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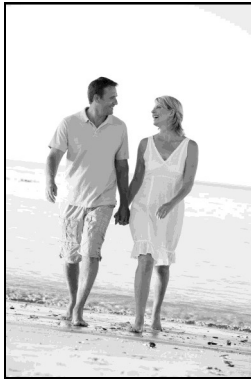
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create—and legally protect under local laws—new civil rights based on “orientation” and “gender identity.”

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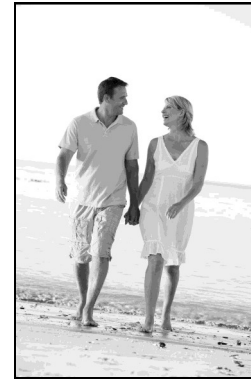
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- Encouraging public policies in Tennessee that support the institution of marriage, the sanctity of life, traditional family values, and religious liberty,
- Identifying, educating, and mobilizing like-minded people and churches through local Truth Project trainings, sponsorship of Ministers' Day on the Hill (state Capitol), establishment of church Salt and Light Committees and other initiatives.

WE BELIEVE that a strong, vibrant, and healthy future for our citizens is grounded in the strength, vitality, and health of today's families. Families are the cornerstone of any nation, state and community, and, as the family goes, so go those communities of people. Neglecting common-sense, biblical values contributes to many of our nation's current ills like crime, disease, divorce, unwanted pregnancies, teen suicide and academic failure.

OUR VALUES include Biblical worldview, healthy families, respect for life, sexuality within marriage, respect for parental authority, and religious liberty. When the state protects these time-tested values, they in turn protect the family. We believe churches, families and individuals are best equipped to foster these values, but we believe that government should not work against them. Our desire is to provide factual educational resources for each of these to function in their respective areas of responsibility.

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