



Make sure the joke is clean

Editor,

One bright and sunny Saturday afternoon, a man parked his pickup truck in the parking lot of a grocery store. A woman passing by noticed two bumper stickers on the back of the man's truck. One of the bumper stickers endorsed Rand Paul for president, the other sticker endorsed Mike Huckabee for president.

The woman could not understand why someone would promote two different presidential candidates.

After purchasing a local newspaper outside the store, to her surprise, the woman turned to see two more bumper stickers promoting Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz for president on the front of the man's truck. With a puzzled look on her face, the woman approached the man, who was now driving out of the parking lot.

"Sir," she cried. "How in the world could you endorse four presidential candidates! Only one of the candidates can win the presidency."

The man in the truck paused for a moment, then he turned to the woman and said, "I understand that only one of those men can win the election, but I do promote each one to win."

The woman replied, "But that doesn't make any sense."

With simple sincerity in his eyes, the man said, "Yep, I endorse all four of the candidates on my bumper stickers: I do know that any one of them would be better than if Hillary Clinton got elected."

Yes, lighten up, live, and enjoy life. The Holy Bible says in Proverbs 15:13, "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."

A good, clean joke is always acceptable.

Did you also hear about the man who had something to say about each of the major political parties? He was very brief. He reduced the Democratic Party to one word; the word was "liberal."

The Republican Party he summed up with the word "compromise."

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The Supremes got it wrong

Editor,

The Supreme Court in their 5-4 bad decision has now said that same-sex marriage is OK.

This is the rule of the "Five Unelected Lawyers. The Court is wrong when it tries to radically redefine the bedrock institution of marriage, which is older than the Court itself.

The Holy Bible position is marriage is between one man married to one woman. It is Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. It is not Jane and Lois.

Pastor Jim Garlow in California held up the 5-4 opinion in one hand and the Bible in the other and he publicly proclaimed that he would obey the Bible and not the lawless opinion of five lawyers.

Christian bakers, florists, photographers and others have already faced fines, penalties and lawsuits for refusing to participate in same-sex weddings. The ruling will surely make things worse for any individual of faith who refuses to accept this "new normal."

How long before pastors, churches and ministries are punished for refusing to perform, endorse or support same-sex marriages? What happens when religious institutions speak about homosexuality as sin as the Bible says it is?

Representative Labrador and Senator Mike Lee have introduced legislation called "The First Amendment Defense Act" (FADA) into their respective Chambers of Congress.

According to their joint press release, the bill will "clarify and strengthen religious liberty protections in federal law by safeguarding those individuals and institutions who promote

traditional marriage from government retaliation. The bill would also prohibit the IRS from stripping a church of its tax exemption for refusing to officiate same-sex weddings."

As Rep. Labrador said of the bill, "The First Amendment Defense Act" ensures that the federal government does not penalize Americans for following their religious beliefs or moral convictions on traditional marriage.

"Our bill shields against federal intrusion without taking anything away from anyone. In a shifting landscape, it's time that Congress proactively defend this sacred right."

I wholeheartedly agree that it is time that "Congress proactively defend this sacred right." The First Amendment is among the most important legal guarantees in America for people of faith.

I personally see nothing in the Supreme Court's terrible decision that will stop polygamy. In Montana, polygamists Nathan, Victoria and Christine formally applied for a plural marriage license. They say they are inspired by the Court's ruling and promise to file suit if their application is rejected.

If the court follows the "logic" of the Supreme Court's marriage decision, polygamy will be hard to stop.

Jesus Christ said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

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Sanctuary cities must end

Editor,

The recent death of a woman who was shot by an illegal alien in San Francisco, an illegal alien who had been previously deported from the U.S. five times, highlights the federal government's refusal to enforce our country's existing immigration laws. We need to end the existence

of so-called "Sanctuary Cities" by supporting the Davis-Oliver Act that would require cities and states to cooperate with federal immigration agents.

The Obama administration's recent decision to end the Secure Communities program that allowed federal immigration agents to detain illegal aliens held at state and local jails is only part of the problem.

More than 200 cities refuse to cooperate with federal immigration agents, and the Obama administration has done nothing to prevent them from doing so.

But Congress shares the blame as well. For years, bills have been introduced that end "Sanctuary Cities," but lawmakers have not acted. We need to prevent future tragedies committed by criminal, illegal aliens and support the Davis-Oliver Act that would end these "Sanctuary Cities" once and for all.

Spokane is a "Sanctuary City." People are coming into our area without background checks. As they enter Spokane, it is not far for them to come into Stevens County and the Colville area.

The Davis-Oliver Act

introduced by Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions and South Carolina Congressman Trey Gowdy, is named after Michael Davis Jr. and Danny Oliver, who are two California deputy sheriffs murdered by illegal aliens.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 reads, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

This quote is from the Holy Bible. Yes, "Sanctuary Cities" must end.

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So many command- ments, so little time

Editor,

Roy A. Moore, who now serves as Chief Justice of the Alabama Judicial System, has long been known as the judge who supports the Ten Commandments from the Bible or the "Ten Commandments judge."

Years ago, he had erected a 5,000 pound monument listing the Ten Commandments in the building of the Alabama Judicial System. The federal courts had it removed and Judge Moore was also removed as Alabama Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice is an elected office in Alabama, and now he has been elected again as Chief Justice and is back in power.

Personally, I have enjoyed preaching the Word of God in Alabama. I have found that so many of the people there agree with my preaching. After all, 81 percent of the voters in Alabama passed a constitutional amendment prohibiting same sex marriage in 2006. The Holy Bible states in 2 Timothy 4:2 to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine."

Today, Chief Justice Moore's office is decorated with a wooden plaque of the Ten Commandments from the Holy Bible. Chief Justice Moore has issued the following statement: "Effective immediately, no probate judge of the State of Alabama, nor any agent or employee of any Alabama probate judge, shall issue or recognize a marriage license that is inconsistent."

Therefore, Chief Justice Moore simply stated that a marriage license should not be issued if it is "inconsistent" with the Alabama Constitution or state law.

However, United States District Court Judge Callie V.S. Granade has said same sex marriages are legal in Alabama. Alabama has 67 probate judges who are elected, like Chief Justice Moore, by the people. Thus, since the judges are elected by the people of the state, the majority of the people support the judge's decisions. As of Feb. 10, 2015, those obeying Chief Justice Moore's directive were 44 of Alabama's 67 counties.

It will be interesting to see how this will play out. Will the federal government win, or will the state government win?

Too many times, the federal government wins because they do not obey the tenth amendment of the United States Constitution, which says, "The power not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, not prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

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