

MEETING THE MOMENT

Playbook and Prayer Guide





ADVANCING YOUR RIGHTS IN 2025 AND BEYOND

Over the last four years, Alliance Defending Freedom has faced down challenges from a federal administration hostile to your freedoms and won. Now we have an administration that we can partner with to advance your rights, not just preserve them. This is a critical moment for freedom. And ADF stands ready to seize the moment and advance your rights in 2025 and beyond.

Here are three easy ways you can get involved with this guide:

- 1. Learn:** Read about the work ADF is doing to reverse the bad policies put in place during the Biden-Harris administration, legal challenges at the state and local level, and cases to watch as we work to advance your rights in 2025.
- 2. Pray:** Join ADF in praying for key cases, issues, and our clients.
- 3. Take Action:** Engage with us by empowering your friends and family with helpful resources, supporting our clients, and advocating for the issues that matter to you.

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FROM THE CEO

On November 5, the American people rendered a verdict that has the potential to change the direction of our nation. It was a moment that clarified just how precious our system of government is. “We the people” can make a difference. And that includes God’s people, as we participate in the civic process as salt and light.

This is a critical “civilizational moment” in the words of Os Guinness—one in which our nation and the world can embrace at least some of the truths that have made America the shining beacon of freedom to the world.

Now, what’s ahead?

President Trump made many promises on the campaign trail. Promises to defeat censorship, stop the runaway train of gender ideology, and protect parents’ rights. We look forward to working with the Trump administration to make good on these promises.

This is a moment for *action*.

We will partner with the administration to advance your rights. But we also expect to be busier than ever—and stand ready to defend your freedoms when they’re attacked by state government officials and activists across the country. This is your guide to how ADF plans to meet this moment.

But this is also a moment for *prayer*.

People are thirsting for truth. As Christians, we know that we only bear fruit as we abide in Him (John 15:5). And as the apostle Paul wrote, we’re called to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

In this moment, please join us in prayer. I hope this guide is a blessing to you as you pray for the God-given right to live and speak the truth to be advanced for all people—and for the door to be kept open for the Gospel.

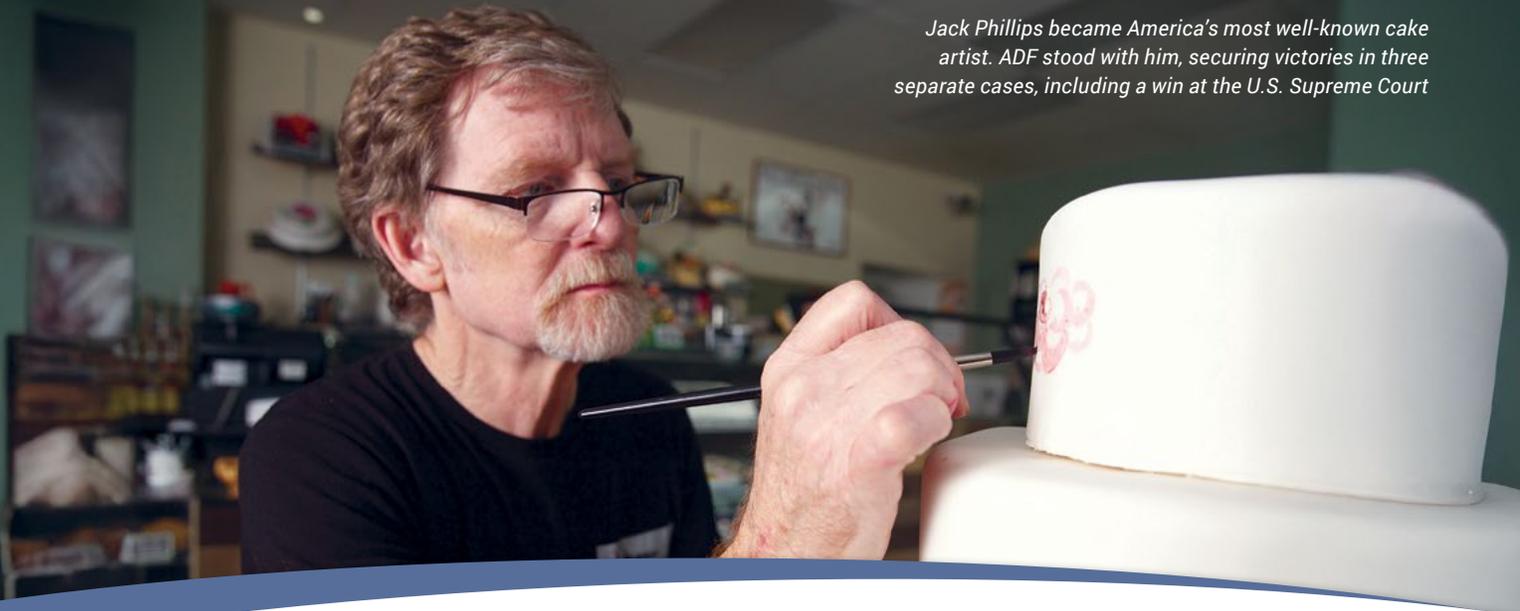


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Jack Phillips became America's most well-known cake artist. ADF stood with him, securing victories in three separate cases, including a win at the U.S. Supreme Court



FREE SPEECH

LIE:	Free speech is a threat to democracy.
TRUTH:	Free speech is a fundamental right belonging to every person flowing from our nature as God's image-bearers—it isn't a privilege the government hands out.

The freedom to speak our minds is the most basic test of any free society. Without free speech, all other freedoms are jeopardized. Today, the censorship of speech is heating up across the globe—and it's affecting everyone. From counselors in Colorado to social media platforms in Brazil to Christians in Finland, this truly is a global issue.

Our words are powerful. They reveal truth, expose lies, and can change the course of human history. We must defend and preserve free speech—not only for our sake but also for the sake of future generations.

Free speech isn't a privilege. It's a natural human right. We can't just take action in the courtroom. We must pray for the freedom of those here in the U.S. and across the globe to both speak and hear the truth—the Good News of the Gospel above and beyond all.



FREE SPEECH

BIDEN-ERA POLICIES AND THREATS



- ✗ Coerce third-parties, like social media platforms, to censor individuals and organizations for speech the government disfavors
- ✗ Support de-banking: Banks canceling accounts of people or organizations for their political or religious beliefs

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PLAN



- Publish an executive order banning any federal department or agency from colluding with any organization, business, or person to censor, limit, categorize, or impede the lawful speech of American citizens
- Ask Congress to pass a bill revising Section 230 to get big online platforms out of the censorship business
- Ask Congress to pass a digital Bill of Rights that includes a right to digital due process requiring officials to get a court order to take down online content

ADF'S PLAYBOOK



- Represent public school students denied free speech on campus
- Defend censored social media users
- Support groups that government officials target because they dislike their speech
- Draft and testify on laws that stop large financial institutions from de-banking based on religious or political views

Active Cases

[The Babylon Bee v. Bonta](#)

[Rumble v. Bonta](#)

[L.M. v. Town of Middleborough](#)



FREE SPEECH

WILL YOU PRAY?

- For state leaders to have the courage to follow Tennessee's lead and stand up for Christian organizations and non-profits by passing legislation barring de-banking and viewpoint-based denial of services.
- For ADF attorneys defending The Babylon Bee, Rumble, and Kelly Chang Rickert against California's satire-killing law that violates their right to free speech.
- For continued strength for Liam Morrison, who was silenced by his middle school and is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear his case.
- For Christian counselors like Kaley Chiles in Colorado—she's challenging a law that would censor her private conversations with clients if the government disagrees with her views on gender ideology. Pray that the U.S. Supreme Court would agree to hear her case soon.

TAKE ACTION:

- ✓ [Send Liam a note of encouragement](#)
- ✓ [Learn more about our work on free speech](#)



School officials censored ADF client Liam Morrison because he wore a shirt with the message "There are only two genders."

ADF clients Jay and Sandy Smith of Cedar Park Assembly of God are challenging a Washington state law that requires churches to pay for abortions in their employee health plans.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

LIE:

Religious freedom is a disguise for discrimination.

TRUTH:

Religious freedom is a core constitutional right and an American value.

Most people know that religious freedom is protected by the U.S. Constitution.

But this freedom isn't just a "right to worship." Religious freedom is not just your freedom to think and believe, but also your freedom to act—to speak your convictions, practice your faith, and live out the truth.

It's your broad freedom to follow God in all of your pursuits. And it's a gift.

But today, this gift remains under threat. There are widespread efforts to marginalize and discriminate against those who adhere to Christian values—from states unconstitutionally excluding religious groups from public programs to Fortune 500 companies canceling religious organizations.

And around the world, Christians are the most persecuted religious group—facing not just marginalization for their beliefs, but death for their faith.

We envision a world in which every single person is free to hear, respond to, and live out the Gospel.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

BIDEN-ERA POLICIES AND THREATS



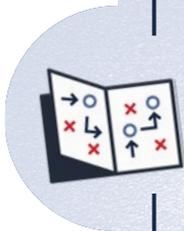
- × Gut the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) and remove protections from people of faith
- × Monitor bank transactions of ordinary citizens for making purchases such as “religious texts”
- × Violate the rights of faith-based organizations under the guise of “anti-discrimination”

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S PLAN



- Champion the First Amendment right to pray and read the Bible in school, and stand up to those who violate the religious freedoms of American students
- Ensure local educational agencies confirm their policies do not prevent or interfere with constitutionally protected rights in order to receive federal funds
- Support a new Federal Task Force on Fighting Anti-Christian Bias that will investigate all forms of illegal discrimination and harassment against Christians in America

ADF’S PLAYBOOK



- **Represent students, their parents, and teachers in public schools denied their religious freedom**
- **Advocate for churches and other religious organizations forced to violate their faith, including by paying for abortions**
- **Draft and testify on laws that protect the right of private schools, adoption and foster care agencies, and health care providers to operate according to their religious beliefs**

Active Cases

[*Youth 71Five Ministries v. Williams*](#)

[*Cedar Park Assembly of God of Kirkland v. Kreidler*](#)

[*Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board v. Drummond*](#)



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

WILL YOU PRAY?

- For ministries like Yakima Union Gospel Mission in Washington state, which is being threatened with severe penalties for hiring only those who share its beliefs.
- For churches and ministries discriminated against by Big Tech and Big Business. Pray that the Lord gives strength to pastors and ministry leaders to stand for the truth of the Gospel.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Pray for Christians in Nigeria who face Sharia law, blasphemy laws, and threats from Boko Haram.
- For legislators to see the urgent need to pass more legislation that protects religious freedom, such as state Religious Freedom Restoration Acts (or RFRA).

TAKE ACTION:

- ✓ [Share this Nigeria video](#)
- ✓ [Learn more about our work on religious freedom](#)

A photograph of a man in a dark suit and blue trousers sitting on a wooden bench. He is looking down at a book he is holding in his hands. The background is a bright, out-of-focus interior space.

ADF won at the U.S. Supreme Court for Chike Uzuegbunam after Georgia Gwinnett College officials stopped him not once, but twice, from peacefully sharing his Christian faith with fellow students on his college campus.



ADF clients Joe and Serena Wailes are challenging a Colorado school district policy that assigns students to share overnight accommodations based on “gender identity” rather than sex, after their 5th-grade daughter was assigned to share a hotel room with a male student on a school trip without their knowledge or consent.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

LIE:	Children belong to the government.
TRUTH:	Children are not state property. Parents have the fundamental right and duty to raise their own children.

Parents are the God-ordained protectors of children, bearing both the constitutional right and moral duty to guide the upbringing, education, and health care of their children.

No government official or activist has the right to co-opt the roles of moms and dads. But today, sadly, some are trying.

That’s why ADF works to protect parental rights.

Right now, we’re seeking to end secret “social transition” policies in public schools, standing with teachers and parents challenging public school policies that drive a wedge between parents and their children, and working to ensure that people of faith can adopt and foster children who need homes—without compromising their beliefs.



PARENTAL RIGHTS

BIDEN-ERA POLICIES AND THREATS



- ✗ Support school districts “socially transitioning” students at school without telling parents, and forcing school employees to address students in ways that are inconsistent with their sex
- ✗ Deny the ability to adopt because of parents’ religious beliefs

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S PLAN



- Adopt a Parental Bill of Rights that includes complete curriculum transparency and a form of universal school choice
- Promote positive education about the nuclear family, the roles of mothers and fathers, and celebrating rather than erasing the things that make men and women different and unique
- Cut federal funding for any school or program pushing critical theory-based curriculum, gender ideology, or other inappropriate racial, sexual, or political content on our children

ADF’S PLAYBOOK



- **Write and testify about laws that protect parental rights in education and health care**
- **Defend the rights of parents to make informed decisions about their children’s upbringing and education**
- **Ensure that people of faith can participate in government programs allowing them to foster and adopt children**

Active Cases

[Mead v. Rockford Public School District](#)

[Wailes v. Jefferson County Public Schools](#)

[Bates v. Pakseresht](#)



PARENTAL RIGHTS

WILL YOU PRAY?

- For our lawsuits on behalf of parents like Dan and Jennifer Mead, whose then-13-year-old daughter was secretly treated as a boy at school without their knowledge or consent.
- For steadfast commitment for Christian adoption and foster care agencies like New Hope Family Services, which had been targeted and harassed by the government because they disagree with the ministry's view that children are best served when cared for by a married mother and father.
- For government officials to stop imposing ideological litmus tests and excluding Christian foster and adoptive parents, like Bryan and Becca Gantt, from giving children loving homes.
- For legislation like the Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act to pass, which strengthens parental rights protections and gives parents a path to court when their rights are violated.

TAKE ACTION:

- ✓ [Download and share this parental rights guide](#)
- ✓ [Learn more about our work on Parental Rights](#)



ADF clients Dan and Jennifer Mead are suing their Michigan school district after discovering that school employees began their middle-school daughter by a masculine name and male pronouns without their consent and concealed these actions from them.

ADF client Jean Marie Davis, director of Branches Pregnancy Center in Vermont, is challenging a state law that censors pro-life pregnancy centers and their workers—and places them under threat of crippling fines.

LIFE

LIE:	Abortion is a necessary option for women facing unplanned pregnancies.
TRUTH:	Life is a human right. Thousands of pregnancy centers nationwide are ready to support women by providing free resources, parenting classes, and other forms of educational, financial, emotional, and professional support.

For nearly 50 years, *Roe v. Wade* disciplined our nation. The law taught generations of young people that we get to choose the value of life and that some lives are less worthy than others.

Thanks be to God, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe* in 2022. But the work to protect life is a generational struggle—the beginning of a new marathon. Attitudes toward the sanctity of life aren't going to change overnight.

You can already see this in the radical abortion ballot measures that have passed across the country—even in so-called “red” states. Plus, state officials and activists have ramped up their attacks on ministries that defend life, like pro-life pregnancy resource centers.

ADF works to protect unborn life, oppose assisted suicide, and defend ministries that provide real help to women—in courtrooms, legislatures, and the public square.

To change the future of the sanctity of life in this nation, hearts and minds must change.



BIDEN-ERA POLICIES AND THREATS



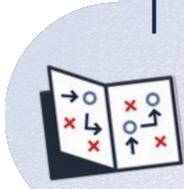
- × Codify *Roe v. Wade* into federal law
- × Provide abortion on demand in all 50 states
- × Allow federal funding for abortions
- × Limit speech and federal funding for pregnancy centers

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S PLAN



- Oppose late-term abortion while supporting mothers and policies that advance prenatal care

ADF’S PLAYBOOK



- Defend pro-life laws when challenged in court
- Draft and provide legislative testimony for pro-life laws
- Oppose all federal funding for abortions
- Protect pregnancy centers that help women who are seeking support and deserve to know about life-saving resources

Active Cases

[**Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*](#)

[*NIFLA v. Clark*](#)

[*NIFLA v. James*](#)

*Case will be heard at the U.S. Supreme Court this spring 2025.



WILL YOU PRAY?

- That the federal government protects and defends the freedom of states to pass laws upholding the right to life, and that the practice of abortion is eventually put to an end in all 50 states.
- That federal and state lawmakers protect the unborn and ensure that no taxpayer is forced to fund abortion facilities like Planned Parenthood. One ADF case addressing this issue, *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*, will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2025. Please keep the Justices in prayer as they consider this important case.
- For ADF clients like Jean Marie Davis, who are being used by God in a mighty way to care for the physical and spiritual needs of vulnerable mothers. Pray for the continued ability of pregnancy centers, like the ones Jean Marie leads, to fulfill their mission to serve pregnant mothers and their unborn babies. Pray for ADF client Chelsea Mynyk, who is challenging a Colorado law that would stop her from providing pregnant mothers critical life-saving information about abortion pill reversal.
- That the CARE Act, which safeguards pregnancy centers' ability to care for women, will pass in every state. At least one-third of states have introduced anti-pregnancy care center measures since the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in June 2022. We must ask God to give courage to lawmakers to stand up for pro-life pregnancy centers.

TAKE ACTION:

- ✓ [Stand with pregnancy centers and raise your voice to defend the sanctity of life](#)
- ✓ [Learn more about our work on Life](#)



ADF client Jessie Andersen (NIFLA) represents pregnancy centers prosecuted by the New York Attorney General for speaking truthfully and positively about abortion pill reversal.



Prisha Mosley, a brave detransitioner, advocates for biological reality as she shares her heartbreaking story of betrayal by a corrupt medical establishment that pushed her to irreversibly harm her body.

GENDER IDEOLOGY

LIE:	“Gender-affirming care” enables children to live out their true identities.
TRUTH:	Denying the reality that we are created male and female harms everyone—but women and children most of all. Promoting “gender transition” procedures for young children, isn’t health care. It’s reckless mistreatment.

Government policy should reflect the truth about God’s created order: biological differences between men and women matter, marriage is the union of one man and one woman, and parents, not the state, are best positioned to care for and educate children.

Gender ideology poses the greatest threat to these fundamental realities today.

This radical ideology redefines what it means to be a human created in God’s image as male and female, undercuts protections for women, and justifies subjecting children to irreversible surgeries and potentially sterilizing hormones if they identify as the opposite sex.

Marriage and the family are the foundations on which human civilization is built. They were instituted before any government. And they shape the next generation.



GENDER IDEOLOGY

BIDEN-ERA POLICIES AND THREATS



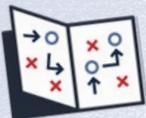
- × Challenge commonsense laws that protect children from harmful, irreversible “gender transition” drugs and surgeries
- × Rewrite Title IX to allow males who identify as female (1) to enter girls’ private spaces like restrooms, locker rooms, and showers and (2) to play on girls’ sports teams
- × Rewrite Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act to require doctors to act against their sound medical judgment and perform harmful, potentially sterilizing procedures to try to make people (including children) appear to be the opposite sex, even if state law restricts these procedures

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S PLAN



- Reverse policies pushing “gender transition” efforts on minors
- Stop taxpayer-funded schools from promoting “gender transition” on minors
- Remove health care providers from Medicaid and Medicare programs if caught participating in gender surgeries on minors
- Keep men out of women’s sports
- Ask Congress to pass a bill establishing that the only genders recognized by the United States government are male and female

ADF’S PLAYBOOK



- **Write, testify on, and help defend laws that prohibit males from competing in women’s sports**
- **Represent female athletes who are unfairly forced to compete against males and robbed of titles and opportunities**
- **File lawsuits defending women and girls who don’t want to be forced to share intimate spaces with males**
- **Defend doctors who object to subjecting children to harmful, irreversible “gender transition” procedures**

Active Cases

[*B.P.J. v. West Virginia State Board of Education*](#)

[*Hecox v. Little*](#)

[*Soule v. Connecticut Association of Schools*](#)

[*State of Tennessee v. Cardona*](#)



GENDER IDEOLOGY

WILL YOU PRAY?

- For government officials to follow the lead of states like Tennessee and Alabama and protect children from harmful “gender transition” procedures.
- For detransitioners like Prisha Mosley, who are courageously filing lawsuits to hold doctors and other medical professionals accountable for pushing them toward “gender transition” as minors.
- For the women and girls like Lainey Armistead, a former collegiate soccer player, who are challenging policies that allow males to compete in their sports, invade their private spaces, and violate their dignity.
- For more laws to be enacted and defended that affirm the legitimate differences between men and women—and protect women and girls from harm.

TAKE ACTION:

- ✓ [Watch and share Prisha Mosley's detransition story](#)
- ✓ [Learn more about our work on Gender Ideology](#)



ADF is helping safeguard state laws that were created to protect female athletes like Lainey Armistead from having to compete against males.

BECOME A FRONTLINE FOR FREEDOM PARTNER

The election of President Donald Trump has given us hope that many of the harmful policies enacted during the Biden-Harris administration will be halted.

But this moment may be fleeting—and the work of defending the right to live and speak the truth goes far beyond the halls of power in Washington, D.C.

As a Frontline for Freedom Partner, you can help fuel cases in courthouses across the country, protecting the rights of everyday people—students, athletes, teachers, pastors, business owners, mothers and fathers—from very real threats against their freedom.

PARTNER WITH US TODAY!

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