



Florida Family Policy Council's "35 in 5" 35 Major Accomplishments in Five Years

2004

1) First "Project Citizen" church based Voter Registration Drive is conducted. Approximately 2,000 new voters are registered. This project was written about in the New York Times.

2005

- 2)** Florida Family Policy Council (FFPC) is formally associated with Focus on the Family.
- 3)** Created and established sister lobbying organization Florida Family Action 501(c)(4) is.
- 4)** Marriage Amendment Petition Collection is kicked off on Valentines Day, to preserve the definition as marriage as the union of one man and one woman.
- 5)** John Stemberger appears on ABC News, Nightline, and MSNBC advocating for Terri Schiavo's Right to Life and against her being starved to death. He later authors an article on the legal, medical, ethical and moral issues surrounding the case which is distributed nation-wide.
- 6)** President Stemberger and staff speak in 52 cities on the importance of the institution of marriage.

2006

- 7)** Judicial Accountability Project is launched at a Tallahassee press conference and the lawsuit is filed in federal court, challenging the gag order prohibiting judges and judicial candidates from speaking out on issues.
- 8)** Governor Jeb Bush speaks at FFPC's First Annual Policy Awards Dinner in Orlando with over 1,000 guests and the Daniel Webster Award is established and given to Senator Webster and Governor Bush.
- 9)** The Miami Herald writes a feature story on the work of FFPC President John Stemberger calling him "one of the most interesting and influential people you've *never* heard of".
- 10)** First edition of the statewide Judicial Voter Guide is launched for the November 2006 election.
- 11)** President Stemberger debates Florida Bar President Harry Cox on Judicial Accountability.
- 12)** FFPC Capitol City Office is opened in Tallahassee with Nathan Dunn as Vice President of Public Policy.

2007

- 13)** FFPC Sponsors the Tallahassee Premier showing of the major motion picture *Amazing Grace*, the life movie story of William Wilberforce.
- 14)** Promoted and protected the unborn, by working to derail the Embryonic Stem cell research bill in the legislature.
- 15)** Protected parents rights by successfully opposing the HPV vaccination bill for minors.
- 16)** Introduced Mike Huckabee and Sam Brownback to Florida as keynote speakers at the FFPC Policy Awards dinner. FFPC's William Wilberforce Award is created and given to State Rep. Frank Attkisson and Congressman David Weldon.

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2007 Cont.

- 17)** Tampa Tribune features a front page story on the work of President Stemberger entitled, "This Conservative is Not Retreating".
- 18)** The Orlando office Summer Legal Internship is established, to invest in the next generation.
- 19)** *The Jurisprudence of Life and Death in the Sunshine State* law review on Abortion is co-authored by President Stemberger and FFPC law intern Chad Barr.
- 20)** Protected religious freedom, by filing a federal lawsuit against the City of Sunrise Police Officer (infamous "kissing cops" lawsuit) for harassment and unlawfully removing petitions from our sponsored table at a Promise Keepers event.
- 21)** Hosted the premier showing of the pro-life movie *Bella*, with special guests including actor Eduardo Verastegui, U.S. Senator Martinez, Vonette Bright and other community leaders.
- 22)** Co-Sponsored a Watchman on the Wall pastor's conference in Tampa with Tony Perkins, Gary Bauer, Harry Jackson, Don Wildmon and several other national leaders.
- 23)** Introduced South Florida to the FFPC in a special dinner event in Fort Lauderdale with Senator Fred Thompson as speaker. Servant Leadership Award is established and given to Barbara Collier.

2008

- 24)** Protected children's education, by winning the battle for evolution to be taught only as a theory, and not as a fact, at the State Board of Education in Tallahassee.
- 25)** FFPC informs and educates millions of voters by designing, printing and distributing 4 million full color presidential primary voter guides.
- 26)** FFPC brings Ben Stein to Tallahassee to promote his movie *Expelled* and educate legislators, to help pass the Academic Freedom Bill protecting teachers who criticize the theory of evolution.
- 27)** President Stemberger travels and speaks to groups in 76 cities educating people on the importance of marriage to society.
- 28)** FFPC secured funding for and co-sponsored printing of 3 million voter guides with Christian Coalition of Florida.
- 29)** John Stemberger preaches on the Theology of Marriage at the largest church in the state, Calvary Chapel of Fort Lauderdale.
- 30)** Four years of hard work pays off as 62% of Florida voters vote "Yes on 2" passing the historical Florida Marriage Protection Amendment preserving the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman in the Florida Constitution!

2009

- 31)** Our newest initiative, Strong Marriages Florida Campaign to strengthen marriage and reduce divorce is launched with a legislative breakfast, a press conference and a panel discussion in Tallahassee.
- 32)** Jim Daly, the new President of Focus on the Family, is the keynote speaker at the fifth FFPC Annual Policy Awards dinner.
- 33)** Protecting children and families, the FFPC works behind the scenes with attorneys and city commissioners to craft the most restrictive adult entertainment ordinance in Orlando's history.
- 34)** FFPC continues to fight back massive statewide gambling expansion in the legislature and defeats a casino gambling proposal before the City of Longwood in Seminole County.
- 35)** Building corporate and community coalitions, the FFPC helps to organize two Chick Fil-A "Live-Love-Lead Rallies" in Central Florida. Over 6,000 people attended, Strong Marriages Florida campaign, and marriage mentor trainings were promoted.

*** This is only a summary. Many minor accomplishments and other work is not included in this list.**