

Top of the Week: A Pastor's Plea After Church Is Scammed

Following are snippets of the top stories posted over the past week on c. We encourage you to visit the links to read the stories in full.

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A church in North Carolina is reeling after an email scam stole nearly \$800,000 while building a new sanctuary.

As reported by the Elkin Tribune, "The church, founded in 1884, had long outgrown the building on North Elkin Drive constructed in 1954 and had been holding services in its family life center since 2016. In September of last year, the church broke ground on a new facility after raising funds for the project for seven years."

In November of 2022, the Elkin Valley Baptist Church received their bill for the previous month of work from the builders of the new sanctuary.

'Give Me Jesus Right Now!' Revivals Breaking Out in Bakersfield

In a world filled with sin lurking around every corner of society, one can miss the signs of light shining bright against the darkness.

This very thing is happening in Bakersfield, California, with evangelist Mario Murillo inviting the presence of the Lord to change the heart of the city.

His ministry has been reaping the fruits of their labor in a spiritually starved part of the country, and lives are being changed because of it.

Kari Lake Shares Details of How She Encountered the Holy Spirit

Kari Lake, the rising conservative superstar who plans to take the evidence of election fraud in Arizona all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court to reveal the truth, shared her testimony on Steve Bannon's program "War Room" on the Real America Voice TV channel last week. Unabashedly, she revealed her encounter with the Holy Spirit.

"A few years ago, I found an evangelical church that changed my life," says Lake, who grew up with a Catholic mother and a Lutheran father. "I walked in and felt the Holy Spirit and, for the first time really, a real connection with Jesus."

This spiritual encounter happened a couple of years before Lake announced that she would run for governor of Arizona. Since her jumping from local TV news into politics in mid-2021, Lake has been distinctly known for her boldness, courage and a fierce, uncompromising commitment to the truth, integrity and Judeo-Christian values.

Satanic Worship Headlines Grammys

Surrounded by dancers with long black hair cloaked in red robes, English singer Sam Smith was center stage at the Grammys glorifying satanic rituals in a skin tight leather outfit as he sang "Unholy."

Smith identifies as non-binary. His performance at the Grammys which streamed to millions around the world was a clear symbol of the vociferous spiritual warfare happening in our culture today.

The first transgender singer to hit No. 1 charts, Kim Petras also joined Smith for the performance. Petras is a collaborator on the song and was seen trapped in a large cage surrounded by fire on the stage.

Discerning False Prophets and Delusions With Mario Murillo

My longtime friend Mario Murillo is providing a critical role in the body of Christ in speaking up against the wolves in sheep clothing. Matthew Henry said, "A traitor inside the camp is more dangerous than 1,000 persecutors outside the camp."

Christians want to be nice. Christianity is all about love and the gifts of the Spirit, but there is a biblical reality in speaking the truth in love. There are clear warnings in the Bible that there will be wolves in sheep's clothing hiding among us.

Sometimes it's a false prophet leading multitudes astray, other times it's an honorable man or woman of God who just got a prophetic word wrong. {eoa}



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