



Connecting the local church with marriage, family, life and liberty in Wisconsin

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On November 2, Wisconsin voters will cast their ballots for the people who will make, administer and enforce our laws. Those laws will either promote or inhibit freedom of speech and religion, strengthen or weaken parental rights, strengthen and preserve or destroy and attack one-man, one-woman marriage and the traditional family unit and protect or destroy innocent life. The laws will either help reinvigorate the economic climate in Wisconsin, or lengthen and perhaps worsen the recession.

This is a decisive election for our state and nation and Christians cannot afford to stay home. If Christians don't vote their values, then someone else's values will be represented at the polls on November 2. The last few years have shown us that unless we elect people of courage, conviction and action, who respect our Constitution, our God-given rights and our religious freedom, we will lose our liberties very quickly.

If we go to the polls and vote our biblical values, we can have a significant impact on the outcome of this election, the good of our churches, communities, marriages and families. This November 2, let's "select...able men (and women) who fear God!"

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## Defending Marriage, the People and the Constitution

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This August, WFA filed a lawsuit in Dane County against the domestic partnership registry. Recently, we learned that Fair Wisconsin—the leading lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender organization in the state, and the primary opponent of the marriage amendment—and five same-sex couples filed to intervene in WFA's lawsuit.

If the judge allows the same-sex couples and Fair Wisconsin to intervene, their attorneys will file briefs with the court in favor of the domestic partnership registry. The powerful, wealthy Chicago-based Lambda Legal is representing Fair Wisconsin and the ever-present ACLU is representing the five same-sex couples.

Overriding the will of the people is serious business—and something can be done about it! Our lawsuit is an important legal step, but there are two very important ways you can fight back against this attempt to undermine marriage, the constitution and the will of the people: **vote and pray**. (See action box) If the governor and the legislature can arbitrarily ignore the marriage amendment, then it is completely useless.

### What You Can Do

★ **Vote** for candidates who respect the will of the people and the institution of marriage on November 2.

★ **Pray** that God would protect His design for marriage in the state of Wisconsin.

### Prayers & Intercessions

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#### November 2 Election

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### It's Been Said...

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*~ George Washington*

*Thanksgiving Proclamation (1789)*

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