



Church Connection April 2016

*Strengthening,
Preserving
& Promoting
Marriage,
Family, Life &
Liberty*

*Be sober, be
vigilant; because
your adversary the
devil, as a roaring
lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he
may devour...*

I Peter 5:8

Mark Your Calendar

WFC Presents:

*"2016: It's All About You"
(Your impact in 2016)*

*Thurs., Apr. 7, 6-8 p.m.
Appleton Pizza Ranch*

*Thurs., May 5, 6-8 p.m.
Fond du Lac Pizza Ranch*

*For more information or
to register for an event,
call 888-378-7395*

*"The world will
not be destroyed by
those who do evil,
but by those who
watch them without
doing anything."*

Albert Einstein

Who Will Defend Our Children?

The war on children is real, relentless and vicious. We wrote about this last September and are circling back to give some practical suggestions for ways parents and other concerned adults can help protect children and put them in a position not to just survive this war but to thrive.

What are some ways the war on children is waged?

- A war is waged on them in the womb—with over 540,000 preborn babies aborted just in Wisconsin since 1974. Too many children are immediately in a battle for survival because they are born to single moms, putting them at great risk for a host of problems, not the least of which is severe poverty.
- The war continues in our public schools where children are taught that they are the product of chance—not the unique, amazing creation of a loving God. While at school, too often children are told they can't have or voice opinions that are contrary to the popular culture. They are silenced and marginalized and sometimes the victims of true bullying.
- Then there's the war on their purity—from school sex ed classes to pornography to the sexualization of everything in the media—from sexual orientation to gender identity. All of this too often leads to children becoming involved in human or sex trafficking—yes, right here in Wisconsin.
- Medically, the war on children prevents health practitioners from giving parents of minor children information regarding reproductive health-care children ask for or may have had.
- Gambling and drugs and alcohol are all designed to ensnare and addict children—often for life.
- Politically the war on children is determined to make them totally dependent on government for everything, thereby destroying their independence, creativity, incentive to work and more.



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Consider...

John Adams, the second president of the United States (1797-1801) said this:

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” As one of this country’s Founding Fathers, he should know.

How does this relate to the war on children? It is vitally important that we recognize a direct link between the character and worldview of the people we vote for and the kinds of laws that are enacted and enforced. Only those qualified candidates who respect the sanctity of life and the importance of married mom and dad families are worthy of our votes.

Pray...

- For the parents and guardians of children in your church.
- For your pastor as he teaches and preaches the truth of Scripture.
- For Christians to be good stewards of their earthly citizenship.

So what can parents and other concerned adults do? Here are few ideas:

- * **Recognize the war in all of its permutations is real.** The world and the Devil want our children. Know the issues. Research them. Get reliable help. Talk, talk, and talk some more to your children. Use family meetings, one-on-one meetings and teachable moments. Ask questions and lead family discussions. Remember: you’re the parent, not simply a friend.
- * **Invade their privacy, especially their social media privacy.** Know who they interact with, where they are, what they watch, what they listen to. Explore. Investigate. You are not out to win a popularity contest. You are out to protect your children. Encourage an open and secure environment in the home, where no question is out of bounds. Get over your own discomfort—the world has. Go to church together. Read the Bible and pray together. Purposefully build a biblical worldview in your children--don’t leave it to chance.
- * **Use strong internet filters.** Have family standards for tv and movie viewing.
- * **Plan family activities that are designed to bond the family and build the children,** with a special focus on making your boys and girls to be strong men and women of character. Help them appreciate the God-given differences between the sexes and to appreciate and respect the opposite sex.
- * **Love your children enough to fight for them.** Know your children so that you can best help them. Don’t assume your child will never be taken in...assume they will be taken in without your involvement. Model the behavior you want—that’s so very important. Finally, walk closely with the Lord every day. Trust God, stay in His Word, and pray every single day for your children. And remember that no one loves your children more than God does.

The Bible tells us children are a gift from God, a heritage of the Lord. They are not trophies, toys, inconveniences or burdens. They are humans bearing the image of God and given to parents to love, care for, instruct, and protect. Our children are worth fighting for. Will you engage in the battle?

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that since 1986 has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening and preserving marriage, family, life and liberty in our state.

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