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Jerry is the founder and president of Family Council. Jerry was born in 1951, and is a native of Sevier County, Arkansas. He holds an education degree from Southern Arkansas University and did graduate work at the University of Central Arkansas. He was a classroom teacher for 11 years, teaching history, American government, psychology, and journalism in public and private schools. He and his wife, Doris, were married in 1980. They have four adult sons, three daughters-in-law, and three grandsons. In 1984 Jerry became involved in the pro-life movement, and in 1988 he led a successful effort to pass a State Constitutional Amendment to ban public funding of abortions. In 1989 he founded Family Council, a multi-issue pro-family organization associated with Focus on the Family and Dr. James Dobson. In 1998 he founded the Education Alliance a statewide home school support organization serving over 4,000 Arkansas home school families. With an office near the State Capitol in Little Rock, Jerry and his staff of 8 work with the Arkansas Legislature to defend the sanctity of human life, promote religious liberty, uphold traditional marriage, and advance the right of parents to choose how their children are educated. Jerry and his staff publish voter's guides, spearhead statewide petition drives for ballot initiatives, network with hundreds of pastors, and keep a statewide network of over 5,000 families informed about current social, moral, and economic issues. He was a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America for 16 years and has filled a number of leadership roles at church. In addition to writing, speaking in churches, and conducting media interviews, Jerry enjoys photography, fishing, and collecting antiques.