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MIKE PENCE VISITS HISTORIC BLACK

CHURCHES BURNED IN LOUISIANA



Two Louisiana pastors whose historically black churches were burned to the ground last month were "encouraged" after Vice President Mike Pence visited with them Friday.

The Rev. Gerald Toussaint of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and the Rev. Harry Richard of Greater Union Baptist Church discussed Pence's visit with a news agency recently. Toussaint told that the vice president's visit was "satisfying" and "uplifting," adding he and Richard are feeling "reassured right now because of the reaction that we're getting," particularly from the White House.

Last week, President Donald Trump

recognized the churches during a service

ISRAEL PRESIDENT REUVEN RIVLIN VISITS JERUSALEM CHRISTIAN LEADERS

The State of Israel, as guardian of this city, is deeply committed to the religious rights of worship and activity of all communities of faith in Jerusalem and Israel," President Reuven Rivlin said in an Ascension Day event at the Franciscan Church in Jerusalem on Monday. "Christians, Muslims and Jews will always be free to worship here," Rivlin added at the event marking the Ascension Day holiday and 800 years of the Franciscan Order in the Holy Land.

Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ,



commerates Jesus's ascension to heaven, according to News Agency."Israeli sovereignty will never compromise religious freedom," added Rivlin. "These are difficult and pain-

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ALABAMA GOVERNOR SIGNS ANTI-ABORTION BILL INTO LAW



The governor of Alabama has signed the toughest abortion bill in the country into law. Gov. Kay Ivey says the bill stands as a powerful statement to Alabamians' deeply held belief that every life is from God. "To the bill's many supporters, this legislation stands as a powerful testament to Alabamians' deeply held belief that every life is precious and that every life is a sacred gift from God," the Republican governor said in a statement.

The bill makes abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony, punishable to 10 to 99 years or life in prison by the abortion provider. There's no exception for rape or incest, only for the woman's health being at serious risk.

The law doesn't go into effect for six months but is expected to face legal challenges to stop it.And that's the goal—to go to the Supreme Court to overthrow Roe versus Wade, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

"The sponsors of this bill believe that it is time, once again, for the US Supreme Court to revisit this important matter, and they believe this act may bring about the best opportunity for this to occur." "Roe is destined to become a historical footnote," one of the law's supporters said.

Meanwhile, Louisiana is moving toward passing a bill which would outlaw abortions when a fetal heartbeat is detected. Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards has indicated he'll sign the bill. Several other states have already passed heartbeat bills, though none have gone into effect. The bills, along with Democratic measures protecting abortions in other states, could make abortion a major issue in the 2020 elections.

Editorial







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BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

Many may find it extremely difficult to believe what Abraham did to his son on the mount Moriah. But I do not have any trouble in believing what the scripture testified about Abraham's faith of Isaac's coming back to life from the ashes (Rom. 4: 17). Abraham believed God is even capable of bringing

Isaac back to life even if he is offered as a burnt offering (Genesis 22:1-2). When Abraham was confronted with a promise and a command from God which seemed to contradict each other, he did what we all should do: he obeyed the command and let God take care of the promise. God was more than able to do

this.If Abraham didn't have such a faith, he wouldn't have sacrificed his son of promise (Hebrews 11: 17). God was well pleased with him and those words from the angel of the LORD confirm this (Genesis 22: 12). As a result, He promised to bless Abraham and his descendants. God said, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numer-

ous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspringall nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me (22: 17-18)."



That very gesture of obedience from Abraham resulted in the blessing of all the nations in the world, even the blessing of all the families, including yours and mine! We owe to Abraham, the father of our faith. Obey God and be blessed like Abraham and be a blessing to others!! (Genesis 22: 15-18).

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Bible Study







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"Satan uses teen's desire for power to entrap and deceive."

Satan aspires is to be worshiped as God (Isa. 14:14; Matt.4:9). Many times and he settles for turning people away from the true God, as in the false religions studied so far. But other times he entices people with deceitful promise of power if they will only worship him. Too late this people discover that he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). He may give power, but the cost is great – too great(Rev.20:7-15).

Some people are lured into this power because they believe Satan is just a representation or expression of the dark side of man, not an actual being. The Bible says that Satan possesses intellect (2 Cor.11:3), emotion (Rev.12:17) and will (2 Tim.2:26), and the Bible uses personal pronouns when referring to him (Job.1). Ephesians 6:12 warns that we battle the evil spiritual world, not an imagination or flesh and blood. Satan is not in Hell; he is the god of this world (2 Cor.4:4).

A survey found the 12 percent of teenagers have "some or a lot of faith" in Satanism. The Cult Awareness Network in our country, a national organization that documents and provides information on oppressive cults, reports an average of 200 calls and SMS a month about Satanism. Many teens get involved just to shock their parents (Parents who are not shocked by drugs



Satanism Among Teens

or sex experimentation, because they tried these when they were teens). Satanism includes sex and drugs as integral parts of his rituals and ceremonies, so teens get the shock effect plus the indulgence.

Four distinct levels of involvement in Satanism exit, according to police. (1) The teenage dabblers who take up a preoccupation with the occult through fantasy role-playing games (such as Dungeons and Dragons), Suggestive heavy metal music, Occultism books and chants, and séances. They often keep a journal, a Book of Shadows, containing spells and pacts with the Devil. (2) Selfstyled satanic groups or covens recruit teens in the community to attend a party with free drugs and sex. During the party some guests are allowed to enter a private room and are told about a contract with Satan. Those who hesitate to join many be threatened with the release of a video CD made of them in a compromising position earlier during the party. (3) Public religious Satanists openly proclaim their "religion". They usually belong to a satanic church, which is incorporated as a nonprofit organization and recognized as a valid religion. (4) Hard-core satanic cults exist undercover throughout the world. They are known to kill, kidnap and brainwash for the sake of their rituals.

As teens progress through the levels,

they become increasingly aware that Satan gives power but takes much in return. Even police, social workers and magazines recognizes the danger of dabbling in Satanism: "What many teenagers who begin to dabble with the devil don't realize is that Satanism is not just a religion. It is a belief that demands a complete and total devotion to the forces of evil and the destruction of all who oppose it. Linked to the abuse of drugs and alcohol, Satanism exploits the feelings of insecurity and low self-esteem that are often the hallmarks of substance abuse and can be especially intense during adolescence. By promising to deliver the impossible gift of absolute power only to those who give their lives to the devil, Satanism lures the unsuspecting into a trap that most find difficult to escape still, teenagers take the risk to get the power they want because they think they can handle it; they can get out any

Doctrine: -

Nine statements from the satanic Bible by AntonLaVey from the basic dogma of Satanism.

- 1. Satan represents indulgence, instead of abstinence!
- 2. Satan represents vital existence, in-

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stead of spiritual pipe dreams.

- 3. Satan represents undefiled wisdom, instead of hypocritical self-deceit.
- 4. Satan represents kindness to those who deserve it, instead of love wanted on ingrates.
- 5. Satan represents vengeance, instead of turning the other cheek.
- 6. Satan represents responsibility to the responsible, instead of concern for psychic vampires.
- 7. Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those that walk on all-fours, who, because of his divine spiritual and intellectual development, has become the most vicious animal of all.
- 8. Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental or emotional gratification.
- 9. Satan has been the best friend the church has ever had, as he has kept it in business all these years.

The Holy Bible discloses that Satan appeals to the sin nature and the lusts of the flesh in mankind (Gen.3:1-6, James 1:13-15). He is a murderer and a liar (John 8:44), a confirmed sinner (1 John 3:8), an accuser (Rev.12:10) and an adversary (1 Pet.5:8). He is a creature (Ezek.28:13), so he is not omnipresent or omniscient. He can be resisted by the Christian (James 4:7), and God limits his activities (Job1:12).

Protecting Teens: -

The people most vulnerable to being caught up in a satanic cult are those who give up control of their minds, either by drugs or alcohol or stages of consciousness. The Bible clearly spells out what Christians should think about and cautions believers to guard their minds (Prov.4:23,Isa.26:3,Phil.4:6-8). Those who have never learned who think critically and discern their thoughts are open to almost any influence.

As their parents or pastors, make yourself available to listen to your teens. Keep in touch with their worlds. Watch their faces for clues of withdrawal or hidden secrets. Aperson's eyes reveal a lot about his thoughts. Help students learn to examine beliefs and think critically (1 Thess.5:21). Be alert. If you suspect one of your teens is dabbling in the occult, pay special attention on satanic holidays. Have professional referral resources ready if necessary. Take suicide

threats seriously. Look for opportunities to address the issues of power and self-esteem supposedly satisfied in Satanism. Above all, pray diligently for each teen in your church or family and arm yourself with the whole armor of God (Eph.6:11-18).

As a church, clearly teach what the Bible says about Satan and his wiles. Guide teens to see the danger both in disbelief (Discred-

iting any satanic activity) and in living in fear (paranoia). Help teens affirm and live their faith. Give them a sense of belonging. Offer education and help to families in this area. Be prepared to minister to those trying to get out of Satan's hold. Take a firm stand on Satanism; then don't be surprised if you are harassed as Satan's enemy. God bless you all.

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making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the nighthe came to them, walking on the sea. Though Jesus is on the land and we are in the sea, He is seeing us; He is seeing our pain; He is seeing the wind that is blowing against us. He will definitely come in the right time. No need to worry. Though He has told us to go alone, His eyes are watching us when waves rise against

Verse 27. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

• When we cry out, He speaks to us. In times when we feel that there is no way out, when we fear ill occurrences, He reveals Himself to us. He will never hold himself away from us or He will not turn His face away from us when we fear or cry. He is a "present help in trouble"

Verse 28, 29. Bud Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

• If it is you...

Peter still doesn't believe. He is testing Jesus. He wants to make sure whether the one speaking to him is Jesus or not. Many times it happens with us too. God is speaking to us but we fail to recognize His voice. As a result, we fail to receive encouragement and confidence that God gives us. But

Jesus doesn't mind. He knows our limitations. The waves are the same. A little earlier, Peter was thinking the waves would drown him. But now he is victorious over the same waves.

Verse 30. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

- Look unto Jesus only. Don't look at the wind, waves, troubles &temptations. When his eyes were on Jesus, he was shouting the words of faith, "I will walk on the waves." But when he looked at the waves, he pleads to Jesus fearfully to save him.
- Many people sink even when they are only one hand away from Jesus.
- It is not the lack of faith that made Peter sink but his attention on the wind and waves. He did not have big faith. Jesus called him "..... of little faith."
- Even with little faith, if you look to Jesus,

you will overcome your pains.

• But if your eyes shift from Jesus to your problems, you will start sinking.

Verse 31. Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

• Even when we doubt, even when we do not look at Jesus' face, even when we pay attention to the problems instead of Jesus, He doesn't let us sink.

It is not because of the size of our faith that we are where we are today. It is His grace, mercy and love because of which He comes to help us immediately. Even if you feel like sinking, do not worry; Jesus is standing with you in the same water above the same waves.

Verse 32. And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

• Wind didn't stop when Peter was in the boat; the wind didn't stop when he was in the water. It stopped only when they got into the boat. It means the wind stopped after they had defeated the rising waves by walking over them. Do not fear the rising waves; don't wait for it to stop.

Get out of your boat and trample the troubles under your feet, looking unto Jesus. The sinking water will be under your feet; you will never be under it.

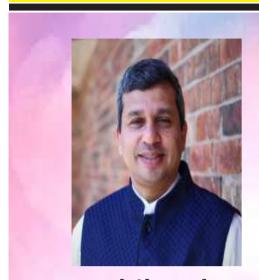
- The problems are still there to prove that you are victorious.
- Verse 33. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
- They grow in their knowledge about Jesus. They accomplish one more level of their revelation about Jesus. They start knowing Jesus in a better way.
- They began in the rising waves and sinking water; but they ended up in worshipping.
- Thank God for the waves and winds in your life. You are going to do great things that no one thinks you can do. You are going to do things that only Jesus can do.
- They started their voyage the previous evening after the hard work of a whole day. They had a sleepless unpleasant struggling night.But in the morning, we find them with the energy and enthusiasm to worship.

Be of good courage; the troubles are going to end up in worship.









Pastor Shibu Thomas

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God commands His people in Exodus 20: 3-17

- 1. "You shall have no other gods before Me (V3). Love and serve the only true God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength"
- 2. "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth (V4).No one should have precedence in your life other than God. No one should take away the respect due unto Him as He should be placed first in your life.
- 3. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORDwill

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ful times for Christians in the Middle East. I am proud that Israel is the only country in our region where the Christian community is not shrinking, but in fact is growing."

Rivlin also congratulated the heads of the churches for reaching an agreement on the restoration and preservation of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, saying "it gives me great joy that you have agreed on the next stage to restore and protect the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, making sure that this most holy place for Christianity will be secured for future generations."

The agreement was signed between the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Armenian Apostolic churches, which have been the building's primary custodians since the Ottoman era. The multi-million-dollar project will be funded by the various Christian groups and the Hashemite Kingdom of



not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain (V 7). The Lord shouldn't be put to disgrace through your acts or through your words.

4. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy (V8). While being busy in life, one should separate a day unto the Lord to worship him.

5. "Honor your father and your mother (V12). Obey your parents giving them the due honor and respect. It is acceptable unto the Lord and He will satisfy you with long life.

6. "You shall not murder (V13). Neither by the word of your mouth, nor by any act in your life, you should bring destruction to someone's life.

7. 14 "You shall not commit adultery (V14).Live a God-honoring life in the com-Jordan.

"Unfortunately, even recently, we have seen violence exploding in an inhuman and brutal way against faithful who were praying," said the Custos of the Holy Land, Father Francesco Patton. "This violence has struck the Jewish community in the United States, the Muslim community in New Zealand, as well as the Christian community in Sri Lanka. As religious leaders, we refuse condemn and deplore all kinds of exploitation of religion, and especially the religious justification of acts of violence.""When Pope John Paul II came to Jerusalem in March 2000, he reminded us that the role of religious leaders is, above all, that of 'promoting peace and reciprocal understanding," added the Custos.



munity realizing the value and the greatness of marital relationship. God's glory must be the prime focus of your life.

8. "You shall not steal (V15).Do not long for or try to own anything that does not rightfully belong to you.

9. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (V16).Do not insult anyone by exaggerating their silly flaws orby saying things which are not true.

10. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house (V17). Do not crave for things that belong to others. Do not attempt to acquire them in deceit.

Prayer: Lord, grand me your mercy to obey your commandments earnestly.

Excerpt from 100 ThiruvachanaChinthakal
-Part 2, translated by Manual P Joseph







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The above passage tells us the happenings after five thousand men were fed by Jesus with five loaves and two fish. There are some important spiritual lessons that we can learn; they will help us grow in faith and in our relation with Jesus.

Verse 22. Immediately he made the disciplesget into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

• Immediately.

The disciples were working very hard the whole day feeding five thousand men with 5 loaves and 2 fish. They were too tired for a night journey and were badly in need of rest. Jesus too knew their plight; still he forced them to go.

Sometimes Jesus is like that. He wants us to act immediately. He has a purpose for us. But we should never doubt and ask why. Obey Him wholeheartedly. We will witness His miracles in the right time.

• Forced them to go.

In some versions, ".... he made the disciples get into the boat...." is written as "he constrained them......" 'Constrain' means to compel or force to do something that one doesn't want to do. The disciples didn't really want to go. What they wanted was rest because they were extremely tired. But Jesus forced them to go.

Many times it happens. We are unwilling. But God tells us to move ahead. We think we can't work anymore. We may also think why Jesus doesn't understand us and make us face unpleasant or challenging situations in life.

• Sent them before Him (alone).

Jesus who was always with them sent them alone. They needed Jesus' presence with them. When they refused to go, he forced them. Then they must have requested him to go with them. But he sent them on their own.

It happens in our life also. Let me remind you again; God works in a way that we do not expect because He has a miracle in store for us that we do not expect.

• They were not the only people who ate bread and fish.

Thousands of people were fed and satisfied that day. They also needed to be grateful and in-



Walking on Water with Jesus!!

debted to Jesus. Jesus could have demanded them also to work for Him. But He dismissed the crowd and compelled his disciples.

Many times we ask "why I?" Because we are His disciples. We have a relation with Him. He has an authority over us and we have a responsibility towards Him. We are not a people who came that way and ate bread in the crowd. We are His chosen ones. Why did he make us his disciples? Mark 3: 14 says, "And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach."

Yes, we do not follow Jesus to eat bread; we cannot leave Him when we are fed. We are to be with Him and to be sent by Him.

Verse 23. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

• Went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

Jesus also was extremely tired. He too was working hard the whole day in the sun. He too needed rest. But what did He do after sending his disciples by boat? He spent the night in prayer.

Many times, after a tiresome day or when we are a little late, we compromise with our prayer. We think it is okay if we do not pray or pray less. We think that our God is an 'understanding' God.Remember, we must give the topmost priority to prayer.

(Matthew 14:22-33; A Study Guide)

Verse 24, 25. but the boat by this time was a long wayfrom the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the nighthe came to them, walking on the sea.

• Wind was against them; the boat was beaten by the waves; it was away from the land. The boat was away from the land; but not from Jesus. The omnipresent Jesus was with them; he came to them in the fourth watch of the night when thewaves rose against them. He came walking on the same waves. They are under his feet. The waves that they thought were above their boat were really under the feet of Jesus; they can never rise above Jesus.

Verse 26. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear.

• They were terrified; cried out in fear. They did not recognize the presence of Jesus; they were crying out in fear. Jesus was nearing them but they were 'welcoming' a ghost. The experiences that we think are torments may be God's intervention in life. If we fail to know His presence with us, we will cry out in fear. His presence is always a blessing, but we need to recognize it. Crying out while being with Jesus!!

Mark 6:48. And he saw that they were

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US AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL COMPARES PRESIDENT TRUMP AND PRESIDENT MORALES OF GUATEMALA TO "JOSHUA AND CALEB"



A group of more than 200 evangelical faith leaders, organized by the Latin Coalition for Israel, gathered at the AishHatorah World Center in the Old City of Jerusalem on May 15 to celebrate the one-year anniversaries of the American and Guatemalan embassies' moves to Jerusalem. The meeting, which overlooked the Western Wall plaza and the Temple Mount, was attended by US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman; First Lady of Guatemala Patricia Marroquín, the wife of President Jimmy Morales; and Guatemalan Ambassador to Israel Mario Bucaro Flores.

Speaking of the positive developments for Israel that have come about thanks to US President Donald Trump, Latin Coalition for Israel President Mario Bramnick likened him

to Cyrus, the Persian king who permitted the Jewish people to return to Israel to build the Second Temple. "As a Cuban American, I have never felt more proud to be an American than now having President Trump as our President. President Trump has done more to support the nation of Israel than any other President in the history of the United States," Bramnick said. Friedman likened him to the Biblical prophet Daniel, and extolled the group to do its utmost to support Israel and to spread that support to others.

He praised the group's support for Israel, saying "to see how the Jewish people have so many friends is deeply moving, and I am deeply appreciative.""Not everyone thinks

like us," he added. "Not everybody appreciates the miracles we are living. I think people take much for granted."

Bramnick pointed out that along with all the positive developments, Israel's enemies are intensifying their efforts to harm the Jewish state. "We see these two forces moving simultaneously," he said. "We are seeing an unprecedented rise of anti-Semitism in the United States," he said. "We've never seen synagogue shootings. We've never seen anti-Semitic cartoons in The New York Times. We've never seen an anti-Semitic congressman on the Foreign Affairs Committee. We've never seen the Democratic Party stand silent."

At the same time, he voiced his faith in Israel's ability to meet the challenges facing it. "Israel today, like it was thousands of years ago in history, is still facing formidable enemies in all directions. The risk is growing, but Israel's strength is growing faster," he said.

Friedman then spoke of the new forms of anti-Semitism taking hold around the world."We used to think of anti-Semitism in terms of Nazis and neo-Nazis," he said. "Those are ugly and despicable people, but they're easy to spot. The more difficult form of anti-Semitism that has emerged, not more lethal but more difficult, is anti-Zionism." It is anti-Zionism, he said, that "accounts to some extent for rocket fire that Israelis experience."

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DEMOLISHED IN INDIA, CHIL-DREN SEIZED FROM MINISTRY

Officials in Eastern India demolished a Christian school, dormitory building and the home of its founder before seizing at least a dozen children affiliated with the ministry. The leader of the school that educated over 250 children near the village of Lichapeta in Odisha state told the Christian persecution watchdog that Hindu radicals persuaded a local government official to demolish buildings owned by the Christian ministry on May 13.

According to the school's founder, Vijay



Sparkling Wisdom!



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Kumar Pusuru, a district official was incited by misinformation spread by the Hindu nationalist group RashtriyaSwayamsevakSangh to send about 50 people to demolish the school, his home, and the ministry hostel building that housed around 100 children. Pusuru added that child protective agency officials then came on May 21 to take into custody six orphans and six other fatherless children served by the ministry. He said the children were taken as they "wept bitterly" and pleaded not to be forced to leave the property. They caught hold of branches and trees," Pusuru explained. "But ruthlessly they were snatched and taken away."

"I told them that the reason they are officers today is because they got an opportunity to study and that they should give that opportunity to these tribal children, but no one listened to me," Pusuru told. "They would be running around the village wasting their lives, and nobody cared about them." Pusuru said the school, which opened in 2015, was the only one within a radius of 62 miles that provided English-language education.

Since Pusuru's home and the ministry's hostel building were destroyed, the Pusuru family and the children they served were forced to live under a tree, he said. They continue to live under the tree today. Pusuru said that the application he filed with the local government revenue office to open the school has gone missing after a Hindu leader opened his own school in the area about a year-and-a-half ago. Pusuru explained that the officer who granted him the land allotment has since been transferred to a new office. On Feb. 14, Pusuru was given notice that the ministry must vacate the land. Pusuru appealed the eviction notice and was told he would have to pay a small fine. Although the fine was paid, RSS leaders applied more pressure on the government to close the school by claiming that Pusuru was running a mission school that distributed Bibles and conducted prayers every morning. He said that officials came to the school and initially questioned the children aboutprayers."The children informed them that there are no morning-evening prayers, but that prayer is a part of the school assembly every morning," Pusuru was quoted as saying. India ranks as the 10th worst country in the world when it comes to Christian persecution, according to Open Doors USA's 2019 World

Watch List.

Sparkling Wisdom!

- *.Don't be dependent on man, because they change like the wind. Depend on the Lord, and know that He is faithful to keep His Word. Matthew Hagee
- ❖.Refuse to be average. Let your heart soar as high as it will. A.W. Tozer
- ❖ There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind. − C.S. Lewis
- Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion; it is like a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ. Billy Graham
- ❖True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Rick
 Warren
- Peace is so important. It's a gift God gives us, and it grows in us just like fruit grows on trees—with time and nurturing. The key to living in peace begins with pursuing God and the peace only He can give. Joyce Meyer
- Other people are going to find healing in your wounds. Your greatest life messages and your most effective ministry will come out of your deepest hurts. – Rick Warren
- ❖ God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn in no other way. − C.S. Lewis
- A setback is a setup for a comeback. T.D.Jakes
- To lead the orchestra, you have to turn your back on the crowd. – Max Lucado



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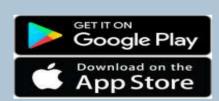
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tary confinement. He shared that one prisoner told him: "I have tried it my way my whole life and it's gotten me here. I want to try it God's way...we're going to come out of the water as new men."

In January, Gateway Church of Dallas, Texas, announced that they would open a new campus in the Coffield Unit in Anderson County, a maximum security prison 90 minutes outside of Dallas.

Pastor Robert Morris of Gateway shared that they had had their first service in November, with over 650 inmates in attendance. "At Gateway Church, we're all about people because God is all about people," Morris, told Fox News following the public announcement. "Many of the men and women inside prison have been forgotten by society, but we want them to know we love them and God loves them, and they are our brothers and sisters in Christ."

Due to the success seen at Coffield Prison, Gateway plans to add six more campuses in prisons throughout Texas by 2020.



CHRISTIAN BROADCASTER DAYSTAR'S JERUSA-LEM STUDIO DESTROYED BY FIREBOMB



Daystar Television Network's studio at Mount Zion lay in ashes. Only 30 minutes prior to that moment, around 2:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in Israel, security cameras revealed that an arsonist set fire to the roof before escaping by rope and fleeing the scene on foot. Considered a total loss, Daystar is now looking to the future and turning to their partners around the world to help rebuild and restore the studio that once broadcast a message of hope across Israel.

"You can't silence the life-changing truth of the Gospel," said Marcus Lamb, Founder and President of Daystar Television Network. "From the ashes of this tragedy, we will rise up with help from our partners around the globe and continue reaching across Israel to share God's love and forgiveness. My prayer is that this message touches the person re-

sponsible for this incident and he embraces the hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

In 2006, Daystar become the only full-time Christian television network to broadcast to nearly every home in the nation of Israel through HOT cable and YES DTH satellite. Through the support of their partners, the network then purchased and renovated the now

destroyed studio in the Abu Tor neighborhood of Jersalem overlooking the Temple Mount. And with plans to broadcast there live in less than two weeks, other Christian ministries have reached out in a show of solidarity to offer the use of their facilities.

"In the wake of this disaster, I'm humbled by outpouring of support from our partners and other ministries," said Marcus Lamb. "It's really a beautiful picture of how the Body of Christ comes together to boldly declare our unwavering commitment to the Great Commission, and we are eternally grateful!"

Armed with forgiveness and filled with faith for the future, Daystar plans to continue their efforts in Israel. Working closely with their global network of partners, they are fully committed to the restoration of their Jerusalem studio.







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commemorating the National Day of Prayer. "One month ago, three historically black churches were burned tragically in Louisiana," he said.

Mike Pence, for his part, said Americans "mourn with those who mourn and grieve with those who grieve," noting the three historically black churches burned down in Louisiana, those shot at the synagogue in California, and those killed at a mosque in New Zealand. "We condemn these attacks in the strongest possible terms," he said.

Toussaint went on to say that the country has been "so supportive" in the weeks following the arson. Shortly after the churches were burned, journalist Yashar Ali put a spotlight on a GoFundMe page raising money for the three Louisiana congregations.

The news agents pushed the pastors to take a jab at the White House for not doing more sooner to raise awareness about the churches. But neither of the pastors were interested in criticizing Pence or Trump.

"I feel like after this tragedy, the country is coming together," Richard said. "I appreciate the fact that Mr. Trump did acknowledge the fact that we had this tragedy down here in Louisiana and I was encouraged today when Mr. Pence came and visited with us. I respect our leadership."

JEWS FLOCK TO TEMPLE MOUNT FOR JERUSALEM DAY, DESPITE ARABS RIOTS



Thousands of Yeshiva students from all over the country arrived for a festive prayer at the Western Wall plaza to mark Jerusalem Day on Sunday. Hundreds attended morning prayers at the Haas Promenade in Jerusalem. City Council member Aryeh King spoke and Rabbi Shlomo Katz led a musical hallel.

Jerusalem Day marks Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day War, which saw the 55th Paratroopers Brigade, commanded by Col. Motta Gur break through the Jordanian defenses and take the Old City and east Jerusalem. "The Temple Mount is in our hands!" was

Gur's famous cry that marked the beginning of Israeli rule over a united Jerusalem.

The marchers primarily consist of National-Religious teenagers, and shopkeepers in the quarter usually close their businesses to avoid altercations with the flag-waving celebrants.

Earlier on Sunday, the police allowed the entrance of Jews to the Temple Mount area in celebration of Jerusalem Day, while Arab worshipers rioted as Jews are generally forbidden to enter the compound during the last days of the month of Ramadan.

A MIRACULOUS STORY: MAN WHO WAS GOING TO JUMP FROM BRIDGE IS BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



Back in April, 27-year-old Jacob Palmer was poised to jump from a bridge in Virginia Beach, Va. when a good Samaritan intervened.

Collin Dozier told, he noticed a car pulled on the side of the road on the Lesner bridge."I figured he wasn't even near his car that much," Dozier said. "So, I just felt the Holy Spirit speak to me and tell me to go up there." Dozier shared the gospel with Palmer and was able to pull him to safety. "At that point, I was like, 'Hey man, don't do it. Jesus loves you. He's got a plan for your life, " Dozier

explained

Dozier has since stayed connected to Palmer, who on the night of his attempted suicide, had been high on meth, PCP, heroin, and cocaine.

The personal ministry has since continued. On the following Sunday, Palmer was baptized at the Virginia Beach oceanfront and Dozier took part in the special ceremony. Palmer said it was a day that he'll never forget and he thanked Dozier for showing him the way. He attends Dozier's church and has been sober since that night.

Last month, the City of Virginia Beach recognized Dozier's heroic actions by honouring him with its Lifesaving award. "I really believe that the good Lord puts his hands on our shoulders at times to do great things like this," said Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer. "This is an individual who put his own life at risk to save another. And you know, that's a godly thing."



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POPE FRANCIS SAYS ABORTION IS NEVER OK AND EQUATES IT TO "HIRING A HITMAN"



Pope Francis says abortion can never be condoned, even when the foetus is gravely sick or likely to die, and has urged doctors and priests to support families to carry such pregnancies to term.

Speaking to a Vatican-sponsored anti-abortion conference, the Pope said the opposition to abortion was not a religious issue but a human one."Is it licit to throw away a life to resolve a problem? he asked."Is it licit to hire a hitman to resolve a problem?"

Pope Francis denounced decisions to abort based on prenatal testing and said a human being is "never incompatible with life". Even those babies destined to die at birth or soon thereafter deserve to receive medical care in the womb, he said, adding that their parents need to be supported so they did not feel isolated and afraid. While one can argue about using medical resources this way, there is value to it for the parents, he said.

"Taking care of these children helps parents to grieve and not only think of it as a loss, but as a step on a path taken together," the Pope said.Pope Francis has spoken out strongly against abortion but also has expressed sympathy for women who have had them and has made it easier for them to be absolved of the sin of abortion.

His comments come as the abortion debate again makes headlines in the US, with state initiatives seeking to restrict the procedure. Earlier in May, the state of Alabama approved legislation to ban abortions

in almost all cases, and Missouri passed a bill stopping women from seeking the procedure after the eighth week of pregnancy. Across the country, 16 other states are looking to tighten their abortion laws while Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio and Georgia recently approved bans on abortions once a foetal heartbeat was detected in the sixth week of pregnancy.

The US Supreme Court made abortion a constitutional right in 1973 through the landmark Roe v Wade case and advocates who support access to abortion have vowed to fight the recent state law changes all the way to the highest courts.

At a meeting of an Italian family association last year, the Pope likened abortion to the "white glove" equivalent of the Nazi-era eugenics program. In those remarks, he also denounced prenatal tests that can result in parents choosing to terminate a pregnancy if the foetus is malformed or suffering problems. "Last century, the whole world was scandalised by what the Nazis did to purify the race," the Pope said. "Today, we do the same thing but with white gloves."

In Roman Catholic teaching, abortion is such a serious sin that those who procure or perform it incur automatic excommunication until it is absolved in confession.

RIVAL GANG MEMBERS RISK THEIR LIVES TO GET BAPTIZED TOGETHER IN TEXAS MAXI-MUM-SECURITY PRISON



Six months ago, a megachurch in Texas planted a church inside of a maximum security prison that houses 4,200 criminal offenders. Since then, they have seen incredible changes take place inside the prison including a recent baptism of rival gang members. Five gang or cartel members were baptized this past week after requesting to be made new in Jesus Christ. Last week the warden invited Gateway Church to baptize a handful of prisoners at Coffield Prison who are in administrative segregation, better

known as solitary confinement.

Niles Holsinger, Gateway Coffield Prison campus pastor, told that the event was simply "mind-blowing."In order to baptize the five men, whom had their hands, feet, and waists shackled, the guards had to clear the prison

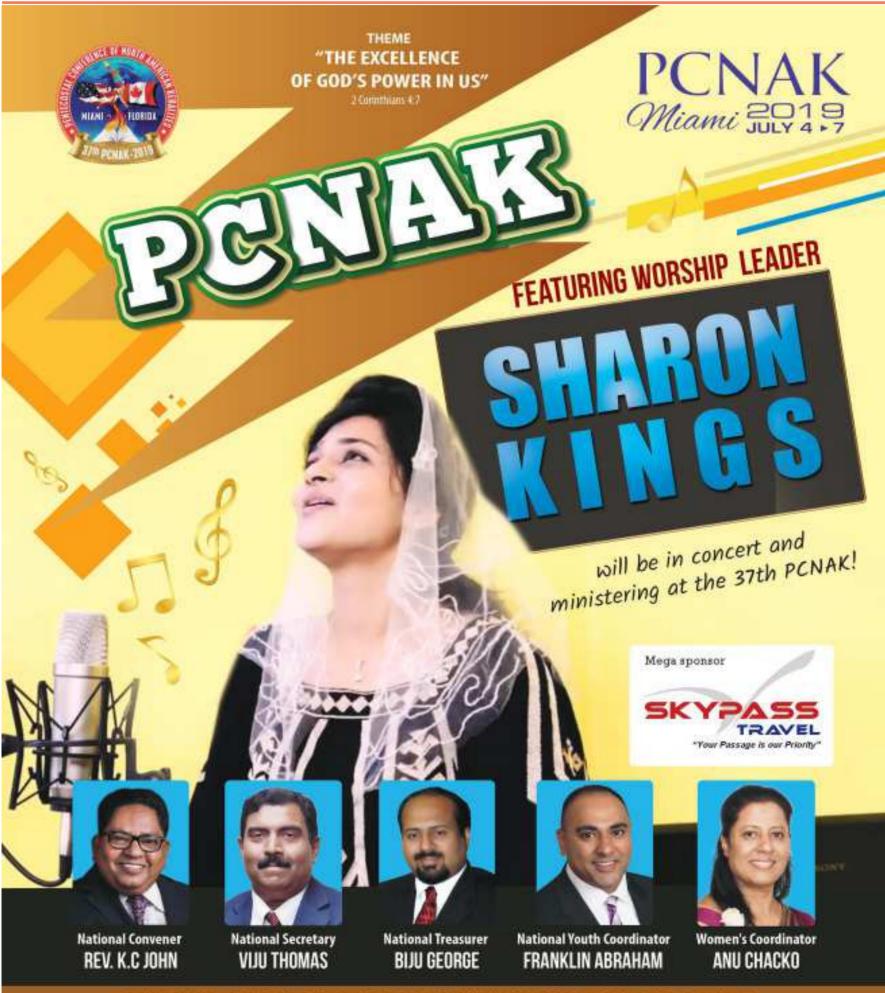
because of security and safety concerns. "They couldn't lift their arms above their waist, each one has a guard on each arm, and wouldn't leave their side until they were in the water," Holsinger told.

They set three prisoners on one side, and two on the other. The men hailed from rival gangs, creating a safety concern for each of them, mostly because leaving a gang or cartel usually results in death. He had spoken to each prisoner one-on-one while they were in soli-



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