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A Message from Mat Staver, our Founder and Chairman

FATE OF OBAMACARE NOW RESTS WITH SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

This month Liberty Counsel files important briefs at the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing that ObamaCare is unconstitutional. By the end of June, the Court will issue its ruling. The stakes are unprecedented. Our liberty is hanging in the balance and Liberty Counsel remains at the center of this historic battle.

The U.S. Supreme Court is set to deliver its decision on ObamaCare by the end of June 2012. A lot of work remains to be done between now and then to end the federal government's most expansive power grab in the history of our nation.

Liberty Counsel's critical amicus briefs will show beyond a doubt that ObamaCare is unconstitutional. The Court has set aside three full days for oral argument in late March. This illustrates how significant the Justices feel this case to be, since the typical oral argument at the Supreme Court is limited to one hour for both sides.

ObamaCare is not your ordinary law. Courts thus far have called it "novel" and "unprecedented." That's

because no Congress in the history of America has ever tried to force law-abiding citizens to purchase a product dictated by the federal government.

The implications of ObamaCare go far beyond health insurance. The

central issue goes to the heart of the role of government, and particularly the federal government. The Founders understood this basic principle: *The bigger the government, the less the liberty.*

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The battle to strike down ObamaCare is one of the most important legal clashes in American history. Liberty Counsel Founders Mat and Anita Staver (top left) are shown arriving at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, in May 2011, where Mat was the first attorney in the nation to present oral argument against ObamaCare at the appellate level. At top right, the Stavers are shown addressing the national media after the hearing, which began several days of non-stop requests for interviews and opinions on the constitutionality of President Obama's healthcare "reform" law. Liberty Counsel's Amici Book, or Book of Friends, contained the names of 76,593 concerned Americans who covenanted to pray for the hearing and Liberty Counsel's Litigation Team, a number which swelled to nearly 100,000 as the three-judge panel deliberated. Hundreds of concerned Americans picketed against ObamaCare outside the Fourth Circuit hearing (bottom left) and are expected in larger numbers at the Supreme Court during three days of oral argument in late March.

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American exceptionalism is based on the idea that our rights come from God, not government, and that “we the people” loan some of this inherent power to government in order to protect our God-given rights. The Founders also understood the nature of sin, and thus created a Republican form of government with many checks and balances.

The first check is the division of power at each level of government – power divided between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. The second check is the division of power among the various levels of government, beginning with the most important at the local level, then the state, and finally the federal. Because the federal government is farther away from the people, and thus less directly responsive, the Constitution affords it only limited power.

ObamaCare turns the Constitution upside down. ObamaCare is a socialist, big-government, nanny-state, political paradigm that would transfer enormous power to the federal government. If ObamaCare is upheld, then the federal government will have unlimited power to force us to buy, sell, or do anything it pleases! The implications are truly frightening.

ObamaCare not only threatens our liberty, it is anti-life. It represents the biggest funding of

abortion in history. And make no mistake, ObamaCare will not treat the elderly or the severely ill very well. ObamaCare is not based on a framework recognizing the sanctity of human life, but is rather founded on a utilitarian cost-benefit plan.

Liberty Counsel filed the first private lawsuit against ObamaCare on the same day President Obama signed it into law. I was the first person in the nation to present oral argument on this case at a federal court of appeal. Now our case, *Liberty University v. Geithner*, is pending at the Supreme Court.

Liberty Counsel represents Liberty University and two private individuals who object to the government mandates. Our case is the only one that challenges both the individual and the employer mandate.

Prior to March 23, 2009, when ObamaCare was signed into law, Liberty Counsel was heavily engaged in fighting its passage. We delivered several hundred thousand petitions and faxes to Congress. The great public outcry almost stopped ObamaCare, but a few Senators caved in to the unprecedented Administration pressure. One such Senator has decided to retire this year because he sees the “handwriting on the wall” concerning his viability in November’s general election!

But when ObamaCare was rammed through Congress, we immediately filed a federal lawsuit!

We have spent countless hours fighting this federal power grab. We are now on the final lap of this historic journey.

Ironically, President Obama signed ObamaCare into law 235 years to the day after Patrick Henry gave his famous “Give me liberty or give me death” speech at St. Johns Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Today, we are faced with threats to our liberty as severe as those faced by the Founders. Now is the time for us to stand up and defend life and liberty for future generations!

Join with us to defeat ObamaCare. We need both your prayers and your financial support.

When we called for prayer for our appearance at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals last summer, nearly 100,000 people signed up to pray for this important case! Soon, we will begin yet another prayer campaign as we near the final determination of this outrageous healthcare “reform” law.

We need prayer and your financial support to win this important case and to continue carrying the torch of freedom in this historic year of 2012! 🇺🇸



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 upcoming depositions in our lawsuit against New York State's misguided legislation to allow same-sex "marriage." Please continue to intercede for our ongoing legal challenge to the dangerous Obama-Care law, especially the filing of key *Amicus* briefs to the Supreme Court this month.

□ Pray for Liberty Counsel's efforts in the nation's capital, including our ongoing efforts to hold the 112th Congress accountable to "We the People." Please pray for protection and great wisdom for the Liberty Center for Law and Policy, Liberty Counsel's collaboration with Liberty University's Schools of Law and Government, and for our many allied Christian and conservative groups in Washington, D.C.

□ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's many outreaches and events in "2012: America's Year of Decision." Please intercede for our major gathering, *The Awakening 2012: Turning Voices Into Votes*, with over 50 national Christian and conservative leaders participating, on April 19-21 in the Orlando area (see additional details on our website and in the announcement on page two of this newsletter).

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At Liberty Counsel, experience has shown us time and time again that when satanic forces attack people of faith, and they stand firm, what was intended for evil turns out for good.

are willing to stand and face adversity as witnesses to what He means in their lives.

For our part, we will stand with you – with legal assistance when necessary, with educational materials and accurate information, with tools to amplify your voice to government officials, and with encouragement as we work together for a brighter future for America! 🇺🇸

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.



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>

From Anita Staver, President

WE CAN CHANGE AMERICA'S FUTURE THROUGH FAITH AND BOLD ACTION



Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. — Isaiah 55:7

As the historic events of 2012 unfold, we are facing a sobering reality: There are two possible outcomes for our nation in the very near future.

Either we reverse course and restore true liberty, or we will live in a bankrupt America as it slips into a cesspool of evil and enters a dark age of debauchery, unequalled even by the Roman Empire. Only with prayer, wisdom, and diligence will we escape the dark reality of where our country appears to be headed.

While we know that God is the only true hope for America, we should not idly wait for Him to take care of our problems. Throughout history, He has accomplished His plan through people. No one is here

by accident, and each of us has a vital role in America's future.

To make a better America, we must be willing, informed, vigilant, and bold *activists*. We can turn this national crisis into an opportunity for good. We must work for our families, our communities, our state, and our nation rather than just "play at life"

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and take up space. We need to get out of our comfort zones and do something that *really* matters!

It isn't enough to just stay busy. A failure is someone who succeeds in doing something that doesn't matter. There is no true victory in succeeding at something that doesn't have eternal value. God, life, liberty, family, faith, responsibility, truth, righteousness, and justice – these do matter!

At Liberty Counsel, experience has shown us time and time again that when satanic forces attack people of faith, and they stand firm, what was intended for evil turns out for good.

A perfect example is our two-year

battle against the ACLU in Florida. The trouble started when the ACLU conspired with the Santa Rosa County School Board to throw God out of the public schools. They got a Consent Decree signed by a judge, that even banned the use of the common phrase "God Bless," and then used the decree to intimidate Christians, forcing them into closets to pray and hauling them into court for blessing a meal.

We sued the school board on behalf of students, teachers, parents, and community members who were willing to get involved. We pushed our adversaries into gutting and rewriting the Consent Decree, and now we are monitoring the school for any further violations of constitutional rights.

This is not an isolated incident by any means. We've been fighting and winning these types of battles for more than 20 years now!

These cases bear good fruit for a long time after we win – in the lives of students who heard a Christian testimony at graduation, in the churches that flourish where the government didn't want them, by those who attend an after-school Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) Good News Club, and in numerous other situations in which people were willing to stand up for truth and righteousness in their communities.

God brings victory when people
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