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FLORENCE, Ala. - The First Assembly of God Church has agreed to discontinue its practice of swallowing live goldfish as part of its Fear Factor ministry.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has asked for a ban on the practice.

Spokeswoman Amy Rhodes said the organization was flooded with calls earlier this month after a story about the program was published in the TimesDaily.

PETA contacted the church seeking confirmation of a ban on the activity.

Re: Church Agrees to Ban Swallowing Goldfish - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/10/27 22:58

What a joke! no wonder we aren't pulling down strongholds, the world is surely is laughing the church to scorn, when will the true church arise.

Re: Church Agrees to Ban Swallowing Goldfish - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/10/28 0:50

That's funny! I don't mean to make lite of it but I do see humor there.

Re: - posted by groh_frog, on: 2005/10/28 13:34

PETA is bullying around Churches now? And the Church is listening? I mean, I understand not wanting to offend some one, but ITS A GOLDFISH!

There are no words...

Grace and Peace...

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/10/28 14:56

Sounds like a publicity stunt to me...

Fear factor at church?

Re: Church Agrees to Ban Swallowing Goldfish - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/10/28 15:39

At least this Pentecostal church was handling fish instead of snakes for a change, eh? :) hehehehe

Re: Church Agrees to Ban Swallowing Goldfish - posted by hredii (), on: 2005/10/28 18:07

The T.V. show Fear Factor Blasphemes God name many time each show.

Quote:

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Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/10/28 19:02

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Perhaps they are starting small...? :-D

I couldn't resist doing a google and found this..Pastor Greg Woodall replied to PETA's request in a letter.

"I do appreciate your concern and just wanted to let you know that this will never happen again," Woodall wrote. "My views are a reflection of yours. We love God's creatures and would never want to show them harm."

As part of the Fear Factor ministry at the church, teenage participants were asked to swallow live goldfish. No one reportedly became ill during the goldfish phase of the program that concludes this week.

Youth minister Anthony Martin said earlier the goal of the exercise was to teach teens about fear.

PETA thanked the church for the ban by sending a gift basket of vegan Swedish fish, a gummy candy, as an alternative to live fish. Now this is more my level of 'faith'. I think I could take a try at one of those 'vegan Swedish fish gummy candies'. Bring 'em on!:-)

I can't stop chuckling at the phrase "the goldfish phase of the program". Please tell me what comes next.

Re: - posted by markm, on: 2005/10/28 19:30

I dunno, the vegan gummy candies sound a little bit frightening to me also.

I think they did the right thing by backing off this one. Some things are not worth fighting over. As much as possible, live at peace, etc...

Everybody sing: "It's the snack that smiles back Goldfish..."

Re: - posted by groh_frog, on: 2005/10/29 2:05

Yeah, you're probably right, mark. I can be known to be overly confrontational, usually to my discredit. The little issues are usually little issues. I can't stand, however, when we back down on the things that do really matter.

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Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/10/29 6:46

I'm shocked any parents would have actually been ok with it in the Church, and that there weren't complaints from them. I mean, your kid is eating a live animal.... ack. Sounds more like a college hazing ritual. If they want to overcome fear, have them go out on a street corner and preach 2 or 3 times. That will free ya pretty good from the fear of man.

Re: - posted by groh_frog, on: 2005/10/29 6:51

Well, I'm curious how they were using the goldfish as a ministry tool... There's some interesting ideas out there!

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Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/10/31 14:57

Quote:

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Amen. Every since I started OpenAir preaching, I have thought that if some of these prosperity preachers would open air preach they would get laughed off of the street. I think it would do them some good. Maybe put some real passion in t

hem and they would search the scriptures to find the true Gospel. You don't take many offerings standing on the street corner preaching.

Re: - posted by Eli_Barnabas (), on: 2005/10/31 15:18

...ridiculous.