

# Top of the Week: Greg and Tai Locke Appointed as Apostles in Church Ceremony

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## **Greg and Tai Locke Appointed as Apostles in Church Ceremony**

In a recent service held at Global Vision Bible Church in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, Pastor Greg Locke and his wife Tai were both prayed over and installed as apostles to the world.

The commission was led by Pastor Malachi O'Brien of The Church at Pleasant Ridge in Harrisonville, Missouri, and they were joined by Pastor Mike Signorelli of V1 Church in New York City through a video message.

"Now, just like Romans 1, where Paul says, 'I am a servant of Christ called to be an apostle,' I believe now, Greg Locke, a servant of Christ, called to be a global voice of the gospel to all people, called to be one that assigns tasks to others, that activates and imparts and releases the oil of the anointing to subdue and take territories and nations, and places that your feet have not yet traveled physically, but digitally," Signorelli said by video.

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## **Mike Winger Says Benny Hinn Is Not a Christian During Interview With Charisma**

Christian YouTuber Mike Winger, an ordained pastor who is not currently shepherding a church, recently spoke with Charisma Media's John Matarazzo about his four-hour video titled "The

## Victims of Benny Hinn: 30 years of Spiritual Deception.”

Seventeen days after posting his viral video, Winger shared in a separate video that Hinn was attempting to get the previous video, which has over 900,000 views, removed from YouTube. In the four-hour video, Winger argued that Hinn was financially and spiritually abusive throughout his years of ministry.

Winger’s interview with Charisma comes after the outlet posted a two-part interview with Hinn. Matarazzo said, “We’re trying to platform voices the best way that we can as we see God moving.

### **Paul Spoke in Tongues—So Why Are We Afraid of This Gift?**

Two years ago when I was preaching at a church in Florida, a boy named Roczen was filled with the Holy Spirit during a revival service. He was only about 5 years old. But a week later he felt such boldness that he asked his pastor if he could pray for the entire church. When he prayed for the congregation from the stage, several other people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Roczen is a regular boy who loves to play with his Matchbox cars and video games. But he has a close relationship with Jesus, and he regularly prays in his prayer language. This weekend I watched as Roczen laid hands on my 12-year-old grandson and prayed for him to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

There are many Christians today who are skeptical about the gift of speaking in tongues because it has never been a part of their experience. And other Christians teach that speaking in tongues is no longer a valid spiritual gift for today—even though they acknowledged that the apostle Paul had this gift and that he told his disciples in Corinth not to forbid using it.

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## **California Church's Statewide Revival Sees 30,000 Baptisms**

The outpouring of God's spirit is here.

A California church, Oceans Church, is no stranger to holding mass baptisms. According to the Washington Times, the church held a 2023 initiative called "Baptize SoCal" where 4,166 people were baptized at Pirates Cove in Newport Beach.

Now, the church made its goal to baptize 30,000 people this past Pentecost Sunday with "Baptize California" in hopes of seeing a "Baptize America" movement take place next summer.

## **Forerunner Church Holds Final Service Amid IHOPKC Shuttering**

Forerunner Church celebrated its final church service on Pentecost Sunday before its closure.

Forerunner Church is a branch of the International House of Prayer Kansas City (IHOPKC) ministry. After multiplying scandals surrounding ministry founder, Mike Bickle, IHOPKC decided to shutter everything except for the 24-hour prayer room.

"This morning our heart is really to just express gratitude to the Lord and gratitude toward those that have served and been a part of this community over the years," Pastor Isaac Bennett said.

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