



WISCONSIN FAMILY COUNCIL
Marriage|Family|Life|Liberty



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

*Remember therefore
from whence thou art
fallen, and repent, and
do the first works...*

Revelation 2:5a

**Mark Your Calendar!
Tuesday, August 9,
Wisconsin Partisan
Primary**

Why Vote?

- It puts feet to your prayers, Jms. 2:18.
- It is being salt and light, Mt. 5:13-14.
- It is being a good steward of your privileges as a citizen, Rom. 13:1.
- It is a way you can do good for your children and your neighbors, Gal. 6:10.
- It is an action that makes a difference for good, Jude 22.
- It is one way you "occupy" until Jesus comes, Lk. 19:13.

Just Ten Years

Do you know where you were and what you were doing 10 years ago this summer? The Wisconsin Family Council (WFC) team was in the middle of a campaign to pass the Marriage Protection Amendment to the Wisconsin state constitution. It was an extremely busy and tense time as the election drew near.

Pollsters were saying Wisconsin would be the first state to defeat such an amendment. Those opposed to the amendment were doing everything in their power to convince people statewide that we didn't need a marriage protection amendment. Marriage in Wisconsin, they said, didn't need protecting; Wisconsin would never have same-sex marriage. Critics said we didn't know what we were talking about; we were just fear-mongering to win on election day; and we should be ashamed.

On election day, God saw fit to honor our prayers and work, and the prayers and work of thousands around the state who knew what was at stake. Nearly 60% of those who went to the polls that day, said yes to protecting God's plan for marriage. The pollsters and opponents were dumbfounded. We rejoiced in God's goodness.

But the work was far from over. Marriage was not really safe, not while the other side had money, (which they always do), and while many courts were leaning liberal and activist. Still, we expected the amendment to be good for more than ten years. That wasn't to be. Those dedicated to advancing sexual anarchy and the destruction of marriage filed lawsuits across the country. Friendly liberal federal courts happily ruled state marriage protection amendments unconstitutional.

Then finally on June 26, 2015, the US Supreme Court on a

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Looking back...



Just 10 years ago in Wisconsin

Pray...

- For our country and upcoming elections.
- For Christians to testify of the gospel and be a witness for truth.
- For the safety of police officers and their families.
- For the work and finances of WFC.

Consider this...

When Paul reasoned with Felix, Felix became “alarmed,” Acts 24:24-25. The context “indicates that Paul was talking about moral standards of right and wrong and the ways in which Felix, as an official of the Roman Empire, had obligations to live up to the standards that are given by God. Paul no doubt told Felix that he would be accountable for his actions...and...this was what led Felix to be ‘alarmed’...It would be an artificial restriction...to suppose that Paul only spoke with Felix about his “private” life and not about his actions as a Roman governor.”

Wayne Grudem in “Why Christians Should Seek To Influence Government For Good,” p. 38)

5-4 vote overturned the votes of over 1.2 million Wisconsin voters and over 40 million voters nationwide, forcing same-sex marriage on every state. It took less than 9 years.

This is not a pointless walk down memory lane. Today most of our prayers and time and efforts are focused on stopping units of government and schools from allowing boys to use the girls’ restrooms, locker rooms and showers and vice versa. School districts and government offices are embracing this madness. Some would like to force this on private businesses, and eventually on churches and private schools (religious or not).

We are right to be appalled. WFC is standing up, showing up, and speaking up everywhere we can. It seems we are the only ones in the state doing so. We’re doing everything we can to push back against this dangerous agenda—just ten years after we were ridiculed and accused of fear-mongering regarding marriage.

What’s most alarming in this summer of 2016 is how quiet Christians have been on this issue. In just ten years have we caved in to quietly and passively accepting the new cultural norms? Are we afraid of sharing how the gospel addresses sin issues such as homosexuality and gender confusion? Do we really believe the gospel is the answer for all of man’s brokenness? Do we not know or care about how corrupting the transgender issue is relative to God’s plan for the sexes? Have we decided God’s plan and His Word are no longer worthy of our defense? Have we been beaten down enough that now we just don’t care anymore? Are we too busy to care, or do we think this isn’t coming to our community, to our family, to our church?

These are sobering questions we need to be asking ourselves. What is clear is that Christians need to join us in showing up, standing up and speaking up on these issues. Now.

Just ten years—and look where we are. If we don’t show up and speak up, for the sake of our children, our ministries, and the love of our neighbors, what will Wisconsin look like in another ten years? May God help us all to make a difference.

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986.

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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