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Nov. 6 elections make noteworthy shift in Kentucky House of Representatives, Senate

House Democrat majority suffers loss of four seats; Republicans pick up one seat in the Senate, but many faces have changed.

Apparently, President Obama's coattails were very short in Kentucky, while the nation moved left, the Commonwealth moved right. Republicans picked up four seats in the Democrat-controlled State House, one in the State Senate, and one U.S. Congressional seat. The House change is most important because the Democrat to Republican ratio moved from 58–41 to 55–45. This modest shift will likely have major implications in the 2013 General Assembly. (See related article on page 2.)

The State Senate changed as well, mostly because new faces replaced five senators who had retired. Sen. Jack Westwood (R) was replaced by Chris McDaniel (R); Sen. Tom Jensen (R) was replaced by Albert Robinson (R), a former occupant of that seat; Sen. Ken Winters (R) was replaced by Stan Humphries (R); Sen. Vernie McGaha (R) was replaced by Chris Girdler (R) who won in the Spring primary and had no Democrat opponent in the Fall; and Morgan McGarvey (D) who replaced retiring

Tim Shaughnessy (D) in the Spring primary and had no Republican opponent on Nov. 6.

But the Republican majority was also extended when Whitney Westerfield won Sen. Joey Pendeton's (D) seat.

All the new legislators, though novices, will have impact on the agenda of the 2013 General Assembly regarding everything from sanctity of life legislation to expanded gambling to fiscal issues like reforming the tax code and the handling of the huge pension deficit.

Still another variable for the 2013 Assembly is the fact that Senate President David Williams resigned on Nov. 1 to take a circuit court judge appointment from Gov. Steve Beshear. That leaves an open seat that will have to be filled with a special election and it leaves an even larger vacuum of leadership in the Republican-controlled Senate.

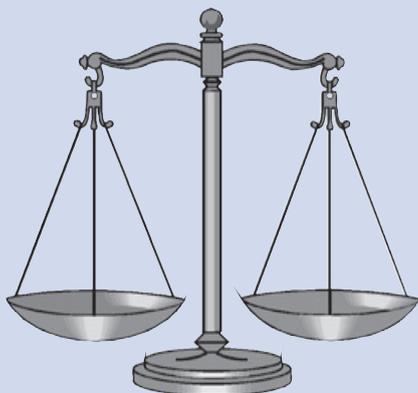
"The Governor and his obsession with expanded casino gambling are meddling once again with electoral

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The Family Foundation*

politics," said Kent Ostrander, executive director of The Family Foundation. "He is again shamelessly using the most powerful office in the state to attempt a legislative takeover for the gambling industry."

Without doubt, the new makeup of the House and Senate will create uncertainty as to what the inclination is for casino gambling and other issues, many of which have been controlled by the heavy-handed current House Leadership. (See *Balance of Power* chart below.)



The New KENTUCKY Balance of Power

2012 General Assembly (thru Sept. 1)

KY State House*

58 Democrats

41 Republicans

KY State Senate*

14 Democrats

22 Republicans

1 Independent

* Legislative numbers each reflect one

2013 General Assembly (Jan. 1)

KY State House

55 Democrats

45 Republicans

KY State Senate*

13 Democrats

23 Republicans

1 Independent

Party in control of Chamber is underlined

Meet Kentucky's new State Legislators

It is not a perfect science, but you can see trends that the new legislators will bring based on their answers to campaign surveys.

The new faces in Frankfort are likely to make changes in the way business as usual operates in the Capitol, even if they are new to the environment. All one has to do is examine the different positions of the the "legislators-elect" compared to those they replaced. Will everything be different? No. But their presence will likely be felt. Here are some issues on which debates may be shaped differently:

Gambling: In 2009, 52 State Representatives voted for a massive expansion of gambling. Five of those voting *FOR* gambling left the Assembly before 2012. But now, in this election, four more have been replaced, and all of them were replaced by legislators who are much less inclined to push for the expansion of gambling.

Sanctity of Life: There have been no sanctity of life bills on the floor of the House in eight years. Many bills have come from the Senate, but all have been sent to a graveyard committee that is stacked in such a way that none of the bills can come out of committee. Although some Democrat lawmakers are indeed pro-life, the reason for this

impasse is that they are afraid to stand up to the Democrat House Leadership which controls the path that each bill takes. But here is the good news: Five of the new representatives are pro-life.

Sanctity of Marriage: The Gay Agenda is alive and well in Frankfort, particularly amid the more liberal Democrat legislators. Though the agenda has various components, the prize is the redefinition of marriage and the establishment of homosexuality as a special protected or privileged class. According to their answers, five of the replacement legislators are not inclined to expand gay and lesbian rights through legislative means.

But it is not just particular issues like those mentioned above, it is also a mentality about the size of government and the role of government in citizens lives that will reshape Frankfort. These new legislators bring a more conservative perspective with them; a perspective that Frankfort needs to hear . . . and will hear in 2013.

State House

Democrats took one seat (House 38 in Louisville) and the Republicans took two seats (House 49 and House 91). Three seats with retiring Democrats went into Republican hands for a net change of four.



Richard Heath (R),
representative-elect
District 2



Lynn Bechler (R),
representative-elect
District 4



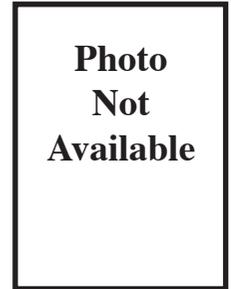
Kenny Imes (R),
representative-elect
District 5



Russell Webber (R),
representative-elect
District 49



Brian Linder (R),
representative-elect
District 61



Gary Wayne Harold (R),
representative-elect
District 91

State Senate

Five Senators who retired this year were replaced by members of their own Party. One challenger in Senate District 3, Whitney Westerfield (R), won his race and moved the Chamber one step right.



Stan Humphries (R),
senator-elect
District 1



Chris Girdler (R),
senator-elect
District 15



Morgan McGarvey (D),
senator-elect
District 19



Albert Robinson (R),
senator-elect
District 21



Chris McDaniel (R),
senator-elect
District 23



Whitney Westerfield (R),
senator-elect
District 3

What does Nov. 6 mean on the national level?

There will likely be resistance to many policies that the Obama Administration pursues. This will come as a relief to most Kentuckians.

With the results of the Nov. 6 election now settled, a standoff is taking shape: the President continues to have control of the U.S. Senate, but the Republican-controlled House of Representatives is still as fervent on the issues that divide the nation. Most likely there will not be a U-turn by the Obama Administration, but there will be a national debate. Here are a few of the areas where debate is anticipated:

Sanctity of Life – The Obama Administration and the Democrat Congress pushed new limits with their embrace of the abortion industry. Now, the federal funding of abortion will likely be called into question, particularly the massive infusion of money that Planned Parenthood receives from the federal government every year. Republican lawmakers in the House have already made such proposals and they are not likely to back down. The issue will most certainly be brought up again.

In addition, the “Mexico City Policy,” which President Barack Obama replaced by executive order, will likely be reinstated. This policy requires that no U.S. Government foreign aid monies can be used to perform or promote abortion. The policy was put in place by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, was rescinded by President Bill Clinton in 1993, reinstated by President George Bush in 2001 and then rescinded again by President Obama in 2009.

Sanctity of Marriage – President Obama’s work to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” in the military has unleashed a wave of gay activism across America. But, faithful military chaplains are now wondering if they will be *ordered* to preside over same-sex marriages, even if the concept of same-sex marriage violates their conscience.

Even worse, the Obama Administration has decided *not* to defend the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which was passed in 1996 by huge margins (the House voted 342 to 67 and the Senate voted 85 to 14). The bill was signed into law by then President Clinton on Sept. 21, 1996. DOMA simply asserts that, for federal purposes, nothing but a marriage between one man and one woman will be recognized.

The Obama Administration’s announcement that it would not defend DOMA in court has been viewed by many as a violation of Obama’s oath to defend the Constitution (and therefore the laws that Congress constitutionally passes). Without a defense, DOMA would become vulnerable to the whims of the judiciary. Fortunately, the House of Representatives stepped forward, instructing the House General Counsel to take up the

case and defend DOMA in court.

The bottom line is that with the results of the Nov. 6 election, there are now four states that have *voted* to acknowledge same-sex-marriage. This is a first.

Religious Freedom – The religious freedom issue is tied closely with the health care legislation known as “Obamacare.”

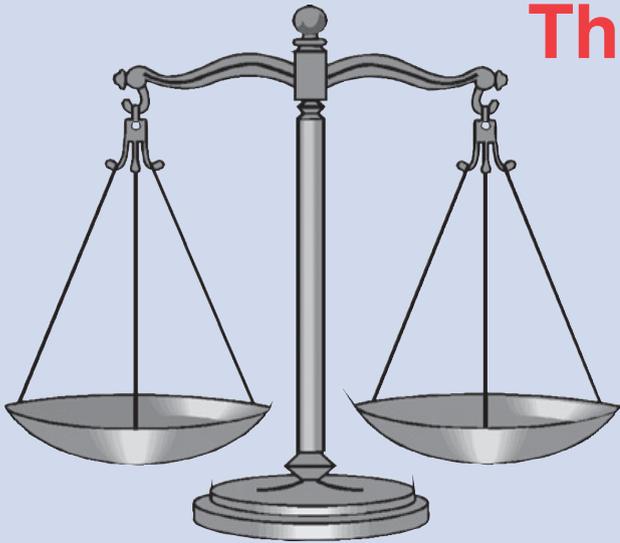
Though many in America desire that the federal control over health care be completely repealed, even more are concerned about the way it has been implemented. Violating deeply-held religious convictions of many Christians, it was thrust in the face of Catholics and Catholic organizations when the Obama Administration interpreted the law to require that all large businesses and nonprofit organizations provide contraceptive and abortifacient insurance coverage for their employees. For orthodox Catholics, both are a deeply held religious conviction. For government to require a citizen to abandon their faith and obey the government’s mandate is not only a violation of the law and Constitution, it stands in juxtaposition to the primary reason why our nation was settled – religious freedom and religious freedom of conscience.

The U.S. Supreme Court – But perhaps the greatest issue at stake with the change in Washington, is the U.S. Supreme Court. According to *The Washington Times*, the average age of retirement from our nation’s highest court is 71. Consider the fact that Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg is 79 and battling cancer, Justice Antonin Scalia is 76, Justice Anthony Kennedy is 76 and Justice Stephen Breyer is 74.

With four judges well over the average age of retirement, President Obama may be faced with appointing as many as four new justices to the Supreme Court. Given the fact that three of those four are very liberal in their rulings, there could be a major change in the philosophical leaning of the Court. This is particularly significant given the fact that the Defense of Marriage Act is currently before the Court and *Roe vs. Wade* will likely be placed there again, at least in some measure, during the next four years. Similarly, the religious liberty cases regarding Obamacare are also at issue.



Kentucky’s Sen. Mitch McConnell will not be the Majority Leader of the Senate as many hoped.



The New FEDERAL Balance of Power

Congress in 2012		Congress in 2013	
<u>U.S. House</u>	<u>U.S. Senate</u>	<u>U.S. House*</u>	<u>U.S. Senate</u>
193 Democrats 242 Republicans	51 Democrats 47 Republicans 2 Independents	193 Democrats 233 Republicans	53 Democrats 45 Republicans 2 Independents
<i>Party in control of Chamber is underlined</i>		<i>* At press time 12 seats were not yet projected</i>	
Balance in all 50 States			
<u>Governors in 2012</u>		<u>Governors in 2012</u>	
20 Democrat Governors 29 Republican Governors 1 Independent Governor			19 Democrat Governors 30 Republican Governors 1 Independent Governor

Will the diverging Party Platforms come into play?

Not only were the Presidential candidates far apart from one another regarding their policies, but the two traditional Parties diverged significantly.

With the election season behind us and the 2013 General Assembly less than two months away, it will be an interesting study to follow what the Kentucky Democrat Party does given the losses they suffered on Nov. 6 in the State House. The problem they face is that their National Party and Platform became very “left-wing” during the run-up to the 2012 National Democrat Convention in Charlotte, N.C. and even during the Convention itself in August.

In Kentucky, many Democrat representatives are quite conservative. But in recent years, it has been the *Leadership* of the Kentucky House of Representative (made up of Democrats because they are the majority Party in the House) that has leaned heavily to the left, as evidenced by what they have done (or not done) – blocking pro-life bills, focusing on pro-homosexual legislation efforts and pushing a massive expansion of government-enlarging casino gambling.

“Where will the conservative Democrats go from here?” And, “How will Kentucky’s

electorates vote on proposed legislation in 2013?”

President Ronald Reagan, formerly a Democrat, has been famously quoted saying, “I didn’t leave the Democrat Party; the Democrat Party left me.” That expresses the fear of those leading the Kentucky Democrat Party. Kentucky’s relatively conservative citizens may have to choose between Parties that have changed. Politicians, too, may re-think their votes on future legislation, and perhaps their Party affiliation.

The bottom line is indeed, “Where will they (Kentucky Democrats) go from here?”

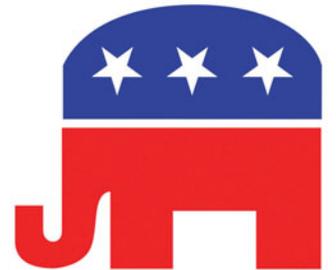
Kentuckians voted heavily against Obama (60.5% to 37.8%). Kentuckians also voted against many Democrat representatives, leaving the Party tough choices if they wish to control the House in the years to come. Will they separate from the national Democrat Party Platform and adapt to the values of their constituents, or will they forge ahead with the national Party and risk marginalizing themselves in Kentucky? Votes on legislation in the 2013 General Assembly Session will likely give indications.



*The
Democrat
Platform*

VS.

*The
Republican
Platform*



Quotes below are key comparisons of the 2012 National Democrat and Republican Party platforms. The Parties have diverged on many issues of concern for the family, giving citizens food for thought. The complete Party platforms can be viewed on the DNC and RNC websites. Page numbers after the citations below reference their location in the platforms.

Sanctity of Marriage We support marriage equality and support the movement to secure equal treatment under law for same-sex couples. (pg. 18)

The administration has said that the word “family” in immigration includes LGBT relationships in order to protect bi-national families from deportation. (pg. 17)

We oppose discriminatory federal and state constitutional amendments and other attempts to deny equal protection of the laws to committed same-sex couples who seek the same respect and responsibility as other married couples. (pg. 18)

We support the full repeal of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. (pg. 18)

Recognizing that gay rights are human rights, the President and his administration have vowed to actively combat efforts by other nations that criminalize homosexual conduct or ignore abuse. Under the Obama administration, American diplomats must raise the issue wherever harassment or abuse arises, and they are required to record it in the State Department’s annual report on human rights. And the State Department is funding a program that finances gay rights organizations to combat discrimination, violence, and other abuses. (pg. 31)

Sanctity of Life The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman’s right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay. We oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right. (pg. 18)

President Obama and Democrats will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers. The Affordable Care Act ensures that women have access to contraception in their health insurance plans, and the President has respected the principle of religious liberty. (pg. 18)

President Obama overturned the “global gag rule” a ban on federal funds to foreign family planning organizations that provided information about, counseling on, or

Sanctity of Marriage The institution of marriage is the foundation of civil society. Its success as an institution will determine our success as a nation. It has been proven by both experience and endless social science studies that traditional marriage is best for children . . . we believe that marriage, the union of one man and one woman must be upheld as the national standard. (pg. 31)

We will enforce and defend in court the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in the Armed Forces as well as in the civilian world. (pg. 43)

We reaffirm our support for a Constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. We applaud the citizens of the majority of States which have enshrined in their constitutions the traditional concept of marriage and we support the campaigns underway in several other States to do so. (pg. 10)

Sanctity of Life We assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to unborn children. (pg. 13-14)

We oppose using public revenues to promote or perform abortion or fund organizations which perform or advocate it and will not fund or subsidize health care which includes abortion coverage. (pg. 13-14)

Republican leadership has led the effort to prohibit the barbaric practice of partial-birth abortion and permitted States to extend health care coverage to children before birth. We urge Congress to strengthen the Born Alive Infant Protection Act by enacting appropriate

Day during the 2013 Session . . . and beyond?

significantly as well, especially with their new Party platforms. These changes are likely to have a ripple effect across the Commonwealth.

offered abortions. (pg. 31)

Democrat

Religious Freedom America's leadership extends beyond our economic prosperity and military might – it is also rooted in our enduring commitment to advancing a core set of universal values. These include an individual's freedom to speak their mind, assemble without fear, have access to information, worship as they please, and choose their own leaders. (pg. 29)

Sex Education Democrats support access to affordable family planning services, and President Obama and Democrats will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers. (pg. 17)

Democrats support evidence-based and age-appropriate sex ed. (pg. 17)

Gambling No position taken.

Pornography No position taken.

Fiscal Responsibility We reinstated the tough pay-as-you-go budget rules of the 1990s so that all permanent new spending and tax cuts must now be offset by savings or revenue increases. (pg. 6)

civil and criminal penalties on healthcare providers who fail to provide treatment and care to an infant who survives an abortion, including early induction delivery where the death of the infant is intended. We call for legislation to ban sex-selective abortions – gender discrimination in its most lethal form – and to protect from abortion unborn children who are capable of feeling pain; and we applaud U.S. House Republicans for leading the effort to protect the lives of pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia. We call for a ban on the use of body parts from aborted fetuses for research. (pg. 13-14)

We support the right of parents to consent to medical treatment for their children, including mental health treatment, drug treatment, and treatment involving pregnancy, contraceptives, and abortion. We urge enactment of pending legislation that would require parental consent to transport girls across state line for abortion. (pg. 34)

We do not believe that healthcare workers should be allowed to withhold services because the healthcare provider believes the patient's life is not worth living. (pg. 34)

We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care of treatment, including food and water, from people with disabilities, including newborns, as well as the elderly and infirm, just as we oppose active and passive euthanasia and assisted suicide. (pg. 13-14)

We support and applaud adult stem cell research to develop lifesaving therapies, and we oppose the killing of embryos for their stem cells. We oppose federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. (pg. 13-14)

Religious Freedom The most offensive instance of this war on religion has been the current Administration's attempt to compel faith-related institutions, as well as believing individuals, to contravene their deeply held religious, moral, or ethical beliefs regarding health services, traditional marriage, or abortion. This forcible secularization of religious and religiously affiliated organizations, including faith-based hospitals and colleges, has been in tandem with the current Administration's audacity in declaring which faith-related activities are, or are not, protected by the First Amendment. (pg. 12)

No healthcare professional or organization should ever be required to perform, provide for, withhold, or refer for a medical service against their conscience. This is especially true of the religious organizations. (pg. 34)

We support the ability of all organizations to provide, purchase, or enroll in healthcare coverage consistent with their religious, moral or ethical convictions without discrimination or penalty. (pg. 34)

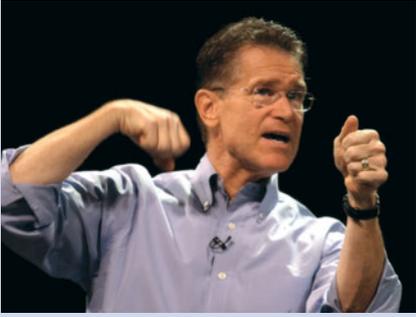
Sex Education We renew our call for replacing 'family planning' programs for teens with abstinence education which teaches abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior. (pg. 36)

We oppose school-based clinics that provide referrals, counseling, and related services for abortion and contraception. (pg. 36)

Gambling We support the prohibition of gambling over the Internet and call for reversal of the Justice Department's decision distorting the formerly accepted meaning of the Wire Act that could open the door to Internet betting. (pg. 32)

Pornography We urge active prosecution against child pornography. Current laws on all forms of pornography and obscenity need to be vigorously enforced. (pg. 32)

Fiscal Responsibility Republican Members of Congress have tried to reform the budget process to make it more transparent and accountable, in particular by voting for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution . . . requiring a super-majority for any tax increase with exceptions only for war and national emergencies, and imposing a cap limiting spending to the historical average percentage of GDP so that future Congresses cannot balance the budget by raising taxes. (pg. 10)



Love & Respect's Dr. Emerson Eggerichs



Love & Respect's Sarah Eggerichs



The Kentucky Marriage Movement

If you want to help marriages in Kentucky God's way, please call us at **(859)255-5400**

We are planning Spring 2013 events now. Go ahead, give us a call and make a difference in your community and in your church. **ALL** marriages need a healthy "tune-up" sometime.

Can YOU serve the Marriage Movement?

We need some "boots on the ground" to help promote these wonderful video series. Just a little time . . .

We were created for relationships and community. Our relational abilities, including friendships, neighbors, and church and workplace associates, are first modeled and developed in the foundational "cocoon" of family, which is centered around marriage. We need relationships because we were designed to need each other.

That is why **WE NEED YOU** to help us with the Kentucky Marriage Movement. Our vision is to encourage marriage and to see marriages strengthened in every home and community across Kentucky. The mission is to partner with couples, churches and organizations to enrich marriages and encourage marriage outreach and mentoring.

In just over a year, we have already had over 1000 attendees at marriage events with many stories of lives and marriages positively changed. This is a great start, but we know much more is needed.

We at The Family Foundation cannot do this on our own. No one church or one pastor can do it alone . . . and none should have to. We know that while pastors see the value in strengthening marriage, they are spread way too thin. We are hoping to find couples who are passionate about marriage to step forward to help make this Marriage Movement happen.

Our passion is to see marriages thrive with all the wonderful and positive benefits that come from this God-ordained relationship. In particular, we are looking for pastors who want to see it lived out in their people and will encourage their couples to get involved. We are looking for couples that share this vision and passion to see the value of healthy marriages in their families and friends and in their church and communities!



Greg Williams is Director of Marriage Outreach for The Family Foundation

The Family Foundation offers speakers on the topics of relationships, marriage and family. We facilitate the *Love and Respect* and *The Art of Marriage* video conferences. We also offer the *Love and Lordship* events for classes, seminars, conferences or retreats, tailored to your church's needs and schedules.

While we delight in the marriage events, our heart's desire is to go deeper . . . to see a true movement in which couples, churches and pastors get on board and really make it happen across Kentucky.

Here is how simple it is to get involved and make a difference: Invite us to share this vision with your church; come to one of our events in your area; encourage your church to host an event; spread the word and begin facilitating your own events to encourage the marriages closest to you. We will help you!

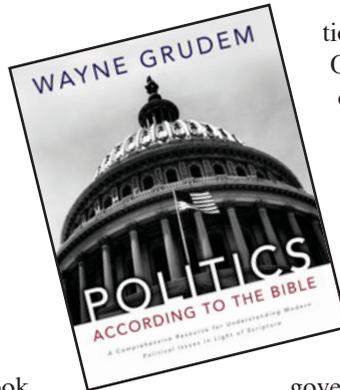
Marriage and family are the building blocks of society **AND** of Christ's Church. The world will change when people get a hold of this truth. We want to serve you and others, but we cannot succeed without your help. Prayerfully consider if you are called to be involved . . . and then call us if you are: 859-255-5400.



Dr. Wayne Grudem to lecture in Kentucky

Recognized for his seminary textbooks, Dr. Grudem's most recent book, "Politics According to the Bible," is creating quite a stir.

The Family Foundation is pleased to be hosting Dr. Wayne Grudem in a four-site speaking tour focused on his new book, *Politics According to the Bible*. Grudem will be speaking in four locations during his three-day, Jan. 14 through Jan. 16 visit: Lexington twice, Louisville and Princeton. Three of the events have been scheduled during the day so that pastors might more easily attend, though all are open to the public. His first seminar is on Monday night in Lexington and is particularly suited for laymen.



Dr. Wayne Grudem

Grudem is Research Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies at Phoenix Seminary in Phoenix, Arizona, and has been best known by theologians and seminary students for his textbook, *Systematic Theology*.

Prior to Phoenix Seminary he taught for twenty years at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, where he was chairman of the Department of Biblical and Systematic Theology. He received a B.A. from Harvard University, an M.Div. from Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, and a Ph.D. (in New Testament) from the University of Cambridge in England. He has published sixteen books,

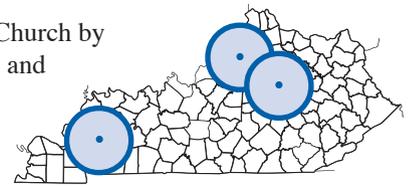
including his most recent, *Politics According to the Bible*, which is the topic of his presentation at each of the four locations in Kentucky.

With the rising interest in religious liberty following the abortion and contracep-

tion mandates placed on the Catholic Church by Obamacare regulations, many pastors and citizens alike want to learn more about what the Bible teaches in regards to the believer's role in government. It is this quest that Grudem engages as he surveys the Bible and its implications for involvement in governmental affairs.

Grudem is a past president of the Evangelical Theological Society, a co-founder and past president of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, and a member of the Translation Oversight Committee for the *English Standard Version* of the Bible. He and his wife Margaret have been married since 1969 and have three adult sons.

For more information regarding particular events call 859-255-5400.



Lexington - Mon. 7:00 PM Jan. 14
General Public

Tates Creek Presbyterian Church
3900 Rapid Run Drive

Lexington - Tues. 10:00 AM Jan. 15
Pastors and General Public

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
483 W. Reynolds Road

Louisville - Tues. 2:00 PM Jan. 15
Pastors and General Public

Southern Seminary (in Heritage Hall in Honeycutt Building)
2825 Lexington Road

Princeton - Wed. 10:00 AM Jan. 16
Pastors and General Public

Southside Baptist Church
205 Nichols Street

Very, Very GOOD NEWS! Can YOU help?

NOW, more than ever, we in Kentucky need to stand strong! I humbly ask your assistance in doing something we cannot do by ourselves.

We have just been given an opportunity that I have never seen in my 24 years of work in public policy – *two of our larger donors have offered a matching gift challenge to help us complete the original vision I had for The Family Foundation in 1988 . . .*

Then, I envisioned the Commonwealth divided into seven regions and into each one a man was “sent to sow seeds” — to inform, encourage and rally the believers. Because of their relationship with each other, these seven could coordinate the entire state into battle on any given issue. Currently, only three of the seven regions have policy analysts.

Now is our chance because of the matching challenge earmarked expressly for the completion of the original vision. *For gifts given by Dec. 31, one of the donors will match dollar for dollar; the other will match fifty cents per dollar. For example, simple math confirms that a \$10 gift becomes \$10 + \$10 + \$5 = \$25! A \$100 gift becomes \$100 + \$100 + \$50 = \$250!*

We can do this! Please join us at the highest level you can in this special Match Challenge. I have no doubt that Kentucky will be changed by our ability to serve the *entire* state.

Most sincerely,

P.S. We have always tried to be non-intrusive as we ask for support. We ask only twice each year because we know that individuals like you are already giving generously to other worthy causes. This way we protect you from feeling badgered. Just so you know, a \$10 gift covers the cost of the *CITIZENs* mailed to you each year. A \$35 gift helps us with our work in Frankfort *and* with the *Kentucky Marriage Movement*. (See page 6.)



Kent Ostrander is the executive director of The Family Foundation

This Challenge is H-U-G-E!

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FACT: The annual cost of providing our bi-monthly *CITIZEN* newsletter is about \$10 per household.

A \$25 or \$35 gift empowers us to work in Frankfort and do projects like The Kentucky Marriage Movement.

FACT: If everyone would give *something*, we would have more than enough to move forward.

All gifts are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to “The Family Foundation” and mailed by Dec. 31 to:

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Opinion: It really is all about the money they can extract.

Unbridled manipulation

It seems that the shortest path to a judicial appointment in Kentucky is to become a legislative impediment to Gov. Steve Beshear's pro-gambling agenda.

In late October the Governor appointed State Senate President David Williams to a circuit court judgeship—something you would normally do for a political ally. Not only is Beshear a Democrat and Williams a Republican, but as it happens, Williams was the Governor's chief political nemesis, foiling one attempt after another by the Governor to expand gambling in the state.

In fact, Williams was the strongest and most talented

Republican politician at the state level since Gov. Louis Nunn had left the political scene in the 1970s, and by and large he used those talents to promote a conservative legislative agenda, one that explicitly excluded allowing predatory gambling into the state.

For the Governor to have appointed Williams to such a post would seem unheard of. But, in fact he has done it before, and not out of the goodness of his



Martin Cothran is the senior policy analyst for The Family Foundation

heart. Williams is the third high-profile, anti-expanded gambling conservative in the

If a horse race was conducted the way the legislative process has been manipulated for gambling legislation, you would have to say the fix was in.

General Assembly that the Governor has lured away with an administrative or judicial appointment in the last several

years. He appointed Sen. Charlie Borders to a position on the Public Service Board, and former Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly to a judicial position similar to the one Williams will now occupy.

The Williams appointment, in other words, was just the most recent attempt by the Governor to decapitate the opposition to his expanded gambling agenda in the General Assembly.

Gambling interests have tried repeatedly to convince the state's General Assembly to allow slot machines into the state, and have repeatedly been met with opposition by the people Kentucky send to represent them at that Capitol. The Governor apparently thinks the only way to get his gambling legislation through is to short circuit this process by luring popularly elected lawmakers away with the prospect of a regular paycheck and a good retirement package.

As for the legislators who are lured away, it is hard to blame them. They have their families and their future to think of, and in the case of Williams, a political career that was on the wane after his unsuccessful run for governor. But as for the Governor, it's not hard to blame him at all.

Whenever a bill to expand gambling is attempted in the General Assembly, the political shenanigans start. Several years



NO! This is NOT manipulation. This is good government and good gambling for all.

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ago, House Democratic Leadership kicked an opposing state representative off of a committee the night before it was to hear a gambling bill. The next time around several House Democratic lawmakers proposed millions of dollars of school building projects that *would only be used in the districts of legislators that voted FOR the expansion of gambling!*

In one case, the visitor's log to the governor's office mysteriously disappeared. When it was just as mysteriously found, it turned out that it contained the name of a prominent casino owner who had an appointment with the governor someone didn't want the public to know about.

In last year's General Assembly, the Governor attempted to write into the Constitution local monopolies for the very horse racing tracks that had funded his gubernatorial campaign.

If a horse race was conducted the way the legislative process has been manipulated for gambling legislation, you would have to say the fix was in.

In fact, it is becoming increasingly difficult to avoid the conclusion that the Governor is executing his marching orders from the gambling industry. What announcement should we expect next

from the Governor? That Churchill Downs will be moving its executive offices to the State Capitol.

And while the state has avoided the scourge of mechanized gambling, partly through the work of The Family Foundation, the Governor's success at removing his chief legislative impediment could mean a renewed and energized attempt to fatten the wallets of already wealthy, big gambling concerns at the expense of poorer Kentuckians.

Kentucky stood strong on Nov. 6. Stand with us during the 2013 General Assembly. To receive email updates, email us at:

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