

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

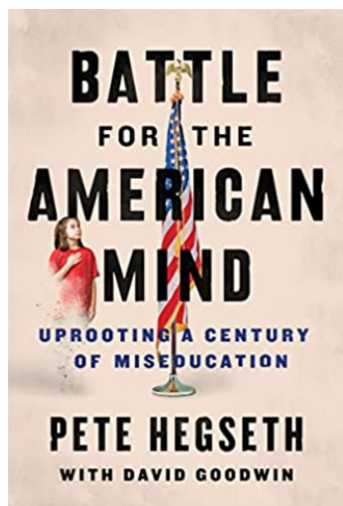
## HISTORIC SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH APPOINTS HOMOSEXUAL CO-PASTOR



*Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville KY*

On August 14, Crescent Hill Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, by unanimous vote, appointed homosexual Jordan Conley as co-pastor. The other pastor is a woman. According to the church's web site, Conley "lives with his husband, Patrick Allison, and their dog, Kenzie." Crescent Hill Baptist was established in 1908 and was long aligned with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Called "the seminary church," its facilities were used by the seminary and many faculty and students were members. In the 1960s, the church embarked on a

path of apostasy, embracing the social gospel and psychological counseling (including Divorce Recovery Workshops). In 1966, Sunday School attendance peaked at 1,756. In 1972, the first women deacons were ordained. In 1975, the pastor of Crescent Hill led a delegation to the very liberal Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm. By the 1980s, Crescent Hill supported the ordination of female pastors. It also put on the heretical drama *Godspell* in which Jesus is crucified on an electric fence and there is no resurrection. In 1991, Crescent Hill joined the liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In 1996, Crescent Hill ordained a homosexual deacon. In 2014, the first "same sex marriage" was held at Crescent Baptist. Today, this once-sound Baptist church has no authoritative Bible and no saving gospel. The church's "Timeline" begins with these words: "13.7 billion years ago the universe began whether as a 'big bang' or some other event. Likely there were other universes before this one, and there will be others after ours ceases with the Force or Word expressing itself continuously in a variety of ways



## NORTH KOREAN DEFECTOR WARNS ABOUT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

The following is excerpted from *Battle for the American Mind: Uprooting a Century of Miseducation* by Pete Hegseth & David Goodwin: "[I]n June 2021 a North Korean defector, Yeonmi Park--turned Columbia University graduate--went even further, saying of the state of Ivy League education, 'Even North Korea is not this nuts.' She continued with a dire warning, saying the United States' future 'is as bleak as North Korea' unless our self-loathing education system is overhauled. Think about that! A North Korean

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defector--who experienced the most brutal, repressive, and anti-American regime in the world until she was thirteen years old--believes our elite schools are even more nuts than North Korea. That should be a wake-up call. The condemnation of dissent may look different--North Korea prefers concentration camps, America prefers cancellation, marginalization, and labeling--but the reality is the same. ... In America today, private thoughts are not allowed to translate into public speech, provoking the question, Are we really free? Are our kids?"

**CONCLUDING NOTE:** As long as public schools continue to operate as humanistic brainwashing institutions, nothing on the political or judicial side will have a lasting impact on America. There must be true revival in many churches, and it must be led by born again, Spirit-filled, truth-loving, tradition-hating, courageous pastors. I know some of these men, and I pray daily and earnestly for their number to increase.

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# UNDER BIDEN, AMERICA TO GIVE GRANTS TO PROMOTE ATHEISM AND HUMANISM WORLDWIDE

The following is excerpted from "Republicans Demand Answers," *Conservative Brief*, July 2, 2022: "A group of Republicans, led by Indiana Rep. Jim Banks, are demanding answers for a program by the administration of President Joe Biden that, they say, intends to 'promote atheism worldwide.' Banks, who chairs the Republican Study Committee, penned the letter to President Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken about the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor's (DRL) grant program promoting atheism and 'humanism,' *Fox News* reported. ... 'The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was officially titled 'DRL FY20 IRF Promoting and Defending Religious Freedom Inclusive of Atheist, Humanist, Non-Practicing and Non-Affiliated Individuals.' It announced a 'competitive' c process that would award grants of up to \$500,000 to organizations committed to the

practice and spread of atheism and humanism, namely in South/Central Asia and in the Middle East/North Africa. To be clear, atheism and humanism are official belief systems. ... It is one thing for the Department to be tolerant and respectful of a wide range of belief systems, and to encourage governments to respect the religious freedom interests of their citizens. It is quite another for the United States government to work actively to empower atheists, humanists, non-practicing, and non-affiliated in public decision-making. Any uch program--for any religiously-identifiable group--in the United States would be unconstitutional. ... Americans rightly discern this as a part of the broader effort on the part of your administration to promote radical, progressive orthodoxy abroad. Atheism is an integral part of the belief system of Marxism and communism."

# MUSLIMS THREATEN PASTOR'S LIFE

The following is excerpted from "Pastor Fears," *Morning Star News*, Aug. 8, 2022: "A month after a Christian was killed in Kiboga District, Uganda, a pastor in the same district fears for his life following death threats from Muslim extremists, he said. Pastor Godfrey Ssemujju, who oversees 130 Elim Pentecostal churches in Kiboga district, 75 miles northwest of Kampala, said the lives of his family and church members are also in danger. 'I am worried and very fearful,' Pastor Ssemujju said. He said that one of the text messages read, 'We warn you to stop converting our people to Christianity. If you continue doing this, then take note that [taking] your life is our *Jannah* [koranic paradise in the afterlife]. After killing you, our Allah will reward us with it.' Pastor Ssemujju has received such messages for three

months, with the threats increasing after his preaching at open-air events and one-on-one conversations in June and July led to 70 Muslims turning to Christ, he said. Some of the converts are teachers in Muslim elementary schools. His churches have undergone a series of attacks in the past few months. On July 25, assailants killed tens of head of livestock belonging to one of his church members; on July 6, Muslim extremists attacked Robert Bwenje, who succumbed to his injuries on July 10 at age 28, and assistant pastor Ambrose Mugisha, seriously wounding his head; and on June 26, Muslim extremists demolished a church building in Rwomuriro village and threatened to kill Pastor James Baingana. Pastor Ssemujju said 14 Muslims have threatened his life."

# HYDRAULIC SPIDERS

The following is from creationmoments.com, November 30, 2021: "Hydraulic machines are part of our everyday lives. When you step on the brakes

in your car, brake fluid, which cannot be compressed, is forced from a

cylinder into the braking mechanism attached to your wheels.

H y d r a u l i c mechanisms work

because fluid cannot expand, but it will easily flow to areas where there is less pressure. However,

humans were not the first to

invent uses for this principle. The spider uses it all the time. The spider has his skeleton on the outside of his body and his muscles inside his skeleton. Since our muscles are outside our skeleton, we can



use muscles both to bend our legs and stretch them out. However, the spider's arrangement allows his muscles only to bend his leg. When he wants to straighten out his leg to take another spidery step, he pumps fluid into his leg, and the leg joint hinges open. The North American dwarf mistletoe builds up hydraulic pressure equal to that found in a truck tire. It uses that stored pressure to catapult its seeds up to 50 feet at a speed close to 60 miles per hour. The squirting cucumber, found in the Mediterranean area, uses the same principle to propel its seeds up to 40 feet. Who would believe that the brake system in an automobile came together by chance and natural forces? Neither does it make sense to believe that spiders, other animals and plants came about without a Designer and Creator. Author: Paul A. Bartz. Ref: Tributsch, Helmut, 1983, "How spiders stretch," *Science Digest*, Oct. p. 74."

## CHRISTIAN BAKER DRIVEN OUT OF BUSINESS BY HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVISTS IS RAISING FUNDS FOR A NEW BAKERY IN A NEW LOCATION



*Melissa and Aaron Klein*

The following is excerpted from “Christian Baker Fined,” *CBN News*, June 23, 2022: “Melissa and Aaron Klein, the bakers at the center of a years-long battle centered on their refusal to make a same-sex wedding cake, are fundraising to open a new shop where they hope to ‘show God’s goodness to everyone.’ The Kleins, who shuttered their Oregon-based shop Sweet Cakes by Melissa amid outrage after declining in 2013 to make the cake for a lesbian couple, told CBN’s *Faithwire* about their aspirations. ... The baker and her husband, Aaron, have made national and international headlines over the past nine years as they have refused to back down while navigating the ebbs and flows of their legal battle. The Kleins have specifically challenged government mandates that initially landed them with a \$135,000 fine from the Oregon Bureau of

Labor and Industries for their gay cake refusal. Their problems began in 2013, when they declined to bake the cake for a lesbian couple, citing the bakers’ Christian stance on same-sex nuptials. After a complaint was waged by the same-sex couple, the state stepped in and awarded the massive sum of money, claiming the Kleins were guilty of discrimination. But Klein has explained over the years she had no problem serving the couple; she simply did not want to participate in the wedding. ... But now the Kleins, who have moved to Montana since their case began nearly a decade ago, are hoping for a new beginning--and for new memories to be made. As their attorneys continue the legal fight, the family is looking to raise \$50,000 [through cookie sales and FreeFunder] to open up another shop. ... It’s unclear where the Sweet Cakes case will go next, though attorneys for the Kleins expect to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case before the end of this summer. This move comes after the Oregon Court of Appeals found in January 2022 that the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries violated the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment by not acting with neutrality. But, while the \$135,000 fine was struck down, the case was sent back to the same commission for review.”

### INFORMATION

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