2026 YEAR IN REVIEW

Florida: *Faithful and Free*



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A letter from Erik Dellenback

The election is over. Our work isn't.

The campaign signs are coming down. The votes have been counted. And for most Floridians, the political season is over.

But for Florida Family Voice, the most important work never stops.

For 22 years, we've stood faithfully on the front lines defending life, marriage, family, and religious liberty through a biblical worldview. And because of faithful partners like you, we're not just fighting today's battles. We're preparing for tomorrow's.

A pastor recently reminded me that perseverance and consistency are becoming lost biblical virtues. At Florida Family Voice, they're the very foundation of our mission.

Consider the defeat of Amendment 4 in 2024. That victory didn't begin on Election Day. It was built on years of relationships, preparation, and faithful work long before the battle arrived.

The same is true of the landmark protections for life, parental rights, and religious liberty we've helped advance in Florida. **Victories that make headlines are built through years of work that rarely does.**

That's why we believe something deeply important:

You don't wait until a war begins to build an army. You build it in times of peace so you're ready when the battle comes.

That's what your generosity made possible in 2026.

You helped put our team in the Capitol, connect pastors with lawmakers, equip believers, and distribute biblical worldview voter guides across all 67 Florida counties.

And that's what we're asking you to help us continue in 2027.

Florida is faithful and free today. But we cannot assume it will remain that way tomorrow. The freedoms we cherish must be defended, the next generation must be equipped, and the relationships that make victories possible must be built long before they're needed.

That's why I'm inviting you to become a **Watchman on the Wall** through a monthly commitment to Florida Family Voice.

In Scripture, the watchman stood faithfully at his post, even when all was quiet. He remained vigilant, prepared to sound the alarm when danger approached.

Your monthly gift allows us to stand watch every day, not just when the alarm sounds.

Would you prayerfully consider making a generous year-end gift and joining our Watchmen on the Wall with a monthly commitment in 2027? Your investment today will help ensure we're prepared for tomorrow's battles.

As you read this year's report, I hope you'll celebrate what God has accomplished through your generosity. But I also hope you'll prayerfully consider what He is calling us to build together next.

The election may be over. But our watch continues.

Thank you for standing with us. Florida's future is worth defending.



Erik Dellenback
President & CEO, Florida Family Voice

21st Annual Dinner and Awards Gala

On April 25, 2026, friends, supporters, and partners from across Florida gathered at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando for FFV's 21st Annual Dinner & Awards Gala, an evening marked by faith, conviction, and renewed purpose.

Dove Award-winning artist **Geoff Moore** opened the night in worship and served as emcee.



Then **Victor Marx**, a former Marine with a testimony of surviving unspeakable abuse and being remade by God's grace, captured our hearts and reminded us why this work matters and Who sustains it.

We were honored to recognize two leaders who have stood firmly for life, marriage, family, and religious liberty. **Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier** received the **Charlie Kirk Courageous Voice Award**, and **Pastor Joby Martin** of The Church of Eleven22 received the **William Wilberforce Award**. Each has shown the kind of bold, faithful leadership our state needs, and we were proud to honor them.

The gala was more than a celebration of the past year. It was a recommitment to the work ahead. As we look toward what's next, we are more convinced than ever that this is just the beginning.

To everyone who attended, prayed for us from afar, or supported this ministry in any way, thank you. Your faithfulness makes this work possible. Together, we will keep standing to rebuild and defend the walls of life, marriage, family, and religious liberty in Florida.



Pastor Joby Martin, pictured above; Attorney General James Uthmeier, below.





At left, guest speaker Victor Marx.



Save the date! Join us next year: Saturday, April 3, 2027

Legislative Advocacy

In the Capitol Every Day of Session

For more than two decades, Florida Family Voice has defended the sanctity of life, protected biblical marriage, strengthened the family, and safeguarded religious liberty, engaging in public life because loving our neighbor means caring about the laws they live under. **Here's how that mission moved in 2026.**

Florida's laws shape the future of our families, our churches, and our communities, and Florida Family Voice is present at the Capitol in defense of life, marriage, family, and religious liberty. Each session, the FFV Legislative Affairs team, led by Aaron DiPietro, reviews thousands of bills, tracks the ones that touch a biblical worldview, and advocates for priority bills from first committee to final passage. 2026 was no different. Despite one of the most gridlocked sessions in recent memory, our team was on the ground in Tallahassee for all nine weeks, testifying in committee, meeting with legislators, and helping move several wins across the finish line.

By the Numbers

1,962 filed bills reviewed	*25* harmful bills stopped
147 key bills tracked	*70* committee & legislator meetings
30 priority bills supported	*80* testimonies & waive-in letters submitted
6 priority bills passed into law	*200* students & young leaders engaged

Additional reach:

70,000+ Insider Report emails opened.

Next Gen outreach spanned six groups, including TeenPact, Turning Point USA, FPEA Homeschool Capitol Days, and FSU Students for Life.

2026 Priority Wins



Faith-Based Counseling Programs Act: Allows faith-based content in state-approved batterers' intervention programs.



Church Security & Safety Act: Allows trained volunteers to provide armed security at houses of worship without professional licensing.

Foreign Law & Terrorism Protection Act: Prevents Florida courts from applying foreign or religious legal codes that conflict with constitutional rights, and addresses funding tied to terrorist organizations.

Local DEI Policy Repeal Act: Restricts municipalities from enacting DEI policies that can conflict with family and religious liberty.



Medical Diagnosis Safeguards Act: Adds safeguards for families when a child's medically explainable symptoms could otherwise be mistaken for abuse.

Nigeria Christian Genocide Resolution: A House resolution, unanimously adopted, condemning the ongoing persecution of Christians in Nigeria.

Voter Education

Equipping Florida Christians to Vote With Confidence

FRESHMAN LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

After the election, FFV hosted its Freshman Legislative Summit, connecting newly elected legislators with veteran lawmakers and FFV staff to introduce them to the legislative process and other resources available to them before they ever set foot in the Capitol. It reflects a core piece of FFV's approach: build relationships early, so legislators can engage biblical worldview issues with confidence from their first days in Tallahassee.







Every election, Floridians face a ballot full of names, amendments, and issues carrying real consequences for life, marriage, family, and religious liberty. **For the Church, voting isn't a political act, it's a matter of stewardship.** Florida Family Voice publishes nonpartisan, issue-based voter guides so believers can walk into the booth informed, understanding the candidates and amendments in front of them. Since its founding, FFV has distributed more than 21 million nonpartisan guides in English and Spanish; this cycle alone, that included roughly 1.5 million guides across all 67 counties.

By the Numbers

1,000,000 English guides printed	**500,000** Spanish guides printed
1.5 M total guides distributed	
67 counties reached	**85** regional Hub Leaders

Ahead of the November 3 General Election, Florida Family Voice distributed 1.5 million nonpartisan voter guides across the Sunshine State.





Church Ambassador Network of Florida

Government is a mission field. Its leaders, and the decisions they make, shape the welfare of our entire state, which makes ministering to them, and sharing the hope of the Gospel with them, more important now than ever.

That is the work of the Church Ambassador Network of Florida (CAN-FL): connecting church leaders with government leaders for prayer, encouragement, and partnership in the advance of God's kingdom. In 2026, that work ran along three lanes.

Shepherds of the Church, meet the shepherds of our government.

Year-Round Connection

Ministry is a 365-day-a-year calling. Real relationships aren't built in the 60 days of legislative session; they're built all year long. In 2026, we brought local pastors and state leaders together in cities across Florida for conversations of church and state: not introductions, but launch pads for Christ-centered, grace-driven, partnership-minded relationships with a single goal, the advance of the Gospel in the Sunshine State.













2 Capitol Connection Days

During Florida's 60-day legislative session, the window when every state policy decision for the year is made, we want our Capitol filled with church leaders. Capitol Connection Days bring pastors from every corner of the state to meet face to face with their leaders for prayer, encouragement, and biblical worldview guidance on the issues that matter most.

In 2026:

- **125 church leaders** came to the Capitol
- **4,450 churches** represented through those leaders and their networks
- **30 shepherd-to-shepherd meetings**, including the executive branch and legislative leaders in both the House and Senate

3 Resourcing the Church

Hosea 4:6 warns that "my people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." The promise runs the other way too: where God's Word is understood and rightly applied, people flourish. CAN-FL works to close that gap, helping the Church think biblically about government and about the pressing questions of our moment.

This year we created new resources on what "separation of church and state" actually means (and what it doesn't), along with guides on voting and public stewardship. We also helped produce *Florida Forward*, which looks at how our state is changing after this November's election and the leading role the Church can and should play in what comes next.







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WATCHMEN

Defend and Rebuild. Become a Watchman.

Victories that make headlines are built through years of work that rarely does.

The walls of life, marriage, family, and religious liberty don't just need to be built.

They must be maintained, defended, and staffed year-round.

Watchmen are Florida Family Voice's monthly giving community, faithful partners who fuel the daily work of FFV as we serve the Church and Florida's families. Every gift of any size matters.

As a Watchman, you'll receive:

- Quarterly "State of the Wall" Reports
- Priority Alerts from the Field
- Annual Watchman Gift

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