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Conversation: Update

WORLD'S FIRST GAY RADIO STATION – TORONTO – STARTING ON FEB 19

Bingo Bob, producer of the Humble Howard and Fred Patterson radio programs in Toronto has a new job. He says on his blog page:

As of February 19 I will be a morning show producer again. But here's the really cool part - the station is very unique. In fact, it will be the first of it's kind in the entire world. 103.9 Proud FM will be the world's first Gay radio station, and I will be the proud producer of "What's For Breakfast?" with Ken Kostick and Mary Jo Eustace.

Pretty cool stuff, eh?

I think this is going to be a really fun place to work, and personally I can't believe that there isn't a station serving the gay community already. Although I am glad there isn't, I like saying I work for the "the world's first".

You may know Ken and Mary Jo from their TV show "What's for Dinner?" A very funny cooking show, that is now being repeated on CBC across Canada. And you may know Mary Jo from a certain tabloid story, that shall remain nameless. They are both very talented and really down to earth nice people. I have a feeling it is going to be a blast to work with them.

I can't really give you too many details on the station itself yet...we don't even have studios built. It's owned by Evanov Radio Group...they own Z 103.5 here in Toronto (a very successful Top 40 station)...the studios will be right in the Gaybourhood...and the rest of the lineup looks really talented as well.

I will fill you in more as I know more.

NEW ARTICLE – JAMES DOBSON REBUKED AGAIN ON VIDEO FOR DISTORTING RESEARCH – By Wayne Besen

Excerpt:

Truth Wins Out unveiled a new video today on *YouTube* featuring a Yale professor who claims *Focus on the Family* leader James Dobson "cherry picked" his research. Dr. Kyle Pruett's testimony represents a growing trend where leading scientists are speaking out against manipulation of their work by right wing political organizations. Pruett decided to respond after Dobson misused his research in a guest column Dobson wrote in *TIME* magazine debasing Mary Cheney's pregnancy.

. . . .

"If 'Double-Talk Dobson' had been accused by only one professor of manipulating research, it might be a legitimate mistake," said *Truth Wins Out's* Executive Director Wayne Besen. "However, when six researchers in three countries have stepped forward in less than a year, I think it is fair to say that a disturbing pattern of deception has emerged."

To see the video and read the whole Article, please go to <http://christiangays.com/articles/besen23.shtml>

(Thanks Wayne!)

NEW NOTICE ON THE MESSAGE BOARDS – Church Service Beginning in Lumberton, NC

We are beginning services this Sunday in Eastern NC (Lumberton/Fayetteville area) for a GLBT-welcoming, inter-racial church. Services are at 7 PM, with potluck to follow, at our home in Lumberton, NC (855 Long Road). If we have a good enough turnout we may move later services to a hotel near the I-95 in Lumberton.

For more info, email me at reverend_micah@yahoo.com or call at 910 608 2018.

Also, check out our website -- http://www.geocities.com/reverend_katharine

*Directions are included on the **Message Boards** under "**News of Interest to GLBTIQ's -> Upcoming Events**" at <http://christiangays.com/smf/index.php?topic=108.new#new>*

NEW LINK – “PRAYERS”

Matthew Royal has started this page with an “*Affirmation Prayer*” and a “*Simple Prayer in Troubled Times*”. We will add more prayers as he creates them.

Please read these prayers at <http://christiangays.com/prayers.shtml>

Matthew has also added to the “**Do You Need Jesus**” page at <http://christiangays.com/needjesus.shtml>

“OUR PLACES AT THE TABLE” – WESTMINSTER DIOCESE, LONDON, ENGLAND

In recent years the Diocese of Westminster has become increasingly conscious of the particular pastoral needs which are present in parts of the West End of London, England notably in Soho and Piccadilly. In particular, a number of homosexual Catholics, together with their parents, families and friends, have expressed their desire for pastoral care from the Diocese. Before laying out the practical steps the diocese intends to undertake so as to meet these requests, it is important to be mindful of certain principles underpinning the Church's engagement in its ministry to persons with a homosexual inclination.

*If this is something that concerns you, you may download the .pdf of the Press Release from the **Gay Good News** page at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>*

DAILY DEVOTION FEB 1, 2007 - “EVERYBODY’S WELCOME” - by Olive Murry

“COME, BE MY DISCIPLE’...SO MATTHEW GOT UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.” MATTHEW 9:9

According to the Jews, tax collectors ranked barely above plankton on the food chain; so everybody kept his distance from Matthew the tax collector. Everyone except Jesus. "Come, be My disciple"... So Matthew got up and followed Him.'

Then it gets interesting. '...[Matthew] gave a big dinner for Jesus at his house. Many tax collectors...were eating there, too' (Luke 5:29).

What a party! Salty language. Loose morals. These guys keep the phone number of their bookie on speed dial. But a friend is a friend. What can Matthew do? Invite them to meet Jesus! Great idea!

Then the door opens and an icy breeze blows in. '... the Pharisees began to complain... "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors...?"' (Luke 5:30).

Matthew doesn't know whether to get mad or get out. But before he has time to choose Jesus intervenes, "... I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough" (see Matthew 9:13).

And Matthew is just like you, isn't he? Maybe you've never taken taxes, but you've taken liberty with the truth, taken credit for what wasn't yours, taken advantage of others. And to you He says "Follow Me."

But what if you have a bad reputation? So did Matthew. Come, you may end up, like him, writing a book.

Furthermore, you don't have to be weird to follow Jesus. And you don't have to stop liking your friends to follow Him. Just the opposite: a few introductions would be nice. Think of all Christ has done for you - then share Him with your friends.

DAILY DEVOTION FEB 9, 2007 - "ARE YOU BEING TESTED" - by Mark Anderson

'CONSIDER IT ALL JOY, MY BRETHREN, WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER VARIOUS TRIALS.'
JAMES 1:2

Now, be honest. You've probably read today's verse and wondered if James was living on the same planet you live on. This may be one of the hardest commands to obey in all of Scripture. James said we are to respond to our trials with '...joy...' That leaves no room for complaining. Start praising God when your life is interrupted by a problem or circumstance you didn't plan on or see coming. Why? Because the truth is, we are either in a trial right now, coming out of a trial, or heading towards the next one.

James speaks of '...various trials'. You won't get bored by the trials you face because they'll come in every variety you can imagine. They're like some of the mail we receive, simply addressed to 'occupant'. All you have to do to undergo trials is occupy space on the planet. Notice, James didn't say 'if' they come, but '...when...' I once read a newspaper headline when I was in New York, 'Innocent Bystander Shot In New York'. 'How about that?' he said. 'All you have to do to get shot in New York is be

innocent and stand by'. That's how it is with trials. Just stand by and you'll get hit. But why? James answers: '...under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colours. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way' (James 1:2-4). Adversity produces maturity. The truth is, it can't come any other way!

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FAMOUS GLBTIQ BIRTHDAYS, Feb 1 - 14

February 2: psychologist **Havelock Ellis**, 1859

February 3: Writer **Gertrude Stein**, 1874; actor **Nathan Lane**, 1956

February 6: English Renaissance playwright **Christopher Marlowe**, 1564; **Anne, Queen of England**, 1665

February 7: Women's music pioneer **Margie Adam**, 1949; Olympic swimmer and gay activist **Mark Tewksbury**, 1968

February 8: actor **James Dean**, 1931

February 9: novelist and poet **Alice Walker**, 1944

February 11: Congresswoman **Tammy Baldwin**, 1962

February 14: Make-up artist **Kevyn Aucoin**, 1962

(from gltq.com)

GAY TRIVIA

In June 1997, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to boycott the Walt Disney

Company because of their belief that the company promotes homosexuality in its films and television programs, and because Disney offers domestic partner benefits to its employees.

The Group (1966), was the first mainstream Hollywood film to use the word "lesbian". It starred Candace Bergen in the lesbian role.

D.C. Comics has produced a four-book miniseries, Metropolis S.C.U. (Special Crimes Unit), in which the main character is Captain Maggie Sawyer, a lesbian superhero.

What TV show of the 1960's and 1970's had the most homosexual actors? Answer: Bewitched with actors Dick Sargent (Darrin), Diane Murphy (Tabatha), Agnes Moorehead (Samantha's mother) and Paul Lynde (Samantha's uncle).

Katharine Lee Bates, best known for writing the lyrics to the song *America the Beautiful*, also wrote six volumes of poetry, textbooks, and children's fiction. Her twenty-five year romance with Katharine Coman ended with Coman's death, and Bates expressed her grief through a book of forty-seven sonnets, *Yellow Clover: A Book of Remembrance*, which was published after Bates died in 1929.

(This is public domain info but was gathered from Lloyd & Ray's website at <http://www.gayonkauai.com/> . Thanks Boiz!)

JOKE

Billy Graham was returning to Charlotte after a speaking engagement and when his plane arrived there was a limousine there to transport him to his home. As he prepared to get into the limo, he stopped and spoke to the driver.

"You know" he said, "I am 87 years old and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?"

The driver said, "No problem. Have at it."

Billy gets into the driver's seat and they head off down the highway. A short distance away sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap.

The long black limo went by him doing 70 in a 55 mph zone. The trooper pulled out and easily caught the limo and he got out of his patrol car to begin the procedure.

The young trooper walked up to the driver's door and when the glass was rolled down, he was surprised to see who was driving.

He immediately excused himself and went back to his car and called his supervisor. He told the supervisor, "I know we are supposed to enforce the law. But I also know that important people are given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person."

The supervisor asked, "Is it the governor?"

The young trooper said, "No, he's more important than that."

The supervisor said, "Oh, so it's the president."

The young trooper said, "No, he's even more important than that."

The supervisor finally asked, "Well then, who is it?"

The young trooper said, "I think it's Jesus, because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur!"

(Thanks Dorothy!)

CATHOLIC PARROTS

A lady went to her priest one day and told him, "Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, but they only know how to say one thing."

"What do they say?" the priest inquired. They say, "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

That's obscene!" the priest exclaimed,

Then he thought for a moment. "You know," he said, "I may have a solution to your problem.

I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to praise and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying . . . that phrase . . . in no time."

Thank you," the woman responded, "this may very well be the solution."

The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them.

After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison: "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

There was stunned silence. Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed, "Put the beads away, Frank. Our prayers have been answered!"

(Thanks Dorothy!)

God bless,
Mary

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