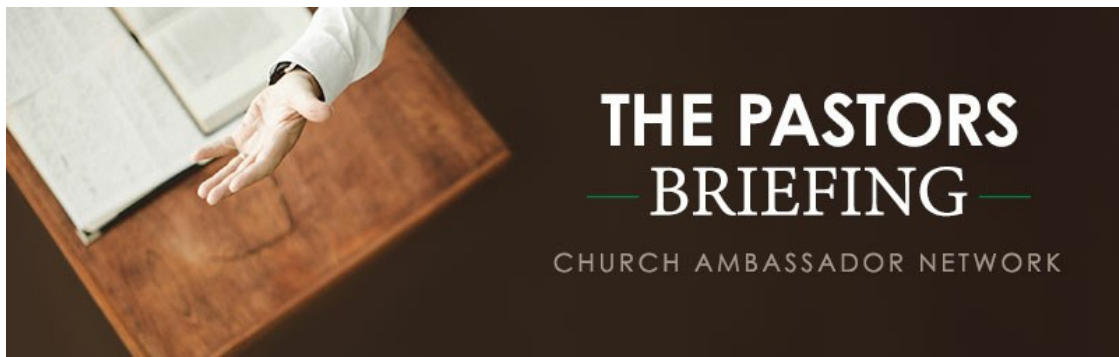




Two big things this week! A Supreme Court win and the celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

As our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Christians have a unique opportunity to reflect on the true source of freedom.

At nearly the same time, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Little v. Hecox* marked a huge victory for fairness, justice, religious freedom, and the recognition of God's created order. By affirming that states may protect girls' and women's athletic competitions based on biological sex, the Court acknowledged that male and female are real and meaningful distinctions. This decision provides greater protection for those who have long held, and continue to hold, the biblical conviction that God created humanity "male and female" (Genesis 1:27).

For the Church, this is not merely a political issue but a biblical one. Every person is created in the image of God and is worthy of dignity, respect, and compassion. However, we are also called to speak the truth in love and remain faithful to God's good design for humanity. **This decision is an encouraging reminder that people of faith should not be forced to abandon deeply held biblical convictions to participate in public life.**

America's 250th anniversary also reminds us that our nation's founders recognized that our rights come from our Creator, not from government. True liberty is not simply the freedom to do whatever we desire, but the freedom to live according to God's truth. Jesus declared, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). Political liberty is a precious gift, but true freedom is found only through Jesus Christ.

Romans 13 teaches that governing authorities are established by God to promote justice and restrain evil. As pastors, we have an opportunity to encourage our congregations to pray for our leaders, engage faithfully as Christian citizens, and boldly proclaim the Gospel. As we celebrate 250 years of American freedom, may we also renew our commitment to defending religious liberty, upholding God's created order, and pointing our communities to the One who alone offers true and lasting freedom.

In Christ,



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P.S. Join us on Tuesday evening, July 21, for a special public *City on the Hill* event that contrasts our freedoms with the tyranny of socialism. [Details here.](#)

