



## Church Connection

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

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*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?...*

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Romans 10:14 & 17

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#### Join us for...

*"Making Wisconsin Great One Family at a Time"*

This is an outstanding and practical challenge by Julaine Appling, WFC president.

**Thurs., Apr. 11**, 6-8 p.m.,  
Fond du Lac Pizza Ranch

**Thurs., Apr. 25**, 6-8 p.m.,  
Sun Prairie Pizza Ranch

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#### A Helpful Book

*Well Versed: Biblical Answers to Today's Tough Issues*, James Garlow, Regnery Faith, 2016.

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"I pronounce it as certain that there was never yet a truly great man that was not at the same time truly virtuous."

~Benjamin Franklin

### A Day To Remember

March 21, 2019, was a day to remember. Wisconsin Family Council (WFC) hosted its first ever Pastors' Day at the Capitol. Over 50 pastors and a number of other ministry leaders attended. We had a three-fold purpose for this event.

**We provided pastors with significant resources and information for ministry**, including presentations from Daniel Weiss, founder of The Brushfires Foundation, a ministry that equips churches to respond to sexual brokenness and Mike Levenhagen, founder of Reclamation Resource Center, a ministry outreach to those struggling with same-sex attraction. We also heard from Lorri Pickens, executive director of Citizens Against Expanded Gambling. In addition, Judge Brian Hagedorn addressed the pastors about the upcoming race for Supreme Court justice.<sup>1</sup>

**The pastors also received information about WFC's Church Ambassador Network.** The goal of this network is to connect Bible-believing

pastors with elected officials for the purpose of developing authentic, redemptive relationships with them. Throughout Scripture we see God's spokesmen interacting with the rulers of their day. Pharaoh needed the

ministry of a Moses; David needed the ministries of Gad and Nathan; Nebuchadnezzar needed the ministry of Daniel; Felix and those of Caesar's household needed the ministry of Paul, etc. God's desire is to see all men saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4). We know a number of pastors have been seeking to be this kind of witness. Our goal is to promote and facilitate relationship building of pastors with legislators both in the Capitol and also when those legislators are back home.

**Undoubtedly, the highlight of the day was the opportunity for pastors to personally deliver copies of *The Founders' Bible* to each state senator's and representative's office as a gift to the people of each district from pastors, churches and constitu-**



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## Please Pray

- Pray for marriages and families in your church to thrive and be strong.
- Pray for the sanctity of life to be recognized and respected in our state and nation.
- Pray for the protection of religious liberty in our state and nation.

## Did You Know?

James McHenry, a Founding Father and signer of the US Constitution, maintained that "...public utility pleads most forcibly for the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures...In vain, without the Bible, we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments [fortifications or defenses] around our institutions. Bibles are strong entrenchments. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience. Consider also, the rich do not possess aught more precious than their Bible, and that the poor cannot be presented by the rich with anything of greater value...It is a book of councils and directions, fitted to every situation in which man can be placed..." [This quotation in its entirety can be found on p. 1099 of *The Founders' Bible*.]

ents all over our state.<sup>2</sup> Many churches and individuals contributed to the cost of these Bibles. If that includes you, then please know, you were part of something truly significant on March 21st!

Why did we choose to distribute this particular copy of the Bible? First, and most importantly, we wanted each office to have a copy of God's Word. We believe God has revealed Himself in His Word, and we believe His Word is inerrant, infallible truth. We believe every legislator deserves to have access to a copy of Scripture so (s)he can learn about the God Who loves them and desires to save them, and also so they can learn about God's good plan for all men as it relates to the issues of the day.

Additionally, this particular edition of the Bible has over 700 pages of articles showing how the truth of Scripture impacted the founding of our country and the laws of our country. It also includes the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution, as well as articles showing the biblical basis for many of the concepts in both of these founding documents. We believe both elected officials and "we the people" need to know the history of our country, and we pray that Scripture and the articles included in *The Founders' Bible* will help guide their understanding and analysis of the critically important issues of our day.

After serving as the 6th president of the United States, John Quincy Adams worked tirelessly for the abolition of slavery in our country. He faced relentless opposition (much like William Wilberforce in England) but persevered in spite of little apparent success. His stated philosophy was, "Duty is ours; results are God's."<sup>3</sup> Our privilege, and duty, is to share the truth of God's Word and trust Him to use it in the lives of those we touch. Please pray that God will bless the work of the Church Ambassador Network as each of us seeks to do our duty. We believe that vitally important things happened on March 21st, making it a day to remember.

<sup>1</sup>Judge Lisa Neubauer was also invited, but her campaign did not respond to the invitation.

<sup>2</sup>The offices of AD 78 and AD 80 did not accept the gift of the Bible.

<sup>3</sup>*The Founders' Bible*, pp. 1549-1552, and p. 1597.

## 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, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious liberty in our state.*

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