

CN Morning Rundown: Honest Plumber Says He Felt Slighted by Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Money Discovery Aftermath

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Justin, the plumber who found \$200,000 in cash and \$400,000 in checks inside the walls of a bathroom at Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston, says he felt a little bit slighted when the church failed to contact him to thank him for the stunning discovery and his honesty for turning it in.

Crime Stoppers of Houston announced a \$5,000 reward back in 2014 for information in the case, and Lakewood Church put up a supplemental reward of \$20,000 at the time, which the church donated to Crime Stoppers in 2016. Crime Stoppers announced that Justin will now receive the \$20,000 reward.

Justin found about 500 envelopes stashed in the walls of the church last month. Houston police said the money recovered is in connection with a 2014 robbery at the church, where \$600,00 in cash and checks were stolen from a church safe.

Mark of the Beast? The Spirit of the Age Has Arrived

For those who are skeptical about human beings living in the end times, check this out: Elon Musk, co-founder of the company Neuralink, says he hopes to implement his brain-interface technology in 2022 by implanting microchips into

humans.

reports that Neuralink is developing a chip that would be implanted in people's brains to "simultaneously record and stimulate brain activity." It's intended to have medical applications such as treating serious spinal-cord injuries and neurological disorders, but the very idea of a microchip implanted into people's brains brings spiritual implications to the forefront.

Musk told *The Wall Street Journal's* CEO Council Summit Monday in New York, "Neuralink's working well in monkeys, and we're actually just doing a lot of test and just confirming that it's very safe and reliable, and the Neuralink device can be removed safely. We hope to have this in our first humans—which will be people that have severe spinal-cord injuries like tetraplegics, quadriplegics—next year, pending FDA approval.

Indiana Church Relieves Drag Queen Minister of Duties

Rev. Craig Duke, who appeared on a cable television show and in the pulpit as a drag queen recently, has been relieved of his duties as the lead pastor of Newburgh United Methodist Church in Newburg, Indiana, several media outlets have reported.

Mitch Gieselman, superintendent of Indiana United Methodist Conference, said in an email that Duke was not fired nor did he resign from the church. He will receive a "significantly reduced salary" through Feb. 28, at which time he and his wife, Linda, must move out of their home that is provided by the church.

In a statement to the *Evansville Courier and Press*, Gieselman didn't condemn Duke, but did not condone his actions, either.
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