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For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give Praise to God." *Rom 14:11*

On Oct. 5, 2017, Governor Matt Bevin, encouraged students to take their Bibles to school on 'Bring your Bible to School Day'. We are blessed to have a Governor who knows the importance of studying God's Word as we go through life. If you would like to show your appreciation we encourage you to call the Governor and thank him for being a positive role model for our youth (our future leaders) and thank him for his courageous and unabashed stand of the gospel of Christ! The number to the office of the Governor is (502) 564-2611.

2017 Accomplishments



Wrapped Up In a Big Bow

TRUMP DELIVERS ON MANY CAMPAIGN PROMISES

Supreme Court & Federal Courts:

- **J**udge Neil Gorsuch was confirmed by the Senate and sworn in as an associate justice in April 2017. To date, Gorsuch has voted in every case, with Justice Clarence Thomas, generally regarded as the most conservative Supreme Court Justice.
- The President has also filled up lower courts with many conservative nominees to the federal benches.

Coal Power

- **P**resident Trump promised coal miners he would roll back the previous administration's "Stream Protection Rule," and that he did. The old regulation hurt the coal industry severely at the cost of \$81 million a year.

Job Growth

- **T**he administration can't take all credit for job growth. However, *employers make hiring decisions* based on long-term economic outlook and *of course the President has a lot to do with that.* The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported nearly 1.3 million new jobs were created in Trump's first 200 days while the previous administration saw a loss of more 4.1 million jobs in his first 200 days.

Economy

- **G**DP in the second quarter 2017 increased by 2.6 percent, more than doubling the first quarter.
- All the way through September 2017, the Dow Jones Industrial Average had *34 record highs* and the Dow spiked from 19,000 to over 21,000 in just 66 days; *this was the fastest 2,000 point rise ever.* On Aug. 7, the Dow closed with an all-time high for the *ninth day in a row*, the first time the market has had a run of that length *twice under one presidency.*
- The S&P 500 and the NASDAQ have also set all time highs in early January 2018 as well.

Tax Reform Bill

- **D**ecember 22, 2017—President Donald J. Trump signed a massive tax reform that has not been done since President Reagan. This bill is much simpler and replaces a convoluted tax code
- Reduces the businesses tax from 35% to 21%. This allows businesses to create new jobs which in return stimulates the economy where more people are working and less draining the government via unemployment.
- The individual mandate in the Affordable Health Care Act was rescinded. This is a good start and hopefully other taxes that went along with this *'anything but affordable act'* will be done away with soon.
- Reduces taxes for most middle class wage earners that already pay federal taxes. Of course 50% of workers pay *no* federal taxes.

The Defeat of ISIS well underway

- **A**s of December 2017, in Iraq and Syria ISIS has retreated by 98%. Because of President Trump's strong stand and warnings against terrorist groups ISIS' presence has diminished immensely.
- The administration is now seeing that captured terrorists on U.S. soil will go through enemy combatant judicial courts not U.S. civilian courts. The standards of punishments are much different as it should be.

Strong Rhetoric—Strong America

- **T**he President does not hide American's stance with regards to the U.S. being strong with regards to her military strength. With continued threats by the leader of China - President Trump has not minced words as to 'how' strong and how fast the U.S. would react to imminent danger against America. His campaign words were not just words to entice his crowd but have proven to be strong in stature as he speaks firm and direct to world leaders such as Kim Jong-un.



Young Woman—Dies in Father's Arms; Murdered by ILLEGAL Alien—but that's okay says California Jury— He's not Guilty!



On Thursday, November 30, 2017 a San Francisco jury acquitted Jose Ines Garcia Zarate (formerly known as Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez) of murder. On July 1, 2015, Kathryn (Kate) Steinle was shot by the hand of Jose Zarate, in San Francisco, at a popular tourist spot, then died in her father's arms. Kate's last words, "Help me Dad, help me".

A December 2016 lawsuit was brought on by *Judicial Watch* on behalf of California taxpayer Cynthia Cerletti v. Vicki Hennessy, Sheriff. The lawsuit alleges Sheriff Hennessy's restrictions on communications with ICE conflict with federal immigration law and are therefore invalid.

San Francisco's sanctuary policy received national attention. Before the shooting, officials in San Francisco had just released Garcia Zarate from custody instead of turning him over to immigration authorities. He had been deported five times prior to the incident. Garcia Zarate, an illegal alien had been released by the San Francisco Sheriff's Department DESPITE a request from ICE that he be detained for possible deportation, was allowed to remain free to roam the streets of San Francisco illegally.

Such a soft approach on illegal immigration cost a young woman her life. There are countless number of similar cases unreported by the mainstream news media. President Trump recognized several of these families who lost loved ones over the past decade, due to the hand of an illegal alien. Softness equates negligence in the minds of most Americans. *The left sees this as inhumane, but tell this to hundreds of families who have lost a family member due to such a negligent mindset.* Quite the opposite, these families believe that local law enforcement should send illegal felons back to their own country and not allow them to stay at the expense of their loved ones. Our president, as well, is very out spoken against illegal felons remaining. Shortly after the verdict was announced the President tweeted: "A disgraceful verdict in the Kate Steinle case! No wonder the people of our Country are so angry with illegal immigration".

Attorney General, Jeff Sessions also weighed in on the grave decision. He said "I urge the leaders of the nation's communities to reflect on the outcome of this case and consider carefully the harm they are doing to their citi-

zens by refusing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officers," Sessions said: "When jurisdictions choose to return criminal aliens to the streets rather than turning them over to federal immigration authorities, they put the public's safety at risk."

In regards to the immigration issue, Dan Horowitz, Garcia Zarate's defense attorney, told the news media after the decision was rendered: "His (Garcia) immigration status had no bearing on whether he purposely pulled the trigger or not." What utter nonsense! Intentional or not—Garcia was 1) Here illegally, 2) Stole a firearm, 3) Was in possession of a stolen firearm as a felon and foremost, 4) An innocent young woman is dead because of the careless deadly actions of a criminal alien. The defense also said, "It (the gun) accidentally went off and ricocheted then the bullet killed Kate." Once again, utter nonsense. Common sense facts were ignored by the jury and judge on this case: #1) If Garcia were not allowed to remain here illegally then #2) Garcia would not have had the opportunity to have stolen the gun in the first place; then FACT #3) Kate would still be alive today. His illegal actions prove him guilty of taking an innocent life —if not first degree murder— then 2nd degree murder and at the very least—manslaughter. A life was taken - pure and simple which could have been easily avoided.

Hopefully, with all the recent President's filling of conservative judges to federal benches all across the nation; judges will render decisions that will help create a better and safer America. Louisville, KY is now a sanctuary city. His office will say "We are a compassionate city" Don't be fooled—this is the same concept. Call Mayor Fisher and complain at: (502)574-2003. (Informational Source: Washington, DC Judicial Watch)



CONTINUE TO PRAY AND ASK GOD TO HELP US END ABORTION IN AMERICA!

Planned Parenthood slaughters over 328,000 innocent babies a year - 900 babies murdered a day. *Half a billion of your tax dollars are being used for this evil doing.* Unthinkably, Planned Parenthood has been caught selling aborted babies' body parts. It has been referred for criminal prosecution by both the House and Senate. Giants of Big Abortion are trying to prevent law enforcement from seeing this evidence - your tax dollars at work. "It's sickening to the core" says Jay Sekulow. Jay and his team have been engaged in the two biggest pro-life cases seen at the Supreme Court in decades. One could devastate the abortion industry and the other could save countless lives of unborn children. Sekulow defended a former board member of the pro-life group that exposed the abortion industry's gruesome acts. Jay needs your prayers as he fights for the sanctity of life and to end abortion.

(Source: Jay Sekulow daily email update 11/21/17)



A huge Supreme Court ruling now lingers over our nation. If Nine Supreme Court Justices do not uphold the supreme tenet of all liberties; then the Constitution and the First Amendment will no longer be worth the grain of salt for which it stands. C. Marlow

"Freedom of speech is a principal pillar of a free government; when this support is taken away, the constitution of a free society is dissolved and tyranny is erected on its ruins." - Benjamin Franklin

Jack Phillips lives in the state of Colorado. In 2012, Charlie Craig and David Mullins went into Jack's Masterpiece Bakery Shop and asked Jack to design a cake for their same sex wedding. Jack politely declined their request, but said they could buy anything in his bakery. Jack in good conscience could not create, design and use his God given talent to honor a same sex wedding. Jack believes what God declares...that marriage is to be between a man and a woman. However, Charlie and David created such an environment, that moments after they left the bakery, Jack started to receive the vilest of phone calls and death threats to the point he could no longer do business as usual. *He and his staff were unable to answer the phone due to the magnitude of harassment.*

For the past five years Jack has been fighting for his right to create art in accordance with his convictions. He was ordered by a judge for he and his employees to conform 'to accept' a life style and bake same sex wedding cakes. But because of his belief in God's truth about homosexuality Jack was punished and can no longer design and sell as his conscious dictates. Charlie and David were on a mission to destroy Jack's business, character and faith from the moment they left the bakery. *While they cried discrimination; Jack cried freedom to live out his faith.*

Rulings such as this, sets a very dangerous precedence in our courts and for society as a whole. This type of indictment against people of faith, such as Jack, goes against the very grain of our fundamental rights. The opposition's argument is 'If it is opened to the public all must be served'. Excuse the pun, this however, is *not the key ingredient* here in baker cake designer Jack's case. Charlie and David were not denied entry into a business or from buying baked goods— Jack just politely declined a request to engage in an activity to design a same sex wedding cake.

The First Amendment guarantees Jack's liberty over Charlie and David's cry of discrimination. Over the past fifty years the progressive left have slowly diluted and twisted the meaning of what the Founders meant by the 1st amendment. This distortion of truth now has

brought about grave implications for the preservation of our beloved amendment. *The left cry 'Discrimination' or 'I'm offended', those who cherish our Constitution and 1st amendment cry 'Freedom' to live out our deeply held convictions given to us by God's Holy Spirit.*

Jack has been called a Nazi all because he wants to live out his faith. Jack does not force his belief on anyone. However, Charlie and David have made the last five years a 'living nightmare' for Jack. Jack has chosen to follow God's precepts, *not mans*. He has proven this by the loss of nearly half of his business income; half which came from the design of specialized wedding cakes.

The vile attacks on Jack's character by those in opposition are typical in cases like Jack's. This type of 'modern day persecution' has been happening all across the country for several years. *However, not one example can be found where someone has gone after a business owned by a homosexual to seek and destroy it on the premise of a declined business proposition.* The LGBT community proudly espouses 'Gay Pride' at the expense of a person's faith, character and business via the of courts of discrimination.

Now, let us turn the tables and suppose another scenario. There is a very successful gay dance club that presents various local singers to perform during the evenings for live entertainment. A man and woman go into the club and ask they be allowed to sing as local artists at the club. The owner sits down and ask their names and what type of music would be sung. The owner then realizes the songs the couple would sing would uphold Godly values and the choice of songs would include lyrics that marriage is between a man and a woman. Now suppose the owner politely declines their request but

said they were welcome to stay and dance and listen to the music provided. Then suppose the couple walks out and ten minutes later the vile phone calls and death threats begin. Then begins the five year long law suit battle all because the two were denied permission to sing as local artists because the business owner did not agree and discriminated against their content of songs to be sung. Would the judge order the gay business owner to be trained to conform to accept this man and woman's lifestyle as did the judge in Jack's case? And furthermore would the judge force the gay business owner to allow the couple access to *his* stage in *his* business arena OR be forced to shut down the live entertainment part of his business? Dare I say, not! *Coercion enforced by government because someone feels discriminated against is diametrical to the very foundation of the meaning of freedom.*

John Adams, our second President said "Our Constitution was made only for a moral religious people." President Washington referred to the very same in his Farewell Address—"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." Meaning they go hand in hand for our society to remain a decent moral society. Washington continued "And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion.", meaning if we, as a society, do not recognize the immorality outlined by God such as deception, lies, theft, prostitution, homosexuality, slanderous talk, etc. as a moral compass for political prosperity; then we are deceiving ourselves. As government embraces deception and dishonesty becomes 'the norm' in how it runs the peoples business, then corruption becomes accepted and immorality praised. This is where America is today. Therefore, moral outrage to immorality is the highest form of flattery for a decent society to find it's path of understanding the liberties endowed by our Creator and the wonders of God's Grace. God help the Supreme Court!



October 21, 1960—December 13, 2017

All the staff here at American Family Association of Kentucky wish to extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Representative Dan Johnson. Dan passed on into the arms of His Heavenly Father on December 13, 2017. Dan was known for his 'bigger than life' laugh and jovial personality. He had just been elected a little more than a year ago on November 8, 2016 in a state wide election where the Kentucky House of Representatives finally saw a new day and had finally flipped to a Republican majority rule. Dan Johnson was one of those passionate and tireless souls who beat the trodden path, walked door to door and met everyone he could in Bullitt county to secure the 49th seat for a place on the floor of Kentucky State House of Representatives. The Kentucky State House had been in Democrat majority rule for almost a century. Dan, with pride, had enjoyed immensely his first term in the State House to serve the people of his district under his party rule.

Dan was very passionate and grieved over the countless unborn babies who are slaughtered daily on the altar of 'choice'. He also was very concerned for the safety of his fellow citizens in regards to creating a healthy and secure environment for Kentuckians. He had planned to introduce a 'no sanctuary' bill for Kentucky cities in the upcoming 2018 legislative session. His desire was to implement a secure vetting process in the immigration system. Just as Dan was concerned for the safety of the unborn child he was concerned about 'who' and 'how' we allow people to enter and stay in our state with respect to the safety of our very own citizens.

Despite the endless harassment and bullying by his opponents and like minded groups, Dan accomplished so much in such little time for those in need. Although, he was known for his eloquent speaking on the House floor, Dan will forever be remembered for his genuine love and care for the down-trodden amongst us, when so many would walk on by, as if they never existed. You will be missed dear brother. May you rest easy now in the arms of our loving and gracious Savior.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATIVE VALUES AND REBECCA JOHNSON

Rebecca Johnson, wife of the late Dan Johnson, was nominated by the Bullitt County Republican executive committee as the nominee for the special election to be held on February 20th in Bullitt county for the 49th District seat held by her late husband Dan. Rebecca's desire is to continue the work her husband began in the 2017 Frankfort legislative session. Rebecca will need contributions and volunteers to help get her conservative views out to the voters. Please think about helping Rebecca as she plunges forward into a new chapter in her life. She also would covet your prayers as she is still grieving the loss of her beloved husband.

Yes, Dr. Simon I want to help volunteer for Rebecca Johnson for KY State Representative.

Yes, Dr. Simon I want to make a donation to Rebecca Johnson's campaign: \$1,000 \$750 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50

Other\$__ (Make check out to: ***Rebecca Johnson for KY State Representative*** **and send in enclosed envelope to Kentuckians for Freedom; KFF will forward to Rebecca.** (With your contribution to Rebecca's campaign please include the following information:

Name _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer name: _____

Yes, Dr. Simon, I want to help further in getting out information such as voter guides and newsletters to educate others and continue to grow our conservative organization.

Yes, Dr. Simon, I want ___ more copies of the enclosed 'One Nation Under God' petition to gather signatures.

Yes, Dr. Simon, I would like ___ copies of the 'One page Summary of the Essentials of the Entire Bible'.

Yes, I am enclosing a non tax deductible donation to help in your efforts in 2018. Circle one: \$5,000 \$2,500 \$2,000 \$1,000 \$500 \$200 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$20 \$15 Other \$___

Please make a check or money order out to ***Kentuckians for Freedom*** and send it with this form in the enclosed envelope to: Kentuckians for Freedom, PO Box 6116, Louisville, KY 40206

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Address: _____ **Phone:** _____