
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

According to the latest Pew Research study, “traditional” two-parent households now account for less than 50% of American families. Whereas in 1960, 73% of children lived with two married parents in their first marriage, today only 46% are in this situation. Whereas in 1960, 83% of people younger than 50 were in their first marriage, today 67% are. Whereas in 1960, 9% of children were living in a single-parent home, today 26% are. Whereas in 1960, just 5% of births occurred outside of marriage, today out-of-wedlock births stand at 40%. And the racial divide in these social ills is great. Whereas 84% of Asian children and 78% of white children are living in a two-parent married household, only 38% of black children are in this situation (and only 22% of those are parents in their first marriage). There are many reasons for this dramatic change in American society, but three major ones are the apostasy and compromise of the churches, the public school system and its atheistic,



amoral John Dewey agenda, and the pop culture with its “me, me, me” philosophy. But God’s people don’t have to flow with society or be destroyed with its destruction. We are pilgrims in a strange land, and we must march to a different tune. By God’s grace, my wife and I are planning to celebrate our 40th anniversary this year. Our children have good marriages. Our grandchildren are being raised for Christ in good churches. None of our children or grandchildren ever attended public school. The churches we lead and are associated with are producing the same good fruit. Divorce is almost unheard of among our church members unless they come to us already divorced. Many say we are too “strict,” but we aren’t stricter than God’s Word requires. We give liberty where God gives liberty, but there is no liberty for God’s people to flirt with the wicked things of this world, and the fruit of holy separation is good and generational. “And have NO fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*” (Eph 5:11).

POPE CALLS BAPTISM

“THE DATE OF REBIRTH AS CHILDREN OF GOD”

Speaking from the a window of the Papal Palace overlooking St. Peter’s Square on January 10, Pope Francis urged his audience to celebrate the day of their baptism. The sermon was in celebration of Angelus, the feast of the baptism of Christ. The pope said that baptism “is the date of our rebirth as children of God” and the occasion when the Holy Spirit “destroys original sin” and “liberates us from the dominion of darkness, which is sin, and brings us into the realm of light” (“Do you celebrate the day of your baptism?” Pope Francis asks,” *EWTN News*, Jan. 10, 2016). The pope concluded with a prayer to Mary that she would help the baptized to live out their baptism “with joy and fervor.” The majority of “evangelicals” would see this as a false gospel. Yet Pope Francis is

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ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST NETANYAHU FOILED

The following is excerpted from “Plot to Assassinate,” breakingisraelnews.com, Jan. 8, 2016: “Two Israeli Arabs were indicted on Friday for planning to assassinate Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Hazam Sanduka, 22, an Arab resident of Jerusalem’s Old City, and Fahdi Abu Kia’an, 19, an Israeli Bedouin from the Negev, were arrested last month as part of a Hamas cell and charged with assisting an enemy at wartime, contact with a foreign agent, plotting a terrorist attack and manufacturing explosives. Prosecutor Anat Greenbaum wrote in the indictment that they had helped Hamas operative Ahmad Jamal Mousa Azzam. Azzam, a resident of Qalqilya in Samaria, rented an apartment in the Abu Dis neighborhood of East Jerusalem. Azzam and Sanduka acquired ingredients to make explosives and planned on carrying out several attacks. Sanduka, who had worked in a security firm in the past, initiated the plan to plant explosives under the stage in Jerusalem’s Payis Arena where Netanyahu was scheduled to speak. They also planned a large attack in Jerusalem for earlier this month. The plans were directed by Hamas in Gaza and the two men were in constant contact with the terror organization. Kia’an was identified as a supporter of the Islamic State (ISIS) and planned on transporting weapons from Judea and Samaria to the interior of Israel in order to carry out attacks against Israelis. He had also agreed to carry out a mass suicide attack by driving a car loaded with explosives.”

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widely upheld as a great man of God among evangelicals, including a large percentage of contemporary worship musicians. How can a man of God hold a false gospel? New Evangelical compromise of the late 1940s produced this spiritual confusion and blindness. The same compromise is pervading Independent Baptists today, and it will produce the same results, yet we wonder what percentage of fundamental Baptist church members (or even pastors) could pass a simple test on New Evangelicalism, such as the following:

Who was the man who coined the term New Evangelicalism?

In what year did that happen?

What was the occasion when the term was coined?

What are four major principles of New Evangelicalism?

What are three ways that New Evangelicalism spread?

What are three prominent schools that promoted New Evangelicalism?

What evangelist did more than any other one man to popularize New Evangelicalism?

Other than this evangelist, who are four prominent Christian leaders who have popularized New Evangelicalism?

What are three major organizations that have popularized New Evangelicalism?

(The answers to these questions can be found in *New Evangelicalism: Its History, Characteristics, and Fruit*, available in print and free eBook editions from Way of Life, www.wayoflife.org.)

DRACONIAN LAWS AGAINST OFFENDING TRANSEXUALS IN NEW YORK CITY

The following is excerpted from “You Could Be Fined \$250,000,” InfoWars.com, Dec. 29, 2015: “According to brand new rules that were just issued by the New York City Commission on Human Rights, you could potentially be fined \$250,000 if you purposely offend someone that is transgender. This includes such offenses as calling a transgender woman ‘him’ when she wants to be called ‘her,’ or not allowing a transgender woman to use the women’s bathroom. These guidelines are particularly focused on the behavior of landlords, employers and businesses, but they will undoubtedly create a chilling effect on speech all throughout New York City. Needless to say, these new regulations will result in a flood of litigation as transgender individuals exercise their new ‘rights.’ According to the New York City Commission on Human Rights, employers must now use ‘an individual’s preferred name, pronoun and title’ when referring to that person. And some of the pronouns that were given as examples by the Commission were only recently introduced to the English language and many people don’t even know how to pronounce them. The following comes from the new “guidelines”: ‘The NYCHRL **requires employers and covered entities to use an individual’s preferred name,**

pronoun and title (e.g., Ms./Mrs.) regardless of the individual’s sex assigned at birth, anatomy, gender, medical history, appearance, or the sex indicated on the individual’s identification. Most individuals and many transgender people use female or male pronouns and titles. Some transgender and gender non-conforming people prefer to use pronouns other than he/him/his or she/her/hers, **such as they/them/theirs or ze/hir**. All facilities in New York City will now also be required to allow transgender individuals to use whatever bathrooms and locker rooms they prefer.’ ... So what would stop some sick pervert from pretending to be transgender just so that he can go into the women’s locker room at the gym? Presumably nothing. ... This is just another example of our society’s growing obsession with political correctness. And if you think that it is bad now, just wait until the next generation takes over. Our colleges and universities have become political correctness indoctrination centers. One survey found that 62 percent of our colleges and universities have implemented ‘speech codes’ that ‘severely departed from First Amendment standards,’ and students are going to ridiculous extremes to try to insulate themselves from any language that could possibly be considered ‘racist,’ ‘sexist’ or threatening.”

	Subject	Object	Pronoun	Pronunciation
Gender Binary	she	her	hers	as it looks
	he	him	his	as it looks
Gender Neutral	they*	them*	theirs*	as it looks
	ze	hir	hirs	zhee, here, heres
	ze	zir	zirs	zhee, zhere, zheres
	xe	xem	xyrs	zhee, zhem, zheres

**used as singular*

MODERN PHARISEES STILL PERSECUTE “MESSIANIC JEWS”

The following is excerpted from “Jesus Removed from Headlines in Israel,” *Israel Today*, Jan. 4, 2016: “Recently, I reported exciting news about a series of Hebrew-language testimonies promoting faith in Jesus by Messianic Jews on the front page of the popular *Walla! News*, one of Israel’s largest news corporations. With sadness, I must now report that the video series about Jesus has been cancelled, and all references to Jesus and Messianic Jews have been removed from the site. *Walla!* had taken a bold and calculated risk broadcasting a Messianic campaign that promotes interest in Jesus to their massive Israeli audience. We expected that there would be serious resistance to the unprecedented promotional by Messianic Jews on mainstream Israeli media. ... According to Erez Soref, president of the Israel College of the Bible and one of the project’s initiators, here’s what happened: ‘*Walla! News* received intense threats from some within the Ultra-Orthodox community, which banded together threatening to sue the company because of the exposure *Walla! News* provided to the name of Yeshua and to Messianic Jews. *Walla! News* received additional threats from Ultra-Orthodox representatives, threatening a major consumer boycott ... *Walla! News* decided to remove the interviews from the site on Friday, the 25th of December.’”

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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ON RACIAL PREJUDICE



The following is from black American leader Booker T. Washington’s *Up from Slavery* (1901): “It is now long ago that I learned this lesson from General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, and resolved that I would permit no man, no matter what his color might be, to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him. With God’s help, I believe that I have completely rid myself of any ill feeling toward the Southern white man for any wrong that he may have inflicted upon my race. I am made to feel just as happy now when I am rendering service to Southern white men as when the service is rendered to a member of my own race. I pity from the bottom of my heart any individual who is so unfortunate as to get into the habit of holding race prejudice.”