

China House Church Alliance Leader Sentenced to Labor Camp

✘ Even as blind activist [Chen Guangcheng](#) suffers malnutrition under house arrest for blowing the whistle on China's forced abortion practices, the Communist nation continues its persecution against Christianity.

According to a report from ChinaAid, the deputy chairman of the Chinese House Church Alliance has been given a two-year labor camp sentence. Pastor Shi Enhao was condemned to two years of what the Communist State calls "re-education through labor."

Christian Radio Personality Charged In Ponzi Scheme

✘ For all the talk about the 89-year-old Family Radio Network founder Harold Camping's end of the world predictions, there's another elderly radio show host making scandalous headlines these days.

Patrick Kiley, a 73-year-old conservative Christian talk show host, has been indicted in a Ponzi scheme that allegedly involved \$194 million in investors' money, according to *Financial Advisor* magazine. He and others have been charged with wire fraud, mail fraud and money laundering, among other offenses.

ACLU Attacks Gov. Perry's Prayer Event

✘ As Aug. 6 approaches, secular humanist opposition is mounting against Texas Gov. Rick Perry's *The Response: A Call to Prayer for a Nation in Crisis*.

Last week, the [Freedom From Religion Foundation](#) filed a federal lawsuit aiming to block Perry from participating in the event at Houston's Reliant Stadium. Now, the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas is asking Perry and other officials to disclose the amount of tax-payer dollars and other state or local government resources used to promote the prayer event.

"We are concerned that Gov. Perry is using public office to endorse a sectarian religious event and to advance specific Christian beliefs," says Lisa Graybill, legal director of the ACLU of Texas. "We are seeking information on the degree to which state resources have been or will be used for the planning and promotion of this event and for state officials' participation in it."

The Response Adds Trio of New Co-Chairs for Prayer Event

✘ Despite persecution, three more respected Christian leaders have signed on as co-chairpersons of the Texas Gov. Rick Perry's The Response: a call to prayer for a nation in crisis prayer event on Aug. 6.

Penny Nance, president and CEO of Concerned Women for America; Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council; and Frank Wright, president of the National Religious Broadcasters, have been appointed to serve. Previously announced co-chairpersons include Dr. James Dobson and his wife, Shirley, Rev. Sammy Rodriguez, Dr. Tony Evans and Dr. Richard Land.

Christian Clerks Face NYC Same-Sex Marriage License Dilemma

✘ Should New York's clerks be forced to issue same-sex marriage licenses? That's the subject of a legal memo the Alliance Defense Fund circulated Friday.

The memo assures New York State municipal clerks responsible for issuing marriage licenses that the law does not require them to violate their sincerely held religious beliefs. In other words, clerks can delegate the issuance of same-sex marriage licenses to someone else.

“No one should have to choose between their religious beliefs and their job. The law—and New York’s highest court—affirms this fundamental principle of freedom,” says ADF Senior Counsel Brian Raum. “It’s outrageous that officials are threatening criminal prosecution for clerks who exercise their lawful right to delegate the issuing of same-sex ‘marriage’ licenses, especially when the law requires the accommodation of their religious beliefs. We encourage all clerks to affirm their rights under New York State law.”

Daystar Airs A Night to Honor Israel

☒ Thousands of Christians are in Washington, D.C., this week to stand up and speak out for Israel at Christians United for Israel’s annual Washington Summit.

This year’s summit comes in the wake of [President Obama’s comments](#) in May suggesting that the borders of Israel and Palestine should be based on the 1967 lines with mutually agreed land swaps.

On Tuesday night, Summit goers and others will gather for “A Night to Honor Israel,” an expression of Christian solidarity with the State of Israel and the Jewish people. A Night to Honor Israel is also being [broadcast live](#) on the Daystar Television Network at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Pro-Life Group Launches Social Media Awareness Campaign




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Numbers Don't Lie. That's the name of a new social media campaign the National Black ProLife Coalition just launched.

The campaign aims to expose what the coalition has defined as the number one killer of African-Americans: Planned Parenthood and urban abortion clinics.

"Pro-abortion groups cry racism and misogyny because they know they can't speak to the facts," says Ryan Bomberger of The Radiance Foundation, the organization that created the video series. "They've tried to remove our TooManyAborted.com billboards and crush free speech instead of halting over 363,000 innocent lives needlessly crushed in the black community."

Christians Unite for Israel on Capitol Hill

 As you read this, I'm in Washington, D.C., where I am every time this time of year for Christians United for Israel's Washington Summit.

CUFI founder and Pastor Israel John Hagee told me that registration is up 1,000 more than it was last year due to the

concerns people have about President Obama's declaration to return to Israel's 1967 borders.

If you're in the Washington, D.C., area, there still may be time to get a ticket to attend the Night to Honor Israel Banquet on Tuesday night, July 19. If you've never been to one, it's a wonderful event to attend.

NM School Suspends Students for Sharing Bible Verses

☒ Relentless. That's how some might describe the Roswell Independent School District. That's because the New Mexico system appears to be on a mission to squash the Word of God on its campuses, according to a lawsuit Liberty Counsel filed.

The suit alleges the Roswell Independent School District retaliated against a Christian group called Relentless, punishing and suspending its members for buying and giving fresh Krispy Kreme doughnuts with Bible verses to each of their teachers.

Anti-Porn Campaign Highlights Harm to Kids

☒ It's the second week of Morality in Media's month-long ["Be Aware: Porn Harms" National Awareness Campaign](#). This week, the group is holding events that focus on how pornography

harms children.

“Many children are getting addicted to pornography because U.S. pornographers are providing free, obscene, illegal porn to kids online. Sadly, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder refuses to enforce federal obscenity laws which would protect children,” says Patrick Trueman, president of Morality in Media. “The average age in which children first view pornographic material is 11 years old and for many it is earlier.”