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

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them...And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:27 & 31a

Mark Your Calendar! "The Time Is Now"

Thurs., Sept. 8
Pizza Ranch
Green Bay
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 22
Pizza Ranch
Fond du Lac
5:30-8:00 p.m.

"In times like these, our best response is to cling to the eternal and contend for the good."
~Karla Dial

Making a Difference

Feeling powerless is not a good place to be. It saps our energies, is frustrating, and can be downright depressing and debilitating. Unfortunately this is where many Christians are right now on the transgender and gender identity issue, especially as it impacts children and our public schools. The truth is there are a number of things we can do to make a real and positive difference in the lives of children, in our schools and in our communities.

First, get informed with reliable information. Visit www.wifamilycouncil.org for a good starting point. Searching on *transgender* or clicking on "Resources" will give you helpful links to other websites and more. You can also sign up on our website for our weekly email to stay current on this issue and other issues impacting you and your family. Knowing the truth about what is happening in Wisconsin makes it easier for you to do something that is truly helpful.



Next, as a parent, make definite plans to talk to your children about this matter in age-appropriate ways. You will want to plan different times and different talks depending on the ages of your children. Your most important authority for this discussion is, of course, the Bible. What does God's Word say about how He created us—male and female—and about why that is good?

Further, remember those teachable moments that just happen in everyday life. A grandfather recently shared that he was reading a book on the alphabet to his toddler grandson. When they came to the letter "B," the word used was *boy*. Grandfather to grandson, "Did you know God made you a boy? And that's a really good thing."

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Pray...

- For the marriages in your church to be healthy.
- For parents in your church to have great wisdom in raising their children in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.”
- For pastors to be faithful to the Lord and His Word in their preaching and their relationships.
- For revival in our land.
- For the needs and work of Wisconsin Family Council.

As conservative Christians “we need hearts of compassion and backbones of steel... we are to reach out to [transgender] people with compassion while we resist the[ir] agenda with courage.”
~Michael Brown

Helpful Resources*

www.wifamilycouncil.org

Onward (Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel). Russell Moore, 2015.

We Cannot Be Silent

Albert Mohler, 2015.

*Inclusion of a resource does not mean that WFC endorses an organization or agrees with everything an author says. “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” (1 Thess. 5:21)

This tender moment with a young grandson became an opportunity to reinforce a very important truth. Parents need to start young and continue to build into their children a deeply rooted respect for and trust in God’s established Truth and His divine order.

On a larger scale, let your school board know you are aware of this issue and the president’s unconstitutional mandate for all public schools. Start by calling the school board president or a school board member you know and ask for a copy of the policies related to transgendered students, gender identity or gender expression. Ask the school board member what the district’s response will be to the federal government’s encroachment on local control. If you are not satisfied with the responses you get, consider starting a petition drive specifically for your school district officials, letting them know what action tax-paying residents and district parents want them to take. For sample language for this type of petition, contact WFC at 888-378-7395. Petitions signed by many taxpayers and presented to the board by several people can be extremely influential. You just need to take some leadership.

Also at the community level, concerned Christian citizens need to make sure their church leadership is informed about this critical issue and has reliable materials that make it easy to decide how best to handle this issue in the church. One suggestion is to have a special workshop for parents and others who are interested to help them understand and respond to this issue in their homes and in the community in a godly way and in a way that will help parents help their children. Everyone needs assistance to deal with this issue biblically, knowledgeably, thoughtfully and constructively.

By taking a couple of these ideas and doing something positive and helpful you can replace the feeling of powerlessness that seems all too pervasive today. No one can do everything, but we all can do something. Ask God to direct you today to the one or two “somethings” you can do 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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