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BIG CHANGES – WE HAVE GROWN TOO LARGE!

Hallelujah! What a wonderful problem to have! The website has outgrown our shared server and consequently we're running into problems with our dynamic components like the Dating Service and Chat Rooms.

To keep us running smoothly we are having to move to a private server. This is going to raise our monthly website hosting costs to about \$60 instead of \$10. I have taken the responsibility of paying for all our costs since I started the website in 2000, and I will continue covering the costs as long as God wills us to keep going.

About four years ago I received our first (very sizeable) donation for which I was VERY grateful! The person suggested that I should put a Donations page on the website for any who might have been blessed by Christian Gays, and who may want to help support the ministry. I did as he suggested and your combined donations have covered the cost of hosting for me to this day, as well as giving me a little toward the hours I spend working on it.

I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to pray for me personally and for the ministry, and to those who have helped me out financially. It has relieved me so much of the stress of keeping things going. Between your prayers and contributions, and God's overseeing of the whole thing, we have reached many, many people with the good news that God loves us just as we were created with no need to change our orientation, and with the prospect of having a wonderful God-blessed, fulfilling relationship. In fact many have met their soul mates through us.

I post all donations on the **Donations** page of the website so if you'd like to see how we have been blessed, or if you would like to be a contributor

yourself please visit the **Donations** page at <http://christiangays.com/donations.shtml>

Thank you so very, very much from the bottom of my heart!

PS: We are currently experiencing a few glitches with the databases while they are changing us over. It was supposed to be "seamless" but somehow with us it just never does seem to go smoothly, so please be patient. We're working on it. ;-)

GAY NEWS – OBAMA ORDERS SAME-SEX HOSPITAL VISITS

Gay, lesbian couples must be allowed visitors, medical power of attorney

President Obama mandated Thursday that nearly all hospitals extend visitation rights to the partners of gay men and lesbians and respect patients' choices about who may make critical health-care decisions for them, perhaps the most significant step so far in his efforts to expand the rights of gay Americans.

Go to the **Gay News** page for a link to the whole Article <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>

NEW ARTICLE – SCIENCE NEEDS TO GET OFF THE SIDELINES

Our dear Wayne Besen of **TWO (Truth Wins Out)** has written another compelling article that I highly recommend you read.

Excerpt:

The latest example of twisting science occurred last week when The American College of Pediatricians (ACP) launched an anti-gay website, Facts About Youth, that was bereft of basic truth and objective reality. The ACP also sent letters promoting their propaganda to more than 10,000 school superintendents across America. According to a ACP press release:

The College reminds school superintendents that it is not uncommon for adolescents to experience transient confusion about their sexual orientation and that most students will ultimately adopt a heterosexual orientation if not otherwise encouraged.

For this reason, schools should not seek to develop policy which "affirms" or encourages these non-heterosexual attractions among students who may merely be experimenting or experiencing temporary sexual confusion. Such premature labeling can lead some adolescents to engage in homosexual behaviors that carry serious physical and mental health risks.

Read this excellent article at <http://christiangays.com/articles/besen35.shtml>

(Thank you Wayne!)

CONCERT – DENVER – MAY 1, 2010

Kandis Glasgow is a Lesbian Christian singer/songwriter from Denver, Colorado. She has sung in places from New York to New Zealand and is looking so forward to sharing her music with others.

Concert info:

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Columbine United Church, 6375 South Platte Canyon Road, Denver

Check out Kandis's website at <http://kandis.us> and listen to some of her great music, and if you're near Denver, don't miss the concert.

Note from Mary: I think her music is GREAT! Make sure to read her "About Kandis" page. ;-)

CHANGE – PLAYLIST TO MARSHA STEVENS

I have changed the Playlist on our Music Player to songs by Marsha Stevens. It is a playlist that's been out before but we have some newbies who probably haven't heard it, and truth be told, I just haven't had time to create a new playlist with new music, and thought you might be getting tired of listening to Jason and deMarco. ;-)

To listen to music while you're browsing the internet just open the Christian Gays website page <http://christiangays.com/>

At the VERY, VERY top of the page is a gray bar. That's our Music Player. Click on the triangle and enjoy some of the best Gay Christian music you'll ever hear this side of heaven. (Open a new window in your browser to continue browsing the internet without stopping the music.)

If you want to check out Marsha's website there is a big banner ad for her (with her pic) under the navigation links near the bottom of the page. Click on the ad and check out her website. She's my dear friend and an awesome lady!

*All of Marsha's music is available through the **Christian Gays Store** at <http://christiangays.com/store>*

NEW WEBSITE – LOVESCOTLAND.com



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I suggest you visit their website if only to see the incredible photos. It is very well done.

They are listed on our Links pages in **Gay Weddings** and also on our **Travel/Accommodations** pages at <http://christiangays.com/links/weddings.shtml> and http://christiangays.com/links/secular_travel.shtml

LITTLE KNOWN FACT – COMMUNION ON THE MOON

July 20th, 1969

(This is an article by Eric Metaxas)

Forty years ago two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in *Guideposts* magazine.

And a few years ago I had the privilege of meeting him myself. I asked him about it and he confirmed the story to me, and I wrote about in my book *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About God (But Were Afraid to Ask)*.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his minister to help him. And so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."

He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit.. Apart from me you can do nothing.

I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly.

I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements.

And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

More detailed information about this event can be found at <http://www.snopes.com/glurge/communion.asp>

(Thanks Janina!)

GOD CAN USE YOU!

The next time you feel like GOD can't use YOU, just remember...

Noah was a drunk

Abraham was too old

Isaac was a daydreamer

Jacob was a liar

Leah was ugly

Joseph was abused

Moses had a stuttering problem

Gideon was afraid

Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer

Rahab was a prostitute

Jeremiah and Timothy were too young

David had an affair and was a murderer

Elijah was suicidal

Jonah ran from God

Naomi was a widow

Job went bankrupt

John the Baptist ate bugs

Peter denied Christ

The Disciples fell asleep while praying

Martha worried about everything

The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once

Zaccheus was too small

Paul was too religious

Timothy had an ulcer...

AND

Lazarus was dead!

No more excuses now!! God can use you to your full potential. Besides you aren't the message, you are just the messenger. God bless you and those you are loving and thinking of. God has placed them on your heart for a reason!

(Thanks Jack!)

JOKE – A YOUNG CATHOLIC COUPLE

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple is involved in a fatal car accident. The couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven.

While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him.

St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left. The couple sat and waited for an answer.

Two months passed and the couple was still waiting.

So as they waited, they discussed that IF they were allowed to get married in Heaven, SHOULD they get married, what with the eternal aspect of it all.

"What if it doesn't work?" they wondered, "Are we stuck together FOREVER?"

After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "you CAN get married in Heaven."

"Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slams his clipboard onto the ground.

"What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple.

"OH, COME ON!" St. Peter shouts, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have ANY idea how long it'll take me to find an attorney?"

God bless,
Mary

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