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ARIZONA PASTOR BULLETIN

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Welcome to the Arizona Pastor Bulletin! In response to requests by pastors, the APB was created to be a **brief must-read for busy church leaders**. APB is issued on an "as needed" basis to inform you about important issues, news, and alerts affecting families and the church in Arizona. Please let your colleagues know about this great new publication!

Pastor Frank Carpenter
 Church Relations Director

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2010 Legislative Session Underway!

CAP's 2010 Legislative Agenda focuses on the following key areas and policy proposals. Additionally, CAP's team is reviewing all legislative proposals to determine any impact on religious liberties or faith-based institutions.



Religious Liberty:

- Protect the rights of churches and religious institutions from unreasonable government land-use regulations.
- Clarify state law that churches and religious organizations do not have to register as political committees when speaking out for or against ballot measures.

Marriage and Family Preservation:

- Establish a marriage preference in state adoption cases to give children a chance to have a mom and a dad.
- Increase the waiting period for a divorce from 64 days to 180 days and provide information to couples with children about the harms and alternatives to divorce.

Sanctity of Human Life:

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"Inside Look" Dates

Arizona Capitol:

Wed Feb 3, 12:00 p.m.

Wed Feb 17, 12:00 p.m.

CAP Office:

Fri Jan 29, 12:00 p.m.

Tue Feb 9, 5:30 p.m.

Fri Feb 26, 12:00 p.m.

Tue Mar 9, 5:30 p.m.

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"Thank God for Center for Arizona Policy!"

"There are very few organizations I come across that are as effective as CAP at accomplishing their mission. Thank you for being passionately committed to staying apprised of current legal issues as well as keeping the church informed and prepared to face these never-ending challenges. Your work is a light on the hill that gives guidance to all who want to see. Please keep doing what you are doing! I can't imagine what it would be like navigating these issues without your help."

- **Cal Jernigan,**
Central Christian Church
of the East Valley



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- Pass a bio-ethics reform package to protect human life at the earliest stages.
- Ensure that governmental entities do not pay for abortions through their employees' taxpayer-funded insurance benefit plans.

Parental Rights/Children's Issues:

- Set forth in statute the constitutional rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children.
- Protect the rights of parents to choose the educational setting best suited to their children's needs through improvements to the scholarship tax credit program.
- Strengthen the penalties for individuals.

If you have any policy or legislative questions, please feel free to contact CAP Legal Counsel Deborah Sheasby (dsheasby@azpolicy.org).

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You're Invited!

Join us for a one-hour "Inside Look" tour of the CAP Office or come see our work first-hand at the Arizona Capitol.

Upcoming dates and times are listed along the sidebar. Please RSVP to 602.424.2525 or InsideLook@azpolicy.org. If none of these dates work for you or you'd like to arrange a private tour for yourself or for a team from your church, please contact me directly at fcarpenter@azpolicy.org or 602.424.2525.

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Are you ready for a biblical worldview transformation to sweep through your church?

[The Truth Project](#) is a revolutionary DVD-based small group study that's challenging believers across America to evaluate every aspect of life through a

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biblical perspective. The training event equips small group leaders to facilitate the curriculum, imparting a biblical worldview into the lives of others!

- [Read what Pastors and Church Leaders are saying](#) about the impact on them and their churches.
- [Watch this video message from Josh](#) about the impact on teenagers.
- Contact us for information about hosting, or TruthProject@azpolicy.org.

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Upcoming Events

February 7-14 is National Marriage Week.



Let's Strengthen Marriage is a national campaign to build a stronger marriage culture.

Watch the [free marriage webinar](#) that casts the vision, and learn about the three things the campaign is asking churches to consider.

Be sure to visit www.NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org. Whether your church has a seasoned marriage ministry or you're just getting started, there are great ideas and fresh insight to inspire your church.

February 26, National Church Security Conference at Christ's Church of the Valley.



Is your church or ministry prepared to protect your people, property, and confidential information? Learn to build safety and security teams, develop resources, and get help from the experts. [See flier for more and to register.](#)

February 27, Succeed 2010 Web Broadcast. Arizona host sites needed! Can your church be a host site for this great college preparation event?



College is one of the biggest investments many families will

make. Focus on the Family (FOTF) and Youth Transition Network (YTN) are utilizing [TrueU](#) to help students **Succeed** at college!

Find out more and see what it takes to be a host site:
www.youthtransitionnetwork.org/succeed.

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