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Sunday:

\$2 House Drinks/Free Buffet Served @ 6:30pm

Monday:

\$5 All you can drink Longneck Bud & Bud Light

Tuesday:

\$3 Call Brand Liquors & \$2 Beers

Wednesday:

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Pool Tournament - No Entry Fee - \$50 Cash Prize

Thursday:

\$1 Domestic Beers

Friday & Saturday:

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HOURS:

Monday - Saturday 5:00pm to 2:30 am
Sunday 3:00 pm to 2:30 am

PATIO BAR:
Seasonal

Garnett Phibbs continues to fight for the LGBT community

Phibbs, known as "ol Garnett," is recognized for his hard-hitting editorial letters to top publications

by Monica Simpson

When you look at Garnett Phibbs, you see an elderly man with bright eyes and a sweet smile. You might think that he spends his days relaxing or visiting with friends and family at his Brian Retirement Center apartment. These days some of that might be true, but Phibbs, 82, is still a political dynamo when it comes to LGBT issues.

Phibbs's son was 28 when he made the decision to come out to his family. "I was not mad at him," explains Phibbs, "I knew that he was being who God created him to be. I know that it was not his choice, but who he was."

For decades, Phibbs fought for social justice in the areas of race relations as well as church and state relations.

When his son came out in 1977, Phibbs became active in Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) working for the rights of the LGBT community.

"Since I had a son that was gay as well as nieces and nephews, I knew that I had to help them in any way that I could. They were my family," says Phibbs.

Not only does Phibbs have a personal reason to fight for the LGBT community, but he also has obtained three graduate degrees in biblical ethics and social justice in order to stand on a foundation of knowledge when he fights.

With these degrees, Phibbs began to do social justice work for Congregational United Church. It was at this church where he became a minister.

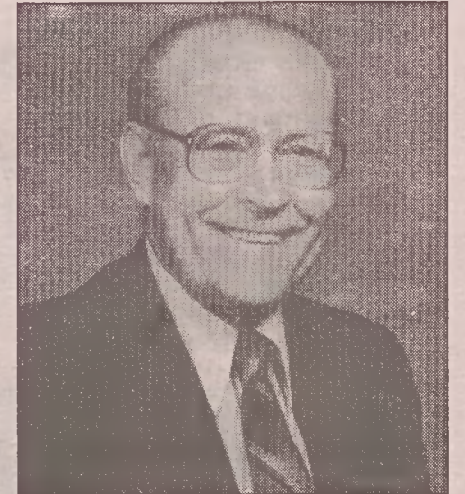
"Nearly two decades ago we were one of the first churches that voted as a denomination to be open and affirming to gays into full church membership and we did not even look back," says Phibbs. "This is why I knew that this was where my ministry should begin."

In 1957, the Congregational Church became the United Church of Christ. Phibbs remained a member of the church through his moves from Los Angeles, Calif., Toledo, Ohio, and finally to Charlotte, N.C.

Since moving to Charlotte, Phibbs has been on the board of Time Out Youth, and

he continues to work with the Charlotte PFLAG chapter. Although Phibbs has retired from the ministry, he still attends the United Church of Christ in the city.

Recently, The United Church produced a 30-second commercial that showed two bouncers at the doors of a church only



Phibbs has been a member of PFLAG for 28 years in various states, and he is a retired minister.

letting in select individuals. At the end of the spot, the church's message of equality for everyone is showed by a group of people of different races and sexualities standing together.

Although the commercial sounds empowering, the NBC and CBS networks did not allow the commercial to be aired.

"I didn't feel this was right," says Phibbs, "so I decided to do something about it."

He wrote letters to the presidents of NBC and CBS as well as letters to Congress and HRC.

"Someone needed to stand up for the rights of the church as well as gays," explains Phibbs. "You have to make people aware of situations."

Phibbs continues to fight social injustice through his letter-writing campaigns which he directs to elected officials and publications like *The Charlotte Observer*, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, among others.

"I will keep on sending letters because we have to fight for what is right even if it is not understood," Phibbs concludes.

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wrath of God, a harbinger of things to come: that Great Day of Judgment. The lands affected by this judgment from God aren't just full of idolatry; we're talking about places (think Thailand) that are hot spots where American businessmen travel for the express purpose of fornicating with young Asian children...not to mention the fact that those Asian countries weren't the only ones affected by the tsunamis. Do you realize that among the dead and missing are 20,000 Swedes and over 3,000 Americans? Filthy Swedes went to Thailand — world epicenter of child sex traffic — to rape and sodomize little Thai boys and girls. 20,000 dead Swedes is to Sweden's popu-

lation of nine million as 650,000 would be to America's 290 million population. We sincerely hope and pray that all 20,000 Swedes are dead, their bodies bloated on the ground or in mass graves or floating at sea feeding sharks and fishes or in the bellies of thousands of crocodiles washed ashore by tsunamis."

Phelps has such a talent — if you could call it that — for visually repulsive railings. It would almost be comical if it wasn't so tragic. At least we can take some consolation in the fact that Phelps is clearly insane.

— David Moore
Editor