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I am writing on behalf of Faithful Stones Church in Buffalo to ask for your help as our brothers and sisters in Christ. When our Lord gathered His disciples at Caesarea Philippi, after he confirmed His identity as the the Christ, the Son of the living God, He announced that the gates of hell would not prevail against the church (Matt. 16:13-18). Well, dear friends, the powers of hell are gathering on our doorstep.

It has come to our attention that there will be another "Drag Queen Story Hour" event in the city of Buffalo on June 10, 2023. To our knowledge, this is the third event of its kind to take place in Buffalo within the last two years. Faithful Stones Church has stood against one of these events in October of last year, but our numbers were small. We are asking you to stand with us as we seek to protect the helpless (Ps. 82:3-4), call people to repentance (Mark 1:15), and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15). We are calling upon the church universal to join together and be the prophetic voice that God intends us to be—salt and light to this wicked generation (Matt. 5:13-16).

This nation has rejected the living God and we are now a nation under judgment (Rom. 1). Our only hope is true repentance by a working of the Spirit of God. Understanding this, we as the church of Jesus Christ must be faithful to our calling and "go". We must herald the truth of God in every sphere and against every evil. These events are abominable and wicked and they stand in direct opposition to God. They victimize some of the most helpless among us—children. It is not enough for us to say, "Christ is Lord", we must *live* in light of it. We are compelled to go.

What we need:

1. Prayer

We must seek the Lord with much prayer and supplication asking for wisdom and strength. Not only do we need prayers as we prepare for this event, but we also need people to come stand in support and pray on location as the event takes place.

2. Presence

We need a large amount of people to attend. We seek to send the message that it is the church at large standing against this wickedness, not a minority activist group.

3. Proclamation

We intend not only to stand as an oppositional presence, but also to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will hear.

4. Presentation

We need people to make and bring signs so that all bystanders and passersby will know exactly why we are there. The signs must be clear and concise. Instructions for the signage will be forthcoming.

This event will be peaceful. We will abide by the law, we will not be belligerent, and we will not be hateful. We will speak the truth in love. We will remain across the street on the sidewalk. Last time we were met with cursings and disdain, but we were also met with opportunities to share the Gospel. We anticipate this event will be no different.

If we are wronged, so be it.

If we are maligned, fine.

If we are hated, very well.

Do not forget the words of Christ,

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you." (John 15:18)

"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matt. 5:10-12)

This event will take place in Buffalo on June 10, 2023. We will not be advertising via social media as we don't want to draw unwanted attention from activist groups. We ask that you respond informing us whether or not you will attend. Further instructions and the exact location of this event will be provided pending your response. We pray that you will stand with us and we look forward to hearing from you.

IN CHRIST,



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