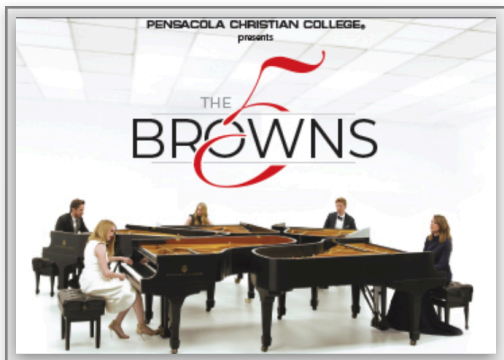


## FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

### PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BUILDS BRIDGES TO MORMONISM



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Pensacola Christian College (PCC) has built a bridge to Mormonism via music in the name of “art.” The 5 Browns were featured at Pensacola’s Fine Arts program on Feb. 12 and 13, 2021. The siblings are highly talented young pianists who perform a wide variety of music on pianos, from classical to blues, jazz, and pop. The larger issue for a Christian school forum is the spiritual and doctrinal one. They “were raised their entire lives in the Mormon faith and have stated that they use their musical tours as an opportunity to share their faith.” When contacted by a concerned father of a PCC student, Pensacola’s president replied, “The purpose of Fine Arts is to provide an educational experience that encourages an appreciation of the arts. This is not a church or worship service, but rather a wholesome cultural event and social

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### ALBUM BY HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVIST IS TOP CHRISTIAN EP ON ITUNES

The album “Preacher’s Kid” by Grace Baldrige (aka Semler), an “openly queer Christian artist,” was No. 1 on Apple’s iTunes’ Christian chart recently and currently is No. 6. The album features “explicit lyrics” and taunts about anti-homosexual “judgmentalism.” The opening track, “Bethlehem,” says, “I’m a child of God, just in case you forgot, and you cast me out every single chance that you got, and that’s your loss, not mine. I’ll be better than fine.” Baldrige said the album is “a project about coming out as a queer person of faith ... I want to grab the No. 1 spot on the iTunes Christian music chart and claim it for anyone who has been cast out in the name of God” (“LGBTQ singer-songwriter,” Religion News Service, Feb. 10, 2021). In an interview with RNS, she said, “My dad is an Episcopal priest. ... I would describe myself as a faithfully skeptical Christian. I definitely struggle with a lot of doubt. I’m the person that stands up at Communion, going down the aisle, and in my head I’ll be like, ‘This is a cult, right? This is a little weird.’ ... Whether or not you’ve been burned by purity culture or toxic masculinity that’s been enforced and by rigid church teachings, or whether you’re a member of the LGBTQ-plus community and told you are not valuable and you do not deserve the same dignity as other people, we are speaking up for ourselves. I think in some ways, through this project, we’re able to do so by holding up a little bit of a mirror to Christian media, like, we’re here. You can’t ignore us anymore. We’re No. 1 right now.”



*Grace Baldrige (aka Semler)*

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activity.” But as a former Pensacola student observed on this matter, “It is impossible not to endorse a group when you are paying them to come and requiring all students to attend (on pain of 25 demerits) and encouraging the students to buy their cd’s and look up their website. This was referenced tonight in the program which also advertised a book written by The 5 Browns. This is creating a bridge for unaware students to be misled into the Mormon faith.” No Christian college has the liberty to disobey God’s Word for the sake of “fine arts” or anything else. All art is to be brought under the headship of Jesus Christ. We are to cast down *everything* that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2 Co. 10:5). God’s Word plainly states, “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 Co. 6:14-17), and, “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*” (Eph. 5:11). Through the influence of The 5 Browns, there is a real possibility that some within the Pensacola student body or their

associates will be influenced by doctrines of devils. Mormonism teaches a false christ, a false gospel, and a false spirit, but these days Mormons are duplicitously speaking and acting more “evangelical” in order to infiltrate non-Mormon groups, and the naive leaders at Pensacola are playing right into their hands. Since the 1990s, there has been an “Evangelicals and Mormons Together” movement. In 2004 and 2011, prominent evangelicals held dialogues with Mormons in Salt Lake City. The one in 2004, attended by 7,000, was called “Evening of Friendship.” The evangelicals participating in these events were Leith Anderson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals; Craig Williford, president of Trinity International University; Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Seminary; David Neff, editor-in-chief of *Christianity Today*; Craig Hazen of Biola University; CCM musician Michael Card; and Ravi Zacharias. Craig Blomberg of Denver Seminary co-authored *How Wide the Divide? A Mormon and an Evangelical in Conversation*, which states that the divide between Mormons and Bible-believing Christians is not as wide as formerly thought. Mormon discussions have taken place at Wheaton College and Fuller Theological Seminary. Joel Osteen pastor of the largest church in America, has said that Mormons are Christians (*Washington Post*, Oct. 26, 2011). In 2013, Al Mohler, Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and George Wood, Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, spoke at Brigham Young University the chief training school for Mormon missionaries.

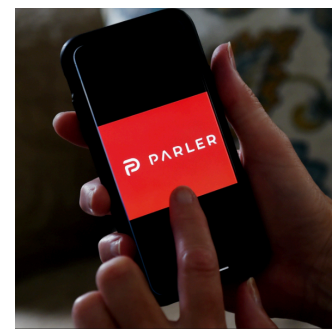
# MORE BIG TECH CENSORSHIP OF CONSERVATIVE SPEECH

Big Tech censorship of conservative speech continues. **In January, YouTube, a Google subsidiary, banned *The Epoch Times* from earning money off its videos.** Stephen Gregory, publisher of *The Epoch Times*, said, “This is the latest example of big tech suppression of free speech, a step on the road to communist-style censorship” (FreeRepublic.com, Jan. 26, 2021). “Larry Elder, a prominent, African-American conservative filmmaker who hosts a video series for *The Epoch Times*, confirmed during an interview with the ‘Just the News AM’ television program that the demonetization hit him personally, reducing his income. ... Elder said, ‘The only answer is not to ... moan and whine about how unfairly we’re being treated, not to run to the government to pass more regulations. The answer is to build our own platforms. And we have been asleep at the switch’” (*Just the News*). **On Jan. 12, conservative commentator and Trump supporter Curt Schilling’s insurance was canceled by AIG due to his “Social Media profile”** (@gehrig38, Jan. 13, 2021). Schilling, a retired major league baseball star pitcher, has been very vocal about election fraud. **On Jan. 25, Twitter locked LifeSiteNews from two of its accounts for stating that President Joe Biden’s**

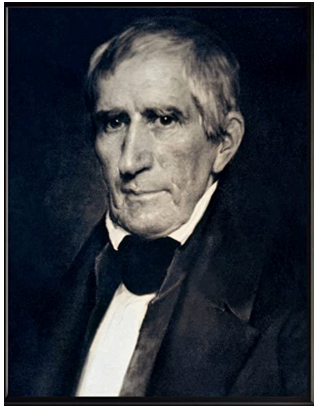
**Assistant Secretary of Health “Rachel” Levine is a man.** The accounts displayed a simple message which read, “Biden names transgender ‘woman’ as Assistant Secretary of Health. ‘Rachel’ Levine is a father of two who divorced his wife in 2013 after 30 years of marriage.” **On Feb. 10, Google-owned YouTube completely removed LifeSiteNews and deleted all of its videos.** LifeSiteNews is an anti-abortion Catholic organization that had 300,000 followers on YouTube. **On Feb. 11, Twitter permanently banned Project Veritas,** a much hated and often maligned organization dedicated to expose misconduct and corruption in the media and liberal organizations, such as Facebook and Google (“Twitter bans,” *CNN Business*, Feb. 12, 2021). **On Feb. 11, Facebook-owned Instagram banned Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., nephew of former president John F. Kennedy, for “sharing debunked claims about the coronavirus or vaccines.”** Kennedy, founder of Children’s Health Defense, is a critic of vaccines he believes to be harmful (“Kennedy Banned,” *Summit News*, Feb. 11, 2021). He had 800,000 subscribers when he was de-platformed. Instagram’s censors, of course, are the world’s premier experts in medicine and have infallible knowledge of this field.

## PARLER BACK AFTER SECURING NEW COMPUTER SERVERS

The following is excerpted from “Welcome back,” *Just the News*, Feb. 16, 2021: “Parler, the upstart social media platform silenced last month by big-tech censorship, said Monday it is resuming operations under new leadership and with new computer servers. Parler moved to a new computer server farm after Amazon Web Services shut off the social media platform on Jan. 11. Parler’s 20 million users can begin using their old app and logins Monday, interim CEO Mark Meckler told *Just the News*. ... Meckler also said the platform is using artificial intelligence and human editors to police for illegal speech that violates its service agreement but otherwise is remaining true to its free speech, no censorship roots. Dan Bongino, a prominent Parler user and shareholder, was one of the first to get back online, posting stories Monday morning about businesses fleeing New York and Amazon workers moving toward unionization in Alabama.”



## FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT WARNS THAT POLITICAL POWER IS “A NEVER-DYING WORM IN THE BOSOM”



William Henry Harrison

America's ninth president, William Henry Harrison, delivered a two-hour inaugural speech in January 1841 that contained great wisdom. He said, "Republics can commit no greater error than to ... continue any feature in their ... government which may ... increase the love of power in the bosoms of those to whom necessity obliges them to commit the management of their affairs ... **When this corrupting passion once takes possession of the human mind, like the love of gold it**

**becomes insatiable. It is the never-dying worm in his bosom, grows with his growth and strengthens with the declining years of its victim.** ... The danger to all well-established free governments arises from the unwillingness of the people to believe in ... the influence of designing men ... Caesar became the master of the Roman people and the senate under the pretense of supporting the democratic claims of the former against the aristocracy of the latter ... Limited as are the powers which have been granted [to the American government], still enough have been granted to constitute a despotism if concentrated in one of the departments."

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