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## **Government, Faith Leaders Unite to Call on God at South Florida Legislative Prayer Breakfast**

“Let us all work together to share the Good News, to push back the gates of hell from our state. Because there is no virus, no society ill, there is no election, no circumstance that God cannot handle.”

If any quote summarizes the tone and feel of the South Florida Legislative Prayer Breakfast it was this.

Approximately 200 pastors and church leaders gathered for the May 25 event near Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, but the above quote did not come from a religious leader. Instead, Florida Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez made the bold proclamation.

“This is the day the Lord has made,” Nuñez, whose family immigrated to the U.S. from Cuba, jubilantly declared to a room full of hearty amens and raucous applause. “My parents came to this country in came with little more than the clothes on their back. I recall them telling me stories of when things were spiraling out of control. But what was really the point for them of no return was when the situation became untenable as it was related to their faith.”

Nuñez went on to describe how, during Cuba’s socialist and communist revolution, leaders unleashed an all-out war on religion by shutting down churches, silencing and imprisoning religious leaders and even infiltrating the pews of the churches with revolutionaries whose goal was to completely remove God from the nation.

The lieutenant governor made it clear that the state of Florida remains dependent upon the grace and favor of the Lord. Imploring the faith leaders in the room, she said, “I ask for your prayers today that God would continue to shine His countenance upon us, and that the enemy’s plans would not prosper.”

Pastor Mario Bramnick, president of Latino Coalition for Israel and the South Florida Pastors Network, served as a co-organizer of the event.

He believes the state of Florida made massive gains leading up to the 2020 presidential election, saying that the conservative Latino voters were mobilized and were a huge part of determining the outcome of the state vote, saying, “Latino evangelicals brought in the vote for 2020.”

He doesn’t want to see the momentum that began last year lost, and desires to see those same Latino evangelicals engaged in 2021 and leading into the mid-term elections. However, politics isn’t something he is particularly passionate about, or even likes for that matter.

“I hate politics,” Bramnick said. “This isn’t about politics. This is about a prophetic church rising. God is calling us today to take our place.”

State Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart, a rising star in Florida politics, addressed the assembly with the zeal of an evangelist: “God is on the move in the state of Florida from Pensacola down to Key West, from Jacksonville to Tampa. He is moving because we can see Him and we can feel Him.”

Snyder also took time to highlight several pieces of legislation that have been signed or are planned to be signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis and have garnered national attention. He spoke of anti-riot legislation, social media protections for conservatives and Christians, and police reform measures as well as common-sense stances such as banning biological boys from playing girls sports.

“Now is not the time to raise the white flag,” Snyder said. “Now is the time to keep fighting, keep praying and stay engaged.”

After presentations by several speakers and several focused times of prayer, Bramnick called the group’s attention back to moving forward and taking action.

“We are in a war for the soul of this nation,” he said. “Our battle is between freedom and tyranny, and I declare that the outcome will be determined by Jesus Christ. It’s time to contend for freedom.” {eoa}

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# Greg Laurie Says We Must Remember the Past to Build a Better Future

Today, we observe Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor the brave men and women who laid down their lives for the preservation of the freedoms we enjoy here in the United States of America.

Our country's shortcomings, flaws and sins are real, and we must repent of them and continue to work for liberty and justice for all. Even with all of our struggles, I still think America is great, as we have many personal liberties and protections that others long for. Without the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces and their loved ones, our nation and our world would be less free and less safe.

While some may gather with family or friends for picnics or bar-b-ques today, others are mourning. There are a couple of things I think we all should remember:

## **The Ultimate Sacrifice**

At His final Passover meal with his disciples, Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13).

As our country begins to reopen, our eyes are fixed on a post-pandemic future. Let's take the opportunity Memorial Day gives us to turn our gaze to the past, remembering those who lost their lives for the sake of our futures.

For decades, men and women of our military have given everything for the welfare of others. Nothing exemplifies the sacrificial love of Jesus quite like they do, and God has blessed this nation in an extraordinary way through their

actions.

## **Remember to Pray**

America has always needed God. But at this time of sickness and social unrest, that truth is more apparent than ever.

Alexis de Tocqueville, a French political thinker and historian, wrote a book titled *Democracy in America*, which was published after his extensive travels in our country when it was still young.

He made a statement about the “greatness” of America that bears remembering:

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers—and it was not there ... in her fertile fields and boundless forests—and it was not there ... in her rich mines and her vast world commerce—and it was not there ... in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

Our greatness comes from our goodness, and I believe that goodness comes from our faith roots, which we stray from at our own peril.

In Scripture, God instructs us to humble ourselves, pray, seek His presence and turn our backs on our wicked lives. If we do that, He promises to hear our prayers, forgive our sins and to restore our land to health. Let’s pray that God would send a great revival to America.

And let’s always pray for our soldiers and for their families and friends, that God would bring them comfort. We also take this moment to renew our commitment to loving and serving our

brothers and sisters in this nation. We will continue to defend our values and remember the men and women who made a way for our freedom.

It's important to remember what God has done for us. In the same way, it's important to remember the sacrifices of those who have fought for our freedom. Today and every day, we honor the soldiers who laid down their lives and we pray for those they left behind. {eoa}

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## **3 Options for Christians When Government Contradicts the Word of God**

Evangelist Martyn Iles, managing director of the Australian Christian Lobby, gives a word for believers to consider during turbulent political times.

He says, "In every scenario, there are three options. One, obey God and government—[ideal for] happiness. Two, obey God but not government—this is trouble. Or, three, obey government but not God."

Iles warns to never choose option three, no matter the consequences.

COVID-19 was predicted early on to cause massive deaths in the United States unless "some kind of coordinated pandemic response" was put in place to mitigate losses. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimated over 1.5 million lives would

be wiped out, a number that caused government officials to implement unprecedented physical distancing and mask mandates. According to one source, around 583,230 deaths have been reported as being caused by coronavirus. While we grieve the loss of one life, it is unfair for survivors to continue living in lockdown or be required to demonstrate immunity to go without a mask. We cannot pretend the CDC didn't grossly overestimate the death toll by more than two times the actual numbers we see.

A few months ago, a report explained that New York was the first state to roll out something like a vaccine passport to "prove [people] have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or recently tested negative for the virus that causes it." New York's Excelsior Pass is a cell phone app that enables residents to enter sports arenas and attend large catered events. The pass is being marketed as a convenient method so "people won't have to hang on to a dog-eared piece of paper, worry about privacy or forgeries, or fork over extra cash to prove they are not contagious." Statewide standards for implementation are still being developed.

Likewise, Washington State started requiring vaccine passports to attend outdoor sporting events and for otherwise healthy college students to return to class in person. The source says, "These passports aren't about public health. They're a matter of social currency...[P]rogressives have touted hero status for getting vaccinated, chiding others as irresponsible for not acting selflessly as they have."

After the CDC lifted mask restrictions for vaccinated people, Oregon became the first state to require proof of immunity "as an option." The Oregon Health Authority said, "Businesses, employers and faith institutions now have the option to adjust their masking guidance to allow fully vaccinated individuals to no longer wear a mask in their establishments."

Apostle Paul says, "Let every person be subject to the

governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement (Rom. 13:1-2).

Peter wrote, "Submit yourselves to every human authority for the Lord's sake, whether it be the king, as supreme, or to governors, as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and to praise those who do right. For it is the will of God that by doing right you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (1 Pet. 2:13-15).

These Scriptures are hard to navigate under current circumstances. We must pursue Iles' first option of obeying God and government wherever possible and pray for those in power (see 1 Tim. 2:1-2). However, we cannot ignore the obvious oppressive legislation that's creeping into our lives. When invasive public health practices are turned into new forms of segregation and discrimination, Iles' second choice of obeying God, not government, is the most feasible. These new state requirements are in direct violation to HIPAA laws and the freedoms granted to Americans in the Declaration of Independence.

Where there appears to be a lack of rights in the earthly sphere, the church certainly has authority from a higher realm. Although we are to be submissive to government, the Lord has not called us to assimilate to communism. The spirit behind such legislation as vaccine passports must be exposed and resisted. Particularly, religious organizations should not implement oxymoronic "optional mandates" in houses of worship. Let's not give those with an aversion to church services another reason to stay away. Don't further restrict access to the altars. Surely God's people have greater faith than this.

While there is no Scriptural formula for cultural activism, there are ways to stand in respectful opposition to authorities when laws require us to disobey God's Word.

Christians can make moves that seem small on the surface, but are truly pivotal shifts that advance our movement. We can decline shopping in certain stores, stop eating at segregated restaurants, cancel entertainment memberships and exercise First Amendment rights every Sunday morning. The church is not meant to be subcultural. We are counterculture and it's time we double down as people of principles and conviction. {eoa}

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# Franklin Graham: Remember Those Who Paid for Our Freedom

Billy Graham had a history of ministering to American troops during times of war, including visits to Korea and Vietnam. The Graham family has supported the military in various ways over the years, including ministry to wounded veterans and their spouses. Franklin Graham's youngest son Edward is a retired Army Ranger.

As we honor those who have given their lives for our nation, reflect on these words from Franklin Graham in a recent interview:

**Why is it important to set aside a day to remember those service members who've died serving the United States?**

*It's extremely important that we remember the price that was paid for our freedom. And that's the lives that were lost fighting the wars of this country. And for us to be able to honor them and remember them, but also to remember to pray for [their] families.*

*Especially [with] the recent wars, what we've seen in Afghanistan and 9/11 and all of the troops we have in that part of the world. We still have enemies out there that want to destroy this nation.*

*It's important that we remember those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice where they shed their blood and gave their life for our freedom.*

**It can also serve as a reminder of what Christ did to provide us with spiritual freedom.**

*Christ laid down His life so that we could have eternal life. He gave His life and shed His blood for our sins. We deserve the cross; we deserve to die. We're the ones who are guilty. He's not guilty.*

*But He loved us so much that He took our guilt. He took our shame; He took our sins. And He died in our place and shed His blood on the cross, was buried. But God raised Him to life. And that's our hope. That if we put our faith and trust in Christ, that we'll have eternal life.*

Jesus paid the price for us to have eternal life. How will you respond to His sacrifice?

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## **UPDATE: School Administration Reverses Decision for Valedictorian Speech Referencing Jesus, Faith**

*Editor's Note: Since the time of original posting this story has developed. Charisma News has been tracking this story and provides an update here.*

After being told she could not include references to her faith in Jesus during her high school valedictorian speech, Michigan student Elizabeth Turner sought legal action to protect her first amendment rights.

The Hillsdale High School principal, Amy Goldsmith, reversed

her decision to censor Turner's faith from her speech, per a First Liberty press release posted Thursday night.

"We are grateful to school officials for acting swiftly to ensure that religious students can freely exercise their right to express their faith in a graduation speech," said Keisha Russell, counsel for First Liberty Institute. "Elizabeth is thrilled that she'll be able to celebrate her graduation without being censored. We hope that future graduates will be free from religious censorship."

Turner also offered her gratitude and relief of being able to express her faith openly at the June 6 commencement. "I'm grateful I will be able to share my faith with my classmates," she wrote. "And I pray that God uses this situation to advance His kingdom."

**Read the original story below:**

A Michigan student is being told to remove a large portion of her valedictorian speech because it contains references to her personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth Turner, a senior at Hillsdale High School, submitted her speech for review ahead of the June 6 commencement. School administration commented on the shared google document, saying the sections in which she references her faith are "not appropriate."

"We need to be mindful about the inclusion of religious aspects," Hillsdale Principal Amy Goldsmith wrote. "These are your strong beliefs, but they are not appropriate for a speech in a school public setting. I know this will frustrate you, but we have to be mindful of it."

Goldsmith highlighted Turner's words in the following section:

*For me, my future hope is found in my relationship with Christ. By trusting in him and choosing to live a life*

*dedicated to bringing his kingdom glory, I can be confident that I am living a life with purpose and meaning. My identity is found by what God says and who I want to become is laid out in scripture.*

*Whether we want to admit it or not, not one of us can be certain of how our lives will unfold, but we do know that trials will come. The reality of this is that we face an unpredictable future, and while we are making all these plans to prepare, ultimately none of us are promised tomorrow, making it all the more important to make today count.*

Religious freedom law firm First Liberty has taken Turner's case, and sent a letter to Goldsmith, requesting she "allow Elizabeth Turner to express her private religious beliefs at the graduation ceremony."

The letter details the email exchange between Goldsmith and Turner regarding the legality of including personal faith in a public school address. Goldsmith argued that, as valedictorian, Turner's statements represent the school, and as such, could not make religious statements.

"While there is a degree of freedom to the content of your speech, there are also considerations of what the content and message should be at a commencement celebration and it's [sic] appropriateness for the audience," Goldsmith wrote to Turner.

First Liberty lawyers Mike Berry and Keisha Russell refute her argument, saying, "Student graduation speeches constitute private speech, not government speech, and private speech is not subject to the Establishment Clause. Contrary to your statements that religious sentiments are 'not appropriate for a speech in a school public setting,' Ms. Turner's statements do not transform into government speech simply because they are delivered in a public setting or to a public audience."

The argument is in reference to a January 2020 U.S. Department

of Education guidance that states, “[s]tudent remarks are not attributable to the school simply because they are delivered in a public setting or to a public audience.”

In refusing to stand “for such a blatant violation of students’ constitutional rights,” First Liberty counsel Keisha Russel said, “Graduation is a time for celebration not censorship. Students retain their constitutional rights to freedom of expression from elementary school all the way through the graduation ceremony. All public schools should protect the private religious expression of their students.”  
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## **Lauren Daigle Wows Audiences—Again—On ‘The Voice’ Season Finale**

Lauren Daigle wowed audience members with a special performance of “Hold On to Me” in the season finale of hit TV musical competition, *The Voice*.

The 29-year-old singer proclaimed, “There is hope for the world, all you gotta do is hold on,” during an improvised section of her newest single, leaving the crowd and *The Voice* participants saying, “Lauren Daigle never fails to inspire us.”

*Still on cloud 9 after an incredible time back on @NBCTheVoice! ☐ There are so many moving pieces in days like*

*this, and it all happens so fast – but every moment is just so much fun. Very grateful*

*– Lauren Daigle (@Lauren\_Daigle) May 27, 2021*

Backed by a velvet robe-clad choir, Daigle sang her newest soulful single for the first time on live television. “Hold On to Me” was released in February, and serves as a reminder that reconciliation is possible, and the God of hope is able to restore any situation. The song’s release partnered with four organizations focused on healing “wounds and injustices.”

Though Daigle auditioned for seasons 9 and 11 for *American Idol* and got rejected, the breakout Christian singer has not only gone on to top music charts across the board, but has also made many appearances on *The Voice*. “Hold On to Me” is her first music release since 2018 album, *You Say*. Daigle also holds the longest-running No.1 song on any weekly Billboard Hot Chart with the single of the same name.

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## **How America Is Adulterating the Culture Established by Its Christian Founders**

Having relinquished America’s 17th- and 18th-century Judeo-Christian heritage and biblically based founding, contemporary “progressive” America finds itself in the position of a blind man in a dark alley looking for a black cat.

Americans thus can no longer make heads or tails of what constitutes absolute truth, thereby enabling cultural Marxism and profane secular progressivism to serially adulterate the

culture established by its Christian founders.

Recently, former U.S. Attorney General William Barr accepted an award named after former President Ronald Reagan's Attorney General Ed Meese. In his acceptance speech he warned "about the greatest threat to religious liberty in America today: the increasingly militant and extreme secular-progressive climate of our state-run education system:

*Over the past 12 tumultuous months, there has been a great deal of discussion about the radical ideology being promoted in our schools and what it means for national unity, public safety and the health of our politics.*

*We are rapidly approaching the point—if we have not already reached the point—at which the heavy-handed enforcement of secular-progressive orthodoxy through government-run schools is totally incompatible with traditional Christianity and other major religious traditions in our country. In light of this development, we must confront the reality that it may no longer be fair, practical or even constitutional to provide publicly funded education solely through the vehicle of state-operated schools.*

*Now it seems to me that for the government to get into the business through public schools of indoctrination of students into secular beliefs systems that are directly contrary to the traditional religious beliefs of students and their families raises fundamental constitutional problems.*

*It certainly raises a free exercise problem. As the Supreme Court has recognized, nothing is more fundamental than the right of parents to pass religious faith to their children. It is monstrous for the state to interfere in that by indoctrinating children into alternative belief systems that are antithetical to those religious beliefs."*

Odious propagandism and proselytism of making children

converts of an unhallowed ideology diametrically, or rather diabolically, opposed to religious beliefs is exactly what the justices of the United States Supreme Court have occupied themselves with over the last 75 years, as is exemplified by:

- Removal of prayer to Jehovah God from public education in 1962 [Engel v. Vitale].
- Removal of the Bible—after 300 years of America’s meteoric rise—from public schools in 1963 [Abington School District v. Schempp].
- Removal of the Ten Commandments from public schools, courthouses and government buildings in 1980 [Stone v. Graham].
- Constitutional right found to exterminate unborn babies in 1973 [Roe v. Wade].
- Constitutional discovery found to exalt, normalize and codify into law homosexual intercourse and same-sex marriage in 2015 [Obergefell v. Hodges].
- Aggrandizement and ‘special rights’ for homosexuals and transgenders in 2020 [Bostock v. Clayton County].

God’s enemies and adversaries will not let any opportunity go to waste in their relentless pursuit of control of resources and ideological supremacy in the public square. “Yet they are a blessing in disguise if they drive us to our knees,” wrote A.W. Pink in *The Life of David*. “Very few souls thrive as well in times of prosperity as they do in seasons of adversity. Winters’ frosts may necessitate warmer clothes, but they also kill the flies and garden pests.”

Along this line M. Stanton Evans [1934-2015] put forward that “If we want to grow orchids instead of weeds, it is well to know what kind of climate, soil, and nurture are congenial to orchids; ignorance of or indifference to these matters will

predictably result in failure. Ignorance of or indifference to the safeguards needed for the growth of liberty will issue in a like result, but with effects more baleful to consider.”

Barr continued by saying, “If the state-operated schools are now waging war on the nation’s moral, historical, philosophical and religious foundations, then they would seem to have forfeited their legitimacy as the proper vehicle to carry out the mission with which the American people have charged them.”

The new woke worship of victimhood pushed by America’s left infringes upon free speech and religious freedom by imposing “a secular theology that violates the Constitution’s Establishment Clause prohibiting government from imposing religious beliefs.”

Hardly anything can be more antagonistic and hostile to God than the so-called critical race theory, which is archetypical cultural Marxism as it perpetuates division without regard to individual behavior, portraying “Blacks, Hispanics, feminist women, homosexuals and some additional minority groups as virtuous and white men as evil.”

While the word “critical” as the defining adjective of critical race theory suggests “careful evaluation and judgment” and “urgently needed; absolutely necessary,” the concept, in the words of William Barr, is “nothing more than the materialist philosophy of Marxism substituting racial antagonism for class antagonism. It posits all the same things as traditional Marxism: that there are metahistorical forces at work; that social pathologies are due to societal conventions and power structures that have to be destroyed; that conflict between the oppressed and the oppressors provides the dynamic and progressive movement of history; and that individual morality is determined by where one fits in with the impersonal movement of these historical forces.”

Although under the auspices of taxpayer dollars through government-run education, critical race theory in K-12 is a growing issue, with numerous state legislatures debating bills seeking to ban its use in the classroom.

Florida governor Ron DeSantis' succinct opinion on critical race theory easily fits within the 280-character tweet limit of Twitter: "It's offensive to the taxpayer that they would be asked to fund critical race theory. That they would be asked to fund teaching kinds to hate their country and hate each other."

Since all men are created in the image of God, as Genesis 1:27 declares, all men have equal worth. It is dishonoring to God and disgraceful for any ideology ascribing certain sins to people based upon the color of their skin. Racism, ultimately, is the process of judging others by their skin color instead of by the content of their character, to paraphrase the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

America has reached a point like the man "floating rapidly onwards to the Falls of Niagara [occupying] himself in drawing a very admirable picture of the scenery."

Two things must happen:

As in Nehemiah 1:4, "When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days. Then I fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven."

We must confess and repent at the condition of the nation.

Since somebody's values are going to reign supreme in the public square, one side wins and the other side loses in a republic. In the United States, that takes elections. With that in mind, every church in America is advised to have a pastor, elder, deacon or congregant running for local office: city council, school board, county commissioner, parks and recreation, and so on, in 2022, 2024, 2026 and every two years

thereafter.

Then, " "A small cloud as small as a man's hand is rising out of the sea." Charles Spurgeon used this 1 Kings 18:44 verse as an illustration of the small signs that come before a mighty work of God.

Gideons and Rahabs are beginning to stand.

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## **Larry Tomczak's Week in Review: Billy Graham's 3 Departing Words of Wisdom**

Absurd. Insane. Chaotic. Confusing. Dangerous. Apocalyptic. Descriptions offered by prophetic cultural commentators are many, yet they all paint a chilling picture of the times in which we live.

Billy Graham, who died just months shy of his 100th birthday, challenged us with a simple but profound phrase that all of us need to take to heart. And if you're in any sphere of leadership, it's doubly important.

God continues to "shake everything that can be shaken" while man continues on a precarious path to destruction apart from another Great Awakening, Take 10 minutes to watch this insightful video by Larry Tomczak to "keep step with the Spirit" in these momentous times. {eoa}