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Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

I Cor. 6:18.

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God...

I Thess. 4:3-5

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 14,
12:00-1:00.

“Lunch With a Purpose”
Webinar with Ken Ham

Register at

wifamilycouncil.org,
Events, Lunch With a
Purpose.

(Additional information
about upcoming events—
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Abstinence: Raising the Moral Standard

Not too long ago, a long-time friend and former employee of Wisconsin Family Council wrote an op ed for the *Lexington Herald Leader*. A friend sent us a link to Richard Nelson’s most excellent article, “When Did Abstinence Become a Dirty Word?”¹ Richard lives in Kentucky and is the Executive Director of The Commonwealth Policy Center.

A Kentucky state senator had the courage to introduce a bill that would mandate the teaching of “abstinence until marriage as the ideal for human sexuality in public school sex-ed classes.” Not surprisingly, critics of this proposal came unhinged.

A coalition comprised of the ACLU, Planned Parenthood and the Fairness Campaign (that state’s pro-homosexual advocacy group) testified against the bill, joined by a Baptist pastor, who said the bill “isn’t in line with societal reality.”



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Sex-ed educators declared that teaching abstinence is “just not an effective message,” subtly saying, “hey, stop imposing morality on all of society.”

Nelson observed that Kentucky has suffered extensively from decades of sex-ed teaching that promotes so-called “safer sex,” which has given rise to high rates of teen pregnancy and escalating sexually transmitted diseases—both situations that at a minimum short-circuit futures and can even endanger a teen’s life.

God bless that senator for the courage to introduce this bill. Nelson admits that this abstinence message sounds old-fashioned, but maintains it is the best message for people in general and for teens in particular.

What happened in Kentucky had somewhat already happened here in Wisconsin. In 2012, during Governor Walker’s first administration, working with other organizations, we were successful in changing Wisconsin’s Human Growth and De-

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Save the Date

“Going Local” training events are coming! Last year our community events focused on a challenge to become guardians of our communities. These upcoming training events are designed to equip you to be an effective difference maker in your community.

Thurs., Sept. 23

6:00 p.m., Fox Valley area, location TBD

Thurs., Oct. 7, 6:00 p.m.

Brookridge Church
Plover

Thurs., Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Dayspring Church
Pewaukee

For current information and to register, visit wifamilycouncil.org/Events.

The Engagement Project-- This Changes Everything!

We are excited to announce that Dr. Del Tackett (*The Truth Project*) is coming to Neenah on Saturday, October 16. In *The Engagement Project*, Dr. Tackett answers two important questions: “Why did Jesus leave?” and “Why does God send?” The answers to these questions may just turn your world right side up! Register at DelTackett.com under Events.

velopment law. One of the components of the new law is that any Wisconsin school district that has a Human Growth and Development program—and having one is strictly voluntary in our state—must in an age-appropriate manner and in the same course and during the same year present “abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior for unmarried pupils” and emphasize “that abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the only reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and AIDs.”²

Our coalition pushed hard for this language because we know, in spite of all the messages to the contrary, and even knowing in today’s culture this message is a hard sell, it is what is best for children. Regardless of what Planned Parenthood says, children, including teens, as Nelson notes, are “not equipped to handle the biological, sociological, emotional and moral implications that come with pre-marriage sexual activity.”

The goal isn’t just to lower the teen pregnancy rate, which has happened due to easy access to contraceptive drugs and devices. The goal is preventing destructive choices that are resulting in high rates of sexually transmitted diseases in teens, and putting teens in the best position to succeed for life. As believers we recognize that the goal is also to uphold God’s plan for sexuality, which is that it be expressed within the boundaries of a one-man and one-woman marriage relationship (Mat. 19:4-6).

As to the argument that you can’t legislate morality, that’s just hogwash. All law legislates someone’s view of what is right and wrong. That’s what morality is—someone’s view of what’s right and wrong. We can either legislate bad morality or good morality. We are grateful for elected officials in Wisconsin and in Kentucky who understand “good” morality and have the courage to stand and work for “good” morality for everyone’s sake.

Nelson concluded his piece by saying, “It’s a novel ideal today to teach our children that sex is meant to take place within marriage. We may not live up to that ideal, but to shoot it down simply because it isn’t followed doesn’t say as much about the ideal as it says about us.” Isn’t that the truth? May God bless all who endeavor to raise the moral standard.

¹<http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article198744024.html>

²<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/118/019>

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 freedom in our state.

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