

Titus House Newsletter

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Florida Action Committee Condemns Sheriff's Office for Evicting Registrants as "Perverts" From NARSOL

By Florida Action Committee... NARSOL Florida [State Affiliate](#) the [Florida Action Committee \(FAC\)](#) is outraged by the recent actions of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, which has [forcibly displaced](#) individuals attempting to rebuild their lives after serving their sentences. By clearing out a trailer park he described as a "[cesspool of sex offenders](#)" and calling its residents "perverts," the sheriff's office has not only dehumanized these individuals but also undermined their efforts to reintegrate into society as law-abiding, productive citizens.

"These people are not clustered in the trailer park because they want to be there," said the president of FAC. Residence restrictions leave them nowhere else to go. Municipalities pass these misguided ordinances and then complain about the unintended consequences they created themselves."

Stable housing is a cornerstone of successful rehabilitation. For many of these individuals, the trailer park provided a rare opportunity to establish a home, maintain employment, and access support systems. He might not care about these individuals, but the Sheriff should care about the safety of the community. By displacing them, the sheriff's office has created a crisis of homelessness and instability, increasing the likelihood of recidivism and endangering public safety. "How can we expect individuals to rehabilitate when they are denied the basic dignity of a place to live and are subjected to public shaming?" asked FAC's President.

The use of derogatory language like "perverts" is not only unprofessional but also counterproductive. Such rhetoric perpetuates stigma and fear, making it even harder for individuals to find acceptance and support in their communities. Rehabilitation requires a level of compassion, not condemnation. It requires opportunities, (**see page 2**)



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not obstacles. The sheriff's actions demonstrate a fundamental misunderstanding of what it takes to create safer communities.

The FAC calls on the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to reconsider its approach. Instead of displacing and demonizing individuals, we urge law enforcement to work

collaboratively with community organizations, social services, and policymakers to develop solutions that prioritize both public safety and rehabilitation. Stable housing, access to social services, and employment opportunities are not privileges—they are necessities for reducing recidivism and fostering

safer communities.

The Florida Action Committee stands ready to work with all stakeholders to ensure that individuals seeking to rebuild their lives are given the support they need to succeed. Public safety and rehabilitation are not mutually exclusive—they are two sides of

Janice's Journal: Shame on Idaho Legislators— From ACSOL

It has been reported that legislators in the State of Idaho unanimously passed a bill this week that would [allow the death penalty](#) for adults who sexually abuse a child under the age of 12. ACSOL does not believe that the sexual abuse of a child is acceptable or should go unpunished. That is not the issue. Instead, the issue is whether killing a human being will help a child heal or prevent another child from being abused. The answer to that question is clearly no.

It must be noted that, according to media reports, no member of the Idaho legislature spoke out against this bill. No one questioned whether the bill would achieve its stated purpose of protecting children.

Legislators instead discussed the fact that legislators in the State of Florida passed a similar bill two years ago and that five other states are now considering child rape death penalty bills. The fact that terrible decisions have been made by legislators in other states does not make a decision in Idaho a sound decision.

The legislators in Idaho acknowledged that the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in 2008 that blocked a similar death penalty law in the State of Louisiana. One of the legislators in Idaho suggested that their bill would help the U.S. Supreme Court re-evaluate the issue.

It must also be noted that Idaho legislators recently passed a bill, signed into law by the Governor, that makes firing squads the main execution method in that state. Perhaps the method of execution does not matter, but perhaps it should matter given the factors that will be considered in future death penalty cases.

Those factors include being in a position of trust and kidnapping as well as physical contact with a child's genitals. That could include a parent who flees from an abusive spouse with an infant and changes that infant's diaper.

The bill in Idaho has not yet become law and perhaps it will not. Regardless of its ultimate outcome, we shame the Idaho legislators who have passed this bill. If this bill does become law, it is sure to be copied by legislators in other states and perhaps the federal government.



The Hill I Die On By Sandy Zalecki

I have been listening to a Youtuber lately. He is very convicted about a certain issue. Being from the southern part of the United States he has some colorful language that he uses to convey his convictions. He says, "This is the hill I die on." In other words, this is something that he is willing to give his life for. I wonder how many of us even as we profess Christianity have something in our hearts that we would say, "This is the hill I die on."

According to Google AI, my new best friend, the phrase "the hill I die on" came from military actions and refers to defending the position or belief no matter the cost. It comes from when the possession of a key hill could determine the outcome of a battle or war and so was worth putting maximum effort into defending.

There was one other person who took this to a new level. That was Jesus. The hill He died on was Golgotha. It means "the place of the skull." However, we know Golgotha was somewhere outside the city walls of Jerusalem. Those responsible for Jesus' death didn't want His death inside the walls where they could see the evil deed they had orchestrated. We know it was near and road and not far from the burial site of Jesus. But the exact location is uncertain to this day.

The reason for His death is definitely not uncertain. I believe that John 3:16 has the

best explanation as to why Jesus died. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son so that whosoever believes in him should not die but have everlasting life." That's it in a nutshell. There are so many expanded theological explanations, but Jesus loved us enough to die for us to reconcile us to God the Father. That's the hill that he died on.

Jesus then sent out His Apostles to take His message of love and hope to the world. They, too, took up this message and were willing to die for it. All but one of them did die for this message.

Here are the accounts of how the 12 apostles died. Only John was not martyred.

Known deaths

Judas: Betrayed Jesus and then hanged himself

James: Killed by King Herod Agrippa I around 44 AD

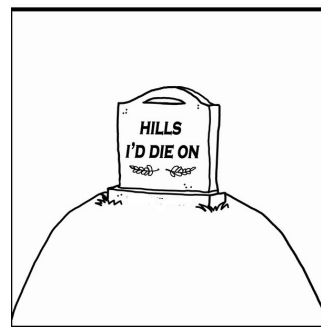
Peter: Crucified upside down in Rome around 66 AD

Paul: Beheaded in Rome around 66 AD

Other deaths

Andrew: Crucified on an "X"-shaped cross in Greece

Bartholomew: Possibly flayed alive



Thomas: Impaled in India

Simon the Zealot: Reportedly martyred at an old age

Matthew: Likely killed in Ethiopia by the sword

Mark: Dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead in Alexandria, Egypt

Luke: Hanged in Greece

John

John is traditionally believed to have died of natural causes at Ephesus sometime after AD 98. He is said to have lived to old age and survived all of the other apostles.

As we approach the Easter season and celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus we must ask ourselves where our convictions lie. What is the "hill we die on.?"



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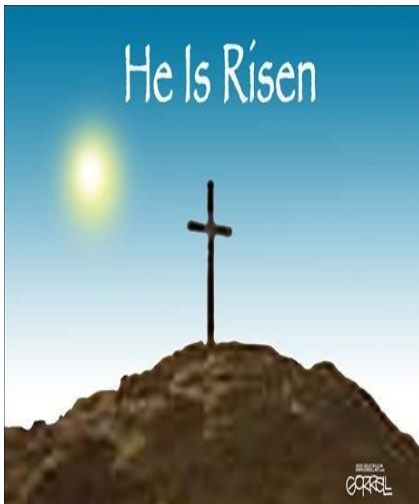
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Hebrew 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Remember if you change your address you need to let us know if you want to continue to receive this newsletter



From the President of Titus House

Hello Everyone,

My name is James Foust, and I am the recently elected President of the Board of Directors for Titus House Ministries. Alice is still the CEO of this ministry but has decided to step down from being the President of the Board. I know that I will never be able to fill her shoes in this ministry and will never try. She is an amazing woman for doing what she has done for more than 18 years. I thank her for founding this organization and putting so much of her time, heart, and soul into making Titus House what it is today.

If you have been around for 38 years, you may be familiar with me when I was incarcerated at BCDC. God was with me when I went to court and I was placed on 5 years' probation. After my release I came back into BCDC as the Assis-

tant Chaplain working under Chaplain Glen Riddle. No, I cannot say that I have walked in your shoes, however I can say that I do understand how harsh and damning society can be to a convicted felon, especially an SO felon. I have tasted the wrath of society, and it has not tasted good.

Today, I am writing this to develop donors who are willing, wanting, and capable of supporting this ministry. We are in a position that if we don't receive financial support our ministry will have to close in less than a year.

Please pray about what God would want you to do for Titus House. He tells us that if "We will seek His face, we will find Him." Please find Him and ask Him what can be done to support Titus House Ministry.

Thank you so very much for reading this letter. May God's blessings be upon you and may He shine His Light upon you.

James



Circle of Concern has gone **ZOOM**

Circle of Concern is aimed at breaking down isolation and fear by providing a safe place for registrants and their loved ones to get together, build community, and learn ways to step out and take charge of their lives and overcome the stigma they face. The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered citizens, family and friends that meet together on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on April 20, 2025 at 3 pm—4 p.m. MST (Mountain Standard Time). We will meet on Zoom. We encourage and try to help each other. It is a safe place to share our strengths and struggles. We hope you will join us. If you are planning to attend call Don at (505) 315-7940.. He will send you the link to join by computer or phone. You can contact him at the number above or email him at donmagicjohnston@gmail.com