep liberty, and to keep the true and fair love of justice that has not only kept us free, but has served as a living example for other nations around the world. It has been our duty, and so it remains our duty.

You are the key to keeping justice for all, because those of us whose faith guides our life know that faith must guide our national life, too, or else

we will have a human form of justice emerge that is at odds with the kind we've always known.

Today's heroes of the Republic, who confront those who would destroy that Republic, now must be unafraid when the law is used as a weapon against our freedoms. Thank you Lord, our heroes are growing in number, in boldness, and in ability.

Here's President of the Pacific Justice Institute, attorney and coalition member, Brad Dacus, with stunning examples:

There is a growing group of pastors, young and old, who have sensed a God-given call to courageously encourage their congregations to vote their values during these tumultuous times. All of these leaders are compelled by the writings of Scripture and their God-given calling to preach the word, win the lost, and further the mission to which they've dedicated their lives. Many of these pastors have courageously stood for the truth and we recognize the price they have paid to follow God's leading on their lives. Below are a few examples of some of the pastors who have heroically stood for what they believe during this time.

[Pastor Carlos Robles from On A Mission Church in Walnut, CA](#)

Pastor Robles has been standing for the truth and was informed by Los Angeles County Officials (under threat of fines, imprisonment or both) that he could not host a freedom rally meant to unify both their congregation and the City of Walnut with focus on Christians and God's Kingdom where I was scheduled to speak. Under God's direction, Pastor Robles elected to continue forward in hosting the event, even while law enforcement and health dept. officials were present. How encouraging it is to know there are brave men and women who will act based on principle regardless of the cost. You can see a more detailed account of what occurred via the ABC News link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2ExJ3wJklo&ab_channel=PacificJustice
[e](#)

Pastor Paul Chappell, Lancaster Baptist Church in Lancaster, CA:

Pastor Chappell was fined by the LA County Health Department the same week he hosted a large in person event focused on developing and encouraging conservative leadership. Over a thousand people were in attendance as they stood with local and state lawmakers who are fighting for conservative values. Among those who spoke or were recognized at the event were former AR Governor Mike Huckabee, myself, and Founder of the Christian Law Association, David Gibbs.

Pastor Rob McCoy, Godspcak Calvary Chapel, Thousand Oaks CA:

He has gone to court just for holding services and he has been threatened with Imprisonment. The officials of Ventura County even threatened to fine 1,000 of the congregants and charge them with misdemeanors for coming to church. Pastor McCoy not only encouraged his church to meet, but he pointed out the double standard set by leftist leadership to allow and encourage anyone and everyone to gather for protest but not to gather for church. Also, he has boldly proclaimed the truths the biased news media will not report. He has continued to host and promote conservative leaders such as Sen. Rand Paul from KY. Pastor McCoy has also inspired many to pursue public office to protect their God-given freedoms.

These men are not perfect and they do not claim to be, but their voices are heroic. They are risking everything to stand for what they believe and to proclaim the information they believe is being hidden from the American people. They are the new heroes of the Republic, who will not be silent. They have chosen to be a voice for freedom and for that we should thank them.

-Brad

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Hello to our wonderful pastor friends, Kielle with you now. I want to say thank you!! You are standing up for God, the Bible and Christians across this nation! We are with you and are praying for you each and every day. You are the new heroes of the republic...fighting from the pulpit.

But our battle is not won just yet.

Please keep encouraging your congregations, neighbors, networks, friends and contacts to VOTE, even if up to the last remaining minute on election day...VOTE and encourage other biblical voters to go with

them! Your Voice is being heard, your prayers are being heard and now let your vote be heard, as well.

Our coalition is lifting you all and your efforts in prayer to the Lord. God bless you all!

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Comm #11: Heroes of the Republic

Good morning wonderful pastors and ministry leaders. Joan speaking, and greeting you with our coalition's biggest warmest hello. We just think about you guys all the time, and thank God so fully for how He has been strengthening the voice of the Church. It just wows us.

He is trying to save our Constitutional Republic, seems to me. Yep that is *what we are*. Not a Democracy which can vote by raw majority, over any question at all, and according to how voters feel at the time. (See Article IV, Section IV of the U.S. Constitution).

But a Constitutional Republic. Our unique Constitution lays out certain rights for us as a nation of faith that we can *never vote away*. They are rights spelled out in Scripture. The right to our life, to speak up, to own property, to know our homes are safe, to call stealing wrong, to worship as God directs, for some examples. These are givens. We can't lose them, or be alienated from them. They are "inalienable rights" because they are God-given.

A Constitutional Republic recognizes an authority higher than that of people; God and His word. A Democracy doesn't.

We now have one Presidential candidate that would like us to be much more of a Democracy. He and his party wish for government to be expanded and for the Church to step back. But *that* has never *ever* been the direction the Constitution nor the Godly men who wrote it, ever pointed us.

If we lose our standing as a Constitutional Republic, it is unlikely we'd ever get it back. And it is *very likely* that the voice of the church would be told to barely whisper.

So we must pray and we must vote. Every one of us must vote....and by 'us', I mean we who live by the faith that produced this Constitution, which in turn

produced this country that has been a living witness to the world throughout its history.

Our country has pastor-heroes to whom God has given voice recently and they've been standing for our Republic and our rights more and more these days. Want to hear?

We could tell you stories, and in fact we're going to. Because men and women of faith are coming into their own best place in American life, bringing strong wisdom into this time of the nation's vote.

Here is Chad Connelly, President of Faith Wins and also a coalition member who would like to cheer you with these examples:

A short bit of honest research will show anyone that our nation was largely created because pastors took a stand for truth and led their congregations with the truth from the Word of God. During the time of the American Revolution, a leader who became our second President, John Adams, famously rejoiced that "the pulpits have thundered" and actually identified several ministers who were among the "characters the most conspicuous, the most ardent, and influential" in what he called "the awakening and a revival of American principles and feelings that led to our American independence."

Boy do we need that leadership today. Most pastors I've met with personally in the past ten years traveling the nation would agree that American Christians and pastors in particular have gotten complacent and happy with our ease of life, and far too many have avoided teaching Biblical truth or taking stands that they didn't see as politically correct.

I have dozens of these stories and NONE of them sought any attention, nor do they want anything-- **they just found themselves in a place where they felt compelled to take a righteous stand of leadership in their church and community and received unfair, discriminatory and punitive treatment from**

elected officials and unelected bureaucrats for standing up for their Biblical beliefs.

Pastor Charlie Clark of Solid Rock Baptist in Berlin, NJ has defied the Governor's orders against churches opening and is meeting inside. "Church is essential," he says. "These people have discouragement and depression and problems, including economic problems. They want to be with their pastors."

<https://cnn.it/2yz5FbD>

Pastor Clark and his church are suing Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey as we write these words. Their lawsuit says in part, "The Executive Order's virtual ban of religious assembly is unconstitutional on-its-face and as applied...and disparately and discriminatorily allows so-called "essential" commercial and other secular entities (e.g., liquor stores, licensed medical marijuana retailers, transportation carriers, grocery stores, hotels, professional offices, commercial retail stores that supply essential sectors) to accommodate gatherings of more than 10 people without scrutiny or numerical limits."

Of course, the media has tried to spin it that the church has endangered people and even accused the church of meeting because "they need to pass the plate." Pastor Clark explains on his website why Christians support the local church--it always amazes me how uninformed the media is about Christians and church! We shouldn't be surprised, but truly, the media has lost its mission and the vast majority don't seem committed to reporting a story as much as they seek to push a liberal narrative that is hostile and punitive to believers.

Pastor Clark took a stand and maybe his most powerful argument revolves around noting the obvious discrepancy in how bureaucrats allow people to gather in shopping stores, liquor stores, etc and yet, severely restrict church gatherings and worship services. This case could be one that directs our nation's path and how religious liberty is perceived in the coming years. We'll keep you posted.

In another example, Pastor Rob McCoy of Godspeak Calvary Chapel in Thousand Oaks, California may very well be a pastor who takes his fight for religious liberty all the way to the Supreme Court.

Pastor McCoy said in one interview, "Who would ever have thought you're standing on the front lines because you're going to church on a Sunday?!"

Pastor McCoy and the members of his church, located about an hour north of Los Angeles, currently remain in a battle with county officials. Local officials filed a temporary restraining order forbidding them from holding indoor worship services, but Pastor McCoy has held services each weekend since May, in violation of the order.

In an interview with *Just the News*, titled [Pastor defies health officials: Restriction on worship 'has nothing to do with the virus'](#), Pastor McCoy maintained that church is especially essential and having it outdoors is problematic. "Where are we going to go with 1,500 people?" McCoy asks. "And secondly, we've received death threats. We have protesters out here. We have a secure building on private property."

From the article, McCoy sees something larger at play, citing California Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's embrace of the Black Lives Matter protests. "They want churches outside because they realized they didn't have a leg to stand on when they embraced the BLM riots," McCoy says. "[Because of] The 14th amendment and an equal application of the law, they had to say, 'Well, okay, churches can meet, but outside just like the rioters.' Really??"

Pastor McCoy has stood his ground and stood on American principles of religious freedom and has correctly pointed out that the government has not treated churches equitably and we need to keep him in our prayers as this battle unfolds!

The oppression and true tyranny against churches has been well documented in California with their Governor Gavin Newsom. Even with Covid cases significantly declining amid his partial reopening of the state, the Governor is even trying to tell people to put their masks on between bites in a restaurant while they eat! As if that's not enough, he's published guidelines for how you and your family can celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. You just can't make this stuff up, but even the celebrities are complaining! [California Gov. Newsom's Thanksgiving Rules Blasted By Celebrities](#)

Finally, I wanted to briefly tell the story of Pastor Jack Trieber of North Valley Baptist Church in Santa Clara, California. Of all the stories I'm familiar with, this church has been more severely punished than any other I know nationwide. [North Valley Baptist Church fines up to \\$112k wth no forgiveness, the church steps back](#)

Pastor Jack Trieber typically held in-person services with around 3,000 people before the pandemic. But since then, things have changed, and the attempt to hold onto services inside has racked up fines of \$112,000 with no forgiveness of cuts.

If the Governor and local officials were fining abortion clinics, or casinos or big box stores the way they are Pastor Trieber's church, maybe we wouldn't notice as much since they'd at least *look* consistent. The wide array of arbitrary rules and regulations surely appear more harsh and more punitive than those that other organizations and businesses face.

I have learned that pastors are like most other people-- politics and the impact of who is in charge at the city, state and national level just isn't on their daily radar. Many pastors have told me over years that "we just don't do politics." Well, maybe it has taken these situations around the country for some of those pastors to wake up and get involved, because, whether they like it or not, **POLITICS affects their lives and their churches and our VOICES desperately need to be heard!**

Like I mentioned at the outset, I could have chosen any of dozens of pastors I've met or worked with personally in our effort to maximize the faith vote, but I picked these three stories that seem to me to sum up the wide range of overreaching government regulations that have particularly targeted churches and tell the story of the pastor who has stood strong.

John Wingate Thornton (1818-1878), an attorney and historian, summed it up most succinctly in the following statement from his book "*The Pulpit of the American Revolution*" – "To the pulpit, the Puritan pulpit, we owe the moral force which won our independence." We enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today due, in large part, to the pastors who motivated our forefathers to rise up and break free

from their bondage to British tyranny, and who then willingly laid their lives on the line by taking up arms and leading their congregations in fighting for that freedom. May God raise up a Black Robe Regiment today with the same courage of conviction to stand boldly in their pulpits and call the people to freedom in Christ and freedom from tyranny, both religious and secular. A nation is lost when its pastors fail the people from the pulpits!"

These pastors, and MANY others, aren't failing us. They're leading! God Bless them, GO VOTE Biblical values and make sure everyone you know does the same! God Bless America!

-Chad

Thank you, Chad. Those are powerful examples and so inspirational to read! Kielle here, now, offering prayers of thanks this week for you all and for the brilliant and just Republic that God has allowed our nation to be...this extraordinary Republic we are all working so hard to preserve. Our Founding Fathers knew to share with us, so that we could be reminded for generations, why our nation was formed as a Republic and not a democracy - to always hold God's desire above our own. John Adams explained it this way,

"Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide" and "That the desires of the majority of the people are often for injustice and inhumanity against the minority, is demonstrated by every page of the history of the world."

The left is operating with that mob mentality right now...doing everything it can to push its candidate for President forward, with a strong desire to lean on their own understanding and not look to God for discernment on how to

lead our nation. They're utilizing every trick in their bag to make this happen...propaganda, misinformation, fear, fraud and voter suppression.

You've probably heard about the more blatant forms of voter suppression, but there is one that happens as election day nears, as well as most prominently on election day. This is a form of voter intimidation through manipulation of a perceived outcome. If they can get you to think the election is already won for one candidate early enough before election day is done, you may not think your vote matters, and decide to stay home instead of casting your vote. Don't buy it!!

We must ALL vote, now and through election day, no matter what the media tells us!

Every, single vote will matter in this election - particularly in this election. Please share with your congregations, with your networks, contacts, families and friends to **VOTE no matter what!!**

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- FRC's Pray Vote Stand Candidate Comparison and Party Platform Comparison Charts - see attached
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Our coalition is lifting you all and your efforts in prayer to the Lord. His will be done! Bless you all!

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Comm #10: This is That One Country

Good morning, and may God truly bless you in a surprising way today. Joan here, and you are on my mind today. The four of us in our small coalition, the many in our *Standing With* coalition, and a host of others have grown in our love for you, our commitment to uphold you, and our thrilling pride in you as you lead the Church.

You're leaders of the Church in the one country that was founded to bring the gospel to new shores, the country that has kept that legacy through our Founding era when our Scripturally based Constitution was written, and now *you* are continuing that leadership of the Church today *in the one country the world is now intently watching to see whether or not we can keep it on track.*

We can, and we will, and *that victory lies with the Church.* Frankly, it is a major thrill to us to watch leaders like you find their big voice. The deception that has been woven around you to keep you silent! Ugh! Honestly! The left had nearly succeeded in that until this administration halted the enforcement of consequences of the old Johnson Amendment, which had clamped the lid down on the Church's ability to weigh in on the selection of government leaders. Let's just say, it was perhaps well meant. But let's just say it was definitely *so wrong.*

You have now once again been supported by the laws of the land to speak out, and to lead. *You CAN.* But, if you have a question, please consult coalition member, Brad Dacus' list of ['Do's and Don'ts' here](#). We gave you this list in a previous comm, but wanted you to have it at-hand again.

If anyone tells you that you can't engage in government, please remind them of the Bible's view; **it is the right and absolute duty of men and women of faith to raise up Godly leaders, to strive to install them in positions of leadership, to use the privilege of their vote, and then to support those leaders they installed.**

And if anyone sends you a legal 'stinker' letter, please call our coalition member, Brad Dacus and the Pacific Justice Institute at (916) 857-6900, or one of the [pro bono law firm numbers in this link](#), and let them sort it for you.

You are the premier leaders *here in this country*. Of all voices, we want to hear *yours*. What a deception indeed, that you've been told by the Left to separate your faith away from our country's leadership. It has been an outrage that has been given great relief by the support of religious freedom this administration has restored into the life of our country.

By the way, I wonder if you know that this administration founded a Commission on International Religious Freedom? Early on, it was founded, and its members report to the President as they ensure the rights of believers around the world to live their faith in God.

And there's more good news, much more. It kills me to think our country has been so ill-served by the corporate media who won't tell you many of these things. They've been called out the last four years. They hate that exposure and would love to see it stop. So their bias has been in full bloom, and they don't seem to mind being free with 'facts.'

They know the Church spoke up and voted in 2016, and it's the one voice they fear most.

So we pray, and *pray...so many* people are praying that the voters see through the media's bias and vote. Look at the possible outcome of the vote and you'll know.

One candidate (and his VP candidate) hugely supports abortion, wants to massively grow the size of government, wants very big tax increases, and has an emerging number in his party that embrace the disaster that is Socialism. To name just a few things.

However, the other candidate respects life, respects the Church and seeks its voice, has kept us out of wars, has stopped ISIS cold, and knows how to keep government small so we can be free. He upholds the Constitution and knows it has guided us well.

Here's a link to an excellent [Election Guide Comparison Chart](#) on 8 of the main issues that will give you a far more complete idea about the differences between the candidates and the parties than I possibly can.

The United States is the one country that is the witness to the world of the life with Christ. If every man and woman in the Church will vote, then we rejoice. If you, as leaders, will tell them it is their privilege and duty to vote, they will be encouraged to do so. Please God, we pray our collective voice will be strong.

Much love,

Joan

Hello, pastors! Kielle here, thinking about all that's happened in one, short week since we spoke to you last. Here's what's on my mind today, as we continue to keep you all in steadfast prayer.

Over these past four years, we've enjoyed extraordinary transparency from this presidential administration, which is only highlighting the stark differences between the two choices voters are facing in this very quickly approaching Presidential election. The other candidates in this election have been shockingly less transparent...much quieter - to a point of hiding and refusing to answer questions - than any other I can remember, and probably you, too!

Tough to accurately determine how those candidates would potentially lead, since they won't really tell us of their plans as we head up to election day. That worries me...actually it scares me because the voters are left to assume what they'll do. We have reason to assume they may well do the worst of what we speculate. Questions on their stances regarding court packing, spending, a coronavirus plan, lockdowns, the AHA, school choice, religious freedom, abortion, socialism...they *won't answer*, so we don't know what they'll do!

The candidate on the left revealed proposed tax increases this week. They're deeply troubling for citizens at all income levels. If what they've revealed on that one issue is so concerning, imagine what else is to come under the left's leadership that doesn't seem to realistically represent, respect or trust the American people.

During last night's final Presidential debate, the left's candidate let slip that they plan to wrap up and phase out the oil industry, and the millions of jobs and independence from

reliance on foreign nations with it. That peek into their real agenda, we can only estimate, is the *tip of the iceberg* of what they're planning.

Not only that, with the uncovering of so much alleged corruption and the media's jump to suppress any sharing of opinions related to this breaking news, what will they do and hide from us? The question arises; what will they take for themselves on the backs of American families, all the while gaining more and more control over our lives?

So we pray the Church will vote.

And, we thank you all for your hard work to educate and empower your congregations to see these critical differences between the options before us. ****See attached for another great and comprehensive candidate comparison chart.** In our last couple of comms to you, we shared links to the best resources our coalition can offer to help you revive the voice of the Church, and to help the Church find its Voice! Here they are again...

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We continue to keep you in our daily prayers and thoughts, dear pastors! We are with you and here for you!

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Comm #9: The Ultimate Check

Good afternoon precious pastors and ministry leaders. This is Joan with warmest greetings to you. You are prayed over daily, I hope you know, and we're praising God for how your voices are being heard. It's a heart-moving thing for the four of us in the Coalition, to hear the ways it's happening.

This week we're all watching the process of a Supreme Court Justice being confirmed to fill the newly vacated seat. With some level of stress, we're watching, because of the pressure being put on the nominee to commit to various policy stances. *How would she rule on this? How would she rule on that?* Finally, one of the Republican senators reassured Mrs. Barrett what she already knew...that she wasn't responsible for legislation or policy, but to be a judge. A judge! A check, a balance to the legislature.

Those on the left who oppose this fine nominee forget the sheer brilliance of our Constitution in its directive to provide three, distinct branches of government. Each branch can stop or 'check' the other. The three together balance out the competing views of each.

There's a really good reason it was written this way, and it's to do with what the Founders understood the Bible to teach about the propensity of humans to love power and to be tempted to abuse it. The checks and balances in the Constitution prevent that.

And sure enough, this has been an outstanding plan for 244 years. The world has watched us in wonder, as our nation has proved to be exceptional. And as a Christian nation, we have historically been **a witness to the world**.

But one party would like to soften the edges of that separateness. If they got their way, the appointed Judicial branch would no longer be independent, but just an extension of elected Congress. But that's ok to them. If they're the ones whose policies are bleeding over into the Judicial branch, that is.

That's what the ONE TRUE definition of what court-packing would do; they would flood the Supreme Court with extra judges who agree with the policies of their party that pushed them in there. Many Democrats have praised the idea. Fifteen justices instead of nine? It could be! Historically this idea has been hugely discredited. If it were to

happen, however, the Supreme Court could become a quite different body. And then what would be it's point? And those edges of the separateness would be softened.

Same for the Electoral College, a brilliant construct that ensures every single state gets a voice in the national vote. So important for the smaller states. And for those with sparse populations. The electoral college very effectively ensures balance in our national vote. Tara Ross is one of our nation's best resources and educators on this - <https://www.taraross.com>.

One example of how lopsided votes and influence could be without the electoral college, is to think about it this way...abolishing the Electoral College could make Los Angeles County stronger than 43 states. You can read a whole lot more on this in Allen Guelzo's [*In Defense of the Electoral College*](#).

If we allow the Electoral College to be hobbled and instead just go by a raw popular vote, where do you think the candidates will do their wooing? And would officeholders work hardest for huge population centers to secure reelection? Very, very possibly and highly likely. How unfair! This would be a disaster.

For the party that wishes to blur the lines of distinction between the three branches of government, these examples we've given you would be just the beginning.

One party is strongly for upholding checks and balances. They recognize and respect where the idea comes from. They know that the Constitution reflects the principles of Godly governance they have a duty to protect. As does **the Church** have a duty to protect them.

However, the other party wishes to 're-imagine' our American governance. In the opinion of many, that would destroy the country.

Checks and balances are crucial to make sure our country runs well. *And the ultimate 'check' is the Church!*

Our Constitution was prayed over each day it was being written. A very many of the Founders later remarked how they felt God's leading while it was being written. The Constitution is a document that reflects the kind of government described in Scripture. And it has worked!! Oh so well!

Believers are the ultimate check preventing our country from drifting away from the principles laid out in the Constitution by believers, for believers and for those who they prayed might yet believe.

This is why the Church **MUST VOTE**, and has a duty to vote. And pastors, we are so proud of your leadership in this. We know you are conveying this urgent duty to vote to your congregations. We hear about it all the time, and are so glad.

Chad Connelly has just brought in an update that illustrates how that is happening...

Hello everyone and thank you for your prayers as our team travels across the US working to maximize the Christian vote in this election at every level.

I try hard to ignore negativity in my life, therefore, I avoid TV pundits, polls and the so-called “political experts” at all costs! We certainly can’t avoid those things completely, so if you have seen some of the “news”, you’re maybe a little bit discouraged. I have to tell you-- DON’T be! Our God is bigger than the problems we face, and as a pastor buddy quoted to me in NC the other day from Mark 11:22 “...Have faith in God.”

I know that you do know that, but we all need a reminder when we see the kinds of blatant attacks on our faith from progressive mayors, governors, and even unelected bureaucrats like we’ve witnessed in the past few months. I want you to know that our people are fired up and READY to make their voices heard at the voting booth! I believe that pastors and faith leaders across the board are paying attention to what is going on in America like never before.

It used to be that we as Christians paid close attention to pro-life, Biblical marriage, religious liberty and the treatment of Israel as our top issues. I would guess that most of us never believed our nation’s flag, or our law enforcement officers, or even local officials allowing the destruction of businesses, homes and even large parts of their own cities would be issues we had to watch! There is no doubt that the attacks we’ve seen are not about politics or the President or statues-- the left is in a determined war against God Himself and is committed to undermining the freedoms that have been the hallmark of our nation. We are the counter in that battle as we pray and vote!

I have now been in 14 different states and have had over 2,000 pastors from multiple denominations in meetings in those states. I am sure this effect doesn't show up in the polling, but **less than 5% of those pastors had EVER done voter registration but now, over 98% of them are conducting voter registration and are telling their congregations to go vote Biblical values!**

We have compiled dozens of videos, podcasts, Facebook live videos, voter guides and other material that you can share with your friends. Make sure you go to www.Faithwins.us to access those videos and other materials, and also go to the [Faith Wins Facebook page](#) to keep up with our meetings, travel and on-the-spot video updates. I'm sure you'll be encouraged and will get some ideas of some things you can share with your church and pastor.

Finally, between long lines and various concerns about safety and voting security, we're encouraging Christians to GO.VOTE.NOW. Do not procrastinate, vote early and avoid the hassles and lines by voting in person early. The resources you need for early, absentee voting and voter guides are on our website for your use at <http://faithwins.us/resources/>.

Please share that information, **go cast your vote early** so you definitely won't miss out and also so you can spend these last few weeks making sure that EVERYONE you know -- at your job, in your family and in your church -- go vote their Biblical values too!

God Bless you and God Bless America!

-Chad

Thanks so much, Chad! Hello pastors, Kielle here with you, and so glad to be talking about the process of safe voting and the electoral college, as Joan mentioned at the beginning of this Comm. Our nation's governing documents and systems of electing good leaders were carefully, thoughtfully, and prayerfully composed...guardrails put in place with the best intentions for the ultimate and long-lasting success of our Christian nation and its citizens...you! The electoral college was created with that same mindset of safeguarding the integrity of the voting process.

It sounds so easy to simply unwind all of that tough-to-understand process of the electoral college and just count a national vote, doesn't it? Why go through such a complicated process when we could just count each voter's vote? Well, that complicated process - the brilliantly conceived electoral college - is the **BEST** way to prevent the authoritarian majority from ruling over the minority...to be sure that every vote really, actually counts, and to prevent a system of campaigning and the creation of party platforms that would only be based on the needs and voices of those in our most populated areas of the country.

Dr. Jim Dennison says this so well, "Our republic exists to protect individual rights from the state and the majority, a fact enshrined in the Bill of Rights. And so the Electoral College, despite its flaws and frustrations, is an extension of America's historic commitment to the assertion that 'all men are created equal.'"

I love that our nation's systems were built on, and to this day still rely upon, **fairness** (where those checks and balances came from). The Bible shares example after example of it...fairness, integrity, righteousness. The electoral college preserves it and, as believers, we must defend it.

Praying for you all!

-Kielle

And now here are related links and resources again from Coalition member and Pacific Justice Institute President, Brad Dacus:

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Comm #8: That Thing We Lost

Hey wonderful folks, and a very good afternoon to you. Joan here, with prayers on my heart for you, our precious pastors.

Oh wow, so many many of you, giants of the faith, have been showing the grandeur of the Holy Spirit within you as you use your voices to speak Jesus and Godly living to not just your congregations, but outside of them to the broader world. Believe me, we hear about it and you'd be surprised at the power of your voice.

I never underestimate the staggering supernatural power of words powered by Scripture. You all know I love history and last week linked you to a sermon delivered in 1793, which I hope you read. Hope it didn't take you the four hours it took me. Ok, so I highlight and go slowly. That sermon, plus really all the writing of our country's start, was infused with the wisdom you get when you read scripture so very much that it naturally colors what you say and think.

What a hallmark of the Founders. Their recorded speeches don't quote scripture so much as are influenced by it. What got stored in their heart bubbled out in what they said.

They read scripture, yes, and they made absolutely sure that our schools taught it. And so **the church in America was a strong force for freedom**. Most people attended church, including children. So kids were raised having a unified experience being taught right living everywhere they went. Right living meaning morals. Hey, it's ***that thing we lost***. George Washington said morality was essential to freedom. Both go together and bless all.

We have drifted so far. That drift perhaps had its heartiest kickstart when prayer was taken out of our public schools in the early 1960s. I remember it, and we kids thought it was unbelievably crazy when we heard about it. We knew we were the 'little children' that were supposed to be suffered to come unto Him!

So here we are nearly to Election Day and there's huge concern over election integrity, which means a lot of us are wondering if our vote will be fairly counted. Fraud is already being charged, and there's been evidence already of it.

When the church uses a strong voice to teach morality of the Bible, we have less reason to worry about breaches of it. And not just over election integrity, but every single solitary large or small aspect of living.

And we should teach it. We are the one Christian nation left that the world watches. We are a **living witness** to every other nation. Why send missionaries if the country from which they come can't live the Jesus they're offering?

It's you again, you're the key to the nation's soul (whatever a certain candidate says). *It's you and the church you lead.* Voting is a first duty of the church, as is training us all about the morals presented in the Bible so that we live them, we love them, we insist on them. From them springs freedom.

So odd; integrity means moral uprightness. But it's other definition is being whole and undivided. When the church was removed by the state from the state's affairs, we got divided as a people. And you can see where it's led.

The Church, however, is already leading the way back to God's way for us.

A tremendous number of you have led voter registrations and are speaking truth about our duty as men and women of faith to support Godly governance. We weigh the candidates on that scale so we will decide well.

Protection of babies, and of course, from before birth...**Biblical**. Commitment to a free economy...**Biblical**. Recognition of Israel as special to God....**Biblical**. Respect for the written-under-prayer Constitution....**Biblical**. Teaching our children how the Bible teaches the way to do life.....**Biblical**. Safeguarding our religious freedoms....**Biblical**. And more.

We're already voting and using our voice. But to ensure the integrity of the election (wish we didn't have to even think about fraud, but we do), **please call the local election office and simply ask what are they doing to ensure the election is free of fraud?** **Please ask every single person in your congregation to make a call.**

If the election offices know we're watching how it's going, and we're holding them to a fair count of votes, the probability of a problem is reduced for now, and for future.

But honestly, the real way to ensure fair *anything* is for **our church to lead**. To teach that, and to grasp that it is your call, your right, and your proud duty. *Your voice will get us back that thing we lost; moral integrity that keeps freedom.*

And here is Coalition member, Chad Connelly, President of Faith Wins and political expert, with some wonderful updates and powerful words for you:

Hey folks,

We're in crunch time now! All elections are intense and we as believers have always had to use wisdom and discernment in muddling through various news accounts and "expert" opinions. Given the state of the nation, the anger and vitriol of the left and the violent appearance of radical groups like Antifa running rampant in many cities, our vote for Biblical values at every level of government carries more weight this year than ever. We **MUST go vote** and we must get everyone we know all over our nation to go vote too!

Voting in person is definitely the BEST way to know you've voted safely and securely. Conservative organizations are right to be concerned about mass mailing of ballots that are unverified as these articles demonstrate;

https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/09/29/shocked-and-panicked-new-yorkers-receive-invalid-ballots-with-wrong-names-addresses-sparking-confusion/?utm_source=TDS_Email

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-nation/2020/10/01/Memory-sticks-stolen-Philadelphia-elections-warehouse-voting-machines/stories/202010010111>

However, we have always had the legal, safe and secure option of early, in-person voting and absentee voting. It is a definite smart option if you're concerned for any reason about safety or ballot security.

Rules vary by state but our link for **voting resources** at <http://faithwins.us/resources/> will take you to your state's specific instructions. While some states allow voter registration even up to and including election day, most states' deadlines for voter registration have now passed. A registered voter may go to designated places to vote early and in person if they so desire or if their schedules prevent them from voting on election day. Please check your state's specific information to determine what you should do.

The one thing I want to emphasize as we approach the election is to ***digest news and polling thoughtfully and with discernment***. A cursory viewing of much of the media demonstrates a slant that surely doesn't seem to contain much Biblical worldview, if any at all. Since I don't know the content or sampling of most of the national polling, I view those with suspicion and trust what I can personally witness on the ground and with voter enthusiasm. While voter enthusiasm may be difficult to measure concretely and can't be counted perfectly, it shouldn't be discounted either. I can tell you from my travels to 14 states in the last 10 weeks and my personal interactions with almost 2,000 pastors, God's people are ready to go vote!

Please make sure you go to our Faith Wins Facebook posts and the www.Faithwins.us website, watch our videos and pass them around the nation!

Every election is vitally important, but Christian pollster George Barna may have said it best when he said, "*The 2020 election is not about personalities, parties or even politics. It is an election to determine the dominant worldview of America.*"

A final note to Pastors and faith leaders in particular; talk to and educate your folks about the issues of the day and how those issues connect Biblically in this election. Your people need your input and guidance like never before. Do not leave anything left undone! Contact everyone you know all across America and make sure they have what they need to vote their Biblical values!

God Bless you!
-Chad Connelly

Thank you, Chad! Here is a great update on the legal side of voting and ensuring that our votes are counted fairly from Coalition member, Brad Dacus, attorney and President of Pacific Justice Institute:

Hello, everyone! This upcoming election is the time for people in our communities to be aware of the dangers surrounding the voting process and for pastors to shepherd their people through this unique and critical moment in our nation's history. There are a few things that pastors can do locally to equip their members and to help those in their sphere of influence in order to guard against fraud and ensure the integrity of our election results.

Train Your Staff:

It is important that everyone who will aid in the registration process understands very well the procedures and laws relating to voter registration. (*Click [HERE](#) for a guide on How to Conduct a Voter Registration Drive with Training) Make sure that each person knows the registration eligibility requirements and how important it is for registrants to complete the voter registration card prior to sending out registration for their congregation.

Giving out false information may unintentionally deny an eligible citizen the ability to register. There are criminal penalties for purposefully denying qualified citizens the opportunity to register to vote or for registering someone to vote who is ineligible to register. **If you'd like to see that link one more time for a refresher on Church Do's and Don'ts, here it is:

Ensure Vote Safety and Avoid Fraud:

Before election day, churches are a great place for ballot gathering to take place because there you find a group of people who are known and trusted by the voter. Even so, the pastor should make their members aware of some of the dangers regarding ballot gathering and how to avoid voter fraud. For example, there are organizations and people who go door-to-door and ask potential voters if they would like them to turn in their ballot for them on their behalf (prior to the cutoff time on election day). This type of unsolicited ballot gathering can lend itself to fraud and voter suppression. Ballot gathering can be a very viable activity, if done in the right way and with the right steps to ensure safety and security. (*Click [HERE](#) for a training video on effective and legal voter registration, ballot gathering and what pastors can say regarding elections and voting!)

Furthermore, pastors should communicate to all members who are turning in ballots at the church regarding [procedures that have been put in place](#) to ensure every ballot is securely delivered to the polling location.

However; if voters choose to vote in person on election day, **pastors can encourage members to print a list of the candidates and measures for which they plan to vote and take it with them into the voting booth.** This gives each voter the peace of mind in knowing they can double check their voting selections in the privacy of their polling station. **Check the rules in your state/county at the elections office [HERE](#) - voters may have to bring their mailed ballot to their polling place to surrender before they can vote in person.

It is important to **encourage voters to watch their ballot as it is sealed and secured by the polling worker.** If they see something that does not seem right, they need to say something to whomever is overseeing that polling location. (*A voter can report suspected fraud or illegal activity to either a local elections official (at the polling station or county elections clerk) or can contact the Secretary of State at (800) 345-8683)

Also, just so you're aware...

Some examples of voter fraud to keep an eye out for — all of which are **felonies** and carry with them significant fines and/or possible incarceration:

- Civil rights violations involve voter intimidation, coercion, threats, and other tactics to suppress a person's ability to vote.
- Types of election fraud;
 - **Impersonation fraud at polling places:** voting in the name of other registered voters and voters who are deceased, or those who have lost the right to vote.
 - **False registrations:** Usage of a fake name and a real or fake address or claiming residence in a particular jurisdiction where the registered voter does not live and has no right to vote.
 - **Duplicate voting:** Registering in multiple locations and voting in the same election in more than one state.
 - **Fraudulent use of absentee ballots:** Requesting absentee ballots and voting without the knowledge of the actual voter; or obtaining the absentee ballot from a voter and either filling it in directly and forging the voter's signature or illegally telling the voter who to vote for.

- **Buying votes:** Paying voters to cast either an in-person or absentee ballot for a particular candidate.
- **Ineligible voting:** Individuals with illegal registration and who are not U.S. citizens, convicted felons, or who are not eligible to vote.
- **Altering the vote count:** Changing the actual vote count either in a precinct or at the central location where votes are counted.
- **Ballot petition fraud:** Forging the signatures of registered voters on the ballot petitions.

You Can Play a Part in Ensuring Election Integrity :

The greatest thing that pastors and churches can do to ensure election integrity is to be involved in the process. Anyone can contact their county clerk's/registrar of voter's/election's office or go online to the county clerk's/registrar of voter's/election's website and see about signing up to become a polling worker or an election monitor.

Elections are run by the people and people naturally make mistakes, so there is a need for monitoring and oversight. There's also a need for "watch dogs" to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior and unlawful actions in polling locations. Elections, just like everything else, are as pure and trustworthy as we make them to be.

Voter Do's and Don'ts:

- Do you know the process for voting ahead of time?
- Do your research and print a list for what or for whom you are planning to vote.
- Don't talk about your voting selections while you are at the polling location.
- Don't allow any unauthorized person to see or tamper with your ballot.
- Don't assume everyone has your best interest in mind.

There you have it, folks...this is the information you need to vote with success. If you have any questions involving any of the above, Pacific Justice Institute is here for you, with free legal counsel and support at 916-857-6900.

-Brad Dacus

Thank you, Brad! Hi all, Kielle here now with some final thoughts of this communication to you as we approach election day. When I wrote to you last, we had just heard of the passing of Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg...remarkable timing and loaded

with consequence in the scope of what's at stake during this election season. God is certainly in charge of all of it, isn't He? There is NO doubt about that!

Since that moment, our President has nominated a woman who so many high level people have acclaimed for her exceptional ability, experience, character and quality to fill that seat. I don't need to tell you of how significant this appointment to the Supreme Court will be for our nation, especially as men and women of faith. We join you all in praying over the process to confirm this potential judge.

This kind of nomination sets the bar for what Presidents should do; **bring forward people with Godly principles to help govern while respecting our freedoms**. Many of us have watched the picks made by this President and have applauded the sterling qualities of those choices, our Vice President not the least of these. It's not about style and it's not about personality. The Bible doesn't say vote charm. When we vote, we weigh how well a candidate will follow God's principles for governance. Who he surrounds himself with is an excellent indicator.

Not style...substance. Not human thinking...God thinking. Not silence...voice. It's who we are, a nation of faith, a nation of courage, and oh yes...a nation of morals (that thing we lost) that is being found!

Praying for God's outpouring of blessing, favor and protection over you all!!

-Kielle

Now where was that again?

- [How to Hold a Voter Registration Drive](#)
- [Voter Registration Resources by State](#)
- [Ballot Gathering Training Video](#) & [Ballot Gathering Procedures](#)
- [Church Dos and Don'ts](#)
- [Five Ways Pastors Can Encourage Their Members To Vote](#)
- [Find My State or Local Elections Office Website](#)
- All Archived Past *Church Finds Its Voice* Communications - see attached pdf

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Comm #7: History Now, or History Never

Good evening folks, Joan speaking, and happy Fall to you! It does seem like an endless summer and, if you'll pardon me for saying so, a totally unsettling one.

We were thinking back to what life was like just a year ago, and noticing how many challenges we have now that we didn't have then. But also how strong and clear the church has become this year.

The term *woke* is bandied about a lot, but we note with awe that the church is freshly waking up to embrace what only ever really unified us at all in the first place; **our Godly heritage as Americans.**

I'm old enough to remember prayer in public schools. In California no less, along with a lot of class time spent on American history. Oh yes, and also high church attendance. We were all unified as Americans that loved freedom for all, and we still are if we only remembered it. **How did we get from there to here?**

OK, so I am a curious person and will take a look at historical documents on the WallBuilders site to check for myself. I have been really disturbed about the riots, violence, and hatred of America's history spewing out of the mouths of our country's kids (joined in the streets, it seems, by some older ones who seriously should have learned their history??). Why the hatred?

In case you don't know about WallBuilders, they are our country's premiere historians with a massive collection of original American documents and certified copies of others. They post articles based on their meticulous research into our history and what was meant. These folks are esteemed by our country's leaders and by folks like you and me who can utilize their research to learn for ourselves.

I was raised to **revere America** as a nation God raised up. What does the actual history tell us? And so, I looked and read. Not for the first time either, but this time I wanted to know about our beginnings. In this election we have an incumbent who respects our Christian heritage and seeks to not only preserve it but celebrate it. The other party seeks a secular and big government. It seems they clearly don't know our history or respect the supernatural miracle that raised a country that lived the gospel for all the world to see.

And how has the world been seeing it? For most of our history, the world has respected our faith-fueled and long-lived Constitution that has produced a country of freedom and opportunity for happiness. However, since prayer was removed from the public schools in 1962, **we have clearly been crippled under one particular, mistaken, awful mischaracterization; this notion of separation of church and state.**

It is nowhere in the Constitution, that phrase. It was lifted from a single letter Thomas Jefferson wrote and only explains that our 'state' (the federal government), will never make us worship the way it decides, and will never establish one, federal religion. **People of faith, the 'church' can enjoy freedom to decide how to worship without government interference.** That's it, that's all, it's just about the freedom.

On the WallBuilders' site you can find what I found; a magnificent sermon delivered in 1793, just a handful of years into our country's free life. Here was a stunning answer. It was written and delivered by the actual pastor of the Congregational church in Plymouth Massachusetts, and he used the actual records written by the Pilgrims to explain to his church (and to us today), their miraculous story. ([Sermon preached at Plymouth December 22, 1793, Chandler Robbins, D.D.](#))

Please let me paraphrase for you, and truly please click on the hyperlink in the sermon description above and read this. If you want to know the whole accurate story, please read it.

The Church in England was a one-way worship situation. One church. The 'state' said, this is our church. The King (James; you know him. He ordered the Bible version we know today as the King James Bible), had landed on a version of Christianity that was a rather blended version of ideas. There were, however, a sizable group of folks that thought Scripture was clear, and not blended to satisfy political considerations. **They wanted purity of Scripture so we call them Puritans.** The King's government persecuted them. Really, in awful ways. They also weren't allowed to leave, (escape),

and would try to leave by ship only to be caught and punished. Their story is more thrilling and wrenching than I can tell you here, just read it and be proud.

Because you'll see it - the supernatural leading. It was hard for them to get out of England to Holland where they heard they'd be tolerated. But once in Holland, their kids were being pulled into Dutch life and secular thinking as years went by. So that door closed. Finally, **they were led to consider America**, which offered a chance to bring the gospel to a newer nation and use their free voice to teach Jesus without political restraints. *A supernatural leading.*

So they came; two ships, one of which leaked, so they left it and mostly bunched into one. That was the *Mayflower*. A rough fraught trip it was, and even their landing was messy. They pulled in to what we know as Cape Cod and some of the men took a barque and went looking for a settlement spot. Stormy rough waters and time pressure (the ship captain wanted to go), made them nearly despair, but in turning around they spied a spot. And that was Plymouth Rock.

So, the first two actions they took were to; 1) Give heartfelt thanks to God, and 2) Decide on some rules to provide safety and order while being free, which they wrote out and signed (that's the Mayflower Compact), and they were **our first precedents of Godly government on American soil.**

That was the way our country began in 1620 and it's the way we continued. These Pilgrims were our first pastors and taught us a purity of faith. And our Founders were their legacy. Our Constitution was prayed over every day it was written. Scripture is infused into our education, our laws, our economy...and we have prospered in every way.

But we've drifted pretty far, and it's what our enemies want more of. There are those who want religion just gone, and the church just silenced. So they **destroy our history** so we'll forget the source of our freedom, and would like to sideline our church so eventually no American will worship God best, but depend on the state.

I probably haven't explained this well, but you can read it yourself and know; that you as a pastor are so, so important. Dear pastors, **YOU are the legacy and the life blood of our country.** You teach us all to love God and the country He planted for all the world to watch what it's like to live out a free life with Him.

Pilgrims to Founders to YOU. Our wonderful pastors, YOU carry the torch of Godly governance yet today. It is why, in this country in particular, **continuing this thread of ensuring Godly governance falls squarely to you.**

Making sure **your church votes** is using the historic voice of the church to ensure we have leaders who respect our history, and will protect the knowledge of it. The history of America is a testimony to our faith. And our faith tells us how to run our government.

So we are a Christian country. And the Founders were - *definitely* - and our founding documents were written under prayer each day of the writing. Ever since, the Church has upheld In God We Trust.

Our little coalition of four has watched you all, dear pastors, increasingly this summer rise up and use your voice to teach and to defend our right to be free. *To vote is to use your voice* to ensure we continue to operate as one nation under God. Please God, we can continue to reverse drift and to pray God will help us.

A good test of a President is how Israel is treated, and that alone makes us thankful for this administration.

The last few weeks have brought stunning events in bringing peace to the Middle East. Our country has always been a friend to Israel because we're a country who respects God's view on the matter and will help His people. This President has accomplished for Israel what no other before has done. Praise God. We are watching an immense turning point in human history.

This election will either preserve faith's sacred place in our country or destroy it. It's our history of faith we will either preserve, or sadly, allow our history to be like it never happened. ***History now, or history never.*** We thank you as you **use your voting voice** to preserve it.

***This just broke which is so relevant to what we've just written here for you;*
[President Trump has just signed an Executive Order establishing the "1776 Commission"](#) to ensure the presentation of accurate American history in our schools.
Hallelujah!

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And now from Brad Dacus, in agreement:

Nearly every period in history has had a moment where pastors of Bible teaching churches have felt a deep conviction to stand up for what is right regardless of the cost. An incredibly powerful example of that is Pastor Paul Schneider.

Pastor Schneider was the pastor of a small Christian church outside of Berlin, Germany prior to WWII. Pastor Paul started noticing the German government putting out bulletins encouraging churches to promote certain ideological points of view from the pulpits. A few months later in 1935, the German government started to prohibit churches from speaking against the nationalistic policies that were put in place.

Pastor Paul continued to preach what he believed God wanted him to say based on what the Bible said, but when word of his sermons reached the local government officials, they sent him notice that he was not in compliance with the regulations on what churches could and could not say about the current policies. Then on October 3, 1937, Pastor Paul Schneider was arrested by local police and put into prison. The German government leased him a few months later under the condition he could not say anything from the Bible that challenged the now Nazi doctrine.

In a moment of courage Pastor Schneider went straight from prison to say goodbye to his wife and eight children. He preached his last sermon in his church and this time was dragged away to a Nazi concentration camp. Finally, on July 18, 1939, Pastor Schneider was murdered by lethal injection for the crime of spreading the truth in the camp where he was imprisoned. Pastor Paul Schneider was the first protestant pastor to be killed by Nazi Germany, but many more pastors and Christians would follow.

It is hard to believe that this was only 79 years ago. There are people alive today who remember the gradual infringement on the freedoms and liberties of the people in Germany following World War I.

We must learn from history so we dare not repeat it. Our government and our courts have taken unprecedented action over the last couple of years to infringe upon churches' ability to worship freely and without fear of at the very least, litigation. The freedoms that we enjoy will only last if we are willing to stand our ground and hold the line in every election.

If Paul Schneider was here today, there's no doubt he would be waving a red flag at the government's boldness against pastors and churches. As fear grips our nation, pastors must promote faith over fear because fear is contagious. We must have courage in the face of fear because courage is just as contagious.

While the example above may seem extreme, this could not be further from the truth **IF** the upcoming election strays away from our ideals. Elections on local, state and federal levels will have profound impacts on our great nation more importantly our Christian beliefs. Just think what would happen if the presidential candidate with anti-Christian values were to have success in his election. One of the candidates has already said he would shut down the nation again, right away, if elected. In particular, church shutdowns and religious oppression may be achieved on a national scale. Even “Red” states are not safe! A president with such liberal beliefs most assuredly will put mandates on all states and Americans. Churches and pastors could face criminal prosecutions never before seen in our country’s history. And what about the Supreme Court? With dramatic changes potentially occurring in the next few years, do we really want to take that risk?

What will happen if pastors and churches are too busy to stand up for the freedoms we are so quickly losing? How will we explain to our children and our children’s children the freedoms that we so easily gave away? We cannot allow the pressure of our daily schedules and weekly routines to eclipse the importance of stewarding our civil responsibilities and God-given liberties.

The voice we will have this November will ripple through school boards, counties, states and legislatures. It will affect tax codes and who we can and cannot hire. It will have a massive impact on the Supreme Court and all the lower courts as well. It will impact blue states and red states. Every American will feel the result of this election and, as Christians, we will know if we did all we possibly could to ensure and protect our God-given freedoms.

With roughly 40% of evangelicals still unregistered to vote in the US, now is the time to sound the alarm! Now is the time to stand and let your voice be heard. Now is the time to engage those who are on the sideline. Now is the time to sprint to the finish line of November 3rd.

-Brad

[Click here for all Church Resources on the Pacific Justice Institute website](#)

And now an update from coalition member, Chad Connelly:

Hello Pastors and Faith Leaders,

These are indeed challenging and disturbing times, but these are not unlike times, historically, where God has shown up most prominently. He has always worked through his willing servants and there is a high bar of God's expectations for us as leaders.

We are all called to glorify God in all we do and in His sovereignty. He placed us here in the greatest nation in the world. While He hasn't called all of us into the political, governmental, or public arenas, HE has called us to Christian stewardship over those areas and all other areas in our lives by being salt and light. He has also given us clear direction in His Word, in Proverbs 29:2, we read, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." There is no doubt **He has called us to engage the culture and to ensure that Godly principles are first in our nation.**

Although we're not all called to run for office or be involved in politics, the least we can and should do is to vote our values. As leaders whose congregations look for guidance, we should educate, inform and mobilize the people who look to us to vote Biblical values. If an American citizen isn't registered to vote, they don't have a voice, and if they aren't voting, they can't complain about the things in society that upset us. Our Founders have given us a mechanism to be involved and to have our voices heard. We should NEVER miss an opportunity, at the city, state and national government elections to express our values in the voting booth.

Our commitment at Faith Wins is pretty simple, we want to make sure that **100% of your congregants are registered to vote and that they vote for the people at every level who most closely align with their Biblical values.** Since Jesus isn't running at any level, we are ALWAYS voting for the lesser of two evils and it's a binary choice. That means that we have the responsibility to find out what the candidates stand for. There are no perfect candidates nor any perfect parties, that leaves us with the task of finding out what the parties and the candidates believe in and stand for. If you don't know what candidates stand for, we have voter guide resources for all 50 states that outline how candidates and parties stand on issues that matter to Christians.

You can find a complete array of voter registration resources, videos, forms and podcasts at this link. <http://faithwins.us/resources/>

Please go to our link for all the free information you might need to conduct a non-partisan voter registration drive in your church. It needs to happen fast! Most States require that voter registration is completed 30 days from the election, so you only have

a couple of Sundays left. Let us know how to help, email me at chad@faithwins.us if you need anything!

In the face of a remarkable time, where right is being listed as wrong and wrong is being given as right, we as Christians have an opportunity to re-emerge as voices that literally can save our freedoms, our way of life and our nation!

God Bless you!

-Chad

This is Kielle now, wrapping us up as we head into the final weeks prior to such an important election...possibly the most consequential of our lifetimes. As I write this, a **Supreme Court vacancy has just opened**. The timing of this opening is absolutely incredible, and we see God's hand in these events, working them all together for perfect good. As this President has indicated, he will put a godly justice in that place. That appointment will **preserve the godly principles of the Constitution**, but if a different President gets the chance, the Constitution may well be unwound through a court appointment that will not reflect our heritage of faith. We must continue to raise up our voice, now more than ever! The **Church takes the lead**...it is our privilege, our duty and our prayer.

Blessings to you all!

-Kielle

Okay, dear pastors, that's it for September, but we'll be back with you a few extra times in October, as we come closer to this most integral election in the history of our wonderful nation! Please know that **we pray without ceasing for you**, and ask that God may bless you with wisdom and insight and power to fulfill His calling on your life.

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Comm #6: **Freedom Now or Freedom Never**

Our dear friends, here we are in August already! Joan and Kielle here and so happy to be with you again. Since we spoke with you last, you've really been weighing on our hearts in such a deeply personal way. Because now that we're in the time of the conventions, those of us whose faith means everything are being moved by the Holy Spirit to understand that the lies coming to faith voters are now just gloves off. **Godly discernment is KEY. Read on and we'll clarify and help you with that discernment.**

We want to tell you that we're praying for you face-down. And above all, the four of us speak to you as four of a host of prayer warriors across the country that want you to know the truth - what's really happening.

There has never been a more critical election in the history of our lifetime. **It is more urgent than ever, that Christians and Evangelicals use their collective power through voting to protect religious freedom in the United States of America.** The future of our First Amendment right and protection is at stake, and if we lose to the anti-Christian left, our nation will never be the same.

It's NOW or NEVER...

It's retaining the religious freedom we have NOW or stay silent in the election and possibly usher in the loss of our religious freedom FOREVER...

The choice is getting clearer all the time! What we are facing is an election to determine one of two vastly different futures for the United States. One future will continue to see leadership faithful to protect all citizens, that not only supports our freedoms and rights, but that even betters them - one that is deeply committed to safeguarding our religious freedoms in every way. The other future, however, is one that has plans to destroy

what we hold most sacred...the attempted eradication of the Church as we know it, likely replaced by the state.

Therefore, what is ultimately at stake based upon the outcome of this election, is citizens' choice to **live freely as people of faith** in this nation.

Our dear pastors, your role in the fast-approaching election is ESSENTIAL. We **ALL MUST VOTE**, and vote based on the important issues at stake, especially faith issues. To not vote, to “sit this one out” is too risky at a time when the opposition desires to rewrite our nation’s entire founding and purpose. Mark Tooley, President of the Institute on Religion and Democracy in Washington D.C. remarked, “We’ve never really had a political party, as many European nations do, with an opposition to the church, and hopefully we never will, but the trend seems...to be heading in that direction.”

Over the last 3 years, we have witnessed the most pro-evangelical, pro-religious freedom, and pro-American efforts that have ever come out of the highest office in the land. Judgeship appointments, legislation, repair and strengthening of foreign relationships, rollbacks of egregious regulations, support of citizens’ rights, protection of the unborn, parental and school choice, a vastly amplified fight to end human trafficking, criminal justice reform, economic strength, an historical peace agreement in the Middle East, and so much more - promises made and promises kept.

The question is...as men and women of faith, can we afford to LOSE IT ALL? And not just lose the great leaps forward our country has seen over these last 3 and a half years, but can we afford to watch this nation transformed into an anti-Christian, prejudiced, socialist abyss? **If the Church WILL VOTE, if the Church will find and use its VOICE, if the Church will keep its clear-eyed thinking on Godly government, then the vote becomes as clear as it was 4 years ago!**

David Horowitz, Jewish leader and author of the new book *Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America*, refers to the use of the coronavirus pandemic to silence the Church across the country as a “dry run for Christian persecution.” If the Church is silent in November....we will become the persecuted minority forever.

We are all here praying for you, cheering for you, rooting for you, and supporting you! You would probably be shocked to know how important we count your voice.

In Stephen Strang’s most recent book, he shares powerful research that our friend and nation’s foremost historian, David Barton, conducted with researcher, George Barna, on

the question of biblical beliefs being preached in relation to current, political issues. Out of thousands of pastors of “theologically conservative churches” polled, this is what they found:

*Those pastors were asked, “Do you think the Bible applies to all issues of life?” The survey then specifically asked them about fourteen areas, including immigration, education, unborn life, traditional marriage, and national economics. An **overwhelming majority** (between 91 and 97 percent, depending on which one of the fourteen issues) **agreed that the Bible did address these issues**. However, most of them also admitted that they did not address those topics from the pulpit because they considered them “political issues.”*

To preach on the timely issues of the day is to preach directly on those topics covered in the Bible! Barton and Barna highlight a critical issue in the Church today - that our church leaders are sidelining issues because they believe them to be “political” when in reality, they are the issues addressed clearly in the Bible...the moral values that help us all determine HOW to navigate the minefield of cultural issues we are faced with constantly and exactly on which we will vote on election day.

Please, **ARM** your congregation with right thinking on all of these issues, implore them to **VOTE** their **BIBLICAL** values, **STAND** for scriptural beliefs and vote to **SAVE** the Christian heritage of our nation for the future!

A note from Brad Dacus:

Friends, this is not about partisan rhetoric. This is about winning the battle to preserve the principles that made this nation great.

Don't forget, the law is on your side! Take a look at and use this succinct, useful and legally sound chart on biblical principles. This chart clearly details Bible verses and biblical principles to help equip your congregation by comparing the principles that the current administration holds to versus the democratic challengers.

Click here to visit the page with these charts on them, or view them below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ai32mm7oyur1r0s/biblical%20principles%20%26%20political%20issues%20-%20final%201.pdf?dl=0>

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES & POLITICAL ISSUES

POLITICAL QUESTION	POLITICAL ISSUE	BIBLE VERSE	REFLECTIVE QUESTION	BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE
▼ Abortion				
Should the government recognize life inside the womb?	Abortion	<i>Psalm 139:13-14 Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb...for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are thy works; Psalm 127:3 Children are an heritage of the Lord; And the fruit of the womb is his reward.</i>	If God recognizes the life of a person inside the womb shouldn't our leaders as well?	God clearly defines the life of a person as being at the moment of conception.
Should it be legal to be able to have a late term abortion?	Abortion	<i>Luke 17:2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.</i>	Should anyone at anytime be able to take the life of a pre-born child?	God is the giver of life and has not given any one the right to take it away without cause.
Should the government be involved in promoting and paying for abortions?	Abortion	<i>Proverbs 6:16-17 These six things doth the Lord hate: Yes, seven are an abomination unto him: ... hands that shed innocent blood.</i>	Should the government sponsor the killing of unborn children through late-term abortion?	God despises the killing of innocent unborn children regardless of the circumstance.
▼ Religious Liberty				
Should the government be allowed to tell churches how and when to worship?	Religious Liberty	<i>1 Tim. 3:15...that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.</i>	Does the church have a higher value than places of entertainment?	The church belongs to God and He has given His word as the guide for all matters of faith and practice.
▼ LGBTQ				
Should the government encourage sex-changes and sponsor the changing of genders?	LGBTQ	<i>Gen. 1:27-28 God created man in his own image...male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...</i>	If God only recognizes a person's born gender, should the government encourage sex-changes?	God loved us enough to give us the specific gender He designed for us to have at birth.
▼ Judge Appointments				
Should the president appoint judges that will hold to constitutional and traditional values?	Judge Appointments	<i>Deut. 16:18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, ...they shall judge the people with just judgment. Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;</i>	Does God call us to appoint righteous judges who will hold to the values of His word?	God holds the leader of a nation responsible for selecting morally right and truth based judges.
▼ Partnership with Israel				
Should the US government stand with Israel?	Partnership with Israel	<i>Gen. 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.</i>	Is standing with Israel something God takes very seriously?	God will bless a nation that stands with Israel and will curse a nation who stands against Israel.
▼ Second Amendment				
Should private citizens be able to choose which firearm to use for self-defense?	Second Amendment	<i>Luke 22:36 Then said [Jesus] unto them, ...he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.</i>	Has God placed a priority on each person having the ability and means for self-defense?	God places the responsibility of self-defense on each person/family rather than solely on the government.
▼ Defunding Police				
Should the government redirect funding from the police to social services?	Defunding Police	<i>Rom. 13:4-5...he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject...</i>	Does God recognize law enforcement as a legitimate aspect of executing judgement against evil?	God set up the institution of government to provide safety/order and He recognizes those who enforce its laws.

POLITICAL ISSUES & PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

POLITICAL QUESTION	BIDEN/HARRIS	TRUMP/PENCE	POLITICAL ISSUE	REFLECTIVE QUESTION	BIDEN/HARRIS	TRUMP/PENCE
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Should it be legal to be able to have a late term abortion?	YES	NO	Abortion	Should anyone at anytime be able to take the life of a pre-born child?	YES	NO
Should the government be involved in promoting and paying for abortions?	YES	NO	Abortion	Should the government sponsor the killing of unborn children through late-term abortion?	YES	NO
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▼ LGBTQ						
Should the government encourage sex-changes and sponsor the changing of genders?	YES	NO	LGBTQ	If God only recognizes a person's born gender, should the government encourage sex-changes?	YES	NO
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▼ Defunding Police						
Should the government redirect funding from the police to social services?	YES	NO	Defunding Police	Does God recognize law enforcement as a legitimate aspect of executing judgement against evil?	NO	YES

The options before us come down to proven and committed, pro-evangelical leadership or else surrendering to replacement leadership who have said they will quickly and effectively strip us of our religious freedoms.

And an update from Chad Connelly:

I would love to meet and talk with each of you personally about what our organization, Faith Wins, teaming up with The Lindsey Foundation and Pacific Justice Institute, is doing to engage pastors and faith leaders in the public arena. As this message indicates, this truly is a NOW or NEVER time for us to engage. **If we as Christian leaders don't inform, educate, and register our congregations and Christian friends in this time, when would we ever engage this culture?** We cannot be talked out of our Matthew 5 Salt and Light obligation by those who not only disagree with our Biblical worldview, but who indeed hold our views in disdain. If we do not vote Godly values, we will see more ungodly direction as we've witnessed in many cities and states as looting, riots, and violence is encouraged but church attendance is restricted and in some cases, even forbidden. I honestly never thought I'd see these things in America, and **it is time for Christians to rise up and vote their Godly values!**

Pastors are truly energized with the things that are going on in our nation. I've now met personally with 74 pastors in 6 cities in Florida in late July and 157 in Virginia, OH, GA, and NC last week — none of whom were on my radar before those meetings — and they just want to know what they need to do to get involved. That's what our team is working to provide, and it's why I'm doing personal meetings in many more states in the coming weeks, sending emails and information to pastors around the nation to provide the tools they need to run a nonpartisan voter registration in their churches.

I'm clipping The Huckabee Show appearance I had last weekend to hopefully show you a little of what we're doing with non-partisan Christian voter registration in churches across America.

<https://youtu.be/0iA9QQI5Qgg>

God Bless!!!

-Chad

As you have just read, the Church has a **POWERFUL Voice**...at least we still do now. If we don't use our collective influence to vote to sustain leaders who protect our religious freedoms, your voice will be lickety-split **SILENCED**. You bet.

Let Esther 4:14 strengthen you.

*“For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom **for such a time as this?**”*

Our precious friends, we are fighting a battle, and we are asking you to be warriors for the kingdom of God. We stand beside you - we are here for you - we implore you to take a stand. It really is **Freedom Now or Freedom Never**.

So, you can see that what you’re doing in voter registration is absolutely supported by the Bible. What you’re doing in standing up for religious freedom is absolutely supported by the Bible...**RAISING YOUR VOICE** and using it to **ensure governance that’s in-step with biblical direction** is the right thing to do! Be encouraged!! **Churches across America are indeed finding their voice!**

-Your *Church Finds Its Voice* Leadership

****Please share and forward on to your networks!***

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The Church Finds Its Voice



A Coalition of Lindsey Communications, The Lindsey Foundation, Faith Wins and the Pacific Justice Institute to empower the resurgence of the Church vote!

Comm #5: **The Power of Your Words**

A very good morning to you, our dear pastors and ministry leaders. You are thought of, and prayed over constantly. Our interest in you and love for you just grows and grows. Our small coalition of four just got through praying together over you all, with such a longing for you to lead revival in our incredible country.

We aren't alone by a long shot; there are lots and lots of folks praying for you, and working on your behalf across the country. It might surprise you, sometimes the sweeping movement of it surprises us too. God appears to be moving in a strong way to raise up the saints, strengthen the churches, and answer all the countless pleas for His sovereign mercy on our nation.

But clearly, it doesn't seem like that most of the time lately, does it? The events of the last few weeks have revealed a destroyer in our midst that hides behind a legitimate outpouring of grief and frustration, and is working to unwind all our country stands for. And why are we that surprised? While we were praying for Godly leaders to be raised up, we forgot to make sure our kids were fully taught to recognize them when they came. So, many of our youth have been out in the streets or on social media doing and saying things against God and country that we might not have ever dreamed.

We're all at fault, for not making sure our kids knew *what* we are. It's a fact, we are a Christian country. We always have been, from the very start. **Our Constitution reflects our faith** and it's been clear to see throughout our history the effect of the prayers that went up during its writing. It's been apparent in the resulting document.

The Church has always been the key to keeping our republic. It's why we haven't needed a lot of government throughout our history. When people go to church and are committed to a life with Christ, it's Biblical wisdom they think of, when they choose how they'll live.

And again, we shouldn't be too surprised at the relentless attempts to weaken the Church over the last sixty years. Wouldn't the enemy just love to see it gone?

So we have got to vote, **really we must all vote**. When we elect leaders that respect the Church and its special place at the forefront of freedom, we do well. We've been on that track for four years, and much of the damage of prior times has been healed. If the Church does not turn out to vote, then a new administration will, in all probability, resume dishing out death blows.

The last few weeks has revealed an underbelly of mob, who silence faith by threat. When the Church is silenced, who does that leave to speak up for Jesus? We would like to ask you, really urgently urge you, to start speaking now. **Get ready to vote, yes.....hold voter registrations, yes....but at the same time start calling, writing, and speaking for Jesus.**

When you have the Holy Spirit helping you, your words have a power that makes the enemy cringe. He cringes pretty easily, according to the Bible. Our spoken and written words are immensely influential. Do not believe otherwise!

Here's a great article by Victor Davis Hanson on *Our current protest movement and the fragility of the woke*

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/protest-movement-fragility-woke-victor-davis-hanson>

OK so is silence sinful? Mr. Ken Connor wrote a book about that; *Sinful Silence*, in which he used powerful words to say that, yes indeed, it is sinful to turn away from involvement in government.

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/21249435?utm_medium=api&utm_source=book_widget

Write letters; lots of them. To members of Congress, to newspapers, to corporations, to local businesses....to whom the Holy Spirit leads you to write. Write your faith. Write to express to these leaders what a faith-filled point of view is, regarding issues our country is dealing with. Write to defend the Church!

Speak your faith. Speak, preach, say your opinions. Teach, exhort, clarify how the Bible views how we should think about these issues. Speak to defend the Church!

Pastors and Christians have a duty to engage in governance, and a constitutional right to do it, plus iron-clad legal backing to do it. Our country has always needed us to bring words of scriptural wisdom into the public notice. Here's the link to Emily Jashinsky's fantastic article titled *A Silent Majority Isn't Good Enough in the Culture War*:

<https://thefederalist.com/2020/07/17/a-silent-majority-isnt-good-enough-in-the-culture-war/>

Release your words, and trust yourself!!! You have the Holy Spirit in you, and you know the Bible. Your heart and mind are full of His words, and He will help you with your words. Don't worry about being witty, smart, and definitely don't tiptoe for the sake of whatever political correctness might be dictating to us at the moment. Speak truth. Always truth. Our country is starving for it. Our country is desperate for the Church to be strong, be true, be confident, and to lead. Your words are powerful and the words of scripture are unanswerable.

Our dear friends, if you knew! Really, we hear stuff all the time about the staggering healing that ignites when pastors give voice to faith-infused opinions! Thank you for reading...this has been Joan and Kielle handing over now to Chad and Brad.

Here's Chad Connelly, then Brad Dacus to tell you just a few of a phenomenally growing number of stories we're hearing;

From Chad:

Hey y'all! Here is some of what's happening from across the nation of pastors, friends of mine, standing up against government overreach in response to mandates to shut down churches:

Pastor Paul Goulet, International Church of Las Vegas

His story summarizes the problem....

Pastor Goulet is a personal friend. He is pastor over a huge church in Las Vegas. I've spoken at his church, and we travelled to Poland and England together with Governor Huckabee a few years ago. He's been in the news recently, strongly responding to the Governor's mandate to shut down church services:

Excerpt from a KTNV article: Some local churches are hoping Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak will have a change of heart when it comes to allowing drive-thru gatherings on Easter Sunday.

As of last Friday, no church is allowed to hold an indoor or outdoor service if there are more than 10 people due to the governor's orders to keep the spread of COVID-19 in check.

"This is for me an overreach, and I know you're trying to be cautious. We're cautious. We'll wear masks on Sunday; we'll wear gloves," said Pastor Paul Goulet, with the International Church of Las Vegas.

The church says it has already canceled in-person services but was planning on having a drive-thru service with parishioners remaining in their cars. However, Gov. Sisolak's newest directive bans that.

"They want the ability for those that can make it in their cars. They want the ability to be in these parking lots across the city," Goulet said.

Pastors say the directive infringes on the first amendment on conducting worship.

"The fact is you have no right at all according to our constitution to tell us what we can and cannot do when it comes to worship." Pastor David Teis, of Liberty Baptist Church, said.

Goulet also said the services could help with mental health for those coping with economic hardships.

"They need help, so they're not depressed. I spoke with someone today who wanted to put a gun in his face and blow his head off because of what he is going through. His business is shut down. They need spiritual support," Goulet said.

Pastors say they want to work with the governor and are urging him to listen.

"Please reconsider your decision. We're asking you politely. We're asking you with all of our hearts," Goulet said.

[Read the Full Article Here:](#)

<https://www.ktnv.com/news/coronavirus/governors-church-directive-raising-constitutional-scrutiny>

Pastor Jack Roberts of Maryville Baptist Church in Hillview, Kentucky His story summarizes the rising strength of pastors across the country who increasingly won't be swayed...

I know of Pastor Roberts through mutual friends, and his story is too good to pass up:

As hymns sang out Easter Sunday from a large outdoor speaker overlooking the Maryville Baptist Church parking lot, two Kentucky State troopers placed quarantine notices on parishioners' cars and wrote down their license numbers.

Inside the church, roughly 50 worshipers ignored Gov. Andy Beshear's order against mass gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic so they could attend services together on Christianity's holiest day.

Several said as they left that they had no intention of abiding by the notice on their windshields that called for a 14-day self-quarantine or face the threat of "further enforcement measures."

Beshear said Sunday that those who received notices will get a letter "asking them to self-quarantine."

"No one is being charged with anything," he said.

Asked if the state will consider GPS monitoring anklets such as Jefferson County has used for those exposed to COVID-19 who failed to self-isolate, Beshear said "it's not going to come to that."

Even so, it's clear that Maryville's pastor, the Rev. Jack Roberts, has no intention of ending in-person services, despite the deadly pandemic, putting his church among a handful of others across Kentucky that have rebuffed Beshear's wishes.

Roberts arrived at the church Sunday morning to find several piles of nails dumped at the church entrances to the parking lot. He said he wouldn't tell his congregation to follow or defy the orders that Beshear announced Friday in his ongoing effort to hold down the spread of COVID-19.

The virus has killed 97 Kentuckians and infected more than 1,800.

"Everybody has to do what they feel comfortable with," Roberts said. He did cover his own license plate, as did several other parishioners.

It didn't matter. Troopers took down the VIN numbers instead.

The Rev. Roberts couldn't be swayed.

He had been determined to move forward with the 11 a.m. Easter service at Maryville despite repeated pleas from Beshear to shift to virtual services and the governor's March 19 executive order prohibiting mass gatherings.

Earlier that week, the Baptist congregation also received a state-backed order from the Bullitt County Health Department to cease in-person gatherings "immediately."

The church rebuffed both, holding a Wednesday evening service that drew roughly 40 attendees. Roberts has said he is "not interested in trying to defy the government," but believes his church has a constitutional right to continue to hold worship services inside his church.

"If you read the Constitution of the United States, if you read the constitution of the state of Kentucky, they both say that (Beshear) is infringing on the church's rights," Roberts said earlier this week.

Read the Full Article Here:

<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/2020/04/12/kentucky-churches-hold-in-person-easter-services-despite-order/5127260002/>

Secondary Article on this Story:

<https://www.newsweek.com/kentucky-governor-says-person-churchgoers-will-have-license-plates-recorded-forced-quarantine-1497380>

Twitter Response:

<https://twitter.com/TobinBen/status/1256668880082276354?s=20>

Pastor Charles Hamilton in Mississippi

His story summarizes pastors all over the country who are standing up to say their authority comes from the Bible...

Pastor Hamilton did one of our Faith Wins zoom calls...he was one of the first pastors who was on Fox News to talk about the overreach of government. His church met in a parking lot right after the lockdowns and only had about 12 cars, but something like 20 police cars showed up to write everyone tickets!! And they were in their cars! He is an African American pastor who told our pastors on zoom, "What we need in America is more Godly black men preaching the Word of God and setting right examples in their communities!" We're going to use some of his quotes as we enter the registration times in September.

A pastor who contested Greenville, Mississippi, Mayor Errick Simmons's ban against drive-in religious services said his rights don't come from the government during a verbal altercation with local police.

Charles Hamilton was administering drive-in service as a pastor at the King James Bible Baptist Church in Greenville on Thursday night before a squad of police cars circled the church and threatened to fine anyone who refused to leave after local officials banned public congregations in an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

"I'm a good citizen. I ain't breaking no law, I ain't selling no drugs, I'm just preaching the word of God, and look at all these police cars here," Hamilton said in a video livestreamed on social media. "This is America, private property of a church. Look at this, y'all, there's more police pulling up."

"Our rights don't come from authority. It comes from the Bible," Hamilton responded. "So, the authority does not have right over the Constitution. We talking the constitution of law, the First and Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution that was given to us by our forefathers. ... Mayor Errick Simmons can't take it away, nor the police officer."

Read the Full Article Here:

[https://www.](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/our-rights-dont-come-from-authority-pastor-slams-mississippi-mayor-after-police-break-up-drive-in-service)

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Facebook Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/charles.hamilton.336/videos/2815225008513294/>

Pastor Charles Clark of New Jersey

This story summarizes how many pastors are speaking up, defying the illogic of the shutdown and standing up for religious freedom...

I only know Pastor Clark a little, but he is great friends with a bunch of my close buddies and he's been on several of our zoom calls.

Pastor Charles Clark greeted about 250 congregants — about a quarter of the church's capacity — to Solid Rock Baptist Church in Berlin, in Camden County, as he defied an executive order from the governor that shuts formal indoor religious services. He says his church has taken measures even beyond the CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings, as stringent, if not moreso, than commercial entities.

"The liquor stores, the Home Depots of the world, the Walmarts, you know, they've all been open the whole entire time. And here in New Jersey, Gov. Murphy has just let us sit here and there's been very little communication and it's come to the point where we had to press the matter," Clark said.

Clark says local law enforcement officials told him to expect a citation Tuesday for ignoring the governor's executive order. He says his and other houses of worship will go ahead with their planned suit against the state this week as part of a nationwide, coordinated effort, aided by the president's comments that churches provide essential services.

"They put a sign, right down the road, all of our people had to drive by it on Sunday, blinking light. It's just pressuring our church," Clark said.

The pastor said he feels the governor is denying the right to religious freedom, adding, "I'm not saying that was his initial intention, but losing religious liberty cannot be a byproduct of the coronavirus."

Read the Full Article Here:

<https://www.njtvonline.org/news/video/church-defies-murphy-and-opens-its-doors/>

Twitter Response:

<https://twitter.com/chalieclark/status/1265725132481363970?s=20>

Pastor Stacey Shiflett in Maryland

This story is summarized by stating that pastors are “tearing it up!”...

Pastor Stacey is a good buddy...he tore up a “cease and desist” order from his local officials while he was IN THE PULPIT. Stacey appeared on the Laura Ingraham show and many others!

A Baltimore pastor tore up a cease-and-desist letter mid-sermon Wednesday night after local officials threatened a \$5,000 fine earlier in the week for holding in-person services.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan announced last Friday that houses of worship could reopen at 50 percent capacity, citing declining hospitalizations related to the coronavirus pandemic. He left the timing up to local jurisdictions. The state has had more than 41,000 confirmed coronavirus cases and at least 2,081 deaths.

Stacey Shiflett, pastor of the 400-member Calvary Baptist Church in Dundalk, held a Wednesday night service. With more than 100 congregants in the 600-capacity sanctuary, Calvary was in compliance with Hogan's order but in defiance of the Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services' order.

"Now that's God's parameters," he added. "So I'm tearing up this cease-and-desist order right here, and I'm telling you right now, we're gonna do it God's way! God tells us how to worship Him, nobody else gets to do that."

Shiflett said a number of other churches in the state plan on reopening this Sunday during Memorial Day weekend and he is attending a ReOpen Maryland freedom rally Friday to offer a prayer after he was invited by organizers.

"We're challenging our local officials to render the church essential so we can get our doors back open," he said as the Baltimore County executive reportedly reopened small businesses and other establishments Thursday.

David Gibbs III of the National Center for Life and Liberty and legal counsel for Calvary Baptist told the local CBS station: “If Walmart's open, it's time for the churches to be open.”

The pastor doesn't plan on budging: "I don't plan on shutting the church. If they fine us, I'm not paying it. It's unconstitutional. They don't have a leg to stand on."

Read the Full Article Here:

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/baltimore-pastor-rips-up-cease-and-desist-letter-mid-sermon-were-gonna-do-it-gods-way>

Twitter Response:

<https://twitter.com/staceyshiflett/status/1263919082623164418?s=20>

Pastor Ken Graves in Maine

This story summarizes pastors who are realizing the law is on your side!

Pastor Ken Graves has done one of our zoom calls to tell his story of suing the Governor of Maine. He's a great friend, and we have spoken together in over 50 pastor meetings around the nation since 2013.

Members of Calvary Chapel huddled Sunday morning between the church and the children's building. Families in winter coats and hats with blankets on their laps looked more dressed for a football game than worship Mother's Day with the temperature in the 40s.

"It is a spiritual necessity, whether our governor thinks so or not," pastor Ken Graves told the 75 or members of his flock who attended the 11 a.m. service. "It's a spiritual necessity for us to come together and it is the freedom to do that and the right to do that we stand — that we sit — for here today."

Technically, Graves and worshippers at the outdoor Sunday services were breaking the law. A federal judge upheld Gov. Janet Mills' ban on gatherings of more than 10 people in a Saturday decision after Calvary Chapel challenged the state's coronavirus-related restrictions. The governor has allowed drive-in services, which the chapel held for the previous three weeks.

The pastor said Sunday that although he was not tested, he believes he had the coronavirus in January after a trip to Florida and California. He said his symptoms —

cough, extreme fatigue and trouble breathing — were identical to those described by people who have tested positive.

Despite that, Graves said the government has overreacted in shutting down businesses, schools, churches and confining people to their homes, hammering the Democratic governor while addressing his congregation.

“Our energies should be focused on protecting the vulnerable,” he said. “Our government has determined instead to place the whole state under house arrest and has ordered you to become poorer in the name of protecting some.”

Read the Full Article Here:

<https://bangordailynews.com/2020/05/10/news/bangor/orrington-pastor-who-sued-janet-mills-says-coming-together-a-spiritual-necessity-at-illegal-service/>

From Brad:

A reminder, the law IS indeed on your side when it comes to meeting OR voting...

Churches have become a key part of getting out the vote—especially this election cycle, with the potential for millions of people to mail in their ballots due to coronavirus concerns.

In addition to the unusual circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, **there is a growing movement of pastors across the US who are realizing their need and responsibility to promote the importance of voting with Christian values in mind.** There are also many pastors who are now aware that educating their members on political issues is completely protected under the law. For example, as the pastor of a new and fast-growing church in Los Angeles County, Pastor Peter Mordh was convinced that because of the 1954 Johnson Amendment, he was not legally able to talk about political matters to his church. After a few conversations with the legal team at Pacific Justice Institute, he now realizes he is legally safe to inform his members where specific

candidates stand on biblical issues.

5 Ways the Law Really, Actually, Absolutely *IS* on Your Side:

There are five reasons pastors can have confidence and courage to provide the information their congregants need to make well-informed decisions when voting this fall.

1. The IRS has updated its guidelines for how churches can be involved in the electoral process. They specifically state that churches can be a part of providing information surrounding political issues and ballot measures by providing voter guides and non-partisan voter registration. Also, churches can conduct “Get Out the Vote” initiatives, as long as it's not achieved in a partisan manner.

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/the-restriction-of-political-campaign-intervention-by-section-501c3-tax-exempt-organizations>

2. The current administration has instructed the IRS not to enforce the Johnson Amendment, which states that 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations can lose their nonprofit status if they endorse a particular candidate or donate money from the church to a particular campaign.

3. The Establishment Clause in the Bill of Rights refers to Congress not making a law respecting an establishment of religion, but it does not refer to churches refraining from political matters.

4. The same First Amendment that protects the freedom of speech and freedom of religion also protects freedom to assemble and petition the government. When the founders of our constitution wrote the words guaranteeing all of the freedoms listed in the first amendment, these actions were mostly being facilitated by houses of worship. It is hard to believe that their intent was to exclude churches from the process all together. In fact, there is overwhelming evidence to support the belief that our founders wanted pastors and churches to have an influence in the process of selecting our leaders, because they knew our country would be only as strong as its values.

5. It is wise for churches to remember they are legally responsible for what is found in their own founding documents. Most church by-laws and constitutions reflect the definition of the church as it is described in Paul's first letter to Timothy—"The church is the pillar and ground of truth". However, if pastors label a principle as off limits because it happens to be somewhat controversial in the

political arena, it begins to erode the very purpose of their place of worship. David rightly asks in the eleventh Psalm, “If the foundation of who God is and what He desires is destroyed, what can the righteous do?” God’s definition of a church requires leaders of the church to stand for what God says regardless of what is being discussed in the political realm.

So, yes, there is strong legal standing for churches to be able to compare current issues with principles found in Scripture, but there is also a moral and legal obligation to either continue to do so or to change the by-laws by which they say they believe.

Joan and Kielle here again...

Our dear friends, for all the times in the past we all wished we’d used our words to SPEAK UP and didn’t, **NOW** is the time to speak up and know that it is right that we did!

The Constitution and our laws protect you. The special role pastors and the Church have played in our nation’s life have been its backbone. The Bible commands us to ensure good leaders run our government.

The four of us in our small Coalition are joined by the “Standing With” Coalition cheering you, praying for you, urging you, and hoping you will find your **BIG voice!** Your church and your nation need you **RIGHT NOW** as never before!

-Your *Church Finds Its Voice* Leadership

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To read more about Church Do's and Don'ts and for an expanded list of resources and contacts to call for help, please visit: <http://faithwins.us/resources/>

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Exceptional, Additional Resources For Further Reading on these Topics:

John MacArthur, Grace Community Church defy California bans on singing, indoor worship

<http://bpnews.net/55162/john-macarthur-grace-community-church-defy-california-bans-on-singing-indoor-worship>

To Stop Cancelling People Like Bari Weiss, Do What J.K. Rowling Did

<https://thefederalist.com/2020/07/16/to-stop-canceling-people-like-bari-weiss-do-what-j-k-rowling-did/>

5 Shocking Photos: Are Tyranny and Religious Oppression Already on America's Shores?

https://firstliberty.org/news/5-shocking-photos/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fli-insider

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Comm #4: **OBJECTION, SUSTAINED! The Church's Voice in politics is needed now more than ever!**

In our last *Church Finds Its Voice* communication to you, we shared the poignant history behind church-going believers' civic and God-given responsibility to ensure that Godly men and women serve our nation in places of political influence. The left's goal is to ultimately, completely restrain evangelicals from exercising this right and duty by keeping you from attending church in person, or even from congregating in small groups to share this critical information and encourage one another. The voice of the church is powerful, and those who wish to destroy our Republic know it!

For those in church leadership and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, the nationwide shutdown orders that have kept us from congregating have caused great sorrow and feelings of isolation and loneliness. But take heart - **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Your believing and church-going communities are with you, and the *Church Finds Its Voice* Coalition and supportive "Standing With" Coalition are with you. Our goal is to give you back your voice, and we all stand with you in achieving that. We have stated an **objection** to the many attempts to suppress the church's voice in politics, and now we say to you, **Objection, Sustained!**

Right now, Christians face more attacks on our values and beliefs than ever before, and while it's a natural reaction to feel defeated, tired and alone, right NOW is absolutely the TIME to speak up loudly and speak out boldly! Acts chapter 4 is a great reminder of Peter and John's commitment to speak the word of God with "great boldness" in the face of persecution. No matter what earthly authorities try to intimidate, threaten and silence us, God calls us to speak in the name of Jesus with the boldness with which He has filled us with through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Your righteous objection is sustained because you have the law firmly on your side, and so today, we want to arm you with sharp and powerful legal arrows in your quiver to fight effectively against the powers that wish to keep the voice of the church muzzled. If you knew how desperately hungry your church community is to hear from you and learn how they can put their Christian beliefs into actions, you'd be shocked! More than ever, they passionately want to elect good, Godly men and women to positions of political power to restore faithful law and order to our country. If we DO NOT get Godly leaders, the **alternative will cast a devastating blow** to religious freedom, the freedoms of speech and assembly, and every other Constitutional right and freedom we as

Christians enjoy today. As church leaders, you not only have spiritual authority to engage in discussions of civics, but as a pastor in this country, you have also been given **the worldly authority to do so**.

Pastors, the law is on your side! Did you know that you CAN preach politics from the pulpit? Hold voter registration drives at your church? Even personally endorse a candidate for office?

Read below from Chad Connelly, President of Faith Wins and part of our *Church Finds Its Voice* Coalition leadership, to learn ALL of the things a church can and can't do in the political arena. It's more than you'd think!! So, arm yourself with this information, boldly speak it to your church, and empower your congregation to vote their Christian values!

From Chad:

What Churches Can and Cannot Do in Politics

Each day the news demonstrates that there is an ongoing battle over religious liberties and our ability to live out our faith in our daily lives. And the willingness to speak out on issues of the day is critical when it comes to matters of government officials and public policies that impact our faith, our families and our values on a daily basis.

There is a lot of misinformation about what churches are allowed to do in the political arena – misinformation that is spread by liberals and groups that don't want to see people of faith speak out and have an impact. They attempt to scare pastors from participating by claiming that, if they get involved, their church will lose its tax-exempt status. But the simple fact is that **no church has ever lost its tax-exempt status over its participation in the political arena. Period.** A good question to ask someone in the church who disagrees with “political” involvement is, “Where does ‘politics’ start and spiritual life stop??” While key issues may have been politicized, they are still spiritual.

Don't be intimidated and withdraw from the arena. Know the facts and have an impact! Here's a simple list of what churches can and cannot do in politics:

A Church Can:

- Conduct non-partisan voter registration drives
- Conduct non-partisan voter identification drives

- Conduct “get-out-the-vote” drives, encouraging members to vote
- Conduct petition drives regarding legislation or other issues
- Distribute non-partisan voter education information
- Educate church members on legislative and political matters
- Discuss doctrine as it applies to politics, legislative matters or candidate positions
- Introduce political candidates and allow them to address the congregation
- Host candidate forums where all candidates are invited and allowed to speak
- Lobby on behalf of specific legislation
- Support or oppose political appointments (such as judges or cabinet officials)
- Make expenditures on behalf of referendums
- Rent church member contact lists to favored lobbying groups
- Pastors may endorse candidates as individuals, but not on behalf of a church, (if title and church name are used, include a “title and affiliation for identification purposes only” disclaimer)

A Church Cannot:

- Endorse or campaign for candidates for elected office in the name of the church
- Contribute money or make “in kind” contributions, (such as resources or services), to a candidate, political party or political action committee
- Distribute materials that endorse a particular candidate or political party
- Allow candidates to solicit funds from the congregation (from the pulpit)
- Create a church political committee that would do any of the above

Of course the list of things that CAN be done in a place of worship is much longer than what cannot be done. The important thing is that churches don’t avoid all political activity simply because some of it is prohibited. If churches and people of faith don’t stand up and speak out for their values, then who will?

*-Chad Connelly
President, Faith Wins*

Thank you, Chad, for such a clear and empowering description of what we can and can’t do legally. Click here to listen to Chad’s interview on the Family Research Council’s *Washington Watch* radio program where he discusses the growing threat the radical Left poses to churches and how Christians can engage in the public arena:

<https://soundcloud.com/family-research-council/chad-connelly>

You have been armed with the legal facts, and now you have what you need to empower your congregation to **ACT on their faithful, civic duty to protect our freedoms**. And now let's hear from Brad Dacus, President of the Pacific Justice Institute and another member of the *Church Finds Its Voice* leadership, who as an attorney, puts it in a different way. Here are his five ways you can put the Church Do's and Don'ts into effective action in your church, starting today.

From Brad:

Five Ways Pastors Can Encourage Their Members to Vote

Pacific Justice Institute defends and empowers churches to know and use their rights to shine in their communities. Among the many gifts and resources God gives to a pastor is that of influence. It has been said that what a pastor does with that influence is his gift to God. In Matthew 25, Jesus shares the parable of the wise and foolish stewards. The wise stewards were blessed for actively investing the resources given to them by their master, while the foolish steward, frozen by fear, hid his gifts and limited his influence (and blessing).

This parable provides a reminder of the reality that we will all stand before God and give an account for how we have managed and invested the resources He's given to us. And for pastors, after sharing the Gospel, one of the most unique and helpful ways to steward influence is by encouraging Christians to exercise their right to vote. This investment of influence has a multiplying and far-reaching impact in local communities and beyond. In fact, someone once said, **"To fail to vote is to cast a vote toward tyranny. But to vote biblical values is to potentially impact eternity."**

So, how can a pastor use his influence to encourage his members to vote and thereby impact our country for eternal purposes? Consider these five approaches:

Emphasize biblical principles.

A pastor's primary role is to teach God's Word (Matthew 28:19-20), and this emphasis must remain the highest priority. The Bible is still the most practical and relevant Book for the issues of our day, and only this Book has the power to bring lasting change. It is imperative then, that church members are led by their pastors to discern the particular current day issues the Bible addresses. Encouraging members to vote while in a small group or service setting does not need to be a high-pressured persuasive rant, but rather, a practical outflow and application of the biblical principles being lovingly communicated on a weekly basis. **Therefore, the law says:**

Focus on equipping members.

Ephesians 4:12 reminds us of another role the pastor is to fulfill—and that is to equip the saints. A primary way to equip members for the work of ministry in our communities is by sharing practical, non-partisan information about candidates, legislation, and local measures on which they can vote. It is completely lawful and appropriate, for instance, for a pastor to make non-partisan voter guides available in an effort to equip their members with specific information they need to make well-informed, Bible-based decisions. Commit to providing tools and updates that will help your congregation engage the culture and make a difference. **Therefore, the law says:**

Promote biblically-minded leaders.

In the poetic book of Lamentations, the prophet Jeremiah, lamenting the deteriorating state of his own nation, wrote that his eye affected his heart—what he saw moved him. As our congregations are exposed to the wickedness of society on a daily basis, it is important for pastors to allow their congregations to also be exposed to leaders who stand for truth and justice. While the state of our nation may leave some discouraged, or outraged or even apathetic—leaders who align with biblical values provide a moving and powerful challenge to compassionately stand for (and act on) biblical convictions. Pastors can invite these public servants to their churches without endorsing them or their political parties, yet still provide an opportunity to be moved to action on behalf of their communities. **Therefore, the law says:**

Be willing to take a stand.

It goes without saying that in today's culture, true courage is required to take a stand for what Scripture teaches. At some point, pastors will face ridicule, pressure, and mockery for aligning with biblical truths. The temptation to back down or withdraw from the fight is understandable. Yet, in the midst of the battle, congregations are longing for their pastors to engage—to provide leadership to help them navigate the tumultuous waters of culture. How churches would be helped by pastors who aren't worried about being liked, but are rather focused on providing bold and loving direction for their flock! The psalmist asked the question in Psalm 11, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Pastors must stand and build on the biblical foundations that provide stability and certainty in difficult times—boldly proclaiming what the righteous *can* do to bring positive change. **Therefore, the law says:**

Develop an action-oriented culture.

In an effort to steward God-given influence and leadership, effective pastors cultivate an environment that is focused on action. We see this exemplified by the Apostle Paul, who often engaged with political leaders and taught the church at Rome to lovingly "do good" in the midst of a hostile culture. (Romans 13) Meaningful impact happens as people live out their convictions

and act on Bible principles. So, strive to equip your congregation for action! Structure time into your small groups or after service gatherings to help people register to vote. Text members a link for voter registration. Announce election days and encourage voter turnout. Some states, like California, will even allow churches to gather ballots from their congregants and deliver them to the polls! Consider what you can do to activate your church and propel them into the rewarding experience of making a difference. **Therefore, the law says:**

America is in the middle of a hostile political climate. The tendency to play it safe is felt by many leaders in the faith community. Yet, now is not the time to freeze in fear or hide what influence we have been given. As wise stewards and spiritual leaders, may we make eternal investments by using our influence to engage the culture, protect our freedoms, and boldly shine His light.

*-Brad Dacus, Esq.
President, Pacific Justice Institute*

Thank you, Brad for this tremendous information. For more detailed information on what a church can and cannot do in this arena, please reference the Church in Politics document attached to this email.

And so, our dear pastors and ministry leaders, please know there has NEVER been a more crucial time to ensure the protection and sustainability of our nation's freedoms, security of citizen's rights and the preservation of our ability to worship freely in this nation founded on Godly, biblical principles. Be **BOLD**, speak these truths now and often, know that you are supported and not alone, and be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to do what God has called you to do!

Wishing you a very happy 4th of July as we celebrate our freedoms!

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Comm #3: OBJECTION! How to silence those that say the church should be silent in politics

Good afternoon, wonderful pastors and ministry leaders, and warmest hellos from our Coalition who love and serve you. You may recall the four of us are formed together, just for this year, in order to connect you together and raise up YOUR collective voice. It would be an electrifying voice when raised, if it **WILL** be raised. As it **SHOULD** be raised! So we serve you to make it happen.

You are so so so important! Do you know how many conservative, Christian organizations are gearing up to assist you with information, arrange networking for you, to pray for you, to speak up in the government and the media for you, and to legally protect you? If you ever have even a moment when you feel you are all alone, please don't pay any attention - it's not true!

When our Coalition of four held a reception at a large, key, conservative organization to explain what we were proposing to do for you, the place was jammed. Some stood in the back of the room because they, and everyone who was there, felt utterly determined to have your back. So, **pastors and ministry leaders, you are not alone**. You are at the top of our "important" list! And those that try to blather that the church should be quiet about government matters? Well, we object, our Standing With Coalition objects, Christians throughout America object, and history objects. *Objection!* In the court of public opinion, a mass of voices is swelling up, crying **Objection!**

This last Memorial Day showed us many examples of Christians dealing with bias and infringement of their freedom to exercise their religion and the freedom to assemble. They were defying illogical lockdown orders because every Christian in America knows (or should know! or used to be taught to know!) that, in America, we have God-given, inalienable rights (can't legislate 'em away) to liberty that are endowed by our Creator. So stated the Founders in their Declaration of Independence from England, the country that sought to restrict them.

After they wrote the Declaration of Independence, they next wrote the Constitution, the document that would direct how the newly independent country should live. They prayed - every single morning - before beginning to write. After ten weeks, this prayed-over document was done, and has produced a country founded on faith, with governance to be directed by those with faith in God. This inspired document has awed the world ever since. It's so fascinating that in the journal notes of those who wrote the Constitution, many wrote how God seemed to be clearly, divinely directing them in the writing. And so, this is what YOU protect: the Constitution and the ideas in it that are based on biblical principles.

The church in America has, from the start, been the strength of our freedoms, with pastors taking the primary lead in teaching scriptural ideas of Christian citizenship. That is, until the 1960s, when **ill-chosen leaders ruled that prayer would be legally removed from our**

schools. Many believe that was the beginning of a determined unwinding of Christians from politics and a squeezing out of their influence on citizenship.

When the term separation of Church and State became a distorted, rhetorical weapon to sideline churches from governance, it got worse. This “weapon” is a sham. It only tells government not to interfere with religion nor its free exercise. That’s it!

Those smart Founders were really clear; Pastors and Christians **MUST** stay involved in running the government. We’ve already seen the effect of those who have been voted into office who are not friendly to the church sidelining people of faith with orders and fines for opposing radical, anti-biblical policy. In 2016, Christians rose up to vote for an administration that would be friendly and respectful of the church, and it’s begun to turn the tide away from the concern that we could be eventually silenced altogether. **It’s more critical than ever to keep church-friendly, faith-friendly people in office.**

Christians knew it was important to vote, and it’s important for pastors to teach voting as a duty given to us by God. To neglect to vote is to refuse to provide, or to keep, government leaders who will uphold the church in America.

Founder after founder declared the biblical instruction of putting faith-friendly leaders in office. It’s the only way we can all know how they’ll be likely to vote on policies that affect every one of us. Look at the two parties we have today and see the difference each has to their commitment to the church. We have an administration right now that is extraordinary in its respect for the Christian church and its beliefs and who will invite its church leaders to weigh in on policy.

The Constitution clearly says that Congress cannot make any law that restricts the free exercise of religion, yet look at some of our judges that have done just that; ruling against prayer before graduations all the way to punishments for business owners who are asked to do something they cannot do in good conscience. This dire situation, which had increased, has now begun to ease, since 2016, with the appointment of good judges, and we want more good and Godly judges, but we won’t get them **unless Christians will again vote and vote for the right leaders, who uphold the biblical basis of our country’s founding.**

It’s been said by many that if all Christians would vote, we would never have a problem with policy. In 2016, 81% of evangelicals voted, an historic high, and so began a course correction of our judicial system and of policies that were silencing those of faith.

Proverbs 14:34 says that righteousness exalts a nation. That word *exalt* means to raise up, make it noble, make it esteemed by other nations. The “exalted nation” has again been emerging because of how those 81% of evangelicals voted in 2016.

You are important to all this! It is YOU who must exercise your duty to exhort your church members to do their duty and vote. And beyond voting, every Christian should speak up on matters of policy. Forget being intimidated - that's an old trick!

Here are some thoughts from Coalition member, Chad Connelly, on what are some concerns on your minds and what the law says about those concerns. We hope it will put your mind at ease, and give you the liberty to raise up your voice and cry, *Objection!* if anyone tries to silence you from your civic role. From Chad...

Top Five Objections (from an informal survey of pastors in the past two weeks - What obstacle do you face in conducting voter registration in your church?)

A. "I don't want to get involved with politics in the pulpit." **Our Answer:** "We don't want you to get involved in politics either, but we don't believe that encouraging Christians to vote is "political" at all, in fact, don't you think that issues like Life, marriage and religious liberty are spiritual issues? They may have been "politicized" but does that remove our responsibility as Christians to be educated in those issues and make sure we vote Biblical values so that people who don't hold those values don't hold sway over us?"

B. "What about the separation of church and state?" **Our Answer:** "I'm afraid that you've been misled to believe that America's founders wanted God to stay out of government. It is inconceivable that the God who created the institution of human Government would want His own people to stay out of it. We struggle with that question since a cursory reading of American history shows that God played an undeniable role in America's founding proven by Founder's words, their writings and diaries and that a statement taken out of context by Thomas Jefferson shouldn't be used by God's own people as an excuse to remove themselves from the arena. In the Bible, there is never a point where "politics" begins and "spiritual life" ends. Our Matthew 5 obligation to be salt and light extends into every area of our lives.

C. "It's a dirty business and Christians shouldn't mess with politics." **Our Answer:** "Well, maybe it's gotten a bad reputation as "dirty" because not enough Biblical-worldview people are involved in it now!"

D. "We'd love to do this, but just don't know how." **Our Answer:** "States are somewhat different, but we have links on www.faithwins.us for all 50 states listed with each state's particular methods. Also, we have on our site a full tutorial about the "how to" part of actually conducting voter registration. It's easier than you think, the pastor can lead the way or may choose to appoint someone to lead the way. Either path is fine and we will provide all of the needed resources to pull off a voter registration drive in your church. Go to www.faithwins.us and "take the pledge" to conduct voter registration in your church and you'll then be on the list to receive Faith Wins materials as they are pushed out!

E. "When should we do voter registration?" **Our Answer:** "Ideally, we'd suggest doing a 'dry run' test registration day around July 4th, either Sunday, June 28, the Sunday before, or July 5th, the Sunday after, when many pastors and churches are already doing some patriotic themed program. Also, we plan to do a national voter registration push on two consecutive Sundays in September, so that every state and every church can have

their congregations registered just before their state ends the registration process. Of course, each pastor can choose to do their registration on a day or days that best fit that leader's church schedule."

REMEMBER,

1. IT is absolutely legal AND Biblical to hold non-partisan voter registration drives in your church.
2. There has been an intentional misinformation campaign waged for years by liberal groups, like Americans united for the separation of church and State, designed to intimidate evangelical pastors from engaging in areas that are vital to Christians such as life, marriage and religious freedom issues.
3. If you'd like to **text "FaithWins" to 76076**, we will send you a PDF of the *Church Do's and Don'ts* List document that was created by Mat Staver at Liberty Counsel and has been reviewed by other Christian legal services. (**Note:** check out <https://wallbuilders.com> for more information on this and other great information you can use!)
4. As you'll see from the Do's and Don'ts list, you have the right to do FAR more in the public arena as a pastor and as a citizen than you may have previously heard.

So there you have it, pastors and ministry leaders, some wise words from Chad Connelly. Not only is it your duty and your privilege to be involved in civic life, but you have every right to do so. And, please note how many of these concerns pastors have across the United States, everyone has in common. That's because the intimidation from the left has been fear-mongering in specific ways. As you can see, the law is on your side and next month, in our communication to you, we will give you the key legal answers to each and every concern and spell it out in detail. In the June communication, you'll be armed with full knowledge of what the law says of what you can and cannot do, and you'll know what to do if you're ever threatened or pressured to be silent. Until then, our love and support to you, and may God bless you richly!

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Comm #2: Bet You Never Knew You Had So Many Voices!

Good afternoon to wonderful pastors all over the United States, and warmest greetings. You are so important to the future of our country, and it's to your service that our tiny coalition of four is pledged this year.

To introduce us to you; many of you know Chad Connelly already who was formerly the head of Faith Engagement for the Republican National Committee. During the months leading up to the 2016 election, Chad directly spoke with over 80,000 pastors just like you (maybe you!) to strongly encourage you to strongly encourage your congregations to voice their beliefs at the polls. And you did, for sure, with 81% of evangelical Christians doing so. We have a strong voice when we'll use it. Chad hopes the same this year and founded Faith Wins.

Joining us is Brad Dacus, a Christian California attorney who founded and runs the Pacific Justice Institute, a no-charge firm dedicated solely to protecting the faith community from infringements on our Constitutional rights. We especially wanted Brad in the coalition because he knows the law - exactly what the law says about what churches can and can't do and they've been extremely successful in protecting churches from wrongs, and advising churches on just what their rights are. So, Brad removes the fear factor.

Kielle Horton and I, Joan Lindsey, are the final two of our coalition of four, and we are long time national media experts who work with some of our country's key conservative and Christian voices to help them navigate the world of national media successfully. We know how to communicate. Kielle is President of the Lindsey Foundation as well, and I (Joan) am founder and President of Lindsey Communications.

The four of us were led together by the Lord, truly, we get it. We're all members of the Council for National Policy and so we know and trust each other to bring the very best of our thinking to the question of what will happen in the election if the church does or doesn't find its voice.

We certainly want the church to be superbly confident in exercising its voice this year and every year for that matter. Your opponents would like to squelch that voice. You scare them because

they know you have the power to say no. Their strategy has been to make you think you have no right to say no, to separate believers, and to silence them. So we would like to put a stop to that, and to help you to trust your voice, use it, and trust the Lord to empower you as you use it. We leave the rest to Him.

We have quite a number of fellow Christians and conservatives who stand with us in cheering you on and assisting in disseminating communications. They are literally called the “Standing With” coalition, and their names are at the bottom of this letter so you can see who’s endorsing this effort to help you. We had our first get together at a Council for National Policy meeting at the end of February where Chad, Brad, Kielle, and I told roughly 75 of these leaders what we’re proposing; they most strongly endorsed it because we all know that the backbone of this country is the church, and we also know that the church has been slowly squeezed by the left for decades, and we all want it to stop.

If the church exercises its voice and votes, the church can bring our country to its best and first mission as a beacon of Christian principles, which operate through our Constitution to produce a country that is the living expression of life with Christ. *You are the key to its exercising its voice.* You hold the key by personally encouraging your congregations to be informed, to register to vote, and then to vote.

We serve you; Chad is contacting pastors all over the country and holding conference calls galore. Brad is providing the legal know-how, and Kielle and I both fund the effort through our foundation, plus provide the media expertise to communicate it.

You’ll receive few but quality communications; one a month then in October one a week, then one a day in the last few days before the election. Each comm will bring you the best information we can offer to assist you with a different focus each time. This comm introduces us to you, and following, gives you what we all need just now in this lock down time; ideas for fresh creative communication with our congregants.

[We’ll call this one; ‘Bet you never knew you had so many voices!’](#)

Well it’s a silver lining perhaps, as our church doors must be closed for a while, to have to strive to find other ways to communicate and minister. So here are some ideas for an array of ‘voices’ to add to the ones you maybe already know.

Kick panic to the curb; the media does like it a lot but they trade in intensity of story. Have faith; the most important voice of all is the one that's inside you. Just you and the Holy Spirit, working together, bring out the most powerful voice you can have. When it's fueled by the awesome wisdom of the spirit of the Living God, you can know that your voice can be trusted.

And now, in this weird time of Coronavirus, people are ready for you. Freshly, the voices of the saints are desired, sought after, a needed gift to so many who are wondering how life could have changed so hugely so fast, and wanting to be ok again. Only can it be ok again just like it was? Maybe not, and this is where the security that comes from an unchanging God is such an amazing reveal. Your voice, reminding those who knew and forgot - telling those who never knew - that God is sovereign is a voice bringing security and steadiness to all.

The most important human voice is.....not yours. It's another voice coming from any other person coming to you for answers. Listening deeply, listening to absorb, is listening that will empower your own voice to answer in power, with sharp relevancy, and with keen intelligence.

Your informed voice is a confident voice; use our resources such as from Faith Wins to get informed on 2020 issues, and pastor conference calls or Pacific Justice Institute (PJI.org) to get informed on life under Coronavirus restrictions, legal rights, and legal memos.

Speaking of conference calls, they're proving to be extremely meaningful whether amongst pastors or church members. Chad recommends a 30-35 minute length, including prayer, and featuring vital content. Follow this link to set up a Zoom account and begin hosting conference calls and video meetings: <https://zoom.us>

Your voice, used when you write your opinions, is now vividly apt in these lockdown days. Write op-eds, write notes, write short stories, write commentaries, write memoirs, write plays...but write. With extra time comes the chance to write. Please do and let the country hear your voice again this way. And jump into other media too, offering your opinion to radio and television remembering to offer a specific point of view on a specific topic to help media outlets gauge just how they might use your voice.

Another voice; put your entire staff to the creative challenge and shoot short videos to send out; 2-5 minutes and a lot of them. Inspire, uplift, reassure, and cheer in this very impactful way.

Best not talking head, but mix it up and slot in some appealing footage of other people, of items, of location....b roll. Videos are so powerful because it's not just words, but sound and images; most memorable. Forget that you're not comfortable doing it - you will be with practice. Just remember you're shooting videos to serve others and it will help you look at it objectively. A word on the visuals is that you become the 'star' in a video send-out so it's part of the task to take exceptional care with clothing, grooming, voice quality, and non-verbals. You, personally, are part of the message. Make it really good quality with some high quality production.

Your voice online is needed; teleconferences are effective; host them and join others. Pacific Justice Institute, for example, has hosted live web trainings for pastors to learn how to conduct ministry online.

Use your website 'voice' differently and better; update it extremely frequently and post freshly; live streamed church services, news, links, commentary, and include commentary that brings the teaching about civic duty and our country's Godly heritage to your church. Make it visual, and make it move. Here is a link to a video created by the Pacific Justice Institute on how to best livestream services:

<https://www.pacificjustice.org/resources/for-churches/how-to-live-stream-a-church-service-during-covid-19-mass-quarantines/>

We've left social media to the end; use Facebook and Twitter but be creative and add personal stories, appropriate anecdotes, visuals. The key is frequency of all this. Send out a lot - more and more is better and better - and if you can bring on additional staff to achieve this, do that. Frequency amplifies your voice; it's the pleasant version of a squeaky wheel if you want to think about it that way. Forget polite reticence here and use your voice because you must raise it to be heard over clutter, and it simply needs to be heard.

Chad weighs in on this to say, "Folks need your calm reassurance that God is in control, this too will pass, and need to know that someone is there to help them if they need anything....Remember that most people are watching TOO much news and need your take and reminders to stay in the Word."

And suggests the group "Jesus Alliance" which connects people all over the country to volunteers who fill a variety of ministry needs, in case you cannot get to everybody.

**Be on the lookout later this week for a very important communication from the Pacific Justice Institute containing a checklist for churches wishing to gather via driven services, as well as those churches wishing to gather in indoor services where the state qualifies do so under Phaser 1, 2 or 3.*

For now here is a link to the three Zoom calls PJI conducted on the CARES Act:

<https://www.pacificjustice.org/resources/cares-act-relief/>

That's it for April. Next month we'll be sending you a comm specifically focused on your legal rights as a pastor as a church. There are plenty of bad actors who may try to intimidate you to silence your voice but can't when you know the law. Pro bono firms like Pacific Justice Institute, Alliance Defending Freedom and others exist to prevent that and you can always call them if you think you're being unfairly pressured.

In the meantime, please know we're praying for you, glad for you, and are cheering you on to be bold, confident, and ready to be a warrior for Christ.

-Your Church Finds Its Voice Leadership

The Church Finds Its Voice

A Coalition of Lindsey Communications, The Lindsey Foundation, Faith Wins and the Pacific Justice Institute to empower the resurgence of the church vote!

**Welcome to the *Church Finds Its Voice*
Comm #1: Thank you for joining the "Standing With" Coalition**

What a difference a couple of weeks can make! Since we were together at CNP, the world seems to have turned upside down from the then-emerging/since-emerged Coronavirus pandemic. But we're all people of faith. It's why we are pledging our time,

our talent, and our resources to helping the church body find its voice this election and stand for our heritage as a Christian nation. Maybe this awful pandemic can be seen to have a joyful silver lining as people turn to the Lord for answers.

So, onward with our coalition's work to help people of faith to be a strong voice in civic life. As we have told you, you will receive only a handful of communications until the election, about one a month, from the *Church Finds Its Voice* Coalition. These emails will contain concise updates and clear directives along with supportive resources on how you can be a powerful member of the "Standing With" Coalition and enable and equip pastors and congregations right where you live to speak out, encourage the vote and come together to protect our nation's biblical values.

And it is staggering in its importance. In only a few short months, Americans will go to the polls again and cast ballots in the most important election of our lifetime. The outcome depends on what Christians do between now and then.

Everything is up for grabs...

The White House

435 US House Seats

36 US Senate Seats

Federal judgeships

36 governorships

89 state legislative chambers with over 6,000 seats

Important pro-life legislation

Protecting our religious liberties

Every Christian vote matters in this fight to protect our country and preserve our faithful future!

Exclusive!! This just in! An Update from Chad Connelly, President of Faith Wins:

"I had the great honor of doing prayers this week in two historical places with pastor buddies from around the nation. On Tuesday, I got to accompany around 225 pastors from a multitude of states on a one of a kind tour of the US Capitol with a mentor and close friend of mine, former US Congressman Bob McEwen. If there is someone who understands how God, American history and the political world intertwine better than Bob, I would love to meet them!

The tour was spectacular, the fellowship amazing, and hearing those voices lifted up in the Capitol Rotunda signing "How Great thou Art" was just...special. I believe I could have toured the Capitol with that group all night long, but when Congressman McEwen asked me to close

our tour in prayer in the Chambers of the US House of Representatives, it sent chills down my spine. I was incredibly humbled to ask God to bless our efforts to take this nation back for HIM, for Him to guide us and lead us as we seek to engage pastors and faith leaders to make a difference in the Congress and to make sure His Will was done on earth and in America.

The very next night, I had another special tour— this time of the White House. As a close friend who works there took us around and a pastor buddy and I got to peer into the Oval Office, I prayed for our President and his wisdom and leadership as he guides our nation through these uncertain times. Both times of prayer were special to me, but getting to say two prayers over American leaders as I stood in two historical places in our nation's history was simply humbling and awe-inspiring! God will do His part, now it's up to us to do ours!"

Isn't that amazing?? We all feel the sure, and loving leading of the Lord in our small coalition and are deeply grateful that you have agreed to stand with us as the "Standing With" friends. That you are doing so is hugely reassuring to pastors around the nation....reinforcing to them that engaging in the choosing of our country's leaders is a right and Godly thing to do. What we'll send you as we go along toward election day is for you to freely pass along to those within your circle of influence. That will greatly amplify every effort.

So proud to be serving with you!

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