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BIBLE STUDY – CURRENTLY CANCELLED

There has not been sufficient interest in Bible Study (in the Chat Rooms of the main website) to continue, however Rev Brown is ready to pick up again anytime we have a few people who would like to attend. If/when you would like Bible Study to become active again, and you are willing to commit to being there, please let me know what your interest is and we will try to make it happen.

TAKE ACTION - HELP LGBT CANDIDATES STAND UP TO HATE

Anti-gay extremists have long blocked progress on gay rights. Now they're even going after gay people who want to run for office.

Enough!

Since the early 1980s the Family Research Council (FRC) has worked hard to make sure lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans stay second-class citizens.

In the run-up to November elections, FRC is pulling out all the stops to keep pro-equality and openly LGBT candidates from winning at the ballot box.

If you would like to sign a petition to help this cause, please go to <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/301/643/414>

NEW – CHURCH IN LOUISVILLE, KY

Oneness Community Fellowship believes that Jesus died for ALL of us, not just a select few! We are a new Church coming together in the Louisville, Kentucky area, and are working to gather people for our Launch Team. We are planning to start monthly preview services in September.

We are nondenominational. It doesn't matter what particular set of details you believe in. We don't think it's about the details – we think it's about Jesus!

We are Charismatic. We believe in the person, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. His ministry to the body of Christ is still alive today, and God still moves, speaks and does His work through the Holy Spirit. We may operate in the gifts of the Spirit, produce the fruit of the Spirit, and call upon the person of the Spirit. Being nondenominational, we try not to associate ourselves with any legalistic doctrine of man.

We are Radically Inclusive. We support the GLBTQ community. Not all members are GLBTQ. Not all Joint Board members are GLBTQ. And not all Ministers are GLBTQ. But all of our members, Joint Board members and Ministers must be GLBTQ-affirmative, knowing that God is not a respecter of persons, but of faith. Members may be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning or straight. We are a Body of Believers who stand with strength with the GLBTQ community.

If you're looking to join a church Launch Team, to volunteer your time and effort to help a group of loving people plant a church with a vision given by God, then OCF may be the place for you! Contact the Senior Pastor, Alan Fuller, on Facebook today!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Louisville-KY/Oneness-Community-Fellowship/131394853558343?ref=search>

NEW WEBSITE - "TODAY'S GAY CHRISTIAN.ORG"

TodaysGayChristian.org is a website dedicated to helping individuals understand what God truly says about homosexuality in the Bible. This website has the resources to help individuals come to terms with the way God created them. Unfortunately the churches are still behind and still turning their backs on the LGBT community. This website will have video sermons, it has daily devotions, discussion page and a section of looking at the bible to see what God says about homosexuality.

Check it out at <http://TodaysGayChristian.org>

ARTICLE - "Novelist Anne Rice Ditches Christianity For Christ"

Excerpt:

USA Today - Novelist Anne Rice says she's quit being a Christian but she's hanging on to Christ. She's just fed up with his followers.

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The mother of novelist Christopher Rice, who is gay, goes on to say:

I refuse to be anti-gay. I refuse to be anti-feminist. I refuse to be anti-artificial birth control. I refuse to be anti-Democrat. I refuse to be anti-secular humanism. I refuse to be anti-science. I refuse to be anti-life. In the name of Christ, I quit Christianity and being Christian. Amen.

Read the whole article at <http://content.usatoday.com/communities/Religion/post/2010/07/anne-rice-catholic-/1?POE=click-refer>

(Thanks Sharon!)

STATS - FACEBOOK FRIENDS HITS 2,000!

We have just hit the 2,000 mark for friends on our Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oshawa-ON/Christian-Gays/241807094094?ref=ts/>

We have also started a Trans Support Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Christian-Gays-Transgender-Support/135203976510936?ref=ts>

If you have any trans friends or family, please let them know that we're there for them.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS - August 1 - 31

August 1: Fashion designer **Yves Saint-Laurent**, 1936

August 6: Poet **Alfred Lord Tennyson**, 1809; artist and filmmaker **Andy Warhol**, 1928

August 8: Journalist **Randy Shilts**, 1951; disabled accident victim **Sharon Kowalski**, 1956

August 12: British writer **Radclyffe Hall**, 1880

August 14: Activist for the rights of the intersexed **Cheryl Chase**, 1956

August 15: Soldier and writer **T.E. Lawrence**, 1888

August 19: Transsexual tennis champion and physician **Renee Richards**,

1934

August 21: Filmmaker **George Kuchar**, 1942

August 25: Patron and king, **Ludwig II of Bavaria**, 1845; American composer **Leonard Bernstein**, 1919

August 28: Actress **Nancy Kulp**, 1921

(from glbtq.com)

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STORY WITH A MORAL - STARFISH STORY

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

(by Loren Eiseley)

How many starfish have you been saving?

(Thanks Mar!)

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of Geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of that section, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some

disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to touch
2. to taste
3. to see
4. to hear

She hesitated a little, and then,

5. to run
6. to laugh
7. and to love.

It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook all that God has done, regarding them as merely "ordinary." May you be reminded today of those things which are truly wondrous.

(Thank you Jack!)

God bless,
Mary

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