

A man with short hair and a beard is shown in profile, speaking into a microphone. He is wearing a dark t-shirt. The background is a blurred crowd of people, with several signs that say 'FOR LIBERTY & JUSTICE' visible. The entire image has a red overlay.

FOR LIBERTY & JUSTICE

The vision of For Liberty & Justice is mobilize the church, wake up the city, and take a stand for liberty and justice.

OUR CORE VALUES

HEALTH

LEADERS GO FIRST

We remain healthy by prioritizing daily personal encounters with God, pursuing purity, putting family first, and protecting our sabbath so we can lead others in health. Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:5-8

FORGIVENESS

FORGIVENESS ISN'T OPTIONAL

We love mercy, so we show mercy. Forgiveness is for you, not for them. There is no spiritual growth without forgiveness. Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6:14-15, Colossians 3:13

AUTHENTICITY

WE DON'T DO FAKE

We disciple through authentic relationships. We create an atmosphere for people to be open and honest by leading in vulnerability and transparency. 2 Corinthians 11:27-30, 2 Corinthians 12:9

TRUST

LEAN INTO AWKWARD

We build the trust, character, and relationships of tomorrow by engaging in challenging conversations today. Matthew 18:15-20, Matthew 5:24

EXCELLENCE

GIVE YOUR ALL

We represent the Lord by doing the best we can with what we have. Colossians 3:23-24, Daniel 6:3, Exodus 31:1-11

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GENEROSITY

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

We don't give to get. We give our time, treasure, and talents from a heart of love with pure motives. Acts 20:35, 1 Timothy 6:18-19, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Romans 13:8

COMMUNICATION

DOWNSHIFT

We choose to slow down and communicate clearly today so that we can move forward faster tomorrow. Romans 14:19, James 1:19

EMPOWERMENT

OUR HEART, YOUR MIND

We empower those with our hearts to lead with their mind. We trade empowerment for teachability and humility. Exodus 18:13-26, James 4:10, Psalm 25:9

FEEDBACK

HEAR-HEAR

We believe healthy feedback is a two-way street. We welcome opportunities to hear what is in your heart, and we commit to clarifying what is in ours. Proverbs 1:5, Proverbs 19:20, James 1:19

CELEBRATION

PUT IT ON THE BOARD

If you're not having fun, you're doing it wrong! We make time to celebrate the little wins that create a big victory. Romans 15:5-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:16, Hebrews 10:24-25

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HONOR

GOVERNED BY HONOR

Honor reflects Heaven's value. Honor protects freedom, creates safe places and reflects a Kingdom identity. Honor is about self-control not control. 1 Samuel 2:30, Romans 12:10, 1 Peter 2:17, Matthew 4:1-11, Isaiah 29:13, Mark 6:1-6, Proverbs 3:9-10

STEWARDSHIP

THIRD OPTION

Stewardship is managing Heaven's resources for the Father's business. The heart's cry of a good steward is, "It will never be mine, it will always be Yours!" When given the choice between an ownership or employment mentality, we choose the 3rd option - stewardship! Matthew 25:14-30, 1 Kings 3:16-28, Psalms 24:1

HOLINESS

COME IN

We simply want to be like Jesus—holy, set apart unto God, and fully surrendered to the Refiner's fire. We know the closer we get to Him, the more we become like Him. Holiness is found in the presence of God. Our heart's cry is this: "Make me like You, Jesus! Make me holy!" Romans 6:19, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Hebrews 12:14, Revelations 4:8, 2 Timothy 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

FOR LIBERTY & JUSTICE CHAPTERS

THE HISTORY OF FOR LIBERTY & JUSTICE

For Liberty & Justice was founded as a 501C3 in 2021 out of Mercy Culture Church in Fort Worth, Texas. After one of the elders at Mercy Culture Church, Steve Penate, decided it was time to step into the political arena because the city of Fort Worth lacked Godly leadership, he filed to run for Mayor and the local church rallied around him. Pastors Landon and Heather Schott committed to rallying behind him with their whole heart even though the odds were stacked against him from the very beginning. In the words of Pastor Landon, "It doesn't matter if we win or lose, all that matters is that we obey the voice of the Lord." Pastor Steve was new to the city, had very little name I.D., and would be competing against millions of dollars in establishment money, but that didn't stop him. He hired a local pastor, Nate Schatzline, to be a part of his campaign team, who helped build the strategy with the rest of the team that would ultimately wake up the city to a new movement.

Although Pastor Steve did not win the election, something even greater happened, he stirred the heart of the church. In a moment where the church should have felt defeated, they were surprisingly energized. Pastor Landon approached Nate Schatzline about launching an organization that would equip strong spiritual leaders like Pastor Steve to not only boldly run for office, but to win and lead righteously once they do. So in 2021, Nate Schatzline launched a new House Vision at Mercy Culture Church called For Liberty & Justice. A house vision is an organization that has one foot in the church and one foot reforming culture.

Since the fall of 2021, For Liberty & Justice has created an online program called "Campaign University" that trains activists and candidates how to run for local office, honor the Lord and their family, and lead righteously once they win. They've lead "liberty rallies" consistently that have influenced the decisions of local school boards and city councils to lead with Christian values in Tarrant County. And they've also raised up and/or supported 48 different candidates who share the Biblical values of the organization that have won their elections in Tarrant County, Texas alone. One of those 48 is the founder of For Liberty & Justice, Nate Schatzline, who now serves as the Texas State Representative for House District 93. The Lord has and is transforming Tarrant County, Texas, and now For Liberty & Justice will start the journey of expanding to all 254 counties of Texas to bring righteous reformation statewide.

FOR LIBERTY & JUSTICE CHAPTERS

STARTING A CHAPTER

The vision of For Liberty & Justice is to Mobilize the Church, Wake up the City, and Take a stand For Liberty and Justice. That said, in order to mobilize the church, it is paramount that we partner with as many Bible-based churches as we can in order to reform our culture. We accomplish this by launching FL&J Chapters in local churches throughout all 254 counties in Texas. For Liberty & Justice headquarters is prepared to equip each chapter with the oversight, strategy, and resources to mobilize their church, wake up their city, and take a stand for liberty and Biblical justice.

Once a church agrees to partner with For Liberty & Justice, one staff member or member of the church should be identified and empowered as the Chapter Leader at the church. That chapter leader will then go through a day of training with For Liberty & Justice HQ that will equip him/her to gather and mobilize the team that will help carry out the vision. After completing the one day training and identifying the team leads the chapter leader will need, a Night of Action will be scheduled to be held at the church campus. Night of Action is a one night event that centers around encountering the Lord so that your congregation can catch a heart for Biblical reformation, as well as team training on candidate development, team development, and Biblically based activism. Some churches have asked our founder, Nate Schatzline, to preach on Sunday and invite everyone to the night of action that evening. Other churches prefer to host their first Night of Action on a week night at the church campus. Each chapter will host a night of Action four times a year in order to grow and build the team. The first Night of Action will be lead by the For Liberty & Justice HQ team in order to train the chapter lead on how to build the team well.

Following the launch of the chapter, the chapter lead will be empowered to develop candidates, train teams, and equip the church in taking a stand for Biblical Justice. For Liberty & Justice HQ will provide the online programs to train and equip future candidates, provide oversight and training through bi-weekly zoom meetings with the chapter team leads, & provide the necessary resources including but not limited to media/social media support, online forms for candidate vetting, printed materials to educate the church on candidates that share our values, etc.

CHAPTER LEADS: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

For Liberty & Justice chapter leads play a pivotal role in developing community engagement, identifying local opportunities, and building strong teams. Below you will find the responsibilities of Chapter Leads as well as the different phases each chapter will implement.

CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT

1. Team Leads should complete the Campaign University Online Program provided by FL&J HQ.
2. Build relationship with locally elected officials and cover them in prayer.
3. Vet local candidates, whom you have relationship with, using the online form provided by FL&J HQ, and establish a list of "Friends & Family Candidates", which are candidates who share our values and attend a local church.
4. Identify and Recruit future candidates and host an in-person version of our Campaign University Online Program.

TEAM DEVELOPMENT

1. Host a Quarterly Night of Action.
2. Participating in bi-weekly Zoom team meetings with FL&J HQ.
3. Identify and empower Team Leaders to join the bi-weekly zoom meetings.
4. Build relationships with and empower other local churches to partner with the chapter.

ACTIVISM

1. Organize and host a bi-monthly Liberty Rally to actively engage with the local school board or city council.
2. Submit one to three local issues to FL&J HQ that can be covered through social media in order to educate the church on how they can stand for Biblical Justice in your county.
3. Coordinate a voter drive and distribute "Friends & Family Candidate Lists" to your local church.
4. Distribute "Friends & Family Candidate Lists" at polling locations and partner churches.

DEVELOPMENT PHASES

Phases serve as strategic milestones in our journey, guiding Chapter Leads through a structured progression. From initiating community engagement to advanced team-building, each phase is purposefully designed to empower our leaders, ensuring a seamless execution of For Liberty & Justice's vision at every step.

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PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

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For Liberty and Justice is actively creating partnerships with local churches and businesses who are ready to see reformation in our government by promoting Godly men and women of God who are running for local office, training righteous candidates and campaign staffers on how to run a spirit led campaign and promoting a Godly agenda in government.

