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"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." 2 Cor 3:17

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A Message from Mat Staver, our Founder and Chairman WINNING THE CIVIL WAR OF VALUES

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. Honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom in the Civil War, Lincoln said "...we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Today, we face a "civil war of values" and our nation is once again severely divided. Liberty Counsel is dedicated to seeing a "New Birth of Liberty" in 2013. We ask that you pray for renewal and join us to make it happen!

The historic election of 2012 is behind us. Like many of our friends and supporters, I grieved over this election. The results were disturbing. The most radical and ideologically driven President in American history was re-elected. For the next four years, we will face serious challenges to our nation's time-honored biblical values of life, marriage, and freedom.

America is now seen around the world as weak, and that weakness has emboldened Islamic radicals. Our

longtime ally, Israel, faces serious threats, and the President has been aloof and ambivalent in his Middle East foreign policy, when what is needed is a strong American leader.

But you and I were born for such a time as this. In a very real sense, we are discovering what the biblical character Esther learned in her day. *If we act defeated, we will be defeated. If we think someone else will speak up, we*

will be silenced. Like Esther, we must trust in the Lord, boldly press forward, and win the battle for God-given liberty in our own generation.

Likewise, a young David stepped forward and brought down Goliath when even his nation's soldiers were ready to surrender. God is looking for Esthers and Davids in our time.

While Lincoln faced a civil war

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The 150th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's historic Gettysburg Address will be celebrated on November 19, 2013, during the year Liberty Counsel is calling for a New Birth of Liberty. Lincoln's recognition that America was "conceived in liberty" and is a "nation under God" perfectly frames the contemporary civil war of values that is raging in our nation today. Lincoln called upon the patriots of his day to "take increased devotion" to the proposition that "all men are created equal." Liberty Counsel Founders Mat and Anita Staver (shown in front of the United States Supreme Court building) are calling modern-day patriots to fight for the principle that no American should be forced to pay for the killing of human beings against their conscience, even when the United States government has issued a "mandate" for doing so. Abortion, like slavery, is an evil that undermines liberty. Please pray for Liberty Counsel's lawsuit against ObamaCare throughout the New Year!

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brought on by the evils of slavery, today we face a civil war caused by attacks on the biblical values of life, marriage, and freedom. We must never lose sight of the fact that many patriots who went before us made the ultimate sacrifice to purchase and defend our liberties. These values and liberties are worth defending in every generation!

My grief over the 2012 election is past. I am ready to reengage the battle for the values that made our nation great. Thankfully, God has positioned Liberty Counsel to have an even greater impact in the battle for the soul of America than at any time since our founding.

2013 BRINGS MANY THREATS TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND MORALITY – WITH A RENEWAL OF HOPE

As 2012 came to an end, the U.S. Supreme Court breathed new life into our lawsuit against ObamaCare. Liberty Counsel filed the first private suit in the nation against ObamaCare on March 23, 2010. Many lost hope in late June of 2012, when the Supreme Court announced it was upholding the Individual Mandate at the heart of ObamaCare. But then our ObamaCare lawsuit was prominently featured by all the major media sources when, on November 26, the Court ordered our case to be reheard. *This signaled that there are a majority of Justices who are interested in revisiting the constitutional issues raised by ObamaCare.*

I will reargue *Liberty University v. Geithner* at the court of appeals, and then we may be back before the High Court later this year. We represent Liberty University and two private individuals in a challenge against the Employer Mandate. If we win, the mandate will be struck down. We also have Free Exercise of Religion arguments against both the Employer and the Individual Mandates, because they force employers and individuals to fund abortion, contraception, and sterilization. *The train wreck between religious freedom and ObamaCare's mandates is unprecedented in American history. By God's grace,*

Liberty Counsel has the best-positioned case in the country to challenge and derail this horrific law!

While ObamaCare is a major threat to life and liberty, there is increasing hope that we can bring down this giant. We will not rest until ObamaCare is defeated. This law cannot stand!

WE ARE ENGAGED IN MANY OTHER MAJOR LEGAL ACTIONS AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

Liberty Counsel is mounting a major legal challenge in California, where a new law bans “change therapy.” Under the law, counselors may not provide, nor may minors receive, any counsel to reduce or eliminate same-sex sexual attractions or behavior. Only affirmation of homosexual sexual attraction is permitted under this outrageous law.

Jerry Sandusky, the notorious sexual predator at the heart of the Penn State scandal, would love this law! Liberty Counsel represents Christian counselors, parents, minors, and two national counseling organizations, the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) and the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), the latter having over 50,000 members. We are leading the charge to stop this insanity! We ask for your prayers and support to stop this dangerous law.

We have many other challenges as the New Year begins, but we serve a God who has never lost a challenge! I assure you, Liberty Counsel will remain faithful in 2013 and hold to our unwavering belief that God blesses those who place their trust in Him.

A NEW BIRTH OF LIBERTY BRINGS MANY EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES

I am thrilled by our emerging partnership with the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC). As the largest Hispanic association in America with 40,118 affiliated evangelical Hispanic churches, the NHCLC is committed to serving its membership through many key project areas. One of its leading objectives is to encourage a culture of

life, defending life from conception to natural death.

This outstanding group has named Liberty Counsel as the senior sponsor of its Life Directive, one of seven areas of special emphasis contained within its mission. Liberty Counsel and Liberty Counsel Action will also serve as the legislative and policy arms of the NHCLC. As part of this collaboration, we will be translating many of our materials into Spanish. We will also produce a Spanish language version of

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our 60-second radio program, *Freedom's Call*. This new partnership with over 40,000 evangelical Hispanic churches will play a key role in bringing about a New Birth of Liberty in our nation.

As a former pastor and avid historian, I know the importance of pastors and congregations being “ignited for God.” The American Revolution itself was a political expression of the spiritual events heralded by the Great Awakening. In 2013, Liberty Counsel will ramp up its outreach to pastors and churches. As part of that effort, we are planning to hold “faith and freedom rallies” in churches across America.

On a related subject, I hope you will make plans to attend the upcoming *Awakening 2013: Fighting for the Soul of America* conference in Orlando, which will be held on April 19-20, 2013. Many of those who came last year remarked that it was the best conference they had ever attended. In the fall, we will host another *Women Impacting the Nation (WIN) Conference* in Orlando. The women who attended in 2012 were as enthusiastic about the WIN event as

those who joined us for the Awakening event a few months before!

EXPANDING OUR COMMITMENT TO BOLDLY STAND WITH ISRAEL

At a time when Israel desperately needs friends, Liberty Counsel has been blessed with God-sized opportunities. In June 2011, Anita and I met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and shortly afterward launched the *Liberty Ambassador Counsel* touring and educational program in Israel.

We returned twice in 2012 and we have another tour scheduled for May 18-27, 2013. We invite you to join us on this highly unique tour. As those who have been participants will attest, the experience is life-changing! Visit AmbassadorCounsel.org to learn more about this unique opportunity.

In February, I will announce another major step forward in our deepening commitment to build relationships in the nation of Israel. When I make this announcement, you will better understand how God has blessed this ministry to have a major impact in both Israel and America. To say that we are excited about what is coming in 2013 in our efforts to “Stand with Israel” would be an understatement!

THE LORD HAS PROVIDED THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO RECLAIM OUR CULTURE

Through God’s amazing grace, Liberty Counsel is strategically positioned to have a far greater national and international impact than we could have imagined when the ministry was founded in 1989. Our sister organization, Liberty Counsel Action (LCA), a 501(c)(4) issue advocacy group, has also experienced explosive growth in recent months and is directly involved in legislation and public policy on national, state, and local levels.

In 2012, we launched Liberty Action PAC (a “Super PAC”), which is able to directly endorse or oppose candidates running for elected offices. Major elections will take place in several states this year, and we are now in excellent position to impact them and, of course, the midterm elections in 2014.

Two of our newest initiatives, New Revolution Publishers and New Revolution Institute, have already begun to produce books and other products designed to educate Americans about the “first principles” of being an American through online training and certification, and to effectively mobilize the grassroots.

This year we will also launch a special “entertainment and film outreach” to produce educational and inspirational films about our foundational values and liberties. Liberty Counsel is currently working with a film producer on a feature-length film that combines drama and musical elements in the context of America’s religious freedom.

As we face a civil war on values, it is high time for a New Birth of Liberty. In the midst of significant threats to our freedom, we will remain faithful and trust in our Mighty God. Nothing is impossible for Him!

We need you to continue standing with us in 2013. We ask for your prayers. And, of course, we need your financial help. May God help us to be the Esthers and Davids that He wants to bring forth in such a time as this! ✂



Mathew D. Staver, who founded Liberty Counsel along with his wife, Anita, in 1989, serves as the organization’s Chairman. A leading constitutional attorney, widely read author, and sought-after speaker and cultural apologist, he also serves as Dean of the Liberty University School of Law and as Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. Staver is among the core leaders of a national effort to rebuild the conservative movement in America.

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Many years of experience in assisting CEF have shown us that increased attendance can have a dramatic eternal impact. In fact, after we helped CEF gain access to a public fair in Idaho, the local director reported that 1,689 people heard the Gospel message and 48 people made first-time professions of faith in Jesus Christ! *That is good news, indeed!*

I hope that you are encouraged by this brief glimpse into how we are

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handing the more than 1,200 formal requests for legal assistance we now receive in a typical year. *The bottom line is that Liberty Counsel is a ministry dedicated to using the law for good in the lives of those who desperately need our help.*

Stand with us as we expand our outreach to help even more people with real problems in 2013! We are grateful to God for His blessings and for our many friends and supporters who enable us to continue to advance life, liberty, and family. Working together, we can continue positively impacting lives in communities like yours throughout the nation, even as attacks on religious liberty increase. ✂

Anita L. Staver, Liberty Counsel’s President, cofounded the ministry in 1989 along with her husband, Mat. Anita is a member of the bars of the state of Florida and the District of Columbia. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals in the nation, and six federal district courts.

From Anita Staver, President

CHANGING THE CULTURE BY IMPACTING INDIVIDUAL LIVES



I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 1 Corinthians 9:19

Liberty Counsel's ministry is not limited to concerns about legal principles, court cases, the philosophy of law, or technical issues affecting American law and public policy. It's mostly about helping real people with real problems.

The scope of this ministry far exceeds what we are able to share in our monthly newsletters, our email updates, or even what you read and see in articles or news reports in the national media.

Because we help set legal precedents nationwide, Liberty Counsel's work hits home in the individual lives of real people and their families – people like you in communities across America.

You may have received some of the more than 150 *Liberty Alert* email updates we sent out to tens of thousands of friends and supporters in 2012.

While we report on the initial case and the resolution of many key legal situations, we have far more stories than we can possibly report in three or four

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emails per week. That is because behind the scenes, away from the eyes of the media and even beyond our own reporting, we are continually responding to phone calls and emails, solving real problems for many who have nowhere else to turn.

The fruit of our legal advocacy can be very gratifying. One of the most satisfying results of our work comes when we directly enable others to share the message of hope in Christ, as when we help Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) expand its after-school *Good News Club* programs into more public elementary schools.

In one recent CEF case, we won a lawsuit against a Minnesota school district that had expelled CEF's Christian character-building program – even after allowing it on campus for more than four years! Although the law clearly protects equal access for Christian viewpoints and messages in our nation's schools, those opposing CEF are becoming ever more vocal. In

recent years, they seem maniacally bent on finding ways to undermine CEF's right to provide Christian alternatives for public school students.

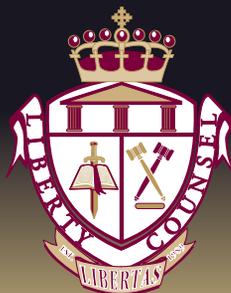
For every lawsuit we file on behalf of a group like CEF, there are dozens more Good News Clubs and other Christian groups that need our assistance. In one recent situation, we helped a Good News Club in Ohio obtain permission to send flyers home with students so their parents could learn about these after-school clubs.

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seemingly minor issue like getting permission to distribute flyers can greatly impact the number of children who are reached. She wrote: "Thank you so very very much for interceding... I will plan to send out flyers next week. I have been lining up extra help, planning on an increase in attendance. Thank you once again for your service to our Lord and your concern for the children."

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