

STAND FOR



LIFE & MARRIAGE

BELOVED PASTORS AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS,

We have been praying deeply for you in these challenging days. Many of you are carrying heavy burdens as you shepherd in a culture increasingly hostile to biblical truth. Some feel weary, isolated, or cautious after watching faithful pastors face criticism simply for standing on God's Word.

But friends, this is not the hour to retreat. It is the hour to stand with humility, courage, and conviction.

This November, Virginia will face constitutional amendments that will shape the moral and spiritual future of our Commonwealth. **These issues directly affect the sanctity of life, God's design for family, parental responsibility, truth itself, and the future of our children.**

Yet many pastors remain silent—not because they do not care, but because fear has crept into the pulpit. Fear of criticism. Fear of division. Fear of losing people. Fear of controversy. But Scripture reminds us:

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
— 2 Timothy 1:7

Silence is no longer neutrality. Our people are being disciplined daily by culture, media, entertainment, and ideology. If the Church refuses to speak with biblical clarity, the world gladly fills the silence.

This appeal is not rooted in political partisanship, but in biblical conviction. As shepherds, we are called to “declare the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) and to help believers think biblically about every issue confronting our culture. Silence in moments of moral clarity ultimately leaves God's people without the guidance they are seeking from their spiritual leaders.

Our congregations do not need partisan talking points; they need biblical conviction. They need shepherds who remind them that faith shapes every area of life—including how we raise our children, stand for truth, love our neighbors, and steward our voice in society.

This can all feel overwhelming, but **we are here to help**. We have resources for you to guide your congregation through the upcoming election season, not out of political motivation, but out of biblical obligation. Simple, clear talking points, as well as a timeline and detailed breakdowns of the ballot amendments, are available for free at **stand4lifeandmarriage.org**.

Pastors like you across the Commonwealth will be engaging with their congregations and encouraging them to cast votes in favor of biblical values this November. We are asking you to do the same. The ballot amendments are a direct attack on the right to life and God's design for marriage.

So, what is next?

- » Visit **stand4lifeandmarriage.org** and see the resources and timeline available.
- » Sign up to continue receiving updates on Town Halls, community events, and resources leading up to the November 3rd election.
- » Implement the timeline available for your congregation. It starts with prayer and moves to messaging, mobilization, and ends with Election Day.

Pastor, do not underestimate the impact of your courage. One faithful sermon preached from God's Word can awaken a church and strengthen weary believers. God is not calling us to be combative or arrogant, but steadfast in truth, tender in spirit, and full of both grace and truth.

The Lord did not call us to comfort, but to faithfulness. He called us to preach truth, guard the flock, strengthen the weak, warn against deception, and lead boldly in difficult times.

Eternity is too real, truth is too precious, and the hour is too urgent for the Church to remain silent. May God strengthen weary shepherds across Virginia and fill us again with holy boldness.

Stand firm. Preach boldly. Love deeply. Fear God above all else.

You are not alone.

Standing beside you in prayer and conviction,


Pastor Jonathan Falwell,
*Thomas Road Baptist
Church, Lynchburg*


Pastor Gary Hamrick,
*Cornerstone Chapel,
Leesburg*


Bishop EW Jackson,
*The Called Church,
Chesapeake*

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Make plans now for your church to attend one of the following **one-hour Town Hall Meetings for a time of prayer, information, and Q&A.** Invited guests are *Pastor Jonathan Falwell, Pastor Gary Hamrick, and Bishop E.W. Jackson.*

AUGUST 13 - 12:00PM
Calvary Road
Alexandria

AUGUST 24 - 6:30PM
London Bridge Baptist Church
Virginia Beach

AUGUST 13 - 6:30PM
Spotswood Baptist Church
Fredericksburg

AUGUST 25 - 12:00PM
LibertyLive
Hampton

AUGUST 20 - 6:30PM
First Baptist Church
Roanoke

AUGUST 27 - 6:30PM
The Heights
Colonial Heights

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MARRIAGE AMENDMENT:
lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HJ9



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ABORTION AMENDMENT:
lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB781



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