

Pro-family groups across America converged on Washington D.C. on Monday, May 19 for a prayer breakfast and conference at the National Press Club at 529 14th Street, NW.

The event culminated with a picket in front of the Justice Department with approximately 50 individuals participating. The purpose of the picket was to send a visual message to the Justice Department of the grave concerns regarding their failure to investigate and prosecute obscenity.

Over the past 15 years hardcore pornographic materials have proliferated in a wide variety of damaging and destructive forms - including DVDs sold in "adult" and mainstream stores, films distributed on cable and satellite and hotel TV systems, and pictures and video disseminated on the Internet.

Those participating included Robert Peters, President of Morality in Media; Wendy Wright, President of Concerned Women for America; Dr. Ted Baehr, President of Christian Film and TV Commission (Movie Guide); Bill Johnson, President American Decency Association; Pat Trueman, former Chief of the Justice Department's Child Exploitation & Obscenity Section; Daniel Weiss, Senior Analyst for Media and Sexuality; Michael McManus, nationally syndicated columnist and founder of Marriage Savers; Arthur Taylor, former President of CBS, Inc.

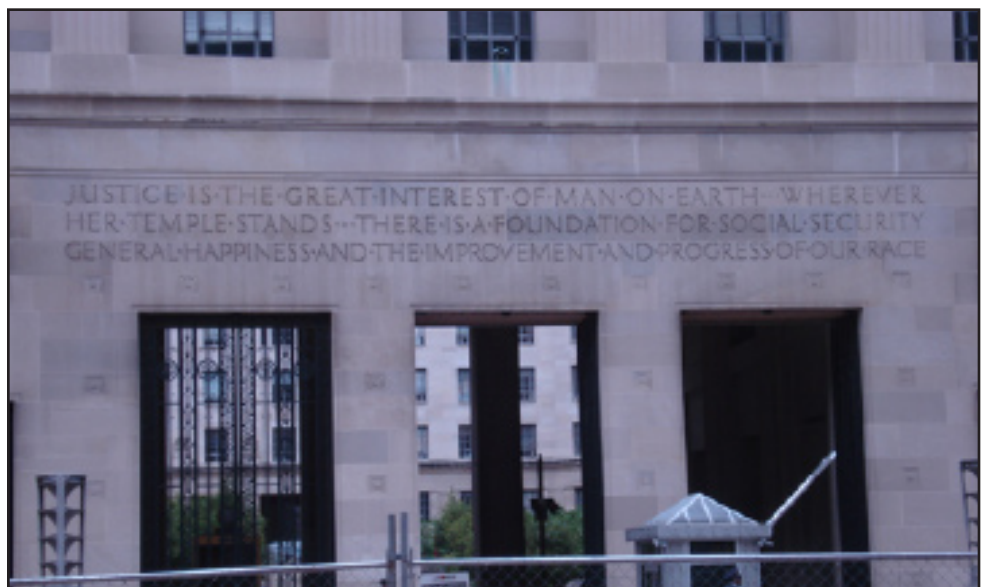
The event included a conference at the National Press Club where the above individuals and others gave concise and powerful messages regarding the harmful effects of pornography and their perspective on the great difficulties we face as we continue to struggle to find solutions to curbing the pornography epidemic.

One thing seems evident. A vital remedy to the increasing normalization of pornography is for the Justice Department to send a clear message to the purveyors of pornography that pornography **will** be prosecuted.

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**Bill Johnson picketing outside the Department of Justice.**



### On the wall of the Department of Justice are these powerful words:

"Justice is the great interest of man on earth. Wherever her temple stands there is a foundation for social security, general happiness, and the improvement and progress of our race."



## From the desk of Bill Johnson, president

We are in a spiritual/moral free fall; does anybody care? I raised this question recently at the National Press Club and answered it with the following account of just a few weeks ago from Eagle Township in Clinton County, Michigan.

Residents of Eagle Township were shocked by the news that a man named Alex Grams was seeking a special use permit to establish a sex shop in their township. There was a meeting called by the township supervisor Mr. David Morris. The township hall was packed to overflowing. Strong statements of concern were articulated. A second meeting was then scheduled to meet at the Clinton County Court House in St. Johns where the County Planning Board would be meeting to ask questions of the applicant, Mr. Grams, and to receive comments from the residents of Eagle Township.

My wife Jan and I made a trip to St. Johns. I wanted to be available to offer testimony as needed. I wasn't needed. Concerned citizens drove some 30-40 minutes to once again be in attendance and to let their voice be heard. The room was standing room only with over 200 people once again in attendance.

Does anybody care? Here was the Mayor of Grand Ledge, a community not even located in Clinton County speaking on behalf of the city of Grand Ledge urging the planning board not to allow a special use permit.

Here was the President of the school board of Grand Ledge Public Schools speaking on behalf of the entire board expressing great concern that a sex shop not be allowed to set up headquarters. Their concern was that the children riding in Grand Ledge school buses would pass by that site day after day, stopping at nearby traffic signals that would expose children to a sexually-oriented business.

Many, many others spoke up - a truck driver, a doctor, a lawyer, multiple home owners. I came away from the gathering so encouraged by the many testimonies. Yet, with a little passing of time, I asked myself the question, "Where have they been?"

I answer the question this way: Here was something they could do, and they did it! **Their** neighborhood, **their** families, **their** children were threatened. They knew they needed to take a stand and they did! They sent the message to the Board of Commissioners that there are numerous reasons that provide rationale why the board has legal holding not to grant a special use permit to establish a sex shop. They've done their part. Now the decision is in the hands of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Do I feel that this group of citizens has their counterpart? Yes. Yes. Yes! A million times - YES! From coast to coast all across this country. People don't want their children victimized by pornography, but often they don't know what to do. When given something so clear-cut as a sex shop moving in, many would do similarly. Yet, our families and neighborhoods are also facing assault - perhaps in less obvious ways.

I began this personal note with a question - one that I raised to more than seventy people gathered at the National Press Club. That group continued on to picket in front of the Justice Department on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington DC. Enforcing the law against pornography is definitely another very important front. Take note on page one of the words etched on the building of the Justice Department.

God calls us to obey our civil government as long as that civil government does not call us to disobey His Word. The government is instituted by God for our protection against outside forces and inside forces. We are under assault from within from many peddlers of pornography. Because of the overwhelming inaction of the Justice Department during the last fifteen years, we are inundated with those who traffic in pornography for purposes of self-gain, sexual victimization of children, self-pleasuring, etc..

Please pray for me. I come away from this time in Washington hungering and thirsting to continue to fight this fight and place before you specific ways in which you, too, can be involved.

What can you do? To begin with, sign the enclosed petition addressed to President Bush (which I will also copy to the Attorney General) urging the President to significantly escalate the fight against pornography in the last months of his presidency. And in your own family, make the pursuit of holiness an integral aspect of your life.

## McDonald's - Funding homosexual activism



Recently American Family Association and Family Research Council have reported that McDonald's has begun financing attacks on marriage and the family as a new Corporate Partner of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

### Here are some of the concerns regarding the NGLCC:

- \*\*\* The NGLCC promotes businesses owned by homosexuals.
- \*\*\* The NGLCC pushes the homosexual political agenda in statehouses, courthouses, and the halls of Congress.

### Top-priority issues of the NGLCC are:

- \*\*\* Thought crime ("hate crime") laws, homosexual and transgender "civil rights" preferences, and domestic partner benefits.

Richard Ellis, Vice President of Communications for McDonald's, was recently named to the Board of Directors of the NGLCC. In a press release, the NGLCC praised Ellis for his "vast Board experience with LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) and advocacy related organizations." It's alarming that the overseer of McDonald's advertising campaigns directly geared toward families will now be a leader in the NGLCC's campaign to weaken traditional values.

The NGLCC's efforts on behalf of homosexuality threaten the family, the definition of marriage and the very religious freedom we hold so dear.

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By: Bill Johnson

A friend of this ministry urged me to look into "The Truth Project", thinking it would be a good match for this ministry knowing our love for the Bible, and, therefore, for Truth. As I became acquainted with the project, I realized their counsel was right.

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This home study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

This is a new day. There are many battlefronts - that's for certain. As never before in my years of ministry, I strongly believe there is a need to shore up the Word of God in the hearts, minds and lives of God's people.

At the center of Focus on the Family's "Truth Project" is an extensive nationwide satellite ministry conference on Saturday, September 27 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. American Decency Association has been approved to be a host for this powerful all day event. We presently have tickets available and desire to fill our auditorium to its capacity.

It isn't a numbers game, though. Rather a desire to strengthen believers in their Biblical worldview. Those attending will receive a set of 12 DVDs containing all the messages of the power-packed presentations. It is the hope and prayer that those in attendance across America will take these DVDs into their spheres of influence and share them in Sunday School classes, Bible studies, small groups, and families so that tens of thousands will be similarly challenged and strengthened to live lives in submission to the Word of God, recognize the often subtle attacks upon God's Truth within our culture, and defend that Truth.

These are busy days, I know. There are so many pulls and distractions. However,

friend in Christ, the need is so great for us and those we love to know the Word and walk in it. This is a great opportunity for us to engage friends and loved ones, giving them the opportunity to be challenged with Biblical teaching that will assist them to see the importance of knowing Truth, walking in it, and serving others.

I'd like to invite you to take part in this unique opportunity and attend this important one day conference.

"The Truth Project" will be shown in locations all across the country. To find the location closest to you or for more information call us at 1-888-733-2326 or go to <http://www.thetruthproject.org>. And for those in West Michigan, please consider joining us at ADA's headquarters in Fremont for this significant event.

Registration for participants is \$119 per person or \$149 per couple. An early bird price of \$99 is available through June 30. Participants will receive the complete 12-lesson Truth Project Curriculum on DVD as well as other resources designed to help them make an impact in their churches and communities.

**ADA has a limited number of tickets available. If you are in the West Michigan area and would like to join with us in this important ministry effort to lift up the Word and help Christians develop a stronger Biblical worldview, contact us here at 888-733-2326. ASAP!**

**Please note the above-mentioned early bird registration fee is only available through June 30.**

ing dirty linens or an unkempt bed would send us right to the hotel desk asking for a different room.

However, many of us unwittingly stay in "dirty" hotel rooms whenever we travel – hotels that feature in-room pornographic movies, essentially turning four star hotel rooms into porn shops.

Pornography is harmful to our society on so many levels. And the pornographic movies that many hotels make available through their in-room, pay-per-view service often are the most explicit, degrading and destructive examples of hard core pornography.

Because pornography is so addictive, many individuals, whose curiosity tempts them to view a pornographic movie in the privacy of their hotel room, become "hooked". An escalating cycle of pornography use begins which often wields a swath of destruction upon marriages, families, and individual lives.

Also concerning for vacationing families are reports of children turning on a hotel TV only to find a previously ordered pornographic movie in progress. The images planted on a child's mind through that one brief encounter can cause long-term harm.

The good news is that there is a tool available to help protect yourself and your family when traveling, as well as assist in the calling we have as believers to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." This tool provides a listing of "clean" hotels, free of pornography.

CleanHotels.com is a network of lodging facilities that - based on some of the best research available - do not offer in-room, pornographic pay-per-view movies. The purpose of CleanHotels.com is to provide a service through which you can book a room for your vacation, business trip or meeting with the expectation that you and your family or associates will not be exposed to pornographic movies. In addition, it gives you an opportunity to be a good steward by supporting a facility that puts the well being of guests above profit gained from prurient material.

Check out <http://www.cleanhotels.com/> to make a reservation or to find out more information about this important service.

## What is CleanHotels.com?



Planning a summer vacation? Don't stay in a dirty hotel. Of course we wouldn't think of staying in a hotel room that was unclean. Opening the door to a hotel room and see

## Counsel & Caution Regarding the Internet

Millions struggle with pornography on the Internet. One person ready to offer help in resisting the trap of pornography is Steve Ensley, president of AFO (American Family Online). The mission of AFO is to help protect families and marriages from the harmful aspects of the Internet. AFO does this by providing access to the good and by filtering out as much destructive material for it's subscribers as technology and human ability can deliver.

Recently Bill Johnson interviewed Steve regarding this important concern, a portion of which is include below.

### **Q. You have immense knowledge in regard to the Internet. ... What has been most surprising and alarming about its unfolding?**

A. Actually I have been involved with the Internet since the early 1980s. At that time it was called ARPANET and was developed by Berkley for the Department of Defense. The first Internet users were colleges sending text messages and files to each other. But you are correct that the Internet really took off in the early 90s with the advance of computer graphics and images at the personal level. Because the human mind thinks in images, the impact was dramatic on the general public. Soon everyone began to realize the educational, entertainment and social implications of communication freely and inexpensively via the Internet using visual, audio and textual media.

Without a doubt the scope and volume of the immoral behaviors and activities on the Internet has been the most alarming! While nudity was a rare and not easily available thing when you are I were developing our spiritual maturity, today nudity is a daily occurrence, easily available and more graphic than ever. In the guise of "free speech" pornography has become mainstream and almost socially acceptable. A lady in Florida just recently WON a lawsuit against a city that arrested her for topless sun bathing on a public beach. What the Internet (and other media) has accomplished is to make an immoral behavior a right! In other words it has made a wrong into a right!

What has most surprised me is the level of involvement of Christians in the immoral

Internet activities. Thirty years ago most Christians would have been outraged at teenage nudity in a public place. Now MySpace alone has over 183,000,000 links or images containing nudity, and yet millions of Christians visit MySpace every day claiming they will not be impacted by such material. Many, many Christians and Christian organizations even host web pages on MySpace believing they can do so without harm to their Christian walk and witness. It is like thinking you can walk through an active sewer pipe and not come out smelling like sewage. The truth is that Christians are involved with immoral behaviors and activities on the Internet at horrendous levels. So instead of fighting these destructive immoral behaviors, we Christians are helping to promote it!

### **Q. Is pornography/obscenity over the Internet protected by the First Amendment? ...**

A. No, pornography is not free speech and never has been, it is indecency. The major problem regarding laws and enforcement is that the Internet is a global behavior and most indecency laws are of a local nature. So law enforcement for the most part does not know how to enforce or prosecute these activities. Unfortunately, thanks to the lack of action and enforcement during the Clinton administration, the activity has reached levels massively beyond the control of local enforcement. Had it been stopped in the 90s it would not be the problem it is today! But now we face a demon that unfortunately can probably only be stopped by prayer and fasting as described in Scripture.

### **Q. Tell us about the organization you lead. What do you see as your calling?**

A. AFO (American Family Online) was founded 10 years ago to help protect families from the dark side of the Internet. Since then we have devoted our lives and resources to education and technology specifically designed to help protect individuals and families. It is a common misconception that Internet filtering is primarily needed for children. Unfortunately the sad truth is that 85% of the Internet victims, people actually harmed by the Internet, are adults and not children! So a filter has to protect all members of the family, not just the children. That is our calling, to help families avoid temptation and the great spiritual harm caused by the Internet.

### **Q. What counsel do you have for those with teens and younger children still in their homes?**

A. Actually the same advice I would have for all families and individuals. DO NOT use the Internet without some sort of protection. Keep access to the Internet in a public area of your home and not in a bedroom. Make an effort to be knowledgeable about the Internet usage in your home.

We have a great selection of tools and services too numerous to mention here, but there is more information on how to protect your family at <http://afo.net>.

### **Q. What counsel can you provide for those married to someone that has a pornography problem?**

A. This is a very difficult question to answer because no two situations are the same, but in general when it gets to that stage, aggressive professional and/or pastoral counseling is usually necessary. If the offending spouse will not seek counseling it is even more important for the other spouse to get help. This level of problem almost never can be solved without help.

**[ADA Note: For information on sources of help please call us at 1-888-733-2326]**

### **Q. Lastly, how does pornography destroy? ... What makes you so sure that it isn't victimless?**

A. I think every female knows instinctively that pornography is harmful. Beyond that, the psychological evidence is overwhelming regarding impact on relationships and marriages. Finally and most important to me is that I get the firsthand stories every week of marriages, relationships and pastorates being destroyed by the deception of pornography. Pornography is the world's biggest lie. Air brushed models, false relationships, sex without commitment, these are all lies. They do not exist and have no basis in truth. Engaging in pornography is engaging in deceit and lies to yourself and to the people who love you. And deceit always destroys!

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