
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

THE NEW AMERICA COULD NOT BUILD THE OLD AMERICA



There are two Americas today, the old America, endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among which are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, and the new America of socialism, cultural Marxism, the new morality, the cancel culture, pro-abortion, pro-homosexuality, pro-transsexualism, pro-corruption of children, and anti-parental rights. The new America has not built anything of value and never will. The new America could not possibly build the old America. The new Americans wouldn't risk their lives crossing the great stormy Atlantic in tiny ships for religious and political liberty, couldn't write the Declaration of Independence or produce the U.S Constitution, and wouldn't pay the price to populate the American continent. They are not builders, they are destroyers and thieves.

CANADIAN POLITICIAN MUST PAY CHRISTIAN GROUP FOR CANCELLING THEIR EVENT

The following is excerpted from "Canadian Politician," *The Bridgehead*, Aug. 5, 2026: "former tourism minister Caroline Proulx has been ordered to personally pay Harvest Ministries International \$30,000 by a Quebec judge for violating their right to freedom of speech. As LSN reported at the time, Harvest Ministries International had a contract to host their Faith, Fire, Freedom Rally at the Quebec City Convention Centre from June 23 to July 2, 2023. Their contract was abruptly cancelled at the behest of Proulx, who ordered its nullification on June 1 on the basis that the event was 'against the fundamental principles of Quebec.' The event was to cap off a series of cross-province events and was expected to draw 1,200 participants per day. After being asked about the event by a Radio-Canada journalist, Proulx looked up the group; Harvest's website states that abortion has 'made the mother's womb the most dangerous place for a child in Canada' and urges people to 'pray for



Caroline Proulx, 2026/
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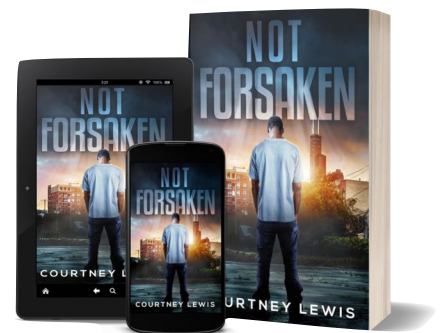
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CHARLES SPURGEON, SLAVERY, AND THE OLD SOUTH

The following is excerpted from “The Lion of Anacostia and the Prince of Preachers,” *World*, Aug. 13, 2026: “Spurgeon never visited the United States, despite multiple invitations and his considering a trip in 1859. His vocal anti-slavery stance made it too dangerous. ‘I do from my inmost soul detest slavery ... and although I commune at the Lord’s table with men of all creeds, yet with a slave-holder I have no fellowship of any sort or kind,’ he wrote. ‘Whenever one has called on me, I have considered it my duty to express my detestation of his wickedness ... as a man-stealer.’ Spurgeon’s stance was noticed. ‘If the Pharisaical author should ever show himself in these parts, we trust that a stout cord may speedily find its way around his eloquent throat,’ thundered *The Southern Reporter and Daily Commercial Courier* in 1860. *The North Carolinian* noted that many ‘would like a good opportunity at this hypocritical preacher.’ The *Weekly Raleigh Register* stated that anyone selling his sermons should be arrested and charged with ‘circulating incendiary publications.’ A Florida paper accused him of being a ‘beef-eating, puffed-up, vain, over-righteous, pharisaical, English blab-mouth.’ Spurgeon’s sermons were banned and burned. Some Southern newspapers actually put out calls inviting people to contribute to scheduled bonfires of Spurgeon’s works. ‘Spurgeon’s character was assassinated throughout the Confederacy,’ noted The Spurgeon Center at Midwestern Seminary. ‘His sermons, which in 1862-1863 sold one million copies annually, were censored. His books, which sold 1,000 copies per minute at trade shows, were publicly destroyed. Sermon bonfires illuminated jail yards, plantations, and bookshops throughout the Southern states.’”

NOT FORSAKEN: THE STORY OF HOPE

Not Forsaken: The Story of Hope is an autobiography by Pastor Courtney Lewis of Chicago. He grew up in the Henry Horner and LeClaire Court projects, raised by a single mom who died about the time he graduated from high school. A problem child, he was kicked out of multiple schools.



He was even kicked out of Sunday School the first time he attended. But through the patient love of Christian workers and education in a sound Bible College, he was saved and prepared for the ministry. He and his wife, Portia, were both bus kids. Today they have four daughters and are leading Cornerstone Baptist Church of Chicago (founded in 2008), where the life-changing gospel is being proclaimed, souls are being saved out of gross darkness, real conversions are happening, godly families are being built, and children and youth are being disciplined for Jesus Christ. *Not Forsaken* describes the only true hope for inner city communities that have been devastated by the filthy pop culture, woke propagandizing public schools, and runaway socialism which has destroyed the family. Politics has no answer. The great need is for the bold proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the establishment of sound New Testament churches that practice a pilgrim lifestyle in the midst of a corrupt generation. The great need is godly leadership.

<https://www.notforsaken2710.com/home>

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS ABANDONING ULTRA-ORTHODOXY

Large numbers of ultra-Orthodox Jews are abandoning the bondage of rabbinical tradition, with its endless minute rules covering every area of life. Some are atheists. Others are following different forms of Judaism. Sadly, most of them have not yet come to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, the only Lord and Saviour. The following is excerpted from "The Double Life of an Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi," *Israel Today*, June 10, 2026: "Rabbi Avraham Tfilanski was a leading rabbi in one of the strictest ultra-Orthodox communities in Israel. His family of rabbis has been living in Jerusalem for over 200 years, and as a young man he was head of a large yeshiva and a brilliant expositor of Torah, Talmud and Halacha. Ultra-Orthodox Jews came to Rabbi Tfilanski from far and wide to study under his guidance. And for twelve years Rabbi Tfilanski lived a double life. He went through the motions of performing as a renowned rabbi, all the while possessing no faith in the only God, and Judaism, he had known. ... Tfilanski, or Avi as he now likes to be called, leads a movement of tens of thousands of former Orthodox Jews who, like him, have left the fold, but found a new way to faith in the living and loving God of the Bible. ... he became the

spokesman for **ANUSIM**, a growing movement of young Orthodox Jews crying out to be heard. ... Avi says, 'I was married for 17 years, and we brought six children into the world. Even at home I had to pretend to live as an Orthodox Jew for fear that my father would find out. My wife soon discovered that I was not keeping the traditions as required, like smoking a cigarette on the Shabbat. She told my father that I was having doubts about the Orthodox faith in God, and my family held a funeral for me. I was excommunicated from family, friends and the entire Jewish community. I am not allowed to speak to anyone, not even my own children. A legal guardian was appointed by law over my children. I cannot see them, speak to them, or send them gifts. I am forbidden all contact with them. ... We now know that there are at least 30-40,000 Anusim. All of these, men and women, are running desperately from some trauma. There are now congregations and fellowships with tens of thousands like myself. ... I am now teaching communities of Anusim how to rediscover the God of Israel even after such horrendous trauma. I understand God in a different way. God has become alive to me. ... I believe Jesus is one of the greatest Jewish prophets."

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the sanctity of life, and for an end to abortion in Canada!' As CTV reported, Proulx 'then instructed her chief of staff to inform Pierre-Michel Bouchard, President and CEO of the Convention Center, in writing of her decision to cancel the lease agreement for the event.' The message stated: 'We firmly believe in freedom of expression, but just as strongly in freedom of choice...' ... Other senior government figures in Quebec concurred with Proulx's decision at the time; Premier François Legault stated that 'we're not going to allow anti-abortion groups to put on big shows in public places.' ... On July 28, Superior Court Justice Alain Trudel ruled that Proulx had exercised her ministerial authority in 'an arbitrary and abusive manner' and stated that her order to cancel the event 'is not justified in a free and democratic society.'

CANADA'S FOSSIL FORESTS

The following is from CreationMoments.com, July 24, 2026: "Axel Heiberg Island in Northern Canada is the closest point of land to the North Pole. The landscape is completely barren today but long ago a dense forest of large meta-sequoia trees grew there. At that time, the climate must have been like Florida today. The stumps of these "fossil trees" have not mineralized and are still wood, that is, cellulose. They are claimed to be 45 million years old. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University studied the hydrogen and oxygen isotopes of the cellulose. These lightweight isotopes are normally quickly lost by evaporation from dead wood but to their surprise the researchers discovered an unusually high content. This means that their rate of evaporation was extremely low. In other words, not only did the trees grow in a humid climate but this climate continued a long time after the trees were destroyed. Further, cellulose is quickly broken down by bacterial action if exposed to air so that the trees were buried rapidly, deeply and a lot more recently than 45 million years ago. Creation Moments happened to be present when a sample of this wood was used to calibrate the equipment at a well-known Carbon 14 dating laboratory. Believing the wood to be 45 million years old it should contain no Carbon 14 but in fact it did and dated at only 41 thousand years!"



Old tree stump lies exposed on Axel Heiberg Island, where Nunavut may establish a territorial park. (PHOTO BY LYN ANGLIN/NRCAN)

"In one thousand trials, it is not five hundred of them that work for the believer's good, but nine hundred ninety-nine of them, and one beside"

(George Müller).

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