

TCA Hangout: Brett Kunkle



April 18, we'll be joined by one of the guys we watched in our last meeting about Apologetics Online!

Via live Google Hangout, Brett Kunkle of Stand to Reason (str.org) will be asking and answering the question: Can we be good without God?

Atheists claim we don't need God to be moral. In this talk we'll examine the atheist's confusion, raise the problem of good for the atheist and show that God's existence best explains the existence of objective moral values.

Join us Thursday, April 18, from 6:30-8:30
Room 7 at Church of the Living God, 1514 Birmley Rd.

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Who is Jay Watts?

Jay Watts is coming to town! ...But who on earth is Jay Watts?

About Jay



Jay Watts is a speaker and writer for the [Life Training Institute](#). LTI was started by Scott Klusendorf as an organization whose “sole purpose is to train others to save lives”.

Jay speaks to churches, youth groups, school assemblies, and other organizations on multiple topics including The Case for Life, understanding the Christian worldview, and his testimony on moving from being a hostile pro-choice atheist to a full-time pro-life advocate. He has spoken to groups at University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, University of Rhode Island, Eastern Kentucky University, Auckland University in New Zealand and many others. He is an associate member of the Evangelical Theological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

More recently, Jay has been on a grueling national speaking circuit to reach as many Catholic and Protestant High Schoolers as possible to teach them how to

make a persuasive case for life. In addition to his general audience speaking engagements, in the last few weeks alone, Jay has spoken at the following schools:

- St. Augustine Catholic High School, San Diego, CA
- First Presbyterian Day School, Macon, GA
- Tri-City Christian Schools, Vista, CA
- Upland Christian Academy, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Marin Catholic High School, Kentfield, CA
- Shiloh Hills Christian School, Kennesaw, GA

Jay's Approach

While Jay makes no bones about the fact that he is a Christian, **the case he presents is based upon morality, science, and sound thinking**, and therefore will equip his audience to engage in thoughtful and persuasive discussions that can not be easily dismissed on worldview.

Recent Endorsements

First Presbyterian Day School, Macon, GA:

His talk was one of the best we've had in the 6 years I've had the privilege of serving as FPD's chaplain. Jay's pro-life presentation was passionate, articulate, rational, respectful (of opposing opinions), and engaging.

Our students listened spellbound. We plan on having Jay visit us again. And again.

I recommend him to anyone wishing to hear a fair and balanced (sorry Fox News) presentation of this religiously, socially, and politically divisive issue.

Give Jay a forum. You won't be sorry!

*Dr. Charley Chase
Chaplain, First Presbyterian Day School
Macon, Georgia*

St. Augustine Catholic High School, San Diego, CA:

Hi, Steve, I just wanted to say thanks so much to Jay, you, and all benefactors for the talk that was given. Jay did a bang-up job, and he is a shining example of what a pro-life apologetic speaker should be. He was firm but gracious, knowledgeable but not condescending. The students and teachers who participated benefited greatly.

I will specifically ask for Jay the next time.

*God bless you all,
Vladimir Bachynsky*

Jay's Northern Michigan Schedule

While here, Jay will be speaking at a number of churches and schools; to students, parents, ministry leaders, and the public; and on a range of topics. His current schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 18:

- **TC Apologetics**



Jay will be visiting with us briefly via Google Hangout during [our regular meeting](#). Stop by to get to know him a little, then stick around to listen to Brett Kunkle.

Sunday, April 28:

- **10:00am ... Back to the Cross**



Jay will be speaking at Church of the Living God on using apologetics in

the service of the gospel

- **7:00pm ... TC Area Youth Gathering**



When the questions get hard, do you feel like you can hold your own, or do you look for a place to hide? Jay will give you some things to think about, and more importantly he will give you some new tools to help you next time you're in an uncomfortable situation. This event is open to all TC area middle and high school students. Bring your whole youth group!

Monday, April 29:

- **8:00am ... Coffee for parents**



This is an opportunity sponsored by TC Christian School for parents to get to know Jay and hear about his organization and the talks he'll be giving the students throughout the day. (at Church of the Living God)

- **9:00am - 2:00pm ... Back to School**



Jay will be speaking to TC Christian School students in Church of the Living God's auditorium on a variety of topics. All high schoolers and their parents are welcome to join us! (Just make sure to bring a lunch.)

- **7:00pm ... "The Heart of the Abortion Dilemma"**



A look at the real issues behind the terms "life" and "choice". From the ground up, Jay will present the issue on the basis of science, morality, and sound thinking. If you have ever found this topic confusing, join Jay at Scholars Hall at NMC where he will simplify the issue and give you something to think about.

- **On Tap: Does Truth Matter?**



Immediately following the lecture at NMC, feel free to join us in the back room at the Blue Tractor. We'll be continuing the conversation from Jay's talk, and hashing out whatever else comes up.

Tuesday, April 30:

- **7:30am ... Community Leader Breakfast**



Join us for breakfast at Omelette Shoppe on Munson Avenue to hear Jay give his insight on how to impact the next generation.

- **Visit to St. Francis High School**

Jay will be speaking to a number of students on worldview and training them to make the case for life. If you have an interested high-schooler at TCSF, have them contact their teacher for more info.

▪ **7:00pm ... “The Case for Life”** 

In a concise and understandable talk, Jay will teach attendees how to defend pro-life views in an attractive and impacting manner. You won't want to miss this opportunity at Kohler Auditorium .

Note: Click on  icon to visit the Facebook event page for more information, directions, and discussion

Want Jay to Speak to Your Group?

There are currently some holes in Jay's schedule. **If you would like Jay to speak to your group, contact Scott Smith at scott@tcapologetics.org or 231-218-9424.** But do it quick, because space is filling up.

Giving

If you would like to give toward costs incurred during this series of events, or to the work of TC Apologetics in general, you can contact Scott Smith via the above, or you can send a check to “Tactical Faith, P.O. Box 991, Springville, AL 35146” with “TC Apologetics” specified in the memo. TC Apologetics is an affiliate of [Tactical Faith](#), a non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting apologetic training, so any gifts submitted through them will be tax deductible.

Get to Know Jay

I know it's difficult to get someone else's vision. You probably don't know Jay and have never heard him, so to you this is just another event. I promise you this though - after Jay has been to town, you will hear people talking about the events and **you will kick yourself for not taking advantage of this while he was here**. I know you're busy - we all are. But I encourage you to check out some of the links below to get a feel for what Jay is all about, then make the time in your schedule to see Jay during the last week of April. I promise you will not regret it.

Enough talk. Here are some resources you should check out:

Life Training Institute

- Check out the wealth of info at LTI's web page, prolifetraining.com
- Learn about [LTI's mission](#).
- [Read more about Jay](#).

TC Apologetics

- Get to know [what we're all about](#).
- [Browse our blog](#) for posts to get an idea what we talk about.
- Check out [notes and video from some of our meetings](#).

Jay Watts

- [Check out this blog post](#) to understand the thinking behind one of Jay's talks.
- Watch the videos below to see Jay in action:

Jay Watts speaking to youth at the 2013 SALT Conference

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(Audio starts at 1:32)

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Blue Tractor

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Kohler Auditorium, St. Francis High School

For More info:
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Jay Watts

[Apologetics Online](#)



Well, it looks like this internet fad is still popular. So what are you going to do with it?

If Facebook were a country, it would be the **third largest in the world**.

The average email user gets 147 messages per day.

Over **4 billion hours of video** are watched each month on YouTube.

Podcasts and on-demand viewing are presenting unimagined issues to the entertainment industry.

Here's the bottom line: **The internet is here to stay**.

This raises some interesting questions for us:

...Can we interact with it in a productive way?

...Is there a way to reach people online?

...What sources exist that we ought to be aware of?

There are plenty more questions and issues to discuss. Bring them with you this Thursday as we look at the topic of **how to do apologetics online**.

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[Interview: Mike Licona](#)



Leading up to Easter 2013, we have been looking at claims that oppose Christianity. Was Jesus a myth? Was he a real person? Did he claim to be God?

On March 7, we have a special treat. We will be spending the evening with Dr

Mike Licona via Google+ Hangout looking at the resurrection hypothesis and related topics. **The event will be streamed on this page.**

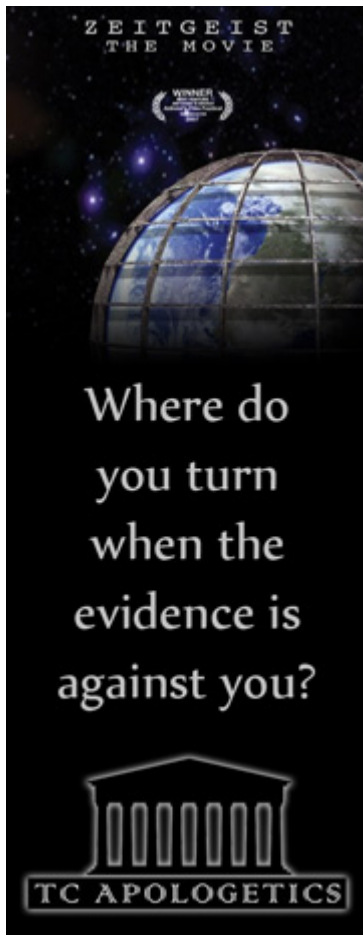
Mike has a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies, and is a sought-after speaker. Mike is a member of the [Evangelical Philosophical Society](#), the Institute for Biblical Research, and the Society of Biblical Literature. He is also associate professor in theology at [Houston Baptist University](#) and the president of [Risen Jesus, Inc.](#)

Mike is the author, [co-author or editor of six books](#) on various apologetic topics. Two of his books delve deep into the evidence surrounding the resurrection. Is it just a story, or do we have any solid reasons to believe it really happened? We will use this meeting to learn from Mike about what history has to tell us and what the scholars think. Mark your calendars, because this will be a good one. **Bring your questions too - this will be a fantastic opportunity to get answers to those questions that have stumped you.**

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[ZEITGEIST - Is Jesus a myth?](#)



The popularity of the internet movie Zeitgeist and the recent surge of books by the “new atheists” have revived the belief that Jesus was a myth that copied earlier cultures.

This Thursday we will be examining the claims, discussing where we go for information, and exploring the most effective responses to offer skeptics.

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