

Top of the Week: How Greg and Tai Locke Found Healing and Deliverance Through the Holy Spirit

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In the midst of life's challenges, unexpected moments can spark profound transformations. For Greg and Tai Locke, the Holy Spirit led them on a journey of pain and faith to transform their lives and birthed an unprecedented deliverance ministry.

Greg and Tai's first step toward deliverance ministry happened within their own marriage. Tai was in the middle of devoting her time to her ailing mother, and with each and every day her own struggle with excruciating back pain grew more fervent.

"When I started caring for my mother toward the end of her life, that pain became excruciating," Locke said. "I would sleep on our hardwood floors because it was the only way that I could get pain relief."

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Resilience: Through Adversity, Texas United Methodist Church Forges New Path

Amid the windswept plains of Amarillo, Texas, a transformational journey has unfolded for the United Methodist community.

In a landscape marked by shifting beliefs and denominational changes, the departure of seven United Methodist churches from the denomination left Amarillo without a home for those still committed to their Methodist faith.

This void, however, has not been met with resignation, but rather with a steadfast spirit of renewal, as the resilient members of the Amarillo United Methodist Church forge a new path.

Trust Betrayed: Former Church Youth Leader Faces Serious Allegations

Shockwaves reverberated through the community when news broke of Amanda Buchanan Justice, a 35-year-old woman from Kings Mountain, North Carolina, facing felony charges of statutory sex offense with a child 15 or younger.

Justice, who was reportedly a former church youth leader, stepped down from her role just days before her arrest, leaving the congregation stunned and disheartened.

The Kings Mountain Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division received a report of the alleged sexual assault on a minor on July 28. Subsequently, detectives from the Special Victims Unit thoroughly investigated the incident and interviewed the alleged victim. Following consultations with the Cleveland County District Attorney's Office, felony warrants were obtained and served on Amanda Buchanan Justice.

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Was Sean Feucht Right to Confront Christian 'Artist' Matthew Blake?

I just read the report in Charisma News of Sean Feucht

confronting Matthew Blake because of Blake's sexualizing of young children. Blake is a former worship leader who now performs as a drag queen but still claims to be a Christian.

Blake responded by accusing Feucht of being a "hater." In other words, Feucht was not "nice" to him. But is it possible that Feucht's words were spoken in love?

In my just-released book, "Discovering the Real Jesus," I confront several modern distortions of Jesus including the New Age Jesus of Oprah Winfrey and the Nice Jesus of popular culture. Concerning the latter, I recall listening to a discussion on Fox News about LGBTQ issues. The person being interviewed brought Jesus into the conversation and insisted that He would never judge or condemn anyone.

Pastor and Family Arrested for 'Luring' People to Christianity

In a distressing incident that highlights the challenges faced by Christians in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, a pastor, his wife and their young son have been arrested and jailed on allegations of 'luring' people to Christianity.

The incident occurred in violation of Uttar Pradesh's Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act of 2021. The state, where Christians constitute less than 1% of the population of 200 million, has been enforcing this controversial law to curb conversions.

According to a report from the Union of Catholic Asian News, Pastor Harendra Singh and his wife, Priya, were detained by the police and incarcerated alongside their 3-year-old son on July 31. The authorities accused them of hosting a prayer meeting in their home located in the town of Haidargarh. The pastor staunchly denied the accusations, yet the family faced arrest under the contentious anti-conversion law. {eoa}

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