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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 2012—AMERICA'S YEAR OF DECISION

This year will without doubt be one of the most decisive since our nation's founding. The future of the United States and the survival of Western Civilization literally hang in the balance. That is why we are calling 2012 "America's Year of Decision."

The countdown to determining our national destiny has begun. I have been anticipating 2012 for some time. Several pivotal events over a period of many years have brought the United States and the other nations of the world to a climactic point in time. I am convinced that the next several months will literally determine the destiny of America and the future of Western Civilization.

Threats to American sovereignty, to life, to liberty, and to the foundational institution of the family loom over us this year. By the end of 2012, we could be surrounded by dark clouds or we could finally see the sun begin to shine—the choice is ours to make.

THREATS TO ECONOMIC SURVIVAL

As the new year begins, we are faced with a stark reality: If federal spending is not deeply slashed, America will not survive. The national debt now exceeds \$15 trillion. One

trillion is a 1 followed by 12 zeros. One trillion seconds equals 31,546 years, which means that it would take 473,190 years to click off 15 trillion seconds! Can you now begin to grasp the magnitude of our debt crisis?

During the three years President Obama has been in office, the

national debt has increased by nearly \$5 trillion. This kind of profligate spending is totally unsustainable! *The actions taken in Congress on fiscal matters and what Americans like you and I do at the ballot box in 2012 will literally determine if America*

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Liberty Counsel enters what will be a truly historic New Year with strong momentum from an eventful and successful year in 2011. Founders Mat and Anita Staver (shown, center, at October's Values Voter Summit in Washington, DC) have become recognized national leaders in the effort to rebuild America's conservative movement. At top left, the Stavers are shown addressing the media at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, in May after Mat Staver became the first person to argue against the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (better known as ObamaCare) at the appellate level. In late November, Liberty Counsel Senior Litigation Attorney Harry Mihet (top right) spoke to an enthusiastic crowd that gathered in Cross City, Florida, to protest the ACLU's attempts to get a privately placed monument of the Ten Commandments removed from the Dixie County Courthouse's front walkway. Retired Pace High School Principal Frank Lay (bottom left), one of Liberty Counsel's clients in historic litigation against the ACLU's failed attempt to criminalize common Christian practices like the blessing of a meal in Santa Rosa County, Florida, addressed the energetic crowd of over 2,000 (bottom right) – a larger group than the entire population of Cross City!

10 Commandments Rally Photography:
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will survive. We enter this pivotal year living on life support.

For the first time in our history, America is completely at the mercy of a foreign nation. China could bring America to its knees by refusing to buy more of our bonds and thus extend more loans to keep us afloat. This debt crisis is a “clear and present danger” to both our national security and to our economic survival.

THREATS TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND OUR NATION’S MORAL SANITY

ObamaCare is the biggest expansion of the federal government since the New Deal. Liberty Counsel filed the first private lawsuit against ObamaCare on the same day it was signed into law. I was the first person in America to argue that it was unconstitutional at a federal court of appeals. Liberty Counsel will soon file an important brief before the Supreme Court on this landmark issue. The fate of ObamaCare will be decided by the High Court no later than the end of June.

If ObamaCare is upheld, we will face serious threats to our liberty. If federal bureaucrats can force every American to buy health insurance, then the government can force everyone to buy, for instance, health food, or a particular brand of motor vehicle.

Further, ObamaCare will seal the fate of America by adding trillions of dollars more to the national debt. ObamaCare represents the biggest federal funding of abortion in history. In addition to abortion, a recent ObamaCare regulation now requires most religious organizations to provide birth control coverage, along with abortion-inducing drugs.

Liberty Counsel will not rest until ObamaCare is gone, either through the court challenge or through repeal by the legislature!

In the three years of the Obama Administration, we have witnessed an

extremely aggressive assault on moral values. We have seen federally funded abortion around the world, in the District of Columbia, and throughout America. Foreign countries are now being pressured by the U.S. to allow abortion on demand!

Marriage and family are also being undermined. At the President’s urging, Congress repealed the military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy and thus converted our armed forces into a training ground for sexual perversion. And the current Administration

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has refused to defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that affirms marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently announced at a United Nations meeting in Geneva that the Obama Administration would engage in “...a wide-ranging effort to use U.S. foreign aid” to promote the rights of “gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals and transgendered persons.” *Such immoral policies will inevitably destroy our culture! We must get America back on the right moral track.*

This nation faces a different kind of enemy than the foe that attacked us on 9/11. We are engaged in an ideological war to the death, fueled by Islam and its hatred of Jews and Christians alike. Whether we know it or not, we are locked in a battle for the very survival of Western Civilization!

Iran is on the verge of obtaining a nuclear weapon. If it succeeds, the first target will be Israel and the next the United States. We cannot allow Iran to become a nuclear power! We need to deal with this threat and we must support Israel, our only firm

ally in the Middle East.

The United States Supreme Court also hangs in the balance. The future of the Court will be determined at the ballot box. It is critical that we have judges committed to interpret, not make, the law – not only at the Supreme Court but in all federal courts. Elections have consequences, with perhaps the most significant one being the determination of who will appoint our judges.

LIBERTY COUNSEL IS BUILDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR 2012

In 2011, Liberty Counsel expanded to prepare for the challenges of 2012. We launched a sister organization, Liberty Counsel Action (LCA), a 501(c)(4) issue advocacy organization. LCA can become directly involved in legislation and can address issues supported or opposed by candidates. And, the newly formed Liberty Counsel Action Super PAC (Political Action Committee) will be able to directly endorse or oppose candidates.

New Revolution Publishers and New Revolution Institute have already begun producing books and other products designed to educate Americans about first principles and to mobilize the grassroots through online training.

This year we intend to significantly surpass the 75 million emails we sent to grassroots Americans in 2011. Our Liberty Counsel constituency continues to grow (it recently passed 630,000 active donors and supporters) with people who, like us, want to “Take Back America.”

Last year we conducted many “Awake” events to educate pastors and concerned citizens at the local level, mobilizing them to take action. We plan many more such events this year.

As you can see, this is indeed a “Year of Destiny.” In the midst of significant threats to our liberty, this year we have an unprecedented opportunity to greatly advance the values of life, liberty, and family.

Thank God, the various Liberty Counsel enterprises are better prepared to take on this challenge than ever before in our 23-year history.

We need you to stand with us in 2012. We ask for your continued prayers, and of course, we need you to help us financially. By God's grace, we are confident that our cause is worthy of both your spiritual and financial support!

Resolve in 2012 that you will not fail to register and vote. Get plugged into Liberty Counsel. Sign up for our Grassroots Action emails at www.LC.org or call 800-671-1776 to enroll. This year, working together, we can change the course of history!

I feel certain the future of America and the survival of Western Civilization will be determined in 2012, "America's Year of Decision."

The course you and I and our fellow Americans decide to take this year will settle the matter. Is the America envisioned by the Founders not worth our personal sacrifice to save and preserve?

May God help us choose the right paths in the decisive 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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and then the group takes turns reading aloud and discussing a series of books on the Founders and principles of good government.

The groups are very relational. Women discuss what they believe and what is important to them, and in so doing, they more deeply understand

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and appreciate the foundation of their beliefs. The groups are not political meetings – interested women of all political backgrounds are welcome – but the meetings will have political consequences as the participants become better informed.

WIN Talk women (those participating in local discussion groups) have the opportunity to attend annual WIN conferences and monthly

chapter meetings, where informative speakers address current issues. WIN group facilitators interview candidates and share the candidates' issues and positions with group members.

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If you are interested in starting a WIN Talk group, we want to talk with you. We'll help you get started and provide the tools you need to have a fun, exciting, successful group of women who will become well-informed and make a real impact on our government and our future as a nation.

Since voting women will swing the election, if you want to positively influence the outcome, your mission should be to get all of your women friends educated and ready to vote in 2012.

WIN groups will give you a great place to start! 🇺🇸

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

From Anita Staver, President

AMERICA WINS WHEN WOMEN PRAY AND VOTE



The Lord gives the word of power; the women who bear and publish the news are a great host. — Psalm 68:11

What will it take for your candidate to win in 2012? If you want your favored candidate to be victorious in the upcoming election, then you'd better talk to women! Why? Because women make up 52 percent of the population resulting in nearly 10 million more votes cast by women than by men.

Here's a core political fact that every campaign, whether conservative, liberal, or independent, must take into account: Starting in the 1980s, women have registered and voted at a higher rate than men.

Since women won the right to vote in 1920, it took them more than 60 years to become the most important voting bloc in America. And it doesn't take a major shift in such a large group to make the difference in the outcome of an election.

How significant are small changes in the margin of a national vote? John Kerry gained about 49 percent of the vote in 2004, while Barack Obama took 53 percent of the vote in 2008. It took only a 4% change – or just a 1% change in attitude each year for

the intervening four years to gain victory for their party.

Women are the pivotal factor in every demographic segment. For instance, in 2008, 68% of Hispanic females supported Obama, which resulted in him winning 57% of the Hispanic vote in Florida. Clearly,

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successful candidates are those who gain the support of women.

When women have access to accurate information on the issues that are important to them, they are able to make better decisions at election time. The good news is that we have an unprecedented opportunity to work with women on the important issues that affect America.

In 2011, the Liberty Counsel family of ministries was joined by a group of influential ladies known as Women Impacting the Nation (WIN). This group was started by my friend, Sue Trombino, in South Florida. Some years ago, Sue was inspired to gather friends together to change America for the good of her family, her friends, and her community.

I am excited to announce that we have taken on WIN as a project of

both Liberty Counsel and Liberty Counsel Action. WIN's vision has always been to educate and equip women with the priceless knowledge of God's truth about issues that impact faith, family, and freedom and to show support for the Judeo-Christian values upon which our country is founded.

WIN is made up of busy women in every stage of life: mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, career professionals, home-schooling moms, and volunteers. These patriotic Americans, whether married, single, young, or old, all love this country and believe strongly in the principles upon which it was founded.

WIN members are concerned about where our country is headed and the legacy we will leave to future generations. They seek to be empowered with the truth so they can make needed changes, beginning in their own neighborhoods.

WIN groups are not a just another gathering of gabby gals. WIN group facilitators start by holding WIN Talks, which are reading and discussion groups held in homes, offices, or public buildings. Ladies invite their friends to gather for an hour and a half twice a month to read and discuss important ideas and issues. They start with seven short books that reveal God's principles about government.

Each meeting starts with a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a song,

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