

Top of the Week: California Church Baptizes 1,200

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Joy of Salvation Proclaimed as Calvary Chapel Chino Hills Baptizes 1,200

As surfers and beach bums took to the sand to spend a summer day in the sun, the members of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills flocked to the water to express their great love and dedication to Christ through baptism.

The California church has regularly celebrated the “joy of salvation” with their congregation, but according to a blog post, this is the biggest turnout for water baptism ever recorded. Over 1,200 chose to surrender their lives to Christ over the weekend.

Calvary Chapel “heralds” this annual event as “one of the most important events of the year,” as the church celebrated the decision of those who completed the church’s baptism class as well as bystanders who spontaneously decided to join the celebration.

Matthew West Apologizes for Satire After Social Media Condemns Its Purity Culture Message

Christian singer Matthew West has apologized for his “Modest Is Hottest” satire after critics claimed his lighthearted message contained damaging references to purity culture.

West released the “ridiculously silly” song as a way of reminding his two daughters that “their appearance doesn’t define them.”

But the song quickly sparked debate over “purity culture” and how West’s satire seemed to perpetuate potentially harmful

ideologies. West then apologized Thursday evening and removed the video from his social media accounts.

"I'm blessed to be the father of two amazing daughters," he wrote in a post on his social media accounts, including Twitter. "I wrote a song poking fun at myself for being an over-protective dad and my family thought it was funny." He wrote of the song's satirical nature and admitted that it was not received as it was intended.

Derek Chauvin Sentenced to 22 1/2 Years in Death of George Floyd

Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer who was convicted of the murder of George Floyd, received a sentence of 22 1/2 years in prison Friday. The video recorded by a bystander of Floyd's May 25, 2020, death sparked a widespread cry against racial injustice. The sentencing fell short of the 30 years prosecutors had requested but is one of the longest prison terms ever imposed on a U.S. police officer in the killing of a Black person, per AP News. With good behavior, Chauvin, 45, could receive parole after serving two-thirds of his sentence, or about 15 years.

Here's the Deal: Bankrupt Boy Scouts Now Find Themselves in Bigger Trouble

An LGBTQ activist once said, "Just give us a day." Then it was, "We want a week!" Then, "Mandate a month!" (along with presidential proclamations, promotions, parades and programs celebrating homosexuality nationwide and targeting children and youth). As iconic *Sesame Street* introduced two gay dads for the kids, and Nickelodeon put a drag queen reading to preschoolers, LGBTQ activists are just getting started. Leading up to Father's Day, *USA Today* ran numerous articles legitimizing the lifestyle. Along with warm and fuzzy pictures, they featured, "Father's Day and Pride Month: I Love My Gay Dad." The next day was: "What Father's Day Means to a

Trans Dad.” The propaganda is pervasive, and it should shock and sadden us as it does God.

Casting Crowns Issues Urgent Call to Pray for Former Drummer Injured in Motorcycle Crash

A former member of Christian rock band Casting Crowns is fighting for his life after sustaining injuries in a motorcycle crash on Sunday. The band asked for prayers for Andy Williams on social media after he was hit by another vehicle on his way to church. He is alive after being resuscitated at the scene, according to the Facebook post. He is currently on a ventilator with “severe trauma to his body and brain.” The extent of his injuries is unknown. “He is ALIVE, but his needs are many,” the post reads. “The doctors say right now that the best thing that can happen is for him to wake up on his own.” {eo}

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