

Strengthening, encouragement and exhortation! See details and reserve your place at the table - July 30



As we review our entire list of friends, family, volunteers and supporters, we think of so many that we hope and pray will be with us for this inspirational and challenging event. Whether near or far, we urge you to make your reservation today. Nail the date down! Call in and save your place for this July 30 event.

On July 30 at 6:00 pm, ADA is hosting a once-in-a-lifetime 25th anniversary dinner that promises to be an evening of reviewing our past, examining our present and challenging each one of us for the future.

In addition, we will be requesting your financial support, as God leads, to strengthen us for the ministry service that lies ahead!

Last summer the wheels were already in motion for this summer's event featuring Pam Stenzel, one of the most engaging, most compelling speakers of this generation speaking on some of the most vital topics and issues of our day: abstinence,

decency and life!

Pam Stenzel, Founder of ENLIGHTEN COMMUNICATIONS Inc., tackles today's tough issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, energy and the challenge for young people to get the abstinence advantage.

Pam has traveled worldwide, speaking in person to over 500,000 young people each year about issues of sexuality and the importance of abstinence - her videos are viewed by millions worldwide. Pam also holds seminars with parents and educators regarding issues of teen sex and how vital character building is in a child's upbringing.

We look forward to this special event, featuring this world-reknown speaker, as we also give thanks for how God has used this ministry during the past 25 years and look ahead to serving Him for the next 25!

[Pam Stenzel - speaking before the United Nations and Department of Health and Human Services recently:](#)

It is imperative that we strengthen our commitment to bring truth to this generation, that we not bow to the political pressure to "change" our message to make it fit their idea of what students "need" to be taught, and simply TELL THEM THE TRUTH. This administration does NOT make the decision about how sex education is taught in MY HOME, and I will continue to fight the battle for truth to be given to ALL students, regardless of race, economics or family situation. They deserve it!

Dinner details:

When: Friday, July 30, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Place: All Saints Church reception hall, 500 Iroquois, Fremont, MI 49412 (Fremont is one hour north of Grand Rapids and three hours northwest of Detroit, MI)

Occasion: American Decency Association 25th anniversary dinner

Ticket price: \$15.00 per person

We encourage you to make your reservation soon!

Contact ADA to make your reservation at:

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Overnight lodging is available at several convenient, welcoming and relaxing facilities in our community. We will be hosting a ministry briefing for those staying over on Saturday morning at our headquarters on July 31. See page 2 for more information!



**From the desk of
Bill Johnson,
president**

*“... come from near & far
but whatever you do - come”*

Come from near and far! Come and join us Friday, July 30. **See our front page.**

God’s hand has been on this ministry since before its inception as He burdened a core of sincere men and women in the late winter of 1985 and moved on them!

That fledgling group was to ultimately become this ministry. Beginning as Citizens Against Pornography, then working for many years as an affiliate of American Family Association, our name has changed over the years, but our purpose has remained the same - marking the difference between the holy and the profane.

There are many, many evidences of God’s touch upon this ministry exemplified in answered prayer and amazing grace as He swung the doors wide open and provided financial support to purchase our headquarters just three years ago.

At this dinner will be many of these saints that helped make this possible and have stood with us from the beginning joining our efforts to bring down pornography, pass legislation, drive Howard Stern off the radio airwaves, dismantle Abercrombie & Fitch’s pornographic quarterly catalog, etc..

However, this event is about far more than a few victories. It’s about being reminded about God and His goodness and glory. It’s about how His Truth is marching on and how we need to be in step with His leading, His Truth. In this ministry we have seen God’s faithful hand time and time again over these past 25 years. This past grace gives us confidence to rely on future grace come what may, heading into

the uncharted, difficult days that surely lie ahead. [I’m writing this just minutes after President Obama signed Obamacare legislation. Enough said for now.]

I know this ministry has meaning and value to many of you. Some of you have worked with us on specific projects. Others have served faithfully as volunteers. And others of you have had us at your church to speak or present our ministry. Some of you receive our emails regularly and appreciate our faithful stand for the pursuit of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

Some would go to Orlando or Washington DC for an event, so why not go out of your way in a totally different direction to rural Fremont, home of ADA!

I urge you to make reservations early and, if needed, book your overnight accommodations well in advance. See sidebar for details.

Join us in celebrating and in girding up for the future. Meet our team, our supporters, see our headquarters - the headquarters that many of you helped make possible. Enjoy the ministry of music, fellowship with like-minded friends, and be encouraged to continue on steadfastly!

Who knows what the future holds? I may not be around to celebrate a 35th or even perhaps a 30th. I don’t want to miss this opportunity to honor the Lord for what He has done and to express love and gratitude to those who have stood with us so faithfully.

We are keeping the dinner price at a very reasonable \$15.00. I believe the cost will be money well spent as the evening promises to be rich in meaning and inspiration. And if I haven’t convinced you yet, I guarantee you that our keynote speaker, Pam Stenzel, will not disappoint! Pam is the real deal - one of the great warriors of our day.

To accommodate the large crowd that we hope to have (by God’s grace) we will be using a nearby church auditorium. A map will be sent out with your reservation confirmation.

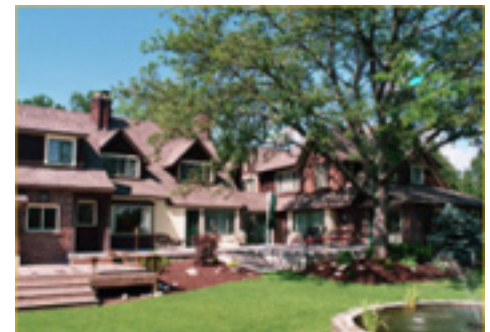
Lastly, plan to stay over and come to our Saturday morning “mini-conference” - a time of teaching and inspiration featuring Pam Stenzel and yours truly.

May God move on many of you to come.

**Conference
accommodations**



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Put on your boots. It's time to get to work!

"... Politics is not outside of God's influence. ..."

by Chris Johnson



Put on your boots. It's time to get to work. The last year has been an emotional roller coaster for anyone paying any attention to the political world. And on March 21, with the vote on the President's health care bill, we hit the highest peak with the fastest fall yet. I don't know about you, but I am still feeling sick to my stomach.

I imagine that a lot of us are ready to get off this ride. The excitement of winning some gubernatorial and senate elections last November and January has worn off, and we feel whipped. Or maybe we are just ready to sit back and take a breather until this November.

Unfortunately, I don't think that is something we are going to be able to do. See, that's what got us into this mess in the first place: Americans who only follow politics once every 2 or 4 years. It was only when we started to pay attention and communicate with our leaders that they took any notice of us at all. That is something we can't afford to give up. This past year has proven that we can no longer afford to sit back and assume that our elected officials are doing what's best for us.

We have built up momentum over the last few months. In the days before the "Bloody Sunday" vote, the Senate Switchboard was getting 100,000 calls an hour on a system that is designed for 50,000 per hour. Last September, I went with my parents to a rally on the capitol steps that boasted 30,000 protestors. On the day that the bill was passed there was another protest that claimed 25,000 attendees.

But we can't just pack up and go home because we lost this fight. There are more battle grounds that the Obama administration is set to push: cap and trade, immigration reform, repealing don't ask don't tell. The fact that he got his health care legislation through doesn't mean we are done. It just means we are going to have to fight even harder in the battles ahead.

There has been a lot of bellowing to "throw the bums out" which is exactly what we need to do; not blindly, but with insight and judgment. We still have some men and women in the Capitol that are brilliant, eloquent, and founded in our own conservative principles. It is our job to make sure they know that they have our support back home.

So what can we do to show them that support? Well, there is always funding. But that is only one way to help. Many of us have family and friends that are still sitting on the fence, is there something we can do to get them engaged? To put them on the phones and get them in the fight when the next one rolls around?

Of course the most important thing we can do is pray. We would do well to remember 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." We have a lot of work to do ourselves, but ultimately it is God who will heal the wrongs in our land.

I say "of course the most important thing we can do is pray," but I wonder sometimes if this is overlooked when we put on our activist hats. Although the spiritual battle rages strong on the cultural and political fronts, let's not forget that the real problem is not Washington or Victoria's Secret or Playboy or even abortion clinics. The real problem lies in the fact that we are a bent people. The way we are is not the way we were meant to be.

Oswald Chambers has a great reminder of where our real focus needs to be. *"It is*



arduous work to keep the master ambition in front. It means holding one's self to the high ideal year in and year out, not being ambitious to win souls or to establish churches or to have revivals, but being ambitious only to be accepted of Him...

"I have to learn to relate everything to the master ambition, and to maintain it without any cessation. My worth to God in public is what I am in private. Is my master ambition to please Him and be acceptable to Him, or is it something less, no matter how noble?"

Politics is not outside of God's influence. What we do in this arena, we must do to His Glory. Then we will see results.

Lastly, we need to continue to educate ourselves. There is an interminable amount of wisdom handed down from our founders and leaders in the past. We need to understand the issues if we hope to convince others.

Lace up your boots and get ready for the long haul. We are in it to win it.

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Fox's "Family Guy": "Terri Schiavo, the Musical"

By Lisa Van Houten

"Family Guy" maliciously mocks the Schiavo case by having a preschool class perform a musical with song lyrics such as "Terri Schiavo, is kind of alive-o, the most expensive plant you'll ever see" and refers to "her mashed potato brains" while one preschooler is dressed as an electrical plug to be pulled.



One of our able staff members generally monitors *Family Guy*. Kimberly drew my attention to Sunday's broadcast. I couldn't believe it! One of our staff said "It makes me sick to my stomach."

Honestly, I could not believe the depths of depravity to which this program once again sank, making fun of the death of Terri Schiavo, mocking the tender sensitivities surrounding the tragedy of this dear lady and of her parents as she suffered in her last days.

What godlessness! What darkness! What depravity! What heartlessness exhibited by *Family Guy* creator Seth MacFarlane. The tragedy though isn't just that MacFarlane writes and Fox airs and corporations empower it with their advertising dollars but that millions of American households give credence to it by watching it week after week. In a recent email we asked: "How can we say that we love Jesus and at the same time place before ourselves wicked things?"

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Read this account and express your disgust to the advertisers by writing your individual letters to each one as listed on the webpage provided below.

<http://bit.ly/cVyeUX>

Here are details regarding this national disgrace, *Family Guy*. I might add - if you watch it and are entertained by it, there is something wrong with your inner being.

The show opened with a scene that any reasonable person would admit was truly heartless and sickening. The episode began with a preschool musical production entitled "Terri Schiavo, the Musical". Most of us are aware of the tragic case of Terri Schiavo who had been diagnosed as being in a vegetative state. Against her parents' heart-wrenching pleas, her husband succeeded in winning the right to deny her food and water via a feeding tube, thus resulting in her death through euthanasia.

Not that the depravity of mankind could be questioned, but if there ever was any doubt, this scene offers iron-clad proof that it exists within the creators and producers of this show.

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Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane has long shown there is no line he will not cross, no boundary he will not obliterate in his quest to push his valueless agenda. From mocking Christianity and promoting perverse sexual themes, to using the most vulgar so-called "humor" and trampling on the lives of real people causing unimaginable heartache. It seems obvious that MacFarlane isn't just being offensive for the sake of ratings or riches; he wants to rip apart whatever moral fabric is left in our culture.

Last year in an extremely rare move by Fox Broadcasting, a *Family Guy* episode dealing with abortion was pulled before airing. That episode cancellation was an exception to the rule as the Fox network otherwise gives every indication that they are solidly in Seth MacFarlane's corner. The only thing that trumped MacFarlane's license to offend was Fox's quest to make money. Fearing advertiser backlash led Fox to cancel that one episode.

But what of this recent episode or every one that came before it? Fox has no qualms about spewing the filth of *Family Guy* over the airwaves and many advertisers have no problem with sponsoring it. As Fox has demonstrated, money talks. And that is the Achilles heel of advertisers and of Fox. Letting them know they have lost a customer (or a viewer) may be the only thing that will get their attention.

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Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition at Walmart

By Bill Johnson



Comments from our email readers

Email #1: Another expression of concern regarding Walmart and their sale of Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition

Thank you Bill for the good reminder for us to “hang in there” in our little corners to continue to make a stand for decency. I just finished a letter I wrote today to the Walmart manager where I shop regularly to express my concerns about the Sports Illustrated magazine being put at the checkout lanes in his store – at the eye level of an elementary school age child. I asked last week that they be moved to at least the magazine section with a cover – they were only moved up slightly in the checkout lanes – now they are at adult, teenager and preteen eye level – that helped a lot, huh? The manager has been out of town, so I just wrote him a letter, and I’ll be interested in his reply and if the magazines will indeed be moved. I told him they were “soft porn” and most people do not want to be confronted with inappropriate material like this while they are checking out of the store with their kids every week.

Then – later today – I received your email. Thank you.

*C.M.
Colorado Springs, CO 80905*

Email #2: Walmart is a far greater concern than Walgreen

Hi Bill,

I did send in my petition to Walgreens, however, a much bigger offender is Walmart! Thousands more people shop at Walmart than at Walgreens. I have complained at my local store, and they only moved the magazine out of the front checkout aisles to the magazine section.

Walmart as a corporation should not even sell this magazine. [SI Swimsuit]

Can you get a petition going for Walmart that we can sign? And, Cosmopolitan magazine is not much better.

Thanks, Bill, for what you do.

ADA note: We agree!!! Cosmopolitan is of major concern as well.

Email #3: We mustn’t lose sight of the fact that one person can make a difference!!!

I wanted to pass along a good note. Our Harris Teeter was carrying the SI Swimsuit magazine on display. I emailed the corporate office and expressed how offensive that was to me that my children were exposed to this at the grocery store - at child’s eye level. I told them I expected a call. I received an email from corporate telling me a manager was going to call me. He did and he told me the magazine was removed completely. (It was removed as I checked several times). He also expressed his apology for any problems it caused me.

I have had to do this several years as the sales rep for the magazine is usually the one that sets up the display. Apparently; however, it will remain in place unless they receive a complaint.

At least Harris Teeter has responded appropriately.

Thought this was worth passing along ...

High Point, NC

Email #4: This from my friend Dr. Judith A. Reisman who writes:

Virulent pornography will continue to spread until people understand erotic displays in their proper context. Any PUBLIC display of PRIVATE erotic behavior endangers the life, health and welfare of the person displaying as well as the life, health and welfare of the “set” or group that person represents

(commonly women). This is both historically and cross culturally established -- and it is common sense.

Still, millions of ninnies are regularly conned by the fantasy that private, intimate space conduct--safe only with ones beloved or trusted other--can be casually displayed in public space to millions of strangers, including potential predators-without dire consequences. The “celebrate” sharing your naked body with predatory strangers is a continued effort to legitimize pornography and prostitution, always pandered by PP.

Judith Reisman, PhD

Email #5: An effective email to Walgreens CEO.

Mr. Wasson -

I was in the Walgreens in Muscle Shoals, AL a few weeks ago and was appalled to see the Sports Illustrated Magazine on display at eye level on the front (and only open) register. Thankfully, my 11 year old son and 9 year old daughter were not with me. I spoke with the assistant manager about my concerns of protecting my children and husband from this defrauding and damaging pornography. I shared with him how demeaning and offensive it was for me as a woman, wife and mother to find this type of magazine on display in what I have heretofore considered a “family friendly business.” I made the argument that I, as a customer, would not be allowed to come into his store dressed as the woman on the cover. He was nice and courteous and said he understood where I was coming from, but 1) he could not do anything about Walgreens carrying the magazine or where it was displayed and 2) she (the woman on the cover) was just doing her job. My question in reply was to ask if Walgreens would allow prostitutes to sell their bodies in front of their stores. If not, why? They too are just “doing their jobs.” In fact, most prostitutes would have more clothes on than the woman on the cover of SI.

The passing of one of our early members

Pauline Brake 1917-2010

By Bill Johnson

“The people who receive praise from the Lord Jesus will not in every case be the people who hold leadership in this life. There will be many persons who were sticks of wood that stayed close to God and were quiet before Him, and were used in power by Him in a place which looks small to man.”

[Taken from Dr. Francis Schaeffer’s book *No Little People*]

Recently Jan and I attended the funeral of Pauline Brake, aged 92, who passed away March 17. The Lord allowed her to linger in frailty and illness at a care center for more years than she would have ever dreamed possible, being such a warrior and laborer for the Lord. Yet, she had so many good years of faithful, simple strong service for the Lord!

In this day of big names, notoriety, instant fame, national attention, there is also the diminishment of the significance of the small, the seemingly insignificant, those living godly lives right where they are.

Pauline didn’t just sign petitions. She picked them up. Made copies of them. Circulated them. She stood staunchly for life, decency, godliness. She opposed corrupt politicians, liberal ideologies, pornography, abortion. She spoke up and spoke out, writing letters vigorously and regularly to politicians, advertisers, letters to the editor.

I met this lady when I was 39 years old in 1985. She would have been 67 years old then. I met her at a little anti-pornography group meeting that was in its initial stages determining the course of this newly forming group. That fledgling group was to become ultimately this ministry after being first Citizens Against Pornography, then Newaygo County NFD (National Federation for Decency, then Newaygo County AFA (American Family Association) to be followed by AFA of Michigan, separating out to American Decency Association.

Pauline was a feisty saint of God. She truly hated sin and how Satan used



Pauline picketing Movie Gallery with ADA and Muskegon Morality in Media in late 1990s

pornography to deceive and destroy people.

She loved the Lord dearly, that was obvious. She was burdened by the spiritual lethargy that was already so prevalent in that day. She couldn’t comprehend the timidity of the local church. “They need to preach Jesus and His great salvation and preach against sin.”

At her funeral last week, one of the things that she was remembered for was her intense love for children and for sharing the Gospel faithfully over many years to them. She held a Child Evangelism Fellowship class in her home weekly for many years. In later years of her service, she bought a van and filled that van to overflowing (literally) with children, carting them to her home to tell them about Jesus and to disciple them in the Word that they would know Him and bring glory and honor to His name.

The late Francis Schaeffer stated it this way in his book *No Little People*. “The people who receive praise from the Lord Jesus will not in every case be the people who hold leadership in this life. There will be many persons who were sticks of wood that stayed close to God and were quiet before Him, and were used in power by Him in a place which looks small to man.

Each Christian is to be a rod of God in the

place of God for him. We must remember throughout our lives that in God’s sight there are no little people and no little places. Only one thing is important: to be consecrated persons in God’s place for us, at each moment. Those who think of themselves as little people in little places, if committed to Christ and living under His Lordship in the whole of life, may by God’s grace, change the flow of our generation. ...”

Pauline Brake, the world did not know you but Jesus does and you have left behind a remnant of loved ones who will never forget your rock solid faith and your inspiring example! Oh that there were more like you around. You influenced me. I will never forget your focus, your no-nonsense approach to life and living for Him. You were selfless – “All for Jesus! I surrender all.”

Many reading this need to quit seeking the things of this world and seek Him daily, asking God to help them refocus upon His will, letting Him lead into yielding to Him. If that means a lower place, take that place.

Read Schaeffer’s book *No Little People* which points to Jesus and His Word for the clearest evidence of taking up your cross and following Him.

Dear Friends: Pauline exemplifies the ADA spirit from its very inception through her many years standing with us: a love for Christ, His Word, His will, His ways, His children.

I want to personally ask you to come to Fremont on July 30 to celebrate this mission and to help us keep it going for many years to come!