FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

TIKTOK JESUS

TikTok has dozens of videos with computergenerated Jesuses quoting Bible verses in synthetic voices. They promise the viewer some vague blessing, such as "good news soon" or "blessing in an hour," in exchange for likes, comments ("amen," "I believe"), or sharing. There are also threats. One of the videos that has been watched 22 million times says, "Send this video to all your friends and family, if you reject,



remember what he said: 'If you deny me before men, I will deny you before the father." The *Daily Believer*, with 70 of these Jesus videos, has over 800,000 followers and 9.2 million likes. The statistics mean the *Daily Believer* is raking in money through the TikTok Creator Fund that pays creators with over 10,000 authentic followers (as evidenced by likes, comments, and sharing). The Jesus images are the typical Anglo-Saxon hippy Jesus variety. The "gospel" is a vague "believe in the power," "discover God's unconditional love," etc. Matthew 24:24 - "For there shall arise false Christs..." 2 Corinthians 11:4 - "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*."

UN AND "FAITH LEADERS" CALL FOR DRACONIAN CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION



This month religious leaders joined hands with their secular one-worlder counterparts at the United Nations Climate Summit (COP28) in Dubai. The "faith pavilion" demonstrated "the pivotal role of faith communities in tackling the climate crisis" ("Faith Leaders Can Influence the World," Religion News Service, Nov. 30, 2023). Blaming everything from hurricanes to drought and famine on "climate change," the UN and their religious partners called upon wealthy nations to pony up yet more money. It's the best scam the UN has yet devised. Pope Francis had to cancel his scheduled appearance at COP28 for health reasons, but he has issued an encyclical on saving the planet. He said, "Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our

relationship with others and with God." Cardinal Joseph Tobin, archbishop of Newark, NJ, a delegate to COP28, said, "World leaders must keep their promises to provide more financial support for these communities [developing countries]. The clock is ticking. We must act soon and with unity." Tobin is correct about "the clock ticking," but the only "global warming" the Bible warns about is the rapidly approaching day of the Lord when the opportunity for salvation will be finished. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count

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slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:10-13).

BEAVERS BUILD MORE THAN DAMS

The following is from Creation Moments.com, November 29, 2023: "Beavers are widely known for their huge constructions. However, beavers build more than just dams. The beaver is quite an engineer. When building a dam, a beaver first rams poles into the bed of his waterway. The poles are placed on an angle to increase holding power and are then rammed into the waterway bed, thick end first. This basic skeleton is then reinforced with twigs, leaves, mud and stone. It's



Two beavers work on plugging holes in their dam

not unusual for the beaver to use forked branches to further anchor his construction to trees and boulders. One beaver dam was over 1,800 feet long, 9 feet high and 18 feet wide. It was strong enough for a horse and rider to use as a natural bridge. Large trees brought down for use in construction are not dragged by the beavers to their project. Instead, beavers dig overland channels and float the trees to the main body of water where they are working. These channels can be 1,000 feet long. Our wise Creator gave so much intelligence and wisdom to the animal kingdom that often we can learn some things from the animals. Rather than supporting the idea of evolution, with its claim that there is progressively greater intelligence in higher creatures, the beaver supports the idea that the Creator is the source of all intelligence. Ref: *Science Digest*, Aug. 1983. p. 73."

HOW THE BIBLE CONNECTS FALSE TEACHERS WITH HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE LAST DAYS

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. ... For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment ... And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly ... Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. ... Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children ... These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage" (2 Peter 2:1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 14, 17-19).

JUDGE REJECTS TEACHERS UNION'S EFFORT TO CANCEL VOUCHER PROGRAM

School choice is the only program that can have a significant impact in reducing the power of America's propagandizing public school system, and school choice is growing. At the same time, the government remains in ultimate control of the money in these schemes, which could always spell danger at some point. The best thing Biblebelieving parents can do, in our estimation, is to home school or church school and don't take a dime from the government. God has promised to take care of those who trust Him. At the same time, the school choice movement is an encouraging sign in these times. We believe it is an answer to prayer. The following is excerpted from "Judge tosses," Fox News, Nov. 19, 2023: "The New Hampshire Superior Court on Wednesday dismissed a teachers union's challenge to the state's voucher program, which argued that the use of public money to fund private schools was unconstitutional. Merrimack County Superior Court Judge Amy L. Ignatius ruled that the AFT [American Federation of Teachers-New Hampshire] failed to prove the measure violates

the Constitution. According to In Depth New Hampshire, who procured notes from the case, Ignatius said that 'the burden of proof is on Howes to prove it is unconstitutional.' Howes had failed to do so. ... The Education Trust Fund, which was established to distribute education grants to school districts, was amended this year to include vouchers. The vouchers are facilitated through Education Freedom Accounts [EFA]. ... Reacting to the outcome of the case, American Federation For Children Senior Fellow Corey DeAngelis told Fox News Digital that 'power-hungry teachers unions were just dealt a major L[oss] in New Hampshire.' 'Education freedom is here to stay, and there's nothing Randi Weingarten and her union stooges can do about it, he said. He went on to say, 'Teachers unions should hang their heads in shame after this attempt to trap kids in their failing government schools. Parents deserve the right to direct the upbringing of their own children, and school choice gives them real power. Kids don't belong to the government. With this win in New Hampshire, parents will continue to be in charge."

BAPTIST CHURCH HOSTS DRAG QUEEN

Grace Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, hosted a "drag queen" on Dec. 2 to show support for "the LGBTQ+ community." It was part of the Grace Concert Series. Flamy Grant, a man who dresses like a woman, was advertised by the church as "a shame slaying, hop-swaying, singing-songwriting drag queen." In June, Flamy performed at the Drag Queen Bible Story Hour at Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. A Facebook post said, "For the gift of Drag Queens, O God, we give you thanks!" This apostate church advocates for using third-person pronouns for God. A banner hanging above the church entryway reads, "GOD: the original they/

them." Flamy's *Bible Belt Baby* (2022) "is the world's first full-length contemporary Christian album by a drag performer." It hit number one on the iTunes Christian album chart. The single "Good Day," featuring Derek Webb of Caedmon's Call, charted at No. 20 on Billboard's Christian Digital Song Sales. On Twitter, Oct. 13, 2023, Webb promoted the sale of a cup bearing an image of him in a dress (drag queen attire) and the slogan "but i say unto you, you're beautiful and free" from his song "God in Drag." Webb presumptuously uses the words of Jesus ("But I say unto you") from the Gospels to claim Christ's support for homosexuality.

FREE VIDEO ON BOB JONES, MAJEST MUSIC, REFORMED CALVINISM, AND THE GETTYS

"Bob Jones, Majesty Music, Reformed Calvinism, and the Gettys" is one of the video classes in *The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music* series. In this presentation we document the great change in music philosophy at Bob Jones University and Majesty Music. We also document the influence wielded by the Gettys and Getty/ Townend music as a bridge from "old-fashioned" Bible-believing churches to the world of contemporary music and the "broader church," including Roman Catholicism.

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