

Church Chaos: Man Rushes Aisle Mid-Sermon at Jack Graham's Prestonwood Baptist, Security Steps In

As tensions surrounding Israel continue to escalate globally, even discussing the nation from a biblical perspective has become increasingly volatile. Scripture calls believers to “bless” Abraham and his descendants (Gen. 12:3) and to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Ps. 122:6), yet those convictions are drawing sharper reactions in a world that is growing more hostile to them.

A man was escorted out of a Sunday morning service at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, after interrupting a sermon focused on Israel and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The disruption unfolded during the church's 11 a.m. worship service on March 15, as reported by The Christian Post, when Pastor Jack Graham was preaching on “America, Israel and War in the Middle East.” Witnesses said the man began shouting during a portion of the sermon addressing “Israel, and the Jews being God's chosen people.”

According to multiple accounts, the unidentified man yelled, “God bless America” and “God bless Israel” as he moved down the aisle toward the stage. A source familiar with the incident said the “excited young man” appeared eager to speak and asked if he could address the congregation. When Graham declined, security quickly intervened and removed him from the sanctuary.

Linda Casey, a longtime member of the church, described the moment as chaotic and alarming. "I was not sure if he was armed or not, but Pastor Jack Graham was pulled away from the podium momentarily amidst the chaos," she said. "Before he returned to finish the sermon, I bolted out to find my son, who was in children's church."

Casey said uncertainty about the man's intentions heightened her concern. "At this point, we didn't know if the man had an accomplice or was alone. I was not waiting around for a potential shootout or bomb threat," she said. "The whole ordeal was scary."

Other attendees offered a less severe assessment, noting the man appeared supportive of the message but chose an inappropriate moment to express it. One witness said the man "hadn't picked the best timing for that kind of exuberant outburst," while another described the situation as "nothing."

Plano police confirmed the man was a non-member attending with his wife and became disruptive by "agreeing loudly with what the pastor was talking about and was animated in doing so, making other churchgoers uncomfortable."

Authorities emphasized that "there was no actual disturbance or physical altercation," but said his behavior warranted removal.

Officers responded to the scene and issued a criminal trespass warning after church security escorted the man out. Police were already outside the building when some congregants exited.

Despite the lack of violence, the incident left some shaken. Casey said the visible security response raised immediate concerns. "When security is pulling the pastor away from the podium for his own safety, alarms went off in my head signaling danger," she said.

As global tensions continue to rise and anti-Semitism increases, these moments are becoming a proving ground for many Christians.

Scripture is clear in its call to bless Abraham's descendants (Gen. 12:3) and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6), and those commands are not dependent on cultural approval or public sentiment. As hostility toward Israel intensifies, believers are being tested on whether they will remain anchored in biblical truth and uphold God's covenant, which Scripture declares is irrevocable (Rom. 11:29).

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