

# The Connector

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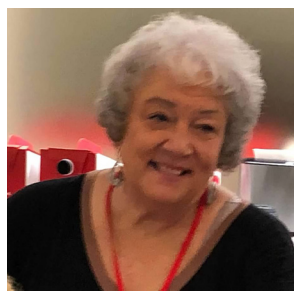
## Why Come to IFA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event?

DAVE KUBAL, IFA PRESIDENT/CEO

My staff and I are working hard on our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and gala. We want you to come! It won't be just another conference. It will be a prayer experience focused on shaping HISTory, preparing for the coming glory!

## Why should you come?

Here's what our state leaders have to say:



*In IFA, I have found "my family," my niche. Between COVID and the 2020 debacle of the election, I lost a lot and was praying "to find my tribe." The Lord led me to IFA. In June 2022, I met Dave Kubal in Waxahachie, TX (along with Jeff Britton, IN-IFA). I shared my story with Dave about being all alone where I was. His*

*eyes filled with tears. He looked me directly in the eyes and said, "You found your family." I am looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> gala to reconnect with my brothers and sisters in Christ and TO CELEBRATE! Celebrate our Jubilee! —KIM BROWN, OH*



*The 50<sup>th</sup> celebration will remind us that there are a lot of other people out there who also want the best for their state and this nation, who also want a return to godly values across this country. It is a great environment for receiving essential tools to guide our prayer*

*groups. This can maximize our effectiveness in seeking to bring down strongholds in our states and this country, so we can see a mighty move of God in our political and legislative realms. —JULIE BLAKE, VA (PICTURED HERE WITH HER SISTERS, IFA MA LEADERS)*



*I am looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference because it will send a powerful signal to the powers and principalities operating against this nation, by saying, "There is a force of power at work in America, and we will not relent, repent, nor quit until we at IFA, individually and corporately, 'issue Father's agenda' in the nation so Jesus*

*Christ is restored as the head over our nation and all governmental and other authorities are submitting to His lordship!" —LALITA SMITH, DC*



*The greatest value is the people. Being able to meet other intercessors and the leadership has been such a blessing in so many ways. Always having the opportunity to fellowship with like minds is such a joy and an opportunity to grow closer to the Body of Christ in new ways.*

—DONNA ROLLYSON, WV



*I am looking forward to being part of "the growing" of IFA, that increasing awareness of the greatness of what the Lord is doing through His people, to His glory, and for the benefit of all creation.*

—ROY WASHAM, SC

## Please don't miss this special celebration!

GO TO [IFA50.ORG](https://ifa50.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL 800-USA-PRAY (800-872-7729).





## Hard-Fought Prayer Victory in Schools

OLIVIA WILLIAMSON, CLAIM YOUR CAMPUS

In 2003, two world-changing prayer walks happened in America. Little did they know, a group of high school students in Michigan and Colorado would birth a national student-led prayer movement. Students in Michigan asked their youth pastor when they could gather again. He encouraged them to meet weekly at their school, so they did.

Together, they discovered and discussed one issue their campus faced that needed change: Fights were happening daily in the halls, and the high school was known for violence. The group began to pray persistently for an end to the fighting.

After weeks of intercession, the youth pastor heard astounding news from his lead pastor, who attended a school board meeting. School officials reported that, for some unknown reason, the fighting completely came to a stop. The lead pastor knew why. The youth pastor knew why. A group of eight young intercessors knew why.



The youth pastor who witnessed it all thought a question begged to be answered: “What if this happened in every school in America?” He envisioned students in every middle and high school in America

praying weekly for change. If 15 students in every school prayed, there would be 1 million young intercessors! Since this youth pastor, Geoff Eckart, said “yes” to starting and leading Claim Your Campus (CYC), there have been thousands of stories across the nation just like this first story.

Since 2009, CYC has trained more than 30,000 students who heard the call to pray. Training happens at national conferences, churches, CYC gatherings, virtual training calls, and on the free CYC prayer app. With new leadership, we are leading the way forward as generations rally behind this prayer movement.

The Prayer Walk Project is a new CYC initiative to bring more awareness to the need for prayer in school. This project is mobilizing a prayer walk on every middle and high school campus in capital cities in 2023. Students, churches, parents, and caring adults unite to cover schools on the outside as students start and lead prayer groups on the inside.

Those who gather at each prayer walk intercede for God’s grace, peace, justice, and mercy on that campus. They also pray that a student-led prayer movement will start or continue there.

Go to [claimyourcampus.com/prayerwalkproject](https://claimyourcampus.com/prayerwalkproject) to mobilize or learn more about participating in your capital city. Join multigenerational prayer walks as a movement of prayer for schools grows nationwide!

### First Friday

NEXT CALL IS FRIDAY

## September 1, 2023

12:15 PM ET

CALL (667) 771-7910, CODE 2452#

WEBCAST [IFApray.org/watch](https://IFApray.org/watch)

*Join with thousands across the U.S. in praying for America, its leaders, and its citizens on the first Friday of every month.*

#### THE JOY OF JUBILEE

Pray that IFA’s 50th anniversary event will help unify Christ’s Body. As Jesus prayed: “... that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you. ...” Pray that IFA will keep growing — straight, true, and holy. Ask God to protect and prosper every intercessor involved with this ministry, and their families. Thank God for 50 years of answered prayers.

#### DANIELS IN THE SCHOOLS

Cry mightily to heaven for America’s schools and for the children and teens who attend them. Ask the Lord to raise up a generation of Daniels, students who will pray and stand up boldly and publicly for Him. Pray for an end to the violence and disorder in so many schools. Pray also that God would raise up wise and righteous school board members. Intercede for the teachers and administrators, and fast and pray for an end to all the evil, unholy teachings in the schools. Give thanks for all those who serve Christ in ministry to youth.

#### LET GOD ARISE

Thank God for how He is working in American schools. Let’s entreat Him to release His Spirit, to manifest His presence anew, and to dispel malignant darkness. May His enemies be scattered. Let the exaltation of evil in the schools be ended. Ask God to satisfy the spiritual hunger in our land as well as encourage and restore American families. Let there be Christian chaplains in the schools, let there be freedom for Christian instruction, and let the banners of constitutional liberty fly free.



## God Is at Work in Our Public Schools

REMCO BROMMET, IFA CONTRIBUTING WRITER AND PRAYER LEADER

It seems that most news about our public schools has been bad lately. Drag queen story hours, Satanic clubs, woke agendas, questionable reading materials — our children's moldable minds are being assaulted by volleys of Satan's worst attacks, finding ample footholds created by woke boards and administrators.

But not all the news is bad. God has not given up and is not giving ground. He is answering years of prayers from parents, intercessors, and teachers.

In May, the Texas legislature passed Senate Bill 763, which allows schools to use campus safety money for religious chaplains to provide counseling in public schools, with the provision that authorities may impose guidelines for the program.

Meanwhile, there has been a new interest in Release Time programs. Using a law upheld by SCOTUS in 1952, children can go off campus to attend religious programs. Organizations like School Ministries, Inc., and LifeWise Academy have used this law to provide Bible education, with several hundred thousand students in attendance nationwide.

Another law often ignored is the Equal Access Act, upheld by SCOTUS as constitutional in 1990. It requires that schools allow equal access to facilities for student-initiated religious clubs such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes, InterVarsity, and Bible study groups.

Then there is the issue of Bibles in schools. Activists have demanded they be removed from school libraries, but a nonprofit called Bibles In Schools is working to put them in. Founded by a teacher who prayer-walked her children's school in Virginia, the nonprofit has placed 16,000 Bibles, often in graphic novel form, in some 3,100 school libraries. According to the Bibles In Schools website, librarians have commented that they can't keep Bibles on the shelf and that some schools have waiting lists for students wanting to check them out.

While the promotion of demonic ideologies finds a foothold in "wokeism" among public school authorities, the success of Christian initiatives points to another phenomenon: spiritual hunger. Perhaps it is because the overt perversions being visited on young children have gone too far, or perhaps it is because the confusing environment of the rapidly changing digital world is causing overwhelming anxiety. But it appears that children and parents are increasingly hungry for moral values rooted in a relationship with God. I believe that this hunger is the result of fervent prayer! A few years ago, I worked as a crossing guard for three public schools north of Atlanta. God appointed me to pray for open doors on the campuses as I led children across the street. I know that has God appointed many others to pray. Those prayers open doors no one can close, so let's keep it up!

TEAR-OFF

## Prayer for Shaping HIStory IFA's 50th Celebration

*Arise, shine, for your light  
has come, and the glory of  
the Lord has risen upon you  
(Isa. 60:1).*

### Pray for

**All of us to hear from  
God in planning and  
at the event,  
together, as  
individuals, and for  
our nation.**

**The peace and the  
presence of God to  
fill the event.**

**Clear direction and  
order behind the  
scenes.**

**Provision of what IFA  
needs to host the  
event and  
intercessors need to  
attend.**

**Enduring  
relationships to form  
and strengthen  
through this event.**



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## Pray for

Ease and safety of  
travel.

Speakers to bring  
God's word through  
compelling messages  
and prayer.

Health of speakers,  
IFA staff, and  
attendees.

Good weather for  
travel and in  
Washington, D.C.

Blessing on the  
venue.

*50 days of daily prayer  
for this event begin  
September 27, 2023.  
Details at IFApray.org.*

TEAR-OFF

## Answered Prayer

### First Amendment Win for Faith

During the IFA First Friday Prayer Call and Webcast on June 3, 2022, President/CEO Dave Kubal brought this scripture to focus: *For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us* (Isaiah 33:22 NIV).

Since then, the IFA Colorado Prayer Group interceded regularly for the case of Lorie Smith and Colorado (303 Creative LLC v. Elenis) with this prayer: *Father, we pray that You will direct and guide our United States Supreme Court justices to rule in favor of Lorie Smith and strike down the Colorado law that is in total conflict with Lorie's constitutional First Amendment rights (freedom of speech and exercise of religion).*

Colorado's public-accommodation statute law required Smith to use her web design skills to create messages celebrating same-sex weddings and marriage. On top of that, the law acted as a gag order, preventing Smith from expressing on her website the reasons why she only creates websites consistent with her values.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Smith on June 30, 2023, finding that the Colorado law violated her free-speech rights as a web designer. Justice Gorsuch wrote the majority opinion: "Of course, abiding the Constitution's commitment to the freedom of speech means all of us will encounter ideas we consider 'unattractive,' ... 'misguided, or even hurtful,' ... But tolerance, not coercion, is our Nation's answer. The First Amendment envisions the United States as a rich and complex place where all persons are free to think and speak as they wish, not as the government demands. Because Colorado seeks to deny that promise, the judgment is *Reversed*."

*Pray: Lord, please save us. Direct our judges to implement our laws in line with Your heavenly laws. Amen.*

November 9-10

Join us to  
celebrate IFA's  
50 years of  
News. Prayer.  
Action.



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