

**ATTENTION!**

**Business Meeting:** TODAY, August 21 at 2:30 p.m.

**“We’re a Little Old-Fashioned”**

Excerpt from article by Bill Brandstatter, “Bulletin Gold”

“Every year something ‘new’ comes out...We look at the rising crime rates and the lowering of morals and we know there has to be a better way. We look at the skyrocketing rate of divorce and the worldly concepts of marriage and we say: ‘There has to be a better way.’ We view many other ‘ills’ of the modern world and are forced to see that everything modern is not good... Some ‘old-fashioned’ things can still be good. Jeremiah 6:16. states: *‘Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk in it’* (NKJV)... Let us do things God’s way and we will always be right.”

**August Birthdays**

12 Debbie Hoffman 12 Noemi Critchfield

**August Anniversaries**

24 Jack and Noemi Critchfield

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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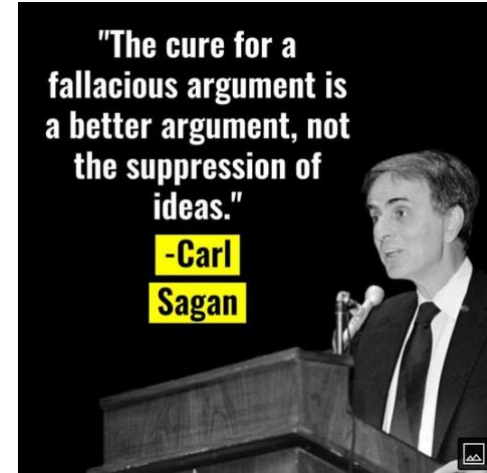
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**On Facebook**

(Permission to reprint Frank Walton’s and John Powers’ comment obtained)



Frank Walton wrote, Today, emotional comfort is more important than objective truth to many people. People often prefer the comfortable lie over uncomfortable facts of divine revelation. Jesus said *"the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:32).

John Powers’ response/comment...There is no longer any doubt. Our nation has truly descended into madness, at least a huge portion of it has, with more and more people jumping headlong into the abyss all the time. Subjectivity rules in our present day. People talk of "your truth" and "my truth" as though the truth is fluid and we are entitled to our own facts. We've arrived at point where a large portion of our society can't or won't define what a woman is - including our newest Supreme Court Justice. That, too, is fluid, they believe. "A woman is whatever you think it is and anyone can be a woman if they believe they are a woman." This is quite odd since no one who thinks this can define what a woman is, yet they say anyone can be one. Be what??!!! It's the ultimate

circular argument. Such people even believe that "men" can get pregnant and have babies.

This madness has led to our present Federal administration referring to mothers as "birthing people." Huh? These same people think that gender is fluid, that there are dozens of genders and that little children can decide which gender they are. Madness! I tell you, Sodom and Gomorrah had nothing on us. Even those depraved people could tell the difference between a man and a woman. How does one even begin to have a discussion, much less an exchange of ideas, a debate, with people who have utterly abandoned reason, logic and common sense? There is no basis, no foundation, upon which to begin a discussion.

Many brethren fear that God will "turn our nation over to sin" if we don't repent. My guess is that He already has based upon the evidence I see. Jesus tells us plainly that it is a narrow way and a narrow gate which leads to eternal life and that only a few will find it - not because He wishes it to be so, but because it is the reality. Genesis 6:5: *"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually."* The more things change, the more they stay the same.

My posted comment regarding the above: Very strong arguments...very sound...I think. I still like being called "dad" and "grandpa" rather than by some "pronoun." (Jim Burruss)

## **LGBT Studies for 2nd Graders**

By Brad Harrub

This fall California will become the first state to mandate a LGBT curriculum—all the way down to 2nd graders as a part of a new history and social science curriculum. Tom Torlakson, California Superintendent of Public Instruction remarked, "This is a big win for our students."

This new curriculum is in response to the new framework proposed by common core standards. Jane Robbins, attorney, and senior fellow at American Principles Project observed, "California has decided to include people in the curriculum and celebrate them (no criticism allowed, apparently) based solely on their sexual

behavior," she asserts. She continued, "it's only a matter of time until this propaganda spreads to the public schools of other states."

Two weeks ago I had the opportunity to share a lesson on same-sex marriage and debunked the false science that claims homosexuality is genetic. During the question-and-answer session that followed a young millennial—about 22 years old—complained that during my lesson I mentioned that the younger generation had been taught tolerance. He assured me this was not true. I asked this young man a series of questions in response:

- Do you currently watch television programs with homosexual characters? Are they glamorized in the T.V. show?
- Have you been assigned a book or reading assignment that glamorizes homosexual characters?
- Have you seen books/media that espouses having two moms or dads is normal?
- Have you ever been taught that homosexuality is just an alternative lifestyle?

This young man answered yes to every question. He had been indoctrinated with tolerance and didn't even realize it.

Two things come to mind immediately upon reading the headline about 2nd graders having LGBT material in their curriculum. The first has to do with the direction of our nation. In 2 Chronicles 28:19 we read, *"For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, FOR HE ENCOURAGED MORAL DECLINE in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to the Lord"* (emp. added). One would be hard pressed to deny this new "curriculum" is not encouraging moral decline.

The second has to do with what is going into the minds of our children and grandchildren. This "curriculum" has nothing to do with history and social science education—but rather, is all about indoctrination of a specific ideology. Are we as parents really considering what we are allowing into the minds of our children? Paul declared, *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things"* (Philippians 4:8). How does this passage stand up to the curriculum our children will return to this fall?