The culture wars have intensified over the past year. While the battles have reached the point of insanity in some cases, there have been victories along the way.

This past June was filled with good news from the Supreme Court. A wave of relief came over me when I sat in the Court and heard the favorable decision on the Masterpiece Cakeshop case. Religious freedom barely won that day.

In that same month, we won a huge case at the High Court in our challenge against a California law that forced crisis pregnancy centers to promote abortion.

This horrible California law is now gone! The California Attorney General has been ordered to pay $399,000 before the end of this month.

In this same case, the Supreme Court addressed two of our cases challenging laws that banned any counsel for unwanted same-sex attractions, behavior, or gender confusion. To our delight, the Court overruled both cases and adopted our arguments! We have now filed several lawsuits to overturn these counseling bans.

The news got better when Justice Kennedy retired. We worked hard to have Brett Kavanaugh confirmed. That battle was wicked. But we won! Peggy Nienaber, Vice President of our Faith & Liberty ministry, was named by the White House as one of ten most influential people involved in the confirmation process.

The DC-based ministry, Faith & Liberty, became part of the Liberty Counsel family of ministries in December of last year. In addition to our legal (Liberty Counsel) and public policy (Liberty Counsel Action) ministries in Washington, Faith & Liberty is our missionary outreach. What a powerful ministry it is! We were blessed to have Peggy, who has nearly 30 years of experience in DC, join us and were also pleased to name Rev. Greg Cox as our Lead Missionary.

We have planted our roots deep in the nation’s capital with the purchase of our Ministry Center building located across the street from the Supreme Court. This location is ideal for our ministry in Washington, DC.

I will share a few more details about some our cases and ministry programs in this edition of the Liberator.

Anita and I, and the entire Liberty Counsel team, give thanks to the Lord for your partnership with this ministry! Thank you for your prayers and support.
Below are just a few of the hundreds of cases and issues we are handling. Your partnership enables us to save lives and impact the course of history.

The Most Extreme Threat to Liberty

The wrongly named “Equality Act,” is the most extreme threat to religious freedom, free speech, privacy, life and women that has ever come out of Congress. It will impact everyone, including churches, religious colleges and universities, and much more. There are NO EXEMPTIONS!

Passed in the U.S. House, the bill adds “sexual orientation and gender identity” in many federal laws to the same protected category as race. Even pedophilia will be protected as a “sexual orientation.”

The best way to conceptualize the far-reaching impact is in this short sentence – what you cannot do legally respecting race, you will not be able to do legally respecting LGBT.

The bill also makes abortion a federal right and requires abortion funding. It crushes religious liberty by prohibiting the Religious Freedom Restoration Act from being used as a defense.

Non-complying churches and nonprofits will be fined and lose tax exemption. Non-complying colleges will lose accreditation.

Everywhere (including churches) men will be able to use women’s private facilities. Male athletes will dominate women’s sports by claiming to be female.

Private and public schools will be required to promote the lie that all sexual activity is good no matter how young the child, and kids will be taught they can choose their gender, or even chose to be neither male nor female. While some of this is happening now, this bill will force the LGBT agenda and abortion into every area of our lives.

This bill expands the radical New York abortion law to every space of our lives.

Our team in the home office and in Washington, DC, have led the way to stop this bill. We were the first to sound the alarm. Our focus has been on the U.S. Senate where there are already over 46 co-sponsors for the bill.

But we have a strategy to stop this outrageous bill. The fight is fierce, and we could easily lose this critical battle.

We need your help to alert others and to sign our petition. Visit LC.org/HR5. Do not think someone else will act for you. We need everyone to win.

We also need your prayers and financial support. This is a huge battle. The LGBT groups have established massive phone banks in multiple states. The “Equality Act” is their dream legislation that will accomplish their entire agenda.

But we can defeat this bill if we act now. Again, please visit LC.org/HR5.

Life and Death: Sandra Merritt and Planned Parenthood

Our client, Sandra Merritt, determined to defend innocent babies and dared to take on one of the most powerful organizations in America – Planned Parenthood. Now she faces 15 felony charges in California and a $16 million lawsuit by the abortion giant.

We are defending Sandra in both cases. These cases have consumed thousands of hours and resulted in enormous financial costs. We are up against two forces with unlimited budgets.

This year, both cases have moved closer to trial. I cannot begin to tell you how consuming these cases are to some of our staff. We are in hostile territory (San Francisco), but we must defend Sandra who did nothing wrong.

Planned Parenthood sold baby body parts. One company created a “catalog” featuring hearts, kidneys, brains and more. This company even promoted hot
serving specials of the month!

The shocking videos showing Planned Parenthood officials laughing about aborted babies is sickening. That is why the California Attorney General and Planned Parenthood have come against Sandra. They do not want Americans to know.

I urge you to pray for Sandra, our legal team, and for victory. We need your prayers and support to fight these giants.

**New York Sidewalk Counselors**

Last July, a federal court ruled for our client, Scott Fitchett, Jr, against the New York Attorney General. Scott is a Pre-K teacher who shared the gospel outside a New York abortion mill. Eric Schneiderman, who later resigned in disgrace over sexual harassment, tried to crush him.

The judge chastised the AG for presenting no evidence of wrongdoing. One of the state’s witnesses was the spokesperson for the Revolutionary Communist Party USA. This group advocates the violent overthrow of America!

After the state of New York appealed, the AG decided to back down and dismiss Scott. We will go after New York for damages because the suit was entirely frivolous.

**Pennsylvania Sidewalk Counselors**

This summer, we will argue at a federal Court of Appeals to overturn an abortion buffer zone law in Harrisburg, PA, that protects a Planned Parenthood abortion mill. We won the first round at the Court of Appeals, but the lower court again ruled against our two clients who provide life-saving counsel to women seeking to kill their babies.

This summer, we will return to the Court of Appeals for a second time.

**District of Columbia Sidewalk Counselors**

We are now at the Court of Appeals for our client in Washington, DC, where a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic opened in between an elementary and a middle school. To prevent the public from knowing, the charter school filed suit to stop sidewalk counselors. Unbelievable, but true! We will argue the case later this year.

**Counseling Bans**

Since the Supreme Court adopted our arguments in two of our cases challenging the counseling bans, we have been busy in California, Florida, Maryland and New Jersey. We will file in more states.

It is only a matter of time that one of our cases will go back to the Supreme Court to overturn these dangerous laws that ban counsel for unwanted same-sex attraction, behavior and gender confusion.

**Other Cases and Causes**

We have many other cases and victories for religious liberty, life and family. Many cases resolve before suit. In addition to legal cases, we are involved in many states and local governments to craft laws to protect religious freedom, life and family.

You have no doubt heard about some of these laws that ban abortion. These laws are preparing for the ultimate challenge to Roe v. Wade. Mark my words, abortion will be overturned at the Supreme Court!
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Last month, we closed on the purchase of the Ministry Center building, which is across the street from the Supreme Court. Visit FaithandLibertyDC.org.

Liberty Counsel Action

Liberty Counsel Action has been focused on advancing good policies and defeating bad ones. LCA is leading the fight against the badly misnamed “Equality Act.” Visit LCAction.org and especially LCAction.org/HR5.

Covenant Journey Raising up Gideon’s Army

This ministry provides a life-changing experience in Israel for Christian college-age students who are leaders. We are blessed to work with these world changers.

Participant Allie said the Bible “came alive” and that “visiting Israel with Covenant Journey reignited my passion for Christ and His cause.” Visit CovenantJourney.org.

Christians in Defense of Israel

In the past year, President Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and declared that the Golan Heights are under the sovereignty of Israel. We have a window of opportunity that is unprecedented! Visit CIDIsrael.org/tour.

Liberty Relief International

The slaughter of Christians worldwide has increased. LRI provides physical and spiritual support to our persecuted brothers and sisters. With the help of our many partners, we have been able to supply many thousands of Bibles and other discipleship materials where there is a desperate cry for God’s Word and our on-site ministry partners have relieved suffering among those who need our help. Visit LibertyReliefInternational.org.

Join Us In The Holy Land!

Join Mat and Anita for a life-changing experience in Israel for the Holy Land tour, March 29 – April 7, 2020.

The 10-day experience will change your life. Mat Staver will provide the spiritual teaching. The total inclusive cost is $4,475 per person double occupancy. Call 407-875-1967. Register at CovenantJourneyTravel.org.