

Morning Rundown: Megachurch Scandal Erupts at Iconic Gathering

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James River Church stirred up quite the controversy at their men's conference that took place late last week.

This happened during the Stronger Men's Conference at James River Church after a performance by a swordsman prompted prominent ministry leader Mark Driscoll to make a statement about spiritual entities plaguing the church.

The swordsman performance by Alex Magala stirred up this controversy after he removed his shirt and ascended up a pole for his performance, sword in mouth.

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'A True General of the Lord': Evangelist Jerry Savelle Dies at 77

Renowned charismatic evangelist, pastor and author Dr. Jerry Savelle died Monday, April 15, at age 77, as announced by his ministry, Jerry Savelle Ministries International. He and his wife, Carolyn, were founding pastors of the Heritage of Faith Christian Center in Crowley, Texas, where his ministry is based.

His ministry posted the announcement of his death on its website as well as on social media channels:

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Missing Pastor's Wife and Friend Confirmed Dead, Police Make 4 Arrests

Authorities have confirmed the tragic deaths of a pastor's wife, Jillian Kelley, and her friend, Veronica Butler who went missing in Oklahoma two weeks ago. Their bodies were reportedly recovered in rural Texas amid an investigation into their disappearance.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the FBI and the Texas County Sheriff's Office announced Sunday on X that the bodies would be "transported to the Office of the Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner to determine identification and cause and manner of death."

"This case did not end the way we had hoped. It's certainly been a tragedy for everyone involved," OSBI Director Aungela Spurlock said.

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