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MID-YEAR PARTNERS' REPORT 2014-2015

WE WILL CONTINUE ADVANCING NATURAL MARRIAGE IN SPITE OF THE SUPREME COURT'S UNJUST RULING

Liberty Counsel ended our 2014-2015 Fiscal Year dealing with the shocking news that the United States Supreme Court had ruled in favor of same-sex "marriage" in the disastrous Obergefell v. Hodges decision. In this misguided ruling that had no grounding in the Constitution whatsoever, five lawyers opened the floodgates to the persecution of Christians and other people with moral convictions.

Make no mistake: Five lawyers committed a grave sin when they shook their fists in the face of the Almighty. In his dissent expressing disgust with the majority opinion, Chief Justice John Roberts said, "Just who do we think we are?" Apparently, the five mortals who created a right to same-sex "marriage" think they can defy the Creator and wipe away objective reality and millennia of human history, defiantly saying that marriage is not limited to being the union of a man and a woman.

Perhaps even worse, these five lawyers think they can impose their personal agenda on over 300 million Americans without one shred of constitutional authority. As the Chief Justice said, "The Constitution had nothing to do with it."

The Supreme Court's marriage opinion is lawless and we should not respect it as law. Liberty Counsel will oppose this sinful ruling in every way that we can in our new fiscal year. *We feel certain our friends and supporters will agree that fighting for righteousness is never wrong, but giving up on biblical principles and pretending that there are no consequences for violating God's revealed law and the natural law is always wrong.*

With just 18 months remaining in his administration, Barack Obama will do everything within his power –

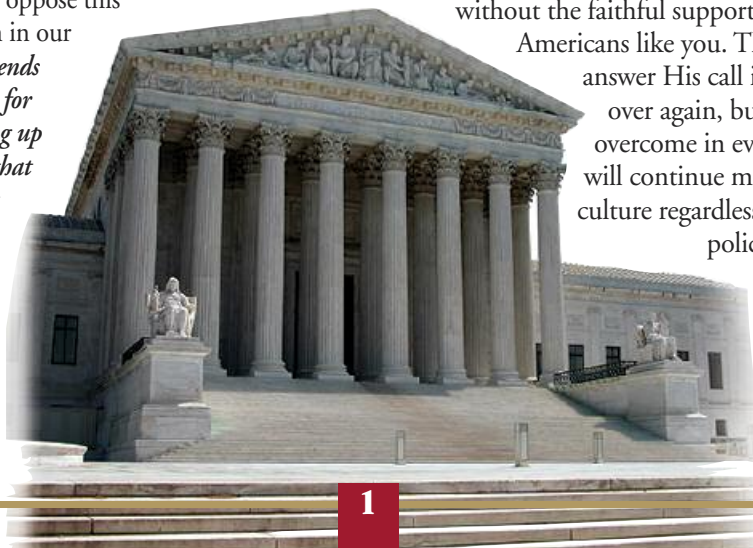
constitutional or not – to bring about an irreversible remake of America. He has always said that his goal was to "fundamentally transform" the United States.

Part of this plan seems to be making outlaws of Christians and anyone who upholds biblical morality and stands for American exceptionalism. I am praying that efforts to marginalize Christians and attempts to make us call good that which is evil will backfire. Liberty Counsel deeply appreciates the hundreds of thousands of Americans – men and women like you – who still believe in biblical morality and are standing with us!

In short, this past fiscal year has required us to be flexible and responsive to many extraordinary challenges while remaining open to the new opportunities the Lord has brought us. We thank you for your prayers and support! The success we have achieved in advancing liberty, life, and family – and our capacity to continue the fight in spite of the increasingly activist federal and state judiciaries – is simply not possible without a sizable group of faithful partners who share our perspective and realize that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. *We assure you that your role in this ministry is absolutely essential!*

As you review the scores of legal actions and other culture changing activities Liberty Counsel undertook in Fiscal Year 2014-2015, please realize that we could not have succeeded at any level without the faithful support of thoughtful, patriotic

Americans like you. The strength of our resolve to answer His call is certain to be tested over and over again, but with God's help, we can overcome in every circumstance. Together, we will continue making a positive difference in our culture regardless of the misguided and dangerous policies our adversaries are forcing upon the American people.



Mathew D. Staver,
Founder and Chairman

LIBERTY COUNSEL'S POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE CULTURE CONTINUES TO INCREASE

With Your Help, We Are Confronting Those Who Are Subverting our Constitution!

The following brief synopsis of hundreds of cases and other legal actions Liberty Counsel undertook in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is just a sampling of the actual volume of activity friends like you have helped us achieve. Beside being one of the nation's first Christian public interest law firms, we are also among the most aggressive and productive. We have organized the highlights of our activities this fiscal year in accordance with Liberty Counsel's motto: Restoring the Culture by Advancing Religious Freedom, the Sanctity of Human Life, and the Family.

Religious Freedom

- Successfully defended a student in Nassau County, Florida, after he faced wrongful persecution following a complaint by an atheist organization for stating "God bless America" while delivering a school public announcement. The school district apologized and said it will now welcome such messages from students!
- Stopped Lake Worth, Florida, zoning officials from harassing churches with threats and videotaping services in an effort to force churches to obtain a business license or close. The churches were being targeted for harassment by a homosexual city council member.
- Presented oral argument at a federal court of appeals and resolved many cases involving Child Evangelism Fellowship Good News Clubs in multiple states where school districts formerly discriminated against the Christian clubs in terms of use of the facilities, time of use, fees, and announcements or advertisements.
- Filed an important brief at the U.S. Supreme Court urging the Court to return to the original intent of the First Amendment Establishment Clause and abandon its confused line of cases that allow an "offended" observer power to censor religious words or displays.
- Continued to fight against the ObamaCare law by filing briefs at the Supreme Court and other federal courts of appeal challenging the contraceptive and abortion mandate and the federal subsidies.
- Defended the constitutional rights of students who are members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Lake County, Florida, where the school district was seeking to restrict access and limit the right to meet on campus.
- Filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court, which subsequently ruled in *Town of Greece v. Galloway* that opening a town meeting in prayer does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.
- Defended the Allegheny County Council after an atheist organization opposed the display of the national motto, "In God We Trust."
- Successfully defended homeowners Enock and Ines Berluiche in Kissimmee, FL, when they faced religious discrimination from their homeowner's association that tried to stop the couple from displaying two small statues of Mary and Jesus while allowing other homeowners to display human skulls and topless Greek statues.

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AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



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Liberty Counsel remained at the epicenter of the battle for American culture throughout Fiscal Year 2014-2015. One of the best supported and most impactful campaigns in our 25-year history, the massive Stand Your Ground effort in defense of natural marriage and freedom of conscience

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*(bumper sticker top right), will continue into the foreseeable future. As the fiscal year concluded, we made final preparations for a powerful **Appeal to Heaven** prayer and activism campaign*

*(yard sign at top left) that will encourage hundreds of thousands of American patriots to literally appeal the misguided Supreme Court decision on same-sex "marriage" to a yet higher Court! Also at top left, former Governor Mike Huckabee signs a book for a supporter at **The Awakening 2015: Rebuilding the Wall** conference on March 14. In the photo just below, Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver leads the standing-room-only audience at this year's Awakening conference in prayer for David and Jason Benham, whose principled stand for natural marriage cost them an opportunity to host their own HGTV television series.*

*At center left, **Mat Staver spoke at the 2015 March for Life on January 22 and led the Liberty Counsel delegation***

*(**Mat is at far right carrying our banner**). Mat also gave leadership to a powerful coalition of pro-family organizations that announced it had collected tens of thousands of petitions at the website defendmarriage.org in a press conference at the National Press Club (bottom left). Also at bottom left, Liberty Counsel's Founder and Chairman addresses the International Human Rights Convention in Kingston, Jamaica, an event cosponsored by the Lawyers Christian Fellowship.*

At the center and bottom right, Mat Staver is shown in two key events in the 2015 Liberty Ambassador Counsel tour of Israel this May. Mat baptized many of the tour participants in the Jordan River and also shared the Word with tour members in the Antonia Fortress, reputedly the prison site at which Roman guards cast lots for the Lord's garments.

*Near the bottom of the right column, **Mat and Anita Staver are shown helping lead the massive March for Marriage in Washington, D.C., on April 25**. At center right, Mat is shown with key speakers for **The Awakening 2015**, Reverend Franklin Graham (center) and Evangelist James Robison (right). Finally, at top right, Mat and Anita Staver are shown at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Israel laying a remembrance wreath at the Children's Memorial.*



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- Filed an important brief at the U.S. Supreme Court to defend the right of a church to advertise like other businesses.
- Defended pastors in Houston when the openly lesbian Mayor subpoenaed their sermons and tried to silence them from speaking out about a radical gender-identity ordinance.
- Finally got a 14-year lawsuit dismissed against Jews for Jesus, in which an attorney who has a bitter vendetta against Christians sought to silence a Christian ministry. The courts sanctioned the attorney and required that he pay about \$120,000 to Liberty Counsel.
- Successfully defended against and got a baseless lawsuit dismissed that challenged a ministry's voter guide, in which the losing candidate was forced to dismiss the fraudulent suit and pay damages.
- Stood by the Collier County, Florida, School Board when the ACLU tried to force the school to not use a church as the venue for a choir presentation open to the public.
- Conducted the Twelfth Annual "Friend or Foe" Christmas Campaign designed to educate and, if necessary, litigate to ensure that Christ and Christian viewpoints are not excluded from Christmas.
- Conducted the Thirteenth annual "Friend or Foe" Graduation Prayer Campaign designed to educate and, if necessary, litigate to ensure that prayer and religious viewpoints are not suppressed during graduation ceremonies and all through the year.
- Filed a federal lawsuit against a North Carolina public library that denied Liberty Counsel the right to use a public meeting room because the presentation on the role of religion and Christianity in the founding of America was deemed religious, in violation of the library's policy banning religious speech.
- Defended a 16-year-old, dual-enrolled college student when her professor at Polk State College gave the straight-A student four zeros because she would not succumb to his militant atheist insults against Christianity and Jesus Christ.

Sanctity of Human Life

- Successfully defended a pastor's right to speak out on abortion after he was arrested and jailed for four hours simply for holding a sign stating that abortion kills children.
- Continued to defend pro-lifers and filed a brief at the Florida Court of Appeals on behalf of a peaceful sidewalk counselor who received a "stalking" injunction merely because the abortion clinic disagreed with his peaceful message against abortion.

- Joined several hundred thousand pro-life Americans at the March for Life in Washington, DC.
- Worked with legislators and pro-life groups in Arkansas in the defense of Arkansas's twelve-week abortion ban.
- Filed an important brief at the Alabama Supreme Court which has now ruled that the word "child" in the chemical endangerment law includes unborn children.
- Filed an important brief with federal court of appeals stating that abortion viability standards should be revisited in light of modern advancements in medicine and understanding of children in the womb.
- Filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in *McCullen v. Coakley*, a case challenging a Massachusetts law that creates a 35-foot "buffer zone" around abortion clinics, in which the Court ruled that the "buffer zone" is unconstitutional.
- Obtained a preliminary injunction which blocked the Obama administration from enforcing the ObamaCare contraception and abortion mandate against Ave Maria School of Law, a Catholic law school in Florida.

The Family

- Submitted a brief to the U.S. Supreme Court defending marriage and exposing the statistically and scientifically fraudulent report of Alfred Kinsey, which he derived from serial child rapists, sex offenders, prisoners, prostitutes, pedophiles, and pederasts for the purpose of destroying marriage and Judeo-Christian morality.
- Presented oral argument at a federal court of appeals on behalf of counselors and families challenging a New Jersey law, which bans counselors from offering, and minors from receiving, counseling to diminish or eliminate same-sex attractions, behavior, or identity.
- Filed an appeal at the U.S. Supreme Court challenging a New Jersey law which bans counselors from offering, and minors from receiving, counseling to diminish or eliminate same-sex attractions, behavior, or identity.
- Successfully aided a grassroots effort that led to the citizen repeal of a law passed by the Fayetteville, Arkansas, City Council requiring churches, Christian schools, and other para-church ministries to hire homosexuals for "secular" jobs, allowing men to use women's restrooms and locker rooms, and requiring Christian business owners to service "same-sex weddings" under the threat of criminal prosecution of those who refused to comply.
- Filed suit on behalf of magistrates in North Carolina who were pressured to officiate same-sex "weddings" or face

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- suspension, termination, fines, or prosecution.
 - Filed briefs in Florida and argued two cases to defend the Florida Marriage Protection Amendment that affirms marriage as the union of one man and one woman.
 - Filed suit in Florida to block state court clerks from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.
 - Filed suit at the Alabama Supreme Court and won a stunning victory in which the court stopped the Alabama probate judges from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.
 - Filed an important brief to protect marriage in Puerto Rico when the Solicitor General refused to defend marriage as between a man and a woman and left no one defending their current laws.
 - Defended natural marriage in Nebraska, Arkansas, Missouri, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana, Michigan, and Jamaica, including briefs, and appeared in court to defend the Florida Marriage Protection Amendment, drafted by Mat and Anita Staver.
 - Continued to defend Massachusetts pastor Scott Lively, who faces charges from Sexual Minorities of Uganda (SMUG) for allegedly violating international law by speaking out against homosexual conduct while visiting Uganda. Even though the Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that the Alien Tort Statute cannot be used against citizens in America for alleged violations of international law, the federal judge, who calls himself the “legislator of mankind,” refused to dismiss the case.
 - Worked with state legislators and defeated bills seeking to ban change therapy in 15 states.
 - Fought for and obtained the release of Justina Pelletier, who was essentially kidnapped by the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) and treated horribly by the state for 16 months, and arranged for Justina to address more than 70 members of Congress regarding her experiences, urging Congress to pass “Justina’s Bill,” a bill protecting children who are wards of the state from involuntary medical research.
 - Successfully defended a Christian business owner in Pennsylvania who refused, based on religious conviction, to cater a same-sex wedding and got the case against the business dismissed.
- Graham, Governor Mike Huckabee, Senator Rick Santorum, James Robison, and more.
- Filed and released *I Choose* on the Eleventh Annual *Day of Purity*. The short video encourages young people to look past casual sex to lifetime intimacy.
 - Christians in Defense of Israel became a ministry of Liberty Counsel, making our combined Christian pro-Israel outreach one of the largest in America with about 250,000 supporters.
 - Supported the first pilot tour of Covenant Journey for college students in which, for only \$500, they participate in a life-changing experience in Israel designed to strengthen their Christian faith and equip them to be goodwill ambassadors for Israel.
 - Cosponsored the Fourteenth Annual Israel Solidarity Event at the Israeli Embassy, celebrating Christian support of Israel and participating in the historic announcement of Covenant Journey, a ministry that will bring thousands of college students to Israel.
 - Hosted law student interns at the U.S. Supreme Court, where they spoke with a Supreme Court Justice as part of our 10-week program to train a new generation of Christian legal advocates through Liberty University School of Law’s internship, externship, and constitutional litigation clinic programs.
 - Participated in the Seventh Annual *TeenPact Judicial Program* at Liberty University School of Law, a week-long program that instructs motivated teenagers in the rule of law and the importance of a Christian worldview.
 - Cosponsored the *Values Voter Summit* in Washington, D.C., with thousands of Christian activists in attendance.
 - Conducted many conferences to educate teachers and public school administrators on how to integrate Christian values and history into their curricula and informed them of students’ rights to religious liberty.
 - Hosted and spoke at many pastors’ conferences to educate and mobilize pastors to speak on biblical values.
 - Hosted a training and educational tour of Israel as part of our *Liberty Ambassador Counsel* program, with the goal of strengthening participants’ Christian faith and equipping them to be goodwill ambassadors for Israel. Participants also met with high-ranking Israeli political, military, academic, business, and religious leaders, including members of the Knesset (the legislature of Israel).

Other Significant Events

- Organized *The Awakening 2015: Rebuilding the Wall* conference with over 40 speakers, including Franklin

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Ministry Projects and Other Affiliations

- Raised millions of dollars to support persecuted Christians in Iraq, Syria, the Middle East, and elsewhere through one of Liberty Counsel's newest initiatives.
- Liberty Counsel's 15-minute weekday program, *Faith & Freedom*, and 60-second weekday radio program, *Freedom's Call*, are broadcast on more than 500 radio stations each weekday. In addition, Liberty Counsel's 60-second weekday program, *Llamada de Libertad*, the only Hispanic conservative public-policy radio show in the United States, is heard in 10 of the largest Hispanic-populated cities. LC is active in traditional and new media, including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and sends *Liberty Alert* email updates and News Releases to subscribers free of charge.
- *Liberty Counsel Action* is a 501(c)(4) sister organization. This group increases our ability to engage in issue advocacy and lobbying legislators and other elected officials. LCAction.org.



- *Liberty Action PAC*, in affiliation with our sister organization *Liberty Counsel Action*, mobilized millions of voters in the days leading up to the 2014 midterm election. We are now strategically positioned to greatly impact future election cycles and fully engage the 1.337 million unique supporters of Liberty Counsel's family of ministries. Over 90% of Liberty Counsel members voted in the prior election cycle. LibertyActionPAC.com.
- Through Liberty Counsel's *Pastors and Patriots* outreach, we conducted scores of *Who Will Stand?* rallies in churches and pastor mobilization meetings in 2014 to encourage people to engage in responsible biblical citizenship. Liberty Counsel sent over 150,000 churches a DVD called *Silence is NOT an Option*, in which Mat Staver informs pastors about how they can be involved in local, state, and national issues in addition to vetting political candidates without fearing the IRS.
- The *Liberty Counsel Connect* website links all of the Liberty Counsel entities and provides updates and interactive news. This website allows easy access to the websites of our various ministry outreaches. LibertyCounsel.com.

- *Christians in Defense of Israel* and the *Liberty Ambassador Counsel* connect hundreds of thousands of Americans with the nation of Israel, including tours of biblical sites, special briefings by leading Israeli leaders, and teleconferences with Israeli officials.



- *The Salt and Light Council*, an affiliated ministry, conducts training sessions to educate and mobilize pastors and churches to engage in responsible biblical citizenship. SLC is a 501(c)(3) ministry tool that provides the ongoing assistance, education, and action points to help churches to remain engaged in the culture.



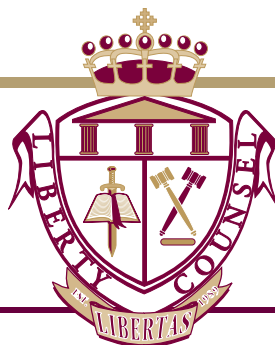
- *New Revolution Institute* provides training to educate and mobilize citizen activists in order to advance our nation's core values and celebrate its first principles. In 2015, NRI launched two online training modules addressing the Christian worldview, the purpose and role of government, and citizen activism.
- *New Revolution Publishers* produces books and educational materials on American history, the Founding Fathers, first principles, and Christian citizen activism.
- Partnered with the *National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference-CONELA*, the largest Hispanic organization in the country comprised of 40,118 evangelical Hispanic churches and about 500,000 Hispanic churches in Latin America and Spain. Mat Staver serves as the Vice President of the NHCLC-CONELA Board of Directors and as Chief Legal Counsel.
- Inspired and participated in national prayer intercession



- through collaborating with our extensive group of friends and supporters. *Liberty Prayer Network* headed by International Director Maureen Bravo.
- Codrafted the *Marriage Pledge* and led a broad coalition of Evangelical, Catholic, Orthodox Christian, and Jewish leaders and individuals to pledge to defend marriage.

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