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Members of UKHope enjoy a welcome back dinner last month on campus.

UKY OUTSource Offers variety of services

OUTsource is a volunteer based organization that seeks to make a more inclusive campus by educating students of issues faced in the LGBTQIA community. Company Overview The outsource is UK's LGBTQIA resource center. We are driven by a wonderful team of volunteers and a fantastic executive board. We provide a safe space for conversation and just plain chilling out. Our friends range from students to activists with space for everyone in between! In addition to the human resources we provide in our volunteers and our community of friends, we check-out books, dvds, ...and cds on two week loans on a

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UKHope Welcomes New Members

University of Kentucky Health Occupation Professionals for Equality (UK HOPE) was founded in the fall of 2008. Our mission is to promote a more inclusive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students, faculty, and staff at the University of Kentucky.

Representing the first official LGBT advocacy group on the UK medical campus, we attract a diverse membership of LGBT students, faculty, staff, and their allies. There are no requirements for joining the group; being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender is not requisite, and in fact many of our members are not. The only requirement is a desire to be supportive of and interested in promoting sexual equality. We welcome any and all who are interested to attend our meetings or send us an email.

We intend to make this website a hub for all things LGBT on the UK medical campus. Please come back and visit us as we work to develop our primary goals: Establishing a mentorship network among faculty, staff, alumni, and students from UK's six health professional colleges. Promoting curricular innovations that better prepare health profession students to meet the special health needs of LGBT people.

Sponsoring LGBT programming that engages the UK HealthCare community in a productive dialogue about LGBT health and culture. Helping UK attract and retain more outstanding LGBT students, faculty, and staff. Can you help us with these efforts? Have suggestions for the website? Please contact us!

Join Us! Faculty, staff, and students meet approximately once a month to discuss LGBT issues and plan future events.

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The mission of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to provide support and services to the GLBTQQIA community.

The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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SisterSound Rehearsals Start September 18

SisterSound, the Lexington Women's Chorus, will start rehearsals for the 2011-2012 season on Sunday, September 18, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at Centenary Methodist Church, 2800 Tates Creek Road, Lexington. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE IN DATE.

SisterSound is a non-audition chorus so if you are a woman age 18 or older, love to sing, can match pitch with those around you and like to have fun and work hard at the same time, please join the "Sisters" and their new director, Rob Vanover for the 16th season of good times and good music. New and returning members are always welcome.

For more information call Patti at (859) 806-0243 or check out www.sistersound.org

GLSO Discussion Group

The GLSO is proud to announce the continuation of a GLSO tradition--the weekly Discussion Group. Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. our Discussion Group takes place at the GLSO Pride Center located in Suite 100 of 389 Waller Avenue here in Lexington.

The Discussion Group is open to everyone and is a safe place where members of our community can meet to discuss most any topic. Topics include but are not limited to issues associated with coming out, families, home life, and much more. And, of course, the meetings are completely confidential.

Everyone is welcome to stop by and join the Discussion Group. Hope to see you there!

Weight Loss Challenge Kick-Off

Tuesday, September 20, 2011
5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
William Wells Brown Community Center
548 East Sixth Street
FREE and open to the public
Everyone interested in the Challenge must sign up. All participants will receive a Free health risk assessment by Central Baptist HealthwoRx. Classes will meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.. (Classes will include low impact aerobics, zumba, yoga, hoop dancing, self-defense, etc.)
The weight room is open Monday - Friday, 5 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m..
For more information, please contact Mark Johnson at 859-288-2391.

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wide range of topics pertaining to gender identity, sexuality and more! We are open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the school year. We are located on the first floor of the UK student center (across from Student Government/ underneath Starbucks). Come by and see us! The outsource exists to provide an affirming, safe, and confidential space for GLBTQQIA students to learn more about gender identity, human sexuality, and related issues by providing access to academic, cultural, and interpersonal resources; and to change the campus climate and culture to become more inclusive of GLBTQQIA students by embracing diversity.

Effective fall 2010, all of our volunteers are QPR (suicide prevention) and S.E.E.D.S. (bystander violence intervention and prevention) trained and happy to talk to you about just about anything. Most of us even give great hugs! We consider our friends to be our greatest resource and we celebrate their stories and contributions to our center every day.
Email outsourceuiky@gmail.com

GLSEN School Climate Study

The gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth in our community need our support. Many teens are coming out, standing proud, and working to help other youth in their schools. We see a lot of progress. But research indicates that many GLBT teens are struggling.

A number of organizations in our community are making efforts to work with teens. GLSO is receiving a JustFund grant to implement a Youth Empowerment Project for which we are working to raise matching funds.

GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students. GLSEN seeks to develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes to creating a more vibrant and diverse community.

GLSEN's biennial National School Climate Survey is the only national survey to document the experiences of students who identify as LGBT in America's secondary schools. They have published an analysis of their cumulative ten years of research. Their conclusions contained both positive and negative

84.6% of LGBT students reported being verbally harassed, 40.1% reported being physically harassed and 18.8% reported being physically assaulted at school because of their sexual orientation. The numbers for gender presentation were at a lower level but perhaps because the words use to harass are more often related to orientation even though it is often gender variance that draws the negative attention to particular students.

Nearly two-thirds (61.1%) of students reported that they felt unsafe

in school because of their sexual orientation, and more than a third (39.9%) felt unsafe because of their gender expression. 30% of GLBT students missed at least one day of school in the past month because of safety concerns, compared to only 8.0% of students in general.

Increased levels of victimization were related to lower grades, increased levels of depression and anxiety, and decreased levels of self-esteem.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found similar results and recently reported that GLBT youth are at higher risk than straight youth for seven out of ten health dangers that they track including drug use, smoking, violence, weight problems, and suicide.

Being out in school has both positive and negative repercussions for LGBT students.

The GLSEN research indicates that those who choose to be out at school have higher levels of victimization, but also higher levels of psychological well-being.

Having a Gay-Straight Alliance in a school was related to more positive experiences for LGBT students, including: hearing fewer homophobic remarks, less victimization because of sexual orientation and gender expression, less absenteeism because of safety concerns and a greater sense of belonging to the school community.

The atmosphere in schools is slowly changing, and GLBTQQI youth need our support and attention. What can you do? You can support the work of GLSO, Lexington Fairness, and PFLAG as we work with young people.

Financial support is always welcome and we need volunteers to work on our projects and fund raisers. To volunteer call the Pride Center at 859 253-3233 or email Chad@glso.org.



Members of ECU's Alphabet Center participate in this year's Lexington Pride Festival

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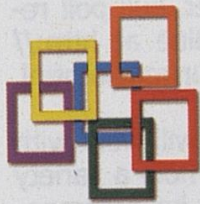
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HRC Launches "On the Road to Equality" – Nationwide LGBT Equality Bus Tour

Washington – The Human Rights Campaign – the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization – today announced "On the Road to Equality," a nationwide bus tour to spread the message of equality by educating the American public and empowering LGBT people to become advocates for themselves and their families. The 12 week tour will travel to 17 cities in 11 states and D.C., with particular emphasis on the Midwest and South where there are limited legal protections for LGBT people and living openly and honestly can be difficult. Events will include everything from educational seminars on legal documents for families to community forums about family acceptance to participating in the University of Nebraska's "Big Red Welcome."

Today HRC also released a nationwide poll that found Americans widely support LGBT equality issues but more work remains to be done – particularly in the South and Midwest where support lags other regions. The poll shows support for equal marriage at 51 percent (43 percent in the Midwest and South), in line with other national polls on the issue. Support for non-discrimination protections for LGBT people in employment, housing and public accommodations is strong nationally at 79 percent, as is support for protections against bullying in schools at 73 percent. Respondents also overwhelmingly say anti-gay discrimination is a problem (79 percent) and anti-transgender discrimination is a problem (74 percent).

Aside from policy questions, 57 percent of respondents say they would not be bothered if their child or grandchild was gay. Seventy-seven percent of men say they could be close friends with a gay man and 81 percent of women say they could be close friends with a lesbian. Overall, 64 percent say they could be close friends with

someone who is transgender. Relating to the current debate over so-called "pray the gay away" therapies, only 24 percent of people think gay people can be made straight through psychotherapy or prayer. Full poll results can be found online at http://www.hrc.org/bus_tour/media.html.

At each tour stop, HRC will work with the local community to hold a variety of events. The bus will be accompanied by an exhibit offering primers on everyday life topics including: your family, your health, your rights, your community, your faith, your workplace and your story. Separate from the bus, HRC will also offer a variety of workshops and educational seminars with particular emphasis on workplace and health care equality, schools and bullying issues and religion and faith.

The tour schedule is as follows:

Aug 12-14	Salt Lake City, UT
Aug 19-21	Omaha & Lincoln, NE
Aug 26-28	Lawrence, KS
Sept 1-5	New Orleans, LA
Sept 9-11	Austin, TX
Sept 16-18	Little Rock, AR

Sept 23-25 Louisville & Lexington, KY

Sept 30-Oct 3	Washington, DC
Oct 7-9	Atlanta, GA
Oct 14-16	Birmingham, AL
Oct 21-23	Jacksonville, FL
Oct 28-30	Orlando, FL

Among the 11 states the "On the Road to Equality" tour will visit, none has a state-wide non-discrimination law including sexual orientation or gender identity. Additionally, none has any form of state relationship recognition and all have passed discriminatory constitutional amendments to ban marriage for same-sex couples.

Many have laws prohibiting the positive discussion of gays and lesbians in schools and few have safe-schools laws that include LGBT students. More on the legal landscape in these states is at www.hrc.org/EqualityTourPress.

LAL September, 2011 Calendar

LAL Exhibitions:

LAL @ Loudoun House

More is More
Thru September 11, 2011
More is More examines a common tendency towards multiples and repetition in contemporary art. Whether it's an influence from industry, technology, materialism or consumerism, these serial acts have profound implications about the society that created them. The exhibition was Curated by Melissa Vandenberg and features works by 58 artists from 27 states.
LAL @ Loudoun House: 209 Castlewood Drive, Lexington, KY 40505
Gallery Hours: Tues – Fri 10a – 4p; Sat – Sun 1p – 4p. For more information, visit www.lexingtonartleague.org or call 859.254.7024.

LAL Project Space: Everything is Related to Everything
LAL @ Loudoun House | 209 Castlewood Dr., Lexington, KY
Thru September 11, 2011
Everything is Related to Everything, by artist Cedar Lorca Nordbye, is a "print-stallation" that uses graphic theatricality and abundant juxtaposition of unlikely families of signs to illustrate the interconnectivity of all things. A form of interconnectivity that is dominant in this construction (built primarily of painting and screen-printing on wood) is our shared water supply. Beneath the surface lie hidden currents. Waterways, trickle through fissures in rock and sand, bubbling up into secret spots in lakes or creeks or oases to remind us of our ethical connections and our social obligations.
LAL @ Loudoun House: 209 Castlewood Drive, Lexington, KY 40505
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LAL @ Loudoun House

Re:Play curated by Lexington Film League
September 23 – October 16, 2011
Re:Play explores the conceptual and technical breadth of contemporary vid-

eo artists working with found media as source material. As appropriation, each piece is not just a replay, it is a reply, a conversation that refers to the original message. Over the last decade, technology such as media extraction and programming, and platforms like YouTube, have amplified the material for this conversation, adding to nearly a century of experimental filmmaking which solidified found footage as both a self-expressive and sociopolitical genre. Curated by the Lexington Film League, Re:Play exhibits 20 videos by 16 local and national artists.
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The Mezzanine Gallery at the Government Center, Curated by LAL

Thru September 9, 2011
Now in its third installment at its new location, the Mezzanine Gallery at the Government Center above Mayor Jim Gray's office will feature recent works by Jennifer Reis and Stacey Chinn. Reis and Chinn are also the jurors for 2011's American Founders Bank Woodland Art Fair.
The Government Center: 200 East Main St., Lexington, KY 40507
Gallery Hours: Mon – Fri 9a – 5p. For more information, visit www.lexingtonartleague.org or call 859.254.7024.

The Mezzanine Gallery at the Government Center, Curated by LAL Culture Flux by Joel Feldman,

in partnership with the Confucius Institute at the University of Kentucky
September 16 – November 11, 2011

The two pieces, Caochangdi (2009) and Markets and Malls (2010-2011) consist of sequential photographs shown as looping slide shows and stop action animations. They are presented on multiple monitors allowing the images to constantly interact and inter-relate in a manner similar to the constant and rapid shifting juxtaposition of images confronting a visitor to either the Beijing urban village Caochangdi or the ubiquitous shopping venues in Hong Kong.

EKU Alphabet Center Ready for new school year

by Adam Denney, Contributor

Eastern Kentucky University is one of the few universities in Kentucky that offers a safe space dedicated to the LGBTQ culture. This space is known as EKU's Alphabet Center. Opening in October of 2010, EKU's Alphabet Center has become an activist group pushing for Queer rights in the Commonwealth and has received tremendous respect from EKU and other advocate organizations. EKU's Alphabet Center has become one of the leading forces pushing for the passing of a Fairness Ordinance in Richmond. This would provide equal protection in housing, employment, and public accommodations to LGBTQ citizens. This year the ABC Center is launching State of the Gay Campaign. This campaign utilizes the four pillars of advocacy; activism, awareness, affirmation, and education. The campaign is sponsored by many reputable organizations and business including the QX, ACLU, GLSO, Lexington Fairness, Fairness Coalition, PFLAG, KFA, and more. Each month the center will focus on universal topics within our community like fairness issues, global issues, queer history, and Trans issues. One event that is fast approaching is the TGIF (Thank God Its Fairness) party at The Paddy Wagon. This event will be Friday, September 23rd from 8 p.m. to close. The Paddy Wagon is speaking out with The ABC Center to encourage the Richmond City Officials to pass fairness and end legal discrimination. This event is unique because it a party of advocacy for the LGBTQ community hosted by a bar that many would say is a 'straight' bar. Although, the Paddy Wagon prides themselves in saying that they are a 'peoples' bar welcoming all persons. The ABC Center will also host an event called 'Being Gay and Christian' on EKU's campus. This event, scheduled in October, will bring together several Christian denominations as they speak of the importance IN acceptance in the Christian

religion. There are many ways to get involved with The ABC Center and State of the Gay Campaign. "We call ourselves The Alphabet Center because everyone has a letter. It doesn't matter if you identify as gay, straight, queer, black, white, or polka dot! The alphabet is inclusive to everyone and so are we!" says Adam Denney co-president of the center. For more information regarding the center and its events you can check out their website. www.alphabetcenter.com

TGIF (Thank God It's Fairness) Party

When: Friday September 23rd
Where: The Paddy Wagon in Richmond. Main St.
Time: 8 p.m. to Close.

As many of you know EKU's Alphabet Center, other organizations, and community members have been pushing for a Fairness Ordinance in the city of Richmond for a long time. This ordinance would finally put an end to legal discrimination to the LGBTQ community in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The Paddy Wagon in Richmond is a very reputable business and a highly populated bar for the community and EKU students alike. They are stepping up to say their business does not discriminate on any persons including the LGBTQ community. The TGIF party will help send a message to other business owners and the city government that fairness is universal. The TGIF party will have many purposes in the community.

1. TGIF will educate the community on current legal polices that allow discrimination to the LGBTQ community.
2. TGIF will affirm a safe atmosphere of cultural understanding and acceptance within a diverse population in attendance.
3. TGIF will bring awareness to the Richmond City Government that a Fairness Ordinance is needed and our citizens want to see it happen.
4. TGIF will advocate not only for the LGBTQ community in Richmond but other cities as well.

**ICK Fall Schedule
Includes
Standing Strong
Fund raiser
by ShotZ, Contributor**

Diva's of Hazzard, the Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball, to Forever Your Girl, August has been an amazing ride! We would like to thank the community for supporting these shows and congratulate our new Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball winner, Miss Shenita Eatsum! We would also like to give a very special thanks to Viscountess to Reign XXX, Christina Puse. She imagined and then produced the ICK show "Forever Your Girl: Diva's of the 80's and 90's". Thank you Christina for stepping up to the plate and working so hard to raise money for our community! Bravo!

The Imperial Court of Kentucky also attended Empty Bowls and the Woodland Arts Fair to help Moveable Feast raise money and awareness for their organization. Empty Bowls was amazingly successful; every bowl was sold before the event even ended! And at the Woodland Arts Fair we had the opportunity to speak with people interested in volunteering for Moveable Feast helping them achieve their mission along with selling some pies for a good cause.

September is gearing up to be quite a busy month as well. We will be attending Coronation activities in Cincinnati, OH on the weekend of September 9 - 11 and the Inaugural Ball of the newly formed Imperial Court chapter of Washington, D.C on the weekend of September 16- 18. We invite you all to join us, go to www.impcourt.org and click on Calendars to see information on specific dates and times for these out of town activities. Or, if you have additional questions you can email us at info@imperialcourtkentucky.org.

We will be hosting a very special show at Crossings Lexington on

Wednesday, September 14, 2011, entitled "Standing Strong". This show will be a fund raiser for the GLSO to help them implement their Youth Empowerment Training Project! The funds from this show will help GLSO implement leadership training in areas such as basic diversity education, suicide prevention and empower our GSA's to reach out to a diverse population. Let's help the GLSO empower our youth to "Stand Strong."

Fall is upon us and with fall comes Halloween and we know what that means, our annual Diva of Darkness pageant. This year Diva of Darkness will be held at Crossings Lexington on Sunday, October 30. Diva of Darkness is the first qualifying pageant for the Entertainer of the Year contest at the end of the Reign (around April-May 2012). This year we have chosen to sweeten the pot a little.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will be acquiring a sponsorship for each pageant qualifying for Entertainer of the Year that will be designated to be given to the 501(c)3 charitable organization of the winner's choice! Our Entertainer of the Year qualifying pageants/contests are: Diva of Darkness, Miss Mary Christmas, King of Drag (that's right, this year we will begin our first Drag King title), Miss Gay Valentine and Miss Derby Pride.

Those charities include but are not limited to, Moveable Feast, AVOL, Lexington Fairness, GLSO and Just-Fund KY. Please contact Empress XXX, ShotZ, for contest rules and applications at shotzwithaz@live.com.

For more events coming during September and coming months, please, check our Facebook group page and our website at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org. If you have not yet joined our group page on Facebook just log in and go to our page and send us a request to join!



Charmed Life Tattoo
Contact Scott Updike at 859 266 4287 or online
at charmedlifetattoo.net

GSA **An exciting fall ahead**

The GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth (GSA) is excited to have received a JustFund grant for our Youth Empowerment Training Project. We will need to raise some matching funds over the next couple of months. We plan to hire a part time grant facilitator in October (see page) and will recruit student participants from high schools in Lexington and surrounding communities.

The project will present workshops to engage youth in leadership training including basic diversity education, suicide prevention education, and HIV/AIDS awareness, and empower them to reach out to a larger number and broader variety of students. Together we will develop and publish a resource notebook with programming ideas and discussion guides that can be used in the schools.

We need this project and others to support the youth who are trying to change the atmosphere in their schools. See the related article on GLSENresearch. (page 6)

The current members of the GSA are now planning our first Halloween Dace to be held on Oct. 28. Teens from many area schools attend our events. We will be offering information about the Youth Empowerment Project as well as upcoming social events at the Pride Centre. We will be looking for volunteers to help at the dance next month also.

Just Fun **A JustFund fund raiser** **and celebration**

On October 1, JustFund is presenting a spectacular evening at the beautiful Spindletop Hall, 3414 Iron Works Pike, celebrating Decades of Justice. Just Fun will begin at 8 p.m., tickets are \$50 a person, \$25 for those under 25 years of age. The first recipients of The Cliff Todd Endowment Fund Grants will be announced.

This year the party will take a little different twist. Each of the three floors of Spindletop will offer entertainment styles from different decades. If you want to listen to a band crooning decades of dance music, we have that.

If you would like to sip a cocktail, talk with old friends and listen to someone tickle the ivories, we have that. Or, if you want to throw down with hot dance music spun by a DJ, we have that too!

After four years of relentless fund raising efforts, thanks to our diligent team of volunteers, we have achieved our goal of raising \$1,000,000 to counter LGBT discrimination in Kentucky.

The Cliff Todd Endowment Fund is named after the generous benefactor who sparked the fund raising drive with a \$500,000 matching grant. We cannot slow down. Our work is big and our desire to fund change is even bigger. Your support is needed and we hope that you will attend our Just Fun celebration and help us in achieve our goal this year.

GLSO Facilitator Position
for a
Teen Empowerment Training Project
Part time position -20 hours a month for 5 months
Starting in October. More information and application at
www.glso.org by mid September.

Hearing and Doing the Word

By Karen Taylor, Contributor

I bought a T-shirt recently that reads, "Christianity is not a Religion" on the front, and "Religion is us working our way to God, Christianity is God coming to man and women through a relationship with Jesus Christ" on the back with the scripture John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him would not perish, but have everlasting life." I love that! This month I want to focus on James 1:19-27, "My dearly loved brothers, understand this. Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for man's anger does not accomplish God's righteousness... But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves; because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror. For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works - this person will be blessed in what he does. .. Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

As a Christian I don't ever want to lose focus on the true mission of Christianity, to spread the gospel (good news of Jesus Christ) to the world. I do that by being Jesus with skin on to the people around me. When I see someone in need it is my responsibility to do what I can to help that person in their distress. The help may be monetary, emotional support, prayer, friendship, opening my home, providing transportation, the list goes on. I have a neighbor who is going through a very difficult time right now. His future wife is very ill, Medicare hasn't

come through yet, very limited income, everyday seems to be a new challenge. Lisa and I have reached out to him in several different ways. For example, just this morning Lisa saw him out in front of his house and went over to chat only to discover he really needed someone to talk to, to unload all his frustrations and concerns. He was so very appreciative of her taking the time out of her day to talk with him. There are so many ways we can demonstrate God's love to the people around us. Make it a point each day to find one way to bless someone that crosses your path. You will be amazed how much it will improve your day.

Too many times Christians go to church, listen to the sermon, sing a few songs, only to walk out the door unchanged, unmotivated in their Christian walk, to totally forget what was said. James is encouraging us here in this passage to not be hearers only, but be doers of the word. I can talk all day long about how much faith I have, but if it doesn't show up in my everyday life it is nothing more than noise. The footnote in my Bible points this out: "James's definition of pure and undefiled religion is based on action, not heedless hearing and meaningless lip service."

Most messages on this passage stop here, but the scripture doesn't stop there. It goes on to say that we must keep ourselves unstained by the world. The word "world" here is referring to the physical world, in contrast to the spiritual world. Not only are we to be about the Father's business of caring for and loving the people around us, but we are to be mindful of how we are responding/acting to our own trials and tribulations. There used to be this phrase you heard often, "What would Jesus do?". Many made a mockery of it. In reality that is exactly what we must ask ourselves. What would Jesus do if He was made fun of at
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Lexington Fairness http://www.lexfair.org	859.951.8565
Moveable Feast 474 Silver Maple Way	859.252.2867
Unitarian Universalist Church 3564 Clays Mill Road	859.223.1448
Scott Ackerman, Keller Williams Blue- grass Realty, ackermanteam@aol.com	859.338.8483
Gay and Lesbian Services Organization and Pride Center	859.253.3233
Lexington Pride Festival	859.253.3233

GLSO Phone Directory

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
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
PFLAG Louisville	502.329.0229
Sister Sound	859.806.0243

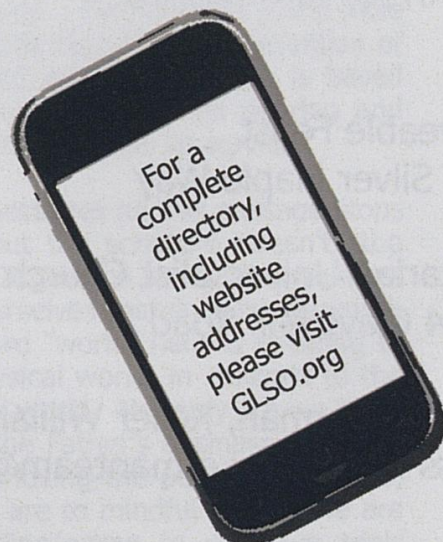
Social Services, Lexington	211
Speaker's Bureau	859.266.5904
TransKentucky	cassiemtf@yahoo.com
United Way	859.313.5465

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	859.358.3357
MCC Paducah	270.443.3339
Open Arms of God Ministry	502-545-6355

Student Groups

Berea College ACE	859.958.3633
Centre College BGLA	859.238.5332
Morehead State University	606.783.2294
UK Gay Straight Alliance	859.559.7464



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school or work? What would Jesus do if He was faced with a devastating illness or situation in His life? We know He wouldn't start blaming His Father, get all mad, and leave the church. He wouldn't give up and quit living. He would say something along the lines of, "Whether I have plenty or I have need, I will bless the Lord".

Christianity is not a religion; it is a way of life. It is living with and working with the creator of the universe. It is choosing to believe that there is more to life than what we see in front of us. I'm no saint, but I try to live my life as Christ would have me to live. I make mistakes, sometimes pretty big mistakes, but I choose to not give up. When I fall down, I'll get back up, brush myself off, and start walking again. I will do my best to be mindful of those around me and what their needs may be. At Open Arms of God Ministry we are focused on making this our way of live. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of please join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 at the Pride Center, and look for a way to be a blessing in someone's life today. God bless.

New Pride Center Hours

Effective immediately, the GLSO Pride Center hours have changed.

The new hours are Tuesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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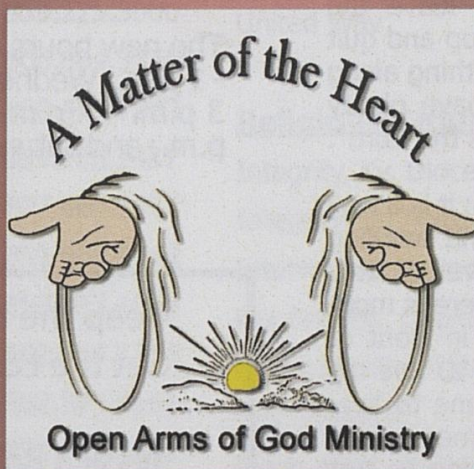
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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Wed Evening Home Group Study 7 pm



Pastor Karen Taylor
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Dear Friends,

Through the generosity of organizations, businesses and individuals like you that the GLSO is able to fulfill it's mission: *To provide support and services to the GLBTQQA community.* Through your direct support we are able to offer unique and unparalleled services.

Did you know...?

...GLSO has been dedicated to serving our community since 1976, providing all services free of charge to all.

...thousands of people visit the Pride Center every year. From people who are just coming out, to individuals new to the area, to those dealing with the loss of longtime partners. All find a safe and welcoming place at the Pride Center.

...the GLSO News has been published continually for 30 years and reaches GLBT persons and supporters all over central and eastern Kentucky with information about GLBT activities, organizations, and supportive businesses.

...members of the GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth establish successful GSAs in area high schools, host an annual Pride Prom and provide socialization, support and education in a safe and affirming setting.

...approaching it's 5th year, the annual Lexington Pride Festival is the largest Pride celebration in Central and Eastern Kentucky, has reached over 25,000 attendees and continues to grow.

After a hectic summer, the largest Pride Festival to date, and in one of the toughest of economic times, the GLSO is more dedicated than ever to provide needed support and services to those in our community. We are busy developing new programs and projects but to make these services possible, the GLSO requires funding from you.

Please consider sending your tax deductible donation \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 or more, today. Even just \$10 goes a long way in supporting your community. Your support is welcomed and appreciated by everyone GLSO serves.

Yours sincerely in Pride,

The GLSO Board of Directors

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