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'HUGE' CASE AGAINST PP MEDICAID FUNDING

The Supreme Court will decide whether states may defund the nation's leading abortion provider, Planned Parenthood (PP) from their Medicaid programs. Attorney John Bursch of Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), the law firm representing South Carolina (SC) in the case, told Washington Watch it began seven years ago when the state defunded PP. States distribute federal Medicaid dollars to hospitals, doctors, and medical facilities providing healthcare for low-income people. PP demanded a portion of that. States can exclude medical providers that endanger patients. SC decided there were reasons for excluding PP's funding. PP self-described "sexual and reproductive healthcare provider" had the right to file an administrative appeal with the state, but missed the deadline. PP conspired with a patient and filed a federal lawsuit. A federal judge ordered SC to reinstate PP. The case advanced through the court of appeals. SCOTUS decided to review the decision. If SCOTUS rules in SC's favor, U.S. States may defund PP using those tax dollars for other healthcare services. Arguments will likely be in April with a decision in June 2025.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 10:1-4, Proverbs 29:2.

PRAY: SCOTUS rules in favor of PP defunding.

ACTION: In your own words, write a postcard to Attorney John Bursch thanking him for pursuing defunding Planned Parenthood, thus promoting life. ADF Attorney John Bursch, 15100 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

<https://afn.net/legal-courts/2024/12/20/huge-case-for-healthcare-funding-is-a-case-against-pp/>
<https://tinyurl.com/978skz3d>

PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES' FOCUS SHIFTS TO PILLS

Pro-life advocates are reportedly increasing the focus on restricting access to abortion pills, the most common way to end a pregnancy in the U.S. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a lawsuit on Dec. 12 against a New York abortionist alleging she illegally provided abortion drugs to a woman in Texas, which killed the preborn child and caused serious health complications for the mother. The lawsuit maintains that Dr. Margaret Daley Carpenter gave

abortion drugs to a woman across state lines through telehealth services. It states Daley is not licensed to practice medicine in Texas, and that state law prohibits the delivery of abortion drugs through the mail. The suit represents the first of its kind and could lead to a legal test against a New York law designed to protect providers there who prescribe the drugs to patients in states with abortion bans. Additional states are considering ways to restrict abortion pills in their 2025 legislative sessions.

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:13, Jeremiah 1:5.

PRAY: States ban abortion pills and enforce abortion laws.

ACTION: In your own words, write a postcard to Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, thanking him for being the first state to take action to stop prescribing and mailing abortion drugs illegally. The Honorable Ken Paxton Attorney General of Texas, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548.

<https://christianindex.org/stories/pro-life-advocates-shift-focus-to-pills-with-lawsuits-proposed-laws-and-possible-federal-action,98583>
<https://tinyurl.com/3i5cd3tk>

HOSTAGE DEAL PUSH—READY...OR NOT?

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is "ready to do a deal" to secure the release of hostages held in Gaza. Netanyahu indicated "he wants to get it done." White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan's comments came days after meeting with families of American hostages held 430 days following Oct. 7, 2023 attacks in Israel, and recent strong warnings from U.S. President-Elect Donald Trump. A Wall Street Journal report suggested that Hamas conceded on two key Israeli demands and reportedly told mediators the terrorist network would allow Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers to remain in Gaza during a fighting pause. They also agreed to drop demands for a permanent end to Israel's campaign, and provided a list of hostages, including Americans, who would be exchanged under a "cease-fire pact." It is unclear how many hostages Hamas will release or which of the seven Americans still in Gaza deceased or alive were on this list. In mid-December, Sullivan was slated to travel from Israel to Qatar and onto Egypt, to meet with top officials to secure a cease-fire and release of hostages.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34:14, Isaiah 2:4.

PRAY: Permanent cease-fire and all hostages are released.

ACTION: In your own words, write a postcard to White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan encouraging him to stay on course for the cease-fire and hostage releases through January 20, 2025. The White House, National Security Adviser-Jake Sullivan, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20500.

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/jake-sullivan-says-netanyahu-ready-do-deal-hamas-said-concede-israel-cease-fire-demands>
<https://tinyurl.com/355r6mp4>

REVIEW OF LINK AMID VAX & AUTISM COMING

President-Elect Donald Trump has confirmed he is open to the idea of the long-suspected link between childhood vaccinations and autism. Reports of autism cases, after being almost insignificant for decades, started growing in the late 1970s. In 1986 the National Childhood Vaccine

Injury Act was adopted which protected vaccine makers from any liability whatsoever for problems their products caused and since then the cases have exploded. Trump's comments came during an interview with *Meet the Press*, as he was asked if his nominee for Health & Humans Services, RFK, Jr., would review the facts on the issue. Trump said he was "open to anything." He added, "Well, if you take a look at autism, go back 20 years: Autism was almost nonexistent, it was one out of 100,000. And now it's close to one out of 100. I mean, what's happening?" In December 2018, Michigan parents David and Brenda McDowell explained how in one day their triplets became autistic immediately following vaccination. They were later informed the vaccine was contaminated and was recalled after killing a two-year-old, but there was no legal recourse.

SCRIPTURE: John 3:19-21, Numbers 21:7-9.

PRAY: Leadership and healing from harmful conditions.

ACTION: In your own words, write a postcard thanking and encouraging President-Elect Donald Trump to lead and follow through on measures exposing and solving issues with vaccines and any links to autism or other harmful outcomes to children and families.

President-Elect Donald Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20500.

<https://tinyurl.com/44ew4ff5>

<https://www.wnd.com/2024/12/trump-confirms-review-of-link-between-vaccines-autism-is-coming/>

J6ER RECEIVES JESUS WHILE IN JAIL

Newly released J6er (Jan. 6, U.S. Capitol arrests) James Grant reveals he "found" Jesus Christ while in jail. This, during what he explains as a "nightmare experience" he says was brought on after pushing a fence at the Capitol. "I can't imagine the damage it did to my family... 'Mom, I just pushed a fence. Why are they doing this to me, Mom?...' " Grant, who graduated with honors from NC State University and was accepted into top law schools on scholarship, was sentenced to three years in federal prison—for pushing a fence the government eventually admitted did not touch anyone. Wearing only a smock, in a cell with nothing but a grate in the middle—no sink, toilet, or bed, he was at his lowest point and wanted to give up. Moving in shackles, he noticed a religious pamphlet that read, "You will be tested—James." [It was] "like a message directly to me..." Grant recalls. After 1,000 days in prison, he was released. "The pamphlet was correct: I would be tested many times on this journey. But through this ordeal I found God, and I now attend church weekly," he confirmed.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 29:21, Proverbs 12:22.

PRAY: James grows in his Christian faith.

ACTION: For a Prayer and Action Meeting, review the Bill of Rights—the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution—that spell out citizen rights in government.

<https://tinyurl.com/3pukusbe>

https://www.breakingchristiannews.com/articles/display_art.html?ID=40839

WHAT EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD KNOW

Discover the joy and privilege of biblical citizenship! Visit the weblink to choose from the assorted material: Read the Declaration of Independence. Study the U.S. Constitution. Learn the words to The Star-Spangled Banner, our National Anthem—hear the instrumental by the U.S. Navy Band and sung by The Gathers. Read quotes from our Founding Fathers; take a sample U.S. Citizenship test—can you pass it?

<https://www.saltandlightcouncil.org/what-every-american-should-know/>

S&L Recommended Book:

ANYONE CAN HOMESCHOOL: by Nicki Truesdell

From the Author: "The decision to homeschool your child can be a daunting one, but it doesn't have to be. Anyone can homeschool their child—you don't need to have a teaching background or experience. With the right resources and support, you can create a successful homeschooling environment for your child. [I] outline some of the basics of homeschooling and provide you tips for getting started. So, if you're considering homeschooling, don't hesitate – **it's a great option for all families!** Even yours!"

<https://nickitruesdell.com/anyone-can-homeschool-the-book/>

See Also: <https://www.publicschoolexit.com/>

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THE LUCAS PROJECT

Jess Ronne founder of The Lucas Project, attests to why moms of children with special needs can redefine caregiving as "holy work," their issues calling the Church to action. In 2004, during a routine ultrasound appointment for her second child, doctors informed her that her preborn son experienced a stroke in utero. They offered no hope, suggesting she terminate the pregnancy and "try again." But Ronne and her husband refused. When Lucas was born August 12, 2004, Ronne became "a forever caregiver" grateful for her miracle baby. Following, her husband was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor. By 2010, Ronne, then 33, was a widow raising four young children under seven. She discovered an unshakeable resilience—anchored by faith. Today, Ronne is a powerful advocate for parent caregivers, a demographic largely invisible to society. As founder and executive director of The Lucas Project, she works to provide recognition, resources, and respite for families like hers. She attests the Church has a pivotal role in addressing these needs: "This is exactly the kind of work Jesus did—stepping into messy, uncomfortable spaces."

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:12-14, Isaiah 1:17.

PRAY: Caregiver strength, blessings, and respite.

ACTION: For a Prayer and Action Meeting, review The Lucas Project and discover if your congregation supports parent caregivers and provides a role in addressing their needs. <https://thelucasproject.org>

<https://tinyurl.com/ksx7ppff>