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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

# WHO WILL STAND? MAKE A CHOICE, USE YOUR VOICE!

*Our freedom is under assault from every direction. The world has increasingly become openly hostile to Judeo-Christian values. These times are unprecedented in our lifetime, but several thousand years of the history of Israel and the Church reveal that "the gates of Hell shall not prevail." We were born, and then born again, for precisely this time! God is waiting for His people to stand. That is why Liberty Counsel has launched powerful "Who Will Stand?" rallies nationwide. This is our time to make a difference!*

In June, Liberty Counsel launched an aggressive effort to mobilize pastors and church congregations to take a stand for freedom and Judeo-Christian values. The scope of this mobilization effort is both unique and unparalleled.

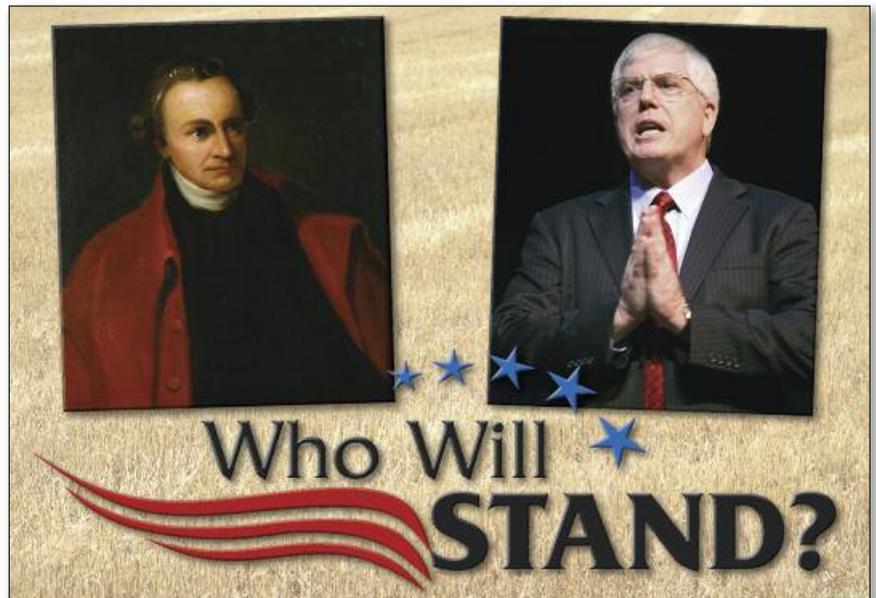
Our *Pastors & Patriots* mobilization initiative includes one team that mobilizes pastors and one that presents an exciting five-screen multimedia program in churches. These church

events are called *Who Will Stand?* rallies.

The first team is already meeting with pastors five to six days per week for 90 minutes, educating and inspiring pastors to speak up. Pastors

hear informative and stirring messages from Governor Mike Huckabee, David Barton, Reverend Samuel Rodriguez, James Robison, Star Parker,

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**Liberty Counsel's powerful Pastors & Patriots mobilization effort began with Pastors Meetings in early June and launched exciting Who Will Stand? rallies on August 1. In the bold and passionate spirit of revolutionary hero and statesman Patrick Henry (top left), these events are designed to educate, motivate, and activate pastors and congregations across America to rise up and be counted in the battle for our nation's founding values. Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver (top right) was inspired to launch this call to action by Psalm 94:16 – "Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?" The purpose of this nationwide effort is to encourage pastors and congregations to engage in biblical advocacy on the important issues of our day and to fulfill the God-given responsibilities of biblical citizenship.**

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Ralph Reed, and many additional Christian leaders. I present a message about what pastors and churches can do regarding biblical advocacy, voting, and much more.

Several weeks following each Pastors Meeting, a second team conducts 90-minute programs in area churches called *Who Will Stand?* rallies. These events include a powerful five-screen multimedia extravaganza arranged by a talented seven-time Grammy award-winning producer. In addition to some of the speakers mentioned above and many others, the *Who Will Stand?* rallies include stirring patriotic and spiritual songs and provide practical ways in which people

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can get involved and make a difference in their communities and the country.

*Who Will Stand?* rallies will be conducted five to six days a week, beginning in August and continuing into November. These rallies are nonpartisan. The Pastors Meetings and the *Who Will Stand?* rallies are not about the agenda of the Donkey or the Elephant, but about the agenda of the Lamb! We want to educate and mobilize pastors and church congregations to engage in biblical advocacy and biblical citizenship.

After November, we will regroup and continue the same *Pastors & Patriots* initiative in January 2015. This program will operate continuously as long as we have funding! With one team focused on pastors and one on



*Our pastors and Christian ministry leaders have a God-given responsibility to speak the truth. The DVD Pastors & Patriots: Silence is Not an Option and the Patriot's Handbook of Political Action for Pastors and Churches can help guide every American Christian in planning their activities and messages in the political arena.*

churches, we will meet with and mobilize millions of people. With additional funding, we can support a second team for pastors and a second team for churches, and so on.

In addition to the Pastors Meetings and *Who Will Stand?* rallies, Liberty Counsel now has one of the largest church and pastor lists in the country and has begun sending approximately 150,000 "Silence is Not an Option" DVDs to pastors prior to the crucial midterm elections. On this DVD, I encourage pastors to speak biblical truth and educate them on what they and their churches can do in the realm of political activity.

We live in an unprecedented time and unique period of American history. Never before have we been forced to promote human genocide. Yet, ObamaCare imposed genocide upon Americans through forcing participation in providing abortion services. And never before have we been forced to celebrate sin as now with same-sex "marriage" and so-called "gender identity" laws. Like it or not, every American will be confronted with this intolerant, coercive agenda.

This is an increasingly desperate situation for the Church in America. Overt persecution in our nation seems inevitable. But with God, nothing is

impossible. There is no obstacle too big for our Creator. God is waiting for His people to stand!

When Pharaoh came against Israel, God raised up Moses, and today we celebrate Passover. When the King of Persia set a date to annihilate the Jewish people, God raised up Mordechai and Esther "for such a time as this," and today we celebrate Purim. When King Herod slaughtered Jewish boys to kill the Messiah, God protected Jesus, and today we celebrate Christmas. And when Satan

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danced at the Crucifixion, God raised Jesus from the grave, and today we celebrate Easter.

We must never forget that Jesus stood at the epicenter of paganism in Caesarea Philippi, where the pagan alters are still engraved in the mountainside, and told Peter that, "On this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

While the times in which we live are unprecedented in American history, they are not unprecedented for Israel or the Church. At the darkest times in

### **A REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY**

As a special aspect of our powerful *Pastors & Patriots* program, for each semester a college-age student goes on the road with our *Pastors & Patriots* tour, we will offer one semester of scholarship to attend Liberty University Online. Call Liberty Counsel at: 1-800-671-1776 for more information.

history, God's people prevailed against great adversity. Then, as now, God waits for His people to humble themselves, seek His face, turn from their wicked ways, and call upon Him (2 Chron. 7:14). When they do, God will surely intervene!

For that reason, instead of gloom and doom, intimidation, or panic, I am energized and excited to see God turn our world around!

Join Liberty Counsel in our *Pastors & Patriots* initiative. Visit [www.LC.org](http://www.LC.org), [www.PastorsAndChurches.org](http://www.PastorsAndChurches.org) or [www.WhoWillStandRally.com](http://www.WhoWillStandRally.com).

We need your prayers and financial support for this comprehensive mobilization program. If you want to see these powerful events take place in your area, call 800-671-1776, or send us an event request at [www.PastorsAndChurches.org](http://www.PastorsAndChurches.org).

Pastors need to be bold and speak the truth. They need to be leaders and their sermons need a fresh anointing. Christians and people who cherish liberty and Judeo-Christian values need to stand up, speak up, and impact the culture and our communities. The time to act is now! ✝



*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.*



## Prayer Requests

□ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's litigation team as it works to aggressively confront bans in California and New Jersey on "change therapy," through which states restrict licensed counselors from offering, and minor clients and their parents from receiving, any counsel to change unwanted same-sex attractions, behaviors, or identity. This is a key battleground through which statist bullies hope to force acceptance of pro-homosexual laws and policies on the American people.

□ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's many "Who will Stand?" rallies, our expanding citizen education efforts, and our Internet training and certification program, New Revolution Institute. Please also pray for special inspiration for Liberty Counsel's staff and other team members as we accelerate efforts to positively impact America's public policy in the crucial midterm election year of 2014.

□ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's intense efforts to expose the IRS abuse of conservative and Christian organizations and our campaigns to stop the politicization of the nation's administrative bureaucracy. Please also pray for our principled opposition to overreaching statist who are subverting the Constitution's system of checks and balances.

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that you will stand with us, even in the face of increasing persecution. *The time*

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*to stand for freedom and against tyranny is never "later" – it's 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.*



*Christian doctor Meriam Ibrahim (shown here with her husband, Daniel) was sentenced to flogging and execution by the Islamic government of Sudan for refusing to renounce her faith. She was finally permitted to leave the country with her family and has since met with Pope Francis at the Vatican on her way to the United States.*

Photograph: Courtesy of Gabriel Wani

## From Anita Staver, President

# EVEN FACING RISING PERSECUTION, WE RESOLUTELY STAND UNITED!



*Who will take a stand for me against evildoers? — Psalm 94:16b*

All too often around the world, innocent Christians are imprisoned and tortured while our government, the media, and many Americans remain silent. A 2012 Pew Research study estimated that every year 200 million Christians suffer persecution and 100,000 die for their faith. In Iraq alone, the ISIS radicals are systematically killing many thousands of Christians and demolishing every remaining church in the region.

*Even in countries with this kind of widespread violence, persecution rarely gains widespread attention. Earlier this year, Christian doctor Meriam Ibrahim was sentenced to flogging and execution by the Muslim government of Sudan for refusing to renounce her faith.*

While she is no longer confined by

Sudan, she barely escaped the country with her newborn and toddler. Although her husband and children are American citizens, our own government failed to process her visa request for three years, allowing time for her to be imprisoned for her faith. How shameful that

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President Barack Obama exchanged an army deserter for five high-level terrorists but would not help innocent American children and their mother!

Don't be surprised at the callous attitude of our government toward overseas persecution because Obama has not hurried to stop persecution in America, either! In fact, his Department of Health and Human Services tramples on religious freedom by insisting that a group of Catholic nuns, the *Little Sisters of the Poor*, buy medical insurance that gives abortion drugs to their staff.

Our government is now overrun with Obama appointees who openly disdain religious liberty. For instance,

Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner Chai Feldblum believes that so-called homosexual "rights" should trump religious freedom!

Feldblum's radical idea is that the United States should not "tolerate private beliefs about sexual orientation and gender identity that adversely affect LGTB people." *In her view, Christians who refuse to promote aberrant sexual identifications should be deemed as despicable as racists.*

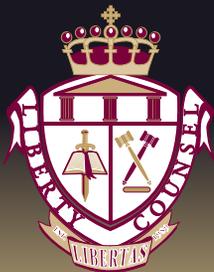
In contemporary America, what was accepted as true through thousands of years of history – as reflected by Phil Roberts' comments on natural marriage or Governor Rick Perry's statement about same-sex relationships – has somehow become "controversial." Those of us who stand for moral values are increasingly becoming targets of radicals who want us silenced, imprisoned, or even exterminated.

*And if you expect the "silent majority" to finally speak up when anti-Christian harassment turns violent, you may be disappointed.*

Those who ignore current threats to religious freedom are like the proverbial frog gradually boiling to death as the water gets hotter. It has come to the point that it's literally up to you and other God-fearing Americans to change history ... or die trying.

*I assure you that Liberty Counsel will remain true to the eternal principles and inspired values upon which our nation was founded. We pray*

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