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Americans United is the only national organization that devotes one-hundred percent of its time and resources to church/state separation. Through education and advocacy, Americans United works to preserve religious liberty and freedom of conscience as guaranteed by our Constitution.

an event featuring author

Katherine Stewart

The North Shore and West Suburban Chicago chapters of Americans United welcome author Katherine Stewart for a presentation and discussion of her book "The Good News Club: The Christian Right's Stealth Assault on America's Children"

In 2009, the Good News Club came to the public elementary school where 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 young children to a fundamentalist version of Christianity and encourage them to proselytize their "unchurched" peers, all the while promoting the false but unavoidable 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 schools -- legal, Stewart set off on an investigative journey through dozens of cities and towns across the nation to document the impact.

What is happening in Stewart's community is happening all across the country. At this presentation, she will address the broad range of initiatives intended to insert a conservative form of evangelical Christianity in public schools. Stewart will also show how the movement is organized and funded by national legal organizations, with budgets totaling over \$100 million dollars per year, that are determined to "take back America," starting with our public schools. Their ultimate goal is to undermine the system of public education in America -- and secular democracy itself.

Katherine Stewart's work has appeared in The New York Times, Reuters, and the Guardian. She has also published two novels. She lives with her family in New York City.

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