

Top of the Week: Megachurch Pastor Robert Morris Rushed Into ‘Immediate Surgery’; Family Asks for Prayers

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

Megachurch Pastor Robert Morris Rushed Into ‘Immediate Surgery’; Family Asks for Prayers

Pastor Robert Morris of Gateway Church in Fort Worth, Texas, has undergone emergency surgery for a herniated disc, which had been causing him severe pain due to pressure on his sciatic nerve.

The news was shared by his son, James Morris, an associate senior pastor at Gateway. James took to Instagram to provide an update on his father’s condition, stating that the surgery was successful in relieving the sciatic nerve pain, although some post-surgery discomfort remains.

“Hey everyone! Here is a quick update about my dad. While he was on vacation last week, he experienced excruciating back pain. He had a herniated disc that was so large that they had to do immediate surgery this morning because it was pressing against his sciatic nerve,” he posted on Instagram.

Professor Fights Back After Firing for Teaching Basic Biology

A conservative legal firm is defending a college professor who claims he was fired after university leaders found his teachings too “religious.”

First Liberty Institute recently sent a letter to St. Philip’s

College in San Antonio, Texas, telling community college officials it was illegal and improper to terminate Dr. Johnson Varkey, a former adjunct professor who taught at the institution for nearly 20 years.

Calling Varkey's views on science and gender "widely accepted biology," Keisha Russell, counsel for First Liberty Institute, asked St. Philip's College to reinstate the educator.

International Outrage Erupts at Pastor's Disturbing Pronouncement

"Now is the time to say ... 'God is queer.'" Who spoke these blasphemous words, and what was the context of the statement?

The words were spoken by Quinton Ceasar, a Lutheran pastor in Germany, at the conclusion of the annual gathering of the nation's Protestant (meaning Lutheran) pastors.

The conference theme was "Now it the time," and this was the immediate context of Ceasar's words (who himself is black, originally from South Africa): "Now is the time to say: 'Black lives always matter.' Now is the time to say: 'God is queer.' Now is the time to say: 'We leave no one to die.' Now is the time to say we send a ship and much more and we welcome people at safe harbors, safer spaces for all."

Does God Tell You to Avoid Alcohol?

I am a Christian and I don't drink. I am also an ordained minister and ex-alcoholic. I need to make that disclaimer right up front. Although it makes me biased, it also makes me an expert on this hotly debated issue.

Some of the worst "shudder moments" of my life have been under the influence, and as a pastor, some of the worst "shudder moments" I have witnessed in the lives of others have been because of alcohol. You have come too late to tell me it's God's best for a Christian to drink.

We are living in a church age where drinking has become “hipster” for some. Christian young adults post pictures of their signature drink on Facebook. Middle-aged Christian women name drop their favorite brand of Pinot Grigio to impress their wine snob friends. Churches send direct-mail postcards that read, “Give our church a shot!” featuring an edgy shot glass graphic. Even some pastors drink. Not this one.

Could This Move of God Reach ‘Biblical Proportions’?

In February 2023, the Asbury Revival made breaking news. It lasted close to two and a half weeks and was attended by over 70,000 people.

Now there is something that far exceeds what occurred in Asbury, and it could be argued that it is a move of God that borders on “biblical proportions.”

This move of God is taking place in Guinea Bissau, a northwest African country. Somewhere near 70% of the population is Muslim. Only 11.7% of the country identifies as Christian. Right now, Islam is making a strong push for religious and cultural dominance, but at the same time God is moving powerfully. {eo}