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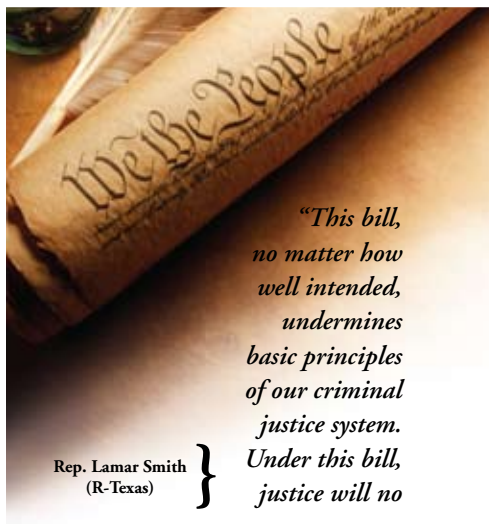
President Bush threatens to veto hate-crimes bill

Thanks to your donations, the National Committee for Faith and Family made your voice heard in Washington. President Bush has vowed to protect our right to free speech by vetoing a bill recently passed by the House of Representatives that would have a chilling effect on clergy who preach against homosexual behavior.

The bill, which would expand hate-crime laws to include sexual orientation and gender-based attacks, is completely unnecessary because state and local laws already offer protection from such crimes.

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas) said the bill would result in disproportionate justice for victims of certain crimes.

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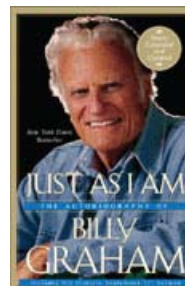
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bill, justice will no longer be equal," he said. "For example, criminals who kill a homosexual or a transsexual will be punished more harshly than criminals who kill a police officer, members of the military, a child, a senior citizen or any other person."

Without the support of concerned citizens such as you, our representatives in Congress and President Bush would not have

Thank you for your unwavering support!



Just As I Am

Graham

By Billy

Originally published in 1997, "Just As I Am" is the autobiography of America's greatest televangelist, Reverend Billy Graham. This expanded version of his remarkable story was released in July 2007 and takes us through his humble farm-boy upbringing to the opening of the Billy

Graham Library in June 2007.

In this fascinating story, we learn how God used an ordinary man in extraordinary ways. Billy Graham grew up on a dairy farm, began preaching in 1939, and his ministry has continued worldwide for more than six decades, touching the hearts and souls of millions. At age 78, he finished his autobiography but not his life.

Now after another remarkable decade, he expands his story in his own words. Already packed with attention-grabbing stories and fascinating people, this expanded edition includes his personal observations about the current president and his presidency, the historic Crusades he led after age 80, his role as "America's pastor" in the aftermath of 9/11, candid reflections on his life's regrets and an intimate tribute to his wife of almost 64 years, Ruth

Matthew 25:37-40 says:

Scripture

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

In this passage we see an excellent example of how Christians should respond to others in faith. Jesus told us we are to love others as we love ourselves. We are to put the well being of others in front of our own.

Corner

{ Media myths debunked }

Adult vs. embryonic stem cells

As the widespread debate continues on stem cell research, wild and outlandish claims are being made to discredit those who seek to protect unborn children. Here, we want to set the record straight on a few of these common myths.

{ Myth }

Stem cells can only come from embryos.

FACT: Stem cells can be taken from umbilical cords, the placenta, amniotic fluid, adult tissues and organs such as bone marrow, fat from liposuction, regions of the nose, and even from cadavers up to 20 hours after death.

{ Myth }

Christians are against stem cell research.

FACT: There are four categories of stem cells: embryonic stem cells, embryonic germ cells, umbilical cord stem cells and adult stem cells. Given that germ cells can come from miscarriages that involve no deliberate interruption of pregnancy, Christians in general oppose the use of only one of these four categories, embryonic stem cells. In other words, most Christians approve of three of the four possible types of stem cell research.

{ Myth }

Embryonic stem cell research has the greatest promise.

FACT: Up to now, no human being has ever been cured of a disease using embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cells, on the other hand, have already cured thousands. For example, bone marrow cells from the hipbone have repaired scar tissue on the heart after heart attacks. Research using adult cells is 20-30 years ahead of embryonic stem cells and holds greater promise. This is in part because stem cells are part of the natural repair mechanisms of an adult body, while embryonic stem cells do not belong in an adult body (where they are likely to form tumors and be rejected as foreign tissue by the recipient). Rather, embryonic stem cells really belong only within the specialized microenvironment of a rapidly growing embryo, which is a radically different setting from an adult body.

{ Myth }

Because frozen embryos may one day end up being discarded by somebody, that makes it allowable, even laudable, to violate and destroy those embryos.

FACT: The moral analysis of what we may permissibly do with an embryo doesn't depend on its otherwise "going to waste," nor on the incidental fact that those embryos are "trapped" in liquid nitrogen. Today, parents can preserve "excess" embryos for future pregnancies as well as donate them to other couples. In a recent study, 59% of parents who initially planned to discard their embryos after three years later changed their minds, choosing another pregnancy or donation to infertile couples.





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making a difference!*

Faith and Family seeks to restore decency, morality and family values to American society. To do this, we must raise public and political awareness about the popular anti-Christian and anti-family culture. We could not do this without your help and support!

When you generously donate to Faith and Family you are making it possible for us to guard the values we believe in and protect the American family by keeping a close eye on Congress and fighting against detrimental legislation.

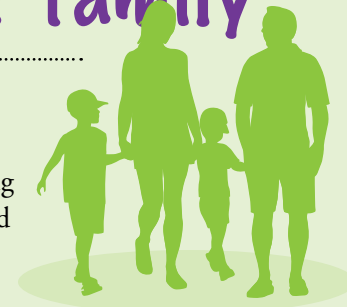
The American family is under attack on all fronts. At both the local and national levels, dangerous legislation is discussed daily that further negates the right of parents to raise their children. Christianity and Christian values are constantly downplayed and are in danger of being outlawed completely. For us at Faith and Family, this is totally unacceptable. Christian values and the strength of the family are two principles that this country was founded upon and we cannot afford to let our guard down and see these precious values slip away from us.

To that end, Faith and Family was established as a watch-dog society to protect these rights and fight for them where and when they are attacked. It is because of you and your support that we can do just that.

Six reasons to spend more time with your family

1. Your family bond will be stronger.

Everyday, low-cost, home-based activities such as playing board games, playing in the yard, gardening and watching television together are directly related to family cohesion.



2. Your children will see that you love your spouse.

Engaging in religious activities with your family, such as church or prayer, is associated with greater expression of love or affection between the parents, as reported by their children.

3. You will know your child's friends.

When you and your children participate in religious activities, you learn about your children's friends, their friends' parents, and their teachers.

4. When you listen and talk to your children, they do better in school.

Children's academic success is correlated with their parents' involvement in talking with them, listening to them, and answering their questions.

5. Your children will be less likely to exhibit behavioral problems.

When parents are engaged in the lives of their children, youngsters display less aggression and antisocial behavior, and negative feelings such as anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem. They are also less likely to engage in violence.

6. Your children will be less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol.

Frequent family dinners are associated with lower rates of teen smoking, drinking, and drug use. Compared with teens who eat dinner with their parents five nights or more per week, those who ate together only two nights per week or less are 2.5 times as likely to smoke cigarettes, more than 1.5 times as likely to drink alcohol and nearly three times as likely to try marijuana.

Source: FamilyFacts.org