

**Religious Freedom Talking Points**  
**Older Kids Club at the Cherry Hills Baptist Church**  
**2125 Woodside Road**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
**August 8, 2014**

S.S.P.: We gather to give thanks for blessings received and pray for religious freedom

- I. Fortnight for Freedom called by U.S. Catholic Bishops for the third year
  - A. Calling people together and encouraging them to defend religious liberty
  - B. We also give thanks for the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in the *Hobby Lobby* case
- II. Some things to note about *Hobby Lobby* case
  - A. The fight for religious liberty protection in our country is not just a Catholic issue
    1. Owners of *Hobby Lobby* are evangelical Christians;
    2. Owners of Conestoga Wood Specialties in Pennsylvania are Mennonite
  - B. Contrary to what many of the media and on the left are saying, this case is not about contraception
    1. The plaintiffs had no objection to contraceptives, but did object to provision of drugs that induce abortion
    2. This is significant because there is no legal difference between chemical abortion and surgical abortion
    3. If the government could have forced people to pay for chemical abortions, they would have been able to force people to pay for surgical abortions as well.
    4. Thank God the Supreme Court said no to this!
- III. Our struggle is not over for the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable
  - A. *Little Sisters of the Poor* case will not be decided until next year.
  - B. We must continue to be vigilant, speak out and pray for religious liberty.
- IV. We must also be aware of threats to religious freedom internationally.
- V. May God give us this grace. Amen.