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## BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP



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### JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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#### LIFE ON THE BALLOT IN 2026

Life looks to be a big topic on ballots across several states in 2026. Pro-life advocates are bracing for a pivotal battle as voters in seven states prepare to weigh in on ballot measures that could either safeguard legal protections for the unborn or expand access to abortion. Susan Klein of Missouri Right to Life encouraged voters to support the pro-life Constitutional Amendment. Klein added, "after we pass that, there's still work to be done. We have to work to protect every baby and every mom and let her know that she has an option, she doesn't have to choose abortion, that there is help out there for her to choose life." States seeking to protect the unborn include Nebraska and Colorado. Nebraska's proposal would define an unborn child as a person in the state constitution. States seeking to expand abortion access, some to the moment of birth, include Virginia, Nevada, Idaho, and Oregon.

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 2:7; Isaiah 44:24.

**PRAY:** States pass laws that protect the unborn.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to Susan Klein, thanking her for urging people to support life inside and outside of the womb. Susan Klein, Missouri Right to Life: 514 E High St., Ste. 21, Jefferson City, MO 65101-3276.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2025/12/04/seven-states-could-vote-on-abortion-in-2026/>

<https://afn.net/pro-life/2025/12/08/life-looks-to-be-a-big-topic-on-ballots-across-several-states-in-2026/>

#### SCOTUS TO HEAR BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

Of the noteworthy cases the Supreme Court will hear in 2026, one stands out for its potentially significant impact: birthright citizenship. Trump v. Washington could redefine the 14th Amendment interpretation of birthright citizenship. At issue is President Donald Trump's January 2025 Executive Order 14160, "Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship." While parties agree that a person must be born in the United States, the central question is whether that person is "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States. The White House argues the 14th Amendment was "adopted to confer citizenship on the newly freed slaves and their children, not on the

children of aliens temporarily visiting the United States or of illegal aliens." The Supreme Court's decision will determine the legal status of children born to parents who are undocumented or have temporary status. It is likely the court's ruling will be issued toward the end of June or early July, just before America's 250th birthday.

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 21:9-13; Genesis 25:29-34.

**PRAY:** America honors God with its Constitution.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to President Donald Trump, encouraging him to apply biblical principles for interpreting laws on American citizenship. President Donald Trump: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500.

<https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/federal-courts/scotus-to-decide-whether-to-end-birthright-citizenship/>

<https://www.newsweek.com/supreme-court-birthright-citizenship-ruling-what-to-know-11184124>

#### US PASTORS VOW ALLEGIANCE

In the largest delegation since Israel's founding, over 1,000 American pastors and leaders pledged support for the Jewish people during a recent December summit in Israel. Delegates laid flowers on the graves of soldiers who fell during the Israel-Hamas war and witnessed the impact of the terror group's Oct. 7 massacre. The Friends of Zion Ambassadors Summit was launched by the group's founder, Michael Evans, and organized in partnership with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Participants learned how to serve as ambassadors of Israel in their respective communities. The group met with Israeli government leaders and U.S. Ambassador Mike Huckabee. One pastor shared his experience, "It's a sacred place. Thank God for the many leaders and soldiers who gave their lives and paid the ultimate sacrifice." Upon their return to America, participants found their social-media accounts to be targets of coordinated online harassment. Identical messages, copy-paste accusations, and bot-generated threats all triggered because they stood with Israel. The experience has moved many to take on a new role as watchmen on the wall.

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 62:6; Ezekiel 3:16-21.

**PRAY:** An end of antisemitism in America.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to Dr. Michael Evans, thanking him for hosting the Friends of Zion Ambassadors Summit. Dr. Michael Evans, Friends of Zion, PO Box 30000, Phoenix, AZ 85046.

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/over-1000-pastors-vow-support-israel-friends-of-zion-summit.html>

[https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent\\_news\\_id=9253](https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=9253)

#### PILOT SHARED GOSPEL WITH HIJACKER

Samaritan's Purse President and CEO Franklin Graham described harrowing moments during a December flight that delivered aid to people displaced by conflict in South Sudan. At the time, the plane was en route to Maiwut, South Sudan, carrying medicine for a mobile medical unit. It is believed the hijacker sneaked onto the aircraft and hid in a rear cabin before takeoff. The hijacker pulled out a gun and demanded the pilot take him to Chad. Graham shared that, "The pilot realized, 'This isn't going to turn out well so I'm just going to tell him that God loves him and that, even though he's doing this, God still loves him.' And when he started sharing that, the guy began to cry. We were able to land the airplane, and the guy surrendered." The National

Security Service of South Sudan took the hijacker into custody after the plane landed in Wau. The hijacker was identified as Yasir Mohammed Yusuf.

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 3:15.

**PRAY:** Salvation of hijacker.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to Franklin Graham, thanking the brave pilot and Samaritan's Purse Team for going into all the world to share the gospel and love of Christ. Franklin Graham, President and CEO: Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/charlotte/news/2025/12/05/samaritan-s-purse--pilot--hijacker--disaster-relief>

<https://washingtonstand.com/article/samaritans-purse-plane-hijacked-suspect-in-custody>

## NETWORK TARGETING CHILDREN ONLINE

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recently labeled the 764 Network as a terrorist group, warning that the group preys on vulnerable young people by soliciting private information. The information is then used to coerce teens into providing intimate sexual images that are exploited for blackmail, pressuring victims to harm themselves or others, or even to livestream the abuse. By September of last year, approximately 2,000 cases of this abuse had been reported. The FBI described the network as "a nihilistic violent extremism (NVE) group whose members engage in criminal conduct within the United States and abroad in furtherance of political, social, or religious goals that derive primarily from a hatred of society at large and a desire to bring about its collapse by sowing indiscriminate chaos, destruction, and social instability." Throughout 2025, the FBI investigated more than 350 individuals with ties to the violent network. In December, the Senate Judiciary Committee introduced bills targeting sentencing laws, violent online criminal networks, and child sextortion.

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 24:12; Romans 1:28-29.

**PRAY:** Safety of minors from predators.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to Chairman Chuck Grassley, thanking the Senate Judiciary Committee for introducing legislation to protect young people from predators. Senator Chuck Grassley, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee: 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

<https://cbn.com/news/us/fbi-warns-764-gang-terrorizing-kids-online-australia-bans-younger-teens-social-media>

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/fbi-investigating-more-than-350-subjects-tied-online-764-network?msocid=0def6442dbc86af531607248da846b28>

## YOUNG ADULTS EMBRACE AI CONTROL

A recent study by The Heartland Institute's Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center and Rasmussen Reports found that 41% of young adults (ages 18-39) support granting advanced AI systems authority over government policymaking. Additionally, 36% would support AI control over individual rights of speech and religious practices, and 35% would allow AI to control the world's largest militaries "to reduce war deaths." In other words, a significant portion of the next generation appears willing to surrender human judgment and freedoms to algorithms. "These results are stunning. What we are seeing is the early emergence of an AI "strongman" mentality among younger Americans. Younger generations are increasingly disillusioned with the failures of traditional institutions, so much so, that they are

willing to hand control to artificial intelligence," Donald Kendal, Director of Glenn C. Haskins Emerging Issues Center said in a statement. The danger lies not in the technology itself, but in humanity's willingness to surrender power.

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 14:14; Daniel 12:4.

**PRAY:** A biblical worldview guides young adults.

**ACTION:** Host a bible study for young adults, studying what the bible says about submitting authority to God and government.

[https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent\\_news\\_id=9204](https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=9204)

<https://www.crosswalk.com/headlines/contributors/milton-quintanilla/four-in-ten-young-adults-open-to-ai-controlled-government-survey-finds.html>

## SALT & LIGHT MINISTRY MOMENT:

NOTE: Ministry Moment is for educational purposes only. The information offered by organizations is from their websites and should not be used as a substitute for your research.

## CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS ALLIANCE

**Brad Imler, Ph.D., President**

Christian Adoptions Alliance was launched in 2000 after learning of an unhealthy adoption network that was almost in the baby-selling business. This network included professionals from the Christian community. Dr. Imler's work in the pro-life movement equipped him to raise awareness of this operation and alter how the adoption network interacted with the Christian pro-life community. The Christian Adoptions Alliance was established to meet the educational needs of birth mothers, birth families, pregnancy resource centers, and prospective families. The purpose was to support those committed to ensuring adoption is grounded in Biblical definitions and values. The ministry's mission is to increase the Kingdom of God with children who are adopted twice by promoting adoptions from a Christian Biblical perspective. Among the Christian Adoptions Alliance services are adoption agency certification and advocate certification, church education on adoption, training for pregnancy centers and maternity homes, and adoption referrals.

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 1:17; Jeremiah 29:11.

**PRAY:** Children will be placed in loving homes.

**ACTION:** For a Prayer and Action Meeting, host an adoption workshop at your church to provide information about adoption needs in your community and sponsorship opportunities to meet those needs.

<https://christianadoptions.org/>

## S&L Recommended Book:

**Ending Human Trafficking: A Handbook of Strategies for the Church Today**

by Shayne Moore, Sandra Morgan, Kimberly McOwen Yim

<https://tinyurl.com/y6v88ypb>

## AMERICA'S FOUNDING FUN FACTS

"That Book [the Bible] is the rock on which our Republic rests." – Andrew Jackson, Seventh President of the United States