

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## PRAYER MOVEMENTS IN AMERICA

Various prayer movements are springing up in America. Most recently there was **Repentance Sunday** (Sept. 27) called by some 50 churches and ecumenical ministries, including Matt Chandler of Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas; Gabe Lyons of Q Ideas in Nashville; and Francis Chan of Crazy Love Ministries. Organizers announced it as “an opportunity as the Christian church to practice what Revelation 2 and 3 require, a return to our first love, seeking forgiveness of our personal and corporate sins.” But how about obedience to sound doctrine and non-conformity to the world and separation from heresies and renunciation of the apostasy of 2 Timothy 4:3-4 and earnest contention for the faith? Then there was **The Return: National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance** in Washington, D.C. (Sept. 26). We don’t need a prayer movement, and we certainly don’t need to join hands with the “rock & roll, renounce separation, bear with all things, judge not” crowd. But God’s people do need to pray. If these times do not drive churches to take prayer more seriously, I don’t know what would. Let’s wake up and get on “praying ground” and pray! God has promised to answer. “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 2:1-3).



### LATEST CDC STATISTICS ON COVID SURVIVAL RATES

On September 25, 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control announced the latest Covid-19 survival statistics and it is good news. For those younger than age 50, the death rate is .02%.

Ages 0-19: 99.997%  
 Ages 20-49: 99.98%  
 Ages 50-69: 99.5%  
 Ages 70+: 94.6%

## LAW AND ORDER IN FLORIDA



*Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sheriff Grady Judd*

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is providing law and order leadership for his state in these troublous times. The following is excerpted from “Sheriff Uses Pictures to Explain,” *Daily Caller*, Sept. 22, 2020: “The sheriff of Polk County, Florida, used visual aids to help explain the difference between a peaceful protest and a riot during a press

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conference Monday after Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis unveiled new legislation to address violent riots and attacks on police officers. Sheriff Grady Judd took the stage armed with three sets of pictures to help reporters, attendees and Floridians differentiate between riots and peaceful protests. 'I can tell you folks, so that there is no misunderstanding today, this is a peaceful protest,' Judd said, holding an image of a large group of protesters congregated peacefully in front of a building. 'This is a riot,' he continued, holding an image of what appears to be a vehicle on fire amid a pile of rubble. 'We can tell the difference. The governor can tell the difference. Our law enforcement officers can tell the difference,' he said. 'In the event you didn't get that, let me show you something,' Judd said as he whipped out a second set of images. 'This is a peaceful protest,' he said, flashing an image showing a protester holding up a sign that reads in part *protest peacefully*. 'This is looting,' he continued, holding another image showing a man carrying items while running. 'If you loot, the next thing you can try to steal is something off of your food tray at the county jail, because you're going to jail, that's a guarantee,' Judd said. ... DeSantis introduced legislation Monday that would charge anyone involved in an assembly of 7 or more people where property is destroyed or someone gets injured would face felony charges. It also makes it a felony to block roadways and destroy public property, which includes toppling monuments. The legislation would also defund any cities or local government that tries to defund their police department. If a state employee participates in a violent protest or disorderly assembly, they would lose their state benefits under the new legislation."

## CHRISTIANS ARRESTED IN IDAHO FOR SINGING HYMNS WITHOUT MASKS--OUTDOORS

The following is excerpted from "Idaho Christians Arrested," *PJ Media*, Sep. 24, 2020: "It seems Moscow, Idaho, is going the way of its Soviet namesake, arresting a group of unmasked Christians who had peaceably assembled outside the city hall to sing psalms and protest an extension of the city's masking order. On Wednesday, Moscow's Christ Church ... announced that a 'Psalm Sing' would be held outside city hall that afternoon. On Tuesday, the city council extended the mandatory masking order, set to expire on October 6, until January, **despite the fact there have been no deaths, or even hospitalizations, due to the COVID-19 virus in Latah County.** ... According to local reports, more than 150 people were in attendance at the gathering to sing psalms and hymns--in beautiful four-part harmony, I might add--though [Pastor Douglas] Wilson believes the number was closer to 300. Fifteen minutes into the gathering--during the very first song--police began to arrest the peaceful psalm singers for failing to wear masks as mandated by the Moscow City Council. Latah County commission candidate and host of the CrossPolitic show Gabriel Rench was led away in handcuffs as the group sang, 'Some always trust in chariots, others trust in horses, but we recall our Lord and God,' lifting their voices to proclaim Psalm 20. David Shannon, aka Chocolate Knox, said on the CrossPolitic show that Moscow police stood by and did nothing when Black Lives Matter held a Defund the Police rally in July--in front of the police station--violating both masking and social distancing orders. 'No one was arrested,' he said. 'No one. Zero people.'"



*Gabriel Rench led away in handcuffs.*

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## BLACK LIVES MATTER RIOTS THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN U.S. HISTORY

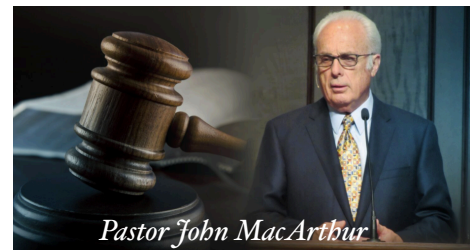
The following is excerpted from “Cost of Recent Riot Damage,” *Townhall*, Sep. 16, 2020: “[A] new assessment first reported by Axios shows the financial cost of the rioting is on its way to at least \$2 billion, making it the most expensive in history. ‘The vandalism and looting following the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis police will cost the insurance industry more than any other violent demonstrations in recent history, Axios has learned. That number could be as much as \$2 billion and possibly more, according to the Insurance Information Institute (or Triple-I),

which compiles information from PCS as well as other firms that report such statistics. The protests related to George Floyd’s death are also different because they are so widespread. ‘It’s not just happening in one city or state--it’s all over the country,’ Loretta L. Worters of the Triple-I tells Axios. ‘And this is still happening, so the losses could be significantly more’” (“Exclusive: \$1 billion-plus riot damage,” *axios.com*, Sep. 16, 2020). Worse, the communities hit the hardest may never recover. South Los Angeles still lives with the consequences of the 1992 riots.”

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## JUDGE RULES THAT MACARTHUR’S CHURCH ENTITLED TO TRIAL

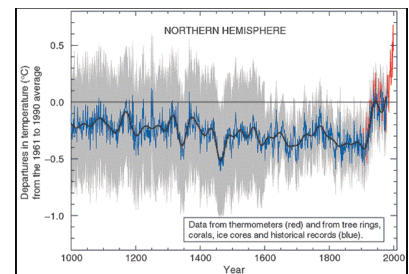
The following is excerpted from “Another MacArthur Victory,” *Reformation Charlotte*, Sept. 24, 2020: “Attorneys for Pastor John MacArthur and Grace Community Church prevailed in yet another hearing today in Los Angeles Superior Court, arguing that MacArthur and the Church are entitled to a full trial on the merits of their challenge to the constitutionality of the government shut-down orders and the preliminary injunction. Los Angeles County has sought to shut down the church and hold MacArthur in contempt, but Thomas More Society attorneys argued that a final determination on the constitutionality of the orders must occur before the county could seek contempt against MacArthur for merely holding church. ... Thomas More Society Special Counsel Charles LiMandri stated, ‘This ruling prevents Los Angeles County’s attempted rush to judgment in its continued prosecution of Pastor John MacArthur



and Grace Community Church for courageously exercising their First Amendment rights. We are ... very gratified that the judge’s ruling today reflects that he appreciates the importance of the constitutionally protected rights at issue in this case.’ MacArthur declared, ‘We are holding church. The Lord Jesus requires us to meet together and we will continue to do that because we are commanded to and because it is our right. I’m very grateful to Judge Beckloff for providing full due process and recognizing the importance of these constitutional protections. The reality is that the county cannot show that their order is even rational, much less necessary. They have also applied their orders arbitrarily and discriminatorily against churches and we enjoy a heightened protection in America to hold church. I’ll continue to stand firm and we will continue to fight to protect religious freedom for the church.’”

# WHY IS GREENLAND CALLED GREENLAND?

The following is from creationmoments.com, April 7, 2020: “Why is Greenland called Greenland? Most people are familiar with the reasons for the name. During the Medieval period, there is a lot of historical evidence to show that global temperatures were higher than they are today. Therefore, Greenland had quite a lot of green during the time when Vikings were colonizing it. As the Medieval period ended, however, the planet became a lot colder, sinking into the famous ‘little ice age,’ which was at its depth during Victorian times, when it was common for the Thames River in London, England, to freeze over, and for annual ice fairs to be accommodated by London Bridge. From Victorian times onward, average world temperatures have been on the rise again. But this dome- and dip-shaped graph did not fit with the upcoming paradigm of the 1990s onward which suggested that the Earth’s average temperature must be getting warmer due to industrial emission of so-called greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide. So researchers produced the infamous hockey stick graph. The right hand side of this temperature-time graph showed a sharp rise in temperature from about 1910 onward. The ‘handle’ of this hockey stick shape was flat, not showing a Medieval warm period; the warmth of northern climes, like Greenland, or even England being attributed to a misleading local effect. Listeners should remember that the earlier dome graph still has more evidence to support it. Besides, God has told us that our seasonal temperature variations will remain while the earth endures. ‘While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease’ (Genesis 8:22). Ref: Montford, A.W., *The Hockey Stick Illusion*, London: Anglosphere.”



The 'Hockey stick' graph from the IPCC's Third report (2001): Variations of the Earth's surface temperature over the last 1000 years.

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