



THE LENEXA EDIFIER

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

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ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR GOSPEL MEETING

As you can see from our last two bulletins announcing it, we are having a series of lessons presented at the Lenexa church of Christ, by bro. J.R. Bronger.

This is an effort to afford everyone in our community to hear the unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ. As you may have noticed there is very little Bible taught in churches in our community at this time.

This will not be the case during this meeting. Please come and hear what the Lord intends for us to hear.

Schedule of topics:

Sunday 9:30 AM - "A Christian Home"

Sunday 10:20 AM - "The Riches of His Glory"

Sunday 5:00 PM - "He Touched Me"

Monday 7:00 PM - "Must is Not an Option"

Tuesday 7:00 PM - "A Rebel Returns Home"

Wednesday 7:00 PM - "Saved to Serve"

GOSPEL MEETING at

**LENEXA CHURCH OF CHRIST
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**OUR SPEAKER IS:
J.R. BRONGER of Danville, Indiana.**

Bro. Bronger has been preaching the gospel for 50 years. His devotion to the Bible as the singular message of God's authority, is in harmony with the stance the Lenexa church of Christ has always taken concerning God's word. If you would desire to hear what God says on these subjects, you will be pleased to attend.

*Meeting days and times: Sunday thru
Wednesday; October 30-November 2*
Sunday 9:30; 10:20 AM 5:00 PM
Monday - Wednesday 7:00 PM

*The gospel is the power of God unto salvation:
to everyone who believes - **Rom. 1:16***

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. - **John 3:16***

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. -

Heb. 11:6

*for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things! - **Rom. 10:13-15***

Bro. Bronger will preach so men can hear and believe and call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

America's Freak Show! by J.R. Bronger

I often feel like I am living in some bizarre parallel universe. When I see the President of the United States, most of Hollywood, nearly all major media outlets and many ordinary people applauding Bruce Jenner I just shake my head in disbelief. We are witnessing a freak show!

William Bruce Jenner was born on October 28, 1949. He is a former college football player who came to international attention as a decathlete, winning the gold medal in the men's decathlon event at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, and setting a world record not beaten until 1980. He was married for 23 years and became the father of six children.

Now Jenner tells the world that he is no longer a man but he is a woman named Caitlyn. Give me a break! (Caitlyn just happens to be the name of his son's girlfriend which seems to be a little sick).

This man has issues but those issues are not his efforts to find his "authentic self." Back in April of this year Jenner told Diane Sawyer in an interview on 20/20 that he found his authentic self, he declared: "I'm a woman!"

Jenner was a closet crossdresser, dressing as women for years. Then he began a physical transition in the 1980s with hormone replacement therapy. He stopped temporarily when he met Kris Kardashian but now he has made it known that he no longer considers himself a man. Yeah right Brucie boy! The man has some serious problems but those problems are not solved with hormone treatments or by a surgeon's scalpel.

This man does not need nor deserve compassion or celebrating. He has not found his "authentic self," instead he is participating in a physical mutilation and a spiritual perversion!

Consider what Jesus said: *"Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female," (Matthew 19:4).* Look that settles the matter. Human beings come in two sexes (male and female). Mr. Jenner is a mister! He is a male! Hey guess what William Bruce Jenner—lipstick, silicone implants, eyeshadow, and estrogen do not make you a woman—God does!

Jenner is not a woman trapped in a man's body—he is a perverted senior-citizen seeking to have his twisted life accepted, and guess what? Many people are standing in line to accept such perversion as the new norm. I know this might be an affront to many people but if Jenner was born a woman he would NOT need hormone injections or surgery. The reason he needs hormone injections or surgery is because he is seeking to change from what God made him!

And get this! ESPY is going to give him the Arthur Ash award for courage. Courage for what? I suppose

it's for the courage to admit that he likes to dress up as a girl! When this twisted old man heard that he was going to receive the award he tweeted: "What the _____ am I going to wear?" Might I suggest shame! Oh, but wait: *"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush" (Jer 6:15).*

Those who celebrate such perversion are enabling and contributing to the depravity of our culture. And those Christians who do not speak out against such degeneracy are enabling more and more ungodliness.

So, Jenner wants to play dress-up and be a girl so as to find his "authentic self." What next? The alcoholic says he is going to continue to be a drunk because he is simply finding his "authentic self" in a fifth of Bourbon!

Or, the sexually perverted pedophile that is attracted to young boys and girls— should he be permitted to be alone with these children so that he can find his "authentic self?"

Or what about the weirdo who says he is attracted to nanny goats—should he be applauded for finding his "authentic self" when he develops a relationship with a goat?

Certainly not! We would never, ever, encourage such perverted behavior, so why, when some twisted human being says he wants to find his "authentic self" by mutilating his body would we encourage him?

It is so deplorable that I cannot sufficiently describe it. Here is a sixty-five year old man telling us that he has decided after all these years that he is a she and his new name is going to be one that is fashionable among 17 year old girls. My first reaction is to pray that he, like the prodigal son (**Luke 15:17**), will come to himself and renounce such perverted behavior. But so long as he is celebrated throughout the land and gets his own reality show on TV I am not very optimistic.

An "authentic self" does not seek surgery and hormone therapy. Jenner is not a she and even if he looks like a she—God made him a male! That is not unkind nor is it bigoted—it is just a fact! And that fact does not change despite how many praise Jenner's "courage."

We live in a society where up is down, bad is good, and normal has become so outdated. I am reminded of **Isaiah 5:20-21**, *"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"*

Jenner is not a role-model; he is emblematic of perversion and godless behavior prevalent in this country. Some might think I am unkind to say so, but the opposite is the truth (**Proverbs 27:6**). Those who are exploiting this morbid behavior are the ones who do not really care about Jenner.

Vanity Fair does not care about Bruce Jenner. They care about selling magazines. ABC News does not care about Bruce Jenner. They care about ratings. And most of those applauding Bruce Jenner care more about an agenda than they care about this twisted man. That agenda is the promotion of the LGBT movement and the destruction of traditional marriage and God-given gender roles.

Bruce Jenner is just their newest cause célèbre!
“God made them male and female.”

I Do, but I Don't

I believe in proper methods, but I don't wear the name "Methodist". I believe in baptism, but I don't wear the name "Baptist". I believe presbyters (or elders) should oversee the local church, but I don't wear the name "Presbyterian". I believe one should be holy, but I am not a "Holiness". I believe Jesus was reared in Nazareth, but I am not a "Nazarene". I believe that these are the "last days" in which we are now living, (**Heb. 1:1**) and that we are called saints, (**1 Cor. 1:2**), but I am not a "Latter Day Saint". I believe the church should be catholic, (universal) but I don't wear the name "Catholic". I believe in unity, but I don't wear the name "Unitarian".

According to some arguments (?) used to justify the religious wearing of human names, I would really have a name. I would be a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Holiness, Nazarene, Latter Day Saint, Unitarian, Catholic, Christian! WHEW! What a name! However, I don't wear those names which glorify a person, a method, or a doctrine. I wear the name of Him who was crucified for me; and in whose name I was baptized. (**1 Cor. 1:13**). Salvation is in no other name, but the name of Christ (**Acts 4:12**). That's why I am pleased to wear the name "*Christian*" (**Acts 11:26**), the "new name" God gave to His people after the Gentiles had seen His righteousness (**Isa. 62:2**), and which glorifies God (**1 Pet. 4:16**).

Yes, I do believe in methods, baptism, presbyters, etc., but I don't wear divisive human names, which may honor the teaching, but not the "*Author and Finisher of our faith*", Jesus Christ. If you obey the gospel of Christ (**Rom. 1:16**), you, too, can be simply a Christian and wear the name of Christ, which is embodied in the very word 'CHRISTian'.

by Jim Sasser:

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Noah Webster on Electing Political Leaders

by Noah Webster

Let it be impressed on your mind that **God commands you to choose for rulers just men who will rule**

in the fear of God. The preservation of a republican government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty; if the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made, not for the public good, so much as for selfish or local purposes; corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizens will be violated or disregarded. If a republican government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, **it must be because the citizens neglect the Divine commands and elect bad men to make and administer the laws** (1832, pp. 336-337, emp. added).

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Taken from Apologetics press.org

WHAT DO WE WANT MOST OF ALL?

Anyone you may ask will admit they want to go to heaven when they die. Yet if you discuss the subject thoroughly with them they are often at a loss to say what they need to do to be saved.

Most will admit to believing if they are essentially good neighbors and kind to those in need, they will have accomplished the goal.

Peter says of Christ in **Acts 4:12**, *And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.* So what must I do to have Him authorize my salvation as He promises. **Heb. 5:8** *Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,*

I, then must **obey** Him to be saved. He told me to *believe and be baptized.* (**Mk. 16:16**) Paul says I am to put on Christ in baptism in order to become one of the *sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus* (**Gal. 3:26,27**).

Paul told the Romans he was made an apostle to *bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for his name sake,* (**Rom. 1:5**).

These are just some of the mentions in Scripture of the responsibility for men to be obedient to the will of God and Christ. It is made abundantly clear we are to read and study His word. We need to do so diligently since it is equally obvious we must do what it says in order to please Him (**2 Tim.2:15; Mat. 7:21-23**). Failure to please him by our obedience simply leaves us on the outside looking in as far as salvation is concerned.

Jim Stauffer

Eph. 2:19 So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, 20 being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone; 21 in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord;

1Pet. 2:9 But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Psa. 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers: 2 But his delight is in the law of Jehovah; And on his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, That bringeth forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also doth not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 The wicked are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous; But the way of the wicked shall perish.

HOURS OF WORSHIP

Sunday A.M. 9:30 Bible Study

Sunday A.M. 10:20 Assembled Worship

Sunday P.M. 5:00 Assembled Worship

Wednesday P.M. 7:00 Bible Study and Worship

Visitors welcome

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: THE
BOOK OF ROMANS - J STAUFFER

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17

Believe in Jesus Christ - Hebrews 11:6

Repent of sins - Acts 17:30

Confess Christ as Lord - Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for remission of sins Acts 2:38

Be Faithful unto death - Revelation 2:10