

The Hoosier Humanist Herald

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Message from the President

FTFW is such a dynamic and interesting group. In June, we started two new ventures. The first was the launching of our live call-in TV show, "[We Are Atheists](#)" (WAA), coordinated by Calyb T. and his enthusiastic team of volunteers, including John Loftus. Besides the [Kent Hovind debate](#) (which was pre-recorded), WAA aired two [other shows](#) (recorded live) and are planning on airing a show at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday and second Thursday of each month. We also launched a new discussion group in June titled, "Meeting of the Minds," which will meet every third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne. This is a participant-driven discussion of whatever two topics the group decides to talk about.

Saturday, July 21st we will be hosting our annual FTFW picnic, which is open to all who want to come from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a dish to share, as well as the kids, and make it family outing as we celebrate being humanists. Additionally, for the very first time, we are not only participating in the Pride March (as we have the previous 2 years), but we will also be a part of the Pride Fest celebrations on Saturday, July 28th. We will have a table set up from noon until 7:00 p.m, where

we will be handing out literature about humanism/FTFW and interacting with the crowd. It should be a fun event for everyone involved, so come out and support our local LGBTQ+ community in Fort Wayne!

Karen Mizner, President of FTFW

FTFW CafePress Shop

The [CafePress storefront](#) for getting your own piece of FTFW merchandise is now open! We have a number of shirts/hoodies and **stickers/buttons/magnets/signs (new this month)** currently available, with more products to come! FTFW gets a small commission from each purchase, so we greatly appreciate your contribution!

Karen's Corner



**A Christian telling an atheist they're going to hell
is as scary as a child telling an adult they're
not getting any presents from Santa.**

~Ricky Gervais

Karen Mizner, President of FTFW

Policy by the Bible

A couple of interesting developments involving religion to justify policy came to light in the past few days. At its annual national meeting, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), grappling with fallout of multiple sexual misconduct cases, has adopted resolutions condemning any sexual misconduct by SBC ministers and urging more action to prevent “all forms of sexual abuse.”

The agenda in Dallas did not include reconsideration of the SBC doctrine of "complementarianism," which espouses male leadership in the home and in the church, and says a wife "is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband." The new president of the SBC, J.D. Greear, in a Facebook video said, "...complementarianism is biblical and we need to honor that...but at the same time recognize that God has gifted women with spiritual gifts. We need to be as committed to raising them up in leadership and ministries as we are to our sons.”

The other biblical reference came from Attorney General Jeff Sessions during his recent visit to Fort Wayne. He was trying to defend the administration's policy of separating children of illegal immigrants from their parents while their case was being adjudicated. He said he was just enforcing the law, and went on to cite Paul the Apostle's guidance that we must obey the government because the government was ordained by God. He made no mention of compassion, empathy, or possible trauma to the children.

It would seem that being humanitarian continues to be subject to biblical scripture.

Robert Brandt, Trustee of FTFW

Letter to the Editor

Here's your chance! Have an idea for our group? Have a question for us? Have you experienced frustrations as a non-believer? Do people question you about what Humanism means? Just want to vent a bit? Have a funny story to share?

Have a question for our Celebrant, Victoria Gipson? The Hoosier Humanist Herald committee will do its best to respond to your concerns. Submit your letter via e-mail to fortwayneaha@gmail.com with the subject line of "Letter to the Editor" or "Ask a Celebrant," then watch for a response in our next month's newsletter!

Please note that letters may be edited for clarity and space.

Upcoming Events

FTFW Monthly Board Meeting

July 16, 2018 (Monday): 6:30-8:30 pm at the Allen County Public Library (main branch), Business & Technology meeting room

Paid members are welcome to join the FTFW board of directors at their monthly meeting. Details will be revealed on Facebook and on the website calendar.

Meeting of the Minds

July 18, 2018 (Wednesday): 6:00-8:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne

This is a recurring event for FTFW every month on the third Wednesday, whereby folks get together for an open discussion on a particular topic of interest. Be sure to bring your suggested discussion topic ideas and we will vote as a group on which one(s) to talk about.

FTFW Annual Picnic**July 21, 2018 (Saturday): 11:00-3:00 pm at Foster Park**

Come one; come all to FTFW's Annual Picnic, which will be a family affair for all members and their families, as well as the general public. The food/drink for this free event is provided by the guests, themselves, so please bring a dish to contribute!

Pride Fest**July 27-28, 2018 (Friday & Saturday) at Headwaters Park**

Supporting the LGBTQ+ community, this two-day event features live entertainment, vendor market, a beer tent, food plaza, workshops, tournaments, KidSpace and fun with the Fort Wayne community. FTFW will have a table setup on Saturday, July 28, 12-7 pm.

Joint FTFW and UU Service**August 12, 2018 (Sunday): 10:30-11:30 am at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne**

FTFW will co-host the service at the UUCFW. Details to come.

FTFW Monthly Board Meeting**August 20, 2018 (Monday): 6:30-8:30 pm at the Allen County Public Library (main branch), Business & Technology meeting room**

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