



APRIL UPDATE

What's happening?

- C.P.R. sent a questionnaire to all candidates running for McDowell County Board of Education and County Commissioner. Approximately 71% responded. The publication can be found on our website and social media accounts. Our prayer is that these responses will provide valuable information to voters.
- Please pray for guidance and wisdom as C.P.R. is rapidly growing. There are 32 supporting churches/organizations to date with potential to expand outside McDowell County.
- Stay connected! Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, Telegram, Twitter, & YouTube.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9- County
Commissioner Meeting,
5:00 PM

May 9- Board of Education
Meeting, 6:00 PM

June 13- County
Commissioner Meeting,
5:00 PM

June 13- Board of
Education Meeting, 6:00
PM

Did you know you can opt your student out of an assignment if it conflicts with your religious beliefs?

The U.S. Constitution is interpreted by courts to mean that students may not be required in school to speak in a manner that directly conflicts with their religious beliefs (which would include reading and doing assignments using material that is religiously offensive to them). Parents also have a federal constitutional right to direct the upbringing and education of their children, particularly in areas of



education and sexuality. Public schools and their officials may not impermissibly force objectionable speech or assigned material on students that offends and contradicts the religious beliefs of students, or their parents. Before it may force a student to engage in religiously objectionable activities or speech, a school must prove that it has a compelling reason for requiring the student to participate in that particular activity and that this participation is the least restrictive means to accomplish the state's educational objectives for the assignment. Otherwise, the school must accommodate the student's First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion and right not to speak by permitting the child to opt out of the objectionable religious activity or class.

It is generally important, however, for a parent requesting an opt out to suggest an appropriate alternative activity for the child. Some teachers need this extra help and, truth be told, sometimes resist an accommodation merely in order to avoid the extra work that it will mean for them in finding a substitute activity for the student who is requesting the opt out. An appropriate alternative would be to simply go to the library and read the alternative book and do a report to achieve the grade for that section of work.

For more information regarding opting out of assignments, please contact C.P.R. via email at support@cprformcdowell.org.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:1-4). KJV