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### **West Virginia Churches “Stand4Marriage” this Sunday**

*Hundreds of West Virginia churches are participating in historic event promoting marriage between one man and one woman*

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** – This Sunday, March 1, hundreds of West Virginia churches across the state will participate in “Stand4Marriage Sunday.” The participating churches will address the importance of marriage and reaffirm their commitment to defending and protecting marriage from redefinition by same-sex “marriage” advocates.

“West Virginians need to be aware of the looming threat of same-sex ‘marriage’ in their state,” says Jeremy Dys, president and general counsel of the Family Policy Council of West Virginia. “Stand4Marriage Sunday is an opportunity for pastors to articulate the definition of marriage and make congregants aware that unless they take a stand now, their voices may soon be silenced when it comes to protecting marriage as the union between one man and one woman.”

Participating churches will spend time during their morning service to pray for strong marriages in their community, pray for their leaders, and to make the community aware of the importance of defending marriage as the union of one man and one woman by asking the West Virginia Legislature to allow a vote on a marriage protection amendment.

“As we have seen in California, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, same-sex ‘marriage’ is only one court decision away,” says Dys. “Churches need to inform their congregations of that threat and mobilize them to stand for marriage now before its too late.”

Dys said that a marriage amendment is needed because state laws defending marriage as one man and one woman have come under increasing attack by state and federal courts. He cited the California Supreme Court, which overturned the state’s Defense of Marriage Act that was passed by 61% of the voters in 2000, and the fabrication of same-sex “marriage” by Connecticut and Massachusetts courts. Dys also pointed to the pending Supreme Court decision in Iowa and proposed legislation in New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and other states to create same-sex “marriage” as need for a marriage protection amendment in West Virginia.

“Marriage between one man and one woman is the foundation of strong families,” said Dys.  
“Strong families are also the foundation of strong communities. We’ll all be in trouble if special interests become more important than strong families.”

More information about “Stand4Marriage Sunday” is available at [www.wv4marriage.com](http://www.wv4marriage.com) or by calling 304-982-2803.