

Encouraging news: Bible held aloft on Senate floor

Last year, churches around Iowa partnered with The FAMiLY LEADER Foundation to distribute Founders Bibles to their state legislators and other elected officials.

Earlier this week, Sen. Dennis Guth, R-Hancock, held up his Founders Bible on the floor of the Iowa Senate and encouraged his fellow legislators to seek the wisdom of God's Word. Watch footage from the Iowa Senate below:

Your donations support The FAMiLY LEADER Foundation's vision of a transformed America that honors God and blesses people. Will you join us in that vision? Click here now!

Watch the 2016 Family Leadership Summit now!

Audio of the breakout sessions now available! [Click here!](#)

About 1,000 people came to the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa, to hear messages of hope and cultural transformation at the 2016 Family Leadership Summit.

Encouraged over and over that our hope is not in the 2016 election, nor the next Supreme Court case, but in God alone, those who came were inspired to take up our greatest weapon in the fight for our children's future: prayer.

“We are on a path, as a society, of degradation and a failure to understand truth,” commented attendee Don Friend of Des Moines. “But there is hope. There is absolutely hope, and our hope is in God. As the [Summit] stressed, all we have to do is turn to Him.”

Morning session speakers included Bob Vander Plaats, Dr. Del Tackett of The Truth Project, and Billy Graham’s daughter, author Anne Graham Lotz. Afternoon session speakers included Pastor Steven Khoury of Jerusalem and actor T.C. Stallings of the film “War Room.”* Several other speakers also presented breakout sessions that featured encouragement in areas of personal revival, such as health, marriage, and evangelism.

Watch the morning speakers here:

Bob Vander Plaats:

Dr. Del Tackett:

If 7:14:

Anne Graham Lotz:

Watch the afternoon speakers here:

*Due to contractual agreements with T.C. Stallings’ representatives, The FAMILY LEADER Foundation was unable to record Stallings’ presentations.

Bryan English:

Pastor Steven Khoury:

TFL Capitol Team:

Thank you for watching, and please consider visiting www.if714.com and supporting the work of The FAMiLY LEADER today!

Breakout session audio now available!

The 2016 Family Leadership Summit included an element new to the Summits: breakout sessions! Eight different sessions gave attendees the opportunity to dive deeper into the topic or focus that most interested them.

The FAMiLY LEADER Foundation has heard nothing but positive feedback and praise over this new addition. The only drawback, of course, is that no one could attend all eight breakout sessions!

But now, we can make available the audio for several of those sessions at the links below.*

- Audio of Greg Baker's breakout session
- Audio of Pastor Jon Crane's breakout session
- Audio of the Rosbergs' breakout session
- Audio of Dr. Del Tackett's breakout session
- Audio of Joe Tewell's breakout session

*Due to contractual obligations, we were unable to record T.C. Stallings' breakout session, and Pastor Steven Khoury's session cannot be rebroadcast because of internationally sensitive information that could jeopardize Christians in Israel.

Thank you for listening, and please consider visiting www.if714.com and supporting the work of The FAMiLY LEADER today!

VIDEO: Holy Week service proclaims Christ on Capitol steps

“Think bigger.”

Bigger than elections and bills and presidents and kings. It was the theme of the first Holy Week Worship Service at the Iowa Capitol on Monday, March 21.

“We’ve had rallies here for issues,” said Bob Vander Plaats, president and CEO of The FAMILY LEADER, from the west steps of the Iowa Capitol. “It’s easy to get people here to rally around an issue.”

“But we need to think bigger,” he said, “to think way beyond the issues.”

Both Vander Plaats and Pastor Mike Housholder of Lutheran Church of Hope, Iowa’s largest church, declared those who look only to Capitol Hill for help, ironically, need to lift their eyes just a little farther:

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth” ~ Psalms 121:1-2.

Watch the full video of the service below, which includes a time of worship, messages from Vander Plaats and Housholder, and a time of corporate prayer:

Are YOU ready to start thinking bigger? Visit www.if714.com right now and download the free smart phone app that is uniting thousands to call not on presidents and kings, but the King of Kings, for revival in America today!

5-minute recap, 3 hours of amazing

Watch this quick, 5-minute video recapping the 2015 Presidential Family Forum, the most unique and insightful event of the entire election season!

Watch the Presidential Family Forum in its entirety below:

The Presidential Family Forum, an event like no other, was held on Friday, Nov. 20, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Your donations bring events like the Presidential Family Forum to Iowa. Would you give today to keep 'em coming? Click here now!

The Forum also marked the global launch of If 7:14, an international prayer initiative calling on God's people to prayer and repentance, seeking God for both personal and national healing.

With the help of musical superstars the Newsboys and an exciting new app that will engage and unites believer around the world, If 7:14 is igniting a global rhythm of united prayer!

Click here now to learn more about If 7:14!

Can Christians be involved in politics?

On his recent trip to Europe, Bob Vander Plaats was interviewed by England's Premier Christian Radio. One of the key questions: Can Christians be involved in the murky world of politics?

The interview was part of a rare opportunity, unexpectedly provided by God, for Bob to talk with key people in London about Christian leadership in government and international faith leaders at The Vatican in Rome about If 7:14 and the urgent call to prayer for revival.

It is absolutely thrilling to see God's hand at work, sowing the seeds of revival around the world!

Watch a brief excerpt of the Premier Christian Radio interview below:

To listen to the entire, hour-long interview, click on the link below. The interview begins at roughly the 6:45 mark of the recording:

Full interview on Premier Christian Radio

God is igniting Christians to be a blazing light in the world today! If you'd like to encourage and be a part of this growing movement, here's what you can do:

- Visit If 7:14 to learn more and sign up to join the growing cry of God's people for revival in America.
- Visit The FAMiLY LEADER action center for ways to get involved personally.
- Support the team God is using to ignite this movement. Make your donation today!

VIDEO: Watch the 2015 Presidential Family Forum here!

Catch anything you missed. Relive the moments ...

The 2015 Presidential Family Forum on Friday, Nov. 20, was a resounding success! Over 1,100 people and 100 members of national and international media were on hand to listen to seven presidential hopefuls share not just their plans and ideas, but their hearts and worldviews.



Over 1,100 people braved the snow to pack the Convention Center

[Click below to relive some of the most revealing and insightful moments of the entire election season!](#)

Dr. Ben Carson, Sen. Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, former Gov. Mike Huckabee, Sen. Rand Paul, Sen. Marco Rubio, and former Sen. Rick Santorum all sat down around our table and shared their

hearts with us.

Focus group maestro Frank Luntz moderated the discussion, bringing questions unlike anything you'll ever see on a mainstream media debate, many of which came from Iowans and Americans just like you.



For example, Frank asked Carly Fiorina if she should share with him in his own grief any lessons of faith she learned from the death of her daughter. It was one of the most touching moments of the evening.

But not the only one.



Rick Santorum spoke about wrestling with a bitterness of spirit when doctors told him his son would die, Mike Huckabee detailed the struggle to sign off on the execution of convicts when he was a governor, and more.

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Video from NW Iowa Regional Summit and Pro-Life Rally

An overflow crowd of 400+ gathered at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, on Sept. 1 for the Northwest Iowa Family Leadership Regional Summit and Pro-Life Rally.

Among the hot-button topics the speakers focused on were the gruesome videos from the Center for Medical Progress alleging Planned Parenthood has been deceiving its patients and harvesting human body parts for sale, in violation of federal law, and efforts in Iowa to stop taxpayer money flowing to Planned Parenthood.

[Click here to demand Branstad immediately act to defund Planned Parenthood or call the governor's office at 515-281-5211 today!](#)

Video of several of the speakers at the rally can be seen below:

Alison Howard of the Alliance Defending Freedom

FLRS-NW_ Alison Howard from The FAMiLY LEADER on Vimeo.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal

FLRS-NW_ Bobby Jindal from The FAMiLY LEADER on Vimeo.

Iowa State Sen. David Johnson, R-Ocheyedan

FLRS-NW_ Iowa Senator David Johnson from The FAMiLY LEADER on Vimeo.

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum

FLRS-NW_ Rick Santorum from The FAMiLY LEADER on Vimeo.

Sue Thayer, former manager of Storm Lake, Iowa, Planned Parenthood

FLRS-NW_ Iowa Senator David Johnson from The FAMiLY LEADER on Vimeo.

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The Family Leadership Summit 2015

Video of each of the speakers at the 2015 Family Leadership Summit is now available!

Take note: The keynote speakers of the 2015 Family Leadership Summit each took their turn "in the chair," being interviewed on an in-depth, personal basis. No stump speeches, these are one-on-one interviews, including questions from both the moderator as well as the audience.

Click below to watch the speakers, listed in alphabetical, not chronological, order:

Shawn D. Akers

FLS15-Akers from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Gary Bauer

FLS15-Bauer from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Brian Brown

FLS15-Brown from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Ben Carson

FLS15-Carson from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Ted Cruz

FLS15-Cruz from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Foster Friess

FLS15-Friess from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Lindsey Graham

FLS15-Graham from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Mike Huckabee

FLS15-Huckabee from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Bobby Jindal

FLS15-Jindal from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Steve King

FLS15-King from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Tony Perkins

FLS15-Perkins from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Rick Perry

FLS15-Perry from The FAMiLY LEADER on Vimeo.

Marco Rubio

FLS15-Rubio from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Rick Santorum

FLS15-Santorum from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Donald Trump

FLS15-Donald from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

Bob Vander Plaats

FLS15-Vander-Plaats from The FAMiLY LEADER on Vimeo.

Scott Walker

FLS15-Walker from The Family Leadership Summit on Vimeo.

The purpose of The Family Leadership Summit is to inspire, motivate, and educate conservatives regarding worldview application and the most pressing issues facing America's

families. The Summit will provide Iowans the opportunity to engage with national conservative leaders and hear their leadership vision on the issues that matter most to the future of America.

>>Click here to visit the Official FLS2015 Web Page.<<

Click here to watch the full day's coverage, start to finish, originally broadcast live on C-SPAN.

Isn't banning gays from marrying 'discrimination'?

No. In fact, it's only discrimination if we DO try to redefine marriage.

The speaker in this Q & A session – Ryan Anderson of The Heritage Foundation – argues that so long as we define marriage as the permanent, exclusive union of sexually complimentary spouses as husband and wife, potentially father and mother, then ALL people have equal opportunity under the law to enter that institution. The “equal protection” clause of the Constitution is fulfilled.

But if we redefine marriage to mean nothing more than the government endorsement of a romantic relationship, Anderson suggests, allowing only two homosexuals to “marry” inherently becomes discrimination against the romantic union of three or four or more people – what he refers to in this video as a “throuple” (as distinct from a “couple”) or a “quartet.” In other words, to arbitrarily extend marriage only to homosexual couples instantly becomes an act of discrimination against those who prefer other romantic relationships.

The “equal protection” and “discrimination” arguments can only remain consistent, Anderson argues, if we understand marriage has an established definition and people may either participate in that definition or not.

Watch the following video to see how Anderson handled this question from a crowd member: “Why should I, as a gay man, be denied the same right to file a joint tax return with my potential husband that a straight couple has? ... How is that not discrimination?”

Help The FAMiLY LEADER stand firm in defending natural marriage by making a donation today. [Click here!](#)

Video: Iowa National Security Action Summit

Attendees left thoroughly “wowed” by the Iowa National Security Action Summit in Waukee, Iowa, on May 16.

They heard from notable names like Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, Gov. Bobby Jindal, Rick Santorum, Phyllis Schlafly, Sen. Ted Cruz, and U.S. Rep Steve King. They got the unfiltered, inside scoop from a retired admiral who once commanded more ships than the entire U.S. Navy has on the seas today. They welcomed information and action steps on issues like refugee resettlement, Islamic terrorism, cybersecurity, a weakening military, and more.

The Summit was just too good to miss, the information presented too good to miss out on. That’s why we’ve made public the videos below. Don’t miss a moment; come back again

and again until you've seen 'em all!

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Session I: Border and Immigration Security

U.S. Rep. Steve King

Phyllis Schlafly, founder of Eagle Forum

Ann Corcoran, Refugee Resettlement Watch

Rick Manning, Americans for Limited Government

Jan Mickelson, WHO Radio

Session II: America's Electric Power Grid and Threats to Critical Infrastructure

Dr. Peter Vincent Fry, executive director, Task Force on National and Homeland Security

Dr. Henry Cooper, chairman, High Frontier

Zach Nunn, Iowa State Representative

Dr. Ben Carson

Session III: America's Military in Decline

Admiral "Ace" Lyons, U.S. Navy, retired

Peter Huessy, president, GeoStrategic Analysis

Colonel Al Ringgenberg, U.S. Air Force, retired

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal

Sen. Ted Cruz

Session IV: Shariah, the Global Jihad Movement, and the Islamic Republic of Iran

Frank Gaffney, president, Center for Security Policy

Donald Trump

Bob Vander Plaats, president and CEO, The FAMiLY LEADER Foundation

Former Sen. Rick Santorum

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TFL shines The Truth on LGBTQ Conference

The FAMiLY LEADER's new director of communications, Drew Zahn, visited with J. Michael "Mac" McKoy of 99.3, The Truth Network, about the 10th Annual Governor's Conference on LGBTQ Youth in Altoona, Iowa, on April 3.

Not familiar with the shocking content presented to Iowa's schoolchildren at this conference? [Click here to learn more.](#)

At the heart of the interview – eyewitness transcripts of what was presented at the conference and how the confluence of LGBTQ issues and bullying is blowing up in our schools.

Watch the webcast with Drew Zahn, Mac McKoy, Frank "The Verse" Thomas, and Frank Meeink of Life After Hate below:

(Note: Some of the content of this interview is explicit in nature. Parental caution is advised.)

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Harvard prof explains why faith critical to America

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