

Pastor Prays for Jesus' Return Before Election Day

In the aftermath of former President Donald Trump's unprecedented conviction, Pastor Mark Driscoll began pleading on social media for Jesus' return ahead of Election Day in November.

"Lord Jesus, we would humbly request that you return before November 5," he wrote on X.

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee was convicted Thursday, May 30, on 34 counts of falsifying business records to cover up an alleged sex scandal that could have negatively impacted his 2016 campaign.

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Several prominent Christian voices reacted late last week to Trump's historic conviction.

The Rev. Franklin Graham said the U.S. is "at a crossroads," noting the former president's conviction "raises questions about whether our legal system can be trusted." He encouraged Christians to "pray for our nation, for God's guiding hand that this republic will be one nation under God with liberty and justice for all."

Pastor Greg Laurie of Harvest Christian Fellowship urged believers to "pray for America like you never have before."

Others who are more critical of Trump, like Russell Moore, editor-in-chief of Christianity Today and the former president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, pointed to perceived problems with the Republican's character.

“The question is what it has always been – fit or unfit,” he argued. “And the answer was obvious all along. Character matters, still.”

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As for Driscoll, he urged his followers on social media to keep in mind there is no politician who can solve the problems plaguing society. Rather, it is only God who can remedy what ails the world.

“Government can’t fix spiritual problems; it’s ultimately a God problem,” he wrote in an Instagram post. “Trusting in politicians won’t solve it – repentance and faith are the only way forward.”

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9 NFL Teams Opt Out of ‘Pride’ Campaign

We are into the month of June now, and as per social customs these days, many corporate entities and sports teams have changed their social media handles to celebrate “Pride month” regardless of how their customer or fanbases feel about it.

But this year, nine teams in the NFL have chosen not to celebrate on social media what people do sexually and stick to sports, like much of the fanbases want.

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Here are the nine teams staying away from pride messaging so far this month:

- Pittsburgh Steelers
- Cleveland Browns
- Cincinnati Bengals
- Tennessee Titans
- Kansas City Chiefs (current Super Bowl champions)
- Denver Broncos
- Dallas Cowboys
- New Orleans Saints
- Atlanta Falcons

After the original reporting of the group of NFL teams not participating this messaging, the Green Bay Packers made a pride month post with comments disabled, knowing what was waiting for them in the comments section.

To be clear, this doesn't mean the organizations are opposed to the events taking place across the country this month, they simply have not formally endorsed them, yet.

As reported by Fox News:

It is clear that many within the NFL—and society—don't like pride month for varying reasons. Some people don't abide with or agree with the gay lifestyle or agenda.

And some, while having no issues with gay people whatsoever, simply don't like pride month being so ubiquitous, as if being shoved down people's throats. These people would recoil

if, say, a month-long puppy or a straight people celebration was shoved down their throats every year, too.

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From Prison to Purpose: Jim Staley's Transformative Incarceration

God has shown time and again that He uses unexpected circumstances to hone us and mold us, getting us ready for a next phase of ministry and service to Him.

Stories of imprisonment fill the Bible, from Joseph to Paul, and their stories of triumph include enduring the hard times, the unfair and unjust times, to continue living righteously for the Lord.

Pastor Jim Staley of Passion for Truth Ministries experienced a rapid rise in his ministry, reaching 10,000 live viewers weekly and nearing significant television exposure before being federally indicted in 2014, despite resolving related

issues at the state level, he told Charisma Media recently in an exclusive interview.

“I didn’t understand what was going on,” Staley recalls . “They were accusing me of all kinds of things that I never did. And in all of these unbelievable, crazy things were happening, my world was being turned upside down. And I didn’t understand it.”

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Now, Staley views his indictment and imprisonment as God’s way of humbling him, teaching him to trust in God’s plans and reshaping his ministry and personal character.

“This is where I learned that I had to submit to the hand of God, that God uses governments of the world to get His people where they need to be,” Staley shares.

“...And so at the end of the day, like I was horribly embarrassed, I was humiliated. For what happened to me there was no way out of a federal indictment, you can’t get out.”

During his imprisonment, Staley endured physical and emotional challenges, learning to rely on spiritual guidance and growth, transforming his understanding of spiritual warfare.

“There’s things that you need to learn, you’re a little bit too big for your britches, you need to learn to trust Me, you need to learn to follow Me, the prophetic is not built inside of you yet,” Staley says God told him during his time in prison.

“You need to learn to live and a 10×10 cell, out of a locker with people that you don’t like, that hate you, that will come up to you in the lunch line and hit you in the face, even though they’ve never talked to you before because you look like a pastor that molested them when they were a child. You

need to be beat down so that I could build up your spirit.”

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As time went by, Staley’s daughter wrote a heartfelt letter to the sentencing judge, resulting in a unique correspondence and eventual friendship between Staley and the judge, demonstrating the power of faith and forgiveness.

“She didn’t know that the judge was a Christian and was so impacted by this letter, that he wrote my daughter back, and said that he was going to take this letter and put it in a special pile that he’s had for 40 only has about 20-25 letters in it from dignitaries, presidents, college deans, and so on,” Staley says.

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Air Force Facing Scrutiny Over Tax Dollars for Drag Shows

Without the Freedom of Information Act, many would have no idea how the U.S. military, in particular the Air Force, is spending taxpayer money.

Thanks to the work of Judicial Watch however, people now know that they have been holding drag queen events on base on the taxpayer's dime for years.

The Department of Defense actually delayed both Judicial Watch and CatholicVote Civic Action requests for records on this activity up to the highest levels of leadership, such as communications "from the Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin, III, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Kathleen Hicks and the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding drag shows and drag story hours on U.S. military installations."

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Discoveries such as "drag story hours" at on-base libraries as well as "drag karaoke" and summer reading programs with drag queens have all been uncovered, again, at the expense of the taxpayer.

This FOIA request also brought to light the indoctrination of the U.S. military with a multitude of DEI initiatives that service members are sometimes forced to participate in as "training."

As reported by Judicial Watch:

May 2022 meeting minutes from an international diversity and inclusion group called "Pathfinders" lists an extensive number of upcoming Pride Month and Diversity Day events that will be supported at Ramstein Air Force Base.

A May 2022 email with redacted sender and recipient(s) and subject line "Diversity and Inclusion Events" contains a list of upcoming events.

"How on Earth is it appropriate to spend our limited defense dollars on promoting these sexually themed events for children and adults rather than on advancing the military's mission?"

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton asks. "As we see in these troubling Air Force records, our nation's military is being ruined by woke ideology."

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Meanwhile, the Russian army is engaged in war with Ukraine and the Chinese military is continuously conducting war drills against the island nation of Taiwan in the hopes of exerting control over the chip-producing country.

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Historic Split: 1 Million Methodists Exit Denomination Overnight

The United Methodist Church continues hemorrhaging members over their stance against biblical gender and sexuality, and those numbers just skyrocketed in recent days.

Following the UMC's decision to remove wording in their central rulebook which said homosexuality was "incompatible with Christian teaching," the denomination lost over 1 million members as the Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) Conference based in

West Africa voted to leave the apostate church.

Within the Ivory Coast Conference Declaration statement they claim the UMC in America “is not based on any biblical and disciplinary values.”

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Instead, they claim the “new” UMC “is now based on sociocultural and contextual values which have consumed its doctrinal and disciplinary integrity.”

This is pretty spot on, but sadly the UMC is not the only denomination that has abandoned God’s Word for the ways of the world.

It is because of this distancing from the Lord and His ways, the UMC “is no longer suitable for the Annual Conference of Côte d’Ivoire.”

As reported by The Christian Post, “Mark Tooley, president of the theologically conservative Institute on Religion and Democracy, which monitors developments within the UMC, told The Christian Post it’s ‘wonderful that Ivory Coast Methodists are prioritizing orthodoxy over ties to the USA church.’

“Most Africans cannot abide liberalized USA standards,” he adds.

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So continues the long line of Methodist churches leaving the denomination that has intentionally turned away from the Word of God and His design.

But the Bible tells us these things will continue to happen into the end times.

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Biden Faces Backlash Over God Mention in Pride Month Message

“For the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine, but they will gather to themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, having itching ears, and they will turn their ears away from the truth and turn to myths,” (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

The days of people perverting and misusing the Word of God to fit a particular narrative, agenda or ideology are upon us, and few months make it so apparent as the month of June.

This once laid-back summer month, as kids enjoy their first days of vacation, has become a yearly social battleground, as the LGBTQ+ movement has co-opted it as their “Pride Month” along with the other multitude of days and weeks they designate to celebrate their sexual activity.

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But when the leader of a nation, most notably the most powerful nation on the planet, twists the words in the Bible

to fit his blasphemous narrative, he can expect a healthy amount of pushback from those who know his nefarious plot.

Predictably, President Joe Biden, or the person running his social media accounts, alluded to LGBTQ+ persons, “especially young trans Americans” as being made in the image of God, implying that the Lord who made us all male and female also made the lifestyles that are polar opposites of His design and plan for humanity.

To the entire LGBTQI+ community – especially young trans Americans – know that your president and my entire Administration have your back.

We see you for who you are: made in the image of God and deserving of dignity, respect, and support.

Also just as predictable, the backlash online was swift, and aimed to direct attention at the many flaws within Biden’s pandering yet dangerous statement.

“If you believe we are ‘made in the image of God’ why do you support drugs and surgeries to cosmetically alter kids’ natural bodies? Should we not instead work to help all children accept and love their bodies?” one user commented.

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“Their being made in the image of God is precisely why supporting their ‘trans’ identity is evil. Transgender ideology attempts to efface the image God in the individual, replacing it with a construct of the human will,” another responded.

Thankfully, God gives us instruction in His Word to help guide us during contentious times such as these.

We are not to just take things at face value, but to test them and see whether the spirit in which someone is speaking is of God, or not (1 John 4:1-3).

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Trump's Conviction Spurs Historic Fundraising, 6-Point Poll Surge

Eric Trump announced June 2, that the Donald Trump campaign has amassed an astonishing \$200 million since the former president's conviction in New York last Thursday, May 30.

This massive haul came from both small- and large-money donors, as conservatives and independents across the country lamented the jury's decision as an affront to the justice system and that the United States had become a banana republic.

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Former Democratic Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard expressed her disgust at the ruling on X stating, "This should be a wake up call to all Americans."

"Biden and the Democrat Elite have turned our country into a banana republic. They will go after anyone who dares to challenge their power.

“We, the people, are the only ones who can reverse this disaster and save our country by voting them out of power on Nov. 5th,” she wrote.

Gabbard is not alone in her determination to make Joe Biden a one-term president, either.

The Daily Mail conducted a poll in the wake of the historic ruling, marking the first time a former president of the United States was found guilty of a felony.

“New Daily Mail poll says Trump received a 6-point bump in approval after he was found guilty in New York City,” reported co-owner of Trending Politics Collin Rugg on X.

“According to the poll, 22% of people said they ‘now have a more favorable’ rating of Trump while 16% said they viewed him more negatively.

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“That six-point net positive result is another sign of the way the businessman-turned-politician seems able to ride out crises that would sink anyone else,” the Daily Mail wrote.

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Earth Sees Its Nearest Encounter with the 'Devil Comet'

A rare stellar event took place this past Sunday, June 2, as Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks, or more commonly called the "Devil Comet" made its closest pass on its 71-year rotational visit to Earth.

The people of Earth need not fear the wayward space object; even at its closest point to our planet it is still some 143 million miles away and poses no risk of any Armageddon-like scenario where Bruce Willis would have to save us from the space rock.

For comparison, the Sun and Earth are separated by a distance of 93 million miles.

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It gets its nickname "devil comet" from the twin tails it emits from explosions of gas. The comet continues to confound scientists, while many viewers of the comet have also alluded to it bearing resemblance to the Millennium Falcon from Star Wars.

This mostly once-in-a-lifetime event was at its brightest point back in April, as it was passing by its closest orbit of the Sun, a whopping 74.4 million miles. Meanwhile, amateur astronomers would need the help of at least a pair of binoculars to have caught a glimpse of the fleeting comet this past Sunday, even with its large amount of explosions taking place within the last eight months.

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“I would say it’s somewhat unusual in the number of outbursts it’s been having,” Dr. Dave Schleicher, astronomer at Lowell Observatory in Arizona, says. “On the other hand, it’s not like you have good records from the past to really let you know what is typical. And I suspect given the fairly large number of outbursts that have happened over the last eight months, that this is very clearly an usual occurrence for Pons-Brooks.”

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Carl Lentz Launches New Project Amid Rumors of Returning to Ministry

After raising many questions on social media about a potential return to ministry, with a mixed reaction from many, Carl Lentz has announced he is not returning to a ministry position, but is instead starting a podcast.

“No, I’m not back” the Instagram video announcement read. “That guy is gone.”

The podcast entitled “Lights On with Carl Lentz” is scheduled

to premiere on June 4, and will be available on all streaming platforms.

Since his very public fall from grace at the Hillsong New York campus, Lentz has been involved in a documentary “The Secrets of Hillsong” and joined Michael Todd’s Transformation Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a strategist in an advisory role only.

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“My choices, and the road toward recovery taught me how helpful it is to have people share vulnerably the impact of their bad choices, the pain they caused and the pain they suffered that led them to make those choices, and what they’ve discovered can be helpful and healing,” read Lentz’s post alongside the video announcement.