



June 2023

Dear Friends:

Cory and I had a worthwhile trip to Washington the first week of May. Although Congress was technically not in session the week we were there, we had quite a few meetings with Congressional staffers [see pics below] The focus of our meetings was safety at churches and Christian schools, and ensuring these ministries could protect themselves. For those who missed it on Facebook, I posted at the bottom of this email our video update from Washington.

Our two families went together for several days out of town for a Staff Retreat. This is a great opportunity for Cory and me to focus on evaluating this ministry and plan for the upcoming year. Plus, our families enjoy spending time together! Some dear friends donated several days at their lake house for us to use for this retreat.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Citizen Impact Annual Conference on **Thursday, August 24** at Pinecrest Baptist Church in **McDonough**. Registration information will be sent soon.

Praise & Prayer Requests:

- Praise: worthwhile and safe trip to Washington, DC.
- Praise: donated house for Staff Retreat.
- Prayer Request: Annual Conference in August. Much still has to be done, including speakers confirmed.
- Prayer Request: God to give us the right timing for other events, like Student Legislative Days.
- Prayer Request: wisdom with the day-to-day operations, like bookkeeping and health insurance.

Sincerely,

Paul Smith
Executive Director

I've included some pictures below with Georgia's congressional staffers in Washington.

