

News Stories Aired by KZKZ and KBHN Jan- Mar 2011

- 01/02/11 Greenwood Mayor fires city's fire chief and finance director
- 01/07/11 Sebastian and Crawford County residents can apply for heating bill assistance
- 01/10/11 Roads are slick and schools are closed
- 01/10/11 Legislative session update / governor will resist any new tax cuts
- 01/11/11 FS police investigate drive-by shooting on Walnut Drive in FS
- 01/17/11 FS police investigating 6 residential burglaries on N 32nd Street
- 01/18/11 FS police chief spoke at Neighborhood Coalition Meeting
- 01/21/11 FS police work many accidents yesterday due to snow, ice
- 01/24/11 5 thousand people attend Little Rock's March for Life
- 01/24/11 FS Board of Director discuss one percent restaurant tax

- 02/02/11 Record snows and traveling problems in area
- 02/03/11 Ft. Smith closing post office branch at Creekmore
- 02/04/11 FS police seizing tags from drivers with no proof of insurance
- 02/16/11 House has sen bill to governor to prohibit cell phone use
While in school zone
- 02/17/11 Hazmat team cleans meth lab site in Lavaca
- 02/18/11 167 thousand dollars in cash found behind restaurant
- 02/20/11 Police wait for DNA results to identify Mulberry body
- 02/27/11 Oklahoma 918 area code to change
- 02/27/11 Earthquakes increasing in number in Arkansas
- 02/23/11 Ft. Smith water bills going up

- 03/03/11 Greenwood city crew causes sewer backup in home
- 03/03/11 Fluoridation and autism bills both on their way to
Governor's desk.
- 03/03/11 Greenwood Mayor wants to finalize deal to purchase city's
Water from James Fork
- 03/07/11 Water rates going up in Sallisaw
- 03/07/11 U.S. Dept of DHS wants public input on health improvement
Initiatives
- 03/08/11 Rabid skunks spotted in Greenwood. City announces quarantine
- 03/08/11 Hundred attend Ft. Smith Mayor Ray Baker's funeral

**FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BROADCASTS ABOUT ISSUES
(Daily Broadcast)**

February 2011

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Broadcast</u>	<u>Time</u>
A Visit With Governor Tim Pawlenty	Feb 7 (C4)	US only	28:30
<p>Jim Daly opens today's program by introducing Tim Pawlenty, who served for two terms as the Governor of Minnesota from 2003 until January 2011. Prior to that, Pawlenty served for ten years in the Minnesota House of Representatives - four of those years as the Majority Leader. As a Christian in public office, Tim shares his thoughts about the believer's role in public policy. He reminds listeners of the goals of our country's founding fathers and the people who came here to America - in part whom were coming for religious freedom and the ability to worship as they saw fit. But also the founding fathers engrafted into the documents of this country the primary importance of acknowledging God; being thankful for the privileges, blessings, and rights that have been bestowed upon us. Tim says the first amendment was primarily designed to protect people of faith from an intrusive or oppressive government, not to protect government from people of faith. He says the first amendment talks about the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause, both of which are important. Jim asks how the Christian community should combat people that don't want to hear about God in the public square, and how to convince them that faith in the public square is a good thing for our nation. Tim thinks that educating people about the historical perspectives of the Founding Fathers, and the founding documents, are a great starting point for getting respect for our faith. Tim says that laws will change and court decisions will change when hearts change, and that our job as believers is to make sure that we convey our beliefs, our values, and our faith in Jesus Christ in a way that might say to non-believers that we are loving, caring and thoughtful people. They discuss people who were passionate about politics, citing Ronald Reagan, Abraham Lincoln, and the dual between Hamilton and Burr. Jim states that family is important to us, and one of the big issues we face is the breakdown of the family, which is costing our country so much – financially and our national soul. Tim agrees, and says we can't have prosperity unless we have security, so we shouldn't forget securing our nation and doing all we can to minimize or eliminate the chance of being attacked again. As to the economy, there are all these great points about growing the economy, but if you look at the deterioration in education and skills and wages, there is a strong correlation between much of that and whether families and children are coming up in families and neighborhoods that are stabilized. The odds of succeeding in life (first educationally and later in terms of career and other measures of success and stability), go up dramatically if you have a stable family home with a mom and a dad in a traditional family setting. They discuss a couple of major challenges that Pawlenty faced while serving as Governor of Minnesota, one regarding the definition of marriage. Tim says that when he was in the legislature in the 1990's, he authored a law that defined traditional marriage as being</p>			

between a man and a woman in Minnesota. He has spoken publically and repeatedly in favor of traditional marriage, and supported a constitutional amendment with that in mind, but his legislature was never fully conservative enough to pass the bill. They now have, for the first time in the modern history of the state, a conservative Supreme Court, which Tim appointed. They discuss the issue of life, and the hopeful progress they have seen in young people becoming more pro-life, and how science is having some ability to go back to the courts and redefine what viability means. Tim says it's very important when appointing judges that we want people who will follow the law as written, so-called "strict constructionists", not folks who are going to make things up because of their own views. Judges need to be willing to say that if the law is unclear in an instance, it really should revert back to the legislature or to the Congress or to the President or the Governor to clarify. It's not their job to "fill in the blanks" in a way that is incredibly presumptuous, in many cases. They conclude the conversation by discussing the national deficit and the issue of increasing taxes versus reducing government spending. Tim mentions measures they took during his time as Governor of Minnesota to reduce budget increases from an average of 21% every two years to around 1% per year. He says that revenues will continue to grow even if you don't increase tax rates - but government spending is growing so much faster that revenue and spending don't line up. He claims there is no way to stop this unless we restructure entitlement spending. Tim recalls that back in 2004 when President Bush was reelected, he couldn't even get one House of either body of Congress to have a vote in even a subcommittee on his proposals to restructure entitlement spending. That was just six years ago, but now after major job losses and the state of the economy, government spending is the #2 issue. The country seems more ready now to tackle this than they would have 5 or 6 years ago. There are hopeful signs as everyone sees the need to make cuts, however they just don't want *their* program cut. We close by saying we hope our listeners were encouraged today, and that they can learn more about our country and these issues at focusonthefamily.com/radio.

Marriage Betrayed

Feb 25 (C4) US only 28:30

Jim Daly is joined in the studio by Focus on the Family Board member Dr. Al Mohler, who is also the President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a leading scholar in this nation. Jim shares a statement that Dr. Mohler wrote just yesterday: "we have passed a tragic milestone in the betrayal of marriage", referring to the recent decision by President Obama and the U. S. Department of Justice that they will not defend the Defense of Marriage Act, calling it unconstitutional. Jim and Al discuss the history of the Defense of Marriage Act. The original bill passed overwhelmingly in the House by a vote of 342-67, and then in the Senate by an even greater percentage of 85-14. Then President Bill Clinton (who was running for reelection in 1996), signed this bipartisan effort into law very quickly – and that is why the decision that happened the other day is so shocking to us. Mohler clarifies that the White House did say they will continue to *enforce* the law, but will not *defend* the law. We play a short audio clip of presidential candidate Barack Obama answering questions about marriage during an interview with Rick Warren. Mohler responds that what Obama and other liberal politicians have tried to do is to create a private definition of marriage and a public definition of marriage. The problem is that marriage is a public event, and what the President is doing ultimately leads to the legalization of same-sex marriage. The thing that strikes Mohler as strange though, is that when candidate Obama said he wanted to leave the issue of defining marriage to the states; that's exactly what the Defense of Marriage Act does. The Act says that states

cannot require other states to recognize a same-sex union. Jim mentions that here at Focus on the Family, marriage is critically important to what we do. We define marriage as the union between one man and one woman. Mohler reminds listeners that every civilization has found its way into marriage, and that being heterosexual marriage, as a necessary means of creating the structures that make for human happiness and human health – for procreation and for the raising of children. Every society in human history has found a way to respect and dignify marriage through solemnizing its ceremony and by celebrating the fact that a couple is coming together and making a public commitment to each other. Now the world is so upside down that we have to make a distinction between natural marriage (heterosexual marriage) and this new thing that people are calling marriage. Jim says that demographics and polling data of young men and women under the ages of 30-35 seems to support the idea of same-sex marriage – even with Christians. Mohler thinks that these young people have basically accepted the argument made by so many in the larger world that any form of discrimination is wrong, and that imputing their Christian views of marriage and sexuality on others is simply wrong. Every generation is raised in a certain intellectual environment, and this generation has been confronted within their schools and in the popular culture in a manner which has spread a very wide confusion about marriage. Mohler thinks it's clear that something like same-sex marriage is indeed going to become normalized, legalized, and recognized in the culture. It's time for Christians to start thinking about how we're going to deal with that. The churches may need to recover marriage - not so much as a legal institution, which may be outside our power - but we need to recover marriage as a Christian institution . . . for God's glory and for our own good. Jim says that the House of Representatives is looking to engage in this debate with the Executive Branch . . . the President. We don't know what the outcome will be; we don't even know what the battle lines are. But it is important for listeners to call their congressman or senator to encourage them to support traditional marriage – the importance of marriage between one man and one woman. Mohler says that now that the Attorney General is not going to defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act, it's going to fall to Congress, and most likely to the House of Representatives. There, because of a Republican majority that is officially committed to the defense of marriage, there is hope that the House will show up . . . where the Department of Justice will not . . . to defend the Defense of Marriage Act. Again, we all need to encourage our members of Congress to defend traditional marriage in our country. Today's program was provided by Citizenlink. Information for contacting senators or members of congress can be found at our Action Center at www.citizenlink.com.

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