



"Let him who is without sin cast the First Stone"

And Jesus also said, "Go and sin no more." John 8

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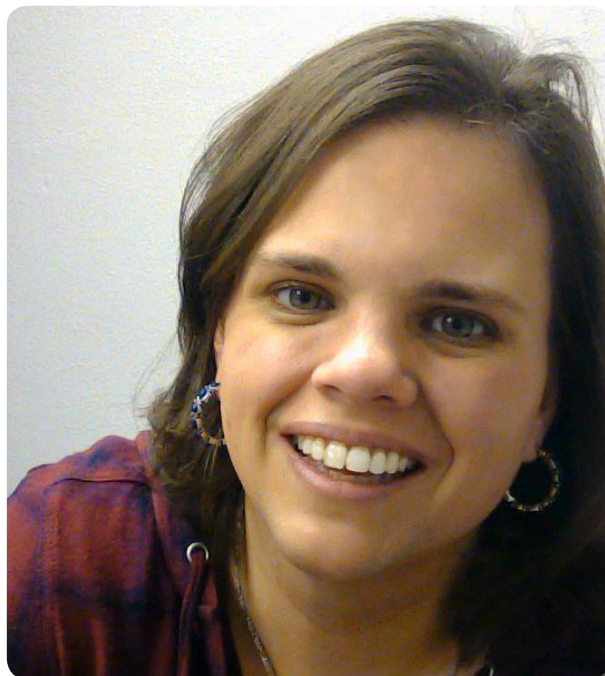
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From Transgender to Transformed in Jesus!

My story is an unlikely one, not because of tragic circumstances but because I was like a stubborn mule with its heels dug into the mud, bound and determined not to serve God or to bend to His will. I was hellbent on going my own way and to live the opposite of the way I had been raised. I was placed in what seemed to be the perfect environment for a little girl to grow up in and know the Lord. To say we were involved in the church was an understatement: life in my family was all about church. We had to be involved in every activity that was offered on every day the door was open.



But bitterness was brewing beneath the shiny religious exterior. My poor mother who loved us with all of her heart was working herself into an early grave. She was trying to be the "super Christian". However, the stress was no longer just bubbling at the surface, but boiling over like lava after an eruption. Her and I began to be clash on a regular basis. As she became more exhausted, I became more of a nuisance. I would try to hug her at times and she would shrug me off and tell me she was too tired. I was constantly told I was annoying. The problem was, I couldn't understand that it was my behavior that was annoying, I thought there was something wrong with me. My brother, on the other hand, who was quiet and obedient would garner completely opposite reactions from her resulting my intense jealousy of him. On the other hand, I had a wonderful relationship with my Dad and my brother: I was Daddy's little angel. My mom and my sister rarely wanted to be around me. I began to develop a warped hatred of my own gender. I began to see that boys were loved and in return were loving. This was warped even further when I was molested at the age of eight by a boy who was only nine. I became hyper-sexualized and began seeking out sexual experiences. I was often trying to coerce friends into trying various sexual acts. I began to fantasize about being a boy, making up stories about being a boy every night. I would replay the same stories in my head over and over.

As a teen my female body began to develop but not function properly. My mother became obsessed with fixing it. My resentment of her had turned into loathing. I became increasingly sexualized. This loathing of my mother was turning into a hatred of God for making me a girl. So, I told God when I was sixteen that I would never serve Him again. I purposed in my heart to do everything I was ever told not to do. Over the next year I

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We are a Restored Hope Network member ministry.



Our primary purpose is to lead the sexually and relationally broken into a liberating relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Discipleship and restoration in every area of one's life is stressed; however, there is detailed emphasis on overcoming all forms of sexual brokenness including homosexuality, sexual abuse and addiction to pornography.

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became a completely different person. It is only by the grace of God I didn't end up in a Satanic cult.

Now in college, my sexual desires were spiraling out of control. I was hooked on pornography and began meeting strangers online for casual encounters. I kept chasing these sexual highs like a drug. The fantasies of being a boy consumed me. I had grown to hate women over the years. I wanted to be a man, and live in a world entirely of men. I found a local support group for transgenders. I was so elated to find this new-found freedom to "be who I was". They told me how wonderful and brave I was and that after a year or so of hormones no one would ever know I was a girl. I couldn't wait to erase my old identity. So, in November of 2007 I completely upended my wardrobe, cut my hair, and began demanding everyone refer to me as "Jake". I began taking massive doses of testosterone and after a couple of years of the hormones I was indeed looking masculine. My voice was lower, I was growing facial hair and my weight was even shifting slightly so that my body looked more male. I eventually met a man who was living as a woman, and we bonded over our transgender plight. Although I had no attraction to women, I detested the idea of being a gay man. I wanted to be a normal, heterosexual man. We fell in love and moved in together with the promise of a happier life together as a normal, heterosexual couple, both living as the gender opposite of what we were born. I had my name legally changed and in 2009 I had a double mastectomy. This was eventually followed by surgeries to remove all female organs. Although this was everything I had ever hoped for and was exciting at first, it left me in a deep depression following the chest surgery because I had nothing else to live for. I had my legal name and gender as male, but I was no more satisfied than before. I was glad to be rid of the cumbersome breasts I had despised so much, but I was no more male than before. The outward cosmetic change had done nothing to ease my identity crisis.

After several years of living as transgender, I knew I could never be a man, no matter how desperately I wanted it: it was all a lie. Over the next few years I became more and more disillusioned with living as transgender. I in no way wanted to be a girl, but I was sick of the hormone injections, the prosthetics that were such a pain, and the constant hiding and

covering of my lies. What had been promised to be complete freedom in being transgender had become my prison cell. I was confined to the chains of this identity and was constantly looking over my shoulder, so afraid of being found out.

Then, God intervened. He had been drawing me for years, but I hadn't noticed. My mom, who had fallen apart the night I came out as transgender, had fallen on her face before the Lord and completely surrendered control of her life and gave herself whole-heartedly to Jesus. What she had tried to do for forty years in the flesh, she now asked Him to do in her through the power of the Holy Spirit. I was about to be a witness to a miracle. She asked me to make a website for a Bible study she had been teaching. As I began to read her lesson notes, my curiosity was peaked. What I had always seen as God's battering ram of rules was now coming to life as a beautiful story of a loving savior, revealed over and over in the Old Testament. So the mom I never wanted to talk to again, now became someone I couldn't wait to talk to and I began calling her every day after work to ask questions about her lessons. For the first time in my life, I began to see real faith in my mom. She was no longer the stressed out, pharisaical legalist, she was loving and patient and full of faith. This was not the mom I had always known: she was changed, and I had to know why. As she shared her journey of faith with me and how the Lord had changed her, I wanted what she had.

In the sincerity of my heart one night, I truly repented of my sins and gave my heart to Jesus. But I wanted to be a man of God. But God began to speak truth into my life through Dr. Everett Piper on the radio. At first, he and the host would discuss various political issues. But after months of my being a fan of his show, he began to talk about the rising transgender phenomenon. I remember thinking "Oh, I wish he wouldn't talk about that...". But I had been a fan for too long to get mad over that, so I just looked forward to the next week's program when the topic would change. To my horror, it didn't. Nor the next week. And slowly, the walls around my heart began to crack and I began to listen to what he was saying. I remember him saying that we are not just the sum total of our feelings, inclinations, and instincts. We are

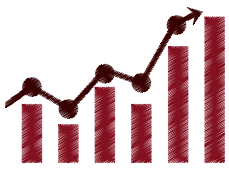
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made in the image of God, and we can choose our behavior. I didn't want to hear it, but I knew it was the truth.

I began to really wrestle with being transgender. I didn't want to be transgender anymore, but I couldn't stand the thought of being a girl. One night Jesus asked me, "If you stood before me tonight, what name would I call?" I didn't know how to answer that. I knew that God would have known who I was no matter what name I called myself. But the question haunted me. I thought, "what if Jesus calls my name and I don't realize he's talking to me?" I had been learning enough of the Bible to know that Jesus was my creator and I couldn't claim to love Him and yet define myself as something other than what He created. So, I told Him I was willing to leave the transgender life, but I didn't know how. I was living in full stealth: no one except my partner and family knew I was really a girl. For a couple of more months, I wrestled with heavy conviction. I felt like I had fallen into a deep, dark pit that I couldn't get out of. I begged God to take my life. I could barely work and I wasn't eating or sleeping much. I felt like I was at sea in a violent storm, tossed about, moments from capsizing and going under. Then, much like the night Jesus calmed the storm with His disciples in the boat, He calmed the fear in me. I had a clear vision of Him kneeling down on one knee, reaching His hand into that deep, dark pit and asking me "do you trust me?" I knew He was asking me to leave it all behind, to walk away from this identity I had known for nearly a decade; to leave my partner and everything I had known or loved for most of my adult life. But I said that I did, and I took

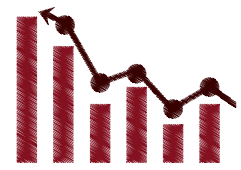
His hand. I walked away from my male identity, my partner, my job, and my entire life to follow Jesus. It was the hardest thing I have ever done. I did not feel like a girl, and I didn't want to be a girl. For three days I sobbed and grieved with more pain and sorrow than I have ever felt before, I felt like I was dying; and I was; I was dying to my old life, to my flesh, to the identity I had created and believed in for so long. But the next morning, Jesus was about to show the world a resurrection from the dead. I went with my mom to her Bible study and I was surrounded by nearly a hundred women who were so filled with love and compassion and joy at seeing their prayers answered. I had never experienced this kind of love before: they loved me with a love deeper than I had ever had from a sexual partner. In that moment, my heart was radically transformed. The veil was finally completely lifted and ripped off and I saw clearly for the first time in my life. All of those desires and feelings were washed away. I won't say I've never since wished to be male: those thoughts have crossed my mind at times, but I have never once since believed I was male, or that I was supposed to be male, or desired to be transgender. My eyes have been opened to the truth and I live in a radical pursuit of holiness and living for the Lord Jesus, no matter what my feelings or inclinations might be. And for the first time in my life I have found true freedom in trusting Jesus and found my true identity in Him and in who He created me to be. Pornography, sex, and transgenderism only led to lies, bondage, and depression. Jesus has breathed life into these dead bones and they have risen from the grave.





2018 FSM

MINISTRY STATISTICS



32

DAYS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

States where we were invited to speak: CA, DC, OK, TN. Country: Mexico.



34

DAYS ATTENDING EVENTS

States where we attended events: CA, DC, KS, FL, OK, TN. Country: Mexico.



6

DAYS OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Events include: Banquets, Retreats and Trainings.



28+

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

To promote Stephen's book, *Freedom Realized*. To inform Christians about the "LGBTQ+ Christian" movement. Interviews for documentary and TV.



65

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Living Waters 28; New Man 17; Parent's Group 20



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DISCIPLESHIP SESSIONS

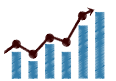
Combined sessions of 3 staff members. Hours spent in sessions: 580+.



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LEADERSHIP & PASTOR MEETINGS

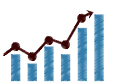
Hours spent privately equipping and helping pastors and leaders.



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TIMES FIRSTSTONE.ORG VISITED

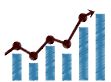
In 2017 this was 40K.



38K

NEW VISITORS TO FIRSTSTONE.ORG

In 2017 this was 32K.



9K

FACEBOOK REACH

9000+ people reached. 1/3 of likes/reposts equates reaching several thousand people. There are 1828 Followers of our FB page. Daily Reach beyond followers is 90.



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NUMBER OF DONORS

Individuals: 286; Churches: 17; Businesses: 11; Ministries: 8.

PRESS RELEASE: God's Voice Conference

God's Voice Conference to Equip Christians to Stand Against 'LGBTQ+ Christianity' Inside the Church

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK -- In response to recent attempts to "revoice" God's Word on the critical issues of human sexuality and identity, First Stone Ministries is pleased to announce the GOD'S VOICE Conference, taking place Feb. 22 and 23, 2019, at Fairview Baptist Church in Edmond, OK.

Subtitled: "A Biblical Response to the Queering of the Church," the GOD'S VOICE Conference will be the Scriptural counter to a new "LGBTQ+ Christian" effort called Revoice, which has affirmed "gay, lesbian, same-sex-attracted, and other gender and sexual minority Christians," "mixed-orientation marriages" and the concept of "redeeming queer culture."

Organizer and conference speaker Stephen Black, Executive Director of First Stone Ministries, says, "it's imperative that biblically faithful Christians, churches and denominations awaken to the threat of this new LGBTQ+ narrative, which radical activists and psychologists are pushing on our congregations." In a continued response, Black says, "the church must once again listen only to the eternal, unchanging voice of God, whose Word alone conveys the truth about biblical sexuality and human identity."

"We are living in a day when Bible-believing churches are being hit with a tsunami of an 'LGBTQ+ Christian' narrative," Black said. "Many are being lied to by this messaging that LGBTQ+ people have a fixed orientation and that grace covers their same-sex attractions, leaving people stuck in sin and broken identities. This movement has a form of religion, but denies the power of the Holy Spirit, who transforms souls through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

Co-organizer and conference speaker Peter LaBarbera, president of Americans for Truth about Homosexuality, says "it is time for the church to take a firm and unwavering stand against the encroaching, unbiblical message of 'sexual minorities' and 'sexual orientation.'"

LaBarbera continues by saying, "Standing on God's infallible Word, our team of experts will dissect the web of lies that hold subversive 'queer Christianity' together. We will show how Revoice and the expanding, cunning 'LGBTQ+ Christian' network are rooted not in the Bible, but in the same homosexualist ideology that has

turned truth and God's created order on their heads in our culture. We cannot stand by and allow this same LGBTQ+ ideology to be advanced in the name of Jesus Christ!"

Other GOD'S VOICE Conference speakers include Dr. Robert Oscar Lopez, Professor of Humanities at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; the Rev. Thomas Littleton, Southern Baptist pastor and evangelist; the Rev. Al Baker, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America; Andrea Minichiello Williams, founder and CEO of Christian Concern & Christian Legal Centre in the UK; and Janet



Mefferd, host of the nationally syndicated, daily Christian radio talk shows "Janet Mefferd Today" and "Janet Mefferd Live."

Black added that, above all, the GOD'S VOICE Conference is designed to share the love of God and the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone who attends. "This conference will be filled with the Word of God and His testimonies of transformation to bless the believer and unbeliever alike," Black said.

The GOD'S VOICE Conference is set for Friday evening, Feb. 22, and Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at Fairview Baptist Church, 1230 N Sooner Rd, Edmond, OK 73034.

Early-bird registration for the GOD'S VOICE Conference is \$60 through Dec. 31, 2018. To register and obtain more information, visit www.godsvoice.us. Also, be sure to connect with GOD'S VOICE Conference on Facebook, (www.facebook.com/GodsVoiceConference) Twitter (@GodsVoiceConf) and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/GodsVoiceConference

First Stone Ministries is a 501(c)3, non-profit and non-denominational organization that ministers, educates and helps lead people to freedom from homosexuality and sexual brokenness through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord.

For more information, interviews or media please contact Don Otis at: 719.275.7775 or you can use the contact form at First Stone Ministries www.firststone.org/contact-us.



FSM Screens TranZformed Documentary

Stephen Black, Executive Director

FirstStone Ministries was honored to screen the documentary, *TranZformed*, Friday night, April 6, 2018. This amazing documentary was created by Pure Passion TV, Dr. David Kyle Foster and Karl Sutton. The entire night was a tremendous time of encouragement. We saw the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His amazing grace of changed lives in the documentary and in a follow-up Q&A panel. There are 15 amazing testimonies in the *TranZformed* documentary, their stories are riveting. In addition to the documentary there was Stephen Black, David Pickup, Joseph Thiessen, Laura Leigh Stanlake, Laura Perry and Jim Farrington, all who have tremendous stories of freedom in Christ. They all presented on a Q&A panel after the documentary, an additional 45 minutes of encouragement.

There were many last-minute registrations and walk-ups. The screening auditorium seats 150, and we had well-over 80 in the auditorium. This was great turn-out for a cold, rainy and windy night. In fact, there was a family that drove in from Texas and another couple drove in from Missouri because they had both heard about the screening on the Janet Mefferd LIVE show earlier that day at noon. The family from Texas was there because their son was on life support in ICU after a terrible botched surgery as he attempted what is termed as "sexual reassignment" surgery. They were grieving as their son had barred them from his life. They were there to get answers, encouragement and to be consoled. Our hearts were so broken for them.

We were honored that Janet Mefferd came to Oklahoma City to air her Janet Mefferd LIVE program from the First Stone offices. What a tremendous blessing! Daniel Evans, the new worship pastor, for First Moore Baptist Church also gave us a surprise testimony on air



TranZformed Screening, Moore, OK

in welcoming people to the event through his interview. We did not know that he had a past battle with same-sex attraction and pornography addiction. We were all blown away, and very grateful for Daniel's courage to stand with us.

The protestors did not show up. Though they had secured a permit and had made the call, they did not come. We were hoping that Janet Mefferd and Peter LaBarbera were going to be able to interview the local activist interested in focusing on our ministry and anyone else who does not promote "gay Christianity." Later she commented on another person's review of the night that she was waiting for a more opportune time as anti-discrimination bills make their way through our state's legislative committees. Still, the protestors didn't come and that made the night undistracted.

Also attending the screening was a transgender person who has been in contact with us over many years. This person went through the gender reassignment process and lives as a woman and as a trans activist. They like to visit our events. It is so interesting to have them come, yet again, as "they" also attended our 40-year celebration in 2016. It made some people nervous. I think it helps people understand just how

interesting our ministry can be and helps all of us grow in our understanding and exposure. Perhaps the Lord is drawing this precious soul? Some were nervous, but many interacted in love. I believe it calmed people to have the staff reach out to this soul. They stayed and listened through the entire presentation. Laura Leigh Stanlake, David Pickup and my wife,



Stephen

Joseph

Laura Perry

Jim

Laura Leigh

David Pickup

TranZformed Screening, Moore, OK

Robin & I were able to spend quality time talking to this interested and persistent soul. It was an interesting night. I was overwhelmed by something this transwoman said. As they were leaving, our security guard was standing there and something was said about the protestors and all the hateful stuff going on as a part of the conversations that can happen post-event. This sweet person told the security guard that they had known Stephen and First Stone Ministries for years saying to the guard, "I will testify on their behalf, First Stone Ministries and Stephen Black have been nothing but kind and loving to me!" I was blessed by this defense—sincere and honest. I felt the Lord's compassion. Please pray that this one would be set free! I know God wants to raise him up like Walt Heyer! Go here on YouTube to see Walt's story: <https://youtu.be/pMcROH-IUAK>

David Pickup and Steve Camp (<https://youtu.be/RWohxDEYGPg>) both decided to come and be a support me and First Stone Ministries after reading of the threats and protest. I was humbled by the support, and that Steve Camp was willing to fly in from Florida. I had never met him and was looking forward to it. Unfortunately, at the last minute, Steve was not able to come because of the weather. I made a last-minute request of David to be on the panel discussion. David did a brilliant job and was so articulate and offered the professional side of talk therapy. This is a beautiful perspective that is so different than pastoral care. It is important to understand what professional therapy really offers. So many lies continue to be communicated using the ruse term, "Conversion Therapy." "Conversion Therapy" is not something any of us offer. The entire panel discussion was terrific, and several commented that they enjoyed the discussion as much as the documentary. I think that says a lot about the content of the discussion. It was also amazing to hear that several pastors had remarked that this documentary must be shown in every church.

I had gone to the patriot pastors luncheon on the prior Thursday (about 35 pastors present) and told them about the California bill (AB2943) and to invite them to this documentary screening. I asked for an opportunity to share during their lunch meeting and Paul Blair gave me time to share. After I spoke, one of the pastors interrupted Paul, and said, "Can we please stop? I need to say something!" He then brought a small correction to all the pastors, saying several things about addressing current cultural issues and then said, "Why isn't this man, Stephen Black, being invited to speak in all our churches?" I was humbled. Several spoke up and said, "We should!" Paul said, "Well, we have him speak at our events, but you're right, he needs to come on Sunday mornings to your churches!" I received several more invitations to speak and to be interviewed as a result of the luncheon. It seems that God is opening many doors to get the truth out. This is amazing as discouragement and criticism are stronger than ever before. I also received a phone call from another dear friend, and it was clear that God was encouraging me during a year of great opposition. As a result of the luncheon, Paul Blair led the way to get several more pastors to attend the screening!



Laura Leigh Stanlake
Falls Creek



Laura Perry

Stephen Black
Falls Creek

LAURA PERRY & FALLS CREEK

The next morning, Saturday, April 7, the FSM staff, Laura Perry, Peter LaBarbera and FSM supporter, Mr. Kent, drove from Oklahoma City to Falls Creek in Davis, OK during a morning of freezing rain and sleet and dangerous roads. What a journey! Falls Creek is in southern Oklahoma in the Arbuckle Mountains. We gave two presentations to several hundred college students. They were incredibly attentive to the presentations. It was another amazing time in the Lord. We lingered afterward having table discussions over lunch in the cafeteria. There are several amazing stories from the fruit of that week. We were all overwhelmed by the love and support! The entire first week of April 2018 was tremendous!

Although there is great opposition in these days, coming from places we would not have dreamed, even through those close to us, but the LORD is doing things in our midst—things I never dreamed would happen. I am waiting on Him! HE did tell me, HE was going to do more things in my life IF, I would yield to Him after Charity's death. I have hidden in my heart several things. I heard them then though I was in the midst of such grief. Now, more doors are opening. God IS going to do some very interesting things with ANYONE who will remain submitted to HIM. I also want to encourage my dear brothers, David Foster and Karl Sutton, knowing how hard things have been in producing these tremendous documentaries. Thank you for working so hard in making these excellent tools! You men should be so proud in the Lord, in how HE is using these documentaries! It was truly tremendous! Our entire staff is grateful for all the "THANK YOU" emails, texts, and messages of encouragement!



Joseph Thiessen
Falls Creek

Spirituality & Sexuality Forum - UCO, Edmond

by Laura Leigh Stanlake

On October 15, Stephen Black was invited to participate in a forum at the University of Central Oklahoma on the topic of "Spirituality and Sexuality." Sponsored by Valid Worldview, a ministry of Fairview Baptist Church, the panel was moderated by Dr. David Macey, Professor of English and Assistant Vice President for Global and Cultural Competencies, and the faculty adviser for Student Alliance for Equality. Sharing the panel with Stephen was Dr. Robert Gagnon, Professor of Theology and author of *The Bible and Homosexual Practice* and the opposing voices of Rev. Trey Witzel of First UMC, Edmond and Kris Williams of Q Space (an LGBTQ+ youth and young adult space) and North Care, OKC.

Stephen represented the truth well offering primarily his own testimony and the pastoral invitation of God to salvation. Dr. Gagnon felt the atmosphere and was emphatically and persistently trying to lay a foundation for Paul's teaching regarding a Judeo-Christian sexual ethic as opposed to the rising ethic of the day and as opposed to the sexual practices being practiced around the culture Paul was addressing. Together, Gagnon and Black offered a good apologetic for faith in God and the reliable witness of the scriptures.

The opposing side offered a different approach. Regarding the scriptures, Rev. Witzel said, "I don't give a damn about scriptural interpretation." He made a defense that your own morality trumps the authority of scripture if scripture contradicts one's own inner sense of morality. Kris Williams likened the reliability and witness of the scripture to the game of "Telephone"—too long after Jesus spoke and too long ago for us to know what the writers meant or what Jesus actually said. She implied that the meanings had become distorted.

The panel was civil through part one and then the initial graciousness shifted during the Q&A for those on the other side of the presentation. The tempers rose, and civility became mockery. It was tough. It was an excellent opportunity for First Stone to present the powerful Gospel of God's grace and transforming power. Rev. Witzel and Kris Williams knew the people they were speaking to. There was a big group that came to the debate from Williams' Q Space group. Rev. Witzel repeatedly muttered under his breath, and often rolled his eyes in contempt signaling his clear disregard for the

REV. TREY WITZEL
Associate Pastor
First United Methodist Church, Edmond

KRIS WILLIAMS
Q Space LGBTQ+ Facilitator
NorthCare

Valid Worldview, Student Alliance for Equality and Women's Research Center/BGLTQ+ Student Center present...

Spirituality & Sexuality

FORUM

Part One of Two

STEPHEN BLACK
Executive Director, First Stone Ministries
Author of *Freedom Realized* (Redemption Press)

DR. ROBERT GAGNON
Professor of New Testament
Author of *The Bible and Homosexual Practice* (Abingdon Press)

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Panel Discussion:
3:30 - 6:00 PM
Panelist Reception Following:
6:00 - 6:30 PM

panelists at the other end of the table as they talked. Kris Williams had a winsome approach but was armed with a bag full of accusations. I, Laura Leigh, was impressed that Stephen stayed centered on the gospel and on the power of testimony. Perhaps some in the room were touched by the invitation. During his closing remarks, Stephen could not let it pass and pointed out a woman who had continually presented her middle-finger throughout the event saying to her, "I see your hand. I see the gesture you've been showing me this whole time. I thought we wanted an atmosphere of tolerance and love." The room went into a full buzz. The temperature of the crowd rose. A young woman then stood and proclaimed, "Christian speech is hate speech and this is the problem!"

These forums are difficult certainly. A portion of 1 Peter 3 comes to mind: "Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong." (3:13-17) Situations like this forum are still rare, but we are glad we took the invitation.

WATCH BOTH PARTS:

Part One: <https://youtu.be/8IMI7YbZtMk>

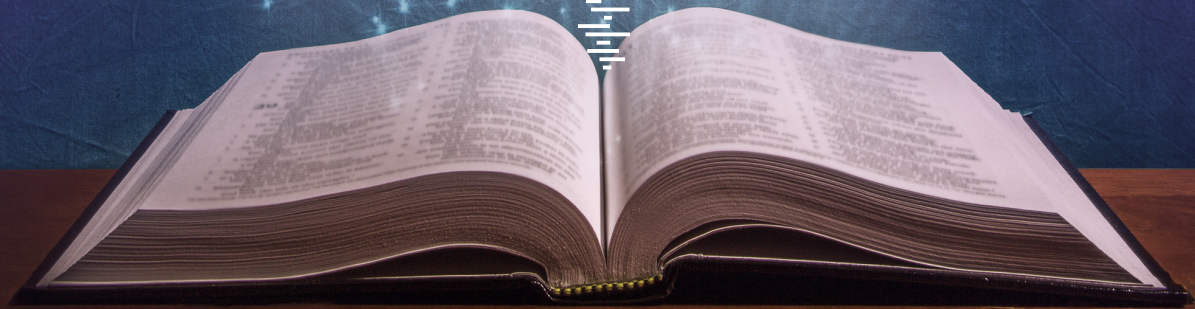
Part Two: <https://youtu.be/mYRHTIH7o3o>



A Biblical Response to the Queering of the Church

GOD'S VOICE

C O N F E R E N C E



FEBRUARY 22 & 23

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

GOD'S VOICE will bring biblical clarity to the recent confusion surrounding the issues of "re-voiced" sexuality and "LGBTQ+ Christians." **GOD'S VOICE** will present a biblical response to the queering* of the church of Jesus Christ, in an effort to teach, strengthen and encourage believers and Christian leaders across all denominations to stand on the inerrant, unchanging and life-transforming power of the Word of God. What the church needs now is **GOD'S VOICE!**

"But this command I gave them: 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.'" - Jeremiah 7:23

www.godsvoice.us (Visit our website to register and for additional conference details)

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* www.godsvoice.us — REGISTER TODAY!

SCHEDULE

Friday Evening 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Saturday Morning 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Saturday Afternoon 1:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Evening 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Early Bird Registration \$60 through December 31, 2018. Regular Registration \$75. (plus fees)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Andrea Minichiello Williams
London, England



Rev. Al Baker
Birmingham, AL



Janet Mefferd
Dallas, TX



Rev. Tom Littleton
Birmingham, AL



Peter LaBarbera
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Dr. Robert Oscar Lopez
Ft. Worth, TX



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* **Why This Term?** “Queering” is not a term that anyone on the GOD’S VOICE Committee or team enjoys hearing, seeing or repeating. The words “queer” and “queering” used to mean something derogatory, but not anymore. Today, “queer” is how the LGBTQ+ community is now delightfully communicating about themselves. “Queer” and the idea of “queering the church” is from the “LGBTQ+ Christian” movement. The term “queer” or “queering” is the idea of adding something unique to whatever is connected or next to the word. The LGBTQ+ community believes “queer” is identifying all things in LGBTQ+ as unique and good. The decision to use the conference subtitle: “A Biblical Response to the Queering of the Church” is a result of those who are busy promoting “revoicing” the church to embrace all things “queer” as good, and even holy. The “LGBTQ+ Christians” go as far as communicating that there will be “queer treasure found in heaven.” The GOD’S VOICE Committee and the team supporting the conference are people who are grieved at what is transpiring in the church. We could not disagree more about the empowering the LGBTQ+ way of life, calling “queer” good, knowing that this way of life and the corrupt identification only leads to further deception, chaos and for some, even death. We are praying for God’s mercy to change hearts to move away from such broken identities and terms.



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