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Justice Court 1 - Montgomery County, Texas

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Dear Wayne,

Among the many new things we have been able to implement in our first 777 days, none have brought more meaningful results than our Chaplaincy program. When we began in office, our thinking was that this would be a lot of work to put together, but it would benefit the entire county. What we quickly learned is that the program that I wanted in place was a program that God wanted in place, for His larger purpose.

There are those local haters among us, backed by bureaucrats in Austin and reinforced by well funded national organizations who exist for the purpose of removing our **basic religious freedoms**. It seems we have been called to settle some issues.

What started as a volunteer **Chaplaincy** program designed to bring peace to the storm at life's most difficult moments and then to recognize those selfless individuals by inviting them to solemnize the proceedings of the court in the opening ceremony, this may now become the case that directs if prayer is permitted in public buildings through out the state and the nation.

We are staying the course, fighting for what we believe is right, for the values and freedoms we hold so dear. **Faith and Freedom**.

The first rounds of the fight were won handily. Atheists brought a complaint to the Judicial Conduct Commission, while it proved to be without merit, sympathetic bureaucrats without authority directed that the programs be ended. Thanks to the hard work of my team we were able to prevail with the Texas State Judicial Conduct Commission, but the liberal bias of a few has made it necessary to press on.

For the fight, we have enlisted **Kelly Shackelford and his team of expert attorneys** at **First Liberty Institute**, a firm specializing in First Amendment issues. They masterfully handled the case before the Judicial Conduct Commission. Upon receipt of their ruling that no violation had occurred, but included an admonishment to stop, we knew the Lord was not through with us. **Lt. Governor Dan Patrick** has petitioned the **Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton** to weigh in with his opinion as to our practices and procedures with our Chaplaincy program.

Ex. F pp.1 Dockets.Justia.com and opening ceremonies of our court. We await that opinion.

The answer should bring guidance to all office holders and people of faith in Texas. But we are not naive, we know that this is but the beginning of the challenges; this issue is ripe for litigation and Kelly Shackelford is no stranger to the US Supreme Court.

This is an important issue to Montgomery County and our Nation. I invite you to come to our *Faith & Freedom Prayer Breakfast on Oct 13th*. Kelly Shackelford will be our special guest speaker. He will tell the story of our journey, the law and why we are called to fight this fight.

Freedom is not free.

Lt.Gov Dan Patrick requests opinion AG - Complete Article Link:

Justice Court One- Cases Since May 1st, 2014

Criminal Cases: 22,042

Juvenile Cases: 634

Civil Cases: 3008

Death Inquest: 504

Warrants Issued: 7558

Warrants cleared: 7991



Volunteer Chaplaincy Program

Volunteer Chaplaincy Program continues to bring peace to the storm for families;

See Complete Article link:



2016 Prayer Breakfast- Speaker Info:

Kelly Shackelford, Esq., has been President and CEO of First Liberty Institute since 1997.

He is a constitutional scholar who has argued before the United States Supreme Court, testified before the U.S. House and Senate on constitutional issues, and has won three state

landmark First Amendment and religious liberty cases in the past few years alone.

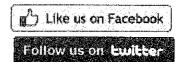
Mr. Shackelford is a highly sought after speaker and frequent guest on national TV news and talk show programs including The O'Reilly Factor, Fox and Friends, Hannity, Good Morning America, NBC's Today Show, CNN, and MSNBC. He also has been featured in the National Law Journal, Associated Press, The New York Times, The Washington Times, The Washington Post, and The L.A. Times, among many others.

Today marks 777 days that we have been honored to serve you. I feel so blessed and excited to share with you just a few things we have accomplished in this short time because of your prayers & tremendous support. Hope you can join us Oct 13th for our 3rd Annual Faith & Freedom Prayer Breakfast.

God Bless you,

Judge Wayne L. Mack

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Update: On today's Attorney General Ken Paxton Opinion

Pastor Wayne Mack,

We received word today from Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's office that we were given a favorable opinion from the Attorney General Ken Paxton. I wanted you to hear about it first, before it hit the media.

We now want to celebrate on Oct 13th with our legal team and the head of that team, Kelly Shackelford, who will be speaking about this huge victory and our next steps at the Prayer Breakfast.

Because of the Lord we have won this battle, but the war of the attack on our religious freedoms continues. And we will stay the course with HIS help and your support.

Below is the press release going out tomorrow. We Praise God for all your prayers and continued support.

Thank you!!

Wayne

PRESS RELEASE:

Austin, TX - Today, Attorney General Ken Paxton issued a legal opinion affirming the constitutionality of Judge Wayne Mack's volunteer chaplaincy program and his practice of allowing volunteer chaplains to open court sessions in prayer.

"This is a total victory for Judge Mack and for the citizens of Texas," Kelly Shackelford, President and CEO of First Liberty Institute, says. "If the Supreme Courts of the United States and Texas can open with prayer, clearly, the law allows for Judge Mack's court to open with an invocation by a volunteer chaplain. We are grateful Attorney General Paxton has brought clarity to this important issue, reaffirming the constitutionality of prayer in the public arena."

In 2015, Judge Wayne Mack was brought before the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct due to a complaint about his inter-faith, volunteer chaplaincy program and his practice of allowing volunteer chaplains to open his courtroom sessions in prayer.

First Liberty Institute represented Judge Mack at a hearing before the commission, resulting in the commission dismissing the complaint. However, the Commission "strongly cautioned" Judge Mack to dismantle the chaplaincy program and end his opening ceremonies that included the courtroom prayer.

In February, Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick asked Attorney General Ken Paxton to issue a legal opinion clarifying the constitutionality of Judge Mack's actions. Today, Attorney General Paxton affirmed that Judge Mack's practices are well within the bounds of Texas law and the Constitution.

"This has been a long and arduous process," Judge Wayne Mack says. "I'm thankful for Lieutenant Governor Patrick's request for an opinion on this important issue and that Attorney General Paxton made clear that the Constitution permits judges to invite volunteer chaplains to open sessions of court with prayer. This is a clear victory for religious liberty."

READ AG OPINION

God bless you for all you do to Make A Difference,

Judge Wayne L. Mack

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