

Mike Bickle Releases Statement Amid Investigation

In a recent announcement on X (formerly known as Twitter), Hillsong Church founder Brian Houston, 69, revealed his plans to launch a new weekly online ministry and church in 2024. Houston, along with his wife Bobbie, expressed excitement about building a new community through this venture.

Bobbie and I are starting a weekly online ministry and church in 2024. I'm excited about building this new community.

– Brian Houston (@BrianCHouston) November 29, 2023

The news comes almost two years after Houston resigned as global senior pastor of the Hillsong megachurch network, following allegations of misconduct by two women. The criminal charges against him, related to concealing sex abuse committed by his father, were dropped in August 2022.

In January 2022, Houston stepped down from his role at the church's helm for the entire year. He maintained his innocence throughout the proceedings, and the court ultimately found him not guilty.

In a separate incident, Houston was arrested in February 2022 for driving under the influence of alcohol. He initially pled not guilty but later reversed his plea. The court sentenced him to three years probation, a \$140 fine and other penalties.

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Despite these setbacks, Houston remains committed to starting

a new chapter in his ministry. The details of the new online ministry and church are yet to be revealed.

Meanwhile, Houston's daughter, Laura Toganivalu, and her husband, Peter, who resigned from their roles at Hillsong Young & Free earlier this year, have also announced the launch of a new church.

As Christians, it is important to remember that redemption, forgiveness and mercy are central to our faith. The Bible teaches us that God is the forgiving God, and we are called to forgive others as He has forgiven us (Col. 3:13). We are also reminded that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Rom. 3:23), but through Christ, we can receive redemption and the promise of eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

Moving forward in our faith, it is essential to extend mercy to those who have stumbled and to support them in their journey toward redemption. In doing so, we can create a stronger and more united Christian community that reflects the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

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Iowa Statehouse's Satanic Display Sparks Controversy and Concern

The rise of faith-based media in 2023 has been nothing short

of remarkable, as the industry witnesses a surge in the production of Gospel-centered, uplifting content. Two industry insiders, Jon Erwin and Kelly Merryman Hoogstraten, have joined forces to create the Wonder Project, a production company that aims to elevate the quality of faith-based movies and TV shows.

With over \$75 million in seed and Series A funding raised to date, the Wonder Project has garnered support from industry giants such as Lionsgate, Jason Blum and United Talent Agency. Dallas Jenkins, the creator of the successful series "The Chosen," will serve as a special adviser to the company.

"We need to create a scaled solution for the heartland, for the audience that goes to school with my kids," Hoogstraten told Variety in an interview. "I love the idea of doing so many great stories that are values-based. We just want to flood the world with hope right now."

One of the standout projects of the year was "Jesus Revolution," a film Erwin directed that surprised the industry with its impressive \$52 million box office haul. This sleeper hit not only showcased the talent of the Wonder Project team but also highlighted the growing demand for faith-based content.

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"The Wonder Project is tapping into a massive, global need. The faith and values audience is global, and the quality shows being developed will meet the long-standing and growing consumer demand," said Ian Doody, managing partner at Powerhouse Capital.

The Bible reminds us of the importance of being a light unto the world. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus said: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do men light a candle and put it under a basket, but on a candlestick. And it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” This verse serves as a powerful reminder of the impact that faith-based media can have on our society.

“We’re going to dream bigger because the audience wants more,” Erwin says. “The content that we make can be infused with values and the things that pull us back together as a family and as Americans.”

As the Wonder Project continues to expand and produce high-quality, values-based content, the future of faith-based media looks bright. With a focus on storytelling that is both engaging and uplifting, the company is poised to make a lasting impact on the entertainment industry.

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Are We Nearing the End? Americans Sounding Off on End Times

In a recent sermon, Pastor John Kilpatrick unfolded a profound revelation concerning the connection between sin and the Earth’s manifestations. Pastor Kilpatrick, prompted by the Holy Spirit, emphasized the need to warn people about the signs taking place globally, shedding light on the spiritual

perspective that sin affects the Earth profoundly.

The pastor highlighted the crucial distinction between divine actions and the consequences of the fall of Adam and Eve. He stressed the direct connection between the state of the land and humanity, linking them through the impact of sin. The message echoed the idea that the Earth, affected by the fall, is now manifesting events that grab the world's attention.

Drawing attention to the increasing prevalence of sin, Pastor Kilpatrick noted the rise of blatant rebellion against God, indicating a significant shift in societal values. He connected this surge in lawlessness to the prophesied manifestation of the Earth in response to the prevailing sin.

Pastor Kilpatrick then delved into the idea that creation possesses a form of intelligence. He pointed out that animals, trees and even the Earth itself exhibit an awareness of impending natural disasters. This understanding laid the groundwork for the main points he aimed to convey.

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The sermon then transitioned into three key points:

1. Cause and Effect of Human Actions: Pastor Kilpatrick elucidated that the sins committed by individuals have a direct and extraordinary impact on the land. He emphasized the biblical principle that actions have consequences and that the choices people make can affect the environment.

2. God's Judgment Manifested through the Land: The pastor underscored the biblical truth that the Earth, as part of God's creation, responds to the sin of humanity. He highlighted instances in the Bible where God's judgment was manifested through the land, drawing attention to the current state of the world as evidence of this divine principle.

3. Healing and Cleansing of the Land: Despite the grim consequences of sin, the sermon also conveyed a message of hope. Pastor Kilpatrick explained that, through repentance and adherence to God's ways, the land can be healed, cleansed, and made whole.

The sermon further detailed four specific sins mentioned in the Bible that defile the land:

a. Idolatry: Pastor Kilpatrick discussed the consequences of worshiping false gods and emphasized the exclusive nature of worshiping the one true God through Jesus Christ. Pointing to the story of Elijah versus the prophets of Baal, Kilpatrick noted that God will send the rain after true repentance of the people is brought forward. Without it, the droughts remain.

b. Immorality and Sexual Sin: The pastor addressed the biblical stance on sexual immorality, including homosexuality, highlighting the scriptural warnings against such practices. When these lifestyles become socially accepted, the cultures that allow them begin to degrade on all levels of society.

c. Shedding of Innocent Blood: Connecting to current societal issues, Pastor Kilpatrick spoke passionately about the shedding of innocent blood and its repercussions on the land. He drew attention to the biblical perspective on the sanctity of life, and that America's sin of abortion is profoundly affecting the land.

d. Broken Covenants: The sermon concluded with a powerful message about the importance of honoring covenants, both with God and with one another. Pastor Kilpatrick emphasized the consequences of breaking these sacred agreements and urged listeners to uphold their commitments.

The timely sermon served as a call to understanding the profound relationship between sin and the Earth's manifestations. Pastor Kilpatrick passionately implored individuals to heed the warnings, repent and seek God's mercy

to bring healing and restoration to the land. The overarching message was clear: Sin has consequences, but there is hope in turning back to God and His ways.

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The Ancient Mystery Behind Hamas' Invasion

Puerto Rico witnessed the power of salvation and transformation as Latin music megastar Daddy Yankee bid adieu to his illustrious music career, choosing to embark on a new journey as a devoted evangelist for Jesus.

The artist, known for chart-topping hits like "Gasolina" and "Despacito," revealed his profound decision during the concluding show of his farewell tour in Puerto Rico, leaving 18,000 fans at the La Meta venue in awe.

In case you haven't heard of Daddy Yankee before, to put into scope just how big of a worldwide musician he is, here are the numbers for the two songs previously listed: "Gasolina" has over 240 million combined views on YouTube and streamed 765,532,916 times on Spotify at the time of this article. As eye-popping as these numbers seem, they pale in comparison to "Despacito" which Daddy Yankee is listed on along with singer Luis Fonsi. On YouTube, "Despacito" is one of the most viewed videos of all time with 8.6 billion views, and has been streamed on Spotify 1,656,584,291.

In a heartfelt speech delivered in Spanish after performing his iconic 2004 reggaetón hit “Gasolina,” Daddy Yankee, whose real name is Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez, conveyed the significance of this transformative moment. “My people, this day for me is the most important day of my life. And I want to share it with you because living a life of success is not the same as living a life with purpose,” he declared.

Acknowledging that his global fame, extensive travel and wealth failed to bring him the fulfillment he sought, Yankee expressed a newfound purpose in committing to Christianity. “I have to confess that those days are over. Someone was able to fill that emptiness,” he shared, alluding to his Savior.

Quoting a poignant Bible verse, he asked the audience, “What good will it be for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” This set the stage for his proclamation: “That is why tonight, I recognize, and I am not ashamed to tell the whole world that Jesus lives in me and that I will live for Him.”

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Yankee, emphasizing the redirection of his talents, affirmed, “All the tools that I have in my possession, such as music, social networks, platforms, a microphone—everything that Jesus gave me—is now for His kingdom.” He expressed gratitude to Puerto Rico and invited his fans to join him in this transformative journey, urging them to “follow Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.”

Concluding with a prayer, Daddy Yankee invoked divine mercy, seeking the Father’s guidance to evangelize the world from Puerto Rico. A visual spectacle accompanied his words, as light-up drones formed a cross and the phrase “Cristo Viene” (“Christ will come”) in the night sky, symbolizing the

artist's commitment to his newfound faith.

Daddy Yankee's public declaration of faith echoes the transformative power of encountering Jesus. It serves as a reminder that material success, no matter how grand, often leaves an inner void that only a spiritual connection can fill. The artist's decision to use his influence and talents for the kingdom reflects the biblical principle found in Matthew 16:26: "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

The impact of celebrities finding salvation in Jesus is profound, as it provides an opportunity to share the gospel with a massive audience. In the case of Daddy Yankee, one of the largest audiences in the world. While it doesn't elevate them above others, it highlights the multitude of ways individuals can serve within the body of Christ. Some, like Daddy Yankee, are given larger platforms to spread the message, demonstrating that each person's unique gifts can be employed for the advancement of God's kingdom. In the end, it's a testament to the transformative power of grace, available to all who seek a purpose beyond the fleeting treasures of this world.

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