



## Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Gender Identity

*Passed August 8-11, 2016*

**WHEREAS**, gender identity issues, gender expression, and transgenderism have traditionally been considered psychiatric disorders,<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the “progressive movement” in our country is projecting on our culture the most radical social views of Secular Humanism, including all kinds of sexual perversion, and

**WHEREAS**, the acceptance and legalization of these views will destroy the traditional/biblical concepts of family, and

**WHEREAS**, laws requiring acceptance of these views, and accommodation for those who practice sexual perversion, are negatively affecting religious liberty and liberty of conscience, and

**WHEREAS**, the Bible condemns these views and practices by clearly stating that God created mankind as male and female (Genesis 1:27), which facts cannot be dismissed on the basis of one’s feelings; and by declaring the perversion of gender identity to be an abomination to God (Deuteronomy 22:5):

**THEREFORE**, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, condemn sexual perversion of every kind, and identify sexual perversion as any practice outside the limitations on sexual activity proclaimed by God in His Word.

We also call upon executives, legislators and judiciary on all levels of government to protect religious liberty and the liberty of conscience of all people, while attempting to accommodate the legitimate rights of all citizens.

**FURTHERMORE**, we call on pastors, other religious leaders, churches and Christians in general to aggressively proclaim God’s truth on every subject; to stand as the conscience of the nation in regard to spiritual and moral issues; to engage in the process of government, which was ordained by God but forsaken by many of God’s people; to pray; to vote; to possibly run for office; to seek to influence those in office; and finally to prepare for the day when Christians may be forced to choose between bowing to Christ or bowing to government; and resolving to choose Christ:

*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him and for him: And he is before all things and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:16-18).*

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<sup>1</sup> See the Article from *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, April 2010, Volume 39, issue 2, pp 499-513, titled “The DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) Diagnostic Criteria for Gender Identity Disorder in Adolescents and Adults,” by Peggy T. Cohen-Kettenis and Friedmann Pfäfflin.



## Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Prayer Alert

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**Colossians 4:2** *“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving”*

Arguably, the greatest work of the church and every believer is prayer. God has promised to hear the prayer of faith and then to answer according to His perfect will (2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 21:22). Prayer is the life-breath of the Christian and is the avenue of talking to God, showing a joyful, humble dependence on His will.

Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, prayed often (Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 22:41-45; Hebrews 5:7). The early Church is found praying often throughout the book of Acts (1:14; 2:42; 4:24; 6:7; 12:5, 12; 13:3; 16:13, 25; 20:36) and Scripture often exhorts God’s people to pray with verses such as

- **Jeremiah 33:3** — *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not;*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** — *Pray without ceasing;*
- **Hebrews 4:16** — *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need; and*
- **James 5:16b** — *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

Could prayerlessness be one of the primary explanations for the general anemia plaguing American Christianity, the moral declension within this great land of America, and few genuine conversions or laborers in God’s harvest field (Matthew 9:37-38)? Consider your church and consider your prayer life! Are the personal prayer lives and public prayer meetings of believers out of tune with the times in which we live? We are witnessing one of the most rapid moral declines in world history. Our young adults are turning from the faith in record numbers. Many of our churches are on life-support. Persecution against Christians around the world is at unprecedented levels. At the same time, most Christians do not make time to practice effectual fervent prayer. Many Christians do not attend the prayer services of their churches. If Jesus, the sinless Son of God, could not minister without a devoted prayer life, then how can we minister or live any differently?

A variety of reasons could be at the root of one’s apathy toward prayer... being ensnared by the affairs of this life and misplaced priorities, pride and arrogance, an undisciplined life, a misunderstanding of the purpose of prayer, or perhaps the biggest issue may be that one is not truly born again.

***THEREFORE***, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, call on our own constituency to repent of any prayerlessness, return to make prayer a priority in our personal lives, and to seek to make prayer the priority of our churches.<sup>2</sup>

***FURTHERMORE***, we call on all true believers to seek the Lord in prayer before it is too late.

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<sup>2</sup> Charles Haddon Spurgeon rightly observed “The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. So is the prayer meeting a grace-ometer, and from it we may judge of the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if he be not there, one of the first tokens of his absence will be slothfulness in prayer.” *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, vol.19, p.218*



## Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on The 2016 Election

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In America we have the privilege of voting in elections. It is our opportunity to be involved in our government. Our votes can be used to propel our chosen candidate into office and public service, or it may be used to block a candidate from reaching office. The next election will be held November 8, 2016 and will determine, among other things, the next President of the United States.

This is a difficult election for many believers. The major political parties have not produced a presidential candidate who fears God and honors His Word. Many are struggling to know who to vote for, or if they should even vote at all. Some Christians have already begun to challenge and judge others for supporting certain candidates. Voices have been raised on every side of the voting issue, with Bible verses used to attack or support every position. What is the Christian to do?

***THEREFORE***, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, encourage believers “first of all” to pray for “all that are in authority” (1 Timothy 2:1-3) and to ask God for wisdom in this crucial election (James 1:5). Believers ought to know their candidates before they ever enter the voting booth. We believe you should vote! We challenge believers simply to see and use their vote as their voice, and to raise it for or against the candidate of their choice.

***FINALLY***, we remind you that no individual candidate or party can preserve our nation. Ultimately the only hope for America is God and that is a challenge to us who know Him, not the masses who have never heard (2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 33:12).