

Lesbians, condoms go wild in attack on Christian church



Bash Back! Lansing takes on Mount Hope church in well-planned operation.

The headline above is in regard to a repulsive affront to a Christian church on Martin Luther King Drive in Lansing, Michigan. These anarchists proclaim themselves as filled with tolerance yet practice intolerance. The response of Mount Hope Church in Lansing was truly commendable and Christlike.

By Bob Unruh
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Worshippers at a Bible-teaching church in Lansing, Mich., were stunned Sunday [November 9] when members of a pro-homosexual, pro-anarchy organization named Bash Back interrupted their service to fling propaganda and condoms around the sanctuary, drape a profane banner from the balcony and feature two lesbians making out at the pulpit.

According to a blog posting by Nick De Leeuw on Right Michigan, the Bash Back organization orchestrated a protest in front of Mount Hope Church to draw the church's security staff away from the sanctuary.

Then Bash Backers who had dressed up and mixed in with church worshippers took action.

According to De Leeuw, "Prayer had just finished when men and women stood up in pockets across the congregation, on the main floor and in the balcony.

'Jesus was gay,' they shouted among other profanities and blasphemies as they rushed the stage. Some forced their way through rows of women and kids to try to hang a profane banner from the balcony while others began tossing fliers into the air. Two women made their way to the pulpit and began to kiss," he wrote.

He cited the Bash Back organization's own announcement of other items members brought into the church, including "a megaphone, noise makers, condoms, glitter by the bucket load, confetti, pink fabric. ..."

According to the alternative Lansing City Pulse – which reported it was notified of the protest ahead of time and sent a reporter along instead of warning the church – the protesters also screamed at parishioners and pulled the church facility's fire alarm. Printed material protesters distributed said, "We specialize in confronting homophobia, transphobia and every and all other forms of oppression."

The report said Bash Back issued a statement today confirming it targeted Mount Hope, which has about 5,000 church participants, because it participates in "the repression of queers."

On the newspaper's forum page, a contributor commented, "Homosexuals and anarchists. A perfect combination of human be-

ings with no hope, no morals, no future."

Many demonstrators fled and the rest were quiet after sheriff's officers were summoned.

"Mount Hope churchgoers were unclear as to what the purpose of the demonstration was," said a statement from David Williams, a spokesman for the church.

The leadership of Mount Hope Church does not attempt to identify the church as anti-homosexual, anti-choice, or right wing. The church does take the Bible at face value and believes what the Bible says to be the truth," Williams' statement continued.

"According to the Bible, Mount Hope Church believes homosexuality to be a sin, just as fornication, stealing, drunkenness, and lying are sins. No sin greater than the next. Mount Hope Church strives to follow Jesus' example of loving the sinner but not the sin while helping people change their lives for God's glory and their improved quality of life. Mount Hope Church also recognizes that to each person God grants freewill."

The church then offered help for people "caught up in unwanted sexual sin, drug abuse, and many other areas."

"Mount Hope, for the record, is an evangel-

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From the desk of Bill Johnson, president

A day of change - a word of thanks

Mount Hope Church (story on the front page) didn't deserve this incivility and criminal exhibition against its children and families. It was ruthless, conniving and disgusting! It also serves as a warning anytime such a thing strikes near to home. My hometown Portland is only 20 miles to the west of Lansing.

This mean-spirited incident, however, did happen and similar occurrences are happening in America in these days of "change". When God called me into this ministry some twenty-one years ago I thought, at least for a few years afterwards, that we were being used to hold back the flood of pornography, obscenity and indecency.

I was seeing indications (obviously) that I was in a battle for people to turn their hearts to the Lord and to desire to be like Him and to "pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." [I Peter 1:15,16]

In the mid 1990s, the homosexual concern was beginning to become an issue. I could see it; however, I thought how can such a small minority be effective against a whole culture? And the very thought of kissing or making love with someone of the same sex was beyond disgusting. We are revolted by sexual things with same sex partners.

But the media began to get involved. I recall using the following quote when I spoke: Quoting from the March 1996 AFA Journal: "America's most powerful influence makers have intensified their public relations blitz aimed at convincing Americans that homosexual behavior is normal and, more specifically, that homosexual 'marriage' should be legalized.

In what USA Today has called 'the gayest TV season in memory,' network programmers – subsidized by well-known companies – have become more and more bold in their homosexual advocacy.

'It is amazing to see two gay weddings within a month on two big sitcoms. It seems like they're trying to push some buttons. Even in the gay community, a full-on same sex marriage is a minority kind of thing,' said Rob Greenblatt, executive vice president of development for Fox. 'It is 1996, and little by little everybody has gotten a little less afraid of the old taboos.'"

And at the end of that article we see those "well-known companies" subsidizing a wide variety of shows featuring homosexual themes. Companies subsidizing according to this article in the March 1996 AFA Journal were: Procter and Gamble, General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., Sprint, Volkswagen of America, Johnson & Johnson.

We have seen this little minority shove and bully and commit crimes to keep their agenda before the American people. Increasingly they seem to be willing to use any tactic. Their team of influence includes, as already referenced, the media and corporate America (there are hundreds and hundreds of corporations friendly to the gay agenda). A list of them can be found at: <http://americansfortruth.com/news/hrcs-195-100-percent-pro-homosexual-corporations.html#more-2152>

In addition, homosexual anarchists have garnered the enthusiastic support of the public education system and its liberal teacher's union, the National Education Association, and an increasing number of liberal politicians.

Now, some would say, "Live and let live." I wonder if that's not what they were saying back in Sodom and Gormorrah as the homosexual activists in that day had their way.

Abraham pleaded with God "Will you save the city for 50,40, ...10 righteous?" And we know the account. God destroyed the city because not even 10 righteous could be found. Even righteous Lot (whose salvation as is ours is a true message of God's grace) was willing to give his two virgin daughters to satisfy the lust of the reprobates.

Friends in Christ: This battle promises only to get uglier. Read the following words from Gary Bauer, President of Campaign for Working Families (formerly President of Family Research Council):

"... But just consider these statistics for a moment: In 1996, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Defense of Marriage Act, defining marriage in federal law as the union of man and one woman. That law got 342 votes in the House of Representatives and 85 votes in the Senate. In the past ten years, the citizens of 30 states have passed marriage protection amendments by an average vote of 68%. On what other issue have Americans spoken so clearly in the past decade? Yet America's elites continue to cower in the face of radical demands.

And the demands of the militant homosexual movement won't end at civil marriage. Where same-sex "marriage" becomes law, the homosexual lifestyle has been introduced to children in the public schools as a "civil rights issue." Freedom of speech and religious liberty are also at stake.

Writing in the Los Angeles Times on June 17, 2008, Marc Stern, the general council of the American Jewish Congress, warned that in the wake of the same-sex "marriages" now taking place, homosexual rights will trample religious freedom: "Conflicts about the rights of gays and those of religious believers demonstrate that these are not hypothetical fears. ...If past rulings are any guide, it is religious rights that are likely to be 'obliterated.'"

If the behavior filmed in San Francisco Friday night is any indication of the level of "tolerance" that men and women of faith can expect from the militant homosexual rights movement, Stern's warning should motivate us to work even harder in the days ahead to defend our cherished values of faith, family and freedom. ..."
[Gary Bauer, Campaign for Working Families, November 17, 2008]

I would like to close this newsletter and this year of newsletters with these thoughts:

Sharing this (above) is not a very encouraging way to close out the year.

I am very concerned for us, our families and our country. There are many great causes. We are not large in number, but God continues to say, "Stay in the fight for my Truth and my principles." It is by way of your prayers and support that we continue! You are the backbone of this ministry. Thanks so very much!

Mount Hope's display of love and forgiveness

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ical, Bible believing church whose members provide free 24-hour counseling, prayer lines, catastrophic care for families dealing with medical emergencies, support groups for men, women and children dealing with a wide variety of life's troubles, crisis intervention, marriage ministries, regular, organized volunteer work in and around the city, missions in dozens of countries across the globe, a construction ministry that has built over 100 churches, schools, orphanages and other projects all over the world and an in-depth prison ministry that reaches out, touches and helps the men and women the rest of society fears the most. They also teach respect for all human life and the Biblical sanctity of marriage as an institution between one man and one woman," De Leeuw wrote.

"The church's response? After things settled down, the blasphemy ended, the lewd props removed and the families safe from fear of additional men and women running into and past them, the pastor took the stage and led the congregation in one more prayer ... not for retribution, or divine justice or a celestial comeuppance (that's what I'd have prayed for) but instead that the troubled individuals who'd just defiled the Lord's house, so full of anger and hate, would know Jesus' love in their lives and God's peace that exceeds human understanding," De Leeuw wrote.

His blog attracted dozens of comments, including one that said it was just as well the protesters hadn't picked his church.

"It was well within the church members' rights to respond with non-lethal force to put an immediate end to this assault. If this happened in my house, I'd have every right to throw someone out a window or two."

In a statement posted on the Internet, Bash Back confirmed its "operatives" were in the service, "stood up, declared themselves fags, and began screaming loudly. ... Another group threw over a thousand fliers to the entire ... congregation. The fire alarm was pulled. Queers began making out in front of the pastor. And within a matter of minutes, everyone had evaded the guards and made their escapes."

"So long as bigots kill us in the streets, this pack of wolves will continue to BASH BACK!"

The report comes just a day after video documentation of pro-homosexual protesters in California challenging a 69-year-old woman to a fight because she was affirming the biblical perspective of homosexuality.

"This screaming and shouting, name-calling and pushing by homosexual activists is not unlike a small child throwing a fit because he doesn't get his way," said Randy Thomasson, chief of the Campaign for Children and Families, a leading California-based pro-family group. "The public is getting a clue that homosexual activists don't like democracy and are willing to trample anyone and anything that gets in their way."

California voters by nearly 53 percent to 47 percent last week adopted a state constitutional amendment limiting marriage to one man and one woman. ..."

[Taken from WorldNet Daily, November 11, 2008]

<http://wnd.com:80/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=80743>

American Decency Association upon hearing that no action was taken urged its email readership to contact the Eaton County Sheriff's Department.

There was a reason why local law enforcement took no actions. The church didn't press charges. Below is a letter from the Eaton County Under Sheriff:

This incident has generated numerous e-mails and calls from concerned citizens from across the country. I'm not sure how it was reported in your area, but 9 protesters interrupted the minister's sermon by tossing pamphlets and shouting pro-gay slogans while others unfurled a banner.

If the church was vandalized, it wasn't reported to the sheriff's deputies. Church security reacted quickly and escorted the protesters to the parking lot without any further trouble. The protesters were identified by deputies and banned from church property at the request of a church official.

Had church officials wanted to prosecute, our office would have taken further action. The church merely wanted the protesters to leave which they did without any further disruption.

I have attached the first page of the police report indicating such.

*Fred McPhail
Undersheriff
Eaton County Sheriff's Office
Charlotte, MI*

Contact information:

If you would like to express your appreciation to the congregation at Mount Hope and assure them of your prayers, you may contact them at:

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What to do if your church is attacked by such a contingent? Read this word from Family Research Council and Alliance Defense Fund

In the last two weeks, we've received e-mails from FRC supporters asking what congregations can do if their church is targeted by anti-marriage radicals. For the harassment to stop, the church must exercise its legal rights. Even the apostle Paul did so as a Roman citizen when he was persecuted for his faith. If your church has been damaged or vandalized, there are criminal and civil actions that you can take to exercise your constitutional rights. Our friends at the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) are urging Christians not to ignore these incidents but to report them. While demonstrating in public is a First Amendment right, any effort to obstruct or interfere with any person engaging in a protected activity in a place of worship is a violation of federal law.

ADF has volunteered to provide free representation to any church with a valid claim. contact FRC at 1-800-225-4008.

God's sovereignty was unfolded

The following is a reprint of an email alert that Bill Johnson wrote the day after the November 4 election)

By Bill Johnson

As I left the office yesterday, I wept.

I wept for our country. I wept for my family, and I wept for myself. I then collected myself and got together with a few friends and family to witness together the news of the night regarding 2008 elections.

Conservatives took a shellacking yesterday. We were taken to the woodshed. And, we had it coming. Our God has been so merciful to America. He has protected our skies, waters, cities, our communities. He has granted us fresh air, farmland and its wondrous farm products. He has granted us freedom of speech and religion and press and even so much more.

Our living standard has been so far beyond any other peoples of the world.

In many of our communities, there is seemingly a church on every corner. Christian books and Bibles adorn our bookshelves in our very own homes. Our airwaves have Christian programming in abundance.

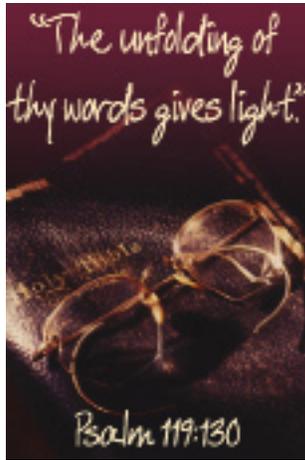
In spite of His blessing and His hand upon us we are a wayward people. We have worshipped other gods. Pornography fills our airwaves and millions upon millions watch it, buy it, act out from it and go back for more and some (many) go to church on Sundays unrepentant week after week.

Untold numbers hold back their tithe from the Lord, His church, His ministries, as many place self-pleasure as their priority.

This election, in my opinion, wasn't so much a referendum on our culture (though it was) as much as a referendum on the Church.

And I don't know what to do about it other than this. I want to be right with God - starting with myself. I want to be true to Him in all I say and do - oh help me God.

I'm thankful - so very thankful - that I am a part of a church that has a pastor who is preaching and teaching Truth (not whatever



is popular at the given time) but His Truth. I am receiving spiritual food and so is my family. It is vital that they know Him and are growing in their knowledge of Truth and application of it.

I want to be true in sitting Sunday after Sunday under the Word of God. I want to be a man of prayer, a man who tithes and gives beyond the tithe, who loves my wife as Christ loves the Church, who visits the lonely, the shut in and lives for Christ - pursuing holiness and turning away from wickedness; a man who loves my children and grandchildren and a person who my loved ones can know now and remember as a man who walked with the Lord.

We were taken to the woodshed yesterday. I'm not depressed, discouraged, nor angry. God, indeed, IS in control!

I'm encouraged and strengthened knowing that God's sovereignty was unfolded last evening. His ways are perfect.

Christ loves the church!

He gave His only begotten Son for it. This world is not our home. We are to live as pilgrims in a foreign land - forsaking the world; not being conformed to it but presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service.

May God raise up His remnant in these darkening days that the world may know that Christ lives - that He may be glorified!

"O Father, You are Sovereign"

O Father, You are sovereign
In all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken,
And light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
And bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses
And stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, You are sovereign
In all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness
Can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
Supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children
Secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign
The Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows
To gold of heavenly gain,
All evil overruling,
As none but Conqueror could,
Your love pursues its purpose-
Our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign!
We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph
Earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us
Our faith springs forth anew:
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior,
We trust and worship You!

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The sovereignty of God will include the unfolding of greater spiritual warfare

The following article indicates one action of the changing nature of the battle for the heart, soul and mind of America. Note the following: Did you ever think you would see the day when the people vote to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman and the courts through a homosexual lobby work to overturn it?

By Gary Bauer

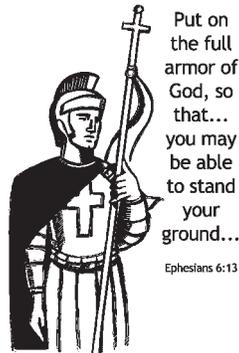
The Church Must Wake-Up

Once again, I want to congratulate our friends in California who fought a valiant battle against all the media and cultural elites to preserve traditional marriage. The battle, however, is not over. After the people of California voted twice in eight years to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, the homosexual lobby is going to court yet again. And today there is news that the issue could be on the ballot in 2010, this time with a twist. If their legal efforts fail, supporters of same-sex “marriage” are planning to put their own initiative on the ballot in two years that would reverse Proposition 8.

So, while we celebrate this victory, we must remain vigilant and be ready to defend our values once again, because the Left never gives up. They will come at this again and again and again, and we must never tire of “fighting the good fight.” We must persevere, and we must stand our ground! I know many pastors have stepped up to the plate and spoken up. I am thankful for their leadership. Many of you have emailed me to let me know what was said or done in your place of worship.

But, unfortunately, too many “spiritual leaders” are being cowardly on fundamental issues including life and marriage. Too often they are distorting the Scriptures in suggesting that they should not speak on “political issues” lest they offend someone. In their desire to be “relevant” or not to offend, they dilute or even ignore the truth. But these are not only political issues; these are fundamental moral issues that have been dragged into the courts and the public square. The radical Left is using the courts to redefine our culture, assault our values and, ultimately, restrict religious liberty.

Was slavery a political issue or a moral issue? Men and women of faith rightly led the fight against slavery, and today they



must lead the fight for faith and family.

I want you to watch a video we have posted on our website. See how one elderly woman stood up for traditional marriage, and watch the reaction of the “tolerant” pro-gay “marriage” mob. What you will see is disgusting and outrageous. A line has been crossed. This video should put to rest the illusion of “tolerance” that the Left hides behind, and it should be a wake-up call to anyone who supports traditional values.

This 69-year-old lady was verbally and physically assaulted. The cross she was carrying was ripped from her hands, stomped on and destroyed. Yet, the news broadcaster says at the end, “There’s a lot of hate on both sides.” What was he watching? I saw a mob of intolerant, hateful men attack an old lady.

Americans are very tolerant people. Most Americans believe in “live and let live.” But the gay rights movement that defines itself entirely on private behaviors is now marching in the streets, assaulting its opposition and making demands on public policy. It wants to redefine marriage. It wants to teach your children in the public schools that same-sex marriage is morally equivalent to normal marriage.

It is demanding special rights in law and employment. While it preaches “tolerance,” it uses the courts to impose its values on the American people. And when the people exercise their rights at the ballot box, the militant homosexual movement takes to the streets to intimidate. Now church services

are being disrupted, and children are having condoms thrown at them by angry homosexuals. Business owners and private individuals who financially supported Proposition 8 are being targeted for harassment for simply believing that marriage should remain what it always has been – the union of one man and one woman.

Last night, thousands mobbed a Mormon temple in Manhattan. And homosexual rights groups are planning demonstrations this weekend in 175 cities and on Capitol Hill. When are our pastors going to stand up and start leading their flocks? Or are we going to have to find leadership in 69-year-old ladies? [Taken from Gary Bauer, Campaign for Working Families, November 13, 2008]

From the mailbag



If I protested homosexuals on my job I would lose my job; but they can come into a Church without anything happening to them; they can invade the schools; they can invade television; they can march at Disney; march in gay parades; they can try to get so called “hate legislation” passed; they can try to get special treatment because of their degenerate sexual preference; they can try to take away the tax status in Churches if they talk about them or about politics.

Where on earth is freedom of “our speech” and our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

Approximately 1% of the population is running this country. Christians have got to stand up for their rights or be trampled and our marriages and children will suffer for it.
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Pepsico gives \$500,000 to promote the gay agenda in workplace

On the heels of McDonald's withdrawing from their support of the homosexual agenda, another corporate giant is thumbing its nose at the American families who buy their products by stepping up their support for the homosexual movement.

As reported by AFA: "Pepsi has given Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) a half-million dollars to help push the homosexual agenda in the workplace. PFLAG is a political advocacy group that promotes radical homosexual political causes like same-sex marriage, hate-crime laws, and gay adoption."

Pepsi has a history of supporting homosexual groups and is rated by the pro-homosexual Human Rights Campaign as scoring a perfect 100% on the Human Rights Campaign's 2009 Corporate Equality Index, with policies beneficial toward homosexuals. Jacqueline Millan, director of PepsiCo Corporate Contributions has stated, "We are delighted to continue our partnership with PFLAG...(in) promoting the necessary message of inclusion to untapped groups... and that is a crucial step toward building a healthy working environment."

Pepsi would seemingly rather offend the vast number of Americans who support the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman, than withdraw their support from the small, but vocal groups trying to undermine the sanctity of marriage by pushing for homosexual marriage. As Matthew 7:16 states: "You will know them by their fruits."

According to an email alert by Don Wildmon, "AFA wrote Pepsi on October 14 and again on October 29 asking the company to remain neutral in the culture war. Pepsi didn't care enough to respond to the AFA letters. Pepsi's lack of response indicates the company plans to continue support for the homosexual agenda."

PepsiCo's products include Pepsi soft drinks, Frito-Lay chips, Quaker Oats, Tropicana and Gatorade.

Contact PepsiCo asking that the company stop supporting the homosexual agenda and remain neutral in the culture war.

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Email: <http://cr.pepsico.com/usen/ebo-dusen.cfm>

The battle for decency at the local mall

Though this newsletter is top heavy with information regarding those who are using untoward means to shove perversion down our throats - coercing the culture to incorporate homosexual lifestyles and same-sex marriages upon us - we continue to work behind the scenes reminding mall owners and mall shops that decency at the shopping mall is important.

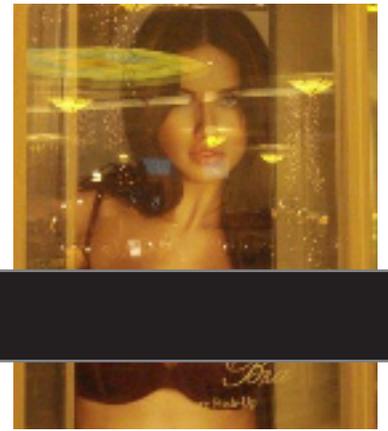
We continue to document our concerns at various malls - particularly in West Michigan where we reside.

Here are a few highlights of our efforts on this front.

In regard to the Lakes Mall (CBL Associates & Properties) in Muskegon, Michigan, we expressed concern about several erotic Victoria's Secret displays they featured over a couple year time frame, urging the mall manager to replace them with something more appropriate.

As they continued to ignore our requests, ADA sent letters including copies of the concerning displays to each store manager within the mall. We urged them to recognize that their mall was being degraded. We urged them to express their concerns to the mall manager and to the manager at Victoria's Secret.

In addition, we let them know that if there weren't efforts to back away from the pornographic displays, that we would be calling for a boycott - not just of Victoria's Secret - but of the entire mall the day after Thanksgiving and going forward throughout the Christmas season.



Within days, we received a letter from the law offices of Houghtaling, Wasiura, and Catalino, P.L.C. saying in short: "Do not contact the Mall again regarding this matter. You should address your concerns to us as well as to Victoria's Secrets management."

In the meantime, the particularly concerning black and white window displays have come down.

You may recall that on February 28 a spokesperson for Victoria's Secret (corp) stated that VS had become "too sexy" and had gotten away from their heritage. They gave indication that they were going to be toning down the manner in which they advertise.

ADA has continued (as recently as November 17) to monitor our local malls attempting to determine if, in fact, there is a toning down.

As you also may recall, on different occasions in recent years we have brought pressure upon General Growth Properties, the second largest renter of mall space in America. We have urged them to encourage Victoria's Secret to tone down their wall and window displays.

The Grand Rapids Press carried an article on November 12, 2008 that was entitled "Rivertown Crossings owner now desperate. General Growth faces bankruptcy if it cannot renegotiate debt."

The articles states that General Growth Properties is scrambling to refinance \$1 billion debt due next month.