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“Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.”
1787 Northwest Ordinance

Education Department Launches Real-Time FAFSA Fraud Detection

The Education Department’s Office of Federal Student Aid has announced it is implementing [real-time fraud detection](#) as students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, form. The form will automatically categorize applicants into one of four categories of risk. Students marked low risk will not need additional verification. Students marked moderate risk will not need additional verification, but schools can still separately verify an applicant’s identity. Students marked high risk must complete an online identity verification process as soon as they are flagged as a fraud risk. These students must use a mobile or tablet device with a camera and present an official government-issued ID during a live check. If applicants fail this test, they must contact their college to complete an [additional verification process](#). Schools can override a rejection if the applicant verifies his identity. Students marked as the highest risk will not have the option to complete a live online check and must contact their college to complete the additional verification. The Department [stated](#) that “any application that is rejected under this new identity confirmation process has a high risk of being fraudulent” and that only a small number of legitimate students will be marked as higher risk. “This new fraud detection tool will stop fraud at the start of the process, before money goes out the door,” [said](#) Education Secretary Linda McMahon, “strengthening the integrity of our programs and expanding opportunity for students who depend on these resources to finance their postsecondary education.”

DOJ Task Force Releases Report on Anti-Christian Bias

The Task Force to Eradicate Anti-Christian Bias has released its [2026 report](#). President Trump [established](#) the task force in February 2025 to review anti-Christian conduct in the federal government and recommend next steps to protect religious liberty. The report highlights specific anti-Christian actions the Biden administration took, including targeting Christian colleges. For instance, the Education Department under Biden targeted Grand Canyon University and claimed that the university misled doctoral students about the cost to complete doctoral programs. Although other federal, state, and private entities disagreed with that claim, the Education Department fined Grand Canyon \$37.7 million. Former Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona [promised](#) to shut down Grand Canyon University. The Department also targeted Liberty University for violations of the Clery Act. Although Liberty recognized previous violations, it disagreed with the Biden administration’s “unfair treatment.” The Department combed through over seven years of history and used different methodologies than it used when investigating Clery Act violations at other colleges. Liberty ultimately settled with the Department for \$14 million and promised to spend another \$2 million on campus security. The Trump administration has rescinded Grand Canyon’s fine and “committed to no longer disproportionately targeting Christian colleges and universities and to affirming the rights of Christian colleges and universities to act in accordance with their faith-based identity.” Those wishing to read the full report may do so [here](#).

Documentary Film Resource on America's Founding and the Influence of Christianity on Civilization

A new documentary film resource is being released that highlights historical stories from a classical Christian worldview. The first film series focuses on the life and legacy of Dr. Benjamin Rush, a Founding Father who played a significant role in securing American independence. The series consists of four episodes, each approximately 15 minutes long. In the series, historian and author Joe Loconte explores Rush's contributions to the Declaration of Independence, his advocacy for independence from Britain, and his service providing medical care during the Revolutionary War. "Perhaps more fully and more consistently than any other American Founder, Benjamin Rush embodied the political and religious ideals of the revolution. If we're looking for a model of courage, integrity, and high moral purpose that is both realistic and inspiring, we have one," explains Loconte in Episode 3, titled "The Revolution's Indispensable Doctor." Loconte is working in conjunction with the [Rivendell Center](#) to produce the series, which can be found on the YouTube history channel, [History and the Human Story](#).

SCOTUS Temporarily Reinstates Access to Mail-Order Abortion Drugs

The U.S. Supreme Court has temporarily allowed prescribers to continue mailing abortion drugs into Louisiana after a lower court blocked the practice in the state. The case started in 2025, when Louisiana's Attorney General sued the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The FDA had issued a 2023 regulation during the Biden administration that allowed telehealth providers to prescribe the abortion-causing drug mifepristone and ship the drug through the mail. This regulation allowed many providers to circumvent state laws that protect life, such as Louisiana's [law](#) banning abortions. In its lawsuit, Louisiana argued that the 2023 FDA regulation failed to account for the serious health risks that mifepristone can cause. Last Friday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Louisiana was likely to win the case and temporarily blocked telehealth providers from prescribing and mailing the drug. Abortion drug manufacturers Danco Laboratories and GenBioPro, who have intervened in the case, immediately appealed to the Supreme Court. Justice Samuel Alito handles emergency appeals from the 5th Circuit and temporarily blocked the 5th Circuit's order in order to allow the Supreme Court time to consider the case. His administrative stay is set to expire on Monday, May 11. The ruling could force the Trump administration to [define its position](#) on mifepristone. The FDA is currently reviewing the 2023 regulation but has defended the regulation in the Louisiana case based on procedural reasons. While Alito's temporary stay does allow the drugs to continue being prescribed virtually and shipped across state lines, Alliance Defending Freedom released a [statement on X](#), noting that Alito's decision does not indicate a complete reversal of the 5th Circuit's ruling: "To be clear: This is NOT a reversal of Friday's decision. Rather, it's the run-of-the-mill pause that the Justices typically use to consider the issues raised in an emergency application."

In Case You Missed It:

[Weekly Market Update](#) provided by Jeff Beach of the [AACS Investment Team at Merrill Lynch](#)

[Practical Legal Help for Christian Schools: ADF Ministry Alliance](#)

[Vermont Christian School Receives \\$566K in Court Settlement after Being Kicked Out of Athletic League over Stance on Gender](#)

[Judge Says a Law Requiring Foster Parents to Embrace LGBT Ideology May Be Discriminatory](#)

[Supreme Court Rules 9-0 in Favor of Pro-Life Pregnancy Center](#)

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