

# A Guide

## to Christian Citizenship

*Promoting Justice and Godliness in our society*

This guide belongs to:

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My passion to equip you with practical information to participate in legislative matters was birthed from many sources. As Christians I believe we must do our part to protect the innocent and promote godliness, to seize the moment and to be faithful in the field of influence God has placed us in.

*Dedicated to the generation that will end the abortion holocaust in America.*

*Enjoy, for such a time as this*

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## I) REASONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- A) It is our “field” - our location where God has placed us in
- B) It is our time - our time in history, FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
- C) It is our calling - to protect the innocent who cannot speak for themselves, to be salt and light, to hold back God’s judgment in the USA, to repair the “broken walls,” and to help the kingdom of God to be here, now!
- D) It is because of great need - 49 million abortions in the USA since 1973 and increasing every 2.5 minutes, and animosity toward Israel may be the two greatest reasons God has to punish America.
- E) It is fulfilling to see the difference our participation makes
- F) It is easy with the tools I will share with you
- G) It is this: if we don’t, and other citizens of integrity don’t, who does that leave to influence the legislative direction of this country?
- H) It is our heart - we care because Jesus cares
- I) It is how our leaders get to know who they represent, and empowers them to make choices based on that.

## II) POSSIBLE REASONS HOLDING US BACK

- A) We would like to help, but we don’t know how (government class was long ago!)
- B) We haven’t thought our actions could make a big enough difference.
- C) We haven’t wanted to invest our time & energy into this direction.
- D) We haven’t seen a great need for it - America seems stable enough.
- E) We don’t know what is currently being considered amongst leaders.
- F) We haven’t personally or directly suffered enough yet from poor governmental decisions.
- G) We are intimidated to interact with leaders in government.

For me, when the Kentucky legislators were considering an amendment to clarify that only a union between 1 man & 1 woman would be recognized as a marriage, the negative consequences of not getting this amendment in place was enough to encourage me to jump in both feet first, and much of what I gained in knowledge I pass on to you to lessen your “learning curve” in getting “up to speed” on how to participate. The Family Foundation ([www.tffky.org](http://www.tffky.org)) was the biggest help to me during this time. So . . .

## III) GETTING STARTED

- A) Relax and pray for wisdom to be faithful to participate however God wants.
- A) Organizational Tools
  - 1) A computer will be the best way to help keep you informed and for you to respond at a convenient time to current issues.
  - 2) Get a notebook with a three ring binder and pockets (either paper or a trapper keeper type thing) and label it “My Participation as a Christian Citizen to Promote Godliness in Our Government and Nation”, or just, “My Government

Participation.” Put this guide in plastic coverings in its 3 ring binder (best choice) or in the pocket.

- 3) A hanging file and/or banker’s box will come in handy for storage of information/ journals, etc. that you already read and acted on, or you missed the time frame to act on it but you want to refer back to it. Also, put in letters from your legislators.
- 4) If you want to have some contact info. handy in a smaller format, use a “memo book” notebook that’s 3"x 5", especially if your cell phone has lots of minutes and you have some time that you are waiting around, etc. It helps to number the pages and index things:
  - a) Pages 1-20 Bible verses to pray and encourage myself with as I participate
  - b) Pages 21-40 Calendar of events and plans of action for me
  - c) Pages 41-60 Local Contact Information
  - d) Pages 61-80 State Contact Information
  - e) Pages 81-100 National Contact Information

#### B)Initial Steps to Take to Vote and to Network

Register to vote: [www.fayettecountyclerk.com](http://www.fayettecountyclerk.com) has form you can download or call voter registration at (859) 255-7563 to send a form. Outside Fayette County, go to <http://elect.ky.gov/register.htm>. You should get a postcard a few weeks before the election verifying that you are registered to vote and where.

- 1) Sign up in early January for the KY legislative “bill watch” on [www.kentucky.gov](http://www.kentucky.gov). Occasionally visit your leaders websites to stay informed with their activities and responsibilities. E-alerts are free notifications sent to your e-mail address to alert you to current legislative, etc. events that you will want to read daily and act on promptly – contact the government leader/s that have responsibility in that area. Sign up for legislative e-alerts from these tremendous organizations. You do not have to be a member to get these:
  - a) This Family Foundation focuses on Kentucky ([www.tffky.org](http://www.tffky.org))
  - b) The Home School Legal Defense Association ([www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org)) keeps a close eye on the National and State legislative situations that effect not only the home school movement, but pro-family, pro-Constitution/Founding Fathers original God honoring America. .
  - c) The National Right To Life Committee, Inc. ([www.nrlc.org/join\\_our\\_mailing\\_list.htm](http://www.nrlc.org/join_our_mailing_list.htm)) focuses on defending the unborn and less valued citizens.
  - d) The Kentucky Right to Life Association, Inc. ([www.krla.org](http://www.krla.org)) - A chapter of above, but more local to Kentucky.
  - e) Focus On the Family Action ([citizenlink.org](http://citizenlink.org)) - pro-family.
  - f) WallBuilders ([www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com)) – national grass roots.
  - g) American Family Association [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)
  - h) American Center for Law and Justice - [aclj.org](http://aclj.org) – Jay Sekulow is the president. Phone 877-989-2255. [jsekulow@aclj.org](mailto:jsekulow@aclj.org)
  - i) Freedom's Heritage Forum - [www.freedomsheritageforum.com](http://www.freedomsheritageforum.com) – [forumpac@bellsouth.net](mailto:forumpac@bellsouth.net) – PO Box 8090, Louisville, KY 40257-8090. Phone 800-775-6746 or 502-895-7700.

- j) Grassfire.org Alliance – issues advocacy organization that equips grassroots conservatives. Steve Elliott is the president. Sign up on [alert@grassfire.net](mailto:alert@grassfire.net).

#### IV) CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND MY PLAN OF ACTION

- A)The national legislative session is from January-November or so. Contact the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 for dates.
- B)The National Home School Leadership and Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. is in March usually - contact [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) and go to the National Center for Home Education for more details.
- C)The state legislative session is Jan.-March or April. Contact the Legislative Research Commission meeting information at (800) 633-9650 or [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov). Sign up for “Bill Watch” on [www.Kentucky.gov](http://www.Kentucky.gov).
- D)The state Rally for Life is held in Frankfort, KY in the State Rotunda and is usually around Jan. 22 (in commemoration of Roe vs. Wade). Contact the Kentucky Right to Life at [www.krla.org](http://www.krla.org) or (502) 895-5959.
- E)The Local Vigil for Life in Lexington, KY is usually around Jan. 22. Contact The Family Foundation at [www.tffky.org](http://www.tffky.org) or (859) 255-5400.
- F)Elections are in May and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. in Nov. with special elections at times. Contact the Voter Registration office at (859) 255-7563 or [fayettecountyclerk.com](http://fayettecountyclerk.com) to find out when the next election is and to request a copy of the sample ballot a few weeks before the election. The Secretary of State's website is excellent for candidate information and also provides a sample ballot to view: [sos.ky.gov](http://sos.ky.gov). In order to distribute reliable information on the candidates to your church, family, workplace, friends, etc. so they can vote informed, request several copies of the Family Foundations’ “Kentucky Candidate Survey”, the American Family Association’s “Candidate Information Guide” [[www.afaky.com](http://www.afaky.com) or (502) 893-2444], and the Freedom's Heritage Forum voter guide about three weeks before the election.
- G)For the home-educated pre-teens/teens, become a member of “Generation Joshua” via [www.joshuageneration.org](http://www.joshuageneration.org) or [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org).
- H)Volunteer to help candidates that agree with your values.
- I)Volunteer to help your local pregnancy help centers:
- 1) Birthright - 2134 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY, 40503 (815)-277-2635).
  - 2) AA Pregnancy Help Center - 1517 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY, 40503 (815) 278-8469 [www.aapregnancyhelp.net](http://www.aapregnancyhelp.net).
  - 3) Gianna Jessen is a speaker, recording artist, and advocate for MS who survived an attempted abortion that her Mom had requested and the doctor had proceeded with that resulted in her developing MS. View her website @ <http://www.giannajessen.com/>.
  - 4) If you would like to help establish the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn, contact [tffky@mis.net](mailto:tffky@mis.net) or 859-255-2000. A team is being formed for each county.
- J)CONTACT INFORMATION AND PRAYER GUIDE (FILL IN BLANKS IN PENCIL)
- K)Who Represents You?

- 1) Call the County Clerk's office (voter registration department) at (859) 255-7563 or go to [fayettecountyclerk.com](http://fayettecountyclerk.com) (you will need to type in your social security number and date of birth) to find out your:
  - a) National level
    - (a) Senators (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_
    - (b) Federal Representative (1) \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) State Level
    - (a) Senate district \_\_\_\_ and Senator \_\_\_\_\_
    - (b) Legislative district \_\_\_\_ and Representative \_\_\_\_\_
    - (c) State Supreme Court Judges: (7 of them)
      - (i) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (iv) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (v) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (vi) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (vii) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Local level
    - (a) Judicial district # \_\_\_\_\_ and District Judge \_\_\_\_\_
    - (b) Circuit district # \_\_\_\_\_ and Circuit Judge \_\_\_\_\_
    - (c) Appeals district # \_\_\_\_\_ and Appeals Judge \_\_\_\_\_
    - (d) Council district # \_\_\_\_\_ and Council Member \_\_\_\_\_
    - (e) Three at-large Council Members
      - (i) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_
      - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) My next election date is: \_\_\_\_\_ and the position's (office's) open for election are:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e) Request a copy of the contact information of the candidates that they had to submit about a month before the election in order to be on the ballot. You can view this on-line at [www.sos.ky.gov](http://www.sos.ky.gov).
- 5) You could also go to [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org) and enter your home address or call (800) VOTE-SMART (888) 868-3762.
- 6) Go to [www.votekentucky.us](http://www.votekentucky.us). Libraries have computers you can use if you do not have one or need assistance. Otherwise, call (859) 255-5400 (The Family Foundation).
- 7) Other websites:

- a) Secretary of State - Voter Information Center [cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp](http://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp) and provide your first name, last name, and birth date. Also see [www.sos.ky.gov](http://www.sos.ky.gov).
- b) State Legislative Research Commission: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov>.
- c) Local: [www.lfucg.com](http://www.lfucg.com) The 4 council members that represent you can be known also by calling the Fayette County Board of Elections at (859) 254-6276 or (859) 2590182.
- d) State and National: [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) - go to “legislative toolbox.”

#### L)Local Contact Information

- 1) The Family Foundation - director, Kent Ostrander
  - e) Phone: (859) 255-5400
  - f) E-mail: [tffky@mis.net](mailto:tffky@mis.net)
  - g) Website: [www.tffky.org](http://www.tffky.org)
  - h) Mail TFF, P.O. Box 911111, Lexington, KY 40591-1111
  - i) Informational website is [www.votekentucky.us](http://www.votekentucky.us).
- 8) Right to Life of Central KY, Inc.
  - a) Phone: (859) 272-3920
  - b) E-mail: [CKRTL@alltel.net](mailto:CKRTL@alltel.net)
  - c) Web: [www.ckrl.org](http://www.ckrl.org)
  - d) Mail: 1600 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, KY 40504
- 9) Lexington Herald-Leader newspaper (to submit a letter to the editor):
  - a) E-mail: [hleditorial@heraldleader.com](mailto:hleditorial@heraldleader.com).
  - b) Include full name, address, and phone number. Less than 250 words.
  - c) Phone: (859) 231-1441 or (859) 231-3100.
  - d) Address: Letters to the Editor, Lexington Herald-Leader, 100 Midland Avenue, Lexington, KY, 40508.
- 10) For information on the candidates, including judicial candidates, see the “Kentucky Candidate Information Survey” on [www.votekentucky.us](http://www.votekentucky.us).
- 11) For information on the courts and judges’ names, go to website: <http://court.ky.gov>.
- 12) My local council member’s contact info. until Nov. of \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a) Council Member\_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Three AtLarge Council Members that represent me:
    - (a) \_\_\_\_\_
    - (b) \_\_\_\_\_
    - (c) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) To contact your Council Members: Phone (859) 258-3200 address 5th Floor, Government Center, Attention: Urban County Council Member\_ (name)\_\_\_\_\_ 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY, 40507.
- 13) My local mayor’s contact info. until Nov. of \_\_\_\_\_:
 

Mayor\_\_\_\_\_

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14) NOTE!!! We are not to contact our judges, just pray for them.

- a) Local district judge is: \_\_\_\_\_ and will be in office until\_\_\_\_\_.
- b) My local circuit judge is: \_\_\_\_\_ and is in office until\_\_\_\_\_.
- c) My local appeals judge is: \_\_\_\_\_ and is in office until\_\_\_\_\_.

M) State Contact Information

1) The Family Foundation (see above)

15) Kentucky Right To Life Association, Inc. (in Louisville)

- a) Phone: (502) 895-5959
- b) Automated hotline on legislative bills, etc.: (502) 897-LIFE ext. (5433).
- c) Website: [www.krla.org](http://www.krla.org)
- d) Address: 134 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville, KY, 40207

16) Care Net - a pro-life organization

- a) Website: [www.care-net.org](http://www.care-net.org)
- b) Address P.O. Box 1644 Merrifield, VA 22116

17) American Family Association of Kentucky

- a) Website <http://www.afaky.com>
- b) Address 1404 Browns Lane, Suite B., Louisville, KY, 40207 or PO Box 8089, Louisville, KY 40257-8089. Fax: 502-897-2426.
- c) Sends out a great “Kentucky Candidate Information Guide.” Call (502) 893-2444 or 1-800-749-5876 , e-mail [eileen@afaky.com](mailto:eileen@afaky.com) or [fsimon@afaky.com](mailto:fsimon@afaky.com) sign up on the website.

18) Office For Opportunities For Life (in Frankfort); phone (888) 496-3638 or (502) 2235330.

19) Vital Statistics Office

- a) Phone (502) 5644212 ext. 3978, yet George Robertson compiles the abortion rate statistic and his direct number is (502) 5642757 (In KY in 2004 - 3,557, 2005 3,776, 2006 - 3,912).

20) The Home School Legal Defense Association sends out e-alerts to anyone who requests, and their website has legislative updates for state and national level that anyone can access at [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) (if you go to the “toolbox” section, you can get contact info. for senators and representatives).

- a) Address: HSLDA, One Patrick Henry Circle, Purcellville, VA 20132
- b) Phone: (540) 338-5600

21) The Legislative Research Commission’s website [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) has info. on legislators, bills, and regulations. Sign up for their bill watch!!! Other websites are [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org) and [www.kentucky.gov](http://www.kentucky.gov).

22) The Bluegrass Institute has a website ([www.kentuckyvotes.org](http://www.kentuckyvotes.org)) that tracks bills, legislators’ voting track records, has a citizen’s comment section that some



legislators read, and shows an educational progression of how bills become laws.  
Phone (270) 7822140.

23) My state senator's contact info. Until Nov. of \_\_\_\_\_:  
Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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24) My state representative's contact info. until Nov. of \_\_\_\_\_:  
Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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25) My state governor's contact info. until Nov. of \_\_\_\_\_:  
Governor \_\_\_\_\_

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26) My 7 state supreme court justices to pray for are:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_

27) General state capital info. in Frankfort:

- a) To leave a message for a legislator during the legislative session, call the Message line that is open EST M-Th 7AM-11PM, Fri. 7AM-6PM toll free at (800) 3727181.
- b) Fax line: (888) 770-9667
- c) Bill status: (866) 840-2835 by 7:00 pm
- d) Meeting info.: (800) 633-9650
- e) Citizen contact: (800) 592-4399
- f) Education Hotline: (800) 242-0520
- g) Hearing impaired TTY: (800) 896-0305
- h) To check meeting schedules: (800) 896-5225
- i) Legislative message line: (502) 564-8100 (see above for toll- free number)
- j) Governor's message line: (502) 564-2611
- k) Legislative Research Commission switchboard: (502) 564-8100
  - House Clerk: (502) 564-3900
  - Senate Clerk: (502) 564-5320

#### N) National Contact Information

- 1) The Family Foundation (see above)

- 2) The National Right To Life Committee
  - a) Phone: (202) 626-8828
  - b) Website: [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)
  - c) Address: 512-10th St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004-1401. There is a monthly “National Right To Life News” (covers a lot more than just current legislative/judicial situations but will include a legislative action section at times), suggested donation of at least \$10.00 per year to cover costs.
- 3) The Home School Legal Defense Association (see above) about their important Parental Rights Movement (to put an amendment in the constitution to guarantee parental rights are spelled out in black and white to protect freedom for parents to oversee their children without undue intrusion from the government). See [www.hslda.org/parentalrights](http://www.hslda.org/parentalrights).
- 4) Focus on The Family Action website [www.citizenlink.org](http://www.citizenlink.org).
- 5) WallBuilders is a pro-family organization, which seeks to educate grass-roots society to rebuild America’s constitutional, moral, and religious foundations. David Barton is the founder and president. Website [www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com). Phone (817) 4416044. Address: WallBuilders, P.O. Box 397, Aledo, TX, 76008-0397.
- 6) The American Family Association: <http://www.afa.net>, (800) 326-4543 or (662) 844-5036, PO Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803 [onemillionmoms@afa.net](mailto:onemillionmoms@afa.net) and OneMillionMoms.com.
- 7) The Discovery Institute [www.discovery.org](http://www.discovery.org) has Wesley J. Smith as a senior fellow who is also a special consultant to the Center for Bioethics and Culture and an author.
- 8) The White House switchboard is (202) 4561414 or go to [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). A message can be left on the comment line at (202) 4561111.
- 9) The United States Capitol switchboard is (202) 2243121 and an operator will connect you directly with the office you request or go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov). Bill status: 202-226-5200.
  - a) My 2 national senators’ contact info. until Nov. of \_\_\_\_:
    - (a) Senator\_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - (b) Senator\_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) My national representative’s contact info. until Nov. of \_\_\_\_:
 Representative\_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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  - c) My President of the United States’ contact info. until Jan. of \_\_\_\_ is:
 President\_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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- d) My 9 Supreme Court Justice's for life, resignation, or retirement for me to pray for are:

Chief Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
Supreme Court Justice \_\_\_\_\_

An informational website is: [www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov).

- V) GOD'S VISION, HEART, AND PURPOSES found in the Bible, etc. for me to pray and encourage myself with concerning my involvement with helping America to honor God in governmental arenas.

A)Facilitating God's Kingdom to be a reality here, now, in a greater measure, so God's will can be carried out in America more.

- 1) Study the "Lord's Prayer" in Luke 11:1-4, which is really the prayer the Lord told the DISCIPLES to pray to help "join hands" with God in His work.
- 2) What will it look like for God's Kingdom to be more a reality in America? What changes will we see when that happens - what will "God's will being done in America" look like? In other words, what are we aiming at to accomplish to work with God?
- 3) Write down your answers to above questions and reflect.

B)Rebuilding Broken "Walls"

- 1) America has broken walls due to broken morality in broken people
- 2) Study Nehemiah for correlations on problems and solutions:
- 3) When you study Ezekiel 22:29-31 below, it also speaks of a wall.

C)Standing in the Gap

- 1) Study Ezekiel 22:29-31
- 2) What does it mean to "stand in the gap"?

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3) A couple meanings I think of when I hear that phrase are:

- a) To pray for (intercede) for a person, group of people, or situation asking for God's mercy because that person cannot see or is choosing not to see imminent danger, consequences, or judgment from God

- b) To take action in the natural to protect a person in above situation (for example, Jesus “stood in the gap” for us by dying because of our sins and the impending judgment of God if He hadn’t done that for us)

D) Humbling Ourselves Before God and Repenting To Heal Our Land  
Study II Chronicles 7:13&14.

E) Protecting those with no voice (the defenseless)

- 1) Study Psalm 82:2-5
- 2) Study Psalm 10:7-10

F) Cleansing our land of innocent, spilt blood (Study Psalm 106:38, Exodus 23:7, Deut. 21:9, Ezekiel 36:18)

G) Praying for our leaders (I Timothy 2:1-5)