



FAMILIES FIRST FOUNDATION
Quarterly Newsletter

What Is Best For the Children?

In the adoption and foster-care arena a first-order concern is “What is best for the children?”

Recent Arkansas judicial decisions in the child-care arena have been made with strong agenda pressures focusing on adults rather than children.

The Arkansas Adoption and Child Care Act is concerned with what is best for the children. The act would prohibit unmarried couples from serving as adoptive or foster parents. The act does not impact single parenting.

In order to place this initiated act on the November ballot we must gather 61,974 signatures. As of this printing, 45,000 signatures have been secured.

Signatures must be turned in to the Secretary of State by July 7th. There is still time for YOU to gather signatures and encourage YOUR home congregation to become involved.

Petitions and rules for gathering signatures may be downloaded at www.ARFamiliesFirst.org It is important to follow all regulations regarding signature

gathering.

If you believe it is best for children to be raised in a home



where the couple is married — then please do what you can to encourage involvement with the signature petitions.

Please call our

Please have petitions in our office by July 3rd in order to meet the July 7th deadline.
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Lottery Campaign

Proponents for the lottery have secured the necessary signatures to place the lottery on the November ballot.

The Secretary of State will begin signature certification after

July 7th.

Our campaign against the lottery will officially begin at that time. As in previous campaigns, our 501(c)(4) companion organization, Families First Action

Committee will be activated. This organization must be used in ballot issues and enables greater congregational involvement.

Thank you for becoming involved in this campaign.

Web Site Updated

In an attempt to provide quality resources, www.ARFamiliesFirst.org has been updated. One new feature is a resource for child care. The first link provides preliminary instructions for becoming an adoptive or foster-parent. The second link lists “our” Arkansas child-care institutions. Also, greater attention will be given to keeping the site current. Please check it out — and let us know what you think.

Memorials

To: Bernie Robertson From: Delores Liedke Bill & Carolyn Wheeler Jimmy & Linda Taylor Tommy & Val Ramer Sharon Swepston Hardin Jan Goslin Duel & Bonnie Fletcher Larry & Cindy Richmond	To: Dick Rogers From: Tommy & Val Ramer Gerald & Peggy Griffith Bill & Carolyn Wheeler	To: Mary Louise Spicer From: Tommy & Val Ramer Bill & Carolyn Wheeler Larry & Vonna Nicholson
To: Murrell Madrey From: Larry & Vonna Nicholson	To: Lois Brown From: Tommy & Val Ramer Gerald & Peggy Griffith Bill & Carolyn Wheeler Tommy & Jamie Goslin Lourelia Word Hubert & Sandy Logan Jim & Betty Skelton Dickey & Peggy Reid Dan & Judy Shepherd	To: Erma Haskett From: Bill & Carolyn Wheeler
To: Vernie Marshall From: Ed & Barbara Durham	To: Ruth Roe From: Bert & Leslie Mosley Bill & Carolyn Wheeler	To: Charles Ashcraft From: Tommy & Val Ramer
To: Peggy Penix From: Jack & Virginia Austin Bill & Carolyn Wheeler	To: Leo Rainey From: Martha Rainey	To: C. Ray & Theda Miller From: Flora Holland
To: Bonnie Holmes From: Duel & Bonnie Fletcher	To: Emily Joplin From: Jan Goslin Bill & Carolyn Wheeler Tommy & Val Ramer Gerald & Peggy Griffith	To: Emmett Smith Arlin Brinkley From: Nita Smith
To: Larry Clark From: Tommy & Val Ramer Gerald & Peggy Griffith Bill & Carolyn Wheeler		To: Betty Stubblefield Barbara Lewis From: Martha Rainey
To: Jean F. Harris From: Bill Harris		To: Brian Luke Johnson From: Bill Oldham
		To: Joe Churchman Barbara May From: Fayon Churchman
		To: Geneva Henry From: Delores Liedke

Appreciation

To: Bill & Carolyn Wheeler
From: Leroy & Louise Jones

Schedule

March 2 Bellefonte – two a.m. presentations; 1:00 p.m. – area-wide presentation on local-option election in Boone County; 6:00 p.m. – Bergman, FFF presentation **3** Harrison – local-option election meeting at NW AR Community College (cancelled because of weather) **5** Trumann (Viva Drive) **11** Searcy – Board meeting **12** Pocahontas (Skaggs) **16** Forrest City (Lindauer Rd.) **19** West Memphis (Missouri St.) **23** Forrest City (Lindauer Rd.) **26** West Helena (Twin City) **30** Forrest City (Lindauer Rd.)

April 2 Jonesboro (Greensboro Rd.) **6** Forrest City (Lindauer Rd.) **7** Searcy meeting regarding advertising – Arkansas Christian Herald **9** North Little Rock, 4: 30 – AR Adoption/Foster-care Act, 7 p.m. Windsong **13** Little Rock (Central) **14** Morrilton – area ministers meeting **15** West Memphis (West Memphis Christian School) dedication **16** North Little Rock (Sylvan Hills) **20** Newport (Holden Ave.) a.m., Mountain Home (College & North) p.m. **21** Harrison, local-option election meeting, NW AR Community College **23** Searcy (Four-Mile Hill) **27** Forrest City (Lindauer Rd.) **30** Palestine

May 4 Forrest City (Lindauer Rd.) **7** Hoxie **11** West Memphis (Missouri St.) **14** Wynne (Bridges St.) **18** Piggott (Thornton St.) **25** Tyrone **28** Searcy (Foothills)

June 1 Charlotte (Homecoming) **3** Memphis (Ellendale Summer Series) **22** Little Rock (Geyer Springs) **24** Kensett (Board Meeting, Whistle Stop Restaurant, 10 a.m.) **29** Jonesboro (Valley View)