



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on One Generation to Another

Passed August 13-16, 2012

God's plan is for each generation to teach the next generation about Himself and His mighty acts (Psalm 145:4; Judges 2:10; Matthew 28:19-20). The effective imparting of this truth requires personal diligence, prayer, and an understanding of the times in which we live. It also requires a commitment on the part of God's people to teach accurately "the whole counsel of God" and to model true godliness before a watching world. The Apostle Paul's words to young Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2 are instructive: "*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*" Until the Lord returns for His church, this generation of Christians must be concerned and moved to action to impact the next generation for the glory of God. Our goal is that others might learn to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13) as well as know that He is a God Who is "plenteous in mercy" (Psalm 103:8).

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 13-16, 2012, call on Bible-believing churches to seek to reach this next generation at a time when many are walking away from the faith and claiming to be disinterested or disillusioned.

We call on Pastors and church members to recognize the disintegration of the family in our society and seek God for ways to reach the children of broken homes.

We call on Pastors to seek to mentor young men like the Apostle Paul did with Timothy and Titus, and we commend those within the FFBC who have mentored men for the ministry.

FURTHERMORE, we call on pastors, Christian leaders, and parents to make sure they themselves are growing "in grace, and in the knowledge" of Christ (2 Peter 2:18). It is important to have an active walk with Christ if we are to reach the next generation effectively.



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on A Solemn Protest

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When Israel desired Saul to be king, they came before God's prophet with the announcement, "We want to be like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8:5, 20). The LORD would instruct His servant to grant them their request, yet Samuel was to "protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them" (1 Samuel 8:9). The point is: there are times when God's people must rise up in protest over the policies and practices of government.

The present administration in Washington, D.C., continues to enslave future generations in America by their financial policies and "bail outs," and they are taxing people to buy health insurance or be penalized. Their relentless pursuit of bigger government and expanding social programs will lead to the ultimate demise of this great nation. Further, this present administration continues to sanction perversion by advancing the homosexual agenda while disparaging biblical values and teaching.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 13-16, 2012, do protest the liberal agenda of this present administration over these past four years.

FURTHERMORE, we call upon all Bible-believing Christians and conservatives to be certain to vote in the November election. It is time for conservatives to take back Congress and to elect men and women who represent the values that have made America great.



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Standing for Truth in the Face of Danger and Unpopularity

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Throughout history, God has called on His people to stand for truth even when it has been unpopular. In Noah's day, Noah was a "preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5) while living in the midst of a people whose wickedness "was great in the earth," and the thoughts of their hearts were "only evil continually." In John the Baptist's day, John stood up against the immorality of the king and faced imprisonment and eventual beheading because of his stand for righteousness (Matthew 14; Mark 6).

In our day, there are many forms of ungodliness that call for a clear response from those that would stand for the truth. One of those most rapidly advancing in our day is the continued rise of the movement to normalize, legitimize, and promote homosexuality and to silence those who would stand in opposition to the radical pro-homosexual agenda. This move to normalize what God has clearly condemned in both the Old and New Testaments (Leviticus 18:22-28; Romans 1:26-28) is already having a chilling effect on those who would speak God's truth about these immoral and wicked behaviors. This effect is seen in prosecutions and legal threats in foreign lands for presenting the Bible truth on homosexuality,¹ in the comments of elected officials in Chicago, Boston and other cities in regards to the pro-traditional family comments of Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy, and in the repeated attempts to silence those who have stood in opposition to their agenda by protests, boycotts, physical attacks and vandalism.

Those who promote this agenda often use fallacious arguments to promote their views. We reject the notion that homosexuality is a civil rights issue.² We also reject that speaking out in regards to this issue is necessarily "homophobic" or done out of "hatred." Among the most loving things that can be done for someone living in sin is to point out to him his violation of God's law – for it is the law that serves as a schoolmaster to bring one to Christ (Galatians 3:24). Further, the presenting of God's truth by Christian people must always be coupled together with both firmness and genuine compassion.

While the voters continue to reject aspects of this agenda,³ many powerful folks in politics and the media continue to push for its acceptance, including President Obama, who recently announced a change in his position on this issue to one of support for the legalization of same-sex marriage.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 13-16, 2012, do commit ourselves to continue to stand for Biblical truth and in opposition to the radical homosexual agenda. We commend organizations such as Chick-fil-A for recent comments supporting traditional marriage and the Boy Scouts of America for their recent stand against the gay agenda.

FURTHERMORE, we call upon all those who love the truth to stand together and support those who also take the right stand on this issue, being reminded that "all it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

¹ e.g. Supreme Court case in Canada: *Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission v. William Whatcott*.

² See Voddie Baucham's article "Gay Is Not the New Black" on *The Gospel Coalition Blog*. Among other issues is the fact that the homosexual community is not an identifiable minority with all the civil rights implication that this truth entails.

³ Presently, all 31 states where same-sex marriage has been on the ballot have voted against same-sex marriage.



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches in Acknowledgement of Dr. Franklin

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Bob Jones University awarded Mark Franklin the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at their 85th commencement on May 3, 2012.

Dr. Bruce McAllister, who presented the candidate, shared several events in the life and ministry of Pastor Franklin. Mark was saved at the age of 12 through the youth ministry of Bethel Community Church. He graduated from Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, PA, in 1979 and was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1981. He and Elizabeth Keep were married in 1980 and are the parents of four children. They have one grandchild.

The Hardingville Bible Church called young Mark as their pastor in 1982, and for thirty years he has served faithfully this dear flock at the country crossroads. The joy of his life is the pastorate. One of the special features of his distinguished ministry has been the Pastoral Internship Program. Eleven men have participated in this program and are now serving Christ in their own individual ministries. Several of them are members of the FFBC.

The University recognized him as a gifted preacher, and a humble and gracious leader in fundamentalism, who has served on the Executive Committee of both the FFBC and ACCC for twenty-five years. He has been president of our fellowship for three terms and is a noted speaker at camps and conferences. Pastor Franklin has traveled abroad on two occasions to teach the Word to pastors who labor in the persecuted church.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference in Montague, NJ, August 13-16, 2012, commend BJU for their recognition of Pastor Franklin for his positive leadership, his warm pastoral heart, his gifted pulpit ministry, and his diligent mentoring of young men for ministry. We also congratulate our dear brother and personal friend, and rejoice with him for God's goodness and grace.

May the Lord continue to grant wisdom, strength, and guidance to you, Dr. Franklin, as His servant and messenger.