
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

FATHER PUNISHED BY BRITISH COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT/COURT FOR NOT AFFIRMING HIS DAUGHTER'S TRANSEXUALISM

The following is excerpted from “Father Gagged, Found Guilty of ‘Family Violence,’” *The Federalist*, Apr. 24, 2019: “Last week, Justice Francesca Marzari of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada, declared a father guilty of ‘family violence’ against his 14-year-old daughter on the sole basis that he had engaged in ‘expressions of rejection of [her] gender identity.’ These ‘expressions’ revolved entirely around his polite refusal to refer to his daughter as a boy in private, and his steady choice to affirm that she is a girl in public. As previously reported, the BC Supreme Court ordered in February that 14-year-old Maxine* receive testosterone injections without



Madam Justice Francesca V. Marzari

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SBC PRESIDENT CALLS ON CHRISTIANS TO STAND UP FOR LGBT RIGHTS

The following is excerpted from “SBC Prez,” *ReformationCharlotte.org*, Jan. 31, 2019: “The current Southern Baptist President, J.D. Greear, is proving himself to be unfit for the position he holds in America’s largest Protestant denomination. Over the last few years, the SBC has taken a sharp turn toward political as well as theological liberalism while pushing a social justice agenda. *Reformation Charlotte* reported earlier today that Greear, during an eisegesis of Romans 1, compared homosexuality to ‘greed’ and ‘boasting,’ even stating that most of these sins are ‘more egregious in the eyes of God’ than homosexuality. Of course, this is foolish, as homosexuality is the one sin that caused God to wipe ... cities off the face of the earth. It is, according to the text he clumsily referenced, the sin that God gives people over to because of their other sins. It is

actually the wrath and judgment of God being poured out on a people to be given over to depraved minds and dishonorable passions. It has now come to light that not only has Greear misrepresented the Scriptures regarding the sin of homosexuality, he has also called on Christians to stand up for the rights of LGBT people. ... The ‘rights’ that LGBT people are fighting for are, for example, the right to use the public restroom of whatever gender they choose to identify as on any given day. The right to get married and practice sodomy in the apartment next door. The right to get married in your conservative church. The right to be fully embraced as an active, affirmed, and participating member of your church. And the right to propagandize you and your children with their vile affections that God has given them over to...”

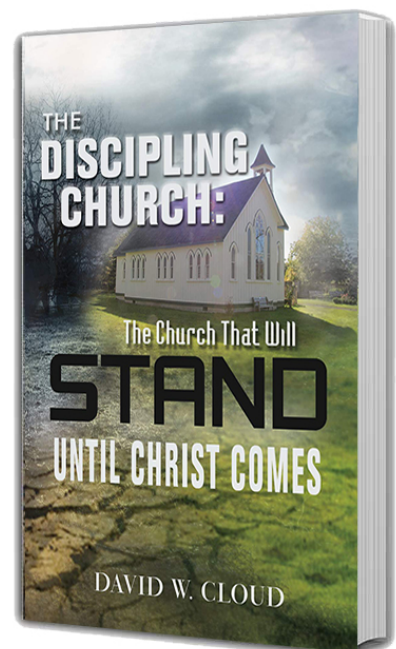
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parental consent. Accordingly, Maxine began regular injections at British Columbia (BC) Children's Hospital over the course of the last two months. ... Her father, Clark*, strongly objects to this treatment and immediately sought to reverse the decision in the BC Court of Appeal. Hoping to raise awareness of his case, Clark gave a number of interviews to media outlets, including *The Federalist*. In these interviews, he repeatedly referred to his daughter as a girl, stating to *The Federalist* that 'she is a girl. Her DNA will not change through all these experiments that they do.' While many might take this to be an honest statement of biological fact, Marzari quoted it as a prime example of Clark's 'family violence of a public denial of [Maxine's] gender identity.' Marzari convicted Clark of this violence, and issued a 'protection order' preventing him from speaking to journalists or the public about his case. While the main thrust of Marzari's ruling focused on Clark's public statements, Marzari also ordered that Clark be enjoined from 'exposing' Maxine to any materials that might 'question whether [her] gender identity is real or the treatments [she] seeks are in [her] best interests.' ... What Marzari found particularly egregious, however, was not Clark's private interactions with his daughter but his 'continued willingness to provide interviews to the media ... in which he identifies [Maxine] as female, uses a female name for [Maxine] ... and expresses his opposition to the therapies [Maxine] has chosen.' According to the court, this willingness placed Maxine at 'a significant risk of harm.' (*Clark and Maxine are not the real names of the father and daughter involved. Their identities have been concealed by court order. Court documents use the initials CD and AB, respectively.)"

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The Discipling Church: The Church That Will Stand Until Christ Comes, first published in 2017, is now available as a free eBook. This church manual aims to establish churches on a solid biblical foundation of a regenerate church membership, one mind in doctrine and practice, serious discipleship, thorough-going discipline, and a large vision for world evangelism. We examine the New Testament pattern of a discipling church, and we trace the history of Baptist churches over the past 200 years to document the apostasy from the biblical pattern to a mixed multitude philosophy. We also document the history of "sinner's prayer" evangelism which has affected the reality of a regenerate church membership. The book deals with biblical salvation with evidence, care in receiving church members, the church's first love for Christ, the right kind of church leaders, the right kind of preaching, training church members to be real Bible students, the many facets of church discipline, building strong families, youth ministry, training preachers, charity, reproof, educating the church for spiritual protection, maintaining standards for workers, the church's



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prayer life, the church's separation, spiritual revival, the church's music, and many other things. There is a chapter on moving from a mixed multitude church to a discipling church. The last chapter documents some of the cultural factors that have weakened churches over the past 100 years, including theological liberalism, the public school system, materialism and working mothers, the rock & roll culture, pop psychology, the feminist movement, New Evangelicalism, television, and the Internet. There is also a list of recommended materials for a discipling church. Dr. Don Jasmin, editor of *The Fundamentalist Digest*, says, "The book *The Discipling Church* is well named. It is loaded with Scriptural exposition, Scriptural explanation, and Scriptural edification. This spiritually rich volume covers almost every phase of a genuine Biblically discipling church. Every pastor should procure this spiritually enriching treasury, one which a preacher will readily consult for valuable assistance and counsel in seeking to maintain a Scripturally balanced N.T. ministry." 550 pages. *The Discipline Church* is available for reading and downloading as a free eBook and for purchase in a print edition, from www.wayoflife.org.

PASTOR FINDS "CHRISTIAN CANNABIS"

The following is excerpted from "Pastor Craig Gross," *Christian Post*, Apr. 29, 2019: "Pastor Craig Gross is a fan of weed. He's not quite a heavyweight user like rapper Snoop Dogg or the legendary Willie Nelson, but he does confess to having developed a comfortable relationship with the psychoactive drug he testifies has taken him to higher levels of worship. 'I went to Coachella and saw one of my favorite artists that I've ever seen and I used marijuana before seeing him. It was amazing,' Gross tells *The Christian Post*. 'I've never lifted my hands in a worship service ever, 'cause I was raised Baptist. ... I've done that in my bathroom worshipping with marijuana by myself.' Often recognized as the founder of XXXchurch in Pasadena, California, a ministry that empowers individuals to break free from their pornography addictions, Gross has embarked on a new controversial mission: to sell and promote marijuana for Christians through a new venture called Christian Cannabis. As public



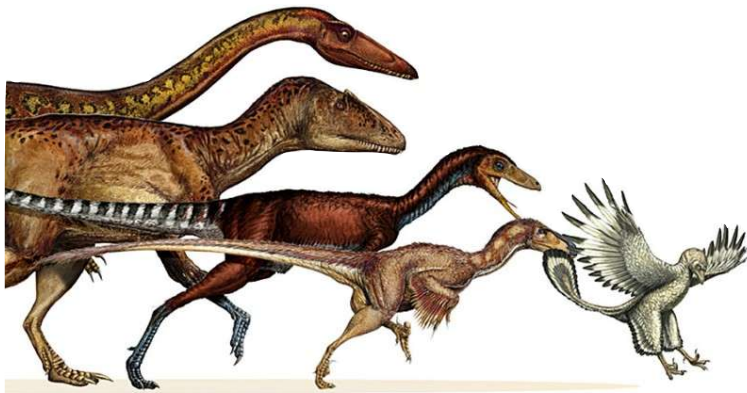
Pastor Craig Gross

perception continues to shift on the demonized plant he celebrates as a gift from God that was 'created on day 3,' Gross wants to bring Christian weed users out of the shadows and challenge churches to have frank conversations about marijuana. A recent poll by the Pew Research Center found that 62 percent of Americans, including 74 percent of Millennials, support legalizing marijuana. Ten states and Washington, D.C., have legalized it for recreational use for adults older than 21, while 33 states have legalized medical marijuana. Michigan is the latest state to legalize it for recreational purposes, while Utah and Missouri voted to legalize medical marijuana in last year's midterm elections. Gross describes himself as among the untold number of Christians who first turned to marijuana for medicinal relief. ... It's in the wake of this shifting and complex cultural and political landscape that Gross believes churches should start having deeper conversations on marijuana and he hopes Christian Cannabis can help drive them."

DID BIRD'S LUNGS EVOLVE?

The following is from *Creation Moments*, Apr. 5, 2019: "I remember buying a foot pump to inflate the tires on my first car. My choice was between two pumps. On the cheaper model, the foot operated a piston entering a cylinder in which the air would be compressed and forced through a tube into the tire. When the foot was lifted, valves prevented air getting back into the cylinder from the tire, and, instead, dragged air in from the outside. Each depression of the foot repeated this operation. In a sense, the lungs of mammals and reptiles would resemble two such pumps side by side. The second model featured two pistons and cylinders angled in opposite directions. Pressing with the foot began the first stage of tire compression as before, but on releasing the foot, the second cylinder pushed air into the tire while the first refilled with external

air. The next foot depression allowed cylinder 2 to refill while cylinder 1 pumped. Thus, there was air pumped into the tire on both depression and release of the foot. The two cylinders worked in tandem, in opposite directions. This second continuous pump is like the two lungs in a bird. Even some well-known evolutionary scientists have pointed out how impossible it would be for one mechanism to evolve into the other because the transitional form would not be able to process air for breathing at all, and would suffocate. So bird lungs could not have evolved from dinosaurs, but, instead, are designed by God for exactly their purpose. Ref: Quick, D.E and Ruben, J.A., 'Cardio-Pulmonary Anatomy in Theropod Dinosaurs: Implications from Extant Archosaurs,' *Journal of Morphology*, 270:1232-1246 (2009), pp. 1232-1246."



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