

ADA's summer conference *Friday, July 29 – 7:00 p.m.*

If you don't care who will?

By Bill Johnson

As you receive this newsletter, we are now just weeks away from this special event featuring one of America's clearest voices for faith, family and freedom.

I want you to understand our thinking behind the significance of this summer event.

Question: Gary Bauer is a major voice for Truth in America. It's kind of unique that you are having him speak in a small community. Why should people travel an hour or more from Grand Rapids, Holland, Kakamazoo, Detroit, or other distant places for this evening event?

Answer: My short answer is this: We are in a war of monumental proportions. Gary Bauer communicates that as well as anyone because he has been in the epicenter of the battlefield in Washington DC since serving in President Ronald Reagan's administration.

Question: Is this event about entertainment?

Answer: No, dear friends. This is not about entertainment, but rather insight, encouragement, and motivation. In addition, we will be blessed and inspired with a musical performance by renowned Christian recording artist Eric Horner whose passion and calling has led him to faithfully and regularly minister on military bases throughout America.

I would urge those of you with young teens and (perhaps even a few years younger) to bring them to this event of consequence and spiritual engagement. It is important to expose our youth to an environment where the people in attendance have a special hunger for God's truth and righteousness. We need His help and our young ones need to hear.

Question: Those are inflated words regarding this gathering, aren't they?

Answer: No. Gary Bauer is a dauntless and humble servant of God who has stood steadfastly in defense of faith, family, and freedom for many years. He cares very deeply. His concern and passion rings through so clearly, boldly, and graciously!

If you care about this country and there is anyway that you can be here, you truly need to come no matter the distance. We are not talking about pabulum but substance, spirit and godliness.

Question: What difference will it make?

Answer: Not only will your presence be a blessing to us and to others, more importantly I am confident that you will be blessed and strengthened. It seems as if we as a nation are teetering on the edge. We need ordinary, everyday people to stand for Truth - stepping out in faith to defend God's principles within our families, churches, communities, and the political realm. This event will educate and inspire you as you take that stand.

We named this event, "**For Such a Time as This**" using that phrase where Mordecai tells Esther "*For if you keep silent at this time, --- you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*"

The times are desperate. We need to understand the times in order to know what to do! I urge you to sacrifice an evening, even a day, to join with us. I assure you it will be worth it!



If you don't care, who will? At this writing there are plenty of seats available - though this is expected to become more of a factor as AFR will begin running a radio spot for the greater Grand Rapids area, AFA will be promoting the event via an email within a 100 mile radius of Grand Rapids and Gary Bauer's team has begun promoting the event as well. The auditorium seats 600.

We are privileged to have Gary Bauer to challenge and encourage us.

When: Friday, July 29, 2011.
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Fremont, Michigan.
First Christian Reformed
Church
721 Hillcrest Avenue

What: "*For Such a Time as This*"
- featuring Gary Bauer
Dessert reception following the event

Cost: Adults - \$ 10 per person.
Free admittance for children and youth
under age 18

For more information or to register call:
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From the desk of Bill Johnson

Sound the trumpet - Ezekiel like

A pastor returned my call from the Holland, MI area. I had contacted him because I had seen his name in a news segment speaking up for Biblical standards regarding a homosexual issue in his area.

Another major skirmish was set to take place in Holland, Michigan. He would be testifying before the Holland City Commission within a couple of days. He invited my prayers but I could also tell that he was hoping that I would join with him in speaking before this commission regarding a proposed homosexual rights ordinance.

Even though the pulls on me are great, I knew that I was to show up. As I walked into the commission meeting room, it was standing room only with over 250 people in attendance.

I stood and listened as the commission finally got to the business that brought this large crowd: homosexual rights.

At the podium I noticed the sign up sheet was already nearly filled with the names of those interested in speaking.

One person after another spoke - nearly all in favor of the homosexual rights ordinance. A "pastor" who moved from Grand Rapids into Holland and noticed that there wasn't the "loving acceptance" for homosexuals that he had anticipated in Holland.

This "pastor" used to interview me on his 30 minute radio show based in Grand Rapids. His program was set up to pit his radical left point of view against my Christian point of view.

How convenient and slippery it is for him to go by reverend or pastor. I note that in the various media reports that he is referred to

as Reverend Bill Freeman.

The enemy of our soul knows how to weasel his way in to deceive, manipulate, confuse, distort.

As I state on page 3 in the article "Gay Rights voted down in Holland, MI," I used my several minutes to testify regarding the devastating, disgusting aspect of homosexuality - that the homosexual lifestyle is characterized by sexual degradation, multiple sex partners, the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, death and dying.

Before I spoke that night, not one person said a word about any of that. I mentioned friends that I have (had) that either died of AIDS or have AIDS who have testified to the fact that hundreds of "lovers" is part and parcel of the lifestyle.

The dear, activist Holland area pastor that also spoke that night told me, "Bill, it may be that the only thing that we can do is to obey God and sound the trumpet of warning - Ezekiel like.

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

[Ezekiel 33:7-9]

In Holland that night, there were very few watchmen. But there were a few.

In closing, fellow watchmen and watchwomen need to have their hearts charged and their commitments "steeled" for the spiritual war that is with us and promises to become increasingly intense.

Gary Bauer will be with us on July 29 for such a time as this.

I'm praying that you will be with us and will bring your friends and loved ones.

Conference accommodations



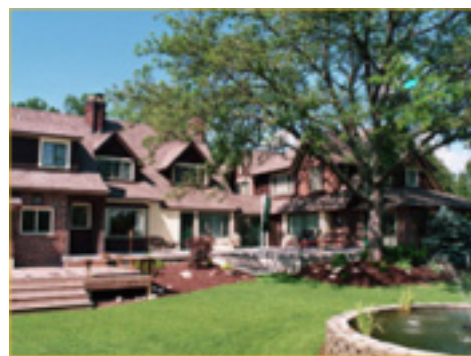
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We have blocked 5 rooms for this even. Please **ask for ADA when making your reservation.**



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Gay Rights Voted down in Holland, MI

by Bill Johnson



Holland City Council, June 16, 2011

HOLLAND, Mich. (NEWSCHANNEL 3) - *The Holland City Council has made a decision on a controversial issue that was a year in the making.*

The very heated meeting lasted well into the night, ending after midnight.

In the end the city council shot down the proposal that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

More than 200 people packed the more than five hour long meeting with dozens standing at the podium to voice their opinions. ...
<http://www.wvmt.com/articles/holland-1392216-council-city.html>

My account:

On June 16, I was one of those “more than 200 people” in attendance as I took the opportunity to testify against the proposal before the Holland City Council.

After hearing from roughly 20 individuals mostly in favor of the pro-homosexual ordinance, I noted that no one cited any concern about the life-threatening, life-destroying aspects of homosexuality.

I stated that my best friend in college (Michigan State University) had homosexuality tendencies (this in a day when homosexuality was not a topic of discussion). Later he became a practicing homosexual. He suffered greatly and died at the hands of AIDS in 2001.

I continued with the account of another person who was a news reporter with a radio station in the greater Lansing area who later became a Christian and tried to

warn people of the dangers of homosexuality. He shared that the common practice of homosexuals results in having hundreds and hundreds of sex partners over their years. Dave Conklin also suffered and died of AIDS.

I cited a third person, Michael Johnston, whom I met while the state director of American Family Association. Michael was an active homosexual for many years. His personal account was that he attended many funerals of former “lovers” and that he didn’t know of any who survived him. He also stated that he had hundreds of relationships and that unfaithfulness is part and parcel for the homosexual - all the while passing along varieties of destructive sexually transmitted diseases.

Now a Christian speaking out against the homosexual lifestyle, Johnston still survives although HIV positive thanks to the development of powerful medications that have given him and many others greater longevity. That doesn’t detract from the degradation and destructive, unhealthy nature of homosexuality.

At this Holland City Council meeting, the media reported 250 were in attendance. When I heard that the ordinance was defeated, I was amazed.

The voice of distortion – the ACLU - was present as well last night. Nonetheless, at least for now, the ordinance has been defeated. Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom.

A question that I raised that night and raise again here is, why is homosexuality treated with kid gloves? Why do we ignore the plague of homosexuality?

In 2009, LifeSiteNews.com reported on a government study which illustrated the affects of this plague.

“An official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the CDC’s estimate Monday that in the United States AIDS is fifty times more prevalent among men who have sex with men (‘MSM’) than the rest of the population. Dr. Amy Lansky revealed this statistic during a

plenary session at the 2009 HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta.”

...While merely an approximation, the CDC’s announcement confirms previous statistics and studies that indicate vastly disproportionate occurrence of sex-related diseases in homosexuals. According to a February 2007 study, for example, homosexual men with HIV are 90 times more likely to develop anal cancer than the rest of the population.”

Homosexuality is most importantly a moral issue, but it is a serious health issue as well.

According to the CDC, men who have sex with men are about 17 times more likely to develop anal cancer than men who only have sex with women.

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?”
Ezekiel 33:10-11

This recent decision in Holland to not support such a dangerous, perverted lifestyle came down to a 5-4 vote.

Hats off to the Holland City Commission last evening for making the right decision – narrow as it was.

If homosexuality is a struggle for you or a loved one, help is available! Below is a source of help that we highly recommend.

Exodus International

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Website: <http://exodusinternational.org/>
Contact form: <http://exodusinternational.org/contact-us/contact-faqs/>

Anthony Weiner, Without Excuse

by Lisa VanHouten



Bill Clinton. John Edwards. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Mark Sanford. Eliot Spitzer. And now Anthony Weiner.

The trail of politicians involved in sexual misconduct is long and sordid, reaching across party lines and affiliations. The latest, of course, is New York Representative Anthony Weiner who, after very public bald-faced lies to the contrary, has finally admitted to sending lewd pictures to young women he followed on Twitter.

This latest scandal has led many to ask why? What would compel an intelligent, savvy politician to be so stupid? Why would a man, married less than a year and expecting a child with his bride, engage in such illicit behavior - risking not only his aspiring political career, but also his marriage and family?

I have seen several news articles attempting to explain it away. Some have claimed these men have narcissistic tendencies and personality traits that lead them to take risks. A recent article in the [Detroit Free Press](#) quoted a couple of psychology experts who tried to explain these adulterous acts this way:

...In a Los Angeles Times essay last month, Frank Farley, a psychology professor at Temple University, laid out his case that these politicians are type T personalities who thrive on uncertainty and risk, and there is evidence to back that up. Politicians excel at public speaking, often mentioned as a common fear of most people. They also stake their careers on elections, seldom live on a 9-5 schedule and have little semblance of family life.

Add that they are surrounded by admirers who believe in their message, and the

opportunity to take such a risk seems easy -- though Farley said many type T's are so confident, they don't see the risks.

Stanley Renshon, an expert on political psychology at the City University of New York, sees politicians' philandering as "an occupational hazard of people in power" ... [Detroit Free Press]

You've heard of the insanity defense. This is the "I'm a politician, I can't help myself" defense. It was my "type T personality" that made me do it.

With all due respect to these and other so-called experts in the human psyche, what led Rep. Weiner to engage in such lewd behavior is what led Eve to eat the forbidden fruit and Adam to follow suit. It's what led King David to commit adultery with Bathsheba and think he could cover up his own scandal with murder. SIN.

It's not a personality trait, but a trait of the human condition. Soul-corrupting sin. And sadly, it's not just high profile politicians engaging in such behavior. The proliferation of sexual sin has spread throughout our culture ensnaring millions and crossing not only the political aisle, but the church aisle as well.

However, just as we can't use a personality trait to rationalize sin, we also cannot blame it on our culture or the easy accessibility of pornography. For engrained upon the heart of each person - including you and me and Rep. Weiner - is the law of God. Romans 1 makes that abundantly clear.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their

foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ...

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done."
Romans 1:18-22, 28

So we, and Anthony Weiner, are without excuse. And while many men and women suppress the knowledge of the Law of God and so become fools with deadened consciences and darkened hearts, a poll on the Fox News website gave evidence that we humans do know right from wrong.

The polling question was this: *Rep. Anthony Weiner admitted Monday that he sent a lewd Twitter photo to several women. The married New York Democrat also acknowledged other sexually explicit phone and online conversations. While Weiner insists he never engaged in physical sexual contact with any of the women, in our digital age do you think a married person sexting or participating in virtual sex is a marital cheat?*

- 1. Maybe. There's an intimate, emotional attachment even if no sex took place.**
- 2. Yes. Sex is sex, even if it's virtual.**
- 3. No. Sex is not sex without physical contact.**

Of more 65,000 responses, over 51,000 (73%) stated, "Yes" it was a form of adultery and more than 17% chose "maybe." Evidence that even though we are all sinners, Christ's teaching from Matthew 5:28 is written upon our consciences. *"But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart."*

So while we shake our heads over such disgusting acts as those engaged in by Rep. Weiner, and as we warn of the increased temptation brought by the proliferation of Internet pornography and social media, we should also remind ourselves of how easily we each could fall if we don't maintain a close walk with God. Anthony Weiner's only hope is the only hope for each of us. Jesus, the Savior!

NBC and “Love Bites” Leave a Mark on Morality

By Lisa Van Houten



It seems as if each summer the networks go to extremes to tempt TV viewers away from their outdoor fun to instead stay inside in front of their flat screens and plasmas for the summer line up of new shows. But rather than using actual creativity to draw viewers, the networks often heat up the airwaves even further by adding more sex and seduction to their TV programs. The worst we've seen of this summer season is NBC's new show “Love Bites.” NBC describes the show this way: *“A romantic comedy anthology featuring three connected modern stories of love, sex, marriage and dating.”*

However, there is nothing either romantic or funny about this show. The storylines on “Love Bites” are not about love, but about illicit sex.

It's a fine line in making you aware of the degradation of this show and the need to speak out against it without getting too explicit. However, here is just one example of the content of “Love Bites.”

At a “breast-themed” party, women are going topless and images of naked women are displayed. A married man calls his wife from the party and excitedly tells her: *“Hey babe, you're never gonna believe where I am. I'm at this crazy party where all the girls are taking topless pictures and all the food looks like breasts.”*

The wife is not at all bothered that her husband is ogling topless women and just asks him to bring home cake from the party – sending the message to female viewers that they shouldn't be bothered by their husbands lusting after other women.

One man says, *“This is the kind of party God would throw. I guess He does exist.”*

It's not enough for NBC to fill the show with illicit themes. NBC, the network that recently edited out the phrase “under God” from a promo featuring the Pledge of Allegiance, has no problem mentioning God - as long as it is to mock Him.

What “Love Bites” teaches the young target audience in storylines such as this (and others even more explicit) is that sex outside of marriage is normal and acceptable and morality and self-restraint isn't. It teaches viewers that expressing love is not about intimacy and tenderness, but about the kinkiest and most perverse acts one can come up with. It sends the message to men and to women that pornography is an exciting marital stimulant to watch together instead of portraying porn as the addictive, degrading, marriage-destroying evil that it truly is.

In addition to the awful content of the show, the ratings for “Love Bites” have also been abysmal. Here is what a few reviewers have written regarding the ratings:

- *“Love Bites,” failed to meet even the lowest expectations Thursday night.*

- *“Love Bites,” which premiered last week to a dispiriting 1.0/3 in the demo, was down another 10 percent at 10 p.m., drawing a 0.9/3 in the demo and 2.3 million total viewers.*

- *NBC's Love Bites dipped 10 percent from its already meager premiere numbers, mustering just 2.3 million viewers and a 0.9 demo rating.*

- *Love Bites – Huge ratings flop*

Ultimately, though, it's not the ratings that we are concerned with, but those who are being impacted by the destructive themes portrayed on “Love Bites.” While by network standards 2.3 million is a very low number of viewers, we grieve for those 2.3 million people who are taking in this soul-corrupting garbage.

However, when it comes to television, no matter how high the sexual voltage is amped up, if the ratings are low and the advertisers don't buy ad time, the show will ultimately fail.

We've seen that just recently with the boundary-pushing MTV show “Skins.” This sexually explicit teen drama premiered on MTV last January garnering great media attention and also great outrage from parents and groups such as ADA and other media-watchdogs. However, no matter how racy and edgy the show, what “Skins” failed to garner were ratings and advertising support. After the controversial content of “Skins” was revealed, major advertisers fled in droves, pulling their ads. And ratings within their target audience of 12-34 year olds fell from a debut rating of 3.4 to a rating of 1.2.

Subsequently, MTV has finally taken a bite of humble pie and cancelled “Skins.”

Yet the networks are often slow, if not downright dim-witted, when it comes to learning this lesson. And while it certainly isn't the ratings keeping “Love Bites” on the air, advertisers have continued to sponsor it.

Enclosed in this newsletter are postcards to two corporations who have advertised on every episode so far. Please mail the cards and let these corporations hear from you!

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Lessons Learned in a Foreign Land

By Chris Johnson



Chris blessed by new young friends in Guatemala

It's amazing what a little perspective will do.

It's hard to feel quite as sorry for the uninsured when you've seen people who've never heard of Tylenol. It's hard to listen to complaints about unhealthy eating when you've been with people who live on rice and beans. You hear about people turning down jobs that don't pay enough, but that means something completely different to you when you've met people who are proud to earn three dollars a day. It's hard to accept American poverty when you've seen real poverty.

My wife and I returned recently from a mission trip to Guatemala, and it's amazing how seeing that real poverty changes the way you see the world.

The average American spends about ten percent of their income on food. The missionary that we were helping out in Guatemala told us that Guatemalans spend 60-70% of their income on food, and that figure is from before food prices skyrocketed in the past few years.

After driving past a few yard sales the other day, even that struck me differently. Americans, including some "poor" Americans, need to "clean out the junk" every couple years. The poor from less fortunate countries like Guatemala have to literally scrounge to buy something besides food.

The missionary told us that when we first saw the people of the village, they would

not be poorly dressed, but by the third day when they were wearing the same clothes we would realize that they were simply wearing their best for us.

All that sounds pretty depressing, right? Poor, dirty, tired people. They rarely can afford to eat meat and live mostly on rice and beans. Often parasites steal even the nutrients they get from that. Dogs wander the streets and you can count their bones, because the people can't afford to feed them aside from rare scraps.

Yet, I can tell you I've never been more blessed by human hands than by the Guatemalans.

We spent three days building five houses in one Guatemalan village. On the third day, the people of that village made us a fried chicken dinner. There were thirty of us gringos, so I figure that's close to ten chickens. By the missionary's estimation, a chicken is worth two days of labor in Guatemala. That means about three weeks' wages went into our lunch that day.

That's pretty humbling.

And as one member of our team said, "GFC" is way better than KFC.



We went to do a medical clinic in a different village where the ministry had donated a cement pad for the kids to play on so they wouldn't have to play in the dirt.

Out of gratitude, that village essentially threw us a party. Their kids sang the national anthem, their city officials gave speeches thanking us (though our group actually had nothing to do with it, but the

missionary leading us did), and they served us chicken salad sandwiches and even had Pepsi in glass bottles for us. I'm sure that meal wasn't any cheaper than that given to us by the village a few days before.



I had an opportunity that night to tell the village that though I had thought God had sent me to serve them, they had ended up serving me. I told them that I had seen God's love through their hospitality.

Jesus tells the parable of the widow's mite where He explains that the woman who didn't have much but gave everything she did have gave more than those who had much and actually gave more monetarily than she did.

That was how I felt when confronted with the generosity of these people. How often do we Americans give like that?

I think too often we can't see past our goods to see how good we've got it.

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