

# Kingdom Builder

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**Psalm 11:3**

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? (NIV)

Demien Construction, partnering with Building God's Way, is blessed to be furthering God's Kingdom by providing quality, affordable facilities for Christian ministries and schools. But buildings are empty shells of no value when the Christian foundations of American society are crumbling. The efforts to redefine marriage are serious. Protecting the sanctity of marriage calls for each of us in Missouri to vote on August 3 for Amendment 2. For this reason we have dedicated this issue to informing you concerning this effort.

## 1 Man + 1 Woman = Amendment 2

**Marriage is under attack!**

On **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Missouri voters will have the opportunity to protect

*the sanctity of marriage by voting for a Missouri Constitutional Amendment clearly defining that marriage shall exist only between one man and one woman.*

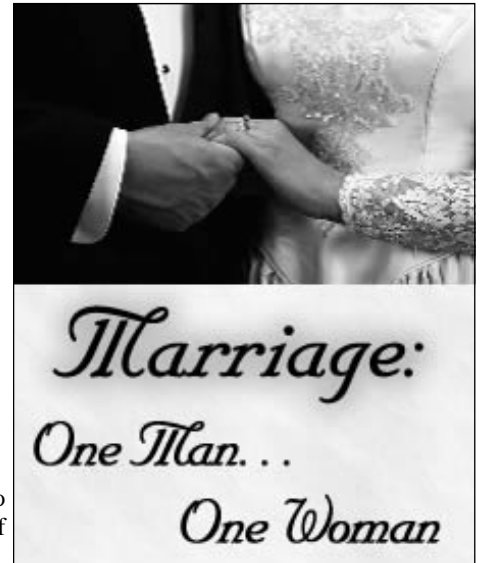


*Homosexual activists have organized an aggressive campaign to defeat the amendment. They believe those who support traditional marriage will be apathetic and not get out to vote and they can storm the polls and defeat the measure.*

**July 7 is the last day to register to vote!**

**Get registered TODAY and**

**VOTE 'YES' AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>!**



Request an Absentee Ballot by July 28 if you are going to be out of town. Go to [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov) for the request form. Don't miss this chance to protect the sanctity of marriage!

**"Protect Marriage Chain"**  
**Sunday, August 1**  
**2pm-3pm**

A time for hundreds of supporters of Amendment 2 to come out and stand for marriage bringing attention to the importance of getting out to vote on Tuesday, August 3.

Please call Bev Ehlen, grassroots coordinator, for details in how to set this up for your area. This will be fashioned after "Life Chain" which is a peaceful, prayerful and positive presence for life held on the first Sunday afternoon of October every year.

Bev Ehlen: 636-932-4496 or 314-608-0168

## Helpful Websites:

[www.CPMM.net](http://www.CPMM.net)

[www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp)

[www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov)

[www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org)

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# You've Got Questions..We've Got Answers



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## What is the Coalition to Protect Marriage in Missouri?

The Coalition is a grassroots organization of volunteers who have joined together to support amending the Missouri Constitution to strictly limit the definition of marriage in Missouri to the union of one man and one woman.

### Why is this important?

Traditional marriage – the union of one man and one woman – is under attack. Activist judges in several states have taken it upon themselves to legalize homosexual marriages by legislating from the bench. Even some public officials have openly defied existing law to solemnize homosexual marriages.

Homosexual marriages have been fully legal in Massachusetts since May 17 because of a controversial 4-3 decision by that state's Supreme Court. The reasoning behind the decision by the four judges is nonsensical, declaring that denying homosexuals the right to marry each other was "a deep and scarring hardship" because it penalized their children!

### What does any of this have to do with Missouri?

The United States Constitution requires states to accept and recognize contracts and relationships established in other states. This is commonly referred to as the "full faith and credit" clause.

Currently, an act of Congress called the "Defense of Marriage Act" only requires states to recognize marriages involving one man and one woman. However, activist judges might declare the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional. Such a decision would effectively re-write the definition of marriage in every state, requiring Missouri to formally recognize non-traditional marriages from Massachusetts and elsewhere.

Amending the Missouri Constitution to strictly limit the definition of

**Matthew 19:4-6—'And He answered and said to them, Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning "made them male and female," and said...**



**"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.'**

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marriage to the union of one man and one woman will help protect us from these activist judges.

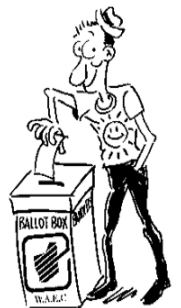
### Why now?

If the legislature doesn't act this year, the next opportunity to put a constitutional amendment before the voters would be 2006. We can't risk it! Once some renegade judge washes the traditional definition of marriage away, it could be lost forever.

There are legal scholars who believe that legalizing homosexual marriages will inevitably lead to legalized bigamy, polygamy, and even "group marriages" involving a dizzying array of combinations. This

### What can I do?

The amendment is on the ballot on August 3rd. The timing will make it harder to pass so it is important that we do everything we can to WIN THE VOTE! To do that, we need to talk about this issue with your friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners, neighbors and family. Make sure people are properly registered to vote and, by all means, be certain they get to the polls on Election Day!



## Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Registering To Vote

Conducting "voter registration" in churches is vital so decide to help now by registering new people, filling out change of address cards and distributing absentee ballot voting details.

Before or after church services is a prime opportunity to register voters.

Questions concerning the legality of a voter registration drive as a non-partisan activity can be answered in the "Political Guidelines for Churches and Pastors" available at [www.demienconstruction.com](http://www.demienconstruction.com). Call the Secretary of State's office at (573) 751-2301 or (800) 669-8683 to request 50 Missouri Voter Registration Application cards be sent to your home address. The Secretary of State's office does not charge for this service. Or you can pick up cards at your county's election board/county clerk's office. Find more valuable information at [www.sos.mo.gov/section4.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/section4.asp).

Individuals fill out the Missouri Voter Registration Application post card and give it to you. You collect the cards and deliver them to your County Election Board /County Clerk's office. Either take them in personally or send them via certified mail. The County Election Board/County Clerk's Office must receive the cards by the close of business on Wednesday, July 7 for the August 3rd primary.

Those who are 17½ years old can register if they will be 18 years old by Election Day. Those registering will not be officially registered until they vote for the first time; therefore, they will not receive a card in the mail telling them their polling place. They can call the election board/county clerk's office a week before the election to ask the location of their polling place. Information regarding phone numbers and addresses of the county election

boards/county clerk's offices is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp).

Become experts on absentee voting since August is a popular time to be gone on vacation. The Secretary of State's website has a downloadable absentee ballot request form. Since this is a Primary election the individual must check which ballot they want—Republican, Democrat, or Libertarian. They can request an "Issues Only" ballot. Absentee voting is available six weeks prior to an election. Ballots require a notarized signature unless the voter is confined to their home or is a caretaker of such a person. If you register to vote by mail, the first time you vote, you must provide a current valid photo identification or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address.