

# Top of the Week: Mandisa's Celebration of Life Ceremony to Be Livestreamed

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## **Mandisa's Celebration of Life Ceremony to Be Livestreamed**

Christian artist Mandisa Hundley will have her life and legacy celebrated this weekend after her death on Thursday, April 18.

As The Tennessean reported, Hundley, more affectionately known as Mandisa by fans, will be celebrated in two different services. The first service will be held at Fisk University, Mandisa's alma mater on Friday April 25.

Fisk University's Jubilee Singers are also planning to dedicate a song to Mandisa during their commencement ceremony on May 5.

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## **Taylor Swift's Latest Anti-Holy Spirit Album**

Taylor Swift is holding nothing back on her latest album when it comes to her personal beliefs.

Swift's "The Tortured Poets Department" is nothing short of blasphemous when it comes to her choice of lyrics. Using stories from Scripture in negative manners, Swift is using the Bible to flush out her anger.

In her song, "Guilty as Sin" the lyrics say:

**Megachurch Pastor Condemns Mark Driscoll's 'Demonic Behavior,'**

## **Apologizes for Inviting Sword-Swallower to Conference**

John Lindell took time during his sermon Sunday to “apologize” for inviting both Driscoll and Magala to the Stronger Men’s Conference, which took place in mid-April.

“I want to apologize and let you know I take full responsibility for the decision that was made to invite Mark Driscoll and Alex Magala to the Stronger Men’s Conference,” he said, according to The Roys Report. “I am deeply saddened by the division that our invitation has brought to the Body of Christ. That was never our intent.”

The pastor added, “The Stronger Men’s Conference is about reaching men for Jesus Christ, and it will continue to be about reaching men for Jesus Christ.”

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## **Mandisa Is in Heaven, Still Worshipping Jesus**

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On the surface, contemporary Christian singer Mandisa epitomized success. She became a musical star after her appearance on “American Idol” in 2006 and won a Grammy for Best Contemporary Christian Album in 2014.

But those who read her interviews or followed her on social media knew she struggled with low self-esteem, weight issues and depression. In 2017 she told ABC News that she had contemplated suicide. In her 2022 memoir, “Out of the Dark,” she admitted that she had been raped, and that her suicidal thoughts were in part due to the death of a close friend who had breast cancer.

Mandisa—whose full name was Mandisa Lynn Hundley—was found

dead in her home in Nashville, Tennessee, last Thursday, April 18. She was only 47. Police are still investigating, and a cause of death has not been announced. But in a video she posted a few days before she died, Mandisa candidly talked about her emotional battles, admitting she was “in a season of lament” because another close friend had died.

### **Children’s Curriculum Leaders Step Down After ‘Inappropriate Relationship’**

Both the founder and CEO of a major children’s ministry curriculum have resigned from their positions with Orange curriculum following their ‘inappropriate’ relationship.

The founder of the company, Reggie Joiner, admitted to prior inappropriate adult relationships. The CEO of Orange, Kristen Ivy, also voluntarily resigned after revealing she had a past relationship with Joiner.

As The Christian Post reported, the board chair, Joel Manby and the and special governance chair, Jennifer Barnes, stated that “Reggie has admitted to past inappropriate adult relationships, which violated our company policy and eroded trust within our organization.”

### **Jonathan Cahn: Israel, Iran and End Times Prophecy**

There’s something much greater and deeper to the Iranian attack on Israel than meets the eye.

While news outlets can only provide the basic facts and propose diplomatic solutions, Rabbi and prophetic voice Jonathan Cahn says that what happened with the Iranian attack is actually a spiritual battle and the beginning of the fulfillment of end times prophecy.

Looking at Ezekiel 38, which discusses an invasion of Israel, Cahn says there are specific details mentioned in this Scripture that are key to what we are seeing today.

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