

Top of the Week: Brothers in Christ Carry on Unholy Battle for Christianity's Holiest Site

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Brothers in Christ Carry on Unholy Battle for Christianity's Holiest Site

The site where many Christians deem to be their holiest—where Jesus was crucified, entombed and resurrected—seems to be encountering the opposite affect of the peace Jesus had envisioned.

In a situation that has carried on for centuries, Egyptian Coptic monks and Ethiopian Orthodox monks continue to be embroiled in a conflict over control for a small monastery built on the roof of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where it is believed Jesus suffered, died and then rose again.

And according to DNYUZ, the site has become one of “petty quarrels that occur on a near-annual basis, and sometimes the quarrels boil over into violence.

Legendary Preacher Charles Stanley Dies at 90

Founder of In Touch Ministries and senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta for nearly 50 years Charles Stanley died Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. peacefully at his home, his website reported.

Stanley spent 65 years in the ministry, and his website said

he modeled his ministry after the apostle Paul's message in Acts 20:24: "Life is worth noting unless I used it for doing the work assigned by me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love." (TLB)

Stanley is survived by his son, Andy, and daughter, Becky. Andy Stanley is the senior pastor at North Point Ministries, a nondenominational evangelical Christian church with several campuses across the north metro Atlanta area.

Disgraced Megachurch Pastor James MacDonald Arrested for Felony Assault

Without repentance, the life of a Christian who experienced severe punishment by God can quickly spiral out of control, much like what happened to King Saul.

Such is the case for the former Senior Pastor at Harvest Bible Chapel James MacDonald.

As reported by The Roys Report, "Disgraced megachurch pastor James MacDonald has been arrested and charged with felony assault and battery in California, after authorities say he attacked a 59-year-old woman, resulting in 'serious injuries.'"

Mother's Desperate Prayer Supernaturally Sparked Son's Return From the Dead

A Texas teen's family is thankful he's alive after suffering cardiac arrest before miraculously being brought back to life two hours later.

Sammy Berko of Missouri City, Texas, was recently pronounced dead after a bystander, medical professionals and doctors worked on him for hours in a desperate attempt to restart his stopped heart.

Doctors gave up hope—and then something incredible happened.

The 16-year-old came back to life, KRIV-TV reported.

Too Close for Comfort: Transformation Church's Easter Service Eerily Similar to Recent Satanic Grammys

At the Grammys in March, English singer Sam Smith put on a center-stage performance that glorified satanic rituals, wearing a skin-tight leather outfit as he sang his song, "Unholy." It not only shocked the Christian world, but also many in the secular world.

After watching what took place at Pastor Michael Todd's Transformation Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, last Sunday morning—Resurrection Sunday—Pastor Marcus Rogers isn't so sure that he wasn't watching a repeat performance.

In an Easter play called "Ransom," which has gone viral across social media, songs were sung that have shocked many, perhaps some in Todd's congregation as well. One song was from secular performer Ke\$ha called "Die Young." Other secular songs were performed, and actors wore dark clothes and makeup with fire and red lighting to set the stage to actually look like a frame in hell, as Charisma News reported. {eo}

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