

Sen. Ted Cruz Blames Palestinians for Failed Peace Talks

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), who may be considering a 2016 presidential run, on a visit to Israel this week blasted the Palestinians for derailing the peace talks.

Cruz, who met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other senior Israeli officials on Sunday, said the Palestinians are to blame for the talks' collapse for refusing to recognize Israel as a Jewish state and renouncing terrorism.

"The principal impediment to peace is that, to date, the Palestinians have refused to recognize Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state and have refused to renounce terror," Cruz told The Jerusalem Post.

Cruz also criticized U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry for using the term "apartheid" when discussing Israel's possible future if peace talks fail.

"Those words will be repeated by enemies of Israel, by Hamas and Hezbollah and Iran, and all of them will say, 'This is not our characterization, these are the words of the U.S. secretary of state,'" Cruz said.

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'The Evangelist of the Future' Marks 25 Years of California Outreach

Harvest Crusades with Greg Laurie will celebrate its 25th consecutive year of evangelistic outreach in Southern California during the 2014 SoCal Harvest, slated for Aug. 15-17 at Angel Stadium of Anaheim.

Founded by pastors Laurie and Chuck Smith in 1990, the Harvest Crusades have returned to Orange County each summer for the past 25 years, and have also drawn millions of people to additional stadium events across the country and around the world.

A Southern California pastor and evangelist, Laurie has spoken at each Harvest Crusade event since their inception, sharing the gospel message with more than 6.5 million people worldwide, both in-person and via live Internet broadcasts.

This year will be no different as each night of the 2014 SoCal Harvest outreach will feature a straight-forward message of faith from Laurie and music from top Christian recording artists including Chris Tomlin, Skillet, NeedtoBreathe, for King & Country, Sidewalk Prophets and Phil Wickham (musicians vary by night).

In addition to the 2014 SoCal Harvest, this year Harvest with Greg Laurie will host the Dallas Harvest at the American Airlines Center (Oct. 5), which will be simulcast to thousands of locations nationwide for a coast-to-coast evangelistic outreach called Harvest America.

Two previous Harvest America programs were simulcast from Angel Stadium in 2012 and from the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia in 2013. The Anaheim Harvest America event alone

drew more than 302,700 participants, making it one of the largest evangelistic outreaches in U.S. history.

The Harvest with Greg Laurie events are known for relating to audiences through contemporary means like top notch music, live Internet webcasts and hosted video podcasts, but the crux of each event is the nightly message presented by Laurie.

Called the “evangelist of the future” by Billy Graham, Laurie draws on Scripture, flavored with personal and cultural examples, to describe the relevance of faith in today’s world. Laurie’s talks encompass topics that appeal to people of any age and answer questions like: Why am I here? Is God real? What happens when I die?

The 2014 SoCal Harvest will be broadcast live at [www.harvest.org](#) and video blog accounts of each message will also be made available. “Behind the scenes” updates about the Harvest outreach will be posted on Facebook, Instagram ([harvest_org](#) or search [#HarvestSoCal](#)) and Twitter.

Laurie also serves as senior pastor of one of the largest churches in the U.S., Harvest Christian Fellowship, which has campuses in Riverside and Irvine, California, and he is on the board of directors for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Snake-Handling Preacher’s Faith Rattled After Poisonous

Snake Bite Reminds Him of Dad's Death

Less than four months after losing his father to a snake bite, Cody Coots was bitten by a 6-foot rattlesnake on Monday.

Coots' father, Jamie Coots, was pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jesus Name in Middlesboro, Kentucky, when he died within minutes of being bitten by a rattlesnake during a church service.

"I was really scared at first, thinking, 'Dad just died, I'm hoping and praying I don't die here,' " Coots told WYMT.

The snake that bit Cody Coots, who took over his father's pastoring duties, was even bigger than the one that killed the elder Coots.

"All I could think about—am I going to make it?" recalled Cody Coots, according to *Lexington Herald-Leader*.

The snake-handling preacher remembered his late father's instructions not to panic after a bite and tried to stay calm. The bite swelled and made him vomit repeatedly. After Coots refused to go to the hospital, family and friends prayed for healing for hours.

"For a rattler bite, it wasn't bad at all," the 21-year-old said.

This is the first time he has been bitten by a rattlesnake, but he's suffered at least five other bites by cottonmouth snakes, *Daily News* reports.

"It shook me, but it didn't scare me," Coots said. "So we'll stick pick them, with the Lord's will."

Coots is a fourth-generation snake-handler who succeeded his

father as pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle after Jamie Coots, 42, died on Feb. 15.

The elder Coots appeared in a National Geographic television show titled *Snake Salvation* about Pentecostal preachers who defy the law to use serpents as part of their religious services.

Snake-handling, which is illegal in most places, is practiced as a test of faith and guided by the theory that true believers will not be harmed.

It is particularly popular in parts of Appalachia. Middlesboro lies near the junction of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee and is about 60 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Appearing last year on ABC's *Nightline*, Jamie Coots said he had been bitten nine times, including once that cost him a part of a finger.

Oklahoma Taps Pro-Life Legislation That May Shutter Abortion Clinics

Oklahoma, soon to be followed by Louisiana, has joined other socially conservative states in adopting laws that place new restrictions on abortions, measures that critics say are aimed at shutting abortion clinics.

Legislation in the two states require physicians who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at an adequately equipped hospital within 30 miles of the place where the abortion is performed. Supporters say the measures are aimed

at protecting women's health.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, a Republican, signed into law the new restrictions on Wednesday and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, also a Republican, will sign a similar bill this week, representatives for the two said on Wednesday.

Abortion rights groups maintain the privileges provision is unnecessary because abortion complications are rare and tend to be similar to those of a miscarriage, which often are treated by emergency room physicians.

Admitting privileges generally allow a doctor who is approved by a hospital to admit a patient for treatment at the hospital.

Melissa Flournoy, Louisiana director for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, has predicted that at least three of the state's five clinics could close once the abortion bill becomes law.

The Louisiana and Oklahoma measures closely resemble laws passed in eight other states, according to Elizabeth Nash, state issues manager at the Guttmacher Institute, which follows reproductive issues worldwide.

The laws have taken effect in five states—Kansas, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Utah—but have been blocked in Alabama, Mississippi and Wisconsin pending the outcome of court challenges.

In Texas, the restrictions have caused about one-third of abortion clinics in the state to close since they went into place in late 2013, according to abortion rights groups.

Jindal is also expected to soon sign another bill that would prohibit providers of elective abortions and their affiliates from "providing any materials or media regarding human sexuality or family planning" to schools that receive state funding.

Planned Parenthood's Flourney said the measure could keep comprehensive sex education out of reach for young people who most need to understand how to avoid unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

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Robert Redford May Play Oral Roberts in 'There-Is-No-Hell' Carlton Pearson Biopic

Carlton Pearson stirred quite a scandal when he came out with his there-is-no-hell theology. Now, a movie is in the works about his life.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, "The film, which will be financed and produced by Endgame Entertainment (*Looper*), chronicles the true story of Carlton Pearson, a renowned evangelical minister in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who stirs up controversy with his revelation that there is no hell. He loses everything and must rebuild his church and his family and find his own personal faith. Jeffrey Wright (*Quantum of Solace*) is in talks to take on the starring role of Pearson."

Film producers are in talks with Robert Redford to play Oral Roberts, a Pentecostal pioneer who emerged in the Voice of Healing movement and founded Oral Roberts University.

Pearson is thrilled, sharing on his Facebook page that it has

been a long time in the works. The film is based on an interview he gave to NPR in what he calls “the worst ministerial experience of my 45 years in it.”

Pearson also defended his gospel of inclusion. Noteworthy is the fact that the screenwriter for the film, Marcus Hinchey, is an atheist.

Single Women, You Were Made for More Than a Ring

I just really want to be a wife and mom,” said the pre-med college student who had come over for tea. She wanted to chat about her career options and her new boyfriend—and she was much more excited about the boyfriend than a possible medical degree.

I said the same thing during my early single years, and I’ve heard the same thing over and over from many young women. So many women, particularly Christian women, envision the house, the kids, the loving husband, the dog and the yard. They long for the days filled with baking cookies, raising kids and greeting their husband at the door after a long day’s work—a *Leave It to Beaver* episode that plays and replays in their minds.

And, you know, there’s nothing wrong with that. As a matter of fact, it’s perfectly natural for women to daydream about weddings and husbands and kids. The problem comes when that is *all* we dream about, when our dreams end at the altar and we think the wedding alone is our destiny.

You were made for more than a ring.

Wake Up to the Real “More”

I remember the day I was, for the 400th time, bemoaning my singlehood. A good friend challenged me: “Nicole, what else do you want to be besides a wife? What does your life look like outside of the home?”

I sat dumb. I couldn’t answer her! I always knew in my head that life was multifaceted, but I realized deep down that I was hoping a husband would be my panacea, my savior—not only from loneliness but also from purposelessness and boredom.

My friend’s question challenged me, and the Holy Spirit began to speak to me: “A husband will never give you purpose. Your life is about more than being a wife. Simply being a wife will never fulfill you.”

That sobered me and propelled me to take hold of the garment of Jesus and beseech Him. I cried out, “What have You called me to do? What have You made me to do? What can I do uniquely that no one else can do?”

That day I realized that even though I desperately wanted to get married, my life was meant to be about more than domestic bliss—and the same is true for you.

Face Up to the Church Challenge

Let’s face it, though: The church world doesn’t help us out much in this area. Christians often treat single women like they have some sort of disease. They keep them at arm’s length and forget about them in their sermons, social gatherings and prayers. Sermon illustrations are filled with examples appropriate for married people but totally irrelevant for singles. Churches organize all kinds of activities for stay-at-home moms and couples, but singles are left to fend for themselves—or, worse, are called on to provide childcare for the marriage activities. This can leave singles feeling lost and invisible.

The truth is that many Christians get married very young, so they simply cannot relate to being 35 or 45 or 55 and single. How many of you single women have had a married man ask, "Why aren't you married yet?" As if you knew! As if you're somehow too prudish or too snooty or too picky or too something to get a man. You walk away sure you must be the problem. You assume that in some unknown way you're warding off men. You feel condemned and confused.

Many married women don't know what to say either. They have never lived alone or made a major decision alone. And some make insensitive comments or suggest perhaps you have the "gift of singleness." Some assume you're on the hunt for a man—and they hold their husbands a little closer when you're around.

Part of the problem is that family has become an idol in the church. Christians have reacted to the feminist movement's exaltation of career over family by doing the same thing in reverse—exalting family over everything else. The family is so highly esteemed in the church that, with no effort at all, we can conclude life before marriage is suboptimal living, like a winter season to be prayed through and left behind as quickly as possible.

Winter, though, is a season of death. The trees look dead; the grass looks dead; flowers are dead. Wildlife is hidden away and sleeping. Potential life lies dormant beneath the surface, but no life is visible.

How different the single life should be from this!

As a single woman, your life is ripe for bursting with vitality and energy. This is a time for pursuing God, for traveling, for sowing eternal seeds in people's lives, and for investing in your career and in those you love.

Family is incredibly important, and the breakdown of marriage and family is the cause of many of our social ills, for sure.

I do not think, however, that a married person is more important than a single person or that getting married makes you more spiritual or more special than a single person.

So challenge the status quo. Decide that even if you long for a mate, those who look at you will see spring, and you will indeed know life and fruit on a regular basis.

Take Up Responsibility

As a single person, it's your responsibility to find out the "more" God has for you. Even if your greatest desire is to be married, open your mind and heart and start desiring something else too. If you die tomorrow, will you leave anything significant behind, or is your free time spent only in daydreaming and indulging in discontent?

If you're in your 30s or 40s or 50s and aren't married, perhaps you are supposed to do something else before you wed. After you say "I do," your time, energy and money will be divided multiple ways. What can you throw yourself into now that will make a significant impact on an eternal soul?

I've heard it said a woman's highest calling is to be a wife and mother. I disagree. I think the highest calling for you is to be in the will of God. I certainly don't think Gladys Aylward or Corrie ten Boom were less important than my dear friend who stays home raising her seven children. These women are all heroines who have poured themselves out for other people and changed lives for the good.

What is God calling you to do? I know He's whispering an assignment in your ear and trying to stir a passion in you other than the sexual passion you dream about. He has something for you to focus on other than the left ring finger of every man you meet. He has something for you to be excited about other than the hello of the handsome man in your office.

Sister, you're too smart to think only about your figure, and

you're too precious to spend your days strutting your stuff and hoping for male attention. You are more than the number of nods you receive from men and the number of dates you've had this year. You are a princess, not a prisoner of singleness.

Stand Up and Move Forward

If you are single, the goal for you right now is to figure out why you were created and to move forward with a sense of purpose. The key word for you is *focus*. Identify the call of God on your life, and set your face like flint, pursuing Him and that purpose for which you were created.

Don't worry. You won't intimidate your future husband. You won't scare him away. You won't miss him. Like an Olympic runner, set your face on the finish line and refuse the distraction of what others are doing ("How come she gets a boyfriend?" "Why can't I have a man like that?"). Claim the truth that God is no respecter of persons and that He has blessings in store for you, too, and *move forward*.

When you get married, your highest call will be walking in the will of God—which will include being the best wife and may include being the best mother you can be. But it will also include more. If your life ends at the wedding altar, if you get married and just settle in, if you stop pursuing God and cease investing the talents He's given you, you will fall short of the purpose for which you were created. You will become stale. And your marriage will suffer.

Our lives should be moving, dynamic and anointed, and that can't start when we get married. It has to start *now*. Once you get a glimpse of the bigger picture, it will focus your time and attention and give you purpose and goals other than catching a mate.

By my late 20s, I realized God was calling me to be a writer and speaker. He wanted to use my mouth and pen to communicate the truths of His Word and encourage others. This was

confirmed when I spoke at my first conference overseas. I was in Ghana, West Africa, at a women's conference, and as I stood at the podium ministering to hundreds of beautiful women, I felt like I had come home. This was what I was born to do. Similar to Eric Liddell in *Chariots of Fire*, I realized I "feel God's pleasure" when I speak.

I didn't know how opportunities would come, but I did know those single years were prime time to invest in the talents God had given me. I had enough married friends to know I had more time on my hands than they did. I knew evenings free of distraction and quiet Saturday afternoons were a luxury and that I should invest some of those hours honing skills and pressing into God. I determined to be ready in season and out of season, and I spent many evenings with my Bible and my laptop open. I had purpose, and this guided my time and focused my heart.

If you have no idea what your destiny is, let me ask you this: What has God put in your hand? Like the boy with the fishes and loaves, if you offer even small things to God, He can multiply them and use them to feed multitudes. So can you write, play an instrument, sing, organize, teach, cook, research, program, build or sew?

Now is the time to discover gifts, no matter how small, and begin to invest in them. Now is the time to ask the Father for a bigger picture of your life and for guidance on how to work toward it.

This is also true for my sisters in their twilight years or those who are single again after being widowed or divorced. It's never too late to discover purpose. If you are retired and your kids are grown and gone, praise God! You still have time to dream a new dream. There is another volume of your life to be written. Don't shut down and assume the best is over. No, my sisters, the best is yet to come!

Do you remember Anna, in the book of Luke? The Bible says she had only been married seven years when her husband died. How sad! And yet she chose to throw herself into purpose and make something beautiful of her life. She spent her days in intercession, prophesying and waiting for the Messiah. And she got to see Him! At 84, she received a most incredible gift. (See Luke 2:36-38.)

Sisters, don't limit God. Remember, a single man wrote half of the New Testament. God wants to use you to change history—perhaps not world history, but at least the history of a child, a church, a community, a family or an office. What He is calling you to is life-changing for someone somewhere, and it is vital you discover it. Your mate will come alongside you and complement the work you are already doing. He will add to it and make it better, but there is much for you to do in the meantime.

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Watch a hilarious video highlighting the “encouragement” Christian singles sometimes get from married people at [www.singlechristians.com](#)

'Assisted Suicide Due to Old Age' Gets Backing in Switzerland

Swiss assisted suicide group Exit says it will consider helping elderly people who do not have a terminal illness to kill themselves.

Exit's General Assembly backed the change in a vote on Saturday, prompting warnings from a Swiss medical group that it could put pressure on healthy older people to commit suicide.

The change means elderly people would not need to provide as much proof of an illness as younger people.

Exit said details of the changes, which open the way for "suicide due to old age," still needed to be worked out and the move would not come into force immediately.

The Swiss Medical Association, which is an umbrella group for more than 70 medical organizations, spoke out against the decision.

"It gives us cause for concern because it cannot be ruled out that elderly healthy people could come under pressure of taking their own life," said organization president Dr. Jürg Schlup.

At Westminster, Lord Falconer is seeking to introduce **assisted suicide** while in Scotland Green MSP Patrick Harvie is fronting a bill with the same purpose.

However, critics including Christian ethicist Peter Saunders argue against any such law change.

Saunders, campaign director of the Care Not Killing Alliance,

has warned that changing the law would “place subtle pressure on vulnerable people to end their lives, for fear of being a financial, emotional or care burden upon others.”

A disabled peer, Baroness Campbell, has also spoken out on the issue saying: “The existing law on assisted suicide rests on a natural frontier.”

“It rests on the principle that we do not involve ourselves in deliberately bringing about the deaths of other people,” she commented.

“What the proponents of ‘assisted dying’ want is to replace that clear and bright line with an arbitrary and permeable one,” the peer added.

Torturing and Executing a Woman for Her Faith Is No Big Deal, Says Sudan’s Embassy

The Embassy of Sudan has released an official public statement that torturing and executing a woman for her Christian faith isn’t “violating human rights.”

Earlier this month a Sudanese judge sentenced Meriam Ibrahim to be flogged and executed for her Christian faith. She is currently on death row and just gave birth to an American girl. Her son, an American toddler, is also imprisoned with her.

The Sudanese government’s statement acknowledging the case alleges that the media and world leaders “have mistakenly accused the government of Sudan of violating human rights.”

Its outlandish attempt to deflect, defend and distort reality is mind-boggling.

Sudan literally spends more time contesting the spelling of her name than dealing with the cold, harsh reality of its degradation of human rights.

When it finally does address the heart of the issue, Sudan despicably attempts to justify the abhorrent torture and death sentence imposed upon Ibrahim. The Sudanese government actually argues, "There was no government agency behind the case; rather her immediate family had reported their daughter as missing, later and after she was found and claimed that she is Christian, the family filed a case of apostasy against her."

The Sudanese government is actually publicly making the case that executing this woman is OK because the family turned her in and the government isn't involved even though it was a judge (which the statement acknowledges) who sentenced her to death.

Sudan actually admits the case is entirely about "apostasy"—becoming a Christian—her personal religious beliefs. That's their public justification. The family turned her in, they want her dead, so it's out of the government's hands. Never mind the fact that her Muslim father abandoned her. Never mind the fact that the very same statement touts the fact that the "ruling of the judge was made at the primary court."

In its twisted logic, the same statement that condemns her for "apostasy," proclaims that it is "reaffirming the commitment of the Government of Sudan to all human rights and freedom of beliefs."

Apostasy, by its very definition, is inherently contradictory to "freedom of beliefs."

Unbelievably, Sudan states, "This case remains a legal issue and not a religious or a political one." A conviction and sentence under Shariah Law for "apostasy" is nothing but religious.

Faced with this reality, Sudan spins a web of lies and deception to cover its diabolical deed. The official government statement notes, "It is important to emphasize that freedom of choice is the cornerstone of both Islam and Christianity."

Yet, for Ibrahim's "choice" to marry a Christian man, she is to be tortured with 100 lashes. For her "choice" to be a Christian, she is to be hung.

The statement goes on to proclaim that "Sudanese judges are qualified and dignified." There is nothing dignified about flogging a woman because of whom she chose to marry. There is nothing dignified about demanding that she change her beliefs and accept the government's radical Islamic oligarchy at the end of a noose. There is nothing dignified about imprisoning two innocent babies while their mother is shackled in the cell with them. There is nothing dignified about killing a woman for embracing her faith.

It's evil personified.

The defiant statement attempts to shut off public outrage, calling it "dangerous."

"It is unwise and dangerous to politicize the issue at hand to spur religious tension between the two peaceful faiths with similar foundations," Sudan asserts.

There is nothing "peaceful" about hanging a woman for her faith. It is Sudan and not the world that spurred "religious tension" by imposing a death sentence based on religious beliefs.

One thing is for certain: Sudan is listening to the public outcry. It is doing anything in its power, spreading any deception it can, to silence the world. We will not be silenced. We will be heard. Sudan must release Ibrahim and her two American children.

More than 275,000 people have raised their voice to demand their freedom. Join them by signing the petition at . Sudan is listening. The world is watching. A woman's life hangs in the balance.

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Joy: Popeye's Spinach for God's Man

Remember when Popeye the Sailor would pop open a can of spinach, guzzle down the green goop and BAM!, his biceps would bulge? Then, he wielded extra power, speed, wit and energy to foil Bluto's chaotic plans to steal the spindly, love interest Olive Oyl.

Do you ever feel like you could use a super-sized helping of strength? Not strength from curling barbells, but **real strength** ... strength of character, perseverance and wisdom; strength that comes from confidence, peace, and faith.

Spinach worked great for Popeye, but in real life, real strength comes from ... JOY!

"...the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10).

Notice it doesn't say "happiness." Being happy is a feeling, an expression that requires joy. Joy comes from an inner sense of well being. Maybe Pharrell Williams should have written a song about joy, instead of "Happy."

So, where's your source of real strength? How do you develop joy?

The key is to take your eyes off yourself, your circumstances and your ups and downs. Regardless of the situation, turn your eyes to Jesus and thank him. Worship him. Acknowledge God for who He is—the creator of everything, author of life, savior of our soul, Lord of life.

He is worthy to be praised. I know this next part may be hard for a lot of men, but open your mouth and SING!

"Sing for joy to God our strength" (Psalm 81:1).

God returns adoration by filling you with joy. And joy gives you strength. At a glance, it doesn't seem to add up, but the Biblical math for real strength looks like:

Rejoice in the Lord + Sing = Joy = Strength

It may be paradigm-shifting, but to be able to rejoice in the Lord, you can't be self-absorbed. Being self-absorbed is a form of worship, and prohibits you from serving and loving others. Even in sadness, facing dire straits, the Bible says to:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4).

There is also joy from healthy relationships. That's why God's motto is to *love God and love people*. If you invest in God you get joy back. Love what God loves and you will know joy.

Just like Bluto trying to ruin Popeye's day, our archenemy is trying to rob us of our joy. Because he knows if you are

unhappy, your real strength diminishes. Are you robbed of strength? Then, you're joy has been stolen.

The message of the world is drive, determination, desire—that's strength. The cultural math to get joy looks like:

Work + hard = joy

Most guys are grinding away thinking they are reaching true joy. But it's a manipulation, a trick, a ploy. The enemy is after your joy. He goes for your joy so you feel bad, which makes you want to look for anything to appease your pain. Remember the enemy's number one mission is to steal, kill and destroy you.

"The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

Jesus came so you could live and love abundantly. He loves you. You were created so he could love you. If you let the paint dry on that thought alone, you will experience joy.

Maybe Popeye should have tattooed "JOY" on his bicep. Because with joy, you can be do anything.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Phil. 4:13).

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Teachers Ready to Hand Out Free Condoms to 12-Year-Olds

Twelve-year-olds should be learning to do math and science, not being equipped to have premarital, prepubescent sex.

Apparently, an Oregon school district disagrees.

The Gervais School District board approved condom distribution to students who are in the sixth grade and up at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

Apparently, the motive is to curb teen pregnancy. KATU reports nine girls got pregnant this year, about 5 percent of the girls in grades six through 12. Having the high school just 40 feet away may have something to do with it.

“The board has a small community to consider,” said District Superintendent Rick Hensel. “Their decision was that making condoms available was going to be positive thing for this community, albeit controversial, but a positive thing.”

Students will get the free condoms from teachers, but not before talking to a nurse, counselor or sexual education teacher.

In an age of immorality, does handing out free condoms encourage illicit sex or is the school using wisdom to curb teen pregnancy. Isn't there a better way?