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UPDATE LETTER

## *Dear Friends,*

On October 1, 1949, Chairman Mao Zedong proclaimed the creation of the People's Republic of China and the completion of the Chinese Communist Revolution. The proclamation marked the end of more than four years of civil war. Western nations hastily abandoned their embassies while those who opposed the Communist takeover fled to Taiwan.

Author and social critic Os Guinness witnessed the Communist revolution firsthand as a seven and a half year old boy. In his recent book *The Magna Carta of Humanity*, Guinness writes,

"The Chinese civil war was over. The People's Republic was victorious. History's fifth great modern revolution had succeeded. Communism had taken over the world's most populous country. Loudspeakers were set up. Trials began. Executions took place. Fear and terror reigned. Friends who knew us well could no longer acknowledge us for fear of their lives, and locals who only a week earlier had seemed so friendly were baying for our blood. 'Death to the blue-eyed foreign devils!' would greet us if we ventured out of the house..."

"Years later as a graduate student at Oxford, I came to know the eminent Jewish philosopher Isaiah Berlin at All Souls College. Curiously, he had witnessed the Russian Revolution at the very same age in 1917. He had been horrified by one memory above all as he was walking through Saint Petersburg, then Petrograd, with his governess [nanny and private tutor]—the spectacle of a police officer dragged off by a mob and lynched. It had left him with a horror of mobs and physical violence for the rest of his life... We had both been marked for life by twentieth century Marxism..."

Earlier this summer Dr. Guinness spoke at a conference geared for people who direct groups like Family Council in different states. At the conference, he made a very compelling case that America stands at a crossroads a lot like the one that China and Russia found themselves standing at right before their Marxist uprisings. Upwards of one-third of all adults living in America today have no memory of the Soviet Union, the Cold War, or the atrocities that communists committed. Many of our institutions—our churches, our families, and our communities—have weakened in recent years. It shouldn't surprise us that Marxist theories have become popular in our society the same way they did in Europe and Asia in the twentieth century.

So am I saying that America is about to plunge into a violent, Marxist revolution? No, but we need to understand the changes that are taking place in our country. It would be a grave mistake for us to believe it cannot happen here. We need to strengthen the institutions that preserve liberty in our country. We need to oppose Marxism and critical theories in our state, because the consequences have been catastrophic everywhere that they have been attempted.

That's what Family Council is committed to doing when the Arkansas Legislature reconvenes in just a few days, and that's what we are committed to helping other Arkansans do as well.

And now let me tell you a little more about how we are doing that—and how you can be part of that work too.



Family Council in Arkansas  
President Jerry Cox

## MY THOUGHTS: HAVE YOU BEEN TOLD YOU CAN'T VISIT YOUR LOVED ONE BECAUSE OF COVID? HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

With surges in COVID-19, nursing homes are once again telling people they can't visit their loved ones. If you have a family member in a nursing home or hospital, it is important that you know your rights.

Earlier this year the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 311, the No Patient Left Alone Act. It protects patients from being left alone and denied visitors in hospitals, nursing homes, and similar facilities. Under Act 311, nursing home residents cannot be denied visitors. Ministers and clergy have a right to visit nursing home residents, and friends and family members can visit their loved ones as well. If you or your loved one have a transmissible disease, the facility may be able

to prevent you from meeting in person. If there is an outbreak in your loved one's facility, then the administrator may be able to restrict your visits to certain parts of the facility. However, when it's all said and done, Act 311 says they are supposed to let you see your loved one.

Our team always reminds people that nursing home residents are not prisoners. If you have been turned away from visiting a loved one in a hospital or nursing home, here are four suggestions:

**First, Read Act 311 and the Arkansas Department of Health's Information Regarding Act 311.** You can find a copy of Act 311 on our website at [FamilyCouncil.org](http://FamilyCouncil.org). While you're there, you can also check out the Arkansas Department of Health's information that it published elaborating on how Act 311 works. When you read those documents, pay special attention to the language about Compassionate Care Visitation.

**Second, Go To The Administrator—and Encourage Your Loved One to Talk to the Staff As Well.** Under Act 311, if your loved one in a nursing home or hospital asks the staff for a specific visitor, the facility is supposed to try to let that person in. That is especially true if the resident asks that their loved one be allowed to visit as part of a Compassionate Care Visitation. Compassionate Care Visitations are visits with friends, family members, or clergy that meet the physical or emotional needs of the patient or resident. If your loved one needs emotional support, is near the end of life, requires assistance eating or drinking, frequently cries, or simply seems to be distressed, then a Compassionate Care Visitation almost certainly is an option. Your loved one can ask the administrators to let you in under a Compassionate Care Visitation, or you can ask the administrators to let you visit your loved one as part of a Compassionate Care Visitation under Act 311 of 2021.

**Third, Ask For Help.** We've talked to people who were able to see their loved ones after their state legislators called the healthcare facility on their behalf. Others have asked attorneys to make a phone call to the facility and explain the No Patient Left Alone Act. If you need help reaching out to your local elected officials or if you have questions about the No Patient Left Alone Act, call our office at (501) 375-7000. We will help you get in touch with the right folks.

**Finally, Consider Filing a Complaint.** If all else fails, consider filing a complaint with the corporate office that owns or manages the facility. If the corporate office tells you that you cannot see your loved one, consider filing a complaint with the state's Office of Long Term Care. In some cases, a formal complaint with the corporate office or with the State of Arkansas may be the only way to see your loved one.

## Public Libraries Foisting Sexual Ideologies to Children

By Stephanie Nichols

Childhood wonder. Excitement. Innocent exploration. These are words that characterize my childhood memories of going to the library, where I was allowed to roam freely and discover the wonderful world of books in the children's section. However, our recent personal experience as a family is that many libraries in our state no longer value the role of curating an age-appropriate selection of the best in children's literature. Under the guise of being "anti-censorship", the local library children's section is all too often

becoming an agenda-driven organization charged with inculcating a new generation in the doctrine of accepting any conceivable form of sexuality and a myriad of different genders—all at an age where sexuality really shouldn't even be explored or considered yet.

The adults making these decisions are ignoring what decades of educational and child development research have taught us: That children develop best when they are kept free from premature sexual information and influences

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## Public Libraries Foisting Sexual Ideologies to Children *(continued)*

that are not appropriate for them to bear. (This important principle is also recognized in our legal system when it prohibits child pornography and child molestation.) Instead, there is a new movement that is swiftly gaining speed in counteracting the right of children to have a childhood: The movement that says children themselves have a sexual orientation and need the education and words provided so that they can tell us what theirs is. When you think this through, you realize that this movement is only one step removed from the claim that children have a right to sexual experiences themselves.

While we all recognize that there are significant and legitimate concerns over censoring what adults read, the children's section has always been about curating appropriate literature for developing young minds—minds that don't yet have the critical thinking skills and information-filtering skills that adults have. When I enter a library, I can choose which sections to go into. I can choose to use the online card catalog and make a discerning choice as to what I read. When a child goes to the library, the children's books are lumped in together. There is no special "inappropriate premature exposure to sexuality" section that parents and children can avoid—at least not in my local library in Jonesboro. Intermingled with the other board books for two to five year olds and the other books for four to eight year olds are:

- The board book for very young children celebrating RuPaul and showing him in inappropriately-clad drag attire and telling kids, "You're born naked and the rest is drag."
- The book telling them their gender can change from day to day or year to year, and they can be both a boy and a girl or neither a boy or a girl.
- A book portraying young *children* as having sexual orientations (*The GayBCs*). The publisher's description of this book is that children come out of ALL the closets, and indeed they do. The book introduces children to pansexuality, bisexuality, transgenderism and more, and one young child shouts, "I'm bi. I like boys and girls and that makes me proud." On the C page, we see a child coming out a closet and read, "C is for Coming Out. You're ready to share what you feel deep inside; it's okay to be scared."
- Another book proudly on display in June was a book for adults on training children to become LGBT activists.

However, you don't even have to open a book for your child to be exposed to sexual concepts in a way that defeats your parental rights. In the section for 9 to 12 year olds, library personnel proudly displayed a poster describing and defining 9 different forms of sexual orientation and gender, including pansexuality and gender fluidity. Yet no one asked parents, or warned us before letting our children

enter, that they would be intentionally exposing children to sexual definitions and a celebration of these concepts.

Many say, "If you don't want your children to read that book, don't let them read it when they bring it home." That completely ignores the way picture books work for children who can read: They pick a book off the shelf, and a reader can go through it in 30 seconds and be exposed to concepts they shouldn't be exploring at a young age. Should children's libraries really be akin to a dark alley where parents need to hover over their children every step they make? That completely defeats the wonderful childhood experience of freely exploring different books in the children's library section.

To that end, in Jonesboro, a member of the local library board made a motion to move these books to the adult section, where interested parents could access them for their children while other children would not be "accidentally" (or, ahem, intentionally) exposed. That motion was rejected by other board members as cries from the crowd erupted to keep these books in the children's section. (Earlier in the meeting there were even cries from a crowd member that 4 is the right age children should be informed on these concepts).

Shouldn't parents be the ones to decide when and how to expose their children to concepts of sexuality? It is time for us all to quit being naïve, as I often am. These efforts are by design. Many want to be the first "touchstone" for your children in encountering these concepts so that your own influence as a parent is thwarted. What is in your school's library and your local library in the children's section? What are teachers exposing your young children to without your consent? The U.S. Supreme Court has found that parents have a right to direct the educational upbringing of their children. A new important legal question we must tackle is this: Can a parent access public educational resources for young children, such as public libraries and public education, without their parental rights to handle something as intensely personal as sexuality, being completely thwarted and disregarded? As taxpayers, we certainly should be able to access those resources for the benefit of our children while having our rights as parents respected when it comes to premature exposure of children to issues of sexuality. I encourage you to find out what is going on in your city and earnestly seek its welfare, as Jeremiah 29:7 calls us to do.

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*Right: One of the pages from the book *The GayBCs* displayed in the Jonesboro Public Library last June.*



## Planned Parenthood Uses “Low-Visibility Tactics” to Sneak Into Northwest Arkansas—But Pro-Lifers are Ready

After shuttering its Fayetteville abortion facility 26 months ago, Planned Parenthood has acquired a new facility in Northwest Arkansas. It received its business license from the City of Rogers on September 3, and it opened on September 14. Here’s the backstory:

In July of 2019 Planned Parenthood closed its abortion center in Fayetteville after the group’s landlord reportedly opted not to renew its lease. For more than two years the nation’s largest abortion provider did not have a presence in Northwest Arkansas. But in August Family Council learned that Planned Parenthood had acquired a facility in Rogers and seemed to be very close to opening it for business.

The facility sits at 1222 West Poplar Street in Rogers. Public records indicated that a company called 12 Redacre LLC had purchased the facility in 2020. Very little information was available about the LLC, but one detail grabbed our attention: 12 Redacre LLC property tax records listed a mailing address of 4401 W 109th St, Suite 200, in Overland Park Kansas. That is the address for Planned Parenthood’s regional office. After we broke the news that 12 Redacre LLC might actually be Planned Parenthood, the abortion giant eventually admitted that the facility was theirs—and that they intend to use it as an abortion center.

Planned Parenthood has a history of quietly acquiring facilities through “low-visibility tactics” like this. In 2007 the group built a full-scale abortion facility in Aurora, Illinois, under the name Gemini Office Development LLC. Pro-lifers and local officials did not realize that Gemini was actually Planned Parenthood until the facility was nearly ready to open.

At the time, *Christianity Today* wrote that, “Planned Parenthood said its strategy of filing under another name was

necessary to keep contractors safe from abortion protesters.” The tactic prompted lawsuits and investigations. Jim Sedlak of American Life League writes that, “Since then, Planned Parenthood has used this technique many times to thwart any efforts by Planned Parenthood’s opponents to stop it from opening. It has become standard operating procedure for the nation’s largest abortion chain.”

This facility is a major investment for Planned Parenthood. The building alone cost more than \$600,000, according to public records. Pro-lifers used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain copies of Planned Parenthood’s construction applications. The permit applications indicate that Planned Parenthood made upwards of \$90,000 - \$100,000 worth of renovations to the building. One of our team members has estimated that furnishing and equipping the facility could cost another \$100,000 - \$200,000. All told, Planned Parenthood’s newest abortion facility may come with a price tag close to \$1 million.

**Even though Planned Parenthood is on the move in Rogers, there is good news: Pro-lifers are on the move as well.**

Loving Choices Pregnancy Centers has a mobile unit that travels around the Northwest Arkansas area offering free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. They give women real options besides abortion. The group already has the mobile unit scheduled to serve women outside Planned Parenthood’s new facility on a regular basis. In August two of our team members were able to visit that mobile unit and talk to the wonderful pro-lifers who operate it. Pro-lifers have already held prayer meetings and other gatherings on the public sidewalk outside the facility as well.

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*In August Family Council determined that Planned Parenthood had acquired this former medical office on Poplar Street in Rogers.*



*On August 26, two of our team members were able to visit the mobile unit that Loving Choices Pregnancy Centers operates next door to Planned Parenthood’s facility in Rogers.*

## Planned Parenthood Uses “Low-Visibility Tactics” to Sneak Into Northwest Arkansas—But Pro-Lifers are Ready *(continued)*

**Here is what we are doing to block Planned Parenthood’s pro-abortion agenda in Arkansas:**

- We helped break the news that Planned Parenthood was reopening in Northwest Arkansas.
- We’re talking with pro-life lawmakers who want to prevent Planned Parenthood from aborting children at this facility. We hope to come up with a plan of action that we can use to stop them.
- We’ve networked with other pro-lifers who are filing complaints with the Arkansas Department of Health over possible violations. We hope these complaints will uncover any ways in which Planned Parenthood has failed to comply with state law or state rules.
- We’ve worked with local citizens to file Freedom of Information Act requests with state and local leaders related to Planned Parenthood’s new facility in Rogers.
- We’ve participated in and supported pro-life gatherings outside the facility.
- We’re looking at ways we can support pregnancy resource centers, because these centers give women real options besides abortion.

We enjoyed a reprieve when Planned Parenthood left Northwest Arkansas in 2019. They may be back, but pro-lifers are still standing strong against abortion and working hard to save unborn children in Arkansas.



*Above: A mobile pregnancy resource unit sits just a short walk from the front door of a facility that Planned Parenthood recently acquired in Rogers.*

## Attorney General’s Office Asks Court to Uphold Laws Prohibiting Abortion and Protecting Children From Sex-Reassignment Procedures

In August, Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge’s office filed paperwork with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding two laws: Arkansas’ SAFE Act protecting children from sex-reassignment procedures, and Arkansas’ law generally prohibiting abortion.

The SAFE Act is a 2021 law that protects children in Arkansas from sex-reassignment procedures, puberty blockers, and cross-sex hormones. Researchers do not know the long term effects that puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones can have on kids. That is why many experts agree that giving puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to children is experimental, at best. However, the ACLU filed a lawsuit against the SAFE Act. In July a federal judge in Little Rock blocked the state from enforcing this good law.

Likewise, Act 309 of 2021 generally prohibits abortion in Arkansas except in cases when the mother’s life is in jeopardy. It is a good law that passed with overwhelming support from the state legislature earlier this year, and it was slated to take effect on July 28. However, the ACLU filed a lawsuit over Act 309, and U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker blocked the law just days before it was set to take effect.

Arkansas’ attorney general is appealing to the Eighth Circuit to review both of these cases and overturn the lower court rulings that blocked these good laws. That appeal process is likely to take up the rest of the year. There’s also a possibility that these cases ultimately could go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Arkansas has an opportunity to win some major victories here. The decisions in these lawsuits could turn out to be landmark rulings that affect Arkansas—and the rest of the country as well.





## Lawsuit Continues Over Arkansas' Monument of the Ten Commandments

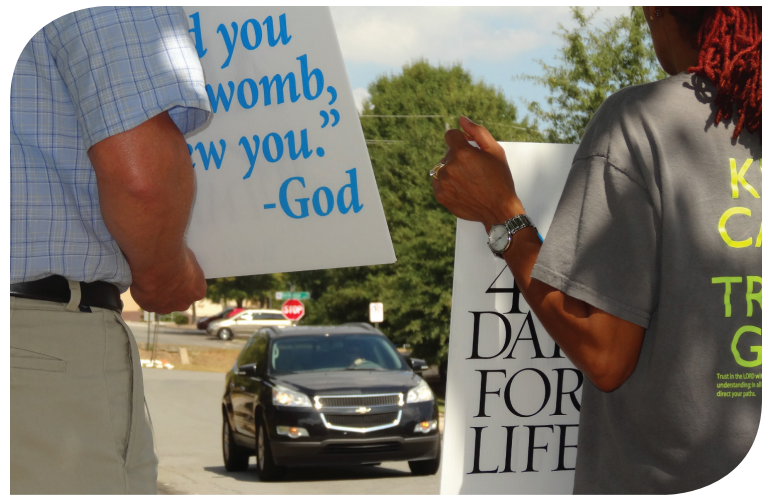
The lawsuit over Arkansas' monument of the Ten Commandments appears to be progressing again, following a long delay caused by COVID-19. On September 8, U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker held a hearing on the lawsuit for the first time in quite a while.

In 2015 Sen. Jason Rapert (R – Conway) sponsored Act 1213 authorizing a monument of the Ten Commandments on the Arkansas State Capitol Grounds. The law received bipartisan support from both Democrats and Republicans in the state legislature. The Ten Commandments monument was paid for with private funds, and it was placed on the capitol lawn on June 27, 2017. Less than 24 hours later, a man plowed a vehicle into the monument, completely destroying it.

The monument was rebuilt and replaced on the capitol grounds in April of 2018. Shortly afterward, the American Humanist Association, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, and the Satanic Temple filed legal challenges to have the monument removed. Three years later their lawsuit is still in play.

Arkansas' monument of the Ten Commandments is identical to one the U.S. Supreme Court ruled constitutional in Texas in 2005. It honors the legacy of the Ten Commandments in our legal system. To many people down through the centuries, the Ten Commandments have represented the idea of the rule of law.

Arkansans need to understand and appreciate the significance of the Ten Commandments — including their impact on our system of government and their relevance to us today. Unfortunately some groups appear determined to erase anything that acknowledges that significance from the public arena. However, it seems very likely that Arkansas will win the lawsuit to keep the Ten Commandments on the capitol's lawn.



## 40 Days for Life is Happening in Arkansas Right Now!

In September pro-lifers launched the fall 40 Days for Life campaigns in Little Rock and Rogers. Twice a year pro-lifers gather to pray on a daily basis for 40 days outside abortion facilities all over the country. These aren't protests or rallies. These are peaceful prayer vigils asking God to end abortion in our communities. **If you would like to know more about this ministry, go to [40DaysForLife.com](http://40DaysForLife.com).**

## Good News: Communities in Arkansas Keep Declaring Themselves Pro-Life!

Earlier this year the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 392. This new law makes it abundantly clear that municipalities can adopt resolutions affirming that they are pro-life. Since then, Washington, Benton, Cleburne, Crawford, Jackson, and Pope counties have passed pro-life resolutions. The Jonesboro City Council and the Saline County Quorum Court are considering pro-life resolutions right now.

**Take Action:** If you want to pass a pro-life resolution in your city or county, call us at 501-375-7000. We have a draft resolution you can take to your local officials along with other resources that may help you pass a pro-life resolution in your community.

## October 7 is "Bring Your Bible to School Day"

On October 7, more than half a million students across America will take their Bibles with them to school as part of "Bring Your Bible to School Day." This is a simple opportunity for our students to exercise their religious liberty and celebrate God's Word at the same time. If you have children or grandchildren enrolled in school, encourage them to take their Bibles to school on October 7—and be sure to tell the students in your church's Sunday school or youth group about it as well. You can learn more at [BringYourBible.org](http://BringYourBible.org).

*From Left: Sen. Jason Rapert (R – Conway), Ken Yang, Charisse Dean, Luke McCoy, and Jerry Cox stand with Arkansas' monument of the Ten Commandments in the file photo from 2018.*



## New Law Calls Upon Arkansans to Pray for Students: September 29 Set as a Day of Prayer

In April, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 902 establishing a Day of Prayer for Arkansas Students. This good law sponsored by Sen. Ricky Hill (R – Cabot), and Rep. Cameron Cooper (R – Romance) directs the Governor to annually proclaim the last Wednesday in September of each year as “A Day of Prayer for Arkansas Students” and calls upon the citizens of Arkansas to pray for students, teachers, administrators, and schools. This year’s Day of Prayer for Arkansas Students is on Wednesday, September 29, and will be observed statewide.

Many communities may be unaware of this new law. Here are some ways you can spread the word and make the day a success:

- Tell your pastor about this new law and encourage your church leadership to spread the word at your church and set up a time to pray. You can read the law at [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us). Search for Act 902 of 2021.
- Be sure the youth pastor at your church knows about this. Encourage the youth of your church to set aside a time to pray on September 29.
- Announce this in your Sunday school class or other church group you are a part of and take time to pray.
- Notify your school board, school superintendent, principal, or teachers that your church or group will be praying for students. Ask if they have any special prayer requests. Let them know about this new law.
- Set aside a time to pray for students in your church. You may want to invite them to a special time of prayer.
- If your school has any Christian clubs such as FCA, notify the faculty sponsor or members of the group about the new law and encourage them to set aside a time of prayer at school on Wednesday, September 29.
- Remember to pray for students in private school and those enrolled in a home school.
- Promote this new law on social media using hashtags: #ARDayofPrayerForStudents, #ARPrayerForStudents #ARPrayerForSchools, #ARStudentPrayer. Take photographs of prayer gatherings and post them.

## The Arkansas Legislature Will Convene on September 29

The Arkansas Legislature plans to convene in extended session on September 29. Their primary purpose is to draw new boundaries for Arkansas’ four congressional districts. The legislative session that began on January 11 of this year went into extended recess in April awaiting Census data necessary for drawing new Congressional districts. Now that census data is available, the redistricting process can proceed. Earlier this year, lawmakers voted to narrow the scope of the extended session to include the drawing of congressional district boundaries and matters related to COVID-19.

### Here Are Three Important Legislative Issues:

**Employees Not Required to Show Vaccination Status.** Senate Bill 719 by Senator Bob Ballinger (R – Ozark) and Representative Josh Bryant (R – Rogers) establishes a right of privacy concerning a person’s COVID-19 vaccination status. Under this bill, employees would not have to disclose their vaccination status to their employers. **Hopefully, this law will motivate employers to provide reasonable alternatives to accommodate employees who do not want to be vaccinated.**

**No Teaching of Critical Race Theory in Arkansas Schools.** Lawmakers plan to file legislation to prevent the teaching of critical race theory in public schools. Legislative rules may require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate for this bill to be heard.

**Texas Abortion Law.** Lawmakers plan to file legislation similar to Texas’ pro-life law that prevents abortions after an unborn baby’s heartbeat can be detected and allows citizens to file lawsuits against abortion providers. Thanks to the federal courts, that law is currently in effect. Legislative rules may require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate for this bill to be heard.

### Contact your State Senator and your State Representative before September 29. Ask them to support legislation to:

1. Protect employee rights to refuse to show their vaccination status to their employer.
2. Prohibit the teaching of critical race theory in public schools.
3. Pass the Texas heartbeat abortion law.

Here are some helpful numbers:

#### Arkansas House of Representatives

In session: (501) 682-6211 (Use after Sept. 29 while in session)

Not in session: (501) 682-7771 (Use before Sept. 29)

#### Arkansas Senate

In session: (501) 682-2902 (Use after Sept. 29 while in session)

Not in session: (501) 682-6107 (Use before Sept. 29)

The status of these bills may change quickly. Contact Family Council at (501) 375-7000 for the latest updates.

## Join Us for a Virtual Prayer Meeting With Mike Huckabee!

My staff and I wanted to invite you to join the Family Council Prayer Network. We started this network during the 2019 legislative session, because we knew prayer needs would arise as we worked on important legislation. The prayer network has grown to over 300 members—and monthly prayer meetings via Zoom with guests from all over the nation! Our next prayer meeting will be hosted online on Friday, October 15, at 8:00 am with former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee. You can join our prayer network and receive information about how to be part of the next prayer meeting via Zoom by emailing Erin at [erin@familycouncil.org](mailto:erin@familycouncil.org) or calling our office at 501-375-7000.



## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

A lot is happening right now. The Arkansas Legislature will re-convene in Little Rock on September 29. This is their final opportunity this year to address issues like critical race theory and employer vaccine mandates. If Arkansas doesn't pass a pro-life heartbeat law like Texas' right away, our state could become an "abortion destination" just like it did during the spring of 2020 when Texas' abortion clinics went into lockdown but Arkansas' stayed opened.

Here are three things you can do right now to help us make an impact in Arkansas right now:

First, you can call your legislators, and urge them to address critical race theory, vaccine mandates, and pro-life legislation when they reconvene in a few days. If you need help contacting your lawmakers, call our office at 501-375-7000. The Arkansas Legislature reconvenes on September 29, so they need to hear from you in the next day or so.

Second, you can pray for the success of our work. I can't tell you how much your prayers and your kind words mean to me and my team.

And third, you can give a generous, tax-deductible donation, if you are able. Your financial support is like putting fuel in the gas tank. It really helps us get things done in Arkansas!

**Thank you for standing with us. I am so grateful for your friendship and support. We've been successful for more than 32 years, because God has blessed us with faithful and generous friends like you.** Please call our office if there is ever anything my staff or I can do for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jerry Cox, President

Thank you!!

**P.S. The Arkansas Legislature will reconvene on September 29. This is their final opportunity this year to address serious issues like critical race theory, vaccine mandates, and abortion. If your legislators don't hear from you and your friends, they may not take up these important issues when they reconvene in a few days.**



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***About Us:** Family Council is a conservative, Christian non-profit organization based in Little Rock, Arkansas. Jerry Cox founded Family Council in 1989 in association with Dr. James Dobson and Focus on the Family. Our mission is to promote, protect, and strengthen traditional family values. We educate and equip families and churches to make Arkansas a better place to live, work, and raise a family, and we lobby lawmakers and elected officials on important issues that matter to families. Our work is funded by generous supporters all over Arkansas.*

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