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## FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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### MASSIVE GAY PRIDE PARADE IN JERUSALEM

The 15th annual gay pride parade was held in Jerusalem last week, with an estimated participation of 25,000. Some participants waved rainbow flags with the Star of David at the center (“A year after tragedy, big, colorful Jerusalem pride parade is a celebration of tolerance,” *The Times of Israel*, July 21, 2016). Last year an ultra-orthodox Jew stabbed a 16-year-old girl to death during the parade, apparently convinced that indiscriminate, cold-blooded murder is morally superior to marching in a “gay pride” parade. In light of Jerusalem’s “gay pride,” the description of the city in Bible prophecy as “spiritually Sodom and Egypt” is telling (Revelation 11:5-8).



### OBAMA’S HALF-BROTHER VOTING FOR TRUMP

The following is excerpted from “Half-Brother Malik Obama,” Newsmax.com, July 24, 2016: “President Barack Obama’s half-brother says he’s voting for Donald Trump--fed up with his relative’s politics and encouraged by the Republican nominee’s ‘fresh and new’ approach, the *New York Post* reports Sunday. ‘I like Donald Trump because he speaks from the heart,’ Kenyan-born Malik Obama, tells the *Post*. *Make America Great Again* is a great slogan. I would like to meet him.’ Malik Obama told the *Post* he’s coming to the United States to vote in November; he’s

registered as a Democrat in Maryland, where he used to live and work, the *Post* notes. ... Malik Obama and his younger half-brother share a father, Barack Obama Sr., who left Kenya in 1959 when Malik was a year old and enrolled at the University of Hawaii, where he met and married the president’s mother, Stanley Ann Dunham. Malik Obama tells the *Post* his ‘deep disappointment’ with his half-brother came when FBI Director James Comey recommended not prosecuting Hillary Clinton despite her ‘reckless’ handling of classified data on a private email server. ‘She should have known better as the custodian of classified information,’ he said. He’s also angry with the Democratic Party’s support of same-sex marriage.”



*Malik Obama*

## RABBI HAS RAISED OVER A BILLION DOLLARS FOR ISRAEL FROM CHRISTIANS

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein's International Fellowship of Christians and Jews has raised \$1.25 billion for "global Jewish needs," largely from Christians, even though he preaches non-proselytizing. Eckstein says, "Christians are called to bless Israel and the Jewish people, and that is their form of witness. If God wants Jews to believe in Jesus, He will take care of it. ... Proselytizing is a line [evangelicals] cannot cross" ("Rabbi: Jews Will Come to Jesus When God Decides," *Israel Today*, Aug-Sep. 2016). Eckstein urges Christian donors to "put messianic groups aside," referring to those who believe in preaching the gospel to Jews. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded that the gospel be preached to Jews, and His apostles boldly set about that task even though they were persecuted unto death. The apostle Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

## "HONOR KILLINGS" ON RISE IN PAKISTAN

Islamic "honor killings" are on the rise in Pakistan, having increased 39% since 2010. Last year there were 1,096 reported cases, but many go unreported. One of the latest was Maria Sadaqat, a Pakistani teacher who was burned alive after turning down a suitor ("Pakistan burned teacher's death was 'not suicide,' investigation says," BBC, July 21, 2016). Four men, including the owner of the school where she taught, held her hands and feet while she was set on fire. She had spurned a marriage proposal from the school owner's son, because he was already married with a child. Police had ruled the case a "suicide" even though she lived long enough to identify her killers. Honor killings are driven by "fundamentalist" Islam. After Pakistan's Punjab province passed a law in February criminalizing all forms of violence against women, more than 30 Islamic groups "threatened to launch protests if the law was not repealed."

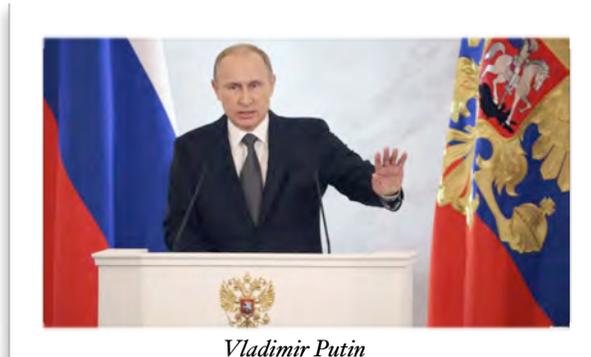
## GLOBAL WARMING EXPEDITION STUCK IN ARCTIC ICE



The following is from "Another Arctic Alarmist Disaster," RealClimateScience.com, July 20, 2016: "A group of climate clowns were planning on sailing around the entire Arctic Ocean through the Northeast and Northwest Passages (to prove there isn't any ice in the Arctic) but are stuck in Murmansk because the Northeast Passage is completely blocked with ice. It is July 20, and they haven't made it to the Arctic yet. The melt season is more than half over, with temperatures near the pole persistently below normal. This is what happens when people listen to climate scientists, who are some of the most dishonest people on Earth--after Democratic politicians."

# RUSSIA'S NEW LAW RESTRICTING EVANGELISM

The following is excerpted from "Putin Signs," Forum18.org, July 8, 2016: "Russia's President Vladimir Putin has signed into law legislation on so-called 'missionary activity,' further restricting the public expression of freedom of religion and belief, including in the media and online. The amendment-- which has been rapidly introduced-- caused widespread protests, but was signed on 6 July and the signing was made public at Moscow lunchtime on 7 July. It was published on the presidential website that day and comes into force on 20 July. Lawyers working to protect the right to freedom of religion and belief are already preparing for an appeal to the Constitutional Court. ... Against international human rights obligations, the amendments to the Religion Law restrict those who can share beliefs to people with permission from members of state-registered religious groups and organisations. This excludes people from groups which have chosen to operate without state



Vladimir Putin

permission, such as certain Baptist congregations. The amendments also bar even informal sharing of beliefs, for example responding to questions or comments, by individuals acting on their own behalf. The amendments also restrict the beliefs that can be shared, specifies a restricted list of places where beliefs may be

shared, and explicitly bans any beliefs from being shared in residential buildings, or on another association's property without permission. An allegedly 'anti-terrorist' part of the amendments bars the conversion of residential property to religious use. There are now heavy financial penalties of up to

50,000 Roubles for individuals and up to 1 million Roubles for organisations who violate the amendments. A fine of 50,000 Roubles (about 6,500 Norwegian Kroner, 700 Euros, or 780 US Dollars) represents about six weeks' average wages for those in work. Maximum fines for organisations would be up to 20 times as much."

## THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE ZEAL FOR TRUTH

"Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:128). I have long observed that those who don't have zeal for truth don't understand zeal for truth. A zeal for truth is missing from modern evangelicalism. They say they love the truth, but they don't hate every false way and don't understand those who do. The spirit of Psalm 119:128 is glaringly absent. The dividing of doctrine into "essentials" and "non-essentials" is evidence of this. They confuse zeal with arrogance, Phariseism, and a selfish "agenda." Now we are witnessing a rapidly growing number of fundamental Baptists with the same inability to understand zeal for the truth since this has disappeared from their lives and ministries. They divide truth into essentials and non-essentials, and whatever zeal for the truth they might have is directed only toward the "essentials." They don't get worked up over much of anything other than reproving the reprovers. If the brethren err in "non-essential" matters, they keep quiet. They want to keep things "positive." They don't want to disrupt the unity.

# THE MIRACLE OF MOTHER'S MILK

New research continues to discover the amazing power of mother's milk to nourish and protect infants. Each type of mammalian milk has ingredients varying according to "what each species needs," and "human milk is a particular marvel," just as we would expect as the product of divine creation ("Breast-feeding the Microbiome," *The New Yorker*, July 22, 2016). For example, human milk contains large numbers of "complex sugars called oligosaccharides (H.M.O.s), the third-most plentiful ingredient in human milk, after lactose and fats." The baby cannot digest these H.M.O.s. Instead, they pass through the small intestine and land in the large intestine where they are eaten by special bacteria that in turn nourish the baby's stomach cells. The microbe, *Bifidobacterium longum infantis* (*B. infantis*, for short) has a cluster of thirty genes that are specially designed for devouring the H.M.O.s from the mother's milk. There are other Bifs in the human gut, but only *B. infantis* has this genetic cluster. As it digests the H.M.O.s, "it releases short-chain fatty acids, which feed an infant's gut cells" and "encourages gut cells to make adhesive proteins that seal the gaps between them, keeping microbes out of the bloodstream, and anti-inflammatory molecules that calibrate the immune system" (Ibid.). *B. infantis* does this helpful work for the baby only when it is fed with H.M.O.s from the mother's milk. If fed lactose, instead, "it survives but doesn't engage in any repartee with the baby's cells." Human breast milk "has five times as many types of H.M.O.s as cow's milk, and several hundred times the quantity. Even chimp milk is impoverished compared with ours." And scientists are only beginning to understand what the various types of H.M.O.s in human breast milk do for the baby. The report concludes its discussion of this incredibly complex, finely-turned, perfectly orchestrated process by speculating as to how it evolved. A couple of ridiculous "just so" stories are tossed out for good measure. Instead of engaging in "just so" fairy tales, scientists should stand back in awe, humbling themselves before the almighty Creator and seeking Him through the gospel of Jesus Christ while there is opportunity.



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