

# CHURCH CONNECTION

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## THE WAR ON CHILDREN IS REAL

**T**here is a real and relentless war on children. This isn't new. Jesus gave a dire warning to those who would bring harm to children (see Matthew 18:6). We need to remember there is a battle, and we need to think about practical ways for parents and concerned adults to help protect children so they survive and even thrive.

### How is war being waged on children?

- In the womb—with over 541,000 preborn babies being aborted in Wisconsin since 1977.
- Children born to single parents are immediately in a battle for survival because they are at great risk for a host of problems, not the least of which is severe poverty.
- In many public schools children are taught that they are the product of chance evolution, not the unique, amazing creation of a loving God. Further, children are often told they can't have or voice opinions that are contrary to the popular culture. They are silenced, marginalized, and sometimes the victims of true bullying. They are urged to question how God made them as male or female and much too often are urged to do the impossible: change their biological sex—often without their parents' knowledge.
- There is a war on children's purity—from school sex ed classes to pornography to the sexualization of everything in the media. Way too often children are lured into sex trafficking—yes, right here in Wisconsin.
- Gambling, drugs and alcohol are designed to ensnare and addict children—often for life.

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**STRENGTHENING,  
PRESERVING & PROMOTING  
MARRIAGE, FAMILY, LIFE &  
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

**You're Invited!**  
2022 Community Events!  
*"Your Backyard: Own It!"*

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Schwefel's  
6-8 p.m.  
Oconomowoc

**Thursday, Sept. 15**  
TBD  
6-8 p.m.  
Wausau

**Tuesday, Sept. 20**  
Willett Ice Arena  
6-8 p.m.  
Steven's Point

**Thursday, Sept. 29**  
The Columbian  
6-8 p.m.  
Westbend

**Thursday, Oct. 6**  
TBD  
6-8 p.m.  
Appleton

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register. Invite a friend to join  
you!

*"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD and the fruit of the womb is his reward."*

Ps. 127:3

*"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."*

Eph.6:4

- The war also focuses on making children totally dependent on government for everything, thereby destroying their independence, creativity, incentive to work, and more.



**So, what can parents and other concerned adults do? We offer some these ideas...**

- Recognize the war is real. Know the issues. Research them. Get reliable help. Talk with your children. Use family meetings and one-on-one meetings. Use teachable moments. Ask questions. Remember you are the parent, not the friend.
- Go to church together. Read the Bible and pray together. Purposefully build a biblical worldview in your children.
- 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. Your goal is not to be popular; it is 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.
- Use strong internet filters. Have and enforce family standards for internet use and tv and movie viewing.
- Plan family activities that will bond the family and develop your children. Help them appreciate the God-given differences between boys and girls and to 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 children will not be targeted...assume they will be targeted. Model the behavior you want—that's so very important. And finally, walk closely with the Lord every day. Stay in His Word. Believe it and trust Him. Pray every single day for your children—then rejoice in God's everlasting love and faithfulness, remembering that He loves your children even more than you do.

Children are a gift from God, the heritage of the Lord. They are not trophies, toys, inconveniences, or burdens. They are humans who bear God's image and who depend on parents for love, care, instruction, and protection. Parents, grandparents and other adults must be actively engaged because the war on children is real. If we don't do battle for their hearts, minds, and bodies, who will?

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