

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 #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

May God bless you all,

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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. & 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
▼ Abortion						
Should the government recognize life inside the womb?	NO	YES	Abortion	If God recognizes the life of a person inside the womb shouldn't our leaders as well?	NO	YES
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
▼ Religious Liberty						
Should the government be allowed to tell churches how and when to worship?	YES	NO	Religious Liberty	Does the church have a higher value than places of entertainment?	NO	YES
▼ 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
▼ Judge Appointments						
Should the president appoint judges that will hold to constitutional and traditional values?	NO	YES	Judge Appointments	Does God call us to appoint righteous judges who will hold to the values of His word?	NO	YES
▼ Partnership with Israel						
Should the US government stand with Israel?	NO	YES	Partnership with Israel	Is standing with Israel something God takes very seriously?	NO	YES
▼ Second Amendment						
Should private citizens be able to choose which firearm to use for self-defense?	NO	YES	Second Amendment	Has God placed a priority on each person having the ability and means for self-defense?	NO	YES
▼ 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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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-constitutiona-l-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-pers-on-easter-services-despite-order/5127260002/>

[Secondary Article on this Story:](#)

<https://www.newsweek.com/kentucky-governor-says-person-churchgoers-will-have-licence-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.washingtonexaminer.com/news/our-rights-dont-come-from-authority-pastor-slams-mississippi-mayor-after-police-break-up-drive-in-service>

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-cess-and-desist-letter-mid-serm-on-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

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

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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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