

# O Timothy

*"Keep that which is committed to thy trust..."*

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*"Disney's animated classics are filled with pagan and occult imagery such as witches and demons, sorcerers and spells, genies and goblins, all of which are strongly denounced by Scripture. Like Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings, Disney cartoons present the false and damnable concept that there is good and bad magic." Page 12.*

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## EDWARD HAMMOND PIONEER OF CHILD EVANGELISM ~ By David Cloud

One of the pioneers of child evangelism meetings was Edward Payson Hammond, who was known as "The Children's Evangelist."

An ordained Presbyterian, in the 1860s and 1870s he conducted large meetings in Rochester, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, San Francisco, and elsewhere. In Oakland, California, a special tent was constructed that held 4,500 people.

He had those who came forward to his anxious benches to sign a "Covenant Card" that stated, "I, the undersigned, hope I have found Jesus to be my precious Saviour; and I promise with His help, to live as his loving child and faithful servant all my life." The convert's name was recorded in a book, and the statistics were published. Hammond claimed 2,000 converts in San Francisco and 1,000 in Washington, D.C.

Over half of his professions were from children.



"Descriptions of his meetings tell of scores of sobbing eight- and nine-year-olds, crying, 'Oh, dear, I'm lost! I'm lost! and I can't find Jesus! I have never loved Jesus at all!'" (William McLoughlin, Jr., *Modern Revivalism*, p. 157).

Following is a dialogue between Hammond and a six-year-old during the meeting in San Francisco in March 1875. Hammond called the child out of the audience and interrogated him on the platform, as follows:

How old are you, my boy?  
 Six, sir.  
 Have you signed the covenant card?  
 Yes, Sir.  
 Do you love Jesus?  
 Yes, sir.  
 Why do you love him, dear?  
 Because he first loved me.  
 Were you a great sinner, pet?  
 Yes, sir.  
 And you felt very sorry for your sins?  
 Yes, sir.  
 What sins did you commit?  
 Sir  
 What did you do that was so wicked?  
 I forgot, sir.  
 You see, dear children, that the little boy could not remember all of his sins, but by his intelligent answers showed that he fully understood the great plan of life (*The Liberal Christian*, New York, Mar. 27, 1875).

It is damnable to deal so carelessly with the souls of children. How many have been led in a sinner's prayer as a child and given "assurance" and trusted that

childhood profession even though they never had clear evidence of the new birth? I would say multitudes and multitudes!

Children can be saved, if they are old enough to understand the gospel, repent and exercise saving faith in the blood of Christ, but they are children and must be dealt with in exceeding caution and wisdom.

There are no children's evangelistic meetings in the New Testament. There are also no covenant cards, spiritual birth certificates, sinner's prayers (as a technique), and other such elements of modern evangelism.

Children are too easily manipulated by this type of thing.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH CHILDREN ABOUT SALVATION

### 1. Fill their minds with God's Word (2 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 4:12; Psalms 119:1-130).

Of one of his daughters, Pastor Kerry Allen says, "I began a program of memorizing salvation Scriptures with her, and rewarding her for her efforts. In less than one month, with numbers of these same Scriptures at work in her heart, she fell under deep conviction of sin. ... Don't wait until they are teens, you will have lost them by then! ... start memorizing with them as soon as they are able to speak, surely not later than three to four years old. ... begin reading the verses to your child as soon as they are born. They will hear each verse dozens of times before you even begin memorizing, and that is a great way to begin the process from the very earliest days. Sow the Seed of the Word of God faithfully and consistently every day, and wondrous things will occur!" (Allen, *How Can I Except Some Man Guide Me?*).

Pastor Allen has published 150 salvation verses that can be used for a Scripture memorization program for children and has posted it on the web for free download. See the following link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/560d69cbe4b08ac155051746/t/561c84e2e4b0faa8c84af748/1444709602246/How-Can-I-complete-book.pdf>

We deal more with filling the home with God's Word later in this course.

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## 2. Teach them the gospel.

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). The gospel is described in a nutshell in 1 Cor. 15:1-4. It must be explained (Acts 8:30-31).

Many people grow up in Bible-believing homes and churches and cannot give a clear definition of the gospel.

Missionary Jeremy Johnson says of his children ages one to eight, “We talk with them about salvation when different topics come up. At the dinner table, in casual conversation, etc. We do not push them, but when the conversation arises, we talk about it: Where a person goes when he dies, why people don’t go to heaven, what is sin, what did Jesus do for us, does everyone go to heaven, can I get saved by praying a prayer, etc. When they have false ideas or beliefs about salvation or where they would go, we do not overlook it or ignore it, we speak against it and correct it. We continually try to bring them to an understanding of the truth, yet not pushing them to a decision.”

Practical teaching on the gospel can be found in the first few lessons of the *One Year Discipleship Course*.

## 3. Deal with repentance (Lk. 17:3; Acts 17:30; 20:21).

Though I made a profession of faith at age 10-11, the missing element in my life was repentance toward God, and this is what is missing in the lives and hearts of many young people. I “believed in Jesus,” but so do the devils (Jam. 2:19). In fact, the devils tremble, which is far more than the average “Christian” young person does! I knew about Jesus and believed in Him, but I did not surrender to God’s authority. That is the essence of repentance. The sinner has rebelled against God and broken His law, and he must repent of this. Repentance is not a change of life; it is a surrender to God and change of direction *in the heart*.

Repentance is not a complicated thing. It simply means to come to Jesus, but when you turn to Jesus you have your back to the old life. It is like a man and marriage. He receives one woman as his spouse, and he has his back to all other women. Jesus taught that it is impossible to have two masters (Mat. 6:24).

Two great biblical examples of repentance are the Prodigal Son (Lk. 15:17-19) and the idolators at Thessalonica (1 Th. 1:9).

We deal with how to teach repentance in the evangelistic course *Sowing and Reaping*, which is available from Way of Life Literature.

## 4. Don’t pressure them.

The parent/teacher must be careful not to pressure the children. Children are so easily manipulated, and pressure can happen even when the adult thinks he is avoiding it. One grandfather told me how he keeps a record of his grandchildren’s professions of faith in Christ in a notebook, and he shows it to the other grandchildren and asks, “When will I be able to add your name to my book?” This could be a great pressure in a child’s mind, because he or she wants to please granddad and wants to go to heaven.

Invitations given in Sunday Schools and youth meetings can put undue pressure on children. I responded to an invitation at a Vacation Bible School because other kids were responding. Unwise, manipulative invitations have caused a world of harm and confusion. At the very least, children should be asked to stay behind so they show that they are serious. One missionary says, “In dealing with children in an invitation, we often ask them to stay behind if they want to talk to someone. Children will easily raise a hand for many reasons. But a child who is willing to stay behind or make some kind of an effort to speak to someone is much more serious.”

It is better for parents and teachers to leave this important matter in the Lord’s capable hands as they pray earnestly for Him to perform the work of salvation in the children’s hearts. The Lord can and will reveal himself to each child as He did to Samuel (1 Sam. 3).

## 5. Discipline them.

“Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell” (Proverbs 23:13-14).

God’s Word ties the proper discipline of a child directly together with the salvation of his or her soul. One reason for this is that proper discipline teaches the child a proper fear and respect of authority, which in turn leads to the fear of God. Pastor Allen asks, “If children don’t respect parent’s authority, who stand as God ordained police in the home, how will they ever respect the God whom the

parents represent?” Also proper discipline teaches the child about law and sin and punishment, which are fundamental principles of the gospel. Further, the parent’s love and mercy in the midst of discipline instructs the child about God’s love for sinners.

In this light, we can see more clearly why the Bible says that the parent who “spares the rod” and lets the child get away with disobedience and rebellion *hates* the child (Prov. 13:24).

## 6. Pray, pray, pray (Jam. 5:16).

Nothing is more important in the evangelism of our children and grandchildren than effectual prayer. My maternal grandmother was a prayer warrior, and her prayers were doubtless instrumental in my conversion. She taught me three “secrets” of answered prayer:

*Persistence* (Lk. 18:1).

*Fasting* (Mat. 17:21). There is a study on fasting in *One Year Discipleship Course*.

*Prayer partners.* Paul taught the importance of this by his frequent, earnest requests for prayer (Rom. 15:30; Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:3; 1 Th. 5:25; 2 Th. 3:1). Your first prayer partner should be your husband or wife; pray together for each of your children from the time before they are born; don’t keep problems to yourself; that is often an act of pride, because we don’t want others to know of our imperfections; ask Christian friends to pray for you; be faithful to prayer meeting and ask the church to pray for your situation.

## 7. Look for the convicting, drawing work of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 12:32; 16:7-11).

Salvation is a supernatural work of God. There is no salvation apart from a convicting, enlightening, drawing work of God. The sinner must respond to the Spirit’s wooing, but there is no salvation apart from the wooing. The soul winner’s job is to look for the Spirit’s work and help the sinner understand it and respond properly to it.

If the child shows a *persistent* desire to be saved (not a mere passing interest), explain how he can be saved and let him call on the Lord in his own way. Missionary Jeremy Johnson describes his dealing with his oldest son: “Our oldest boy had a lot of questions about salvation

just after he turned five. When we were back to the States on a furlough, he claimed to make a decision for salvation after a church service, but there was no real change in his life. He quickly changed his mind about having made that decision and actually verbalized his refusal to be saved because he did not want to get baptized. (He was not confusing it as part of salvation, but he did know that if he got saved the next step in obeying Christ is to identify in baptism. Since he knew that obeying in one would lead to the other, he refused and would verbalize it in passing conversations.) Almost a year later, shortly after turning six, he put up his hand during a Sunday morning invitation. I did not call him out, planning to talk with him later. He came to me after the service and wanted to talk, and I said we would talk at home. It was a busy Sunday with a meal and fellowship time after the service, a busy afternoon, an evening service, and then I had to transport people home. When I arrived home late that evening, my wife said our oldest son wanted to talk with me. I went to his room, and he was waiting to talk to me about salvation. He was anxious about wanting to be saved, his rebellion against baptism was gone, and he wanted it settled. I told him that if he understood and wanted to be saved, salvation was between him and God and not me and he needed to talk to God. Without hesitation, in the middle of our conversation, he dropped his head and began to pray, asking God to forgive him, to save him, and to help him do right. After he prayed, we talked a little more. I actually tried to shake his belief with some questions. Are you saved now? Why are you saved? What if I don’t think you are? The purpose was to see if he understood that salvation was not a decision of words (prayer) but a decision of heart. I explained that only he and God know whether he is saved, because God looks at his heart.”

Pastor Kerry Allen says of his fourth daughter after she memorized verses about salvation, “She approached me in tears, and after further questioning, she stated she was afraid of dying without Christ, and going to Hell. She then readily trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour, and shows good evidence of it now” (Allen, *How Can I Except Some Man Guide Me?*).

Note that she approached him. She showed evidence of conviction.

## 8. If a child does profess saving faith in Christ, encourage him or her to seek the Lord and His will (2 Tim. 2:19).



Receiving Christ as Lord and Saviour is not the end of salvation, it is the beginning! (We don't mean to say that salvation is a process; we are simply saying that salvation is a life, not a mere ritual.) Salvation is a life of walking with and serving Jesus Christ. If a child gets saved, it is time for that child to grow and seek God's will.

### **9. Look for scriptural evidence of salvation in the child's life.**

We would observe that tears are not necessarily an evidence of salvation. Tears can be a good thing, if the tears are evidence of godly sorrow and are shed over one's sin against God, but tears alone, particularly in a young, tenderhearted girl, do not necessarily stand as evidence of repentance and regeneration. Women weep at weddings and prisoners weep when they think of the trouble they have brought on themselves, but that in itself is not evidence of salvation.

Biblical evidence of salvation includes the following:

*a. A conversion experience that changes the life (John 3:3; Mat. 18:3; 2 Cor. 5:17).*

*b. Personal knowledge of the Lord; the essence of salvation is a personal walk with God in Christ (Jn. 17:3; Mat. 11:28-30; Gal. 4:6).*

Salvation is not a reformation or a new religion. It is to know the Lord personally, to walk and talk with Him as Lord and Saviour, Father and Friend. It is to cry, "Abba, Father."

When people express doubt about their salvation, I ask them if they know the Lord and when and how it was that they came to know Him.

Many young church people are like Samuel who knew about the Lord but did not know the Lord in a personal way (1 Sam. 3:7).

Jesus warned about those who profess Him as Lord, but He says to them, "I never *knew* you" (Mat. 7:21-23).

*c. Love for and obedience to God's Word (Jn. 8:47).*

A person's attitude toward the Bible is one of the clearest evidences of his spiritual condition. Jesus said that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him (Jn. 10:26-30).

After I professed faith in Christ at age 10-11, I had no more interest in the Bible than I had before. I never read it. I had no interest in preaching and teaching. I was at church because my parents took me, not because I had an interest in spiritual things. That is not the condition of a saved person.

*d. Love of righteousness (1 Jn. 2:3-4).*

Consider the testimony of David Sorenson, a pastor's son. He made a profession of faith at age five in an evangelistic meeting. He was coached to tell others that he was saved, and he did that for 15 years. But he says, "I had no interest in the things of God. I only went to church because my dad was the pastor, and I had to go. I could not have cared less about the Bible." At age 20 he was saved in Bible College and his life changed radically because he began to love the things he used to hate and to hate the things he used to love.

One thing that will always change is the individual's attitude toward authority. If a child is saved, he will change in his attitude toward the authority of his parents and teachers and church leaders.

*e. Divine chastisement (Heb. 12:6-8)*

A child of God can and does sin, but there is an indwelling, loving Disciplinarian who chastens him. There is even a sin unto death (1 Jn. 5:16-17).

The saved person will have a sensitivity to sin and a conviction about sin. I think of a child who got saved and afterwards became concerned about sins she had committed and "gotten away with." Before salvation, if her parents were not watching, she would do things behind their backs. For example, she took her father's socks and stuffed them down a hole in the back hallway. The disappearance of the socks was a unsolved mystery in the home, but after she got saved she came weeping to her mother and confessed that sin, though no one had ever caught her. That is an evidence that something real was happening in her life. She stopped being "sneaky." She starting being trustworthy to obey even if no one was watching. Those are simple, but profound, evidences of a spiritually-converted life in a child.

When looking for evidence, we aren't looking for sinless perfection. We must be careful that we not think that the saved individual will suddenly become perfect. When

“testing” others, the child of God must not forget how imperfect *he* is! We are simply looking for a regenerated heart and a changed direction in life.

Children will be children, but there will always be a change in thinking and attitude if an individual is saved, whether he be young or old. We must believe the Bible when it says that *profession* is not *possession* (Titus 1:16).

So many children in Christian homes and churches make a profession of faith in Christ but they do not show a change in their lives, and they eventually depart to the world. In many cases, the parents and the church leaders still say they are saved.

Jerry was my best buddy growing up. We went through school together, graduated together, went to Vietnam in the Army about the same time, and came back to America and became drug-using “hippies” together.

I came to Christ at age 23, but Jerry never did. He mocked my faith in Christ and refused to listen to me when I tried to talk to him from the Bible. Eventually he got involved in “Native America” spirituality, which is demonism. He died a few years ago at about age 61, and I visited his mother. His mother and father were faithful church goers, and the mom had been a Baptist Sunday School teacher. She told me that she had hope of Jerry’s salvation because he went to church when he was a boy, but there was zero evidence that he was saved.

#### **10. Let God confirm to the children that they are saved (Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:6).**

Don’t tell them they are saved. Don’t give them a “spiritual birth certificate” like some churches do.

Don’t remind them of when they professed Christ when they were little. One grandfather told me how that he writes down the date of his grandchildren’s professions of faith and reminds them of it each year. He says, “Each year, I phone them on their salvation date to ask them if they know what important date this is, and then I ask them about their progress in their walk with the Lord since the last year.”

It is wonderful for a parent/grandparent to inquire about a child’s walk with the Lord and to encourage the child in his spiritual life, but it is dangerous for a parent or

grandparent to tell a child he is saved or “remind” him that he is saved. That is the Lord’s work.

Missionary Jeremy Johnson says: “I do not claim to know for certain that either of my older sons are saved. I believe that Scripture clearly teaches that children can be saved and that God wants them to be. We have seen changes in their lives, a desire and concern for others to be saved, and a brokenness over sin. We do not ever tell them they are saved. When asking them about salvation, we do not point to a time or place. We look for what they remember. Both of them, although they cannot remember the exact day (month/day/year), will immediately go to the circumstances and events happening on that day, reminding us of when and where they made that choice. We do not go over this often trying to get them to memorize it. Children are not saved because of their parents’ memory or their parents’ leading; they are saved when they make a choice in their hearts, and if they do they will remember it on their own. If they ever come to me with doubts, I will try to prayerfully help them examine why, but I will not tell them I know they are saved. Only God knows their hearts.”

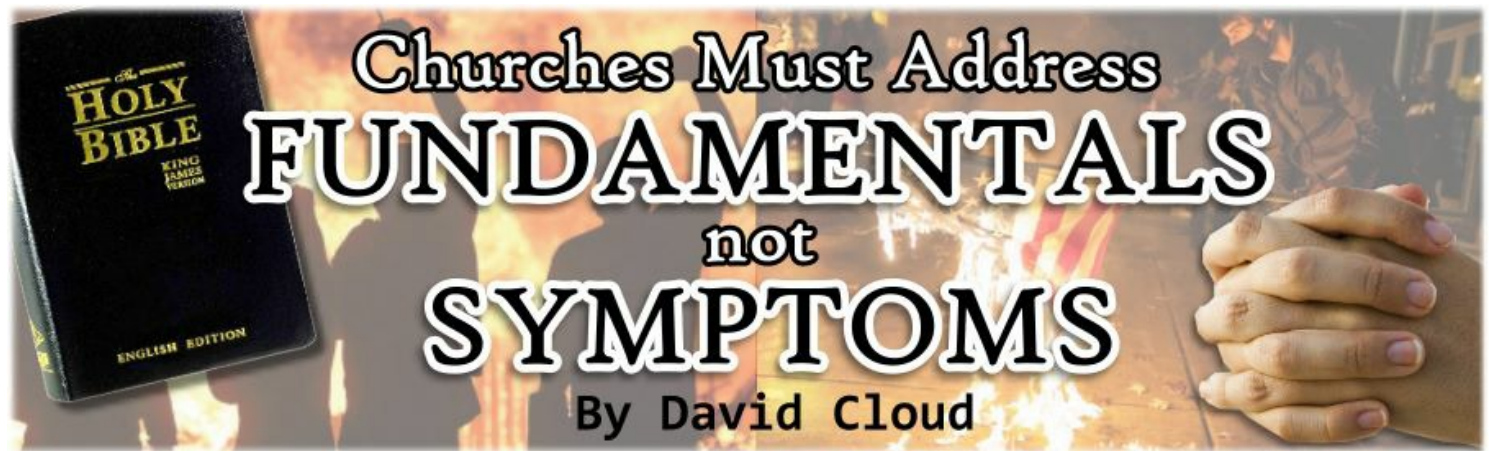
#### **11. If the child later expresses doubt about salvation, encourage him to settle it.**

A great many young people who grow up in Christian homes make two professions of faith in Christ, one when they are young and another when they reach maturity.

#### **12. Provide a check point.**

We have a junior church membership program whereby the children have a check point at age 18. We receive children under 18 who show clear evidence of salvation, and they are junior church members. They can take the Lord’s Supper and participate in some ministries at an age appropriate level but they can’t take part of church business. At age 18 the junior church membership expires, and they must of their own will seek full membership. At that time they are reexamined for salvation. It is a check point to re-evaluate their salvation at a point when they are adults rather than children.

If they have doubts, they can express that and settle it before becoming a full church member. This program is intended to help young people not continue to live on a false decision and to protect the church from being filled up with unsaved members.



**B**lack Lives Matter is a loose-knit coalition with the agenda of tearing down traditional America and replacing it with a socialist state that is a haven for moral perversion. They are enemies of the “old” America, as reflected in the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, the “old” America that is deeply influenced by the Bible. BLM’s platform calls for an end to capitalism, the redistribution of wealth, universal basic income, collective ownership of property, slashing military spending by 50%, and ending all aid to Israel. They are opposed to “the nuclear family” (the traditional biblical family of a father, mother, and children). They “foster a queer-affirming network” and intend to “free themselves “from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking” (the biblical idea of morality). BLM is one of many organizations and movements with similar agendas. A large part of the Democratic party in America today shares this agenda. These people have proven that they will tell any lie, destroy anyone’s reputation, commit any violence, break any law, toward the fulfillment of their agenda. They only tear down; they never build up. They cannot point to a showcase nation or community built upon Marxist or Leftist principles that has superior justice, equality, economic opportunity, and liberty to America’s.

But these things are only symptoms, and God’s people should be wiser than to target symptoms. Let the conservative Right fight “the Left.” Rush Limbaugh, Shawn Hannity, Daniel Horowitz, Ben Shapiro, George Will, Thomas Sowell, Michael Savage, Dennis Prager, Ann Coulter, Matt Drudge, Steve Bannon, Mark Levin, Walter Williams, Laura Ingraham, Tucker Carlson, Dan Bongino, Jeanine Pirro, Breitbart, RealClearPolitics, the American Spectator, Blaze, Fox News, the National Review, the Daily Beast, Human Events, Newsmax, Townhall, *et al.* America has a lively conservative voice

that does not exist in most other places, and we are thankful for it.

But God has told us what this age is all about and what His people are to be doing. It is the church age. It is Christ’s Great Commission age. God is calling out a people for His name from among the Gentiles (Acts 15:14). They will bring glory to Him through all ages (Ephesians 3:21). The calling out is by means of global gospel preaching, as Christ commanded (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8).

We also know from God’s Word that the hour is late. On every hand we “see the day approaching.”

### THE HISTORY OF CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL/POLITICAL ACTION

Bible-believing churches have been focused on symptoms and have fought spiritual battles with carnal weapons since the 19th century.

Charles Finney (1792-1875) had a major role in turning the churches from Christ’s Great Commission to social reform. “In the nineteenth century, the evangelical movement became increasingly identified with political causes--from abolition of slavery and child labor legislation to women’s rights and the prohibition of alcohol. In a desperate effort at regaining this institutional power and the glory of ‘Christian America’ (a vision that is always powerful in the imagination, but, after the disintegration of Puritan New England, elusive), the turn-of-the century Protestant establishment launched moral campaigns to ‘Americanize’ immigrants, enforce moral instruction and ‘character education.’ Evangelists pitched their American gospel in terms of its practical usefulness to the individual and the nation” (Michael



Horton, “The Disturbing Legacy of Charles Finney,” [monergism.com](http://monergism.com)).

This program continued to gain steam in the days of Billy Sunday in the early 20th century. His message focused on Christianizing America. He advertised his campaigns as “civic clean-ups.” He preached against dancing, card playing, gambling, theater-going, commercial dishonesty, drinking, not just for the sanctification of individual believers and churches, but for the conversion of America. Sunday’s preaching and campaigning was a major force in the passage of the 18th Amendment in 1919, prohibiting the manufacture, transportation, and sale of intoxicating liquor. He invited his hearers to become better Americans and to make America a better country. He said, “Do you want God’s blessing on you, your home, your church, your nation, on New York? If you do, raise your hands. ... How many of you men and women will jump to your feet and come down and say, Bill, here’s my hand for God, for home, for my native land, to live and conquer for Christ? ... Come on down and take my hand against booze, for Jesus Christ, for your flag” (“Era of the Evangelist,” [Christianity.com](http://Christianity.com), Apr. 28, 2010; William McLoughlin, *Modern Revivalism*, p. 434).

The program of social reform toward the Christianization of America has continued among fundamentalists. It received great impulse with the founding of the American Council of Christian Churches in 1941 by Carl McIntire. Participants included T.T. Shields in Canada, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches led by Robert Ketcham, Bible Presbyterian Churches, the Independent Fundamental Churches of America (IFCA), the Associated Gospel Churches, and the World Baptist Fellowship. The ACCC was supported by Bob Jones, Sr., Francis Schaeffer, Jerry Falwell, Tim LaHaye, and a great many other fundamentalist leaders, both non-denominational and Baptist.

Not content to fight against theological liberalism and heresies in churches and schools, to preach the gospel and teach the Bible and disciple believers, McIntire increasingly became fixated on political action pertaining to pro-Americanism and anti-communism. McIntire determined that his calling was to lead a nation-building campaign to “save America.”

The cause seemed to be right. McIntire’s generation witnessed disturbing changes in American society and government. Beginning with President Franklin D.

Roosevelt’s New Deal, there was an ever-increasing move toward socialism. The power of the federal government had been increasing dramatically since the end of the Civil War in 1865, but Roosevelt took it much farther. He claimed that men should be guaranteed “four freedoms” by the government: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. Thus he specifically put the government in the role of God in men’s lives. In *The Rise of the Tyrant: Controlled Economy vs. Private Enterprise* (1945), McIntire rightfully warned that a centralized government that attempts to deliver men from want and fear is idolatrous and will have “tragic and far-reaching results.” He rightfully warned that “America is in greater danger of losing her freedom today than at any time since the Declaration of Independence.” Social forces such as feminism, abortion rights, and the “free love” unisex movement of the 1960s were turning American society upside down and removing the remnants of biblical influence. The Supreme Court removed prayer and Bible reading from the public schools. Communists were infiltrating universities and government. Crime was exploding. America was embroiled in a self-inflicted military quagmire in Vietnam. The Cold War threatened to break out into World War III. International Communism was on the march. The League of Nations, followed by the United Nations, appeared as forerunners of a one-world government.

McIntire published reports warning of the inroads of socialism, etc. He created broad-based political alliances. He led public demonstrations. He sought for access to the White House and Congress. He raised money from millionaires regardless of their spiritual condition and doctrinal soundness. An example is J. Howard Pew, retired Sun Oil executive who was a member of the Federal Council of Churches, which McIntire had identified as enemy number one. McIntire’s constant refrain was that if God’s people don’t rise up and become active in his alliance, “we are doomed,” but, “If the Christian people of America will wake up and assert themselves, we can save our land” (*The Rise of the Tyrant*).

McIntire called for an alliance with Roman Catholicism. He said, “The chasm separating the Roman Catholic church from the Protestant church is a small one compared to that indefinitely large chasm which separates the modernists from the fundamentalists” (*Christian Beacon*, May 26, 1938). But that is nonsense. A false gospel is a false gospel; one type of false gospel is as



dangerous as another; and God's people are forbidden to yoke together with false gospelers of any persuasion (Gal. 1:8; 2 Co. 6:14-18). McIntire worked closely with John T. Flynn, a Roman Catholic opponent of the New Deal and author of *The Road Ahead* (1949), which was publicized and sold by the ACCC. In fact, McIntire had secretly edited this book (Markku Ruotsila, *Fighting Fundamentalist*). McIntire also worked closely with and promoted the Roman Catholics William F. Buckley, Jr., Phyllis and Eleanor Schlafly, the founders of the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, as well as with Jewish Rabbi Benjamin Schultz.

Other influential Save America communist fighters who worked closely with McIntire were **Edgar Bundy** (Church League of America), **Billy James Hargis** (a Church of Christ preacher turned communist fighter, founder of the Christian Crusade), **Frederick Schwarz** (founder of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade), and **Robert Welch** (Unitarian founder of the John Birch Society).

There is no biblical authority for the ACCC or any ministry like this. There is no biblical authority for its parachurch organization, for its ecumenical alliances, for its focus on political action, for the identification of America with the kingdom of God. McIntire disobeyed clear Scripture in the pursuit of these pragmatic objectives (e.g., Ro. 16:17-18; 2 Co. 6:14-18; 2 Ti. 3:5; Jude 3; 2 John 7-11). "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Co. 6:14-18).

Carl McIntire's ecumenical "save America" movement was superseded by **Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority** in the 1970s and 1980s with an even broader coalition. Falwell, associated with the Baptist Bible Fellowship International (BBFI), began his political action campaign with a series of "I Love America" rallies in 1976.

But far from being saved by conservative political action, America has descended deeper into spiritual and moral darkness with each passing decade since the founding of the ACCC.

They have lost the vast majority of their battles. They lost the battle against Roosevelt's New Deal and Johnson's Great Society War on Poverty, the battle against pulling America out of the United Nations and against evolution taught in public schools. They lost the battle *against* prayer and Bible reading being removed from public schools, followed by the battle *for* it being restored. They lost the battle against the federalization of the public school system and the formation of the Department of Education, the battle against sex education in the public schools, the battle against the radicalization of the universities, the battle against the removal of the Ten Commandments from courtrooms, the battle against the politicization of the courts, the battle against the repeal of prohibition, the battle to overturn Roe v. Wade, etc.

## STOP FOCUSING ON SYMPTOMS AND ADDRESS ROOT ISSUES

The only real solution for America's ills is to address the root problem. Cancer is not healed by addressing symptoms.

The root of America's ills is the condition of the nation's churches: unregeneracy, unqualified leaders, cowardly leaders, worldliness, carnality, lukewarmness, the priority of tradition over God's Word, pragmatism, heresy, and apostasy, worldly homes, worldly youth. That wretched condition has become the status quo in vast numbers of "fundamentalist," "Baptist," "Bible-believing," etc., churches. America doesn't fear God because her churches do not preach and live the fear of God.

The root problem is addressed by doing *exactly* what God has told His people to do in this present time, which is to build biblical churches as the pillar and ground of the truth and to focus on the church's great business, which is thorough-going discipling and aggressive world evangelism. This the mandate that the risen Christ emphasized by repetition (Mt. 28:18-20; Mr. 16:15-16; Lu. 24:44-48; Ac. 1:8) and which we see the first Christians obeying in Acts and the Epistles.

Where did the apostles and early churches get heavily into politics? They kept their attention on doing what

Christ told them to do, and they turned the world upside down.

## STOP FIGHTING SPIRITUAL BATTLES WITH CARNAL WEAPONS

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:12-13).

God’s Word plainly tells us that our warfare is not against flesh and blood. Conservative political action and conspiratorial hand-wringing won’t defeat “spiritual wickedness in high places.”

But we do have weapons against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.

Consider some of the mighty weapons that God has given His people. These are the things we need to focus on like a laser.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.** The New Testament church is the “house of God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). “I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). The greatest need of any nation is New Testament churches. No other institution can replace it. Only the New Testament church can proclaim the gospel, baptize the saved, disciple and discipline the saints, build godly homes, shine as a light of righteousness and truth in the darkness. We are talking about churches after the fashion of Acts 2:41-42; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; and 1 Peter 2:5. What black communities need above all else is New Testament churches. The lack of such churches is their fundamental problem. The same is true for every community. Let’s not get sidetracked to lesser things. Conservative political action can’t build a New Testament

church. The vast majority of prominent conservative political activists don’t have a clue about the New Testament church.

**THE BIBLICAL FAMILY.** The biblical family is the family as it was founded by God at the dawn of man’s history. (We don’t use the term “nuclear family,” as this is a sociological, evolutionary construct.) The biblical family is one man and one woman living in holy matrimony (Genesis 2:20-25; Matthews 19:3-6). Biblical marriage sanctifies the sexual relationship (Hebrews 13:4). Children produced within holy matrimony are given by God for the purpose of producing a godly seed. “And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth” (Malachi 2:15).

The New Testament church and the biblical family are designed to work in harmony. The church builds up the family, and the family builds up the church. God’s instruction for godly homes is given to churches that the churches might use that instruction to build such homes (Ephesians 5:22 - 6:4; Colossians 3:18-21; Titus 2:3-5). All of the instruction of the New Testament epistles is useful in building godly homes. There is nothing that America needs more than New Testament churches and godly homes. This must be our chief priority.

**REGENERATION.** When people are truly saved, they are changed, but it happens one-by-one, but not by groups. A spiritually powerful church begins with a regenerated membership. It is described as a spiritual house made of living stones (1 Peter 2:5). A vast number of churches have been incredibly careless about this matter, adopting cheap salesmanship evangelistic methodologies, accept empty “professions” and “sinner’s prayers” in the place of supernatural conversion, accepting people into membership without clear evidence of a born again experience, being careless in dealing with children about salvation. In about 1980 I wrote “Does Salvation Make a Difference?” to warn about this. I saw it in the Southern Baptist church in which I grew up, and I have seen it permeate fundamental Baptists and others.

A church that really wants to make a difference in America will get back to the Bible in the matter of a regenerate church membership.

**THE BIBLE.** The mightiest spiritual weapon God has given to men is the divinely-inspired Scripture, which is “quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12). A spiritually powerful church is a church immersed in the Bible. It is a church that aims for every member--from the youngest to the oldest--to be an effectual, serious Bible student, able to study it and interpret it for himself or herself, able to apply it to his or her daily life, able to use it to be led in God’s will, able to use it for spiritual and moral protection. It is a church that not only has a Bible institute, it *IS* a Bible institute. A church that really wants to make a difference in America will double down on immersing the people in the quick and powerful Word of God. And it must be the right Bible, for all Bibles are not created equal. It must be a Bible based on the right Hebrew and Greek text and a Bible translated by the formal literal method. In English, the most powerful Bible is the King James or Authorized Version. It has been changing lives, building homes and churches, and blessing nations for 400 years. Loosey-goosey versions like the New Living and the Message and the Good News are powerless, and even literal versions based on the critical or modern Greek text are corrupt and therefore lacking in life-changing power.

**HOLY, PILGRIM, SEPARATED LIVING.** A spiritually powerful church is a holy church, which is the opposite of a worldly church. “That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15). “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11-12). “But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Spiritual power is not in being conformed to the world around us, it is in living as holy pilgrims in a foreign world and thus shining the light of a holy God into a dark society. Spiritual power is in being different, which is the opposite of the contemporary philosophy. And we aren’t talking about external hypocrisy; we are talking true Spirit-wrought holiness that changes people from the inside out. Christ described true disciples as those who “hunger and thirst after righteousness” and are

“pure in heart” (Matthew 5:6, 8). We should ask, then, “What do our church members hunger and thirst for?” What are they passionate about? What do they love to do? What about the fathers? the mothers? the youth? the elderly? A church that really wants to make a difference in America will focus on holy, pilgrim, separated living and will make major warfare on worldliness in all of its aspects.

**ZEALOUS SPIRITUAL GROWTH.** A spiritually-powerful, community influencing, nation-impacting church is a church that is zealous for spiritual growth, which is the opposite of a half-hearted, lukewarm church. “And beside this, GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and ABOUND, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins” (1 Peter 1:5-9). A church that really wants to make a difference in America will focus on zealous spiritual growth and make war on half-heartedness, lukewarmness, nominal, prayerless, powerless, never-progressing, complacent, “Sunday morning” Christianity.

**THE GOSPEL.** A spiritually powerful church is a gospel preaching church. “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. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith” (Romans 1:16-17). A vast number of churches have grown very lax in evangelism. There is no campaign, plan, push. There is no burden and zeal. It is done by rote. There is little prayer for souls. A church that really wants to make a difference in America will get back to the gospel, really get itself on fire for evangelism.

**PRAYER.** A spiritually powerful church is a praying church. “And they continued stedfastly in .... PRAYERS” (Acts 2:42). “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1-2). “Pray without ceasing. ... Brethren, pray for us” (1

Thessalonians 5:17, 25). A church that really wants to make a difference in America will get back to prayer, serious prayer, fervent prayer, persistent prayer, targeted prayer, prayer in God's will, real prayer in the services, real prayer meetings, multiple prayer meetings, 24-hour prayer meetings, prayer meetings before services, individual prayer, family prayer, prayer partners, prayer chains, prayer with fasting. Prayer will be a major, major focus. It will be a way of life. The people will be taught how to pray effectively. They will be reminded

constantly of the importance of prayer. Oh, the power of prayer! There's power to change individuals, homes, churches, communities, and nations.

*21 Steps to a Stronger Church for the 21st Century* addresses these and many other elements of a New Testament church and spiritual warfare in a most practical manner. It is available as a free eBook from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).



Few men have had more influence on American society than Walt Disney. He pioneered the American animation industry and captivated children's hearts with cartoon characters such as Micky Mouse and Donald Duck. He took Hollywood fantasy to a new level of influence with the building of Disneyland in California and Disney World in Florida.

The author of *The Gospel According to Disney* observes that Walt Disney preached a religious message through his cartoon characters, a message that "faith is an essential element--faith in yourself and, even more, faith in something greater than yourself, even if it is some vague, nonsectarian higher power" (Mark Pinsky, "Finding faith in the house of the mouse," *The Washington Post*, Aug. 14, 2004, B7).

Disney's animated classics are filled with pagan and occult imagery such as witches and demons, sorcerers and spells, genies and goblins, all of which are strongly denounced by Scripture. Like *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings*, Disney cartoons present the false and damnable concept that there is good and bad magic. Disney often depicted witches and sorcerers as likable heroes.

The 1940 animated movie *Pinocchio* is about a man who brings a puppet to life by wishing upon a star; the puppet is subsequently visited by a Blue Fairy who advises, "Let your conscience be your guide." This is a lie. Man's conscience cannot be his guide, because he is a fallen creature whose "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9).

The Disney fairy preaches a works gospel that "the gift of life" is attained by "choosing right from wrong." The Bible says that any gospel other than the gospel of salvation through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ is cursed of God.

"... if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:6-9). Disney fairies are depicted as cute and likable, and this is not a small error. The Bible warns that the devil appears as an angel of light in order to deceive people (2 Corinthians 12).

Walt Disney did not attend church, and there are no churches on Main Street in Disneyland or Disney World, even though there were churches on practically every main street in America when Disneyland opened in 1955.

Christian parents have unwisely allowed Disney's cartoons and movies to influence their children. Pinsky notes that "few entertainment productions continue to have as profound an impact on young children as [Disney's] animated features" and "millions of children around the world know from Disney much of what they do about the practical application of right and wrong."

Some years back, the Southern Baptist Convention called for a boycott of Disney, but that boycott was based on the newer, more morally edgy Disney productions and ignored the heretical New Age gospel preached through Disney's earlier movies, movies that are typically found in the homes of Southern Baptist parents and grandparents.

When Disneyland opened, *Time* magazine featured Walt Disney on its cover and called him "the poet of the new American humanism."

Indeed.

The acceptance of Hollywood's "entertainment" by American churches over the past half century helped paved the way for the wholesale apostasy that we witness today and the destruction of biblical morality in society at large.



## DIGGING IN THE WALLS

God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw. ..." (Ezek. 8:7-10).

Ezekiel was then instructed to preach against the errors of the leaders and to tell the people the things he had witnessed.

"Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ... Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me" (Ezek. 11:4,25).

The hour in which we live is very similar to that of Ezekiel's day. Many of those who profess to be the people of God are apostate. It was prophesied in the New Testament Scriptures that such would be the case in the closing hours of our age. This will culminate in the brief worldwide rule of an utterly apostate Harlot "church" (2 Tim. 3-4; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Pet. 2-3; Jude; Rev. 17).

As in Ezekiel's day much of the apostasy of our hour is hidden from the view of the average Christian. We intend by God's grace to "dig in the walls" of modern ecumenism and to expose and cry out against the things we find. In this section we also report on secular events which are relevant to Christians. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to obey. Is the truth of God not worthy of defense?



## AMERICA'S MASS SCHOOL SHOOTINGS (Friday Church News Notes, June 3, 2022,

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- The latest mass school shooting in America occurred on May 24, when 18-year-old Salvador Ramos killed 19 elementary school students and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas. While there were isolated incidences of gun violence in America's public schools prior to the 1960s, there were no mass murders. The first was in August 1966, when 25-year-old Charles Whitman killed 16 and wounded 31 at the University of Texas-Austin. Since then, there have been 13 or more mass school shootings, depending on how they are counted ("13 Mass School Shootings," May 26, 2022, Reason.com). For example, in April 1999, 18-year-old Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered 12 students and a teacher at Columbine High School near Denver, then killed themselves. In March 2005, 16-year-old Jeffrey Weise killed seven students and staff at Red Lake High School in Minnesota. In April 2007, 23-year-old Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 students and faculty at Virginia Tech. After each of these highly publicized events, new laws have been proposed, but for the most part they are political knee-jerk things that don't address

the fundamental issues. (Putting more guns into the hands of the right people would provide better protection.) America has always had a gun culture, but America has not always been as violent prone as today. A larger percentage of the American population owned guns in the first half of the 20th century and a larger percentage had military and other martial experience, but there were zero mass school shootings. The thing that has changed is America's moral character and prevailing culture. **We would list three of the fundamentals underlying this change. The first is the apostasy of America's churches.** The 20th century witnessed a great downgrade in the character of evangelical Protestant and Baptist churches. There was a large scale disappearance of such basics as a regenerate membership, forthright preaching, church discipline, separation and a pilgrim lifestyle, fathers as spiritual heads of the home and overseers of the children's education, and mothers as keepers of the home. A light-hearted party atmosphere replaced a holy atmosphere. The churches walked in lockstep with the world. **The second fundamental was the rise of a vile, antichrist pop culture and entertainment industry.** The music-driven youth culture blasted on the scene in the 1950s (preceded by the smaller jazz culture) and exploded in influence in the 1960s. With the self-centered theme, "It's your life; do what you want," it is in open rebellion to God and His holy laws and is a recipe for moral disaster. The pop culture and entertainment industry have grown progressively more corrupt and violent-prone with each passing decade, and the internet, smart phone, and social media have amplified the influence. **A third fundamental was the philosophical**

**corruption of the public school system.** This began at the turn of the 20th century and spread slowly, gaining ground more dramatically as the century progressed toward the halfway mark. Major turning points were the replacement of creationism with evolution and the rejection of the biblical view of God and man and absolute morals. The result has been evident for all to see. The moral difference between the America into which I was born in 1949 and the America that exists today is breathtaking. Mass school shootings are only one small element. **The top two things that would bring real moral change to America are these:** The first thing is spiritual revival in Bible-believing churches. The churches hold the key to this if they are willing to pay the price. Pastors must stop following and start leading. The second thing that could bring real moral change in America is the dismantling of the public educational system, including government-supported colleges and universities. At the very least, all of God's redeemed people should stop supporting the public schools.

**HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA  
TURNING AMERICA'S  
LIBRARIES INTO  
HOMOSEXUAL PROPAGANDA  
CENTERS** (Friday Church News  
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[www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Joy Pullmann, "The Left has Effectively Banned Christian Kids from Public Pools, Libraries, and Summer Camps," *The Federalist*, May 23, 2022: "I cannot take my children to the public library anymore, either, because the shelves are so full of pornographic and hostile books that it's not a safe place for them. There, too, self-righteous LGBT activism has resulted in effectively banning my children from yet another public place and weaponizing my own tax dollars against my children's safety. The shelves and displays in our library are full of books telling my children lies such as that 'men can become women' and 'some boys have girl brains' and 'gender is a social construct.' I'm happy to have these conversations with my children when they are ready, but I know my six-year-old, and he is not ready. My eight-year-old is not ready, and neither are my 10- and 11-year-old, frankly. It's grotesque and evil to put books at their eye level that deliberately aim to confuse them about something so deep and important. To do this is to usurp not only my parental wisdom and authority over my own children but to usurp my children's right to an innocent, emotionally secure childhood. These all prove that rapidly rewriting American laws to ignore sexual differences has effectively banned Christian families from equal participation in public facilities and activities. It's not just Christian families, it's any family that thinks it imprudent to lodge their sometimes undressed daughters with an emotionally traumatized male at summer camp or to obtain swimming lessons at a public pool. This all

descends from the massive bait and switch inherent to the LGBT policy agenda. We were told it was only about extending government sanction to what consenting adults do behind closed doors. We were told it was about allowing people to visit loved ones in hospice and inherit without legal difficulties. It wasn't going to affect our families, remember? Anyone who raised concerns about how calling sexual activities that cannot create a family 'marriage' would affect children, faith, and families was smeared as a know-nothing bigot. Anyone who wanted to logically think through how legally equating men to women in the social keystone of marriage would have a domino effect on many other laws and social arrangements was also smeared as a hateful bigot, all the way up to highly intelligent and reasoned Supreme Court dissents. It's the same toxic play we've seen work ever since: Anyone with a contrary opinion or even unanswered questions is not engaged, but simply smeared."

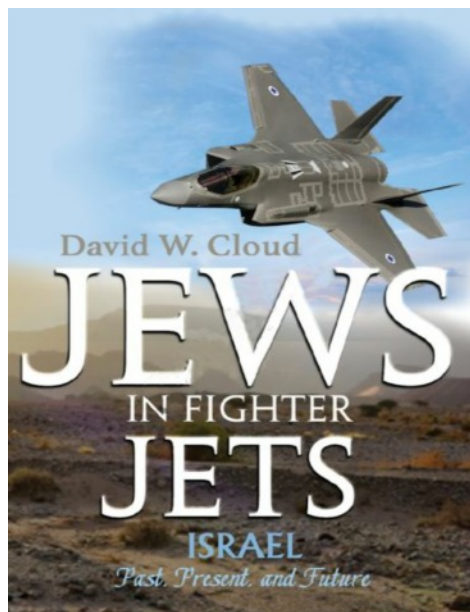
**OKLAHOMA GOV. SIGNS AMERICA'S MOST RESTRICTIVE ABORTION BAN INTO LAW** (Friday Church News Notes, June 3, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Life Begins at Conception," *Christian Headlines*, May 26, 2022: "Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt





signed the nation's strictest abortion ban into law on Wednesday, banning the procedure from the moment of conception. House Bill 4327 went into effect immediately after Stitt signed it on Wednesday. It is considered the strictest abortion law in the nation because it restricts physicians from performing abortions at any point in the pregnancy except for cases of rape, incest or a medical emergency. 'I promised Oklahomans that as governor, I would sign every piece of pro-life legislation that came across my desk, and I am proud to keep that promise today. From the moment life begins at conception is when we have a responsibility as human beings to do everything we can to protect that baby's life and the life of the mother,' Stitt said in a statement. 'That is what I believe, and that is what the majority of Oklahomans believe. If other states want to pass different laws, that is their right, but in Oklahoma, we will always stand up for life.' The new law also allows citizens to file civil lawsuits for up to \$10,000 against anyone who performs an abortion or assists a woman in obtaining one."

**JEWS IN FIGHTER JETS** (Friday Church News Notes, June 10, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - *Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, and Future* covers the past 2,500 years of the history of the most important and amazing nation on earth, the only nation directly created by God and called by God "my people," the nation to whom "were committed the oracles of God" and "of whom, as concerning the flesh Christ came" (Romans 3:2; 9:5). The author has visited Israel multiple times, traveling from the Red Sea to Mt. Hermon, looking into nooks and crannies and places off the beaten paths. Israel is still in apostasy, but



her conversion is on the horizon. When I visit Israel, I feel as if the whole place is vibrating, as it were, in the anticipation of the fulfillment of prophecy. The stage is set! *Jews in Fighter Jets* is divided into three major sections: **I. Israel Past: 2,500 Years of Fulfilled Prophecy. II. Israel Present: The Modern State of Israel. III. Israel Future: A Prophetic View.** *Jews in Fighter Jets* is a package consisting of a book and a series of PowerPoint presentations. It is designed to be studied privately or to be used as a training course for Sunday School, home schooling, Bible Institute, and any other setting. The 16 PowerPoint presentations are packed with more than 2,650 high quality color photos, drawings, historic recreations, and video clips. A majority were taken by the author on location in Israel and other countries and in museums. Available as an eDownload from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

**RICK WARREN ANNOUNCES HIS SUCCESSOR** (Friday Church News Notes, June 10, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Rick Warren, senior pastor of

Saddleback Church of Orange County, California, has announced that he will be succeeded by Andy and Stacie Wood, a husband-wife pastor team. The Woods are currently pastor and "teaching pastor" of Echo Church in San Jose. Saddleback, the second largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, defies the Convention's statement of faith (not to say the Bible's clear teaching) that forbids female pastors. "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" (1 Timothy 2:12-14). A year ago, Saddleback ordained its first three women pastors, Liz Puffer, Cynthia Petty, and Katie Edwards. Now it will have a female senior pastor. Called by *Christianity Today* "America's most influential pastor," Warren's influence is vast. His "Purpose Driven" philosophy, based on his best-selling book *The Purpose Driven Life*, reaches into every sphere of Christianity, from Catholicism to Mormonism to liberal Protestantism to evangelicalism to fundamentalist Bible and Baptist churches. A decade ago, over 12,000 churches from all 50 states in America and 19 countries had participated in Warren's *40 Days of Purpose*. Over 60,000 pastors subscribe to Rick Warren's *Ministry Toolbox*. Many independent Baptist churches have been influenced by



**BATS WHO FEED TREES** (Friday Church News Notes, June 3, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, April 4, 2022: "The surface of the Earth 50 to 150 feet below the great living canopy of the rainforest is a dark, humid, still world dominated by great columns of tree trunks. Within those trunks and some of the giant hollow branches extending from them lie the secret of the life of the canopy itself. A rainforest typically receives 12 or more feet of rain per year. That much rain washes out of the soil most of the nitrates needed by the trees for growth. What the trees need is a rich source of nitrates that is constantly being replenished. And that's where the bats come in. Typically, these huge trees are hollow inside. Many different kinds of creatures, including fruit bats, enter the hollow trees through various openings. Fruit bats find ideal daytime sleeping rooms inside the great hollow branches that extend like caverns from the hollow tree trunk. The accumulating layer of bat guano inside the tree itself is one of the richest sources of nitrates known. So the bats provide the tree with the nitrates



it needs in exchange for a protected home during the day! In a very real sense, the fruit bats are the collection and transport system for the raw materials that make possible the tropical rain forest canopy with its millions of residents. The Creator has devised an ingenious way to provide for the needs of many creatures. Truly, the Lord does provide all living things with their food in precisely the way they need it! Author: Paul A. Bartz. Ref.: *Science Digest*, October, 1978, page 30."

Warren's teaching. He conducted a Purpose Driven Super-Conference in October 2003 at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University (Falwell was dually affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Bible Fellowship). Simultaneously, Warren's 40 Days of Purpose campaign was shown by telecast in more than 4,000 churches, including independent Baptist. Rick Warren has been called "America's pastor," and it is for good reason. He is so shallow in his teaching, so positive in his approach, so slighting of repentance, so neglecting of unpopular doctrines such as judgment and hell, so tolerant of heresies, so ecumenical, so enthusiastic of rock music, so soft-spoken on that nasty subject of worldliness, that apostate America can't help but love him. All of these characteristics are reflected in his best-selling book. His gospel is so

empty that it is unquestionably a false gospel. Here is how to be saved, according to Rick Warren: "Wherever you are reading this, I invite you to bow your head and quietly whisper the prayer that will change your eternity. 'Jesus, I believe in you and I receive you.' Go ahead. If you sincerely meant that prayer, congratulations! Welcome to the family of God!" (*The Purpose Driven Life*, pp. 58, 59). This is not the gospel that was preached in the book of Acts or the epistle of Romans or in 1 Corinthians. There is no clear dealing with the sin issue, nothing about God's holiness and justice, no clear teaching on what Jesus did on the cross, nothing about the blood, or the resurrection. Just believe in Jesus. What Jesus? Believe what? Believe how? The apostle Paul warned fiercely and persistently of false gospels and plainly and extensively

described the true gospel, but Rick Warren is cut from a different cloth. He is a cheerful, upbeat, likable heretic, and the fact that he is a member in high standing in the Southern Baptist Convention reveals that convention's apostasy. (For extensive further documentation of this charge, see *Purpose Driven or Scripture Driven*, a free eBook available from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

**20th GAY PRIDE PARADE IN JERUSALEM** (Friday Church News Notes, June 10, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - More than 7,000 participated in the 20th annual Jerusalem Pride Parade on June 2. The event was attended by Knesset Speaker Mickey Levy, Social Equality Minister Meirav Cohen, and Public Security Minister Omer Barlev. Levy told the homosexual





rights activists, “You are entitled to love who you want, you are entitled to marry who you love, you are entitled to raise a family like anyone else” (“A victory of light over darkness,” *The Times of Israel*, June 2, 2022). Barlev called the parade “a victory of light over darkness, a victory of sanity over extremism.” The government fielded more than 2,400 officers to protect the participants. At the 2015 parade, an ultra-Orthodox Jew stabbed a 16-year-old girl to death. The Tel Aviv Gay Pride parade, scheduled for June 10, is one of the world’s largest. The rapidly-growing global support for homosexual rights is a major sign of the times. *Sodom* is mentioned multiple times in the Gospels and the New Testament Epistles in connection with the end times. “But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luke 17:29-30). In the book of Revelation, Jerusalem is called “the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom” (Re. 11:8).

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA  
PASSES RESOLUTIONS  
AFFIRMING SAME-SEX  
MARRIAGE AND COMMITTING  
TO LGBTQ INCLUSION** (Friday Church News Notes, June 10, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Mennonite Church USA,” Religion

News Service, June 2, 2022: “The governing body of the largest Mennonite denomination in the United States passed a resolution on Sunday (May 29) confessing to ‘committing violence against LGBTQ [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning] people’ and committing to LGBTQ inclusion. In a separate vote, Mennonite Church USA also repealed instructions to pastors not to officiate at marriages between people of the same sex. The denomination’s official confession, which views marriage as between a man and a woman, remains unchanged. Nearly 83% of the delegates meeting at a special assembly in Kansas City, Missouri, voted in favor of repealing the guidelines barring marriage for same-sex couples, while the resolution for LGBTQ inclusion passed by a narrower margin, with 55.7% in favor. ‘Excluding LGBTQIA people from the church is a rejection of God’s joyous delight in the diversity of creation and a denial of the Divine image and breath animating all humankind,’ the Resolution for Repentance and Transformation reads. The resolution commits the denomination to forming an LGBTQ constituency group, creating denominational resources on repentance and reconciliation for local congregations and honoring LGBTQ people in future theological statements.”



**PIZZA HUT FEATURES “DRAG KIDS” BOOK FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** (Friday Church News Notes, June 10, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Pizza Hut Features,” *Fox News*, June 3, 2022: “Pizza Hut is featuring a book about ‘drag kids’ as one of the books promoted by its ‘Book It! reading incentive program aimed at children in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. ... ‘Big Wig’ is a picture book that ‘celebrates drag kids,’ according to a description on the Simon & Schuster website. ‘[T]his irrepressible picture book celebrates drag kids, individuality, and self-confidence from the perspective of a fabulous wig! ... When a child dresses in drag to compete in a neighborhood costume competition, he becomes B. B. Bedazzle! A key part of B.B. Bedazzle’s ensemble is a wig called Wig. Together they are an unstoppable drag queen team! But Wig feels inadequate compared to the other, bigger wigs. When Wig flies off B. B.’s head, she goes from kid to kid instilling confidence and inspiring dreams in those who wear her.’ ... The book was promoted as part of Pizza Hut’s ‘Camp Book It!’ program, which runs during the summer. Participants in Pre-K-6th grade can receive a personal pan pizza as a reward for meeting their reading goal, according to a screenshot of an email tweeted by LibsofTikTok.”

**THE CONTINUAL DUMBING DOWN OF AMERICA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Friday Church News Notes, June 10, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from "No 'D' or 'F' Grades," Powerlineblog.com, Dec. 6, 2021: "Some of California's largest school districts are dropping D and F grades. Students who don't learn the material, pass the final exam, or finish homework by the end of the semester would earn an 'incomplete' which, I assume, could be converted to at least a 'C' later on. Los Angeles Unified, Oakland Unified, Sacramento City Unified, San Diego Unified are among the districts that will make this move. According this article ['Why some California school districts are changing how students earn grades,' EdSource.org, Dec. 3, 2021] which gushes over the decision, the goals are to cause students to 're-engage' in school and to boost their chances of acceptance into the state's public colleges. It is also designed to 'especially' help 'Black, Latino and low-income students,' according to the same source. Who would have guessed that? ... But in what sense are Black and Latino students really helped by what George W. Bush called 'the soft bigotry of low expectations'? ... As a

teacher at a Catholic school in Oakland says: 'Ds and Fs play an important role in the classroom. They signal that a student did not learn the material and needs extra help. ... Not reporting Ds and Fs is the equivalent of lying about a student's progress.' This is the only sensible passage in the article. ... The real complaint about traditional grading is that it's too objective. It gives teachers less room to manipulate grades to favor students and, importantly, students of favored races/ethnicities."

**THE SQUID WITHOUT A SHADOW** (Friday Church News Notes, June 10, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is from CreationMoments.com, May 31, 2022: "Many marine creatures reflect surrounding light. They can do so because of tiny light-reflecting platelets. Typically, these crystalline platelets are made of purine, one of the building blocks of DNA, but these particular crystals cannot change how much light they reflect. The Hawaiian bobtail squid, however, needs to be able to reflect different levels of light because of its unique lifestyle. This squid glides through moonlit waters but without its special reflective tissue its shadow would be seen as it passes over the bottom. The bobtail squid has light generating tissue on its underside facing the bottom and this produces just sufficient light to make its shadow disappear. In other words, it can generate variable levels of light. What's more, the squid can move its light-generating platelets around so that they might be scattered among its cells or concentrated where needed. Rather than being composed of just one amino acid, this squid's platelets are made up of six amino acids. God is the source of all light,



including spiritual light. According to evolution, the squid is closely related to some of the first animals that evolved in the sea. Yet, its technically sophisticated camouflage, which perfectly fits its environment and life-style is a testimony to God's wise design, not the early stages of mindless evolution. The spiritual light of God's truth makes that clear. Author: Paul A. Bartz. Ref: *Science News*, Jan. 10, 2004, p. 20, A. Goho, 'Moonlighting.'"

**THE HYMN SOCIETY PUBLISHES SONGS FOR QUEERS** (Friday Church News Notes, June 17, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- For its 100th anniversary, the Hymn Society has published a series of songs that glorify homosexuality under the title "Songs for the Holy Other." The 46 songs include "A Hymn for Self-Acceptance," "God Calls You Good," "God of Queer Transgressive Spaces," "God of Many Faces," "The Kingdom of God is the Queerest of Nations," "Queerly Beloved," and "Quirky, Queer and Wonderful." The words to the latter include, "Quirky, queer, and wonderful, distinct, unique, and odd ... all of our humanity reveals the face of God." This is blasphemous, because God is holy whereas homosexuality is "uncleanness," "vile affections," "against nature,"



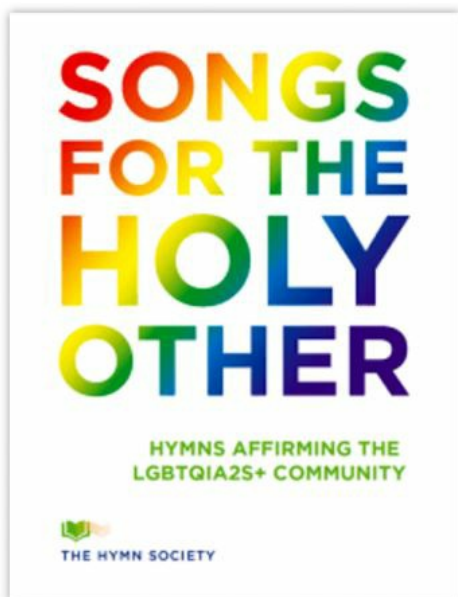
“unseemly,” and “not convenient” (Romans 1:24-28). The Hymn Society’s goal with the new songs is “to provide congregations working to dismantle these walls [between homosexuals and ‘straights’] with a toolbox of hymns by and for those who identify as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, romantic, two-spirit, and other sexual/gender minority (LGBTQIA2S+) community and their allies.” They say that lesbianism, homosexuality, etc., are “God-given gifts, and are, in and of themselves, a gift to the church, as we reflect the rainbow diversity of God’s creation.” The series should be titled “Hymns for Sodom and Gomorrah.” It is full-blown apostasy. It is “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth” (Re. 17:5). The Hymn Society was founded in 1922 “for those people who believe that congregational song is an integral component of worship, believe that the writing and singing of new texts and tunes needs to be promoted, and value learning about the origins of the words and music they sing.” We

believe in the importance of congregational singing, but the Bible instructs the churches to sing “spiritual songs,” not filthy songs, and to sing by having “the word of Christ dwell in you,” not the word of modernistic heresy. As the apostasy deepens in these last days, Bible-believing churches must have revival and take the Word of God much more seriously, or they will die, as large numbers have in the last few decades. Most Bible-believing churches need to stop singing by vain, empty-minded tradition and dead ritual and learn how to have living, powerful congregational singing that conforms to God’s Word, that is attractive, interesting, and edifying for the entire body, young and old. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16-17).

**SUPREME COURT, 9-0, SAYS BOSTON CAN’T BAN CHRISTIAN FLAG** (Friday Church News Notes, June 17, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Supreme Court,” *Christian Headlines*, May 2, 2022: “The city of Boston violated the free speech rights of a faith-based group when it refused to fly the organization’s Christian flag while approving the flags of numerous other groups, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday. The court’s 9-0 decision concerns a unique program in Boston that permits private groups to fly flags of their choosing outside Boston City Hall. The court noted that the city approved ‘hundreds of requests to raise dozens of different flags’—that is, until the Christian civic

organization Camp Constitution requested that the Christian flag be flown. The city of Boston declined the group’s request, arguing it would violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Camp Constitution then sued but lost at the district court and the appeals court level. On Monday, the Supreme Court said Boston’s action violated the Free Speech Clause of the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment. Justice Stephen Breyer wrote the court’s opinion. ‘The city did not deny a single request to raise a flag until’ Harold Shurtleff of Camp Constitution made his request, Breyer wrote. He noted that the city had allowed flags of other countries, a flag of a bank, and the LGBT Pride flag to be flown. ‘For the foregoing reasons, we conclude that Boston’s flagraising program does not express government speech,’ Breyer wrote. ‘As a result, the city’s refusal to let Shurtleff and Camp Constitution fly their flag based on its religious viewpoint violated the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment.’ ... ‘This 9-0 decision from the Supreme Court strikes a victory for private speech in a public forum,’ said Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver. ‘This case is so much more significant than a flag. ... Government cannot censor religious viewpoints under the guise of government speech.’”





## OHIO LAWMAKERS URGE FEDS TO ADD CANADA TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WATCH LIST

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- The following is excerpted from "Ohio Lawmakers," Faithwire.com, June 3, 2022: "The Ohio House of Representatives, led by Republicans, passed a resolution this week urging the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom to add Canada to its watch list. Citing the ways Canadian lawmakers handled COVID-19 lockdowns and targeted churches, even jailing one pastor for more than a month, state Rep. Tim Ginter (R) presented legislation asking the federal government to add the northern country to a list of nations where religious liberties are in jeopardy. 'This resolution is not the result of a singular incident or even a handful of incidents,' he said in a statement, according to WKSU-TV. 'It's a persistent pattern of religious rights violations that has driven us to this point.' At the height of Canada's overbearing restrictions, government authorities in Alberta arrested and jailed James Coates, pastor of GraceLife Church in Edmonton, for more than 30 days because he held in-person worship services, a violation of unilaterally enacted government edicts. ... Ohio state Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus (R) referenced

Coates' incarceration, arguing such treatment by government authorities should not be tolerated and ought to be clearly condemned. 'While Ohio has stood up for religious freedom and protected the right to attend religious services, it is clear Canada has not done the same,' he said, describing the authoritarian mandates enacted by Canadian officials as 'very similar to what we see in Communist-controlled China.' ... Albertan Pastor Artur Pawlowski was also subject to heavy-handed government treatment, reportedly spending two months in solitary confinement ... for inciting 'mischief' over his participation in the so-called 'Freedom Convoy' along the U.S.-Canada border, a weeks-long demonstration earlier this year protesting COVID-19 restrictions. Yet another pastor in Alberta, Tim Stephens of Fairview Baptist Church, was arrested in 2021 for organizing in-person worship services, a violation of a government injunction. Stephens was arrested at his home by Canadian police, who escorted him into the back of a squad vehicle while his children cried uncontrollably."

## GLOBAL WARMING TREND WEAKENING

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- The following is excerpted from Kalte Sonne, "The Transition to Green Energies and the Missing Warming," NoTricksZone, May 11, 2022: "During the energy crisis that has become visible in Germany and Europe over the past few months, things have gotten quieter about the supposedly imminent climate emergency. On the one hand, energy prices and security of supply have pushed the climate issue into the background. On the other hand, a

weakening of the warming trend of the last 40 years is apparent. The temperature curve of the satellite-based measurements of the University of Alabama UAH has been oscillating between -0.2 and 0.4 degrees for 20 years and seems to have remained stable since 2015 ... [Yet] CO2 concentrations in the air have continued to rise unabated. ... A change in global temperature can also happen naturally. We know that clouds have decreased by about 2% after the turn of the millennium, and that for the last ten years cloud cover has been stable at a low level. Second, there are oceanic temperature cycles such as the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation AMO ... Add to this the weakening solar radiation since 2008, and further significant warming beyond 1.5 degrees is unlikely in the next 30 years. ... The stagnant trend of temperatures that has been observed for several years can also be seen in the halted decline in Arctic sea ice extent reported by the European Copernicus program in March ... Wouldn't it be time for climate researchers to bring these trends to the attention of politicians and the public? After all, politicians are currently readjusting the priorities of energy supply. ... **Had [these things] been adequately accounted for in climate models, we would all have been spared much public panic and flawed policy decisions."**





**GREENHOUSE THERMOSTAT DISCOVERED** (Friday Church News Notes, June 17, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)



- The following is from CreationMoments.com, March 1, 2022: “The world is a frightening place without God. This fear can be seen today in fears that modern people often confuse with science. Several years ago stories of gloom and doom about a greenhouse heating of the earth were starting to fill the media. We at Creation Moments looked at the scientific basis for these claims. We wanted to know if the greenhouse warming of the earth was a true threat or just another fear of a godless people. We then published the conclusion that the thin and conflicting evidence for greenhouse warming most likely came from the heat island effect of growing cities around some of the temperature measuring sites. **Knowing the elegance with which God designed everything in creation, creationists suspected that God probably designed the earth with built-in thermostats that help keep it from warming up too much.** When the Pacific Ocean warms more than normal, it sends increasing amounts of water vapor into the air. If heating continues, the water vapor will actually cause the heating to increase until vapor is forced higher into the atmosphere, creating icy cirrus

clouds. These clouds reflect enough incoming sunlight to shut down the temperature increase and return things to normal. We are called to be good stewards of the earth. We can be good stewards in joyful service, freed from the fears that afflict those who don’t know God. Author: Paul A. Bartz. REF.: ‘Clouds keep ocean temperatures down,’ *Science News*, v. 139, May 11, 1991. p. 303.”

**RECREATIONAL DRUGS GETTING MORE POTENT, MORE DEADLY, MORE READILY AVAILABLE** (Friday Church News Notes, June 24, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Fentanyl victim’s mother speaks out,” *Fox News*, June 20, 2022: “Seventeen-year-old Placer County, Calif., student Zach Didier’s parents found him slumped over his desk in 2020, dead from a then-unknown cause. With California’s uptick in fentanyl poisonings and deaths, coroner officials reportedly suggested it could be the cause of Zach’s sudden death. Laura Didier, Zach’s mother, told ‘The Story’ on Fox News on Monday that she initially had no idea how such a powerful opiate found its way into her home. ‘This was nothing we were prepared for. Zach was a 17-year-old high school senior. He had no history with abusing drugs or alcohol,’ she said. ‘So it was a complete shock to us when he was found at his desk and passed away two days after Christmas of 2020.’ It was later discovered Zach obtained what he believed to be an oxycodone pill via Snapchat and ingested it after the rest of his family went to sleep. ‘When the authorities came, there were no drugs in his room. There was no injury to his body. So it was a real

mystery why he would be dead,’ Laura Didier said. ‘But tragically, in our county there was a large uptick in fentanyl deaths. So the coroner’s office was the first one to suggest it was fentanyl.’ **Fentanyl is an opiate 100 times stronger than morphine.** First synthesized in 1960 by Dr. Paul Janssen, the Belgian namesake of the popular vaccine manufacturer, as a component of intravenous analgesics for severe chronic pain--it later transitioned into an illegal recreational drug. ... The high potency of pure fentanyl will stop a human being from breathing, he said, adding that administering naloxone hydrochloride may help, but that there is not enough of the antidote--commonly called Narcan--around. ‘So I tell parents out there to be on the lookout for what your teens are doing with social media, to have a conversation with them about it, to talk to them about it, look for changes in behavior, also sudden changes in behavior,’ Dr. Marc Siegel said. ‘Are they becoming more isolated because of the pandemic? Is there more depression going on? More anxiety? The mental health crisis right now because of the pandemic, is directly tied into the substance abuse problem.’ Siegel added another potent opioid being trafficked from Mexico is **Isotonitazene, or ‘Iso,’ which is one-hundredfold stronger than fentanyl**, and went on to criticize the open border policy of the current administration.”





**HELPFUL WARNING ABOUT YOGA** (Friday Church News Notes, June 24, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “YOGA: Exercise or Religion--Does It Matter?” by Ray Yungen. “Currently, an estimated 24 million people (as of 2022, that number has increased to nearly 40 million) in the United States are regularly involved with some form of Yoga. In the town where I live, the high majority of health clubs, including the YMCA, YWCA, and the local community college, offer Yoga classes. ... Most of these adults may be vaguely aware of the Hindu component of Yoga but see that as being irrelevant to taking Yoga classes. ... The word ‘yoga’ actually means to be yoked to or united in body, mind, and spirit with Brahman (the Hindu concept of God). It doesn’t get more spiritually obvious than that. Yoga adherents cannot divorce the religious or spiritual aspects of Yoga from the physical because the physical postures were, from their inception, specifically designed to serve as conduits to yogic religious experience. ... Yoga instructor and author Stephen Cope ... says, ‘We are all born divine. ... This is the classic statement of the perennial philosophy of yoga.’ ... Occultist and ‘prophetess’ Alice Bailey ... said, ‘The Yogi, or the one who has achieved union (for Yoga is the science of union) knows himself as

he is in reality ... he knows himself to be, past all controversy, God.’ ... As believers, we are told in Romans 12:2, ‘And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.’ We are [to] ‘learn not the way of the heathen’ (Jeremiah 10:2) ... When Yoga is viewed through the lens of the Cross of Christ, it is clear that the two are incompatible. When a person becomes involved with Yoga, he enters a realm of often subtle but powerful spiritual deception. ... The Russel Simmons story is of special interest. Simmons was a young, street-wise black youth who later did quite well for himself as a hip-hop (rap) music producer. Ironically, Simmons did not fit any New Age stereotype, but a friend, as he put it, ‘dragged [him] into a yoga class,’ and he ‘realized [he] had stumbled onto something incredible.’ **As a result, Simmons acquired the spiritual perspective that always accompanies the practice of Yoga. Simmons relates: ‘A lot of the time it seems like people are more comfortable listening to the God that is outside them, but I believe that God is already inside of you. ... The God that’s in all of our hearts.’** ... Yoga produces a certain perception. That perception is identical with what is commonly called New Age spirituality. Incidentally, Simmons has become a major Yoga ‘evangelist’ and has written three books (one a best seller), which specifically target the young hip-hop audience. ... Christine Aguilera, popular singer in the vein of Britney Spears, fits right into this pattern. In a 2015 *ABC News* article titled ‘Yoga Serving as Inspiration for Aguilera’s New Music,’ Aguilera [states that yoga practice results in]

‘feeling more in one with the Earth and everyone being connected.’ Aguilera is an influence to millions of young girls, who see her as a role model and emulate her.”

**FOX NEWS PROMOTES TRANSGENDER NUTTINESS** (Friday Church News Notes, June 24, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from Ben Johnson, *Washington Stand*, June 11, 2022: “On Friday, Fox News Channel aired a story praising a family who allowed a five-year-old girl to begin transitioning to the opposite sex, claiming that the move was inspired by their ‘conservative faith,’ and that God ‘created’ the child transgender. The segment wrapped extreme gender ideology in heretical religious verbiage. Fox News highlighted the story of Ryland Whittington, a girl who now identifies as a boy. ... The report noted that the family supported Ryland’s transition to a boy at age five and strongly implied that children whose parents ‘push back’ against their gender identity will commit suicide. In reality, multiple studies show that 80 to 95% of children with gender dysphoria accept their birth sex by age 18 [“Gender Dysphoria in Children,” American College of Pediatricians, Nov. 2018]. “The good news is: They’re going to grow out of it. Don’t mess them up,” said John Whitehall,



professor of pediatrics at Australia's Western Sydney University. ... The segment, which was produced by Melissa Chrise, aired Friday morning on 'America's Newsroom' as part of a Fox News Channel series titled 'America Together: LGBTQ+ Pride Month,' indicating several similar stories will follow over the next 20 days. Fellow Fox News reporter Alicia Acuna praised the 'excellent piece' while using the hashtag #Pride2022. ... The segment's most offensive aspect came not from its embrace of infants choosing their own sex, nor from Llenas's condescending remarks. It occurred when Fox News told its viewers that the decision to transition a preschool-aged child stemmed from his mother's 'conservative faith' in God. Hillary said, 'For me, it's just a deep spiritual belief that we believe in God, and He created us the way He wanted us. Well, then yes, He created Ryland just the way [she] is.' There are numerous reasons why this is false. Affirming that God 'created us the way He wanted us' would not necessitate years of hormone treatments, the removal or artificial creation of breasts, eventual sterilization, and the complete surgical reconstruction of the

reproductive anatomy. On the contrary, it is precisely the decision to insist on a man-made identity, a 'modern notion of self,' which rejects God's sovereignty as expressed in His created order."

**MOURNING OR FEASTING**  
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- "And in that day did the LORD God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: And behold joy and gladness, and slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die. And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity

shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the LORD God of hosts" (Isaiah 22:12-13). When Isaiah delivered this prophecy, Judah was in a desperate situation. Assyria was destroying the northern kingdom. The land of Judah was filled with idolatry and moral filthiness. In that dire time, God graciously but forcefully called upon His people to mourn and repent and seek His face, but instead they partied and proclaimed that there was no hope for help or revival. This is exactly what is happening in America and other Western nations today. Politically, morally, and economically, the situation is dire, but instead of calling for repentance and earnest prayer as per 2 Chronicles 7:14 and 1 Timothy 2:1-4, most Bible-believing churches are content with their lukewarm spirituality, their infantile discipleship, their shallow biblicism, their soft preaching, and their entertainment agenda. They blame the moral reprobates, the atheists, and the liberal politicians for the nation's problems, but it is more likely that the root of the problem lies at their own doorsteps. America doesn't fear God because 99% of the churches don't preach the fear of God.

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