



From a Utah homeschool mother:

Thank you so much for your help. Your involvement in our situation has made our lives less stressful. Knowing someone was out there for us and that we are not alone was a great blessing. I am so glad that I could reach out to your organization and get instant help.

From a Florida Christian school administrator:

Thank you so much for your attention to our concern. We cannot express enough our gratefulness for all that CLA does for the work of Christian ministries.

From an Ohio mother:

My daughter is dedicated to changing the culture of her school. Thank you very much for the valuable resources you provided for her! Thank you for your time, not just in my case, but in everything you do for the Kingdom of God. I always pray for those at the Christian Law Association when I hear The Legal Alert program on the radio.

From a radio listener in South Carolina:

I listen to *The Legal Alert* radio program every day. It is a daily encouragement and a source of hope in what could be a hopeless situation.

From a "Fighting For Dear Life" reader in California:

I want to thank you for giving me a copy of your book about Terri Schiavo. I am a few pages away from finishing. God is doing a work in my life and changing my selfish ways. As a mother of 3 (my middle child has Down Syndrome) and a wife of 26 years one conclusion that has come to light is that the life God gave me is not about me, and the life God gave others is for me to nurture every way I can—spiritually & physically. The ending of your book gave me great hope! I was deeply discouraged and dismayed by the unjust murder of Terri and other things I see and hear in the lives of people I love. Chapter 26 brought me optimism that "we" as God's people can change this world for His Glory!



In recent years, CLA has actively assisted an ever-increasing number of homeschooling families. CLA assembled a dedicated team of homeschool parents, homeschool graduates and attorneys to form Home-school Legal Advantage – a division specifically charged with protecting the rights of homeschoolers, and providing practical advice regarding home education and compliance with homeschool laws. As a member of HLA, you have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that, if your homeschool is challenged legally, HLA will represent you up through and including litigation.

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for additional information, visit www.HomeschoolLegalAdvantage.com



CLA Supports Public Prayers

Pray for several **FLORIDA** school districts that are being threatened with litigation because of prayers opening school board meetings.

Pray for city councils and other legislative bodies in **NORTH CAROLINA** that are being threatened with lawsuits for opening legislative prayers. Pray for success in an appeal of one case where the judge has ruled that a neutral policy inviting local clergy to pray is unconstitutional.

CLA Cares About the Disabled

Pray for states to enact legislation to protect the right of disabled patients to receive food and water. Pray that a bill to protect provision of food and water will pass in **GEORGIA**.

CLA Stands with Christian Workers

Praise the Lord that after consulting with CLA, a **NEW JERSEY** maintenance worker was permitted to take a training course on a day other than Sunday; and a worker in **ARKANSAS** was also provided with a religious accommodation for Sunday work.

Praise the Lord that a supermarket in **NORTH CAROLINA** will continue to allow a pastor time off so that he can preach on Sundays.

Please pray for a government worker in **MARYLAND** who is constantly barraged with emails and other government propaganda supporting homosexuality.

Pray for a doctor in **ARIZONA** who was terminated when a patient complained that he had offered to pray with her before a surgical procedure.

CLA Assists Local Churches With Property Concerns

Pray for a school district in **CONNECTICUT** where one resident is objecting to holding graduation ceremonies in a local church. The school has held graduation there for years since it is a large and convenient location.

Please pray for churches in **OHIO** and **CALIFORNIA** that are concerned about undesirable neighbors purchasing property next to the store, including a casino and a marijuana shop.

Pray that a city council in **PENNSYLVANIA** will vote to allow churches in the town's central business district.

Praise the Lord that attorneys for CLA were successful in convincing a local **FLORIDA** community to allow a church to meet in a local funeral home for services.

CLA Supports Church Outreach Programs

Pray for a ministry in **TENNESSEE** that takes character building programs based on Christian principles into public schools.

Pray for a church in **WEST VIRGINIA** that is seeking to use public school facilities for a community Bible study.

Pray that a church in **ALABAMA** will be able to continue its pro-life witness at abortion clinics as the town is considering passing an ordinance to ban sidewalk counseling directly in front of the clinic, based upon alleged public safety issues.

Pray for a **NORTH CAROLINA** ministry that runs a statewide release time program for public schools.

HOW CAN THE CHRISTIAN LAW ASSOCIATION HELP ME?

Free legal defense of those facing difficulties for the Biblical faith

Free legal counsel to churches and Christians for their ministries

Legal seminars for ministries to help prevent lawsuits

The Legal Alert radio program

Preaching in churches across the country

Publication of a monthly newsletter, *The Legal Alert*

Free consulting to local, state, and federal officials and legislators to provide maximum religious liberty

Intercessory prayer ministry for requests sent to the ministry office

Capitol Prayer Initiative

Homeschool Legal Advantage



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THE LEGAL ALERT

Sharing the GOSPEL

{ As the world grows darker and darker, CLA stands stronger than ever to protect those fulfilling the Great Commission. }



PLUS:



Avoiding Ministry Burnout



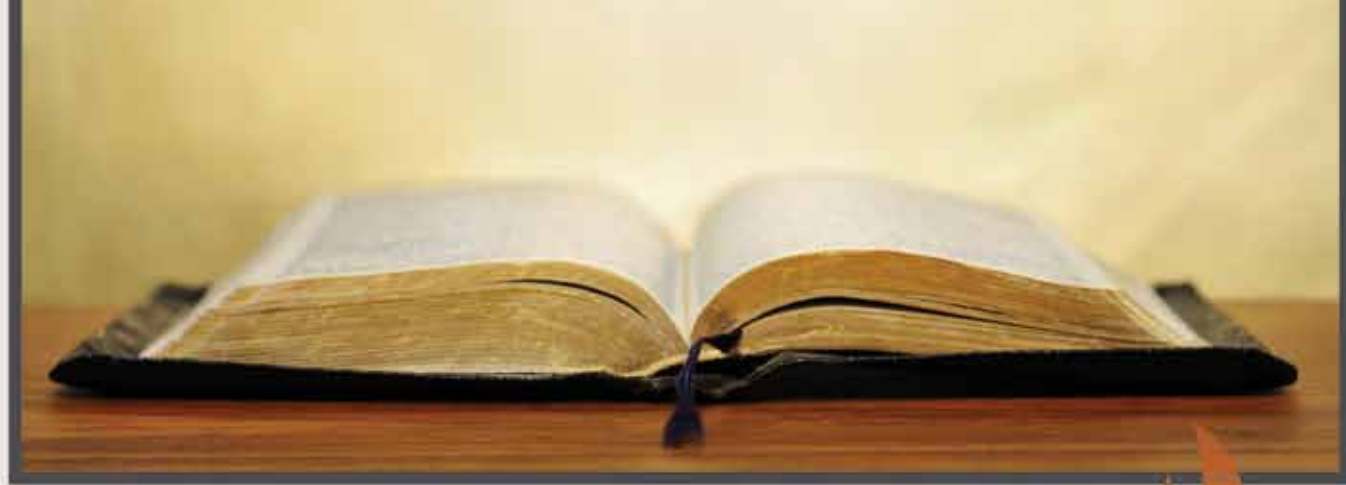
First Food on the Moon



7 Keys to Tax-Exemption



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Sharing the GOSPEL

In Mark 16:15, Jesus commanded His followers: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The Gospel is urgently needed in our nation today. At the Christian Law Association, we are encouraged to hear the stories of many soul winners who are successfully sharing the Gospel, and we are honored to stand as attorneys and defend their right to share Christ.

Many of these successes involve traditional outreach programs like door-to-door visitation, community vacation Bible schools, and school Bible clubs. But we also hear stories of creativity in soul winning as we legally serve those that are witnessing.

BACKYARD BELIEVERS

Gloria's backyard is a popular shortcut to school for neighborhood children. She suspected not many of these children ever attended church. So Gloria came up with a creative idea. She bought some fun children's Gospel tracts and began offering them to the kids who crossed her yard every day. The children were happy to take the tracts and some even stopped for more conversation on the way home from school. This idea has turned into a productive ministry for Gloria. It is an easy and creative way for stay-at-home moms and even home school families to share the Gospel right in their own neighborhood.

Legal Tip: Soul winners should not offer children food or money along with the Gospel tracts. These actions could be misunderstood as attempts to lure children for nefarious purposes.

SPECIAL DAYS

Sandra shares the Gospel with her office co-workers by using birthdays and holidays as an opportunity to give tasteful religious cards with Gospel tracts tucked inside—sometimes along with a small gift such as homemade bread or cookies. Co-workers are less likely

to complain about the witness when it is graciously offered along with individual well wishes at special times.

Legal Tip: Do not give religious items to co-workers who have already made clear they do not want to talk with you about religion. This could be considered harassment. The messages should be positive, not critical of other religions.

PUBLIC BIBLE READING

Some community groups have done public Bible readings in local parks. When volunteers take turns reading God's Word 24 hours a day for 15 minutes each, it takes about 5 days to go from Genesis to Revelation. While one person is reading, others should be available to talk and pray with those who are curious about what is going on.

Legal Tip: Public parks are protected free-speech areas, but communities may require a permit if you are using amplification. Local police and officials should be notified of this type of activity in advance so adequate protection and security can be provided.

PRIVATE BUSINESSES

Private business owners can find many creative and effective ways to share the Gospel. Alan owned a popcorn factory and placed both Christian and patriotic symbols on his popcorn packaging. One buyer was offended by the packaging logos, but many more customers thanked Alan for the message. If customers don't like Alan's message, they are free to take their business elsewhere.

Neil sells produce at a farmer's market. He always places a Gospel tract resembling a million dollar bill in customer bags. Many customers liked the tracts so much, they come back to ask for more bills to give their friends.

Legal Tip: Christian business owners have a legal right to present whatever message they like to their customers. Their only legal obligation is to accommodate any employees who do not want to participate in this practice.

RELEASE TIME PROGRAMS

One of the best kept secrets for creative witnessing in public schools is the release time program. Decades ago, courts ruled that private groups may legally take children away from school property for religious instruction. Sometimes these programs take the form of regular weekly or monthly classes. Other times, groups offer students special programs for only a few days. One evangelistic group visits schools on a rotating basis for release time programs. During one program, seventy-six children were saved. In a similar program, every school child in one county heard the Gospel in a single year, with several hundred children saved. This is a legal and effective way to bring the Gospel to public schools.

Legal Tip: The local school board must approve release time programs and parents must sign permission slips for children to participate.

The Word of God is active and moving in our world, shining its light across the vast mountains, plains and valleys of America. As the days grow darker, the Christian Law Association is here to protect and preserve the right to practice, preach and proclaim the faith that we hold so dear.

Wherever the truth of God is challenged, the ministry of CLA stands ready to defend the Gospel proclaimers in the churches and ministries across America. We must be "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:16) And remember, "He that winneth souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30)

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE A LIGHTHOUSE THAT THIS DARK, SINFUL WORLD NEEDS?

1. Support your local church in its effort to share Christ.
2. Personally tell others about Jesus.
3. Stand with CLA in prayer and financial support as we defend the preaching of Jesus Christ to a nation that so desperately needs to hear of God's salvation.

The Legal Alert Radio Program

Recently, Atty. Gibbs III attended a national convention for religious broadcasters, where the ministry was presented to thousands.



(Clockwise from above) Steve and Karen Kluth with Mr. and Mrs. Duke Westover, Danielle Gibbs, Joni Earekson Tada and Atty. Gibbs III, Mr. Lowell Davey and Atty. Gibbs III

AVOIDING MINISTRY BURNOUT



Pastors are less likely to experience a burnout syndrome when they are more organized and more disciplined in their schedules. Time management is critical. Pastors who have regularly-scheduled time for study, regular office hours, and regular visitation schedules are less likely to experience burnout. Structure and discipline are important in non-work related areas, like diet, exercise, and sleep. When one Godly Bible teacher was asked to name the key to his successful ministry, his surprising answer was getting eight hours of sleep a night.

As we serve pastors on a daily basis and try to lift their legal burdens, we like to see them succeed in every aspect of their lives.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first food ever eaten on the moon was the bread taken during communion, which Buzz Aldrin took with him for the first moon landing in 1969. Immediately after reporting the crew's successful moon landing back to earth, Aldrin took communion and recited aloud Jesus' words from John 15: "I am the vine, ye are the branches. . . Without me ye can do nothing."

Aldrin later wrote about the experience and said: "It's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon." Our nation needs to remember that admonition.



ATTORNEYANSWERS

What is a good way for churches, ministries, and Christian schools to avoid costly lawsuits from former employees?

One option available for all Christian ministries is to put a Christian binding arbitration provision in employment contracts. This approach to dispute resolution is distinctly Biblical and has been upheld by courts when the terms are clearly set forth in employment contracts or other agreements.

For instance, all teachers at one Christian school were required to sign an employment contract that included a binding arbitration clause. When a longtime teacher was terminated, she sued the school for discrimination. The school sought to dismiss the lawsuit based on the fact that the teacher had agreed to use arbitration in the event of any dispute arising. The judge ruled that the school's Christian conciliation agreement was legally binding on both parties, in the same way that a secular arbitration agreement would be. This case is an encouragement for all Christian organizations that include Bible-based binding arbitration requirements in their employment contracts or other legal agreements.

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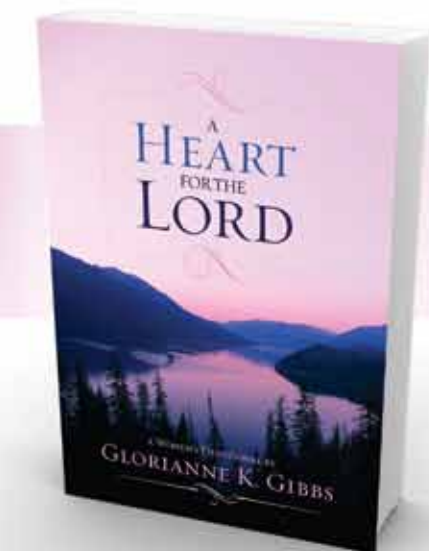


7 KEYS TO TAX-EXEMPTION

Whether you need to protect your tax-exempt recognition or are considering filing for Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) status, keep in mind the following seven criteria:

- 1 The organization must be a corporation or have a corporation-like association.
- 2 The organization must be organized exclusively for exempt purposes.
- 3 The organization must be operated exclusively for exempt purposes.
- 4 None of the organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of any private individual.
- 5 The organization may not engage, to a substantial degree, in attempts to influence legislation.
- 6 The organization may not participate in political campaigns.
- 7 The organization must not engage in illegal activity or activity contrary to public policy.

The Christian Law Association exists to assist and protect Christian non-profit organizations, churches, pastors and homeschoolers. **If we can help you with issues of IRS compliance or recognition, please call us at 727.399.8300.**




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