

Bibles get new cover: "Jesus Loves Porn Stars"

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The cover of the book proclaims "Jesus Loves Porn Stars."

Inside, it's the New Testament, and the Rev. Craig Gross and members of XXXChurch regularly give it out at pornography conventions.

"Recently we had a man come up to our table holding a large bag of porn," Gross said Saturday at a men's breakfast at the Pleasant Valley Community of Prayer and Praise in Groton, dedicated to addressing and eliminating pornography.

"He asked what it was, and I told him that it was a best-selling book," Gross said. "He began looking through it, and I told him there weren't any pictures. He realized what it was and said what we were doing was terrible. I told him I didn't do anything — we just changed the cover."

At another convention, the New Testaments they were giving away were moving far more quickly than merchandise at one nearby table, leaving Gross and his assistants with many empty boxes, and a lesson in irony.

"Some (vendors) at a nearby table asked if they could take our empties to carry their stuff home," Gross said. "They brought (pornography) home in boxes made for Bibles."