



## Ten Million Frogs

**A** man in Louisiana owned thirty acres of land that included a frog pond. Every night the frogs sang their song to all who would listen. One day the man heard of a new café in the area that indeed to include frog legs on their menu. When he talked to the café owner, he was told that he would buy all of the frogs the man could provide. He was overjoyed, for he just knew he had at least a million frogs in the pond. The first night that he set out to “harvest” the frogs, he was sorely disappointed. What had sounded like “ten million frogs” was really only a handful with loud mouths.

Recent years have shown that those who seek public approval for their own purposes usually attempt to make it appear that the majority of the public are in agreement with them. Those who are spokesmen for the pro-abortion movement have used this tactic, as well as advocates of no-fault divorce and legalized gambling. But the most successful use of this tactic has been within the homosexual community. So much is written about homosexuals and the “mistreatment” they receive, it is easy to assume they are in every neighborhood, church, business and home. We are almost relieved to be told that they constitute only about ten percent of the population. We had thought that they were like the frogs—millions of them.

But I want you to make not of the truth about this situation: **they do not constitute 10%** of our population. **They do not make up 8%** of our population! **They do not constitute 5%** of our population! **No reputable survey has ever indicated that over 2% to 3% of our population is homosexual.** But those two to three percent are so vocal and possess so much support from the media that they sound like “millions of frogs.”

The Bible makes some very plain statements about this kind of sexual behavior, and it is called sin, an abomination, perversion, or a similar term, every time. Note the following:

**Leviticus 18:22:** “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”

**Leviticus 20:13:** “If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination.”

**Romans 1:26-27:** “For even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.”

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11:** “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.

Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified.”

Note that both the Law of Moses and the New Testament of Christ make the same statement: the practice of homosexuality is sin, an abomination before God; and it removes one from candidacy for inheriting the Kingdom of God. Both kings Asa and Josiah are praised for having “removed the Sodomites from the land.” You need help to misunderstand the Bible on this subject, and to misunderstand requires that one “wrest” the scriptures (2 Peter 3:16). That same passage informs us that they who “wrest” the scriptures do so to their own “destruction.” We rebuke such behavior, not because we hate or fear these individuals, but because we love their souls and God’s truth.

In a related development sometime ago, the supposed evidence proving that homosexuality is an inherited or genetically based disorder was being disputed and the research methods investigated. A few years ago, Dean Hamer, Ph.D., reported what he described as the “first concrete

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### The Deceit of Peer Pressure

It's good to have friends. I'm glad I have some. Friends can be a great encouragement for good. But friends can also be a source of temptation as well.

I remember in my Junior year of High School how I enjoyed going to Taco Bell for lunch with some friends. Some of these friends I had known since grade school. They were the "popular" crowd. I didn't hang out with them much, but I enjoyed going to Taco Bell and they were the ride, so, I went with them. The "Enchirito" was my favorite item (with two packets of Taco Bell sauce; they didn't have mild, medium and hot back then).

It was enjoyable riding in the car with them and visiting. Most of the time, the fun was squeaky clean. Then, one day, they said to me, "You need to go out with us some night." There was a new thought. I didn't think I would be invited to do

that. It was a tempting thought because I enjoyed being with them. I told them that I would think about it, but didn't give a definite answer. You see, they knew who I was. They knew where I worshipped. Some had even visited our congregation before. They knew my standards and what I stood for.

Then one day, out of the blue, we were in one of those conversations where everything was kind of crazy and fun. I ended up saying some things that I shouldn't have said. Interestingly enough, instead of them going along with it, they looked at me all bug eyed and slack jawed. They were shocked. They never thought that I would have said such things.

They weren't the only ones who were shocked. I was shocked too. I didn't think that I would ever have behaved that way. But I had. They had had an influence on me even though it was mostly

(99%) innocent fun. It was the other 1% that was harmful that had had its effect.

I decided that as much as I loved Taco Bell, that I would have to stop going with them to lunch. They came and asked me why. I told them it was because of my bad behavior and I wouldn't be going anymore. You see, it wasn't because I **didn't** like them, but because I **did**. They had influenced me to do something that I would not have done had I not been in their company. I considered that I could still go to lunch with them and influence them for good, but I decided that my own soul wasn't worth the risk. They had influenced me for evil and it had to stop.

It's good to have friends. We all need them. But we need to be aware that peer pressure doesn't have to be overt. It can be subtle and one never know what has happened until it is too late.

Kevin Cauley

evidence that 'gay genes' really do exist." He became a celebrity overnight, appearing on numerous news and talk shows, declaring what homosexuals had been claiming for years, that being a homosexual was not their choice, but an inborn trait. Now it appears that his research was faulty and that it included methods that were both unscientific and unethical. No other study...**Note: No Other Study!**...has substantiated his previous conclusions. Now, other charges are being considered saying he "manipulated the data for the purpose of establishing his own previously held views." Many were sure he had proved his case, but like the millions of frogs in that pond, there was a lot of noise, but not many frogs. Don't give up just because evil seems to have the majority. God's Word is true!

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### Bible Studies for the week of Sept. 25th, 2005

- AM Sermon..... The Establishment of the Church
- Scripture Reading.....Matthew 16:13-19
- PM Sermon..... Great Lessons from the Book of Job
- Scripture Reading..... Job 1:1-8
- Sunday Class .....The Book of Matthew
- Wednesday Class..... Minor Prophets: Habakkuk

### Kevin's Korner

It has really been an interesting week in a lot of ways. Tuesday morning I was kicked out of my office by the invading horde. No, it wasn't the Mongols or the Turks, it was an horde of blood sucking insects known as fleas. You may have noticed this past Wednesday night how white my porch was. I decided to get some seven dust and let 'em have it. For good measure, we went ahead and called our local pest control company and had them spray the entire building and yard. This was done Wednesday a little after noon. So you may see one or two dead bugs here and there in the building.

Thursday night was the annual Berryville Community Center volunteers banquet. Mary Lynn, the boys, and I showed up at an appropriate time and joined in the festivities. This banquet is a yearly event in which the community center honors its volun-

teers with certificates of service. They also have a community "prize" giveaway in which members of the community donate various different items to the center to be given to the volunteers through a "drawing" process. This year there was also a band; the band was pretty good, but alternative music all sounds the same to me. Go figure.

Foy and Mary Forehand, (my wife's parents) who have visited with us on several occasions (Foy preached a meeting for us last year) were directly in the path of Hurricane Rita yesterday morning (they live in Hemphill, TX). I wasn't able to get a hold of them until yesterday evening around 6:00 or so. Foy said that they were fine and their house was fine as well. However, they did have two trees down. One in the front and one in the back. They also had 40 or so evacuees sheltered in the basement of their church building.

On a sadder note, one of the brethren there lost his life when a tree fell on him after the storm. In that regard, please remember the Dee family in your prayers.

How did September go by so fast? Well, I was out of the country for part of it. I guess that made time fly for me. Was it as short a month for you? October begins, believe it or not, this coming Saturday. Weird. Nevertheless, there are several events just around the corner. The first of which is our fall gospel meeting with Ray Sullins. I spoke to Ray this past Friday to firm things up and he is looking forward to coming. He's developing a list of topics that he is going to pass along to me next week and then we are going to print up some flyers. Those should be ready next Sunday.

Don't forget Green Forest's gospel meeting starting next week! I'm speaking Monday night.



Our Fall Gospel Meeting with Ray Sullins is October 23rd—26th. Start inviting today!

### Records for the week of September 18th, 2005

Sunday Bible Class .....	53
Sunday AM Worship.....	64
Sunday PM Worship.....	51
Wednesday Night Study.....	40
Contribution .....	\$1643.00
Budget.....	\$1662.00



# Praises, Prayers, and Proclamations

## Announcements

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
- Please remember the following in prayers: Cooper Doss, Kala Grigg, Von Farmer, Mary Gass, Chennelle Grantham, Dan, Hand, Huetta Hand, Donna Henderson, Opal Hull, R. Rizzola, Jimmie Tucker, Wayne Whitely, Billy Wiley, Pat Quigley.
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting is scheduled for next Sunday evening after services.
- Our youth devotional will be Friday, October 7th, at the Cauley's house. We will watch and discuss the movie, "Because of Winn Dixie". Please bring the usual complements of food and drink.
- Our weekly Bible study at the nursing home continues Thursday with Mark 16.
- Be sure to check the outreach board for card assignments.
- Our pantry item is: Paper Cups.

### God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

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## Family Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class: .....	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: .....	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship: .....	6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class: .....	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class: .....	7:00 PM

## Serving Each Other

	Sept. 25th, 2005	October 2nd, 2005
<b>Sunday Morning</b>		
Songs:	Ken Smith	Barrett Brown
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	George Eddings
Scripture Reading:	Brandon Foster	Rusty Windle
Lord's Table	George Eddings	Clay Bozarth
	John Gass	Glenn Quigley
(assist)	Perry Foster	Michael Morrell
	Matthew Morrell	Dan Hand
Closing Prayer	Dan Hand	Ervin Hand
<b>Sunday Evening</b>		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Bruce Foster
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
Scripture Reading:	Brent Moore	Dale Pinkley
Lord's Table	Ken Smith	Jerry Roller
	Matthew Morrell	Jack Gentry
Closing Prayer	Glenn Quigley	Bob Moore
<b>Wednesday</b>		
Songs:	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
Opening Prayer:	Leon Duncan	John Gass
Invitation:	Dan Hand	Bob Moore
Closing Prayer:	Ervin Hand	Dale Pinkley

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