

Local Wet/Dry Stories

The following stories have been submitted to ALCAP as a resource and as an encouragement to others who are battling the pro-alcohol forces in their local communities. We welcome anyone to submit personal stories that can be added to this section. Just send your story to jgodfrey@alcap.com and identify it as a “Wet/Dry Testimonial.”

As the pastor of the local Baptist church in a small town, I am often one of the first to hear about the concerns of our community. Recently a chain of convenience stores, with a location in our community, applied for a license to sell beer and other alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. Though several convenience stores in our area currently sell alcohol, the issue of chief concern for so many in our area was the store’s proximity to our local elementary and middle schools. As a church, we saw this as an opportunity to take a stand to protect the children of our community from the influences that would likely be associated with the proposed sales. Our church’s chairman of deacons and I, as well as other members of our community spoke at a public hearing, and by God’s grace, protection and providential care, the council came to a unanimous decision to reject the store’s application. God has shown me on a very practical level through this incident that His purpose for the local church in a particular setting is to impact the community for Him; and I consider it a privilege that He would see fit to use me and our church to stand on the front lines for the children and families of our community.

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