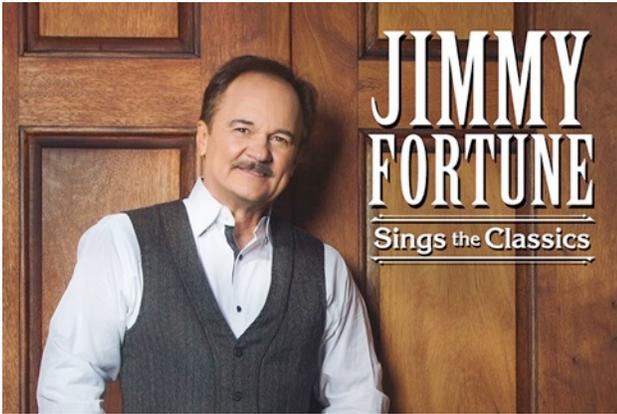

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

MORE SOUTHERN GOSPEL WORLDLINESS



Jimmy Fortune of the famous Southern Gospel group The Statler Brothers has issued a new album of worldly hits by anti-Christ secular rockers, including the Beatles, the Eagles, John Denver, Simon & Garfunkel, and the Righteous Brothers (who were anything but righteous). A friend well commented, “Southern gospel again shows its love for rock & roll and worldly music with this CD. They don’t try to hide their love for worldly, vile rock & roll. As a matter of fact, they revel in it.” The album, *Jimmy Fortune Sings the Classics*, is a Gaither Music Group project and is published by Gaither Records. “Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man

love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:15-17).

LIKE MANY INDEPENDENT BAPTISTS, PROMINENT CCM ARTIST CHARACTERIZES BIBLICAL REPROVERS AS “HATERS”

Darlene Zschech, one of the most influential CCM artists, calls biblical reprovers “haters,” which is the position taken today by many Independent Baptists. In a recent interview, Zschech was asked about her appearance with the Pope at the 2015 Vatican conference on the Renewal of the Holy Spirit, to which she replied, “I caught so much flak for going and doing that. ... I don’t go into these places to talk about people’s theology. I go wherever I’m invited to exalt Christ and to lift up His name. What I’ve found all over the world is that every time you do that, yes, there are going to be haters, and you’re going to get people who don’t understand, but I have a commissioning and a very refined purpose in my heart that knows that Jesus works anywhere that He is announced” (Interview with Darlene Zschech by Doug Doppler, Mar. 25, 2017, www.worshipmusician.com). To this CCM artist, it is “hate” to reprove sin and error. If a Bible believer



Darlene Zschech and the Pope

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reproves her for being a pastor or for charismatic heresies or for being conformed to the world or for yoking together with false gospelers, all of which are clearly forbidden in Scripture, they are “haters” in her book. This is precisely the thinking of large numbers of Independent Baptists, and the problem can be laid directly at the feet of the pastors. It is frightful that massive numbers of Baptist pastors do not properly educate and warn their people. Recently I was informed of a wife of a Sunday School teacher in an Independent Baptist church who loves *The Shack* and recommends it to others in the church. When a concerned member confronted the teacher about the false god and gross heresies presented in the book, he laughed it off, saying it is no big deal and it’s not his business what his wife reads. The “pastor” of this church typically avoids such controversies in his preaching and personal ministry. Jeremiah tells us that this is not a new problem. “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings” (Jeremiah 23:21-22).

TEXAS LAWMAKER TEARFULLY IMPLORES GOD FOR FORGIVENESS OF AMERICA’S MANIFOLD SINS

The following is excerpted from “Texas Lawmaker,” ChristianNews.net, Apr. 29, 2017: “Rep. Randy Weber delivered a prayer at Wednesday’s ‘Washington—A Man of Prayer’ event, which was organized to honor the life of America’s first president, George Washington. It commemorates the events of April 30, 1789, when, after being sworn in at Federal Hall, President Washington, accompanied by Congress, proceeded to St. Paul’s Chapel where, as one of his first official acts, the president offered a prayer of dedication to God on America’s behalf, the

event website outlines. ... During the ‘Man of Prayer’ event, as Weber took the podium, he asked—like Christ taught His disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13—that the Lord’s will would be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. ‘Lord, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth here in the halls of Congress. In our nation’s capital, Lord, may Your will be done.’ Weber then proceeded to outline the ways that God’s will is not being carried out in the United States. ‘You say in Your word [that] the man who meditates on Your word is like a mighty oak tree. Blessed is he who meditates on it daily,’ he outlined, referring to Psalms 1. ‘But Lord, we have endeavored to kick Your word out of public schools. We have endeavored to take the Bible out of classrooms, the Ten Commandments off the walls. Father, we think we’re so smart. We’ve replaced Your word and Your precepts with drug-sniffing dogs, with metal detectors, with



*Rep. Randy Weber Tearfully Begs God
To Forgive America*

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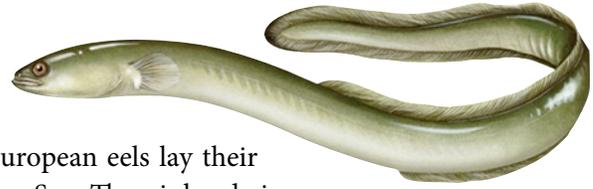
uniformed police officers in our schools. Father, we've trampled on Your holy institution of holy matrimony and tried to re-write what it is, and we've called it an alternate lifestyle. Father, please, please forgive us,' Weber prayed, becoming tearful, his voice breaking. 'Lord, we have gone to killing the most innocent among us. Your servant Moses warned in Deuteronomy 30:19 for us to choose life so that we and all our descendants might live. [B]ut Father, we're killing our descendants and we're calling it a choice. O God in Heaven, forgive us, please. Lord, forgive our sins. Father, help us to get back on Your precepts, on Your path, to a true understanding of Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, Lord, let that please be us. Don't remove Your hand of protection from us, Father, please. Lord, forgive us our manifold sins. In Your great mercy, bring us back to You.'"

THE BEATLES AND HINDUISM

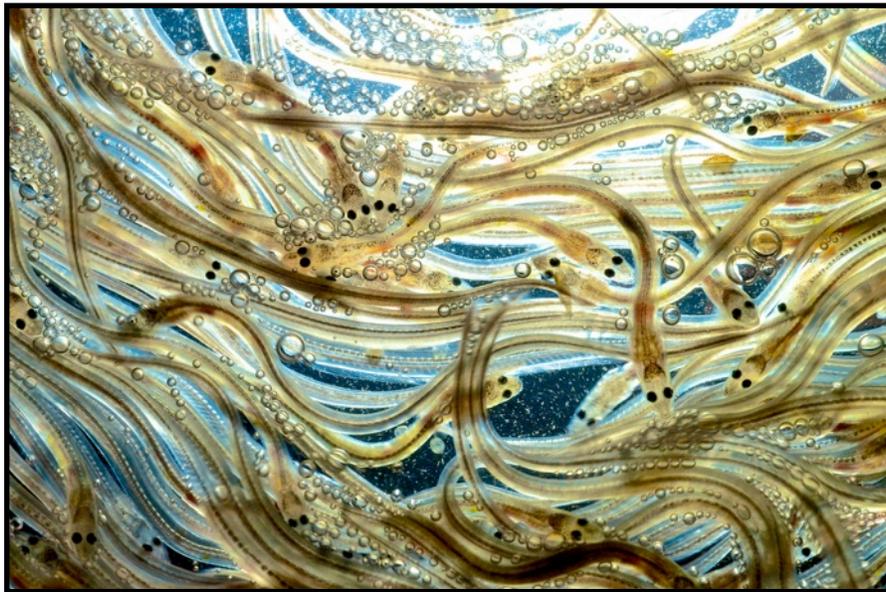
Countless contemporary Christian musicians (e.g., Matt Redman, Leslie Phillips, Phil Keaggy, DC Talk, Caedmon's Call, Derek Johnson, John Ellis, Russ Breimeier, Randy Stonehill, Jars of Clay, Michael W. Smith, MercyMe, Josh Wilson, Third Day, Matt Maher) have praised the Beatles, but they have been at the forefront of promoting pagan darkness since the 1960s. In 2009, the two surviving Beatles headlined a benefit concert to promote Transcendental Meditation (TM) among children. The concert benefited the David Lynch Foundation, which is dedicated to "consciousness-based education and world peace." The objective is to raise funds to teach one million children to meditate. Joining Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney were Sheryl Crow, Donovan, Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, and others. Though some try to deny it, TM is a Hindu practice and is based on the concept that the universe is God and man can recognize his alleged unity with "God" through mysticism. The TM practitioner uses a mantra to put himself into an altered state of consciousness. On the David Lynch Foundation's website a little girl describes her experience with TM as "quiet and comfortable and I feel connected to everything and everyone." The practice of TM was brought to America by the Hindu guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and popularized by the Beatles when they visited his lectures in Wales in 1967 and his ashram in India in

1968. George Harrison joined the Hare Krishnas and died in the Hindu faith. Maharishi developed TM from the Hindu Vedas. He called TM "a path to God" and "the spontaneous flow of knowledge." The Beatles have done more to further the devil's program in these last days than any other music group. It is unconscionable for a Christian to pay homage to these people and to their demonically-inspired music, thereby encouraging Christian young people to think that rock & roll is innocent fun, yet this is exactly what large numbers of contemporary Christian musicians do. The Beatles continue to exercise a vast influence, and young people need to be warned to stay away from them and from the world of licentious rock and roll & pagan New Age philosophy that the Beatles promoted. "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" (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

THE EEL



“The prevailing scientific opinion is that all American and European eels lay their eggs under a mass of seaweed 1,500 feet deep in the Sargasso Sea. The pinhead-size eggs hatch to release transparent, ribbonlike creatures with no eyes or mouths. Billions of these tiny, blind creatures are programmed to travel 1,000 to 3,000 miles across the ocean. They get into the Gulf Stream and are carried toward Europe or America. Traveling farther north, they gradually lose their transparency and their eyes and mouths appear. The eels that are not eaten slowly develop hearts and stomachs. Next they swim up rivers and eat everything in sight, dead or alive. They gradually turn yellow and grow up to three feet long. For the first five to eight years, eels are sexless, after which they develop both male and female organs. Once mature, their noses become pointy, they start back downstream, and their skin turns silvery. Apparently they never eat again, because no silver eel has ever been found with food in its stomach. The eels swim thousands of miles to their birthplace in the Sargasso Sea. At this time the eel either becomes a male or a female as one of its sex organs shrivels up. Once they reproduce, the eels die” (*A Closer Look at the Evidence*, Creation Moments, December 9).



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