

# Ancient Christian Community Uncovered in Unlikely Place

An ancient Christian community has been discovered in one of the most unlikely places.

In Bahrain, a Middle Eastern nation in the Persian Gulf which is heavily dominated by Islam, a long-lost Christian building was discovered.

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As Newsweek noted, excavations that took place between 2019 and 2023 revealed quite the surprise when a Christian building was uncovered. Timothy Insoll from the University of Exeter told the outlet that the finding of this building carries great significance because it is the only Christian architectural structure in Bahrain.

On the University of Exeter's website, Insoll said, "This is the first physical evidence found of the Nestorian Church in Bahrain and gives a fascinating insight into how people lived, worked and worshiped."

The university also notes that the radiocarbon dating of the building placed its age between the 4th and 8th centuries and that it "was abandoned after the population converted to Islam."

It was also determined that the structure was built with stone and plaster. It is the plaster that was used to create the Christian symbols in the building.

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“The Christian identity of the inhabitants is shown by three plaster crosses found, two that would have decorated the building, and one that could have been carried or kept as a personal memento,” the web description reads.

The excavation also revealed graffiti in the plaster which uncovered a Chi-Rho and a fish, further suggesting that the building was used by believers in Christ.

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## **An Esther Movement: A Call to Prayer and Fasting**

Right now, we are in a period of time to engage in prayer, repentance and fasting.

Looking at the Hebrew calendar, we are in the middle of a time of mourning and repentance during this Hebrew month of Tammuz, signifying a time when the Jews became strangers to the Promised Land.

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As Curt Landry Ministries notes, this is a “significant period of time of ‘pressing down,’ when the enemy has historically attacked Israel in numerous ways throughout the generations.”

And because the enemy prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking to devour his prey, this is the time that we as Christians must also seek the Lord's face as well. As our world continues to grow darker, the time for prayer and fasting has also become apparent to Lou Engle as well.

Lou Engle Ministries is currently in the middle of a three-day Esther fast for the trajectory of America, specifically for revival, the breaking of witchcraft and for a covering on God's daughters who have been called as warriors in the spirit.

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"We're on the second day of this three-day Esther fast," Engle says in a video posted on Facebook. "Thousands around the nation are fasting and praying in this most significant moment. The interesting thing is that Esther commanded Mordecai to mobilize the three-day fast."

Engle pointed out how the people fasted for Esther because she was about to go before the king for him and give plead her requests to him.

"She was in a do or die moment. That's why she said 'fast for me,'" Engle says.



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This fast comes before Engle's initiative of A Million Women, which is slated for October 12, where women from around the country will gather together on the D.C. Mall to call out to the Lord for the sake of our nation.

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## **Perry Stone Delivers Serious Warning to Joe Biden**

“The blood goes onto the priest’s right foot,” Cahn continues. “Now, there’s no way this could happen as Trump had shoes on, but something happened. As Trump goes down, his shoes are would’ve dripped on the stage. Without shoes, stepping on the place where the blood had dripped, the blood could now touch his feet even through his socks.”

Cahn points out that the consecration of the priest happens in this specific order: ear, thumb and the toe of the right foot. It was in this same order that the blood would’ve flowed over Trump when the bullet hit him.

Cahn further points out what he believes could be significant about the location where the assassination attempt took place. While most of us have just glazed over the name of Butler, Pennsylvania, Cahn says there is much more to this than meets the eye.

“The word butler comes from the old French word, bouteillier, the cupbearer,” Cahn says. “The cupbearer is a biblical word.”

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Cahn mentions how the cupbearer comes up in the Old Testament story of Joseph.

“In the original King James Bible, Joseph interprets the dream of the one he calls the butler, but it really means the cupbearer,” Cahn says. “But what is the cupbearer in the Bible? The cupbearer was connected to a king or than any other reason the cupbearer was there in the event of an assassination attempt on the king or ruler. He was there to prevent an assassination attempt.”

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# **Mar Mari Emmanuel is Seeking a Miracle After Stabbing**

Gateway Church has given an apology to Cindy Clemishire about the sexual abuse she endured as a child from former Gateway Church pastor, Robert Morris.

Gateway Elder Tra Willbanks gave the apology to the Clemishire before the start of the July 27 message at the church.

“We felt it was important to address Cindy Clemishire one more time,” Willbanks said. “Cindy, in case you are watching, we

want to again apologize to you on behalf of our entire church for the years of pain that you have endured. We are sorry for our initial communication which was clearly incorrect.”

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Willbanks bluntly pointed out that Clemishire experienced sexual abuse, something much different than what they were originally told by Morris.

“You were a child, not a young lady. Additionally, two weeks ago Gateway released a statement saying that this was quote, ‘an inappropriate relationship.’ This statement was not correct either. To be clear, we believe that this was sexual abuse of a child. Any description falling short of that does not reflect our position. I’m sorry that we got that communication wrong,” said Willbanks.

Willbanks further said that Gateway is not in any way trying to minimize what happened and to Clemishire and that they have no intention to cover up what happened.

“We are in no way attempting to cover up or minimize this situation. In fact, I would like to say to you, Cindy, thank you for coming forward. As you know, because of her story we did move swiftly to bring in an independent law firm to investigate this matter fully including who knew what and when. All parties are fully cooperating and the independent inquiry as I said before will be complete and we will deliver their findings to you as they do complete,” Willbanks said.

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Willbanks further addressed the step aside from ministry by pastors James and Bridgette Morris, Robert Morris’ son and daughter-in-law. The two of them were further given the

opportunity to share their gratitude and appreciation for Gateway Church and their dream of launching a new church on their own.

“I feel like it’s the ending of one season for us and the beginning of a new one, so the Lord is giving us vision for the future, but we do grieve not being here with you,” Bridgette Morris said.

“We are very excited about the future of Gateway,” James Morris said. “and even for us as we now go and we pray and we seek God to plant a church. With that I will say, even though we’re pastoring a different church, we are all the body of Christ and we are called to walk in unity.”

Right now, both Max Lucado and Joakim Lundqvist are set to take on interim pastoral responsibilities for the next six months at Gateway while the church searches for a new senior pastor.



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“First, Pastor Max Lucado,” Willbanks said, “he is going to be stepping into an interim teaching pastor role where he’ll be sharing and teaching from this platform regularly, about twice a month.”

Pastor Joakim Lundqvist will also be taking on pastoral duties as well including with Gateway’s staff members.

“In addition to taking on preaching responsibility, he is going to also serve in a pastoral capacity alongside the staff at Gateway,” Willbanks said.

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# **Extraordinary Discovery Made Following the First Baptist Dallas Fire**

Beauty was discovered in the midst of ashes at First Baptist Dallas.

Last Friday evening, the historic First Baptist Dallas church had a shocking four-alarm fire engulf its historic chapel, which was originally built in 1890.

However, all hope has not been lost. O.S. Hawkins shared an incredible discovery following the fire's fury.

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*“So indescribably grateful for this miracle. In the midst of the total destruction of the church in the fire, this 130-year-old pulpit of Truett and Criswell and the others of us somehow, someway miraculously survived. Thank you Lord,” Hawkins wrote on X.*

As Crosswalk reported, Dr. Robert Jeffress, First Baptist Dallas' senior pastor, shared Hawkins' post where he also wrote: “A true miracle—especially if you saw the flames engulfing the place this pulpit was displayed.”

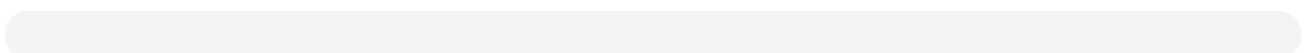
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On Facebook, Dr. Ben Lovvorn gave a one-week update on the building following the fire.

“It’s been one week since that four-alarm fire destroyed our historic sanctuary,” Lovvorn said. “But God has been good through this week. He’s answered so many prayers, and we’ve made incredible progress.”



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