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First-Ever FRC Action Live Simulcast Rallies Hundreds of Thousands Nationally to Protect Marriage

"Battle for Marriage" Called Christians to Demand Passage of Federal Marriage Amendment

It was an event unlike any other in the history of the Family Research Council.

And your support—your gifts and your prayers that sustain our mission to fight for your family and the values you cherish—helped make it possible.

On Sunday evening, May 23, more than 700 churches and 1,500 radio stations joined FRC President Tony Perkins and other Christian leaders in a live satellite TV and radio "Battle for Marriage" simulcast.

The historic event was a call to Christians nationwide to engage in the fight for marriage by demanding passage of a constitutional amendment to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

"The broadcast is just the beginning of FRC's efforts to mobilize the tens of millions of Americans who believe marriage is worth defending," says Perkins. "Every national poll has shown that more than two-thirds of the American public opposes redefining marriage. We're committed to turning that statistic into action on Capitol Hill."

In response to the overwhelming positive response to the first "Battle



FRC President Tony Perkins told viewers and listeners that an amendment to the U.S. Constitution is the only way to prevent judges from slamming down their gavels and destroying marriage.

for Marriage" simulcast, FRC plans similar events in the near future.

Focus on the Family's Dr. James Dobson, Prison Fellowship's Chuck Colson, National Association of Evangelicals' Ted Haggard, Bishop Wellington Boone of the Fellowship of International Churches, and Tony Perkins gave stirring challenges to the estimated national audience of 200,000 people who took part in the May 23 event.

Dr. James Dobson, who helped give birth to

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Focus on the Family's Dr. James Dobson warned the "Battle for Marriage" simulcast audience that same-sex "marriage" advocates won't stop there: Their demands for "tolerance" will threaten religious freedom.

Your Support at Work



"Family Research Council has been a great support for me in my first term in Congress. Tony's experience as a state legislator and the daily presence of FRC on Capitol Hill give FRC unmatched credibility in their work with Congress. I am extremely grateful for FRC's presence in Washington."

Congressman Steve King (R-IA)

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FRC more than 20 years ago, said the legalization of same-sex "marriage" will seriously threaten religious freedom and force schools to teach homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle.

Chuck Colson spoke of the negative impact of sanctioning motherless and fatherless homes and urged Christians to make their arguments against same-sex "marriage" with appeals to justice and prudence.

Bishop Boone forcefully debunked the argument made by homosexuals that their push for "marriage" is equal to the push for civil rights by black Americans in the 1960s.

Tony Perkins concluded by calling on viewers and listeners to rein in the tyrannical judiciary that is largely responsible for the push to redefine marriage, by calling each of their two U.S. senators to pass an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect marriage.

"If Congress fails to act, there is no doubt that activist judges will bring same-sex 'marriage' to every state in the union," says Perkins.

Predictably, same-sex "marriage" advocates and others voiced objections to churches being

involved in the battle to protect marriage. But the fact is, there is no legal prohibition against such church involvement. Still, in Montana, left-wing groups filed a complaint against a church that passed out petitions after the simulcast encouraging attendees to call for the passage of a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. FRC ally the Alliance Defense Fund took swift legal action to defend the church's right to be involved in this critical issue.

"The goal of the same-sex 'marriage' advocates is to simply scare all critics of the homosexual agenda into silence," says Tony Perkins. "But we are determined to make sure the voices of America's pastors are heard on this issue."

The simulcast would not have been possible without our friends at American Family Radio, Bott Radio, Focus on the Family Radio, and Salem Broadcasting,

who aired the program live on many of their radio stations nationwide.

We are grateful for their, and your, support and prayers as the battle for marriage continues to heat up across America. ■

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FRC in the News!

TELEVISION:

- **BILL SAUNDERS**
May 5: Fox News
Dayside with Linda Vester re: embryonic stem-cell research
- **GENEVIEVE WOOD**
May 15: ABC's
World News Tonight
re: same-sex "marriage"
- **GENEVIEVE WOOD**
May 16: Fox News
re: same-sex "marriage"
- **TONY PERKINS**
May 17: ABC's
Nightline re: reaction to first same-sex "marriages" in Massachusetts
- **TONY PERKINS**
May 17: CNN's
Crossfire re: same-sex "marriage"



RADIO:

- **TOM McCLUSKY**
May 12: USA Radio
Network re: Federal Marriage Amendment
- **COLIN STEWART**
May 15: BBC Radio
re: Massachusetts same-sex "marriage"
- **PAT TRUEMAN**
June 2: USA Radio
Network re: Viacom's Howard Stern may soon go solo
- **PIA DE SOLENNI**
June 5: NPR's
Weekend Edition
re: partial-birth abortion study
- **CONNIE MACKEY**
June 7: *United News & Information Radio Network* re: legacy of President Reagan
- **TONY PERKINS**
June 7: *Salem Radio Network News* re: legacy of President Reagan

PRINT:

- **PIA DE SOLENNI**
May 2: *Washington Times* re: Op-Ed on pro-abortion march
- **TONY PERKINS**
May 7: *Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Times* re: FDA rejects over-the-counter morning-after pill
- **TONY PERKINS**
May 16: *New York Times* re: same-sex "marriages" to begin in Massachusetts
- **TONY PERKINS**
May 18: *USA Today* re: Op-Ed: "Gender is different from race"
- **TONY PERKINS**
May 18: *Associated Press* re: state lawmakers support FMA
- **PETER SPRIGG**
May 26: *Boston Globe* re: MTV to launch "gay television network"
- **TONY PERKINS**
June 2: *Washington Times* re: court overturns Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

FRC Inaugurates Washington Briefing for Pastors

Your support enabled FRC to hold its first-ever *Watchmen on the Wall* briefing in Washington, D.C., on May 10–12, 2004.

The conference, the first of its kind ever held exclusively for pastors, was attended by 216 ministers and 85 spouses, from 40 states. They came together at FRC's invitation to receive information about developments in Washington and around the nation regarding many of the critical issues—from attacks on traditional marriage to the rise of judicial tyranny and its implications for the church—that affect the very foundation of America.

"We must first and foremost understand that, foundationally, the issues facing America today are spiritual," explains Tony Perkins. "We are engaged in a spiritual struggle. The political issues we see developing in our nation are the manifestation of that spiritual struggle. If we are to prevail politically, we must *first* prevail spiritually. That means pastors and their congregations must assume a greater involvement in the issues of the day."



Prison Fellowship Founder Chuck Colson was a featured speaker at FRC's first-ever *Watchmen on the Wall* Pastors' Briefing in Washington, D.C., last May.

Briefing attendees enjoyed a spiritual heritage tour of the Capitol and other monuments in Washington led by American history authority David Barton. Pastors and their spouses also had the opportunity to meet with their elected officials, and they heard stirring and informative presentations from a wide range of speakers, including FRC public policy experts, a White House representative,

noted senators, and Christian leaders, including Prison Fellowship founder Chuck Colson and Dr. D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries and Presbyterian Church.

"I am grateful for the FRC supporters who helped make this critically important conference possible," says Tony Perkins. "As our friends provide the support, we will conduct more such briefings in the future—because I believe pastoral and church involvement is absolutely essential to reclaiming our culture." ■

FRC Is Key Backer of New Fetal Pain Bill

Thanks to your support, FRC was able to take an active role in promoting a major new piece of pro-life legislation.

On May 20, 2004, FRC President Tony Perkins joined Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) and Jim Talent (R-MO) along with Congressman Chris Cox (R-NJ) and others as they introduced the "Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act."

This proposed legislation would require that women seeking an abortion of an unborn child 20 weeks or more after fertilization be notified of the medical evidence of the pain experienced by unborn children during an abortion. The abortionist would be required to offer the mother anesthesia for her unborn child.

The bill was given impetus by recent testimony in the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban hearings in Congress. Pediatrician Dr.

Kanwaljeet Anand said that the procedure causes "severe and excruciating pain" to 20-week-old fetuses—a fact born out of new findings made possible by advancement in the field of *in utero* technology.

"Why would we want to keep this evidence from women?" asks Tony Perkins. "If passed, this legislation will tell the unborn that we see their pain and we will do what we would for any American—we will help."

Already, pro-abortion advocates have announced their strong opposition to this important "right to know" legislation. But their arguments only expose their hypocrisy and show that their true allegiance is to the "abortion on demand" agenda—not to women and certainly not to unborn babies. ■



FRC Celebrates Victory in Pledge Case

By now you probably know the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 14, 2004, that a California atheist did not have legal standing to challenge the "under God" phrase in the pledge of allegiance. What you might not know is that FRC, with our ally the Alliance Defense Fund, helped file a brief in this case. We rejoice in the victory, thank God that His name will remain in the pledge, and also thank you for the support that enabled us to take a stand in this important case. ■

Why I Am Encouraged

With radical homosexual activism on the march and the radicals' intolerance increasing like never before, the culture war is raging hotter than ever.

—But I'm getting more encouraged by the day. Why?

For one thing, I am encouraged that many more churches are awakening to their responsibility to take a stand in the public square for the common good. For too many years, many pastors and congregations have neglected their responsibility and refused to get involved in the hard world of politics or public policy.

But with the growing awareness of the threat that homosexual activism poses to religious freedom, pastors are realizing they must act now—and persuade their congregations to do the same—or we will lose our precious freedoms.

Motivating this kind of action was one of the purposes of our *Watchmen on the Wall 2004* briefing for pastors we held here in Washington in May (see page 3 story). And it is why we held our "Battle for Marriage" simulcast (see page 1 story). Both events brought new people into the battle for America's future.

For instance, nearly two dozen Louisiana pastors who attended FRC's Pastors' Briefing went home, preached on the same-sex "marriage" crisis, and called on their members to take action. Christians from all over the state converged on the Louisiana State Capitol, filling it to capacity in support of marriage. The week before, the Senate there had failed by one vote to pass an amendment declaring marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The day of the rally, the same measure



Tony Perkins, President

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passed the Senate by a vote of 31-4, and a similar measure passed the House by a vote of 87-11. What changed in the span of one week? Christians became engaged.

In another example, a pastor in Seattle said he had never preached on anything political until he invited me to speak at his church. After attending FRC's Pastors' Briefing, the pastor got fired up and went on to help coordinate a group of 200 pastors in Washington state. They're called the Paul Revere Riders. This dynamic group of ministers now plans to organize monthly breakfasts and coordinate voicemail broadcasts regarding threats to our biblical values.

Similar stories could be repeated across the country, which is why I'm encouraged. The sleeping giant of the church is beginning to awaken and lend its voice to the overwhelming majority of Americans who are opposed to same-sex "marriage" and other attacks on our nation's values.

What is FRC's role in this movement? Our purpose is to give concerned individuals and churches the tools—primarily timely and expert information and recommended steps of action—that they need to get, and stay, involved.

And that is why your support is so important and so appreciated. Your gifts and your prayers enable FRC to provide the tools necessary to keep the growing number of "troops" educated, informed, and—most important—*motivated* to win this most important battle for our nation. Thank you and God bless you.



RONALD REAGAN 1911-2004

The Family Research Council notes with sadness the passing of President Ronald Reagan, whose values and spirit did so much to inspire our efforts on behalf of traditional family values, the unborn, and the cause of freedom.

Several FRC staff members over the years were privileged to have worked in the Reagan White House. Connie Mackey, FRC's Vice President for Government Affairs, served in the White House the entire eight years of Mr. Reagan's presidency.

President Reagan not only made the world a safer place, his commitment to his faith in Jesus Christ and devotion to truth made America a better place.