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Ozarks Chapter of FFRF

Hi James,

Happy June! First, a quick programming note, the Ozarks Chapter of FFRF will be participating in the "No Kings" National Day of Action in Fayetteville tomorrow, June 14th! This is a great opportunity to share our message about separation between church & state, and push back against Christian Nationalism. As an FFRF member and/or supporter, please join us and make your voice heard! Details below.

In other business, and despite wet weather over the last few weeks, the Ozarks Chapter of FFRF has been busy, especially as we prepare for our first of four speaking events, starting with Kate Cohen next Wednesday, June 18th at 6:00pm at the Bentonville Public Library. While our Fayetteville Farmers Market was rained out on May 24th, we convened on June 7th at the 2025 LAMBDA Pride event in Fort Smith. We had a wonderful turnout of secular citizens who overwhelmingly support separation between church & state, and who appreciated our presence there.



James Brazeal, Chris Sweeny & Ruth Stanfield (not pictured) braved the rain on May 24th.



LaDonna Powell, Kathy & Derek Knox Family, and Chris Sweeny stand proud on June 7th at the 2025 LAMBDA Pride event in Fort Smith.

As for our upcoming list of events, here you go!

June 14th (Saturday) - 1:30pm to 4:00pm

- "[**No Kings**](#)" - **National Day of Action!** - The Ozarks Chapter of FFRF will be walking in the NO KINGS Fayetteville, Arkansas event. Meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the parking lot at 1:30pm (224 N East Ave Fayetteville). Please do not park at St. Paul's because they will need that space to organize the participants. The parking lot can be accessed via College Avenue, East Avenue, and Dickson Street. The walking route is from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to the Upper Ramble, and is characterized as "mostly flat." It is about a half mile in distance. Feel free to wear attire that pushes back against Christian Nationalism. We will have

our advertising backpacks available for those who want to wear them during the walk. Hope to see you there!

June 18th (Wednesday) - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

- **2025 Speaker Series with Kate Cohen @ Bentonville Library** - Author of the book "We of Little Faith", Kate will talk about her journey towards honesty, and explain the personal and political reasons why our country needs atheists more than ever right now. This event is FREE and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

June 28th (Saturday) - 11:00am to 5:00pm

- [NWA Pride Festival 2025](#) (W. Dickson Street) - The Ozarks Chapter of FFRF will be tabling at the NWA Pride Festival on West Dickson Street.

July 12th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Bentonville Farmers Market** - our group will be walking through the farmers market promoting FFRF's message.

July 13th (Sunday) - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

- **2025 Speaker Series with Forrest Valkai** (YouTube: [Renegade Science Teacher](#)) @ Fayetteville Library at 1pm. Forrest will be presenting on "How Learning Science Makes You A Better Person". This event is FREE and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

July 26th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd on the Fayetteville Square!

August 9th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Bentonville Farmers Market** - our group will be walking through the farmers market promoting FFRF's message.

August 17th (Sunday) - 10:00am to 5:00pm

- **2025 Speaker Series with Mickey Dollens** (Democratic House Representative from Oklahoma and FFRF employee) - join us for a full day event in West Siloam Springs, OK. This event is FREE and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

August 23rd (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd on the Fayetteville Square!

September 13th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Bentonville Farmers Market** - our group will be walking through the farmers market promoting FFRF's message.

Constitution Day Event (September 17th-ish) - Still working through the plan, but details to be announced soon!

September 27th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd on the Fayetteville Square!

October 11th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Bentonville Farmers Market** - our last Bentonville Farmers Market event of the year, our group will be walking through the farmers market promoting FFRF's message.

October 12th (Sunday) - 10:00am to 11:00am

- **2025 Speaker Series with Alessandro Terenzoni** (Americans United for Separation Between Church & State). This event is FREE and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

October 25th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd for our final Farmers Market event of the year!

As the Ozarks Chapter works connect & grow the secular community, please consider becoming a member of FFRF.org (National Organization) and the Ozarks Chapter of FFRF (a non-profit in Arkansas). Your membership dues help support the organization by underwriting the events we host, bringing speakers to Northwest Arkansas, and furthering our mission to protect the separation between church and state. Check out the QR codes to see what is included with membership, and how your support makes an impact. Thank you for your generosity! We hope to see you soon!

Respectfully,

Chris Sweeny

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