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**Iowa Clergy Unite on Marriage with Prayer Rally,
Iowa Marriage Amendment,
and Grassroots Information Campaign**

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Iowa clergy announced Thursday, at Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church in Des Moines, their initial steps to defend marriage: holding a prayer rally, supporting the Iowa Marriage Amendment, and participating in an information campaign on the larger agenda to undermine marriage and silence the church.

“We have been fervently praying, and we will continue to pray, as we work together. We will rally in prayer October 28th,” said Reverend Keith Ratliff of Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church.

“We will work together toward passing the Iowa Marriage Amendment, which defines marriage as only between one man and one woman,” said Pastor Dan Berry of Cornerstone Family Church.

“We will also prepare our people to address the larger agenda, which includes so-called ‘hate crimes’ legislation,” said Ratliff. “We plan to distribute ‘Censoring the Church’ DVDs across Iowa, because our ability to preach from the Bible is now being threatened.”

“In each of these efforts, we will unite to confront this attempt to redefine family and silence the church,” said Pastor Phil Winfield of Grace Church. “Bottom line, we are calling on people to pray, speak the truth in love, and participate in defending marriage.”

Iowa Family Policy Center, Iowa Christian Alliance and Concerned Women for America of Iowa stand in support of these pastors and will be available to assist in their efforts.

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