

**NC Attorney General Josh Stein Condemns  
New Federal Attack on LGBTQ Rights**

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein today condemned the federal government's latest effort to undermine the health care rights of LGBTQ individuals and families. Under a new federal proposal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is attempting to eliminate explicit protections for "gender identity or sexual orientation" in federal grant regulations.

"These protections are vital to ensuring safe, equal treatment for North Carolinians," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "Eliminating these protections puts LGBTQ individuals - especially children - at greater risk for suffering discrimination and for receiving inadequate care. That's unconscionable - the federal government needs to keep these protections in place."

The proposal would apply to a broad range of HHS grant programs, including maternal and child health grants, federally-assisted health training programs, Head Start programs, and mental health and substance abuse grants. The coalition of attorneys general notes that this proposal is arbitrary and capricious and that the agency failed to provide any adequate explanation for its weakening.

This proposal marks only the latest step the federal government has taken to deny LGBTQ individuals, youth, and families access to care and critical social services. LGBTQ families who foster and adopt children are among the most likely to be harmed by potentially being excluded from participation in federally funded child-welfare programs and from caring for vulnerable children. There are an estimated 27,000 same-sex couples raising 58,000 children through adoption and foster care across the United States. Additionally, discrimination against LGBTQ foster youth in care or services can have significant health consequences. In 2015, almost 20 percent of youth in foster care identified as LGBTQ, as compared to an estimated 8.3 percent in the general population.

Additionally, the Trump administration is moving the goalposts on defining who is eligible for anti-discrimination protections under federal statutes. For instance, the Trump administration is currently in the process of working to undermine Title VII of the Civil Rights Act by arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court that the law does not protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation or transgender status.

Attorney General Stein is joined in submitting the comment letter by the Attorneys General of California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

A copy of the comment letter can be found at [ncdoj.gov/newsroom/press-releases](http://ncdoj.gov/newsroom/press-releases).

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**Church  
News**

**JANUARY 9 & 10**

**Taking It Back Crusade** at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 7:30pm nightly. Thu-Pastor Anita Scott of New Direction Life Ministries in Norwood. Fri-Pastor Bernice Johnson of Pee Dee COD in Lilesville. Everyone is invited

**JANUARY 11**

**Conference** For married, single, separated, divorced & widowed at West Deep Creek MBC, 4557 Deep Creek Rd in Wadesboro, 9am-12 noon. Event for men, women & children with MC Evangelist Brenda Pratt, dancers: Willing Vessels & WDC, singing by Ebenezer Male Choir, praising, dancing, prayer balloon release, fun games & superhero for the children, preaching by Rev Judy Little & lunch

**JANUARY 12**

**Foot Stomping Service** At Church of God of Prophecy, 3pm

**JANUARY 26**

**Pastor's Aid Ministry** first program of the year, 2:30pm at New Grove MBC with Pastor Billy Casey of New Zion MBC

**FEBRUARY 29**

**Gospel Singing Program** at New Grove MBC, 5pm. All choirs are invited along with everyone else

**ONGOING**

**Services** At Faith Builders Ministries, 558 US 1 South in Rockingham (just off Hwy 74 Bypass). Sun-8am & 6pm. Mon night Bible Study 6pm. Fri Night Movies 7pm. Ministering to the whole man! Ted Ward, Pastor

**Guest Speakers** Choirs, singers & more on 2nd & 4th Sunday nights at Harvest Ministries, 6:30pm. [www.harvestmin.com](http://www.harvestmin.com)

**Prayer & Bible Study** At Ramsey Chapel Church each Tuesday 6-8pm

**Bible Study** On book of Revelation Sun nights at 6pm at Mount Beulah Baptist Church

**Bible Study** Wed & Sat 7:30pm at Church in the Name of Jesus Christ

**Theology Studies Especially for Veterans** & their families, Sundays at 10am in Fellowship Hall at Peachland Baptist Church, 79 Clinton Ave. Info 704-272-8522

**Soup Kitchen** Every Wednesday at New Life Ministries, 1678 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 12-2pm. Info 704-690-4900

**Bible Study** Wednesday nights for youth & adults, 6pm at Church of God of Prophecy, 8477 Hwy 52 S, Morven

**Bible Study** Wednesdays, at Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 6:30pm

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**Prayer Service** Intercessory Prayer at Voice of Evangelism Church every Sat 9am & Sun 8am

**Schedule** At New Hope Methodist Church, Hwy 742 South. Preaching 1st & 3rd Sun, 9:45am. Sun School 1st & 3rd Sun, 10:45am - 2nd & 4th Sun, 9:45am

**Come Worship With Us** At New Life Church, 600 Camden Road in Wadesboro w/Pastor Chris Jackson. Sun-10:30am & Wed-6:30pm

**Bible Study** At Voice of Evangelism Church every Wednesday & Friday at 7:30pm

**Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** Wednesdays, at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 6:30pm

**Bible Study/Prayer** Every 3rd Saturday at noon, Faith Believers of Deliverance Holiness Church, 215 Brown Creek Rd, Wadesboro

**Bible Study & Prayer** At Savannah AME Zion Tuesdays at noon & 6pm. The public is invited

**Live on the Radio** Min Gregory Williams on WADE 1340AM every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 2pm

**Bible Study** Every Wednesday at 6pm at Flakes Chapel MBC. Everyone is invited

**Bible Study** Hour of Power at Ebenezer MBC Wednesdays at 7pm

**Bible Class** Tuesday nights at Lakeside Holiness Church, 6:30-7:30pm, activities for children

**Bible Study** At Parsons Grove MBC Tue at 6:30pm

**Service at Anson Health & Rehab** by Cedar Creek MBC every third Monday, 7-7:30pm

**Noon Prayer** At Greater St. Mark COD, noon on Tuesdays

**Community Prayer** Held on Anson High School campus each Sunday at 4pm

**Events**

**JANUARY 13**  
**50+ Club Meets** 10:30am at Hampton B. Allen Library featuring concert by Knights at the Museum. Members are Stan Harward, Joe Dutton, Scott Drye, Jimmy Russell & Tim Knopp. All are invited. Info 704-694-5177

**JANUARY 15**  
**Free Groceries** For families in need Mobile Food Pantry & Atrium Health Bus at Austin Grove Baptist Church, located at 5919 Austin Grove Church Road in Marshville. Register 8-10am. Call for details 704-694-2445

**ONGOING EVENTS**  
**Anson County Board of Commissioners Monthly Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Board Rm (Suite 209) of Government Bldg, 101 S. Greene St in Wadesboro. Info 704-994-3201

**After School Program** **Kid Cafe** Mon-Fri from 2:30-5:30p.m. at the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 704-826-8737

**Lions Club Welcomes New Members** The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

**Childcare Association** Meets every 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm. Info 704-695-1666

**Ansonville Museum** Ansonville Historical Society Museum open by appointment. Call 704-826-8129

**Free Movies** 4th Monday of the month at Hampton B. Allen Library, 10am. Info 704-694-5177

**Writers' Club Meets** Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited.

Info 704-694-5211 or [sandybruney@gmail.com](mailto:sandybruney@gmail.com)

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