

# Southern Baptists Vote to Oppose IVF Procedures

Another vote has come and gone now at the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, with this tally resulting in the formal opposition of in vitro fertilization.

The SBC, America's largest protestant denomination, has seen a flurry of activity this week with a new president, Rev. Clint Pressley, elected while rejecting the Law Amendment's contentious [ban on female pastors and churches who hold women in pastoral positions](#).

"We grieve alongside couples who have been diagnosed with infertility or are currently struggling to conceive, affirm their godly desire for children, and encourage them to consider the ethical implications of assisted reproductive technologies as they look to God for hope, grace and wisdom amid suffering; and be it finally," the resolution reads.

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This topic has become hotly contested, especially within Republican circles, as many such as conservative commentator Allie Beth Stuckey are wholly opposed to the process.

"While we have compassion for those who struggle with infertility, that's no justification for IVF. Inherent in IVF is the eugenic selection of and destruction of embryos. It causes a cascade of ethical issues. There are over a million abandoned embryos on ice as we speak. Either we pro-lifers believe life starts at conception and therefore deserves rights or we do not," Stuckey wrote in an X post responding to former presidential candidate Nicki Haley, a Republican, who is in favor of IVF services.

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Haley credits fertility procedures for being able to have her own children.

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Two Republican Senators, Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Katie Britt (R-AL), are looking to pass a bill that would protect fertility procedures in the wake of the Alabama Supreme Court ruling that frozen embryos are legally considered people and are then afforded certain rights.

[Yet the SBC is not alone in their stance](#) against IVF.

In April, the Catholic Church reaffirmed its opposition to IVF and surrogate pregnancies, describing these practices as offenses to human dignity. The Vatican's document "Dignitas Infinita" states, "Acknowledging the dignity of the human person also entails recognizing every dimension of the dignity of the conjugal union and of human procreation. The legitimate desire to have a child cannot be transformed into a 'right to a child' that fails to respect the dignity of that child as the recipient of the gift of life."

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# Nephilim or E.T.? Harvard Scientists Theorize Their Earthly Existence

Harvard scientists appear to be stumbling onto a discovery [Nephilim experts like L.A. Marzulli](#) have been speaking on for decades.

In a recent paper released by Harvard University and Montana Technological University, the two groups surmise that there could be a hidden, technologically advanced race of beings living undetected on Earth.

According to biblically based researchers such as Marzulli, they have been here since almost the beginning: in the form of the Nephilim mentioned in the Bible, book of Enoch and other literary devices, and fallen angels.

The researchers behind the paper have hypothesized that due to the recent string of UFO/UAP reports, this “may reflect activities of intelligent beings concealed in stealth here on Earth (e.g., underground), and/or its near environs (e.g., the Moon), and/or even ‘walking among us’ (e.g., passing as humans).”

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As reported by Fox News, “The researchers admitted that their research was ‘likely to be regarded skeptically by most scientists,’ but urged the scientific community to consider their claim ‘in a spirit of epistemic humility and openness.’”

Here are three hypotheses the scientists have come up with:

1. "Remnant forms," an ancient and highly advanced human civilization, are walking among humanity on Earth.
2. The possibility of an underground civilization made up of non-humans who are potentially "descendants of unknown, intelligent dinosaurs."
3. There may be occupants of Earth that we cannot see, such as angels or fairies.

[According to Marzulli](#), who has studied ancient sites such as Machu Picchu, this is the work of the Nephilim, and the source of many ancient structures that humans cannot seem to replicate today.

"This is Nephilim architecture, fallen angel technology. It may be pre-flood," Marzulli told Charisma Media.

Marzulli has previously warned that the use of UFOs and alien technology is going to be a part of the "Great Deception" that will be used to steer mankind away from God.

"We are seeing the beginnings of that strong delusion, and the strong delusion is, 'Well, there is no God. We [aliens] actually created all life on this planet,' when they show up. 'We created all life. We genetically manipulated early man, we started the earth civilizations, the earliest religions. Now, at this critical juncture in human history, we are back to usher mankind's Gold Age.'

"And the late-Chuck Missler used to say he believed that the Antichrist would boast some sort of an alien connection. And I also believe that, so we are being set up for something," Marzulli says.

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Protection from the deception of the times we live in all starts with the Word of God, and the eternal truth found within it.

“Pastor’s basically can start by warning their congregation [about] what is going on. Do it from a biblical viewpoint, go to Genesis 3:15. Look at who’s there. Look at what Jesus tells the dragon and the woman. What’s going on is prophecy, the first prophecy in the Bible. It’s the first prophecy about Messiah. You’re seed, the dragon’s seed, the dragon’s offspring will be at war in enmity with the offspring, the seed of the woman.

“So, it’s a seed war, it’s the offspring. Which means that angels can reproduce. And that’s the problem. We never hear that in church, but it’s the offspring of the dragon and we can tap dance around that till we’re blue in the face, [but] you can’t change it. ...You need to bring your congregation into the seed war, because the seed war is the entire biblical narrative,” Marzulli explains.

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## **Is This Manuscript on Jesus’ Youth Reliable?**

Recently, German researchers have set the world ablaze with the announcement that they have decoded what they consider to be the [oldest manuscript in existence to detail the life of Jesus](#)...as a child.

Some have viewed this as a historic revelation, while others view it as yet another attack on Christianity.

As reported by Fox News, “The papyrus manuscript dates back more than 1,600 years to the 4th or 5th century. The document had been stored at a library in Hamburg, Germany, as no one believed the document was of any significance.”

Yet this did not stop Prof. Lajos Berkes and a team of researchers from searching through the texts to find what was hidden within them.

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“The fragment is of extraordinary interest for research,” Berkes says. “On the one hand, because we were able to date it to the 4th to 5th century, making it the earliest known copy. On the other hand, because we were able to gain new insights into the transmission of the text.

“It was thought to be part of an everyday document, such as a private letter or a shopping list, because the handwriting seems so clumsy,” Burkes adds in the news release. “We first noticed the word Jesus in the text. Then, by comparing it with numerous other digitized papyri, we deciphered it letter by letter and quickly realized that it could not be an everyday document.”

The part of the discovery that has caught the eye of many, and thusly [made them doubt the validity of the manuscript](#), was that it came from the gospel of Thomas, “an apocryphal book that was not included in the Bible.”

Daily Wire personality and program host Michael Knowles, a devout Catholic, was none too impressed with this announcement and voiced his doubt in an X post.

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– Michael Knowles (@michaeljknowles) [June 12, 2024](#)

“What happened: someone found another copy of a gnostic text that the church has known about and rejected as apocryphal and heretical since the second century” Knowles wrote.

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“Even a passing familiarity with the gnostic texts suffices to affirm the wisdom of the councils that rejected them,” Knowles wrote in response to a question of the church’s intentions behind rejecting texts such as the gospel of Thomas.

The press release from the researchers certainly holds some questionable content for all who believe in Jesus, such as the beginning of the tale “vivification of the sparrows,” from Jesus’ childhood in which He turns 12 clay sparrows into live birds.

This story from the gospel of Thomas is described in the press release stating: “Jesus plays at the ford of a rushing stream and molds 12 sparrows from the soft clay he finds in the mud. When His father Joseph rebukes Him and asks why He is doing such things on the holy Sabbath, the five-year-old Jesus claps His hands and brings the clay figures to life.”

For many such as Mr. Knowles, it will take more than decoded text from a rejected apocryphal gospel to convince them of the accuracy and authenticity of these writings.

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# Trump-Backed Pastor Mark Burns Secures Spot in South Carolina Runoff

Pastor Mark Burns, [an evangelical leader with strong backing from former President Donald Trump](#), has advanced to a runoff in the race for the Republican nomination for South Carolina's 3rd Congressional District.

This district, a traditional Republican stronghold, is set to see a new representative as incumbent Rep. Jeff Duncan steps down after seven terms.

Despite a crowded field of seven GOP contenders, none emerged as a clear frontrunner in the primary, paving the way for Burns to leverage Trump's influential endorsement.

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Trump's support, highlighted on Truth Social, is expected to be a significant factor in Burns' bid for the nomination. "Pastor Mark Burns is an America First Fighter, and has my complete and total endorsement—he is a good man, a hard worker and will not let you down!" Trump proclaimed.

Trump lauded Burns' stances on critical issues such as border security, law enforcement, economic policies and the defense

of the Second Amendment.

Burns has made these issues central to his campaign, positioning himself as a staunch opponent of the “woke” agenda and a defender of conservative values. His campaign prominently features Trump’s endorsement, reflecting their close alignment on these key points.

Burns, [a former South Carolina National Guard member](#), founded a church in Easley and has been recognized by Time Magazine as “Donald Trump’s favorite pastor.” His deep ties to the evangelical community and his commitment to conservative principles resonate strongly with the district’s electorate.

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Rep. Jeff Duncan’s decision to retire follows personal turmoil, including a public divorce filed by his wife last year amid allegations of multiple affairs.

In his January statement, Duncan emphasized the need for fresh leadership, saying, “At some point in a career, one needs to step aside and allow others to bring fresh ideas and abilities into the fight for liberty.”

In addition to Burns, the Republican field included South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster’s endorsed candidate, nurse practitioner Sheri Biggs; former senator Lindsey Graham’s staffer Kevin Bishop; state house representative Stewart Jones; and businessman Franky Franco.

As Burns moves forward to the runoff, his campaign is buoyed by the promise of continued support from Trump and a base eager for a leader who champions conservative values and challenges the current administration’s policies.

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# Prophecy Realized: The Hunter Becomes the Hunted

In a recent interview with Charisma Media, President and co-Founder of Destiny Encounters International Charlie Shamp revisited a prophetic word he received in August 2022, stating that “the hunter will become the hunted.”

This prophecy appears to be unfolding with the recent conviction of Hunter Biden on felony charges, including weapons possession.

Shamp stated, “When the word of the Lord comes, it will always come to pass. We are really seeing some uncovering of things that have been hidden and they’re now coming to light.” He believes this event signifies a move of God in America, emphasizing divine justice and a spiritual awakening beginning to take place.

The discussion also turned to former President Donald Trump. Shamp stands firm in his belief that [Trump is destined to serve two terms as president.](#)

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“I’ve always stood, dating all the way back to the original word that I had about Donald Trump, that he would have two terms. He would serve as a two-term president,” Shamp

affirmed. He shared a dream from 2021 where he encouraged Trump, saying, “Don’t lose hope because God is bringing back America.”

Shamp’s prophetic journey has been marked by patience and precise timing. He recounted an example involving the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

“The Lord had spoken to me about the invasion of Ukraine from the nation of Russia. I got that word a year before and the Lord spoke to me and said, ‘Do not release it at this moment.’” The invasion occurred exactly a year after the prophecy was released publicly according to Shamp.

Navigating prophetic words often involves facing skepticism and backlash. Shamp shared an instance involving South Korea’s President Moon, a liberal leader whose election he had prophesied. Despite criticism from the Christian community, Shamp stood by his prophecy. “The word of the Lord is this: God is going to use this man,” he said, pointing out that Moon played a critical role in facilitating dialogue between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

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Looking ahead, Shamp remains optimistic about America’s future, despite the [challenges faced during President Biden’s administration](#). He believes the past few years have revealed the depth of darkness in the nation, which he interprets as a precursor to divine intervention.

“I believe that God has called America to be righteous. I believe that this nation is going to see a third Great Awakening, and I believe that we’re going to see America come into its greatest days,” Shamp says.

In this period of transition, Shamp emphasizes the importance

of intimacy with the Holy Spirit and remaining true to God's Word. He advises aspiring prophets to discern between personal desires and divine messages by staying "constantly fixed on the Word of God."

As Shamp continues to share his prophetic insights, he remains committed to his belief in America's divine destiny.

"The Lord is at work in our nation, at work in our government, and I believe that we're going to see a great turnaround... the presence of God is going to sweep across this nation with His justice and His glory," Shamp declares.

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## **Max Lucado and Glenn Beck On End Times Prophecies**

In a recent interview with Glenn Beck, renowned Christian author and pastor Max Lucado shared his insights on [the current geopolitical climate and its implications for biblical prophecy](#). Lucado brings up a significant point that sets our era apart from previous historical periods, including World War II: the existence of the state of Israel.

"The big thing, the big difference between right now and even World War II is the existence of the state of Israel," Lucado asserts. He explains that Israel's reestablishment is a pivotal prophetic sign, marking a unique period in history. This, he argues, suggests that we may be in the final days

before Christ's return.

"Israel has to be a nation for many of the prophecies to be fulfilled, namely the reconstruction of the Temple," he explains.

[Lucado emphasizes the importance](#) of interpreting current events spiritually, not just politically. He reflects on Jesus' admonishment of religious leaders for not recognizing the signs of the times.

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"You see red sky in the morning, you know it's dawn, but here I've given you sign after sign and you have not watched," he quotes. Lucado believes that understanding these signs can prevent panic and instead prepare believers for the changes ahead. "He gave that to us so we would not be freaked out... He told us these things so that we would not panic."

A key aspect of Lucado's message is the call to deepen one's relationship with God through prayer and Scripture. He acknowledges the challenge many face in maintaining spiritual discipline amid life's distractions and doubts, often attributing these challenges to the influence of Satan.

["Satan has never told a word of truth ever...](#) The last thing he wants us to do as people right now is turn to God in faith," Lucado cautions. He encourages believers to persist in their faith, recognizing that such perseverance brings peace with God, which in turn fosters peace with others.

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Lucado's discussion also highlights the current global turmoil and the need for faith and unity. He commends calls for the

country to return to God's promises, arguing that reliance on divine promises is essential for navigating the world's problems. "We either hold on to the problems of life or the promises of God. It comes down to that," he states.

These insights serve as a reminder of the importance of spiritual vigilance and reliance on faith. By understanding and interpreting the signs of the times, deepening our relationship with God and focusing on His promises, believers can find peace and strength amid global uncertainties.

This approach encourages believers to persist in their faith, fostering both personal peace and unity within the broader community. Embracing God's promises offers a way to navigate the complexities and challenges of our world, reinforcing the need for faith and spiritual preparedness in these turbulent times.

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## **Faith Guides Boston Celtics Head Coach Joe Mazzulla**

It is hard enough preparing a professional basketball team for the grueling schedule of an NBA Finals run, but for [Boston Celtics head coach Joe Mazzulla](#), the press' obsession with his skin color is an extra factor that he must endure.

During the team's practice on Saturday, Mazzulla was questioned about his feelings regarding facing Jason Kidd,

another Black head coach, in the NBA Finals. This marked the first occasion since 1975 that the Finals featured two Black head coaches.

*Sports media member asks Celtics head coach Joe Mazzulla about the significance of there being two black head coaches in the NBA Finals. Mazzulla responds by asking the reporter how many of those coaches have been Christians. Listen to this silence: [pic.twitter.com/InDCR3pz3b](https://pic.twitter.com/InDCR3pz3b)*

– Clay Travis (@ClayTravis) [June 9, 2024](#)

Mazzulla, who has been very vocal and forthright about his faith in Jesus and the importance it plays in his life, had no time for the racially charged question from Vince Goodwill with Yahoo Sports.

“I wonder how many of those had been Christian coaches,” Mazzulla replied.

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The silence in the press room that followed Mazzulla’s response was deafening, and he appeared to lock eyes with multiple reporters as he looked around for anyone willing to respond to his thoughts on the matter.

Even as Mazzulla’s Boston Celtics hold a 2-0 series lead over the Western Conference Champion Dallas Mavericks, he refuses to lose sight of the most important aspect of his life, and that is his faith in Jesus Christ.

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Mazzulla’s [refusal to bend to the divisive rhetoric of the](#)

world is a breath of fresh air, especially since he replaces it with the truth of a new identity meant for good works in Christ Jesus as Paul writes about in Ephesians 2:10:

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, so that we should walk in them.*

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## **Demonic Forces on the Rise: Perspectives from Jack Hibbs**

For those paying attention and applying biblical discernment to the times in which we live in, an increase in demonic activity is evermore visible, according to Pastor Jack Hibbs.

In a recent video, [Hibbs, Senior and Founding Pastor of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills](#), addressed demons and the increase in attention paid to them as opposed to the preaching of the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

“Possession, Satan, all of these things have now carried the bulk of the conversation rather than the pursuit of lost souls,” Hibbs says. “People now are becoming overstimulated on

spirituality rather than biblical doctrine.”

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Hibbs warns against the seeking of signs and the emotional rush many get from such supernatural experiences. And in a time when demons clearly are manifesting in society, he warns that there must be a balance between the natural and the spiritual.

“Does the Bible speak about demons and demon activity? Of course. Does the Bible talk about casting out demons? Absolutely. Does the Bible talk about healing and raising the dead? Absolutely, but when people begin to pursue that instead of personal holiness and knowing the full counsel of God, this is where we get goofy,” Hibbs says.

An increase in demonic activity should not be alarming to Christians, as Hibbs points out it is foretold in the Bible that the end times would bring about such things. It is because of the coming deception that believers must be rooted in the Word of God and able to discern the doctrines that lead people away from the Lord.

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[“We’re talking about the last days warning](#) in Scripture that perilous times would come and there would be doctrines of demons and deceiving spirits that would be present,” Hibbs shares. “And if you want to find out where that’s more active than anywhere else, it would be the so-called church. That’s where it begins. That’s where the first warning goes out to, the church. But it’s not limited to the church. Right now we live in a culture where there are people walking around, are they demon-possessed or are they on fentanyl? Could be both.”

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## Dr. Tony Evans Relinquishes Duties Due to Personal Sin

In a shocking statement posted to the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship website, [Dr. Tony Evan, senior pastor of the church,](#) has announced that he is stepping away from all pastoral duties and is “submitting to a healing and restoration process established by the elders.”

The pastor, author and syndicated radio host does not list a specific reason for his decision, other than he “fell short” of the standard expected of a Christian leader.

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*The foundation of our ministry has always been our commitment to the Word of God as the absolute supreme standard of truth to which we are to conform our lives. When we fall short of that standard due to sin, we are required to repent and restore our relationship with God. A number of years ago, I fell short of that standard. I am, therefore, required to apply the same biblical standard*

*of repentance and restoration to myself that I have applied to others. I have shared this with my wife, my children and our church elders, and they have lovingly placed their arms of grace around me. While I have committed no crime, I did not use righteous judgment in my actions. In light of this, I am stepping away from my pastoral duties and am submitting to a healing and restoration process established by the elders. This will afford me a needed time of spiritual recovery and healing.*

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During this new and unexpected season [for Evans and his 9,000-member church](#), services will continue unabated and he will continue to worship with the congregation while it is being led by Rev. Bobby Gibson, Lead Associate Pastor of Fellowship at OCBF.

*During this time, it is critical that the ministry of OCBF continue as vibrantly as ever. Remember, you serve the Lord Jesus Christ, not a man. Pastor Gibson and our leadership will keep you informed on how things will continue moving forward with the ministry. During this season, I will be a worshipper like you and look forward to seeing all that God is going to continue doing to make His name great as we continue to build kingdom disciples, who function as kingdom servants, in order to make a kingdom impact as He advances His kingdom agenda at OCBF. I have never loved you more than I love you right now, and I'm trusting God to walk me through this valley. Thank you for your love, prayers, support and forgiveness as I continue my spiritual healing journey. As we walk this journey together, keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher*

*of our faith.*

Please take a moment to pray for Dr. Evans and his church community, seeking God's grace and mercy to guide them through this difficult period.

To read the statement in its entirety, [click here.](#)

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## **Business Owner Defends 'Heterosexual Awesomeness Month' Amid Controversy**

We are only one week into the month of June, and this year has seen much more pushback against the radical Marxists who coopted the first month of summer than in years past.

One business owner, Mark Fitzpatrick of the Old State Saloon in Idaho, spoke with Fox News Digital and explained he never expected such a wide and positive reaction to his now viral "Heterosexual Awesomeness Month" celebration.

"I was thinking of a way that we could celebrate the other side of sexuality, heterosexuality, the way God designed it. And that's kind of where I'm at with people that support us and are like-minded. So we decided to do Heterosexual Awesomeness Month and then launched it and boy, oh boy, did it take off," Fitzpatrick recalls.

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This celebration brought with it discounts and free beverages for heterosexual men, women and couples throughout the month of June.

Cue the expected vitriolic response from the deranged Left who abide by the “rules for thee, but not for me” mantra. Fitzpatrick said the negativity sent his way was far outmatched by waves of support he received from around the country.

“We’ve had a whole bunch of people come in, in person into our saloon. We’ve had people driving way out of their way. We had a couple come in, they drove 400 miles out of their way on their trip across the country yesterday...and other people have said they’re going to fly in from out of state. Other people said next time they’re in the state, they’re going to stop by and support us,” Fitzpatrick says.

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Like many others around the world, Fitzpatrick finally became fed up with the constant shoving of “Pride month” in peoples’ faces in every aspect of society, and not just in the month of June, but year-round.

“I’m Christian. I follow what the Bible says. I love people. I love all types of people and everything. But when you love people, it doesn’t mean that you have to necessarily get behind everything they decide to do. And especially with the way things have been going the last few years, as far as how extreme it gets in June,” Fitzpatrick asserts.

“I’m not just going to sit there and do nothing anymore. I’m going to be involved. I’m going to be rallying people to help

do the right thing, celebrate godly things. And I think the rest of the country should do that," he adds.

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