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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

LIBERTY COUNSEL AND PERSONHOOD USA PARTNER TO ADVANCE THE FIGHT FOR LIFE

Abortion not only destroys the life of an innocent child, it destroys women and families and cheapens all human life. In America and abroad, there are now actually calls to liberalize murder laws to allow mothers to kill their already-born infants! As much as this shocks our conscience, it is a natural progression of the mindset that underlies the act of abortion. Liberty Counsel is committed to stop this insanity and restore a culture of life! We are very pleased to partner with Personhood USA to establish legal protection for unborn children.

American exceptionalism is grounded in the fact that there is a Creator who endowed each human being with the right to life. The Declaration of Independence sets forth this foundational principle. Thomas Jefferson called the Declaration a "reflection of the American mind." The belief that our Creator endowed us with unalienable rights and that government must protect these rights was universally held at the time of our nation's founding.

But this founding principle was dealt a severe blow on January 22, 1973, when seven Supreme Court Justices invented a so-called "right" to abortion from conception to full birth. The result is that for the past 39 years, an average of one unborn child

has been killed every 20 seconds – amounting to more than 50 million deaths of innocent human beings!

Abortion will destroy America. Unless we repent and stop the killing, America will not survive. Abortion not only kills

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Like the Founders before us, Liberty Counsel recognizes the pivotal role prayer plays in the preservation of our nation. At top and bottom left, fervent intercession is offered in Houston, Texas, at the opening of Planned Parenthood's "mega-clinic" in that city. Liberty Counsel founders Mat and Anita Staver both led prayer for thousands of believers during a protracted time of fasting and appeals for God's intervention. At top center, **spontaneous prayer clusters** took form outside the Federal District Court in Pensacola, Florida, as Mat Staver and the Liberty Counsel litigation team confronted the ACLU's attempt to criminalize public expressions of Christian belief in Santa Rosa County, Florida. At center, attendees at The Awakening 2011, sponsored by Liberty Counsel and dozens of other groups affiliated with The Freedom Federation, lift up focused prayer for America. **Advancing religious freedom is at the core of Liberty Counsel's God-given mission, and corporate public prayer will always be a foundational component of our outreach.**

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innocent children, it destroys mothers and families. It is the worst national sin America has ever committed.

From the beginning, abortion was designed to cheapen the value of human life. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, was a eugenicist who used birth control and abortion to eliminate “undesirables.” She targeted blacks, Jews, Roman Catholics, immigrants, and the infirm.

Sanger said: “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.” (Sanger’s letter to Clarence J. Gamble, December 1939). In *Pivot of Civilization*, Sanger referred to immigrants and Roman

Catholics as reckless breeders: “[They’re] an unceasingly spawning class of human beings who never should have been born at all.” (Sanger, p.187).

In *Women and the New Race*, Sanger wrote, “The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.” (Sanger, p. 63). In her publication, *Birth Control Review*, Sanger advocated creating farms to segregate “unfit” people to “safeguard” citizens from “heredity taints.”

Tragically, there are increasing numbers of eugenicists in our own time. In the London-based *Journal of Medical Ethics*, Alberto Giubilin and Francesca Minerva recently advocated that it is permissible to kill infants after they are born! Their article is entitled, “After-birth abortion: Why should the baby live?” Peter Singer,

who teaches at Princeton University, also supports infant killing.

In his role as an Illinois State Senator, President Barack Obama killed the Born Alive Infant Protection Act. As a U.S. Senator, he was outraged when the Supreme Court upheld the law banning partial-birth abortion.

Last month we reported how we stopped Barack Obama’s Attorney General, Eric Holder, from silencing pro-life counselor Susan Pine (incredibly, at the last possible moment, the DOJ appealed the Pine verdict and we will once again defend Susan, this time at the Court of Appeals).

This administration continues to place its radical abortion agenda above principle.

Since the founding of Liberty Counsel in 1989, we have been unshakably dedicated to protecting the unborn. The first case I argued at the United States Supreme Court in 1994 was in defense of pro-life sidewalk counselors.

Now, we are very pleased to announce our national partnership with Personhood USA. This organization is working to pass legislation and state constitutional amendments that declare personhood from the moment of conception.

Their arch-nemesis organizations are Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, which file suits to block these initiatives. We have already successfully defended Personhood USA. *But, with the increased pro-abortion activity of the Obama administration, the court battles will increase.*

We need your help to defend Personhood USA and to stop Planned Parenthood and the ACLU! I urge you to make a special commitment this year to pledge \$25, \$50, or \$100 per month to help Liberty Counsel defend the defenseless.

Abortion is a cancer that eats away at the very soul of America. A band-aid won’t fix the problem. Our nation desperately needs the full protection



JOIN US IN ISRAEL MAY 19-28, 2012

**HOSTED BY MAT & ANITA STAVER,
FOUNDERS OF LIBERTY COUNSEL**



We are pleased to announce that the launch of Liberty Ambassador Counsel and its inaugural trip to Israel was such a great success that we are convening another select group for a return trip in May!

Please mark your calendar for May 19-28, 2012, for a tour of the Holy Land, along with very special briefings from Israeli political, military, and academic leaders.

Now is the perfect time for a memorable journey that will strengthen your Christian faith and equip you to be an ambassador of goodwill for Israel.

This is not just another tour – this program is unparalleled in scope. Not only will we tour the biblical sites, but we will also have behind-the-scenes access to key Israeli governmental and cultural groups and their leaders.

This will be an unbelievable experience you won't want to miss! Will you join us in Israel as part of this select group of Ambassadors on May 19-28, 2012? For more information, visit <http://www.ducartours.com/?p=904>

of human life!

But Planned Parenthood and the ACLU are committed to stop us from saving unborn children. Increasingly, we even find ourselves up against the unlimited, tax-funded resources of Attorney General Eric Holder and the United States Department of Justice.

We have beaten all of these adversaries in many intense battles for the sanctity of life over the years. But we need your help to be able to show up, because when we show up, we win!

Please pray for this new partnership between Liberty Counsel and Personhood USA. And, commit to regularly give this year to help us in our fight for life. We need additional resources, including another highly qualified attorney, to regularly take on Planned Parenthood and the ACLU.

With God's help, I believe we will see an end to abortion on demand in our lifetime. But we must all work together to achieve this inspired goal. Join Liberty Counsel and Personhood USA in this epic struggle for the unalienable right to life! 🙏



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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Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Liberty Counsel's litigation team as it continues to aggressively defend marriage as the union of one man and one woman, especially in our lawsuit against New York State's misguided legislation to allow same-sex "marriage."
- Please continue to intercede for our ongoing defense of the right to life and our promising new collaboration with Personhood USA.
- Pray for Liberty Counsel's efforts in the nation's capital, including our efforts to hold the 112th Congress accountable to "We the People." Please pray for protection and great wisdom for our educational and action outreach to over 500,000 Americans via email, especially praying that Internet communication channels remain free and unobstructed by government regulation or censorship.

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If you are praying for America and for this ministry, then you are already a vital part of *Advocates for America*. Email us at Liberty@LC.org, or post a message on our Facebook page (go to

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— Psalm 145:18-19

www.LC.org and click the *Facebook* link) and let us know that you are praying with us.

When we cry out to the Lord, He will deliver us from the evil that besets us, and America has never needed deliverance more than now! 🙏

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

LORD, DELIVER US FROM EVIL!



Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. — James 4:8

Lately, there seems to be more talk among Christians about the importance of prayer than at any time I can recall. That is very good news, as I firmly believe that Liberty Counsel is sustained through ministry friends who take our needs to the Lord Almighty.

We receive many emails from those who say they pray for us daily. *It is a joy to know that we have so many committed prayer warriors faithfully interceding for us!* I want to share excerpts from some recent messages that touched my heart. These words came from Donna in Roanoke, Virginia:

"I appreciate all you are doing and pray for your organization that God will give you wisdom, as well as the funds that you need."



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William in Sioux City, Iowa, wrote:

"I just wanted to say thanks to all of you for all the work you do defending what's right and just. I am praying for you every day."

R.W. in Rapid City, South Dakota, said this:

"I will pray for our country and your staff for guidance and wisdom."

We receive similar emails from many others who are grateful for the successes that our God has granted Liberty Counsel but who, at the same

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time, are deeply discouraged over the downward spiral of the culture. It is easy to be gripped with fear when confronted with the evil that works harm in our own government.

Honestly, it is not uncommon for those who love their country to feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems in a time of national uncertainty.

Even the famous 19th century preacher, Charles Spurgeon, was subject to bouts of depression and preached sermons on the subject to encourage his congregation. He saw sadness as a natural result of

human frailty and believed that such weakness is useful to humble us – even when God knows we are actually on the verge of very important achievements.

The fact is, despair can be a turning point! Suffering and grief bring many to reach out to God more often and depend upon Him more deeply. Whether the source of despair is school shootings, terrorist threats, natural disasters, or any of the many other tragedies that seem to confront us every day in the media, God is the only answer.

The plain truth is that if you are uneasy, depressed, or worried about the future, you are not alone.

In the inspired words of King David in Psalm 145:18-19, "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; he hears their cry and saves them."

Even if you are among those who think there is no hope for America – there *is* hope! And even if you doubt that God can fix America – He *can* nonetheless! *There is nothing we need more than to draw close to God. It is time for America to cry out to the only One who can save us!*

Join with us as we pray for our nation and become part of our *Advocates for America* prayer team. You can find daily scriptures and prayer topics on our special prayer web page at www.LC.org – just click the *Advocates for America* menu sidebar.

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