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# LAS VEGAS PRIME TIMERS

## NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER 2015



### Editor's Highlights of August's Events

It appears that our regular Prime Timer Members who always attend the Gay Pride Bingo have lost their good luck. It was reported to me that none of our members won a bingo in August. At our Dessy B's Dinner on the 6th, we had around 14 who attended and afterwards....we met at "The Center" for our monthly Planning Committee Meeting which had a large agenda. Following that meeting we had our monthly Board Meeting. On Wednesday, the 12th, we met at QuadZ for our first Cocktail Night Out for August. Turn out was very Light, but it is summer, after all. On Saturday, August 15, 2015 we held our monthly General Meeting and Luncheon at the LGBT Center. Chinese Food was brought in and it was a nice change of pace. Our Luncheon slated for August 18, had to be cancelled due to lack of space at the restaurant after it was featured on that Diner's, Drive-in's and Dive's TV show. On Friday, the 21st, the Prime Timers sponsored a Bake Sale at "The Center" with all proceeds going to Act III and it was a huge success. Then we had our monthly Breakfast at Joker's Wild Casino on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Wednesday the 26th, we did a Cocktail Night Out at Charlie's Bar on Arville. It has been a long time since we've done a night out at Charlie's. It appears that our Events Chair had to scramble to find another establishment for our Dine Out on Friday, August 28, 2015. We were supposed to go to the Grand Hotel for their famous BBQ by the Pool, but they decided to scrap that dinner, so we had to find a new place. La Mojarra Loca & Grill on Maryland Pkwy was chosen instead. On Tuesday, August 31, 2015 the dine-out at Hash House A Go-Go, at their newest location on N. Stephanie St. in Henderson, NV. Had to be cancelled.

**Gay Pride Bingo August 5, 2015**



**Dessy B's Dinner - August 6, 2015**



**Planning Committee Meeting and Board Meeting - August 6, 2015**



**Bar Night Out - QuadZ - August 12, 2015**



*Happy Las Vegas Gay Pride - September 18 - 20, 2015*



September is Gay Pride Month in Las Vegas. We celebrate with a Gay Pride Parade and Festival. The Parade is on September 18 and starts at 8 PM. Since this is Gay Pride Month and you will see Pride Flags everywhere, I wanted to tell the story of the Pride Flag. The first Rainbow Flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco Artist who created the flag in response to a local Activist's call for the need of a Community Symbol. The flag is a symbol of Gay Pride, as opposed to Gay Liberation. The first flag flew in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade, on June 25, 1978. It is said that Gilbert Baker was inspired by Judy Garland's singing of "Over the Rainbow". She was one of the first gay icons. The original flag had 6 colors. Now there are several versions of the flag. The six colors were: Red for Light, Orange for Healing, Yellow for the Sun, Green for Calmness, Blue as for Art and Lilac was for Spirit. Gilbert Baker said there is no "Right side up". Most agree that it should fly with the Red on Top. It took 30 volunteers to hand dye and stitch the first 2 flags for the parade in 1978.

In 1989, the Rainbow Flag came to Nationwide attention in the United States after John Stout sued his landlords and won, when they attempted to prohibit him from displaying this flag from his West Hollywood, California apartment balcony.

We have come a long way, as now our Flag flies proudly everywhere in America and all across the World.

Stand up and be proud and carry a Pride Flag in the Parade this year.

Hope to see everyone there. Let us Stand and be United.

Your Proud Gay President,

Gary Payne



**General Meeting  
and Luncheon**

**August 15, 2015**

**LGBT Center**



**Wednesday - September 2, 2015**

Gay Pride Bingo - 6:00 PM - Alexis Park Hotel - 375 E. Harmon

**Thursday - September 3, 2015**

Late Lunch/Early Dinner - 4:00 PM - Dessy B's - Tropicana and Eastern

Planning Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM - Board Room LGBT Center - 401 Maryland Pkwy

Board Meeting - 7:00 PM - Board Room LGBT Center - 401 Maryland Pkwy

**Wednesday - September 9, 2015**

Dine Out - 6:00 PM - Bahama Breeze - 375 Hughes Dr.

This is a **RSVP Event** .... Please Email to: [Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com](mailto:Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com)

**Tuesday - September 15, 2015**

Bar Night Out - 6:00 to ??? - Good Times Bar - 1775 E Tropicana at Spencer

**Friday - September 18, 2015**

Gay Pride Parade - 8:00 PM to ??? - 4th Street from Charleston to North of Fremont St.

**Saturday - September 19, 2015**

General Meeting and Lunch - 12:00 Noon - LGBT Center - 401 Maryland Pkwy

**Wednesday - September 23, 2015**

Dine Out - 6:00 PM - Olive Garden - 4400 E. Sunset - Henderson, NV

This is a **RSVP Event** .... Please Email to: [Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com](mailto:Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com)

**Saturday - September 26, 2015**

Breakfast at Joker's Wild Casino - 10:00 AM - Boulder Highway and Warm Springs Road - Henderson, NV

This is a **RSVP Event** ..... Please Email to: [Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com](mailto:Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com)

**Tuesday - September 29, 2015**

Bar Night Out - 6:00 to ??? - Garage Bar - 1487 E. Flamingo

**Las Vegas Gay Pride Parade**

The Las Vegas Pride Parade is on Friday Sept. 18. Parade starts at 8 PM. We have 4 cars in the Parade so far. We do need walkers along side these cars. If you need to ride, please let us know and we'll see what's available. We have 2 Volunteers carrying the banner in front of us. We really should show a good turnout as Prime Timers has come a long way this past year. We are recognized by the community as the ONLY "Mature Men's" group in Las Vegas. Please help us by being in the Parade this year. Take Pride in who you are and what you stand for.....

Your Proud Gay President, Gary Payne

Ben Glidewell - Webmaster

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Do you ever get email that was sent to multiple people but only want to reply to the sender? One of the most common mistakes people make in replying to these emails is sending the reply to everyone it was sent to when you only wanted to reply to the sender or vice-versa.

All email systems provide 3 different options for email replies and you need to be careful when making your selection. They are reply to sender, reply to all, and forward.

When you reply to sender, the email is sent only to the sender of the original email, in the case of the chapter contact list, that would be the board member who sent out the email.

When you reply to all, your response goes out to everyone that the original email was sent too. On the chapter email lists if you reply to all, it is not only sent to the sender but to the chapter email list as well. The reason it never gets sent to everyone is because the list is moderated and emails can only be sent out by particular email addresses.

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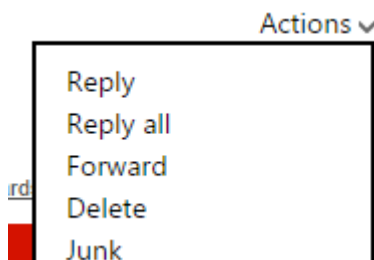
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Ben Glidewell

## Prime Timers Worldwide Convention Update



**LUXOR**  
LAS VEGAS

Well, it's almost here. The Prime Timers Worldwide Convention is Oct. 11 - 14, at the Beautiful Luxor Hotel & Casino. Registrations END on September 9, 2015. Please make sure it is postmarked on or before September 9th. After that date, the Only Registrations will be accepted at the Door for \$240.00, by Credit Card Only.

All the contracted rooms are Sold Out, so when you book with the Hotel, they will give you the best rates they can. You still want to let them know you are with the Prime Timers.

We have 532 Registrations so far. This is going to be a Very Large Convention for the Prime Timers. We have over 60 Chapters coming and 5 International Chapters being represented.

Hope to see all of you there...

Gary Payne, President  
Las Vegas Prime Timers

### **"IS GOD REALLY AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE?"**

**How many so-called Biblical literalists have actually read the whole Bible?**

**Let's see what God really has to say about marriage!**

**( By Valerie Tarico )**

Traditionally, Republicans tend to run on a platform of God, guns and gays. This time, it's God, gyne-policy and gays - a set of urgent priorities straight from the mouths of conservative bishops and evangelists who call themselves Bible believers.

There's no way to understand politics anywhere without understanding religion. But to an outsider American Christianity - and so American politics - can seem almost incomprehensible. Ove the last 2,000 years, Christians have quarreled themselves into 30,000 different denominations. On top of the, American Christianity, like American culture more broadly, tends to flout hierarchy and authority, which means that a sizeable number of American Christians consider themselves "nondenominational."

The ever faster splintering of denominations and non-denominations, f rom crystal cathedrals to house churches give a particularly elevated status to the Bible, which is why, along with the Catholic bishops and charismatic preachers we find the Good Book in the middle of our public policy debates. "Bible-believing" Christians, also called "biblical Literalists," believe the Bible is the literally perfect word of God, essentially dictated by God to the writers. Thanks to the determined work of historical revisionists like David Barton, many of them also believe (very, very wrongly) that America's Constitution and legal system also were founded on principles and laws drawn from the Bible.

Not all Christians share this view. Biblical literalists are at the opposite end of the theological spectrum from modernist Christians, who see the Bible as the record of our imperfect spiritual ancestors who struggled to understand what is good and is God and how to live in moral community with each other.

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## BIRTHDAY LIST

September 01 - Richard Elliott  
 September 02 - Neal Lewis  
 September 02 - Charles Kimmel  
 September 06 - Ray Plummer  
 September 11 - Dale Cammack  
 September 14 - Michael Cohen  
 September 15 - Mark Stephens  
 September 15 - Al Aden  
 September 16 - Kris Kime  
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 September 23 - Michael Pyles  
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 September 30 - Roberto Marrero

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Before September 25, 2015

## MEMBER'S KORNER

### BIRTHDAY LIST

If you would like your Birthday listed in the Newsletter, please  
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### REMINDER TO MEMBERS

If you do not want your photo taken at events, please inform  
 the Photographer



## NEW MEMBERS

Jack Schwartzman

Robert Beeton

James Antosh



Saturday, August 15, 2015

Location: LGBT Center

**General Meeting Minutes**

Start Time: 12:00 Noon

Board Members present: Gary Payne, Ric Breland, Bob Williams, Art Deerheim

18 Attendees total

1. No comments or questions on July Board Minutes.
2. No comments or questions of last Planning Committee Minutes
3. No comments or questions on "Rules & Regulations Manual"
4. Ric Breland reviewed the September Events on Calendar and explained how Fat Choy could not accommodate us, so the venue was changed to Mingo's for the August 18 lunch.
5. Selections of venues were discussed. Suggested that anyone wanting us to have an event they like, should scout the possibilities of us having it there and bring it up in the Planning Committee Meeting.
6. Western Regional Gathering was discussed. Plans for Party Bus in place of entertainment night was discussed and how to price the Registration fee was discussed.
7. Elections were discussed. Asked for nominations to be sent to Randy Bellerose and he will check with the person nominated to see if they accept the nomination.
8. Pride Parade update: Magnetic signs have been ordered for the cars and small Pride Flags and balloons are ordered
9. Senior Prom was discussed as was the Bake Sale. Bake Sale is August 21 at the LGBT Center. Please bring a dish. Prom is September 12.
10. Chinese Food was brought in and served before the meeting and desert followed the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:45 PM

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## Photo's from the Bake Sale on Friday, August 21, 2015







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### OLDER MEN SCAM

Women often receive warnings about protecting themselves at the mall and in dark parking lots, etc. This is the first warning I have seen for gay men. I wanted to pass it on in case you haven't heard about it. A "heads up" for those gay men who may be regular customers at Lowe's, Home Depot, Costco or even WalMart. This one caught me totally by surprise. Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naïve enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the Scam works:

Two nice looking, college-age, boys will come over to your car or truck as you are packing your purchases into your vehicle. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their hard cocks almost falling out of their skimpy shorts. (It's impossible not to look). When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say, "NO" but instead ask for a ride to McDonalds or some other place. You agree and they climb into your vehicle. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them starts crawling all over you, while the one steals your wallet.

I had my wallet stolen on June 4th, 9th, 10th and twice on the 15th. Again on the 17th, 20th, 24th and the 29th. Also on July 1st, 5th, 8th, twice on the 11th and 12th and very likely again this upcoming weekend. So, be sure to tell your friends to be very careful. What a horrible way to take advantage of us older gay men. Warn your friends to be vigilant. WalMart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I even found cheaper ones for 99 cents at the Dollar Store and bought them out in three of their stores!



# CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS LABOR DAY GET-A-WAY 2015 SEPTEMBER 3 - 7, 2015



For More Information on this event, in Oklahoma City, contact [StevenDubois@cox.net](mailto:StevenDubois@cox.net)

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## Is God Really Against Gay Marriage

A Christian's view of the Bible often dictates social and moral priorities, which brings us back to the current political context. The Catholic bishops are well organized and so, under the banner of religious freedom, they have lead the charge against women's reproductive rights. But they have been able to limit contraceptive and abortion access in this country for decades only because Bible-believing Christians rally to the cause. In my home state of Washington, conservative Catholics and Bible believers rallied by the hundreds to protest against universal contraceptive coverage. As I write they are gathering signatures to reverse our historic gay marriage legislation.

Bible believers see divorce and teen pregnancy as problems caused by primarily America's loss of faith. Now gay marriage laws are creeping across the nation, threatening the last shreds of our moral fabric.

Let me tell you a secret about Bible believers that I know, because once I was one. Most of them don't read their Bibles. If they did, they would know that the biblical model of sex and marriage has little to do with the one they so loudly defend. Stories depicted in the Bible include rape, incest, master-slave sexual relations, captive virgins and more. Now, just because a story is told in the Bible doesn't mean it is intended as a model for devout behavior. Other factors have to be considered, like whether God commands or forbids the behavior, If the behavior is punished and if Jesus subsequently indicates the rules have changed, come the New Testament.

Furthermore, none of the norms that are endorsed and regulated in the Old Testament law are revised, reversed, or condemned by Jesus. In fact, the writer of Matthew puts these words in the mouth of Jesus: *Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law [Old Testament] until everything is accomplished. (Matthew 5:17-18).* The Law of which Jesus speaks is the Law of Moses and anyone who claims the Bible as the perfect word of God, should have the decency to read it carefully, and then keep going. Polygamy is a norm in the Old Testament and accepted in the New Testament. Stories of Polygamy might be irrelevant to the question of biblical marriage were it not that the Bible believers keep telling us that God punishes people when he dislikes their sexual behavior. He disliked the behavior of New Orleans gays so much, according to Pat Robertson, the he sent a hurricane to drown the whole city, kind of like Noah's flood. And yet, according to the Bible story, both Abraham and Jacob were particularly beloved and blessed by God.

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## Las Vegas Western Regional Gathering

**May 1 - 5, 2016**

We will be hosting the Western Regional Gathering for 2016 at the Beautiful Stratosphere Tower, Hotel & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip. We have contracted for the first 100 rooms to be Booked at only \$40.00 plus a reduced Resort Fee of \$14.99, for a total of \$54.99 plus taxes per night. After the first 100 rooms are filled, prices may go up. The Stratosphere will determine if an increase is necessary and how much it would be. So, Book early for the best deal.

Our Registration Form will be made available October 11, 2015 on our Web Site: [www.lasvegasprimetimers.com](http://www.lasvegasprimetimers.com) and at the Worldwide Convention. The Registration fee will be super discounted from October 11 through the 14, during the Convention and on our Web Site. This will be the lowest Registration Fee we have had in many years. This Registration will include the Hospitality Suite with Open Bar, Seminars, Workshops, Meet & Greet, Entertainment night, Dinner Buffet and Gift Bags. We will be offering an optional Pizza Party ( 2 slices and 2 beers) for only \$15.00. This will take place at the Private Pool, just for the Prime Timers. All Prime Timers can come to the pool party, but only prepaid (\$15) Prime Timers will get the Pizza and Beer. There will be also an optional charge for a "Bar Crawl" at only \$10.00 and must be prepaid.

All information about the Gathering will be up on our Web Site soon. We have planned many new things to do. One suggestion: Please bring your cameras. There will be some great Photo Opportunities at this Gathering.

I have been asked by many, why the Stratosphere? We wanted a Resort that offers many restaurants, shops, shows and on the strip, where everyone has easy access to public transportation at a very low cost. This hotel has all that plus the best views of Las Vegas. Any other questions or comments, please feel free to email me anytime.

Gary Payne, President - Las Vegas Prime Timers



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### Is God Really Against Gay Marriage

The point is that marriage has changed tremendously since the Iron Age, when the Bible was written. For Centuries, polygamy and concubines were debated by Christian leaders. Accepted by some and rejected by others. As humanity's moral consciousness has evolved, coerced sex has become less acceptable, even within marriage, while intertribal and interracial marriage has grown in acceptance. Today, even devout Bible believers oppose sexual slavery. Marriage, increasingly, is a commitment of love, freely given. Gay marriage is simply a part of this broader conversation and opposition on the part of Bible believers has little to do with biblical monogamy.

Since many Christians haven't read the whole Bible, most "Bible believers" are not, as they claim, actually Bible believers. Bible believers, even those who think themselves "nondenominational," almost all follow some theological tradition that tells them which part of the Bible to follow and how. Yes, sometimes even decent people do get sucked into a sort of text worship that I call bibliolatry and Bible worship can make a person's moral priorities as archaic and cruel as those of the Iron Age tribesmen who wrote the texts.

But many who call themselves Bible believers are simply, congenitally conservative (meaning change-resistant). It is not the Bible they worship so much as the status quo, which they justify by invoking ancient texts. Gay marriage has come, as will reproductive rights and these Bible believers will adapt to the change as they have others; reluctantly, slowly and with angry protests. But in the end, accepting it and perhaps even insisting that it was God's will all along!



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### Joker's Wild Breakfast - August 22, 2015



### Cocktail Night Out - Charlie's Bar - August 26, 2015



### Dine-Out - La Mojarra Loca & Grill - August 28, 2015



### EDITOR'S NOTE

Just wanted to apologize to everyone for getting this newsletter out late, but I was taken to the Hospital by ambulance on Thursday and was admitted to the ICU, where still am. I have several different issues that I'm in here for. One being my heart is in what they call A-Fib which was caused by trauma in my right leg from the Cellulitis I have there. Another problem brought on the all these things, is that my COPD is being affected, which is causing me to have severe breathing problems. Not sure how long I'll be here, but they're telling I will remain here until all these issues are resolved.

I want to thank everyone who's called, came to visit..... All is greatly appreciated! Bob Williams was kind enough to bring me the Chapter Lap, so I could finish the newsletter.

Big hugs, Art Deerheim - Editor, Las Vegas Biz