

Candace Cameron Bure on Hope-Filled Entertainment for the Holidays

Pentecostal Bishop Carlton Pearson, once the pastor of the one of the largest churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma, died at 70 on Sunday, Nov. 19, after a long battle with prostate cancer. He had been under hospice care since early November.

During the 1990s, Pearson's church in Tulsa, Higher Dimensions Church, reached an average attendance of 6,000. In 1994, however, after watching a television program about the "wretched conditions" of people suffering and dying from genocide in Rwanda, and considering the teaching of his church that non-Christians were going to hell, Pearson revealed that he had received an epiphany from God and stated publicly that he doubted the existence of hell as a place of eternal torment.

He said that hell was created on earth by human depravity and behavior.

When he announced his stated belief in universal reconciliation, Pearson began to lose his influence in his ministry as a member of the Joint College of African-American Pentecostal Bishops and was eventually declared a heretic by his peers in 2004.

Charisma News columnist J. Lee Grady recently said that, after watching a video Pearson posted from his hospital bed, "Pearson smiled and told his followers he would see them in heaven."

But Grady wonders if that will be the case.

"I'm glad that I'm not the one to decide that," Grady says.

“But I wouldn’t want to be in this man’s shoes as he steps into eternity.”

Pearson was raised in the Church of God In Christ and attended Oral Roberts University. He was mentored by Oral Roberts himself, and eventually became one of the most recognized preachers in America as he sang with the World Action Singers.

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He began to hold Azusa conferences that attracted thousands to his church every year and his church began to grow. But that’s when the trouble began.

Pearson decided to stand for the Gospel of Inclusion, and eventually declared that Jesus is the Way. He’s just not the only way.

In 2006, he was accepted as a United Church of Christ minister and in September 2008, he held his final services at New Dimensions Worship Center.

Pearson was then named the interim minister of the Christ Universal Temple in Chicago, but left that position in January 2011 and returned to Tulsa in 2014.

His time in ministry was the subject of a Chicago Public Radio Program called “Heretics” in December 2005, and his life story was broadcast on NBC’s Dateline program called “To Hell and Back” on Aug. 13, 2006.

In 2007, CNN broadcast a story about Person that covered the changes in his teachings—including the acceptance of LGBTQ people into his church—and the backlash against it.

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Why Modern America and Nazi Germany Have More in Common Than You Know

“The one message I want to convey today is that you will have missed the most frightening aspect of it all if you do not appreciate that [the Holocaust] happened in one of the most educated, most progressive, most cultured countries in the world.”

These were some of the words of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia (1936-2016) during his keynote address at the annual Days of Remembrance commemoration for victims of the Holocaust in the U.S. Rotunda on May 8, 1997:

The Germany of the late 1920s and early 1930s was a world leader in most fields of art, science and intellect. Berlin was a center of theater; with the assistance of the famous producer Max Reinhardt, playwrights and composers of the caliber of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill flourished.

Berlin had three opera houses, and Germany as a whole had no less than 80. Every middle-sized city had its own orchestra. German poets and writers included Hermann Hesse, Stefan George, Leonhard Frank, Franz Kafka and Thomas Mann, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1929. In architecture, Germany was the cutting edge, with Gropius and the Bauhaus school.

It boasted painters like Paul Klee and Oskar Schlemmer.

Musical composers like Anton Webern, Alban Berg, Arnold Schönberg and Paul Hindemith. Conductors like Otto Klemperer, Bruno Walter, Erich Kleiber and Wilhelm Furtwängler. And in science, of course, the Germans were preeminent. ...

To fully grasp the horror of the Holocaust, you must imagine [for it probably happened] that the commandant of Auschwitz or Dachau, when he had finished his day's work, retired to his apartment to eat a meal that was in the finest good taste, and then to listen, perhaps, to some tender and poignant lieder of Franz Schubert.

Germany in the early 16th century was transformed by the power of the Word when Martin Luther (1483-1546) translated the New Testament Greek to German in 1522, and the Old Testament "Tanakh" from Hebrew to German in 1534, thereby igniting the Protestant Reformation.

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In the mid-20th century, however, Germany was to learn that there is no safety in distance from Jehovah God. America finds itself on the very same path unless the church finally will engage in confrontation with secularism. We are reminded in this of Dennis Peacocke's unspoken reality in the century-long unraveling of the nation: "One thing is certain, virtually no one in 'the real world' expects Christians to be a significant contributing factor in the process [of creating a counteraction to secularism]."

In his New York Times bestseller, "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy," Eric Metaxas wrote: "German culture was inescapably Christian. This was a result of the legacy of Martin Luther, the Catholic monk who invented Protestantism. Looming over the German culture and nation like both a father and a mother, Luther was to Germany something like what Moses

was to Israel ... Luther's influence cannot be overestimated. His translation of the Bible into German was cataclysmic."

On Jan. 30, 1933, President Hindenburg appointed Adolf Hitler chancellor of the Reich. "Hitler had commended himself to the elite conservative circles that shared his distaste for the Republic, not least through his desire to replace the parliamentary system with an authoritarian monocratic state or Führerstaat."

Germany would now be tyrannized by a diabolical prince of darkness who consorted with diehard ultras, maniacs and assorted barbarians, and who was often seen carrying a dog whip in public. Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) forewarned of the predicament awaiting the nation: "If you board the wrong train, it is no use running along the corridor in the other direction."

But Germany did board the wrong train, resulting in Bonhoeffer becoming involved in a plot to assassinate Hitler. Imprisoned for the last two years of his life, Bonhoeffer was executed at dawn in the morning of April 9, 1945, after being led into the execution yard while prison guards jeered and ridiculed him.

The pastor was not alone. The prison doctor at the Flossenbürg concentration camp later said, "I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God."

Justice Scalia questioned the idea that modern American education theories would produce virtue to sustain freedom. "One would think that Nazi Germany was a sufficient demonstration of the fallacy of that thinking. In the 1920s and 1930s Germany was the leader of the world in most areas you could name—the physical sciences, historical scholarship, music, philosophy [and] public education. The most sobering fact about the Holocaust is that it was there, and not in some backward, underdeveloped country, that it occurred."

Contemporary American education is completely divorced from

common-sense reality as well as from its historical biblically based context.

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Should America insist on refusing to reinstate the Founding Fathers' model for education, which includes embedding biblical virtue into its youth, the future of the nation is at risk, with devastation of cataclysmic proportions a concrete possibility. Cultural Marxism has wrecked public education as secularists pervert culture by celebrating iniquity, provoking instability, fomenting division, stirring up political upheaval and indoctrinating children to hate America and hate each other.

Hardly ever have better words been written on education than did in 1798 Benjamin Rush (1746-1813), American Founding Father, physician and signatory to the Declaration of Independence, Pennsylvania delegate to the Continental Congress and surgeon general of the Continental Army:

“What mode of education we shall adopt so as to secure to the state all the advantages that are to be derived from the proper instruction of youth; and here I beg leave to remark, that the only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.”

Dr. Peter J. Leithart noted in his excellent “1 and 2 Kings Commentary” the apt phrase used by Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950), the American lyrical poet, playwright, feminist and winner of the 1923 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry: “It’s not true that life is one [obscenity] thing after another; it is one [obscenity] thing over and over.”

America now has catered to and indulged in idolatry for three or four generations. Most of the nation dances in worship around the golden calves of state-sanctioned abortion and

same-sex marriage. Similar to the physical lack of water in ancient Israel, there is spiritual famine of God's Word in a nation "founded for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."

By God's grace, however, Gideons and Rahabs are entering the public square. {eoa}

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When it comes to Christmas entertainment, there's few who do it better than Candace Cameron Bure.

In a new interview with Fox News alongside Great American Family CEO Bill Abbot, Bure shared her heart for creating family-friendly entertainment that can provide hope, with her latest film, "My Christmas Hero."

"I think we want to create an oasis in a cultural desert," Bure said.

With with her newest film, Bure is hoping to honor military members while providing meaningful content that the entire family can watch.

"I've been a Christian for a very long time, and I've been a mom for a long time, so all of those things I have some good input," Bure said of the Great American Family content. "I've

been in entertainment for a very long time, but I really connect with the people who view our movies, and that's what's most important, and I want to help create the best content out there."

CEO Bill Abbot also said that it is the family and freedom values that he aspires the company to uphold and represent.

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"Our network is all about celebrating faith, family and country," Abbot said. "And so, it's a privilege to be here. And it really represents what the nature of the heart of Great American Family."

As Charisma magazine reported, Candace has spent years trying to bring the light of Christ to Hollywood's entertainment industry. While Bure has been a Christian for many years, her switch from Hallmark to Great American Family placed her faith directly at the forefront of what she would and would not indulge, including content that placed LGBTQ relationships in the place of traditional marriages.

Bure is not the only family entertainment actor who has been outspoken about her faith. Co-stars Jen Lilley and Danica McKellar have openly shared about their relationship with Jesus. While the number of righteous, faithful Christians in Hollywood may seem to be far and few, it's just as important that Christians who find themselves in the spotlight use it for His glory and not their own.

As the holiday season rolls around, families and friends will be gathered together and the Christmas movies and TV shows will abound. While the classics will be enjoyed, plenty of new content will flood the television screens. Even behind the lights of the Christmas trees and the warmth of the fireplace, it is critical that we stay vigilant with the types of

entertainment we consume. This should be a time for God to be glorified and the gospel to be shared. What better way to start than by with the material consumed during a family movie night? {eoa}

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Target Doubles Down On Christmas 'Pride' Campaign

If you thought Target had learned the lesson that many of their shoppers do not view items like tuck-friendly swimwear for kids as appropriate, think again.

In 2023, Target lost billions from the backlash their 'Pride' collection caused and the company's relationship with Abprallen and satanic-themed items, much of which was aimed at children.

The year is not over yet, and the retail giant thought it would be a good idea to ring in the Christmas season with another 'Pride' campaign where they deck the halls in transgender flag colors.

When shoppers enter the seasonal aisles, they are greeted by pride flag waving Santas and transgender-themed nutcrackers who come in white and black and feature purple bears and a pride flag, the higher tier model costing \$ and comes with a staff with a heart on it saying "Love is Love."

Target outdid itself this year for Christmas

– End Wokeness (@EndWokeness) November 15, 2023

Target includes statements on these items, such as this description on the “Love is Love” speech-bubble ornament: “Whether you’re an ally, a member of the LGBTQ community or simply someone who believes in love and equality for all, this ornament is the perfect way to showcase your support during the festive season. With its vibrant colors and eye-catching design, this ‘Love is Love’ holiday ornament is sure to make a statement on your tree or as a gift to a loved one. Celebrate the season with love and pride, and show the world that love truly knows no bounds.”

Not a single mention of Christmas, or Christ. But that is the point.

Some have been saying for years now that the goal of Satan is to move our ever-increasingly secular society away from any references of Jesus Christ. And he has succeeded mightily in accomplishing that goal in America.

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This entire charade of dedicating the month of June to pride is merely cover for the real goal of saturating American culture in this pagan ideology 24/7, and what more proof do you need than the attempt at making Christmas ‘Pride’ now?

Target spokesperson Kayla Castaneda affirmed this in June when she said, “Our focus now is on moving forward with our continuing commitment to the LGBTQIA community and standing with them as we celebrate Pride month and throughout the year.”

If you are part of the population who just wants it to stop

and are sick of hearing about it, too bad. Because “they” are going to cram this belief system down our cultural throats until it is the dominant belief system in America, and the world.

The Christian church is battling this takeover itself, with apostate congregations taking down crosses and replacing them with pride flags. No longer do they pray to Jesus and read the Bible, but instead they pray to drag queens and read the works of radical activists.

Amid all of this culture shock with how quickly things have deteriorated over the last few years, it was all warned about, and the signs were there that this day of lawlessness would come.

The apostle Paul warns believers in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 that there will be a great falling away from the ideals and principles of God. That there has to be a falling away from Him who created us to pave the way for the revealing of the “man of sin.”

This revelation of the man of sin, or the Antichrist, has not come yet, but we are undoubtedly seeing the preparation for his arrival take place in the world today.

In the meantime, Christians are to continue sharing the real reason for the season, the birth of the Lord and Savior of earth, Jesus Christ. Answering His call to the Great Commission is the strategy that will win souls away from the devil and grow the kingdom of God.{eoa}

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Dr. Rosaria Butterfield exposed the truth about the lackadaisical approach Christianity, and especially ministries, have taken in relation to the LGBTQ agenda. While many today who have since come out of that lifestyle have been told by Christians that this is the thing they will always struggle with or that they will never be able to enter into godly marriages, Butterfield says this is a lie and that complete freedom from LGBTQ practices and attractions can be broken through the power of Jesus.

As someone who came out of the homosexual lifestyle, Butterfield has been able to experience the transformative power of Christ to make her life so much better than what she had planned for herself.

“God has allowed me to be a wife and a mother and a grandmother,” Butterfield said at Liberty University. “A pastor’s wife. And a servant in the church. I count my family and church as God’s greatest earthly blessings to me, and I have come to learn that while homosexuality is part of my biography, it is not part of my nature.”

She then shared the five lies that she believes are spread in today’s anti-Christian culture that we should be on the lookout for as she says they have seeped into the church.

The first lie, Butterfield says, is that homosexuality is normal. Second, she says is that “pagan spirituality is kind and inclusive.” This lie in particular goes right along with the warnings that authors like Jonathan Cahn have warned about

as spiritual entities attack our society and bring about idolatry of same-sex attraction and transgenderism.

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“The third lie is that feminism is good for the church and the world,” Butterfield said. “The fourth lie is that transgenderism is normal. And the fifth lie is that modesty for women is outdated and dangerous. These lies, which have entered the church and the Christian college have one thing in common: they discourage repentance of sin and they encourage the pride of victimhood.”

Rosaria’s profound points aligns perfectly with Scripture. The power of Christ is much greater and more abundant than we ever could have imagined. If Christ is great enough to conquer the grave, why wouldn’t He be considered great enough to completely overturn the grip of sin on someone’s sexuality?

First Corinthians 15:55 says, “O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?” God’s redemptive power is beyond any earthly sins and struggles we encounter.

The problem with these deceptive lies isn’t that their power is comparable to God’s but rather their appearance to be good and loving.

“And these lies have a subtle appearance because Satan is a liar who specializes in the persuasive lie of the half-truth,” Butterfield said.

Butterfield also shared about these deceptions with Eric Metaxas, including the dangers of what feminism in America is equating to today in light of the transgender movement.

“So much of these lies were driven by feminism,” Butterfield said. “And I don’t know if you’ve noticed, there’s only one

place that feminism is alive and well, and it's in the evangelical church. Because feminism in the world is dead. Transgenderism killed it. And I think this is a really important thing especially for Christian women to realize."

Just because the world has considered something to be acceptable and right does not automatically mean it is right. Christians cannot fall asleep on the topics coming into the church and how we respond to them. While we desire to be loving and considerate, love is not always easy and sometimes it involves transformation for truth growth to take place. Galatians 5:1 tells us that "For freedom Christ freed us." Experiencing this true freedom requires setting down all idols and sins at the foot of the cross with humility and repentance.

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Prophet Charlie Shamp Shares Vision of 46th President With 'Feet Made of Clay'

As the world is consumed by wars and rumors of more wars going through what appear to be birthing pains, Christians take note: the Lord said these things would be happening, and that it would get worse.

Yet in the darkness of a world that is rejecting God in new

ways each day, there is a promise of hope and an outpouring of God that is to wash across the barren earth.

Acts 2 tells of the words spoken by the prophet Joel, saying that we can expect amazing revelations given by the power of the Holy Spirit to those living through these times where rejection of our Maker is increasing in frequency and severity.

According to the Scripture, “‘In the last days it shall be,’ says God, ‘that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.’”

Prophet Charlie Shamp, Co-Founder and President of Destiny Encounters International, shared a prophetic vision the Lord gave him regarding the leadership of the United States who made the declaration, “America is a nation of Pride.”

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“I was taken in a prophetic vision where I saw the 46th president of the United States. I observed with keen interest that this man’s feet were not made of sturdy flesh and bone, but rather, they were composed of fragile clay.

“Without warning, a rock, seemingly hurled by an unseen force, struck his clay feet with such force that it shattered the delicate balance he had maintained. The impact was so great that he was instantly toppled, falling to the ground in a cloud of dust and debris.

“Then, the Spirit of the Lord spoke, His voice resonating like a thunderclap in the silence that followed the president’s fall. He declared with an authority that was both awe-inspiring and terrifying, ‘The man who stood tall and proud before you will fall and will not rise a second time. His

reign is at an end.'

"The Spirit continued, His voice filled with a stern warning, 'I am removing him due to his pride, for pride precedes a fall.' The vision ended as abruptly as it had begun, leaving behind a clear message of divine intervention at hand.

As with all things, Christians should abide by Paul's instruction in 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21: "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Examine all things. Firmly hold onto what is good."

What would the fulfillment of such a prophecy bring with it in America? Time will tell, but in the meantime, God is in control of today and the coming trials. In that, we can take peace and solace until the Lord returns for His people.{eoa}

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