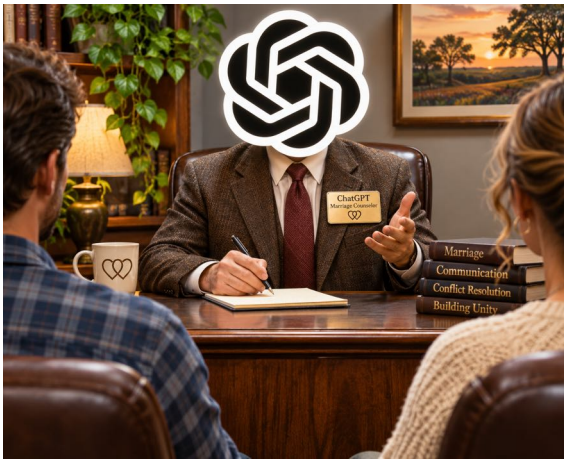
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

CHAT THE LIAR



Recently I learned that one of our church members has sought the counsel of AI about a family problem. It would be better to ask "Dear Abby"! AI is created by fallen man and represents the thinking of fallen man and the god of this world who controls the unsaved (2 Co. 4:4; Eph. 2:1-3). AI has no spiritual mind. It does not believe in the God of the Bible, does not believe the Bible is God's infallible Word, does not believe that Jesus is the only Lord and Saviour, does not care for the salvation of souls, and does not believe in heaven or hell. It simply spouts the various opinions of man. It treats the Bible as simply another authority, and gives the highest credence to "science." In communicating with

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GRAND THEFT AUTO VI



Grand Theft Auto VI premiered this week, with pre-order sales having generated $1.65 billion since April. According to *USA Today*, about 10% of salaried workers in the United States definitely planned to take PTO [personal time off] to play the game and another 30% were considering it, with an average of 4 days requested off. 27% of Millennial workers (age 30-45) and 32% of Gen Z (age 14-29) workers plan on using PTO. When measured biblically, the game is a great time waster, it is addictive, the content is ungodly, and the potential for bad consequences, such as backsliding and damage to marriage, are great. Far too many pulpits are strangely silent on these matters. The following is excerpted from "Why Video Games Are Stupid," *The Bridgehead*, June 25, 2026: "The new entry, *Grand Theft Auto VI*, promises much of the same first-person wickedness as the previous editions. Players steal cars, run down pedestrians, exploit prostitutes to restore their 'health,' and then kill them to get their money back. Rockstar Games has ignored criticisms of the amorality of their product, but previously removed content condemned by the LGBT movement as 'transphobic.' Presumably, you can still kill hookers--but they can't be trans. ... I would suggest that those who defend *Grand Theft Auto* and other violent video games must explain why they are justifying [this] entertainment for Christians. ... In order to get the satisfaction that comes with genuine achievement, young men once had to do things. Now, that sense of achievement can come merely from sitting behind a screen, indoors, aping the behavior of a degenerate. Combine that with the toxic effect of widespread porn addiction--allowing men to ape at sex while gawping at a screen and sapping their will to pursue courtship and marriage in which sexual intimacy was once largely confined--and the effect on young men has been predictably devastating."

CHAT THE LIAR

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ChatGPT on Nov. 19, 2026, I asked if there is a hell and should I fear going there, is it wrong to have doubts about Jesus and the Bible, and is it true that I will go to hell if I do not believe in Jesus' resurrection and do not accept Him as Lord and Saviour. Instead of addressing these things with biblical absoluteness and pointing me to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, it merely spouted conflicting opinions. It *did* reply with certainty on the following points: It told me it is not wrong to have doubts, that God will not judge me for "sincere doubts," that I don't have to settle my doubts today, that the evidence for Christ's resurrection is not absolute, and that the existence of hell is not certain. These are lies of the devil. ChatGPT made the following statements: "Is there really a place where God burns people forever? The answer is that some Christians believe there is, others interpret hell differently, and there is no conclusive empirical evidence establishing that such a place exists." "We cannot scientifically demonstrate that an eternal burning hell exists, nor can we conclusively establish its nonexistence. So I would not tell you that you are certainly going to suffer forever because you have doubts about Jesus' resurrection. I cannot tell you with certainty what happens after death. But I can tell you that the claim that every sincere doubter will suffer forever is a theological interpretation, not an established fact." "Questioning the resurrection, examining Scripture, or wondering about salvation does not establish that Satan is influencing you." It is unwise to seek life counsel from AI.

AMERICANS VOTING DEMOCRAT

From a human perspective, politics matter, and America's desperate condition was exposed by the recent election. It is not a Democrat problem; it is an American problem, because Democrat voters are Americans (whether legal or illegal). The Democrat party stands unreservedly and unashamedly for wickedness as measured by Scripture. A vote for Democrats is a vote for abortion on demand, activist judges who want to make law, feminism, homosexual rights, same sex marriage, transgenderism, drag queens, a breakdown in justice, being soft on crime, defund the police, Marxism light, critical race theory, open borders, thought police, cancel culture, anti-creationism, antisemitism, infringement on religious liberty, elimination of free speech, forced attendance at public schools, pornography in public schools and libraries, loss of American sovereignty, international rule, and radical environmentalism, to name a few. (I'm thankful for the help of some friends who contributed to this list.)

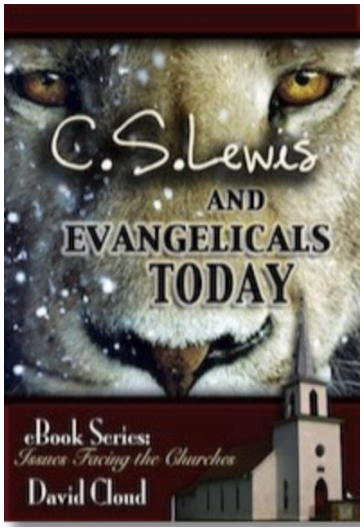


GOG, MAGOG, AND TOGARMAH

"And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal ... And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia [Iran], Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of **TOGARMAH** of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee" (Ezekiel 38:3-6). Togarmah refers to the former southern republics of the Soviet Union and to Turkey. Togarmah was a son of Gomer, son of Japheth (Genesis 10:3) and settled in Armenia (Young's Concordance). "Both Christian and Jewish writers tell us that Togarmah refers to the Turkoman tribes of Central Asia--enemies of the Jews and anti-Christian all!" (Louis Bauman, *Russian Events in the Light of Bible Prophecy*, 1942, p. 37). In June 2010, Turkey's formerly good relationship with Israel (good when compared to that of other Muslim nations) deteriorated dramatically after the Gaza flotilla incident. Major joint energy and water projects were halted, and Turkey has since taken a more strident anti-Israel stance. When the Gaza war erupted after Hamas's October 7, 2023, massacre of Israeli civilians, Turkish President Recep Erdogan used it as a platform to compare Israel to Nazi Germany, calling Prime Minister Netanyahu a new Hitler, praising Hamas terrorists as freedom fighters, and demanding the United Nations authorize military force against Israel" ("Turkey wants Jerusalem," *Israel365News*, June 9, 2026). On March 30, 2025, Erdogan, at the Grand Camica Mosque, prayed, "May Allah, for the sake of his name *Al-Qahhar* [All-Prevailing One], destroy and devastate Zionist Israel. And may we all, witnessing what is happening there [in the Gaza Strip], stay united, strong and resilient as brothers; may Allah keep our unity everlasting" ("May Allah Destroy Israel," *World Israel News*, Mar. 30, 2025). In June 2026, Turkey's Interior Minister Mustafa Çiftçi declared that Jerusalem would one day return to Turkish sovereignty, "just as in the past" ("'Turkey wants Jerusalem," *Israel365News*).

GULLION'S BOOKSTORES DROP C.S. LEWIS

I received the following communication from Titus Gullion of Gullion's Christian Supply of King and Statesville, South Carolina: "I just thought I'd let you know that at least partly prompted by your repeated warnings, I finally took the time to review CS Lewis's 'Mere Christianity' several months ago and as of May we have now banned his doctrinal/Christian living books in our stores. (We still allow special orders for the Narnia books, but have pulled them from our store shelves, and no one has asked us to special order them yet). We're trying to be more intentional about keeping our selection Biblically pure. After reading your warnings repeatedly and only halfway absorbing them, one day I decided to sit down and read/skim 'Mere Christianity' to see just how bad it was, and within a short time I realized that Lewis definitely taught a false gospel, and was thus accursed and a minister of Satan according to Galatians 1 and 2nd Corinthians 11. Anyway, I thought I'd let you know that your labour, which is certainly not in vain in the Lord, is also making a difference in my life and our store. Thanks for your work for the Lord Jesus!" **(For more on this we recommend *C.S. Lewis and Evangelicals Today*, a free eBook available from the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.)**



2,000 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BATTERY



The following is from CreationMoments.com, April 12, 2024: "While evolutionary historians refer to the ages of humanity before the birth of Christ with terms like the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages, it seems that human metal working technology was much more sophisticated than these names suggest. And that fits with what Genesis 4 tells us about human history. An example of this was reported in the April 1957 issue of *Science Digest*. In the 1930s, archaeologists were digging in a small ruin on the outskirts of Baghdad when they uncovered something that looked very much like a modern dry cell battery. The object was analyzed, and a model was built by an engineer at General Electric's High Voltage Laboratory. The device turned out to be a wet cell battery that packed enough power to gold plate jewelry--history's first recorded industrial use of electricity. The battery was built and used by Baghdad silversmiths from 250 to 224 BC. It was about the size of two modern flashlight batteries and was made of materials similar to those in use today and common in the ancient world, including copper and 60/40 tin lead alloy solder. These discoveries make it nearly impossible to dismiss the early chapters of Genesis as mythical. The picture they present of a creative and intelligent humanity rings true. And the Bible's message of humanity's need for salvation in Jesus Christ rings true as well."

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