



**Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on
A Message Worth Sharing
*Passed August 12-15, 2013***

The Gospel is the “power of God unto salvation” (Romans 1:16), and “the preaching of the cross is to them... which are saved... the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18). Bible-believing Christians who have been blessed and changed by this power have a message worth sharing; it is the gospel of God’s grace. This mandate from the risen Savior (Matthew 28:18-20) is to be taken seriously by true believers and is to include unreached people groups of the world. We rejoice in the many restricted-access countries where the Gospel message is being shared at great risk by those who proclaim it, and with eternal blessing to those who respond to it. This is a message worth sharing!

While we grieve for those who suffer because of their faith, we also glory with them for the privilege to share in the sufferings of our Lord (Philippians 3:10). We have “this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not us” (2 Corinthians 4:7).

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 12-15, 2013, urge our churches toward a global perspective on missions. In this perspective there are thousands that pay a dear price every day for their faith in Christ, and these dear brothers and sisters need to be remembered before the throne of grace.

FURTHERMORE, we commend all mission agencies who hold to the fundamentals of the faith for their compassion toward the unreached people groups of the world, and for their passion to preach the gospel to these that are perishing. Frontline Missions, among others, is to be commended for targeting many unreached people groups with this *Message Worth Sharing*.



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Supreme Court Ruling

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The Supreme Court of our land has ruled on two major cases on the same-sex marriage debate this past June, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community is elated. The *United States vs. Windsor* case was a direct challenge to the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The key issue in this court case was the equality of same-sex couples. DOMA, a federal law that passed both houses of Congress by large majorities and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1996, did not recognize same-sex marriages for insurance benefits for government employees, Social Security survivors' benefits, or the filing of joint tax returns. **THIS was overturned by the 5-4 Supreme Court decision in June of this year.**

The second case, *Hollingsworth vs. Perry*, challenged the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment which prohibits the State of California from defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Many remember that Proposition 8 was on the ballot in that state and passed in 2008. Voters made clear their intention that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." **THIS was overturned, again by a 5-4 decision, making same-sex marriage legal again in California.**

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 12-15, 2013, while respecting the Supreme Court Justices, believe that the court should not be redefining marriage. God took care of that when He made Adam and Eve.

FURTHERMORE, we caution our churches on this matter as these two cases will open the flood gates to same-sex marriage and eventually lead to further demands by the LGBT crowd. Churches will become entangled in future lawsuits on these very matters, and we will have to be ready to pay the price. We must stand our ground on what Scripture says about this perversion and affirm that this is a learned behavior and sin.

FURTHERMORE, we urge our constituency to reach out with compassion to these various ones who need to come to an understanding of the Gospel and be delivered from such sin.



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on The Election of a New Pope

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After the first papal resignation in 600 years, the Papal Conclave elected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio to serve as the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church in March of this year. Cardinal Bergoglio is highly admired for his rejection of luxury and his compassion for the poor. He became the first member of the Jesuits (the Society of Jesus) to be elected to the papacy and he became the first pope to choose the name "Francis." This name is to signal an emphasis on simplicity, love for nature and people, and humility during his time at the helm. Evangelicals, like Rick Warren and Louis Palau, applauded his election and called for unity between evangelicals and Catholics. Timothy George even declared that Pope Francis is "Our Francis," and called for evangelicals to "enthusiastically join arms with the Catholic Leader" in *Christianity Today* (June 2, 2013).

Our Jesus holds the highest office of the church and, sadly, the position of pope is man's continued effort to usurp the seat of Christ.

Our Jesus is our God and our intercessor, not Mary, to whom the Pope prays as well as to other dead people.

Our Jesus is the One Who provides the only way of salvation through His death, burial, and resurrection, and the Pope's ideas that salvation can come through the church and through works is a false gospel. His declarations that people will go to heaven even if they don't believe on Christ are erroneous.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 12-15, 2013, affirm our belief in the following:

- Christ is the head of His church - not the pope;
- Christ is the only way of salvation - not the Roman Catholic Church; and
- Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone - not good works.

While we commend the Pope for his care and compassion on the poor, we declare that God alone is our Holy Father Who is mighty to save, and we reject the calls to embrace the office of the pope and false gospel of the Roman Catholic Church.

FURTHERMORE, we reject the call to uniting with the RCC when such a religion is opposed to biblical Christianity.



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Genuine Love Speaks the Truth

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One of the prevailing winds within society today is that speaking out against sin is unloving. In fact, it is common for Christians to be labeled as *judgmental, bigoted, uncompassionate, or intolerant* just because something is called sinful. In turn, many have been duped into not saying anything. This is no doubt a tactic of our adversary the Devil to silence Christians from exposing sin and leading sinners to Christ (2 Corinthians 2:11). While it is true that some professing Christians can be demeaning, unloving, and un-Christlike in the way something is stated, that does not mean that speaking the truth is unloving. The Bible teaches us that we are to speak in love but by all means we must speak the truth (Ephesians 4:15). Helping someone escape the shackles of sin or false belief is not judgmental; it is biblical (John 7:24).

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was a friend of sinners and loved people, but there were times when he exposed sin (Matthew 23:13-33; John 8:11). The Apostle Paul himself likewise taught of the necessity to reprove the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11) and to preach so as to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Timothy 4:2). The times we live in demand courage from all Christians. Sometimes it is not easy to tell a person they are wrong; but to love a person enough to tell them the truth is an act of compassion.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 12-15, 2013, do encourage Christians to have the courage to speak out against sin in our day. As we speak, let us do it in love with the desire that there be conviction and repentance. We must also humbly examine our own hearts to make sure we are not harboring unconfessed sin in our lives (Psalm 139:23-24; Matthew 7:3-5). May God help our churches and our people to speak the truth in love.



**Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches in
Appreciation for Faith George**
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Faith George came to Tri-State Bible Camp and Conference Center in Montague, New Jersey first as a summer staff member in 2007 and 2008 and then moved on to full-time staff in September of 2008. During that time, Faith has been a tremendous asset to the camp and tremendous blessing to those who have known her.

Faith has served the Lord at Tri-State in her primary role as the camp cook, but has also served the Lord at Tri-State by performing the housekeeping and cleaning of the camp facilities in the off-season, playing piano for the camp services, helping with the office and other projects, and overseeing and mentoring the young ladies and other staff that have served under her at the camp.

She is known for her servant's heart, her joyful spirit, and her love for the Lord. In God's will and according to His timing, this is Faith's last camping season at Tri-State Bible Camp.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at the Tri-State Bible Conference, in Montague, NJ, August 12-15, 2013, do thank the Lord for her ministry and express our appreciation to Faith for her labor of love in the Lord. She will be greatly missed. We wish her God's best in her future marriage and as she serves the Lord together with her husband.