

## I believe. Help my unbelief. Why are we always so surprised?

*I received a call from a husband and wife wanting to help us in the "Jeremiah project"*

By Bill Johnson



From left to right: Lisa, Bill and Kimberly receiving gift on behalf of ADA



Jeremiah, with Chris Johnson

ADA is prayerfully preparing to add Jeremiah to staff.

As 2010 was coming to an end, I wrote an email on December 30 entitled, "I believe. Help my unbelief."

For the full transcript:  
<http://bit.ly/fqa1kg>

In part, I wrote: *God gives vision and provision. As we complete another year, we have seen His hand upon this ministry once again. Why are we always so surprised?*

*Several weeks ago out in the parking lot on a Sunday evening after church, Jeremiah (age 23) discussed with me that he has wanted to work with us here at American Decency Association. ...*

We initially mailed a letter to a small group of people prayerfully desiring to see if God might in fact be leading us to add Jeremiah to our staff.

We are not a ministry that sends multiple mailings month after month seeking support. We don't take our asking for extra help lightly!

On the basis of the response to this mailing in early December, we believed that God was leading us to continue seeking support to bring this need to completion.

Minutes after emailing the December 30 email, I received a call from a friend of this ministry sharing in our enthusiasm for adding Jeremiah to our staff.

The caller pledged \$50,000!

"I believe. Help my unbelief." God Almighty showed His mighty hand!! Tears of joy rolled, filling our hearts with gratitude and amazement.

Affirmation. Confirmation of what God has been leading us to. As of this writing (January 19, 2011), we are now at \$79,614.00 We are seeking \$100,000 by January 31, 2011. Although giving has slowed down significantly in recent days, we continue to wait upon the Lord for His continued help.

By adding Jeremiah after adding Chris in September of 2009, we would have two committed Christian young men whose gifts complement each other significantly!

Jeremiah would bring technological and artistic skills, as well as speaking skills. He is well grounded in the Bible. We have discussed getting into churches and speaking to youth and others regarding the need to "pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." [Hebrews 12:14]

My hope is that Chris and Jeremiah can team together in going out and warning, exhorting, encouraging young people to "guard their hearts."

I believe that God is doing something special here and to ignore it or put it off would be to ignore His guiding hand. Is He doing something special? Here are what a few others are saying:

*\*"Go Jeremiah and may God bless & lead you always. ..."*

*\*"We fully support this effort and are very pleased to see a foundation being laid for the future. God bless your efforts in this endeavor."*

*\*"We believe that this is a wise move at this time. It is unusual to find young men so committed and well prepared for the time ahead."*

*\* Chris, I always look forward to reading ADA's newsletter, but yesterday's gave me excitement, encouragement, and woke me at 4:00 a.m. to pray for you, you and Stacey, for Jeremiah, and for ADA. ... I feel a great future ahead for you guys and for ADA. God has started it in your Dad's heart and continues to open doors, allow it to grow and He will not let it fail now. Your ministry is so needed, more and more as the years go by. A dark world we live in, but God's light will break through the darkness and He uses guys like you and organizations like ADA ...*

*\*"\$500.00. This is the amount the Lord put on my heart two months ago."*

*\*Glad we can help encourage two young men who have great potential to reach out and influence their generation to be alert and aware.*

Your support in response to this request will send the message that you are committed to our ministry into the future. We ask for your financial support, and your prayers.



**From the desk of Bill Johnson**

### The half has not been told

God has blessed this ministry in so many ways for so very long! You are part of that blessing. As I wrote last month in another context “The half has not been told!”

At our most recent Friday night movie showing, we were awaiting the arrival of whomever the Lord was going to send, and I saw out the window a long-time friend of this ministry approaching the door. She was a few minutes earlier than everyone else, giving us the chance to visit.

Helen came early to present to us a check for \$250.00 for the “Jeremiah Project.”

Helen’s uncle had recently passed away, surprising her with a check for the love and care she had given him in his declining years. Helen was caught off guard, not expecting a gift of any kind from her dear uncle.

Helen told me that she knew what God would have her do. The expression on her face and the tone of her voice told me she really wanted to give this gift to us.

Her heart is heavy for our youth. She said “Our young people need to be challenged with God’s great love for them and His desire for them to guard their hearts from the pornography of this age.”

Blessed, so very blessed. Today we received another \$250.00 gift for the “Jeremiah Project” from a long time friend of mine who is in a ministry I highly regard. Thank you dear friend(s).

A couple that know Jeremiah very, very well from their church wrote in a note: “*We plan on giving the \$250.00. Everything gets tight around Christmas but plan on doing it. I think as you do that this is wise.*” This couple is in their early 90s.

I have talked about the incredible gift of \$50,000 on the front page. God has blessed this ministry in so many ways! Many times it comes at the eleventh hour when the need is great and our faith is sliding a little bit.

We are also blessed by the opportunities we have to minister to those in our local area. Four years ago as we purchased the church building that now serves as the headquarters of ADA, we envisioned using the auditorium as a means of reaching out by hosting special events to educate, challenge, edify. As I look back over just the last few years I am amazed at the ways God has and is using us to do just that. One of the many ways we are using our theater-style auditorium is to regularly host Christian films and documentaries free-of-charge.

We were blessed recently at our Friday night showing. Two weeks earlier we had shown the touching and heartwarming “Letters to God” on New Year’s Eve. Eighty-three people were blessed and stirred that evening. This past Friday we were concerned that because we were showing the informational documentary “America’s Godly Heritage” we might find our audience cut in half.

What an encouragement it was to have another good gathering as eighty-one joined with us! What a blessing to see hearts lifted and encouraged by this sweet time together! We were encouraged because one of our concerns is that many want only to be entertained. [\[For more information on this eye-opening film see page 5.\]](#)

We were also blessed by a recent telephone call from a lady who asked if we would come and present our ministry to their congregation. We accepted, and were blessed to share our message and have a few minutes to remind people that pornography desensitizes, degrades, addicts and destroys! We were blessed and privileged to have the opportunity to remind people that God’s desire is to “pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.” [Hebrews 12:14]

Thank you for blessing us to be a blessing! It is our desire that God would truly be glorified in this place and wherever we go!

## American Decency Association’s summer event set for Friday, July 29, 2011



**WallBuilder’s Tim Barton is the featured speaker for ADA’s annual summer event in Fremont, Michigan**

This year’s summer event will be held near our headquarters in the beautiful and spacious facilities of First Christian Reformed Church in Fremont on Friday, July 29 beginning at 7:00 pm.

“God and Country” is the theme of this year’s evening event which will feature a powerful presentation by Tim Barton of WallBuilders.

For those of you who have viewed “America’s Godly Heritage” you know what’s in store for us as we gather together. We encourage you to help us pack out the auditorium by bringing your friends and family. Your children and grandchildren need to hear over and over again of America’s Godly Heritage.

We look forward very much to seeing and hearing how David Barton’s son breaks out this significant information. He comes highly recommended.

We are also excited about including gospel singer-song writer Eric Horner as part of this special evening. An established Christian recording artist, Eric is making Fremont a stop on his national concert tour. He will be giving us a taste of his “faith and freedom” concert at our Friday evening event. For those in the area or who are able to stay over, ADA is also hosting Eric for a free community concert on Saturday, July 30.

**[Save the date, July 29!](#)** Look for more information in our March newsletter, including registration and lodging information, or call us at 1-888-733-2326.

## The Campbell Soup Company: “Cultural Polluters”



The following is from our friends with the Timothy Plan. Each month they post a particular exposé of a corporation under the heading (appropriately) “Cultural Polluters”.

This month’s cultural polluter is none other than the Campbell Soup Company.  
**Quoting The Timothy Plan:**

*Is nothing sacred anymore?*

*Apple pie, Chevrolet and Campbell Soup? Most of us can remember warming up with soup and crackers made by almost everyone’s mother on a cold winters’ day. More often than not, the soup was produced by Campbell’s, that icon of American ingenuity and capitalism.*

*Established in 1869 by Joseph A. Campbell, the products from this company have literally touched almost every human life in America and 120 other countries. The company has carefully cultivated an image of wholesomeness, family and virtue for more than 140 years. In fact they are so cautious about their image that the standard soup label has changed very little since the beginning.*

*However, a pretty label on a can and a carefully cultivated image can sometimes mask an immoral social agenda. Unfortunately, when we run into these situations, as much as it pains us, we feel compelled to expose hypocrisy so that you can make life decisions that are consistent with your traditional moral values.*

*... Campbell Soup makes more than just soups. They also seem to want to help redefine family and sexual morality. If this was only in isolated instances, it could be understood as sometimes these things happen in extremely large companies. The pattern of Campbell Soup supporting and even promoting a homosexual agenda, however, appears to be wide-spread, deliberate and ongoing.*

*In fact, the support by Campbell Soup for the homosexual agenda is so complete that the Human Rights Campaign\* has given them an index score of 100% for support and positive re-reinforcement of that lifestyle. This includes direct support in the form of materials, meeting places and paid advertising promoting the advancement of the [homosexual] agenda.*

*Campbell’s may not be your old familiar family friendly soup making company any longer. They seem to have a social agenda that may surprise you.*

*Please review the pollutants section at <http://culturalpolluters.org/index.php?company=7> for details and the product section for a comprehensive list of Campbell Soup products.*

*\* Human Rights Campaign – Mission Statement*

*The Human Rights Campaign [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org) is America’s largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.*

*HRC seeks to improve the lives of LGBT Americans by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring families are treated equally under the law and increasing public support among all Americans through innovative advocacy, education and outreach programs. HRC works to secure equal rights for LGBT individuals and families at the federal and state levels by lobbying elected officials, mobilizing grassroots supporters, educating Americans, investing strategically to elect fair-minded officials and partnering with other LGBT organizations.*

*<http://culturalpolluters.org/index.php?company=7>*

## Friday Movie Nights Every other Friday



We have prayerfully selected a variety of movies to minister, encourage, and inform. Satan is on the attack in our beloved America. We need to realize that. The movies we have chosen have been selected with that in mind.

Most of you reading this are far beyond traveling distance of our headquarters. However, we want you to know of one of our means of outreach.

We alternate between showing a family movie and a regarded educational/inspirational documentary. We have chosen to list a few upcoming movies. These come highly recommended so seek them out at your local Christian book store or online.

**January 28. “Tilly”** - A message of hope based on the novel by Frank E. Peretti (41 minutes). This movie tenderly deals with the issue of life. Individuals young and old walk away blessed and encouraged.

**February 11. “Obsession”** - Radical Islam’s War Against the West (60 minutes). Glenn Beck stated the following regarding Obsession the Movie. *“I believe this is the most important movie of our lifetime, I was born in 1964, I can’t tell you of a movie that I think is more important.”*

**February 25. “Secrets of Jonathan Sperry”** A very touching movie that is captivating for people of all ages from a two year old on up. Truly, A FAMILY MOVIE with a significant Christian message.

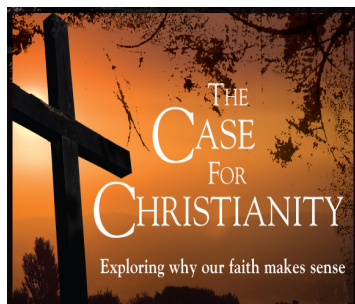
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# The Case for Christianity: a live Lee Stroebel simulcast!

ADA Headquarters, March 12 - 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

By Chris Johnson



## The world today is not a nice place for Christians.

Christians in the Middle East are targeted for bombings and other violence. Brothers and sisters in East Asia also are under persecution. According to Voice of the Martyrs, "More Christians are in prison or under detention in China than in any other country."

In the West, we don't have to worry about physical persecution, at least not yet, but day by day the attacks seem to be stronger. It is a popular belief among "intellectuals" that you can't be a Christian and be intelligent, or at least you can't believe the Bible and be intelligent which amounts to the same thing. In almost any arena where Christianity pops its head into public life, that head is quickly lopped off - i.e. manger scenes, Merry Christmases, the Ten Commandments, graduation prayers, street preachers, Franklin Graham's speaking at the Pentagon, etc.

Under all this pressure, it is refreshing to be reminded that there is an intellectual, fact-based argument for Christianity. That argument is laid out with expertise and conviction by former investigative-journalist Lee Strobel.

Strobel is an atheist-turned-apologist and the turning point in his life took place at the end of his own detailed search for the historical facts concerning the truth of the Bible.

He has written several books which recount his interviews with various scholars concerning their individual areas of expertise.

To give you an example, here is a snippet from the book "The Case for Christ" of an interview with Dr. Craig Blomberg Professor of the New Testament at Denver Seminary on the validity of the gospels.

*"When the gospels mention people, places, and events, do they check out to be correct in cases in which they can be independently verified?" Often such corroboration is invaluable in assessing whether a writer has a commitment to accuracy.*

*'Yes, they do, and the longer people explore this, the more the details get confirmed,' Blomberg replied, 'Within the last hundred years archaeology has repeatedly unearthed discoveries that have confirmed specific references in the gospels, particularly the gospel of John - ironically, the one that's supposedly so suspect!*

*'Now, yes, there are still some unresolved issues, and there have been times when archaeology has created new problems, but those are a tiny minority compared with the number of examples of corroboration.*

*'In addition, we can learn through non-Christian sources a lot of facts about Jesus that corroborate key teachings and events in his life. And when you stop to think that ancient historians for the most part dealt only with political rulers, emperors, kings, military battles, official religious people, and major philosophical movements, it's remarkable how much we can learn about Jesus and his followers even though they fit none of those categories at the time these historians were writing.'*

Strobel puts together many such interviews to compose a very valid argument for the intellectual legitimacy of Christianity.

On March 12, American Decency Association is offering the exciting opportunity to be a part of a live Lee Strobel seminar called "The Case for Christianity." The seminar will be via satellite and projected on the large screen at the ADA headquarters in Fremont, MI and goes from 10:30 - 4:30. Admission is free, but there will be a freewill offering if you wish to contribute to the ministry.

1 Peter 3:15 tells all Christians to be ready to defend why they believe what they believe - yet most Christians don't feel prepared to do so. This one day event will help participants walk away encouraged in their own faith and feeling more confident in discussing the claims of Christianity with friends, family members, and others.

Bestselling authors Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg present the latest scientific and historical evidence for Christianity - and answer the two biggest objections to the faith. Plus you can ask your own questions during this compelling interactive telecast.

The sessions include topics such as:

- **The Latest scientific evidence for God**
- **Historical evidence for Jesus' divinity**
- **Confronting why God allows pain and suffering - which is the biggest objection to Christianity that is raised by skeptics**
- **How Christians can deal with questions raised by unbelieving friends**
- **and much more!**

This one day seminar is being offered by ADA free-of-charge with no registration required. However, an email or phone call to register your desire to attend would be helpful in our planning.

Please invite your family and friends! Don't miss this opportunity to not only learn more about God's truth, but to strengthen your faith and ability to witness to others as well. Hope to see you there!

<b>What:</b>	The Case for Christianity
<b>Where:</b>	American Decency 203 E Main, Fremont MI 49412
<b>When:</b>	Saturday, March 12, 2011
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 am - 4:30 pm
<b>Cost:</b>	Free!
For more information or to pre-register: call 888-733-2326 or email <a href="mailto:kimberly@americandecency.org">kimberly@americandecency.org</a>	

For host sites in other locations across the country go to: <http://incastevents.com/the-case-for-christianity-host-sites/>

# Disgusted with foxnews.com

By Bill Johnson



There have been times – perhaps many times – that I have served as a watchman on the tower giving warning regarding upcoming television or radio programs and advertisements - urging friends, family, and others to “guard their heart.”

I'm in no way alone in this calling. For that I am so very thankful as the need is great for all of us to be discerning, to warn, to exhort, to encourage others to keep themselves from images, themes and programs that Satan can use to take us down paths that will desensitize, degrade, and destroy!

One person that I know who does this faithfully and very well is Steve Ensley. Steve heads an internet filter ministry known as [www.afo.net](http://www.afo.net).

Sometimes he is stuck in a very tough spot in his Internet filtering work where he is forced by good conscience to block websites that, though they may be very popular, feature indecency or pornography.

Recently, Foxnews.com has been causing him great concern. I'll let him speak for himself on this. This statement of Steve's was written to his customers. He is telling them that recently he has been forced to block Foxnews.com. Unless you are a subscriber to Steve's [www.afo.net](http://www.afo.net) you probably aren't being blocked – you aren't being protected from indecency found even on Foxnews.com as it increasingly tests the consciences of those who have a desire to “keep themselves unspotted from the world.”

Quoting Steve:

... You may have noticed lately that the popular news site Foxnews.com has been blocked on several different occasions. Our filtering not only blocks sites based on a list, but it also looks at content, creates a score and then blocks the page if the score exceeds a certain threshold. For some unknown reason, foxnews.com has moved

more and more towards being a tabloid site featuring all kinds of sleazy articles and pictures. Apparently this is to add more sizzle. The result is that the filter detects this content and blocks the page just like it would any other site.

*This is extremely frustrating for you and for us! It blocks a site that you may often use for news and you won't know why! For us, we get the frustrated calls and emails wondering why the site is blocked. This is particularly annoying because foxnews.com is one of the few news sites that has a conservative leaning. Or at least that was true in the past. I'm thinking of launching a protest campaign with Fox, so please watch for announcements on actions we can all take to voice our concerns.*

*Thanks for your time! We sure appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your family!  
God bless!*

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I share Steve's great concern regarding Foxnews.com and their increase in using sex on their webpage.

Pray for Steve! In addition, if you share Steve's burden for protecting yourself and your loved ones from filthy things on the Internet, I encourage you to give [afo.net](http://www.afo.net) a try.

Lastly, this is one of those times where action is surely needed. If Foxnews doesn't hear from you and me and other decency-minded people, they will think that few are offended with their sexual displays and sexual news articles and continue to feature them.

*“America's Godly Heritage” by David Barton and WallBuilders. See it for yourself and get this into the hands of others. Here's why!*

By Chris Johnson

According to a survey conducted by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, only 19% of Americans realize that the words “separation of church and state” do not appear in the United States Constitution. The same study also revealed that only 15% of public officials were aware of this fact, which explains a lot.

The past few decades have been rife with historical revisionists who scramble around trying to erase the heritage of our Christians founders and replace it with this idea that the government can have nothing to do with religious institutions.

In the movie, “America's Godly Heritage,” David Barton of WallBuilders leads his audience on a tour of the belief system that the founders expressed in their own writings. The founders give a very different account of their own beliefs than the modern historians who describe them today.

In “America's Godly Heritage,” Barton uses the words of George Washington, John Adams, John Witherspoon, and many others of America's founders to show that United States history is steeped in Christianity and that many of these men are not only American heroes but should be known as Christian heroes as well.

Barton also exposes the history of the phrase “wall of separation of church and state,” what it really means, and how it's been used to do just the opposite of what the First Amendment intended.

This 95 minute video is packed with verifiable, factual information that will completely change the way you see our country.

Order either the book or the DVD:

DVD: \$15.00

includes shipping and handling

Book: \$6.00

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## Interview with Jeremiah Andersen



Bill Johnson interviewed Jeremiah in recent days with the hopes that you will get to know Jeremiah better. We believe that Jeremiah will be an excellent fit for our ministry as we seek to have a renewed and greater outreach into the lives of young people!

**Q:** A couple of months ago you and I were visiting in the church parking lot and you said if it ever worked out, you would like to work with us at ADA and with your friend from childhood, Chris. What has brought you to this point?

**A:** I think that God has been preparing me for His service throughout my whole life. Right now I see a need for people who care about the values of our country to stand up. I continue to see a need for our youth as well as this culture which continues to draw them into a neutral mindset about very controversial issues. God is clear on these issues and we need to do everything we can to let our youth know.

**Q:** Jeremiah, tell us a little about your educational and church background from youth to this present time.

**A:** I was raised in a Christian home, brought up in church and also went to a Christian school K-12. Upon completion of high school I studied information technology and took some psychology electives for a year at a Christian college. God has given me the opportunity to have several first hand experiences in working with, youth groups, Christian camps, contractors, photographers, and many other people.

**Q:** God has given you quite a wealth of work experience and life experience in your young life. Highlight a few of those experiences.

**A:** I have had so many opportunities at my young age. God has taught me such a broad spectrum of things it is very difficult to sum up. I have always been taught to work hard at whatever you do and to do it for God's honor and glory. I think the most important impact in my experiences is volunteering at a Christian camp, and working as a photographer in a portrait studio. Both positions allowed to me to work firsthand with children young and older and through this I have developed a true burden for children, teens, and young adults.

**Q:** Please share your testimony with us.

**A:** I was saved at an early age of four years old. Shortly after, I was baptized by my pastor at my church. As I grew in the Lord, the Holy Spirit led me to dedicate my life to the Lord's work. I am thankful each day for the privilege to be a child of God and pray that I will never take Him for granted.

**Q:** What things really excite you about the possibilities of working with ADA?

**A:** I would have to say I am excited the most to take a stand for God. I know it will not be easy, but I know that God will help me on a daily basis. I am also excited to be a part of such a powerful team at ADA. I think that as I join that team I will become a great asset to ADA as well.

**Q:** What do you think are a few ways in which you may be able to strengthen American Decency Association?

**A:** It is my prayer that as I join ADA we can develop a target on youth and help them understand, become educated, and have a zeal to start to stand for what is right in God's eyes.

**Q:** Does it concern you that with ADA being a faith-based ministry that the bottom could fall out and you could find yourself searching for a job somewhere along the way?

**A:** I think that being a part of a faith-based ministry is something that could be hard from a human standpoint, but I know that God promises to supply all my needs. So really it is up to me to have the faith that He will do so for me, and I know He will.

## Financial Report

At this writing, we have \$80,000 of the \$100,000 we are prayerfully seeking as we desire to add Jeremiah to our staff full-time. \$80,000 have been raised in nearly 45 days enhanced immensely by the gracious gift of \$50,000 at the beginning of the month.

We set the figure of \$100,000 and the time table of January 31 to give indication that we have an enthusiastic base of support to hire Jeremiah and not have to let him go a year later because the funds aren't there.

In the meantime, Jeremiah is receiving valuable training as a machinist and will begin working nights in March. Jeremiah is happy about this as it will allow him to work some hours for us during the day.

Nearly 170 of you have given toward the Jeremiah project. We were hoping for 400 people to give gifts averaging \$250. God is in control and we are following Him.

We hope to have Jeremiah begin to work with us at least by March! We appreciate your prayers and generous support!

That said, there are several ways in which you can stand with us financially at ADA going forward into 2011.

EFT is a way which a growing number of people use to most easily contribute to this ministry. If you are interested in donating via Electronic Funds Transfer, please let us know on the enclosed response card and we will send you information.

According to the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), for an organization that receipts its gifts on a daily basis as we do, it is not necessary to send a year end giving summary to each donor. As you know, we do receipt gifts as they are received. Nonetheless, we realize that some of you will desire to have a summary of your giving for the last year. We stand by ready to assist you. Please call us at 1-888-733-2326 and we will send you your giving record for 2010. Or, you can email us with your question at: kimberly@americandecency.org