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Freedom From Religion Foundation
Stephanie A. Schmitt
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November 21, 2011

Re: Prayer at Football Games

Dear Ms. Schmitt:

I am writing this letter in response to your mailing on November 7, 2011 with the original being sent on September 23, 2011. The complaint that you received from a concerned district parent is not totally accurate. The inaccuracy is in the statement that I have personally led prayer over the intercom at Phil Campbell High School football games. I have never been asked to lead prayer at any game.

It's very hard for me to relay a response to you about this matter. I am a Christian and have been very blessed in my life and have seen the blessings of others around me so it's hard for me to tell others that they can't pray when they so desire.

However, I also am aware of the laws that are in place and know that we will have to abide. We will instruct our school personnel that we cannot lead or allow prayer to be held over the intercoms at school events as long as the current laws are in place.

Sincerely,

Gary Williams

Superintendent,
Franklin County Schools