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The Main Idea

By Pastor Karen Taylor,
Contributor

I'm a pretty simple person; nothing too complicated about me. I don't claim to have any high fluent ideas, but I do take time most days to meditate on scripture and ask God to give me understanding on ideas/concepts in the Word. One thing He and I have been talking about lately is how out of whack Christians have become over the years. So many take one concept and make it the "main idea". It can be anything from money to child care to sexual orientation.

My understanding is that the main idea is the story of Jesus and how He became the propitiation for us so that we do not have to withstand the wrath of God.

Have you ever asked yourself "what am I saved from?" I've always answered that question with saved from hell. But lately I've been thinking on a little different line. Perhaps we are saved from the wrath of God. When sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, God was angry that they did not follow the one thing He instructed them not to do. It was that one act that separated us from an intimate relationship with the Father. Without going into all the history at this point, Jesus became the final sacrifice that would bridge that gap so you and I could walk intimately with our God. This is the Gospel, the good news, the main idea that every Christian should be concerned with.

I believe we are all born with the desire/need for that closeness to the Father. A God sized hole in our hearts, if you will. I believe we long for that relationship with Him much like we do our earthly parents. I've always thought (based on talking to those I know who have been adopted) that adopted children (whether they know they

are adopted or not) have an emptiness, a hole, that isn't filled until they find (or settle in their mind about) their biological parent(s). Of course there are many factors that come into play regarding whether or not they do pursue their birth parents. Personally, I never had a relationship with my father and my mother died when I was 9 years old so I can relate to this idea. That burning desire to know your biological parent is the same spiritually speaking as well. We innately have a desire to know our spiritual Father because it was first His desire for which He purposed us.

There are no words to express how it saddens me to hear people in the name of Christianity spouting off hate and dogma. It also saddens me when I hear people make commitments about fleeing Christians/Christianity because of the hate and/or dogma they have had to endure. My Bible teaches me that they (the world) will know we are Christians by our love for one another. When Jesus walked the streets people were drawn to Him. Some of those people wanted to get to know Him, others needing His helping hand, and still others were simply perplexed by Him. We as His followers should exhibit a life that attracts people in a similar fashion. If I say or do something that makes another run away from God I'm totally missing the point.

I thank God daily for the opportunity to be a part of His family. I seek daily to walk in accordance to His Word and walk worthy of the fact that I am His child. I desire to live a life that speaks of the love of God, the mercy of God, and the truth of God. If you would like to know more about having this relationship with the Father contact me via our churches web site, coming to church, or calling me. I would love to discuss it further with you.

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TWISTING the month away!!!

By TriNity, Contributor

As Reign 31 continues, we also continue working to grow the organization's membership. October was no exception, We spent the month doing what we do best socializing. While we are a fundraising organization, we are also a SOCIAL organization. We kicked off the month by attending Just Fund Kentucky's reading of the the play "8" at the The Kentucky Theater.

Members of both Male and Female lines as well as the Monarchs, help Just Fund by selling tickets before the reading and during the cast party at the Black Box. Our Dowager Empress, Empress 30 Shotz, and PR Christina Puse and I also provided a little entertainment during this party as well. It was a great night of meeting new faces and seeing some familiar ones as well.

In addition to the numerous get togethers at Crossings and Pulse just to relax and plan the next month and work out details for upcoming events, we hosted the ROCK THE VOTE show. A show to remind everyone how important it is to get out and VOTE in this election. We all donned our patriotic drag and pulled out the inspirational songs and had a fun night, hopefully inspiring those attending to get out and participate in what is our most important CIVIC DUTY!!!!

We went to Morehead State University and provided some entertainment for the "LIFE'S A DRAG" fundraiser put on by the MSU ALLYance group. Those kids sure know how to make you feel like a rock star!!!! This event gave us another chance to grow our or-

ganization by speaking with the students about who and what we are, while helping them raise money at the same time. This event was also a contest for the students who participated as either individual drag queens/kings, groups and organizations on campus. The show was a huge success, and all the money they raise at it, they donated to AVOL!!!!

We finished off the month with our always popular DIVA OF DARKNESS pageant held at Pulse Nightlife. And with it being on Halloween night, and Benita Bloom stepping down, you know it was a night not to be missed. Especially with yours truly as Empress, you know I love me a good ol'e dark night of TWISTED drag!!!!

So as you can tell we are always busy working tirelessly for our community doing what we love. This month brings so much more, as we continue staying TWISTED. Don't forget: Anyone interested in the ICK can contact any member of our Board of Directors or either Monarch Emperor 31 BigD Lyons or myself. Anyone wishing to vote in the election of new Monarchs in June 2013 at Coronation 32 needs to become a member by November 30, 2012.

Additionally, is also the renewal period for current members. Our membership fee is \$10, as is the renewal. You can become a member or pay the renewal at any event by speaking with either Monarch or a member of our Board of Directors.

Membership applications are available at the door at all events. Valid ID is required for new members. So come join the ICK and help us grow!!!

Kentucky Book Fair Extends Invitation to Transgender Author

Just one year after Chaz Bono's introduction of the transgender community to America via his appearance on "Dancing with the Stars," the Kentucky Book Fair extends an invitation to transgender author and Versailles resident, Alana Nicole Sholar, to participate in their 31st annual event.

According to information found at their website, the Book Fair is Kentucky's premier literary event and one of the largest of its kind in the nation and is operated by a non-profit independent board of volunteers, with co-sponsorship from the State Journal (Frankfort's daily newspaper); the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (a state government entity); the University Press of Kentucky; and Joseph Beth Booksellers, Lexington, Kentucky.

"I guess you could say I was a little discouraged when we first contacted Connie Crowe, Manager of the Kentucky Book Fair, and asked how one goes about participating in the event. Ms. Crowe explained that participation is 'by invitation only,' after an author selection committee reviews submitted books. She also shared that 'nearly 400 books are submitted annually.' With only enough space for about 150 authors to participate, I just assumed I was probably wasting my time submitting my memoir, "Hung in the Middle: A Journey of Gender Discovery." I assumed being self-published with the help of EWH Press, the number of

books vying for participation in the event, and, of course, the possible controversy of inviting a transgender author to participate, there was no way I'd receive an invitation. But, I assumed incorrectly," said Alana Nicole Sholar.

"Of course, I've held book signings at and participated in several GLBT (gay, lesbian, bi, and transgender) events. However, being a transgender author invited to participate in an event as prestigious as the Kentucky Book Fair is not only a great honor, but it's huge for the community," shared Sholar. Chapter 1 and Alana's "Interview with the Author" are available at www.hunginthemiddle.com. The book can be purchased online at the website, at Amazon.com, Amazon.co.uk, and BarnesAndNoble.com. The 31st annual Kentucky Book Fair takes place on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Frankfort Convention Center.

Come join us at our PFLAG meeting!

Tuesday, November 13
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Alana Nicole Sholar - A Journey of Gender Discovery

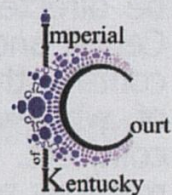
Alana will share her experiences as a transgender male to female. A native Kentuckian, Alana's coming out process culminated in the recent publication of her memoir, "Hung in the Middle," described as a "...frank and honest portrayal of her bittersweet ...struggle with gender identity, sexuality, self-acceptance, and love." Both Alana and her spouse, Bobbie, will be present to answer questions.

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Two Pinguino PAC C120E Air conditioning units with remote controls and all that have barely been used. Works great! Retails normally for \$400+ but selling for \$325 but negotiable. Contact the Pride Center at 859-253-3233 for more information and/or to see the units.

Fur Coat For Sale

Gorgeous Fur Coat valued at \$15,000. Asking only \$3,000 but negotiable. Would be great for an elegant drag performer or classy real girl. Pictures available upon request. If interested, please contact Joyce K Cruse at 859-254-6825.

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For more information or to

place a FREE classified ad in our next edition, please email the detailed info to Chad at chad@glso.org. All classifieds should be directed through the Pride Center and should be short but contain the basic information of who, what, when, where, cost, etc. Deadline for all submissions to the GLSO Newsletter is November 20, 2012.

Gay Disability Support Group Forming

If you are a member of the LGBT community and you are disabled, please contact the GLSO Pride Center to show your interest in joining a support group. Members of the LGBT community who are also disabled face many different obstacles and this group wants to help. Contact the center today at 859 253 3233.

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A community resource page for gay and/or gay-friendly organizations across Kentucky.

HIV/STD Testing, Services & Info.

AIDS Volunteers Inc (AVOL)	859.225.3000
Cumberland Region, SE Ky.	606.864.3776
	888.425.7282
Health Dept., Fayette	859.288.2437
	877.606.2437
Health Dept., Jessamine	859.885.4149
Health Dept., Woodford	859.873.4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502.584.1254
Louisville Region	502.574.0161
Moveable Feast	859.252.2867
Northern Ky. Region	859.341.4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859.323.5643

Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	800.928.8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	800.999.9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859.967.9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859.277.1877
Bluegrass COLTS	859.225.9169
Council for Peace & Justice	859.225.6999
Discussion Group	859.253.3233
Fairness of Louisville	502.893.0788
Gay Straight Alliance, Teens	859.266.5904
GLSO Pride Center	859.253.3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859.619.7521
International Gay Bowling	859.276.3058
Kentucky Fairness	270.703.1582
Lexington Fairness	859.951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859.252.4931
Lexington Insight Group	859.230.2428
Lexington Pride Festival	859.253.3233
MACT	859.358.8335
PFLAG Lexington	859.338.7393
PLFAG Louisville	502.329.0229

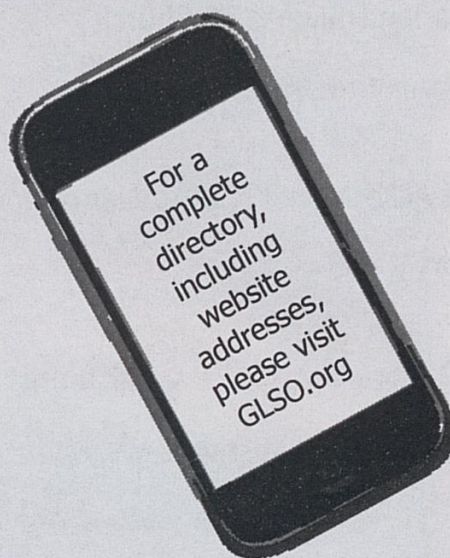
Sister Sound	859.806.0243
Social Services, Lexington	211
Speaker's Bureau	859.266.5904
TransKentucky	cassiemtf@ yahoo.com
United Way	859.313.5465

Religious Groups

Integrity, Ky. Diocese	859.369.9691
Integrity, St. Martha's	859.533.9851
Interweave, Unitarian	859.266.5904
Lex Friends, Quakers	859.254.3319
Mercy Ministry Church	859.358.0580
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Berea College ACE	859.958.3633
Centre College BGLA	859.238.5332
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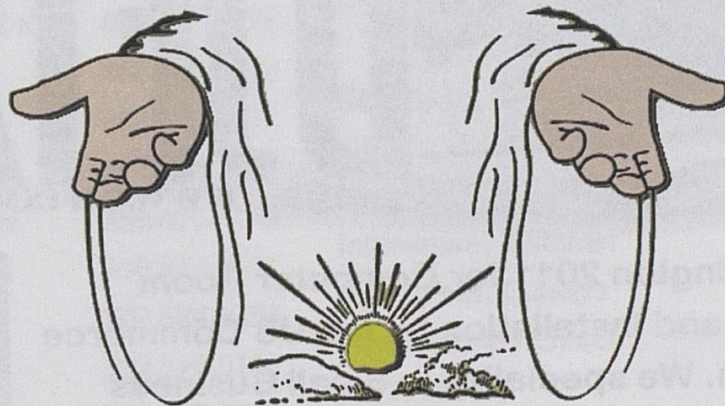
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