

## San Francisco Atheists

For our May meeting, we are excited to welcome **Katherine Stewart**, author of ***The Good News Club: The Christian Right's Stealth Assault on America's Children***, "a chilling exposé of the well-funded, highly coordinated effort by Christian Nationalists to use public schools to advance a fundamentalist agenda."

"In 2009, the *Good News Club* came to the public elementary school where journalist Katherine Stewart sent her children. The Club, which is sponsored by the Child Evangelism Fellowship, bills itself as an after-school program of 'Bible study.' But Stewart soon discovered that the Club's real mission is to convert children to fundamentalist Christianity and encourage them to proselytize to their 'unchurched' peers, all the while promoting the natural but false impression among the children that its activities are endorsed by the school."

"Astonished to discover that the U.S. Supreme Court has deemed this—and other forms of religious activity in public schools—legal, Stewart set off on an investigative journey to dozens of cities and towns across the nation to document the impact. In this book she demonstrates that *there is more religion in America's public schools today than there has been for the past 100 years*. The movement driving this agenda is stealthy. It is aggressive. It has our children in its sights. And its ultimate aim is to destroy the system of public education as we know it."

Katherine Stewart has worked as a journalist for The Village Voice, Newsweek International, Rolling Stone, The New York Observer, and others. Most recently she has written for The New York Times, The Guardian, the Daily Beast, Bloomberg View, and Religion Dispatches. She lives with her family in New York City. (quotes from the book's [website](#))

Books will be available for purchase and signing (cash/checks only, please).

**Saturday May 25**  
**Schroeder's Restaurant, 240 Front St., rear dining room**  
**Meet at 4:30 to drink/eat/socialize, program at 5:00 pm**  
**Near the Embarcadero MUNI/BART station**

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[Ha Ha Heathens](#) godless comedy with Keith Lowell Jensen and friends return to the Punch Line on May 29.

Tickets are now available for [SkeptiCal](#) in Berkeley on June 15, a day-long event with speakers, panels, and discussions on science and skepticism.

Join us at our Summer Solstice potluck picnic BBQ in Stern Grove on June 22 (there will be no meeting at Schroeder's in June).

Bay Area atheists will once again participate in the SF Pride Parade on June 30 (details tba).

The [Atheist Film Festival](#) returns to the Roxie Theater on September 14.