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“Some Articles of Interest”

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MY Words: "The statement "both parties want a king" likely refers to the biblical account in 1 Samuel 8, where the Israelites demanded a king from the prophet Samuel, despite God's warnings.

They desired a king to be like other nations, to lead them in battle and provide a visible, earthly ruler. This desire for a king, as opposed to God's leadership, is presented as a rejection of God as their primary ruler."

Article 1:

BOTH PARTIES WANT A KING

America continues its steady march to totalitarianism. It began a long time ago, with the vast increase in federal bureaucracy during and after the Civil War, with the creation of a federal income tax, a national currency, a national banking system, the creation of the Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce and Labor.

"They inserted the government into railroads, education, agriculture, immigration, the sciences, financial regulation [and] industry" (Roger Lowenstein, *Ways and Means: Lincoln and His Cabinet and the Financing of the Civil War*).

Totalitarianism received a major push with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and a steady stream of ever newer deals, such as Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. America has long been a socialist nation.

In this area, the difference between Republicans and Democrats is in degree only, in exactly how large and powerful the government will be and what portion of the nation's wealth it will confiscate and how large the debt will be allowed to grow.

Now we are witnessing a civil war between those who want to keep the old America, or what is left of it, and those who want to destroy the old America and establish a new "woke" one. There can be no compromise.

Thus both parties want a king and are busy reconstructing the presidency for this purpose. Barak Obama and Joe Biden tried to be kings for the "leftist" agenda. Donald Trump is trying to be a king for the "conservative" agenda.

The U.S. presidency was not designed for this purpose. It is an abuse of constitutional power on both sides, but the die is set. Each president finds new ways to increase his power.

Thus, the nation continues its rush toward totalitarianism. This fits Bible prophecy. The mystery of iniquity, which has operated for 2,000 years but is moving into high gear at the end of the age, is the devil's program to put his man on the throne of the world (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12).

In its fulness, there will be a global government, a global economy, a global judicial system, a global everything, and that is exactly what we see playing out in real life on every

hand.

Bible prophecy is what most political conservatives do not understand, but it is impossible to know the times, to understand Israel and the Middle East crisis, and to know God's will for the saints apart from a right understanding of prophecy.

My Words:

Luke 21:28 (KJV) And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Psalms 122:6 (KJV) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Article 2:

ISRAEL OFFICIAL SAYS TRUMP'S ATTACK ON IRAN COULD HERALD THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

Israel's Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi told Arutz Sheva (Israel National News) that Trump's attack on Iran could herald the coming of the Messiah ("Trump," Arutz Sheva, June 23, 2025).

He called Trump "the Cyrus of our times and even greater than that," referring to Cyrus the Great of Persia who in 538 BC opened the door to Israel's return from Babylon and the building of the second temple.

Many ultra-orthodox Jews see Trump in this light. Karhi believes Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, enjoys "Saita D'Shmaya" (divine assistance) and "our ultimate victory is within reach and depends on us, divine mercy, and the miracles we are witnessing in this war, and what [we] will continue to see."

In 2018, during Donald Trump's first presidency, the Temple in Zion organization issued a memorial half shekel temple tax coin featuring the images of Persian King Cyrus and U.S. President Donald Trump on one side and the Third Temple on the other.

In a speech at the Arutz Sheva

("Articles," continued on pg 7)

Mission Evangelism With a Purpose

**Mike Goodwin, President
Evangelistic International Ministries**

God's heart is to bring many sons and daughters to glory (Hebrews 2:10). As believers, we know we have a mandate to reach the world with the gospel of Christ.

Over the years, I have seen many methods and programs developed to help the church reach others with the gospel. I have even met others who had no need of a program because of their passion to see people come to Christ.

One thing I have learned is whether or not you have been trained to be a gospel witness or just have the burning passion to be a gospel witness, is that your gospel presentation must be intentional. It must have a purpose.

Evangelistic International Ministries is driven to share the gospel intentionally and purposefully.

Through Shepherd's Bag distribution, Overseas Bible Schools, medical/dental teams, house to house evangelism, showing "The Jesus Film", or through crusade preaching; we are focused on preaching a clear gospel message with the purpose and intention of seeing people come to faith in Jesus Christ.

When EIM goes into a country with the purpose of doing evangelism we work directly with a pastor or church planter to help build up the local church.

Recently, we took a team to Tanzania to conduct an Overseas Bible School. We worked in the village of Bubiki (Boo-Be - Key) where a new church is being planted. The Bubiki church planter had completed an extensive Bible course and then was trained in evangelism by his pastor, Renatus Kanunu. (Pastor Renatus serves as EIM Director of Tanzania, as well as Country Coordinator for BMA Global.)

The first day began by doing house to house evangelism. We sent out five teams, each having an interpreter with them as well as someone from the local church plant.

When someone accepted Christ as Savior, the person from the local church plant wrote down their names so they make follow up visits after we had left. In the afternoon we conducted our Overseas Bible School program.

When we conduct our Bible School for children, we also teach the parents and adults the same lessons as well.

The curriculum we used was written by EIM, and begins with creation and ends at the cross. In the evening "The Jesus Film" was shown in four locations in and around the village.

During the five days we worked, we had the privilege of sharing the gospel to over 4000 people.

Everyone who made a profession of

faith had their name and the location of their home written down. Each person will have a follow up visit by Pastor Emanuel and the church members.

In September, we hope to return to Bubiki with a BMMI team and an EIM dental team. We plan to go back to follow up with those we made contact with in June and conduct more evangelism.

Our goal is to saturate the village of Bubiki with the gospel. Pastor Emanuel and his

team will have many people to contact and disciple.

We pray that by this time next year he will have baptized hundreds, and will be running over 500 each Sunday.

This is what the purpose and intention of evangelism is for EIM. We strive to never do evangelism where there is no opportunity for follow up by a local congregation.

Of course, there have been times when this was not possible, but we aim to make that the exception and not the rule.

Finally, I was told recently by a pastor who traveled with us on our last trip, "Mike, I know of no other mission organization who does evangelism like EIM. Especially, the house-to-house evangelism."

If you would like to be part of an organization whose purpose and calling are to do evangelism, contact us. We can share with you how you can be used in the ministry of global evangelism.

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"I Was Just Thinkin' "

By Narita Roady

"Love 'Em While You Have 'Em"

Prayer is God's all in one perfect gift to us, and it is the greatest gift we can give our family.

Pray for them daily, in fact, several times a day! Set them before the Lord's throne, their needs, health, problems, even your problems with them!

When we pray, not only does God work on them, but He works on us too. God transforms our sight, and we see the one we are praying for (whether they change or not) through His eyes and with His heart. Prayer is always a win, win situation!

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:"
Matthew 7:7

Remember, when they're gone you can't pray for them

Be patient with the weaknesses and faults of your beloved family. We expect everyone to be patient with us when we feel bad or are unknowingly obnoxious, but do we extend the same privilege to others?

I don't know how many times I have heard someone say, "They are really getting on my nerves!" To which my reply is, "Then don't leave them lying around for them to get on!"

When we find ourselves being easily irritated by the actions or words of others, we need to do a thorough "heart examination". What we will find is selfishness and pride. Patience is evidence that God has control of our life. Next time you find yourself being

annoyed at the one you love, ask yourself, "How patient do I want God to be with me?"

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."
Luke 8:15

Remember when they're gone you'll wish they were with you to do those annoying things

Harsh words are one of the most hurtful and damaging weapons families use on each other. They can cause more pain than a physical injury and the scars can go deeper.

Those we love the most and are closest to us are the ones that fall victim to our unruly tongues.

Doesn't seem right does it? We're tired, frustrated, aggravated, and unhappy. Maybe it is something they did that didn't set well with us or perhaps we're just going through a tough time.

Whatever the problem more often than not, they're the ones that receive our acid words. We never stop to think about how it might affect them, we just know how we are feeling at the moment and want to "get it all out".

The sad thing is those words can never be taken back, and there will come a time when we regret them. We must purpose to think before we speak and let our words be kind and loving.

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying,

that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

Ephesians 4:29

Remember, when they're gone you won't be able to tell them how much you love them

Unforgiveness seems to plague family relationships. Petty little grudges multiply like weeds on a lawn. Before long the incident is forgotten but the feelings of resentment remain.

No one wants to be the first to apologize because they think the other person is the one in the wrong.

Time that can be spent loving and enjoying each other slips away with each passing day and everyone is miserable.

Don't fall into this trap. Be quick to forgive even if they don't ask for it. Never leave each other or hang up the phone without sincerely telling them you love them. It may be the last time you have a chance to.

When I was younger a friend's father died suddenly. I went with my mother to visit the widow and I have never forgotten her story. She sat sobbing and broken as she choked out the words.

She and her husband had had a fight the night before. In the heat of the argument she told him she hated him and wished he were dead. In her anger she slept on the couch that night. When she awoke in the morning he had died.

With swollen tear stained eyes she looked at us and said, "Those were the last words he heard me say and now I can never tell him I'm sorry."

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you".
Ephesians 4:32

Remember, when they're gone, suddenly their offenses will seem so small and insignificant

So think about it, pray about it and love 'em while you have 'em. Because you never know how long that will be.

***"Never leave each other or hang up the phone without
sincerely telling them you love them. It may be the last
time you have a chance to."***

Master's Builders at Fairfield, TX

Right after Memorial Day weekend, The Master's Builders arrived in Fairfield, TX, at Round Prairie Baptist Church. The Builders were there to help work on the interior of a new sanctuary.

Round Prairie is the home church for two of the Master's Builders couples, Donnie and Darlene Cockerell and Don and Pam Windham. It was such a blessing for these Builders to help at their home church.

Pastor Chris George, and wife Julie, made the group feel so welcomed.

The Master's Builders framed walls that were 28-foot tall around a new sanctuary that is approximately 100' x 100' and will have 650 seats! These tall walls had to be framed up on the floor before then being lifted with several man lifts to be put up high.

The 28-foot walls continued around the sanctuary and behind the changing rooms and closets which were built on each side of the stage.

The stage was also built and is 50ft. x 20ft. and is three feet tall with an inside staircase on each side.

The Builders also built a sound booth approximately 12ft. x 8ft. at the back of the sanctuary.

The way the walls were built was in two sections. First, a 16 ft. wall was built on the floor, raised, and secured. Then, 12 ft. walls were built on the floor, lifted, and placed on top of the 16ft. walls!

To place these walls, the Builders had to use a 40-foot man lift and a 20-foot scissor lift. It was very interesting watching these walls go up! Much praise and thankfulness was "lifted up" for these lifts each day! Thank you, Lord!

It is difficult to describe this process, but if you see the pictures and videos on Facebook, you will see how amazing this work was! Thank you again, Lord, for helping The Master's Builders men through their daily work at Round Prairie



and protecting them. Thankfully, only a few band-aids were issued from the first aid kit on this job!

This is the third visit to Round Prairie Baptist Church for the Master's Builders! In 2006 the Builders were called to build a family life center for the church. Then, in 2008 the Builders returned to turn that same family life center into a sanctuary, as the church had outgrown the old sanctuary! Now, they have outgrown it again! Praise God!

A big thank you to all the help from the Round Prairie church members, as this work was being done. Many members came to help when they could. One member, Jack Carroll, worked each day alongside the Builders.

It is such a blessing to The Master's Builders when they can work alongside folks from the church they are helping. There were so many to thank, and they know who they are!

The Builders want to send out a special thank you to Landon Bostic. This 16-year-old gave up several of his summer vacation days to work alongside the group and was such a big help. The Builders pray he also learned

some building skills along the way.

The Master's Builders were also blessed to have a young couple from Go Forth Baptist Church in Kilgore come out to help, John and Kelsey Gradberg.

This couple took some vacation time, brought their tent, and camped and worked with The Master's Builders the whole first week. They are certainly loved and appreciated by The Master's Builders and are the newest members to the group.

There is much prayer for the Lord to send workers, and the Builders are seeing this happen!

While the Builders worked at Round Prairie, their RVs were parked at a campground very near the church. Thank you to Sheldon and Helyn Williams, of Fairfield, for getting their RV park ready for the eight RVs.

This park had not been used for quite some time, and the Williams worked hard to prepare it for the stay. The Master's Builders loved their stay there, even with ALL the rain! Prayers for blessings on this couple for their generosity and kindness.

A BIG thank you to all the folks from Round Prairie who prearranged the many delicious meals that were served to the Builders. Monica and Reggie Davis, Kat and Ken Jones, Rodney and Mary Dodd, and many others coordinated and cooked for the group.

A lot of work and planning was done to make sure that all were well-fed while they worked. Once again, you know who you are, and you are much appreciated!

The Master's Builders next job is scheduled to be at Daniel Springs Encampment in Gary, TX, September 8-19. The Builders will be working on whatever Jason Prewitt, Camp Director, needs done around the camp in the way of repairs or new construction.

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Multiple Meetings on Horizon from BMAA Church Health

Here are the dates for the upcoming trainings and retreats we have going on through January 2026.

ReCharge- September 29-October 1 is at three nearby churches in the Memphis, TN, and South Haven, MS area. This is for pastors, ministry leaders within your church, and spouses.

We're trying something fun and different this year. We will journey together, like a progressive dinner, from one place to another for refueling and encouragement.

We'll be at Calvary Baptist, Horn Lake,

MS (Greg Cook's church) on September 29 from 6:00pm-8:00pm for a catered dinner and a great time of worship, testimony, and laughter with artist Michael O'Brien.

On Tuesday morning, September 30, we'll be at a Mosaic in Memphis, TN (Ali Chambers) for a Chick-fil-A breakfast, ladies' breakout with Lori Cline, men's ministry panel, and session 1 with pastor and author, Sam Rainer.

The rest of Tuesday is free to explore Memphis or rest until 7:00pm when

we'll gather at Central Baptist in South Haven (Anders Lee) for session 2 with Sam Rainer.

We'll conclude at Central again, the last morning on October 1, with a grab-and-mingle breakfast and session 3 with Sam Rainer.

Our worship time will be led by Kent Wiles from Rogers, AR. He led us last year and did a tremendous job.

Go to <https://bmaamerica.org/recharge/> to register!

Gary Rohrmayer will be at BMA Global on **December 9** doing a one-day training on coaching, remaining teachable, and pouring into leaders.

Reach out to me for more info.

January 16-17, Real Men Retreat at Daniel Springs Camp, Gary, TX (evening to lunchtime the next day). All men of the church are welcome, late teens and up.

Registration isn't open yet, but you can contact me to hold your spots.

January 30-31, Real Men Retreat at Stoneridge Camp, Jonesboro, AR. Same as above.

“Master’s Builders” continued

Some Builders will stay in the dorms, and others bring RVs as eight new “hook-ups” were put in several years ago. The Master's Builders always enjoy their time at the camp, and several of the group can include the camp in their salvation stories!

If you are in the area, please come by and visit. The Builders would love to meet you and tell you more about this ministry! If this job changes, we will post it on Facebook.

As always, The Master's Builders would encourage you to FOLLOW them on Facebook at “The Master's Builders” (arbor logo). Pray for this ministry, follow the jobs, and pray with them each day as they work. You will enjoy it! Rose Bittner does a wonderful job keeping it up-to-date and informative.

“Like” the page and follow. That way, you'll see the schedule of jobs and opportunities to visit.

If you have questions about the Master's Builders ministry, or if your church has building needs, contact Mike Green at (972) 935-3877,

David Axe at (903) 918-0702, or Eddie Sikes at (479) 462-1675.

Nelda Malone- Reporter

Additional Article from The Master's Builders:

Congratulations to one of our own, Mrs. Bettye White Wilson. Bettye was the recipient of the first-ever BMA National WMA Legacy Award!

Bettye and her husband John, are some of the original members of The Master's Builders joining the group in the early 1990's.

Bettye has been an active member in the WMA all of her adult life. She has taught and led women from all around the world and has a special interest in missions and missionaries.

Bettye and John are both still active members of the Master's Builders. Although they are no longer able to work on the construction sites, they are very involved with the group by utilizing their experience, leadership, and administrative skills to help the group.

Congratulations, Bettye! Well deserved recognition!

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth and Outreach Minister

LakeRidge, Lubbock, TX is hiring a full-time minister for Youth and Outreach.

This position will lead the church's ministry to youth and college-age students, take the primary leadership role in the church's sports outreach ministry, and oversee all other aspects of the church's outreach.

To find out more about the church and position, go to:

www.mylakeridgebaptist.org/jobs

Interested candidates can inquire about the position by emailing:

leadership@mylakeridgebaptist.org.

"That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

"Dual Controls"

It had just turned cold so we put the electric blanket on the bed. There are dual controls on it, so it can be adjusted for comfort for either side. I wasn't all that cold, so I didn't turn my side on.

However, I woke up about an hour after going to sleep. I was burning up. I looked at my control and it was still off. However, Lelia's control was on "high." (Actually, more accurate terms would be "bake" or "broil.") I put my foot on her side of the bed and it was cold.

When we put the blanket on the bed, we had inadvertently switched the controls, so that her unit controlled my side of the blanket and mine controlled hers. She had turned hers up to get warm.

When she continued to be cold, she cranked it on up. I solved the problem by tuning her side off and mine on.

This incident reminded me of the time I went to a dentist. He had deadened my gums and had begun to work on my teeth. However, the sharp fingernail on his little finger was digging into my chin which hadn't been numbed.

As I began to squirm, he thought it was because of the teeth work and eased up on the drilling. However, the more he shifted pressure away from the drill, the more his fingernail dug into my chin! He suddenly stopped drilling and reached for the needle to give me more pain medication. That was when I was finally able to tell him the real problem.

This incident also sort of reminds me of Jesus' illustration of the people of His generation in Matthew 11:16-17. He said His generation was "...like unto children sitting in the market place and calling unto their fellows, and saying, 'We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have

not lamented."

They were "calling the shots" without any authority and were getting upset because they weren't getting any response from those who were not under their control.

Lelia was giving the blanket a command, but it wasn't responding to her side, because it wasn't controlling her side. Although she cranked up the heat even more, she still got not results on her side.

In the passage above, Jesus' condemnation was more serious than the control on an electric blanket however.

He ends His illustration by saying, "But wisdom is justified in her children."

His critics were using a double standard of judgment. They condemned in such a way that it didn't matter which way something was done, they were going to condemn it.



They condemned John saying he had a demon because he didn't eat or drink. But they also condemned Jesus because He did eat and drink and they said He was a winebibber and a glutton.

Don't you just love that type of critic? I once had a boss who was much the same way. It didn't matter how I did something, or what decision I made he would find a way to condemn it.

As irritated as I got with him about that, I can only imagine what inflection Jesus Christ must have used in His condemnation of His critics in this passage. Especially since their criticism was aimed at God's chosen forerunner of Christ and God's only Begotten Son, something far more serious than my boss's criticism of my decisions.

But God's condemnation of criticism also extends to criticism of any of His children.

"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand." Romans 14:4

Latest News from Sunray, Purcell

Hello, friends from Sunray Baptist Church in Purcell. We are inviting everyone to the Oklahoma BMA state meeting October 3-4. The meeting will be held at our church. We look forward to seeing everyone who can attend. We hope there will be a lot of churches represented at the meeting.

Our church recently had VBS. The theme was "Wonder Junction". It was a wonderful curriculum. We were blessed to have been able to minister to about 50 children and families during that week. God blessed us with lots of parents and grandparents and members at our program on the following Sunday.

Over the past year, God has greatly blessed our church with many new families and lots of children. God poured out his blessings at the perfect time. We are beginning a new "Diaper and Wipes" ministry for our community. We are praying many people will be saved thru this ministry.

We would be so happy to hear reports from our sister churches. We serve a mighty God! We should always share JESUS with our family, friends and neighbors.

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“Now we are witnessing a civil war between those who want to keep the old America, or what is left of it, and those who want to destroy the old America and establish a new “woke” one. There can be no compromise.”

conference in Jerusalem in 2014, Pete Hegseth (who was confirmed as Trump’s Secretary of Defense in January 2025), said, “There’s no reason why the miracle of the re-establishment of the temple on the Temple Mount is not possible. I don’t know how it would happen. You don’t know how it would happen, but I know that it could happen” (The Times of Israel, Nov. 14, 2024).

Mr. Hegseth was wrong in saying we don’t know how it will happen. God’s Word has told us. It will happen at the beginning of the reign of the Antichrist when he comes on the scene as a great peace maker and world problem solver and makes a seven-year covenant with Israel (Daniel 9:27).

The world will receive him as the harbinger of the Age of Aquarius. Operating under the power of the god of this world, he will make the building of the Third Temple possible.

We see this in Revelation 11 which occurs during the first three and a half years of the Antichrist’s rule. The 42 months and 1,260 days are mentioned in verses 2 and 3.

We see the temple being measured in verses 1-2 and two miracle-working prophets preaching in Jerusalem in verses 3-12. A building is measured when it is built, and the temple will be built in a very short time as soon as the go-ahead is given. Everything is ready.

Third Temple organizations have constructed the priestly garments, the high priest’s golden crown and breastplate with its 12 precious stones, a copper laver, an incense altar, silver trumpets, gold- and silver-plated shofars,

harps, and the gold menorah.

They are breeding red heifers in Shiloh. Rabbi Yisrael Ariel says all of the materials for the operation of the temple are “all ready in crates in the basement, so that when we reach Jerusalem there will be trucks that unload everything, and we can get to work” (“Ariel’s Jerusalem,” Arutz Sheva, May 7, 2015).

The New Testament believer won’t see Revelation 11 fulfilled. Our blessed hope is Christ, not the Antichrist. Our expectation is an imminent (any time) return of Christ.

“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand”.
Philippians 4:5

Here are some more surprising and thought provoking statistics about Christians in the United States, based on recent studies from sources like Pew Research, Barna Group, Lifeway Research, and Gallup:

Christianity Is Declining Rapidly

Only 63% of Americans now identify as Christian (Pew Research, 2021), down from 90% in the 1970s. If trends continue, Christians could be a minority by 2070.

Church Attendance Is Even Lower Than Belief

While 63% say they are Christian, only about 28–30% attend a church service once a week. That means over half of self-identified Christians don’t go to church regularly.

Fewer Than 10%

Hold a Biblical Worldview

According to Barna (2023), only 6% of U.S. adults—and just 19% of born-again Christians—have a Biblical worldview, meaning they believe in core Biblical principles like absolute moral truth and salvation through Christ alone.

Evangelicals

Are a Small Minority

Though often highly visible, evangelical Christians make up only 23–25% of the population, and that number is shrinking, especially among young people.

Gen Z Christians

Are Doubting More

Among Gen Z (ages 10–25), over 45% of those raised in a Christian environment say they have serious doubts about their faith, and many cite the church’s stance on social issues as a reason.

Bible Reading

Is Shockingly Rare

Only 11% of Americans read the Bible daily (American Bible Society, 2023). More than half of self-described Christians say they rarely or never read Scripture.

Half of Pastors

Are Seriously Considering

Leaving Ministry

According to Barna (2023), 42% of pastors have seriously considered quitting full-time ministry in the past year due to stress, isolation, and pressure.

Christian Persecution

Is Increasing Domestically

Legal pressure against Christian individuals and ministries is rising.

A Majority of Christians

Can’t Define the Great Commission

A Lifeway Research study found that 51% of U.S. churchgoers have never heard of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20), or can’t explain what it means.

Source: Legal Alert

“Transgender”

By Dr. John Adams
Executive Director, Moral Action

According to Family Research Council, local church congregations are important social institutions in each community. Any effort to mobilize like-minded parents to express concern about school policies regarding human sexuality should not overlook the church.

Talk to your pastor about your concerns. Ask if the pastor would be willing to be a spokesman for community efforts, or to talk to the congregation in a workshop service. Ask if you can be given time to make an announcement to enlist support.

Some people may be concerned about the church becoming too political. These issues do involve public policy decisions made by elected officials; they are not partisan – they should not involve political parties or elections.

The church has an obligation to play a prophetic role, not just an evangelistic one, in its witness to the community, and seeking to influence the education of our children is a crucial area of concern.

Why are we hearing so much about the transgender movement in general, and about who should use which bathroom, locker room, and shower in particular? The term “transgender” is now commonly used with the opposite sex from what they actually are biologically.

A person who was born biologically male, but who wants to be, or feels psychologically that he actually is, female, would be considered transgender; as would a person born biologically female who wants to be, or feels she is, male.

How to Talk to Your Children About Transgender Issues

The most important thing for parents to communicate to their children about this issue is that God created each of us either male or female, as it says in Genesis 1:27: “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created

them.”

This short but profound verse implies several things:

Our “maleness” or “femaleness” is an essential part of our humanity as God created us.

It is good to be male, and it is good to be female, because in either case, we have the image of God; and

We have neither the right nor the power to change the sex (male or female) that God has given us, because it is part of his created order.

Our sons should be taught to appreciate and celebrate being boys, and our daughters should be taught to appreciate and celebrate being girls.

Girls can grow up to be astronauts or truck drivers, and boys can grow up to be nurses or ballet dancers. Only a girl can become a mother or a wife; and only a boy can become a father or a husband.

The fact that some boys want to be girls and some girls would prefer to be boys may be disturbing and confusing to young children.

It is not wise to bring this issue up unless the child has already been confronted with it in some way. There is no need to create unnecessary anxiety.

The child’s first exposure to the transgender issue may come through the school’s sex education curriculum – may have an innocent-sounding name such as “family life and human development.”

Even very young children are being exposed to concepts such as sexual orientation and gender identity using tools like a cartoon character known as “the Gender Unicorn,” according to Family Research Council.

If anyone makes your child feel uncomfortable in the restroom, locker room, or shower, the child should

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immediately tell someone in authority in the school (a teacher, a nurse, or administrator) and should tell you as the parent.

If the school insists that the transgender student has the right to use that facility, have your child ask to use a more private facility, such as a single-user, faculty, or nurse’s restroom.

According to Dr. Peter Sprigg, “if you have concerns about what your child is being taught or exposed to in the school curriculum, the first person to talk to is your child’s classroom teacher.”

Identify which teacher’s class contains the material, such as a health teacher.

If you have concerns about what your child is being taught, a conversation with the teacher can help you to understand who is really responsible for that material being taught.

In that case, you know that complaining to or criticizing the teacher will do no good, and you need to go to a higher authority.