

# Age of INSPIRING AN Hope

*Highlights from 15 years  
of Faithful Service*



# Hope

## *Reclaiming*

Dear Mission Partner,

In a day when many are losing hope in the future, we are inspiring people to reclaim hope.

Over the last 15 years, through the prayers and support of other like-minded mission partners like you, Florida Family Policy Council has been established as one of the nation's premier public policy organizations. Today, we remain relentless in our pursuit of those things which the unchanging God calls right, just, and beautiful.

While elected officials, government, or even good public policy are all important, ultimately our real hope is found in Christ and Him alone. We strive to capture the tension between grace and law, relationships and truth, and being pastoral and prophetic.

We will seek to inspire hope in hearts and minds. As long as the Lord gives us breath, we will be faithful to defend and promote life, marriage, family, and liberty into the next fifteen years and beyond.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



John Stemberger  
President & General Counsel



“For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the LORD,“ plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you  
**hope** and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



# A Legacy of Faithful Service

**INCORPORATED** in 2004, Florida Family Policy Council is **officially associated with Focus on the Family** in 2005. John Stemberger steps down as Chairman of the Board and is hired as President and General Counsel.



**LAUNCHES Florida Marriage Amendment campaign** with a press conference and state-wide petition effort.

**CREATES** the first **statewide Judicial Voter Guide** and files a lawsuit against the Florida Bar and Judicial Ethics Commission to allow judges to answer a questionnaire without violation of gag order. Stemberger publicly debates Florida Bar President. In response to the FFPC lawsuit, the Florida Bar creates a judicial questionnaire for judge candidates.



## 2005



2005-2020



**FFPC HELPS ORGANIZE** a national rally and writes articles used around the country to argue for saving the life of Terri Schiavo. Stemberger appears on MSNBC as an expert legal voice opposing euthanasia.

## 2006

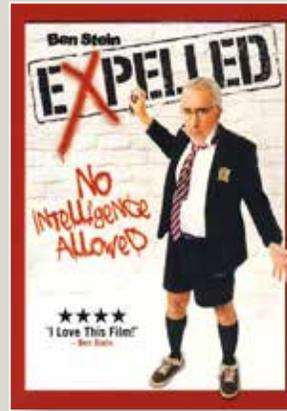
**CELEBRATES** the First Annual **Policy Awards Dinner** with over 1,000 in attendance. Florida Governor Jeb Bush is keynote speaker.





**ESTABLISHES** full-time legislative staff presence in the state capitol of Tallahassee.

**VICTORY!** FFPC prevents State Board of Education from teaching evolution as a fact and brings Ben Stein to Tallahassee to lobby legislators on a bill requiring a critical analysis of evolution and to promote his new movie *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*.



**LAUNCHES** "Strong Marriages Florida," a statewide campaign to reduce the divorce rate and strengthen marriages through marriage mentoring and supporting community marriage initiatives.

# 2007

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# 2009



**SPONSORS** exclusive showing of William Wilberforce movie *Amazing Grace* at the request of Speaker of the House Marco Rubio, who invites his fellow legislators.



**EQUIPS** African American pastors through "High Impact" conferences, with keynote speaker Bishop Harry Jackson, throughout the state of FL.



**VICTORY!** Florida's Constitution is amended to define marriage between one man and one woman with a 62% vote margin, by nearly 5 million voters.

**ORGANIZES** with Chick-fil-A successful "Live-Love-Lead" Rallies in Florida to help strengthen marriages. More than 6,000 attended.



**VICTORY!** Represents Rifqa Bary—the Muslim teenager who converted to Christianity—in the Orlando courts. Stemberger assembles and helps lead the legal team securing her freedom and citizenship.



**PROMOTES** the Truth Project small group studies and training sessions for group leaders. This DVD/ small-group worldview training series was created by Focus on the Family.

**VICTORY! Five historic pro-life bills pass.** Gov. Rick Scott holds bill signing ceremony in the Governor's mansion publicly recognizing FFPC for their efforts.



**ORGANIZES** major tele-vised national prayer rally before the Republican National Convention in Tampa.

# 2010

**ORGANIZES** "Date Nights" every Tuesday evening for a month at 12 Chick-Fil-A restaurants in Palm Beach County, where couples come into every location for a date night. Pastors and lay leaders adopt each store location and dynamic ministry takes place as marriages are strengthened, restored and healed.



# 2011

**ORGANIZES** and hosts the first GOP Primary U.S. Senate Candidate Debate in Central Florida. Co-sponsored with the Central Florida Tea Party, this debate focuses on social and economic issues.



# 2012

**HOSTS OR SPEAKS** at more than 30 pastors conferences state-wide, educating and equipping pastors to know their legal rights relating to elections and legislative issues and challenging them to know what the Bible says about politics.

**INCREASES** voter turn-out by 13 percent among religious conservatives through sister group, Florida Family Action, conducting major field operations with 9 offices and 25 staff members.



**LEADS** the “On My Honor” campaign nationwide to try to stop the Boy Scouts of America from changing its membership policy to allow openly gay members.



**STARTED** the first annual Pro-Life, Pro-Family Days at the Capitol event. 200-300 supporters come to Tallahassee at the Capitol each year for training, briefings, the Legislative Prayer Breakfast, and lobbying their local legislators on issues of importance to our mission.



**HOSTS** the first comprehensive GOP Presidential Candidate Analysis and Straw Poll in Florida for the critical 2016 upcoming election.

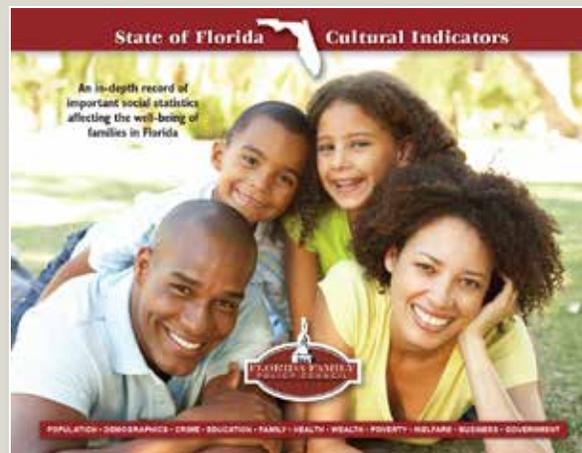
# 2013

FFPC President leads the creation and launch of **Trail Life USA**, a national Christian scouting movement for boys, focused on adventure, character and leadership, now with nearly 30,000 members, with troops in all 50 states.



# 2014

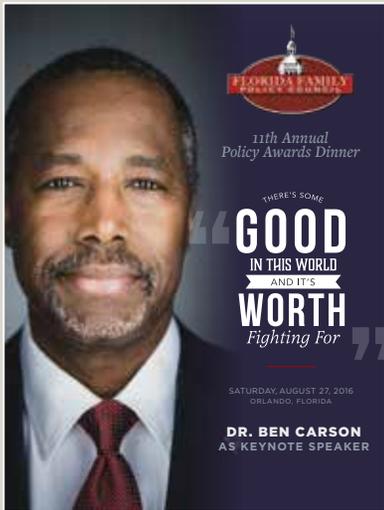
**PUBLISHES** the first ever **State of Florida Cultural Indicators Report**, researching 17 areas that affect Florida’s families.



# 2015



**DEFUNDED PLANNED PARENTHOOD** After urging Governor Rick Scott in a private meeting and then a public campaign to defund Planned Parenthood, FFPC worked behind the scenes with Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran to zero fund the organization, which is the largest abortion provider in the country. State funds do not go to Planned Parenthood anymore as a result of this significant victory.



**HOSTED** 600 guests to hear Dr. Ben Carson at our Annual Policy Awards Dinner, and national media covered the event.

Our President John Stemberger was **APPOINTED** to the historic 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission by Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran. The 37 member commission only meets once every twenty years to review and propose changes to Florida's Constitution.



**HOSTED** the first statewide forum in Florida with both major Republican candidates for Governor moderated by Fox News Political Analysis Dr. Frank Luntz.

# 2016

**ORGANIZED** a nationally televised discussion forum, "An Honest Discussion about a Difficult Election." Thousands watched, and many reported the event being very helpful in thinking through the choice for president in 2016.



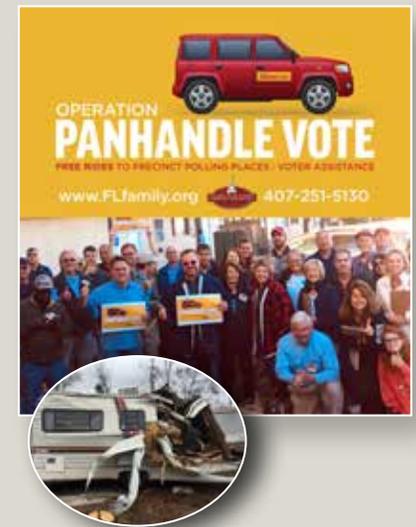
# 2017



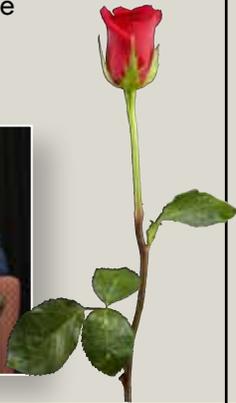
**MOBILIZED** 300 women in Jacksonville to demonstrate outside City Hall and urge Mayor Lenny Curry to veto the so-called Human Rights Ordinance, which compromises women's privacy and dignity in dressing rooms by allowing men in these private spaces. After promising to veto the bill, he refused to do so.

# 2018

**MOBILIZED** 75 volunteers to hurricane-ravaged Panama City who lived there for seven days walking doors, offering voters a ride to the polls. Those who worked "Operation Panhandle Vote" also prayed with people in despair, offered voter guides, water, and information on emergency polling places.



**HONORING** Florida's Pregnancy Center Directors at the Pro-Life Days at the Capitol event. Pam Tebow told her story of almost aborting her baby son Tim Tebow and then she honored all the Directors present with a rose. Later the attendees had a private audience with the Florida Supreme Court Justice Robert Luck.



**VICTORY** 30 years in the making, the FFPC provided leadership to see the Parental Consent Before an Abortion bill passed out of the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis.

# 2019



**PRIVATE SHOWING** of the major motion picture Unplanned, in Orlando and Tallahassee movie theatres for legislators and supporters with special guests actresses Ashley Bracher and Robia Scott. Unplanned is the real-life story of Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood director who has become a pro-life hero.

# 2020

**ORGANIZED** Nationwide webinar for pastors and Christian leaders featuring Dr. Albert Mohler and Dr. Wayne Grudem on the topic of a Culture Wise Church and wise leadership into the 2020 elections.



More than 3,000 pastors viewed the program around the country.

## 15 Years of Service by the Numbers

**34**  
Good Bills Passed

**127**  
Bad Bills Blocked

**132**  
Pastors Conferences

**310**  
Television Interviews

**1,252**  
Radio Interviews

**3,678**  
Grassroots Volunteers

**41,146**  
Facebook Likes

**346,703**  
You Tube Views

**786,000**  
Marriage Petitions Collected

**808,000**  
Google News Hits

**4,890,883**  
Votes Cast for Marriage in 2008

**18,500,000**  
Voter Guides Distributed

# Pro-Family Days at the Capitol

For the past five years, FFPC has hosted the Pro-Life, Pro-Family Days at the Capitol, where 200-300 people from various churches and organizations come together in Tallahassee for prayer, training, lobbying legislators on critical issues, and in chamber visits with Florida Supreme Court Justices. Each year during the third week of session, this two-day event is held with pastors, students, pro-life leaders and parents.



# Join us in Tallahassee



**Pro-Family Days at the Capitol**  
**Monday, January 27 to Tuesday, January 28, 2020**  
 Donald L. Tucker Civic Center  
 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee

**Special Guest Speakers**

**Monday**  
 Registration 10am - 2:00pm  
 Legislative Training 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
 Dinner 6:30 pm

**Tuesday**  
 Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am  
 Followed by meetings with Legislators.  
 Concludes at 2:00 pm

Jan. 27 & 28, 2020 - Register now at [FLfamily.org/profamilydays](http://FLfamily.org/profamilydays)

Confirmed Special Guests include:

Speaker Designate Rep. Clint Cipriani | FL Senator Dennis Baxter | FL Senator Kelli Stange | FL Representative Erin Grate | FL Representative Carl Ingber

Two Exciting Days of: Briefing | Training | Lobbying | Fellowship | Prayer | Speakers





# *We are training champions to change the world*

“Every summer for the past five years, FFPC has hosted the Southeast Patriot Academy in the House of Representatives in Tallahassee. Patriot Academy is a leadership training for teens and college students ages 16-24 for students who want to change the world. During this intense two and a half-day training, students learn:

- Life purpose planning
- Advanced communication skills
- Elite leadership training
- Constitutional history
- Biblical foundations
- Christian worldview
- Mock legislative debate

*Watch for the program dates to be announced every year during the spring for the summer session.*





## FLORIDA CAPITOL PROJECT

The Florida Capitol Project represents a new and fresh civic engagement template for both Pastors and Churches to embrace. The heart of the program is creating a forum to bring the Shepherds of God's Church across Florida to the Shepherds of God's government in Tallahassee.

# *Shepherds of God's Church in partnership with Shepherds of God's government*

The Florida Capitol Project is a multi-step vision to reach the self-identified, Bible-believing, Florida churches for the purpose of evangelism, discipleship, and biblical worldview training in becoming an active partner with state and local governmental officials.

In its three-year existence, The Florida Capitol Project has hosted about 100 pastors at the state capitol in Tallahassee. Prayer tours of the capitol and individual prayer appointments with legislators are transformative for these pastors.



# *A Decade of Inspiration*

## FFPC Policy Awards Dinner Speakers



Jeb Bush    Mike Huckabee    Sam Brownback    Fred Thompson    Ben Stein    Jim Daly    Fred Barnes



Michele Bachmann    David Barton    Eric Metaxas    Marco Rubio    Kirk Cameron    Gary Bauer    Albert Mohler



Ben Carson    Michael Farris    Baronelle Stutzman    Frank Luntz    Ron DeSantis    Abby Johnson    Mike Pompeo

The annual FFPC Policy Awards Dinner has earned a reputation for being the premier conservative dinner event of the year. Over the years, we have been inspired by some of our nation's top leaders.





# Advocacy

The FFPC is the leading voice in Florida in defense of life, marriage, family and religious liberty. We are honored to be your voice for your values, as we speak truth to power in the legislature; stand for our shared values in the media; educate and equip pastors; and inspire, educate and challenge the next generation.



# The Future

## Full of Hope & Action

Dear Mission Partner,

It has been a joy and privilege to serve with the Board of Directors, providing accountability for the Florida Family Policy Council. Some of us have served in this role since the organization's founding 15 years ago. We are so pleased with the practical impact FFPC strategically provides on both a statewide and national basis.

Despite the sin and despair of the world surrounding us all, we know God is sovereign. History remains in the palms of his hands. We are to be faithful to the tasks he has set before us. Hence, we are excited about the future and eager to provide the leadership required to weather whatever storms come our way.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, we thank you for your partnership and investment. We are truly grateful. It is our prayer that God multiplies your blessings in the years ahead!

Gratefully,

Bill Mutz  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Florida Family Policy Council



## *Florida's Pro-Family Team*



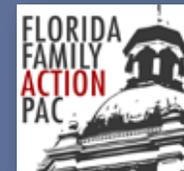
Florida Family Policy Council, the flagship organization of Florida's pro-family team, is a 501c3 educational organization which is the state's premier social conservative advocacy group.



Florida Family Action is the lobbying arm of the Florida Family Policy Council used to influence the outcome of legislation and educate and mobilize voters.



Strong Marriages Florida is a state-wide coalition campaign to strengthen marriages and reduce the need for divorce in Florida.



The political action committee of Florida Family Action, organized under Florida law, exists to directly engage in the support or opposition of candidates.

*For Life, Marriage, Family and Liberty*