

Subject: New Security Features for Chat

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NEW - SECURITY FEATURES FOR CHAT

I have initiated some new security features for the chat rooms to protect us from hackers and those who would like to use our chat rooms for purposes which do not coincide with our principles.

1. When someone registers, they have to put in their legitimate email address to get a code sent to them. Once they input the code, only then can they progress to the registration page. This assures us that they are not registering with fake email addresses.
2. When a person registers I am now notified, and can make sure that people with inappropriate or suspicious usernames, passwords, etc are dealt with immediately.
3. The IP (address of their computer) is now registered with us so that if we need to we can ban them permanently even after they have left chat, and can report to authorities if necessary.
4. I have disabled all IRC commands.
5. I have encrypted the Admin Panel.

I am working toward adding video to our chat rooms for those who have webcams.

Note: I have removed the **Lobby**. Now when you login you will automatically be in the **Main Chat** Room.

If you haven't visited our **Chat Rooms** I give you a personal invitation. You'll meet some wonderful people there. Just click on the **Gay CHAT** link at the top of the website, register and then login. <http://christiangays.com/>

chat.shtml

If you're new to chat it's very easy to figure out, but if you do have any problems everyone loves to help. Just ask.

WEBSITE NEWS – TRANSITION TO PRIVATE SERVER

Some of you will know that the website outgrew the shared server that we were being hosted on. We have now made a successful transition to our new private server, however this has increased our hosting fees from \$10/mo to \$60/mo.

Would you please pray that people might consider regular donations to help cover the monthly cost, and/or that we get some new advertisers, and/or that we sell some products from the Store to help me cover the costs. I would be most grateful for your prayers in this matter!

BIBLE STUDY - IS RESUMING ON SUNDAY NIGHTS

Rev Brown has had multiple computer problems and so has been unable to do Bible Studies on Sunday nights on occasion. He now has his computer working and would like to continue teaching if there is any interest.

Please visit the **Chat Rooms** on **Sunday nights** to enjoy Rev Brown's insight into the Scriptures.

*For details of time and what happens in **Bible Study** please go to http://christiangays.com/chat_study.shtml*

NEW – BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

We have excellent **Bible Study Tools** on the website. If you haven't checked them out, please take a look. The link to them can be found at the top of any page on the website on the right side. http://christiangays.com/bible_study.shtml

The Bible on One Page has just been added. Locate any chapter of the Bible with just one click.

You will find it at http://christiangays.com/articles/bible_one_page.shtml

(Thanks Helena!)

VIDEO – "TAMARA LOWE DOES MOTIVATIONAL RAP"

You'll enjoy this, I'm sure.

*Check it out on the **Tidbits** page at <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>*

(Thanks Mar!)

NEWS - CAN GAY COUPLES DIVORCE WHERE THEY CAN'T MARRY?

Excerpt:

D-I-V-O-R-C-E can be pure "H-E-double L," as Tammy Wynette sang, but what if the government decides to get in the act and puts you in a legal and

relationship limbo that promises to last for months, perhaps years. That is what is facing two Texas couples — a pair of men and a pair of women — who fell in love and married in Massachusetts and then fell out of love in Texas.

Read more: <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1986234,00.html?xid=rss-nation-yahoo#ixzz0mpXZr0S8>

(Thanks Bruce!)

SURVEY – NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are researchers at The Ohio State University. We are studying the roles that religion and sexuality play in peoples' lives, and how people cope when those roles conflict. We are particularly interested in perspectives of people who are trying or who have tried in the past to change their sexual orientation (these activities may be called reparative therapy or the "ex-gay" movement). If you are currently involved in any activities designed to change your sexual orientation OR if you have ever tried any of these activities, we invite you to participate in our study.

If you choose to participate, please follow the link below to the online survey. It should take about 30 minutes to complete. Please know that any information you provide will be kept strictly confidential, and you will not be asked to provide any identifying information as part of the study.

More information about the study can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/38RFN5T>

If you choose, you may be entered into a drawing for one of two \$50 gift certificates for amazon.com. Information for the drawing will be collected separately from the survey information.

Please forward this message to anyone else who may be interested in

participating. Thank you very much for your help!

Elizabeth Weiss
The Ohio State University Newark

FACEBOOK COMMENT BY RICK JAMES

This just in from WE DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE GAY WE WERE CHOSEN:

So let me get this straight - Larry King is getting his 8th divorce, Elizabeth Taylor is possibly getting married for the 9th time, Jesse James and Tiger Woods are screwing EVERYTHING, yet the idea of same-sex marriage is what is going to destroy the institution of marriage?? REALLY???

*If you haven't visited our **Facebook** page you might want to check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oshawa-ON/Christian-Gays/241807094094?ref=ts/>*

It's a great place to tell us about your church, have discussions, let us know about events, your newest CD, etc.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS, May 1- 31

May 2: Singer and songwriter **Lesley Gore**, 1946

May 3: American writer **May Sarton**, 1912; soldier-activist **Miriam Ben-Shalom**, 1948

May 4: Pop singer **Lance Bass**, 1979

May 5: Food writer **James Beard**, 1903; San Francisco activist **Del Martin**, 1921

May 6: Psychoanalyst **Sigmund Freud**, 1856; silent screen star **Rudolph Valentino**, 1895

May 7: Composer **Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky**, 1840

May 11: Former major league baseball player **Billy Bean**, 1964

May 12: Nurse **Florence Nightingale**, 1820

May 13: Novelist **Armistead Maupin**, 1944

May 16: Flamboyant entertainer **Liberace**, 1919

May 21: Actor **Raymond Burr**, 1917

May 22: Martyred politician **Harvey Milk**, 1930; actor **Paul Winfield**, 1941; minister, educator, and author **Peter Gomes**, 1942; businessman, athlete, and 9/11/2001 hero **Mark Bingham**, 1970

May 23: Stand-up comic **Lea DeLaria**, 1958

May 29: Episcopal **Bishop V. Gene Robinson**, 1947; British actor **Rupert Everett**, 1959; rocker **Melissa Etheridge**, 1961

May 30: Transsexual actress and singer **Christine Jorgensen**, 1926

May 31: Poet **Walt Whitman**, 1819

(From gltq.com)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Normally I don't post prayer requests in the **Newsletters**. They stay within our **Social Group** but I am moved that these particular ones need more exposure. Please add these people to your prayer lists.

From Terri in Atlanta:

Prayer request #1: Nationally known quiltmaker, publisher, fabric designer and all-around-funny gay dad, Mark Lipinski, just found out that he needs a kidney transplant urgently due to polycystic kidney disease. Please pray that he gets one in time! I put on his blog that he'll have us all praying for him! :)

Prayer request #2: Lots of kids (in my classes and throughout the world!) don't have anything that they can afford to do during the summer and are basically forced to stay home alone all day, every day. We see their anxiety and fears start to come out this time of year as they anticipate this scary change in their lives. Please pray for their physical and mental well-being through the summer break...and for their teachers as the exhausted teachers deal with an even higher level of excitement (and misbehaviors) caused by this...

From Mary: Jon from CHAT has been in a serious car accident. A young boy on his cell phone ran into him, and Jon was struggling for his life but seems more stable now. Both legs were crushed. He has had surgery and now has pins and plates in his legs but he is still in and out of consciousness, and we don't know the prognosis re ever walking again.

God bless,
Mary

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