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Conservative Advocate Charlie Kirk Killed by Gunman at a Utah Campus Rally

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OREM, Utah (BP) – Conservative advocate Charlie Kirk was killed by a gunman at Utah Valley University Wednesday (Sept. 10). President Donald Trump paid tribute to the leader via social media calling him great and legendary.

Kirk was the co-founder and president of Turning Point USA, a non-profit aimed at spreading conservative principles on high school and college campuses.

Videos posted to social media from Utah Valley University showed Kirk speaking into a handheld microphone while sitting under a white tent emblazoned with the slogans “The American Comeback” and “Prove Me Wrong,” The Associated Press reported. A single shot rings out and Kirk can be seen reaching up with his right hand as a large volume of blood gushes from the left side of his



neck. Stunned spectators are heard gasping and screaming before people start to run away.

“Psalm 34 says the Lord is close to the brokenhearted. We pray that for Charlie’s family and loved ones as they mourn his death. We also pray for our country in this midst of this tragic season of violence. Heal our land, Lord,” Miles Mullin, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission acting president, told Baptist Press.

SBC President Clint Pressley told Baptist Press, “Charlie Kirk was assassinated in cold blood. We pray God’s manifold mercy for his wife and children and swift justice for the killer. All this savagery must stop. Praying the Lord shows mercy, brings peace and displays justice.”

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Charlie's Mission Didn't Die. It Just Got LOUDER.

Fellow American by Erika Kirk Source: <https://tpusa.com> September 18, 2025



I want to thank you for loving my husband.
For standing with us in the worst days of our lives. For praying. For mourning.
For remembering.
But now, I need you to listen closely...
Because the evildoers who took Charlie’s life? They have NO idea what they have done.
They didn’t just try to silence a man...
They tried to silence his message — a message of patriotism, of faith, and of God’s merciful love.
Instead, they ignited something even greater.
If they thought my husband’s mission was powerful before... They have NO idea what they have just UNLEASHED.
Not just across this country... But in me.
They have no idea the fire they’ve lit inside this wife.
And to those listening across America... Let me be clear: The movement my husband built will not die.
I refuse to let that happen.
And I know all of us will refuse to let that happen, too.
Charlie’s mission will grow: Stronger. Bolder. Louder. Greater than ever.
I shared these words publicly, from my heart — just two days after I lost the love of my life.

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Revival Spreads Among Young People In The Wake of Charlie Kirk's Death

by Steve Jordahl

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September 18, 2025

The Charlie Kirk assassination has had a huge impact on young people, bringing them by the millions to the foot of the cross.

Political luminaries, friends, family, coworkers, and millions of Americans tuned in on TV to a packed Kennedy Center to remember Charlie Kirk. As Fox News reports, hundreds of people attended the vigil, wearing apparel with “freedom” written on it. Republican leaders, such as House Speaker Mike Johnson, spoke at the event.

Sean Feucht led worship, even posting on Facebook, “Never would have imagined the Kennedy Center sharing worship to Jesus!”

Vigils and prayer services and memorials have sprung up around the world. Tens, perhaps hundreds of thousands of British young people marched in London's streets. Brandon Lake led thousands in worship at The Big Church Festival in Steyning, UK.

“Guy, you do realize that this is not normal, right?”



That if I could imagine what revival looks like, I would think it would look tents overflowing fields. Praise the Lord,” states a TikTok on Brandon Lake’s page.

Southern Seminary President Emeritus Richard Land says the revival around Charlie Kirk's death is unlike anything he's seen

before.

“It's expressing itself in ways that we're not used to seeing spiritual awakenings being expressed,” says Land.

America has been seeing signs of revival for several years. Remember the revival at Asbury College in 2023? Or the baptisms at Pirate's Cove in California this last August? Greg Laurie posted on Instagram interviews with the people in line to be baptized at Pirate's Cove.



Land, Richard
(former seminary president)

Laurie: Where are you from?

Bystander: Colorado. I'm here for my sister. She's getting baptized.

Laurie (to the sister): How old are you?

Sister: I'm 14.

Laurie: Why are you being baptized today?

Sister: Because I want to proclaim to the world that Jesus is alive and that I love Him and that I'm His child.



U.S. Nixes U.N. Security Council Vote - a Biblical Warning on Recognizing a Palestinian State!

by IMCNews Editor Rev. Dr. Matthew Anthony Harper



Photo above of President Trump speaking to the U.N. General Assembly September 23, 2025 (White House, Public Domain)

September 24, 2025

(BOISE, Id)—The U.S., a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, nixes an attempt of other U.N. Security states China, France, Great Britain and Russia September 22, 2025 to adopt a Palestinian state, thus denying the General U.N. Assembly a victory despite their symbolic vote Friday September 12, 2025 in favor 142-10 with 12 abstentions. United States and Israel were two of the 10 states that voted against Palestinian statehood along with 8 other states Argentina, Hungary, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, and Tonga.

President Trump in his speech to the U.N. made it very clear that he would not support a Palestinian state as doing so, would reward Hamas. Not only did President Trump oppose the U.N. for their support of a Palestinian state but he criticized them severely for their mere words and no action in accomplishing anything meaningful.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also made it very clear that there will not be a Palestinian state that you can read and watch at the following link: <https://www.gov.il/en/pages/spoke-pm210925>

After the conclusion of the U.N. meeting, President Trump made a statement September 25 that he would not allow Israel to annex the West Bank (the area referred to by the Arab world and others under Palestinian Authority control). But it is very crucial to note that area is considered the ancient homeland of Israel called Judea, Samaria and Jordan Valley and promised to the Jewish people by GOD according to Jewish scripture as recorded in Genesis 15:18-21. That point is reiterated by a 71 majority vote in the Knesset on July 23, 2025 that: “Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley are an inseparable part of the Land of Israel—the historic, cultural and spiritual homeland



of the Jewish people,” (Source JNS, July 23, 2025).

A Biblical Warning, a brief synopsis

Historically, Palestine was an invention of the Roman Emperor Hadrian (117-138 A.D.) to separate the Jewish people from their land ‘Judea.’ Read the following Encyclopedia Britannica article for more information on the matter of the myth of Palestine at the following link:

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Palestine/Roman-Palestine>

Biblical reasons Against a Palestinian state

In the key Holy Bible Jewish scripture Joel 3:2,

GOD brings judgement upon those that support scattering His people [the Jews] and dividing the land [Israel].

Read the following warning “I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.” NASB

There is a blessing for those that bless Israel found in Genesis 12:3 and our audience sees support to divide Israel for a Palestinian state not only angers The GOD of Israel but is a form of cursing Israel that will bring judgment upon all those who participate in facilitating this division of Israel.

Furthermore, our audience sees the foundation of antisemitism rooted in the belief that Israel is an

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Theology Seminar on Conversion Brings People from Around Utah

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Attendees ask questions of Michael Lawrence after he talks about biblical conversion

SALT LAKE CITY – Does God choose us or do we choose Him? This was the question considered by about 120 Southern Baptists and others from around the state of Utah at an event last month.

Sponsored by the Salt Lake School of Theology and hosted by Risen Life Church, the three-session course Aug. 22 featured guest speaker Michael Lawrence, author of several theological titles – including “Conversion: How God Creates a People” – and pastor of Hinson Baptist Church in Portland, Ore.

“The act of becoming a Christian is called conversion,” Lawrence began, “but how does someone actually convert? Regeneration precedes conversion, and regeneration is God’s work, not ours.”

He pulled no punches as he talked.

“According to the Bible, we cannot change ourselves, but we must change, and so it’s really good news that God has devoted Himself to making that change happen. We need to be made new, not nice.”

Lawrence referenced John 3, where Nicodemus wants to be made “nice,” and Jesus knows the Pharisee needs to be made “new.”

“If the point is to be a better person than I was yesterday, why do I need religion?” Lawrence asked rhetorically.

After a 7-minute break, Lawrence began the second session.

“Christian conversion is fundamentally and first God’s work. But how do we know that God has regenerated someone? The Bible is clear that conversion is our work too.

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Michael Lawrence is pastor of Hinson Baptist Church in Portland, OR

Lax Security Leaves Young Boys Especially Vulnerable in Many Online Platforms, Brownlee Says

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American Family News <https://afn.net>



September 17, 2025

The spotlight is now on the impacts of social media and online gaming following the assassination of Charlie Kirk.

The investigation into the killing has found that the alleged shooter, 22-year old Tyler Robinson, was involved in social media groups aligned with left-wing ideology, including support for transgenderism.

It also found that his reportedly romantic partner and roommate is a member of the transgender community, and that Robinson is involved in online gaming, as well as the social app many gamers prefer called "Discord."

AFN connected with Emily Brownlee, an Ambassador and Speaker for ScreenStrong. She noted what Utah Governor Spencer Cox said, that "social media is a cancer."

"I would agree with that for a few reasons. Especially the No. 1 reason would be the persuasive design of it all and how engineers have designed us to click and scroll and comment on items or stories that are alarming or excessive or extreme," she said.

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Conservative Law Firm Excited Over Counselor-Censoring Case to be Heard by Supreme Court

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September 2, 2025



The next term of the U.S. Supreme Court begins this October, and one of the cases that will be heard involves a challenge to Colorado's talk therapy ban.

Kaley Chiles is a Christian counselor that wants to help people who voluntarily come to her with unwanted same-sex attractions or gender identity issues. Colorado does not allow this to occur and refers to it as conversion therapy.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments about the court case, known as Chiles v. Salazar, on October 7.

Cody Barnett is an attorney of Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), the law firm representing Chiles. He expressed their excitement for the Supreme Court taking on the critical issue of whether a state can censor a counselor.

"We are living in a time when parents and children across the country want and desperately need the kind of counseling that folks like Kaley Chiles want to

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Churches Have a Role in Showing Hope After Idaho Shooting, Says Pastor

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Canfield Mountain in Coeur d'Alene is a popular hiking area for residents and visitors. Photo courtesy of Jeremy Scott.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (BP) – After finishing up Sunday morning services as pastor at Freedom Fellowship Church on June 29, Jeremy Scott and his wife, Jennifer, left town for a well-deserved trip to a cabin near the Canadian border to celebrate their 28th anniversary. On their way, they noticed several police cars headed back toward town.

Most of the remaining two and a half hour drive provided no cell service. They learned, after connecting to the cabin's Wi-Fi, that someone had started a fire in a popular hiking area of Coeur d'Alene, then shot at responding firefighters, killing two. Residents were in lockdown as the police hunted the shooter.

Kootenai County firefighters carry the bodies of Battalion Chiefs John Morrison and Frank Harwood on Tuesday morning, July 1. Photo Kootenai County Fire & Rescue/Facebook

The event took place a couple of miles from the church, and only a mile from the Scotts' home. They turned around and headed back that night.

Coeur d'Alene is a resort town where nothing bad happens, Jeremy Scott told BP. Such an event shocked the area.

"The safety and innocence we felt here is kind



of gone now," he said. "If something like this can happen here, it can happen anywhere."

In addition to the two fatalities, a third firefighter is recovering from gunshot wounds. The Kootenai County sheriff told reporters the shooter set the fire to

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Standing Together Update

by Pastor Greg Johnson

Salt Lake City, Utah

September 16, 2025

Standing Together had an AMAZING August!



Last month was truly an AMAZING time of ministry. Worship '25, our 19th annual Christian Worship Festival and night of united worship at the Utah State Capitol, was truly blessed. We had 13 local ministries participate in our Ministry Fair, Grace Church in Springville organized a Kid's Zone, we had five unique food trucks, and three amazing local worship bands lead us in three hours of united worship. The Body of Christ in Utah gathered together as one church to lift up the name of Jesus over our state. God provided for all our financial needs through ten local ministry partners and we celebrated the hope of siritual revival in Utah.

Last month, I thank God that I was able to step into a matter of potential division between two local churches and their pastors. In the end, as I sat down with the two pastors, we were able to communicate and gain clarity over the situation at hand and the fellowship of Christ was restored. Tension and division are real and the enemy loves to exploit these kind of moments, but Standing Together is here to come alongside pastors and churches and support the unity of the church. I was honored to stand in the gap and see God's work of unity advance in Utah as the peace of God prevailed.

As we head into the fall and September, I just want to thank you for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. Please pray with us as we face the aftermath of the Charlie Kirk assassination in Utah County at Utah Valley University. It was truly



an awful day of evil in our state and we grieve for Charlie's family at his loss. We also remember that Romans 8:28 tells us the He is able to bring good out of such evil, defeating the work of satan and his desire to steal, kill, and destroy. I can't report any news in this ST Update but Standing Together is now working with other Utah Pastors to boldly share the hope, love, and power of Jesus Christ in a significant way in Utah. More information will follow as we confirm some important details, but please pray with us.

For more information about Standing Together, visit our following website:
<https://www.standingtogether.org>

Bau, Artist at War, A Cinematic Triumph of Love and Resilience

by Richard Allen September 22, 2025
Movie website: <https://www.baumovie.com>



Sean Mc Namara's Bau, Artist at War, set for theatrical release on September 26, 2025, by ShowBiz Direct and Republic Pictures, is a powerful historical drama that blends the Holocaust's grim realities with an uplifting tale of love, art, and survival.

Adapted from Holocaust survivor Joseph Bau's memoir, the film stars Emile Hirsch as Joseph and Inbar Lavi as his wife, Rebecca, delivering a heart-wrenching yet hopeful narrative. With Lavi's standout performance, electric chemistry between the leads, and a slew of festival awards, Bau, Artist at War is poised to captivate audiences and spark Oscar buzz.

A Personal Connection

My journey with Bau, Artist at War began at the Joseph Bau Museum in Tel Aviv, where I met Joseph's daughters and explored his extraordinary story.

Recognized by Tripadvisor as a top Israeli destination and honored with the Travelers' Choice Award, the museum's poignant exhibits vividly capture Joseph's life and legacy. Visitors consistently praise its emotional storytelling, which inspired my role as an executive producer. This experience fueled my commitment to bring this tale of resilience and love to a global audience.

A True Story of Courage

Bau, Artist at War follows Joseph Bau, a Polish-Israeli artist imprisoned in the Kraków-Płaszów concentration camp from 1942 to 1945.

Using his artistic skills, Joseph forged false IDs, helping hundreds escape Nazi persecution. Amid the camp's horrors, he fell in love with Rebecca, a Resistance worker, and married her in a secret ceremony in the women's barracks—a moment immortalized in Schindler's List. The film traces Joseph's journey through Płaszów, Oskar Schindler's factory in Brünnlitz, and his later pursuit of justice, weaving a tender love story that sustained him through unimaginable hardship.

Directed by Sean Mc Namara (Reagan, Soul Surfer), the film balances historical brutality with moments of humanity. The screenplay, crafted by Deborah Smerecnik, Ron Bass, and Sonia Kifferstein, draws authentically from Bau's memoir, emphasizing creativity and love as acts of resistance. This fresh perspective sets the film apart from other Holocaust dramas, highlighting the power of the human spirit.

Inbar Lavi's Star-Making Performance

Inbar Lavi delivers a career-defining performance as Rebecca, a Resistance spy navigating the dangers of Kommandant Goeth's office while enduring Płaszów and Auschwitz. Known for Lucifer and Imposters, Lavi brings raw intensity and emotional depth, capturing Rebecca's courage, vulnerability, and unwavering love for Joseph. Her tense scenes with Goeth (Josh Blacker) are gripping, while her tender moments with Joseph radiate warmth and authenticity. Critics have hailed Lavi's nuanced portrayal as a Best Actress contender, with her performance anchoring the film's emotional core.

Electric Chemistry and Awards Buzz

The chemistry between Lavi and Hirsch is

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With Opinions Weighted Against Them, Wyoming Teachers Union Goes Into Stall Mode

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As is often the case, the union representing teachers is fighting to stop a school voucher program, this time in Wyoming.

Wyoming lawmakers created the state’s first K-12 education savings account (ESA) program in 2024, effective in the coming school year. This spring they expanded eligibility to families of any income. The \$7,000 accounts can be used for private-school tuition, tutors, homeschooling, or other education expenses. Nearly 4,000 students applied for them this fall.

The Wyoming Education Association doesn’t want families getting those dollars.

The union is arguing that the program violates the state's constitution. But Jason Bedrick of the Heritage Foundation says states offering a variety of additional education opportunities is not unconstitutional.

"As state lawmakers decide to open up choice and competition and let families choose the learning environments that work best for their kids, the unions should say, ‘hey, how can we better serve these families and these students?’ Instead, they are wasting tons of time and money trying to block families from having any other alternatives."

The state Attorney General Keith Kautz claims the law is in favor of parents at this point.



The Wall Street Journal editorial board agrees.

The program “isn’t killing the existing school system. The \$30 million ESA program has its own general-fund appropriation, which doesn’t divert dollars directly from public schools—whose per-pupil funding approaches \$20,000. District funding is tied to enrollment, so public schools could lose money if students leave, but that’s happening even without the scholarships,” the board writes.

Bedrick says this and similar lawsuits are union stalling tactics even though they know they're going to lose in the end.



Jason Bedrick
(Heritage)

"It's not just in Wyoming. There are, there are lawsuits against school choice programs right now pending also in Ohio and Utah. The unions are throwing spaghetti against the wall and just seeing what sticks. And so, uh, different arguments in different states."

From Watchdog to Wildfire: How the Fifth Estate Spreads Misinformation

by Corine Gatti Santillo September 21, 2025



Photo above: Dr. Stephen D. Perry

The Fifth Estate, comprising citizen journalists, bloggers and technology has emerged as a powerful force in the modern media landscape. While this democratization of media has undoubtedly brought some benefits, such as increased transparency and accountability, it has also opened the floodgates to misinformation, far-Left propaganda, and conspiracy theories.

As journalism plays an increasingly vital role in safeguarding democracy, questions are being raised about whether today's journalism schools are fulfilling their core mission — or drifting away from it.

At Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Dr. Stephen D. Perry, Program Coordinator for the Master of Arts in Journalism and the Master of Arts in Political Communication, wasn’t surprised to see students who show little inclination to question government authority.

“Students in these programs are often trained to work within government structures rather than to think critically about them,” Perry said.

His observation highlights a growing concern: that some journalism programs across the country may be producing graduates who are more comfortable collaborating with left-leaning media and the government rather than challenging it.

"Even if they think the government is doing a bad

job, they focus too much on the government as the solution to everything or because of it everything is a problem and that we have to give more money to the government to solve all [our] problems," said Perry who founded and edits Communication Research Replication and serves as executive editor of Artifact Analysis.

We are long from the rooted hierarchy of the church and clergy of the 1700s and its influence on culture and the media. Certainly, America would be in a different situation said Perry. Culture is infiltrating the Church and the way journalists cover news. Thinking about the role of the Church and clergy would redefine a lot of the ways that journalists would solve problems in our country -- instead of pushing the government to be the answer.

Compounding this issue is the immense influence of Big Tech and the technology sector, which increasingly shapes both what stories get told and how they are framed. As technology journalism grapples with its uneasy relationship to power, another profound challenge has emerged—one that reshapes not only how news is reported, but how it’s consumed and shared. Algorithms on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube wield more influence over the media landscape than the Church ever did in its prime influence. These algorithms don’t just distribute content—they amplify narratives that fit predetermined agendas, creating echo chambers that fuel extreme views and shut out diverse perspectives.

"I don't know if we have so much of an earthquake in what is happening in media, as we have a cycle where we tend to see innovation," Perry added. “I predict we will see continued consolidation and fewer independent voices as a result,” Perry said, referring to the growing influence of tech giants over the media landscape.

Corine offers a voice for everyday Americans navigating the noise of modern media. Follow her insights, interviews, and real-world stories on Facebook at facebook.com/PNMOTR.

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Sen. Cruz Argues with CNN Host Over Motive of Charlie Kirk's Shooter

by Steve Jordahl September 19, 2025
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A shouting match between CNN's Kaitlan Collins and Texas Senator Ted Cruz highlights the pernicious lie by the liberal media to paint Charlie Kirk's accused shooter as a conservative.

Senator Ted Cruz was a guest on CNN's The Source this week, and he was incredulous when host Kaitlan Collins tried to say that authorities have no idea of the motive of alleged assassin Tyler Robinson, reports News Busters. The two of them began to talk over each other.

Collins: We don't have a motive yet. We don't know yet. We're waiting. Obviously, we've heard what the governor has had to say.

Cruz: Of course we know. C'mon. We don't have a motive yet. We don't have a motive yet, really?



Collins was defending that the evidence law enforcement has given doesn’t point to a motive. Cruz sarcastically responded that the shooter—implying that

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My Latest White House and Israel Interviews

by InterMountain Christian News' Editor and White House Correspondent Dr. Matthew Anthony Harper

September 21, 2025



(BOISE, Id)—What an experience extreme for me characterized by many challenges but very rewarding adventures. I'm very thankful to GOD for His protection, encouragement and sustaining hand all these years!!!

I have been reporting at the White House since 2011 and very thankful for the opportunities to make a difference asking Human Rights questions for the voiceless. If you would like to support that continued effort, visit my following GoFundMe page:

<https://gofund.me/74ea76e9>



Photo above (Screenshot, LiveNOW from FOX)

Here is my first question to White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt July 7, 2025 regarding Israel's Sovereignty over Areas A and B [Judea and Samaria] to watch at the following YouTube link:

https://youtu.be/hEHwh09_X64



Photo above (IMCNews)

U.S. Border Czar Tom Homan joins me for an interview at the White House Wednesday August 6, 2025 regarding Human Trafficking especially Child Sex Trafficking and other latest national security developments at our borders to watch at the following YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/ezJNB2y6LTw>



Photo above (IMCNews)

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee joins me in Jerusalem August 13, 2025 for a war update. To watch that interview, click on the following YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/gj2IKqlg4CM>



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Watch Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and my interviews with Governor of Judea and Samaria Israel Ganz regarding Israel's sovereignty over their ancient homeland of Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley August 12, 2025. Watch on YouTube at the following link: https://youtu.be/alsYV8ec_Vg



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Watch my Israel Sovereignty established over Judea, Samaria and Jordan Valley interview

August 12, 2025 with Israel leader and Member of Knesset Simcha Rothman who was the main attorney and Knesset member who was responsible for putting forth this crucial legislation that passed by a 71 to 49 Majority vote. Watch at the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/eTxjh7eAl8c>



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Israel leader and Member of Knesset Galit

Distel joins me for an interview August 13, 2025 to talk about the role of The Holy Bible to watch on YouTube at the following link: <https://youtu.be/Cx5DJAik5U0>



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Watch my interview in the Samaria of Israel region with Eliana Passentin at the Psagot Winery August 12, 2025 at the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/6WfNBHcCLE8>



The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.
Psalm 121:7-8



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Watch my U.N. agency UNRWA antisemitism update from the Knesset August 13, 2025 with various concerned Israeli citizens. To watch this video, click on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/Y2If2siwJ4w>



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Watch my Clilia and Hadassah Bau Museum interview August 15, 2025 regarding the new Holocaust movie 'Bau: Artist at War' that highlights the story of their parents Joseph and Rebecca Bau at the following YouTube link:

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ACROSS

- 1 earneth wages to put it into ____ with holes. (1,3) (Hag 1:6) KJV
- 5 As an ____ pleasing to the LORD (Num 29:2)
- 9 Praise the LORD with ____: sing unto him with the psalterry (Ps 33:2)
- 13 and hath greatly offended,and ____ himself upon them (Ezek 25:12) KJV
- 14 And the rough goat is the king of ____ (Dan 8:21) KJV
- 15 Cut down the tree and ____off its branches (Dan 4:14)
- 16 The alien who lives among you will rise ____ you (Deut 28:43)
- 17 He who ____ his father and drives out his mother is (Prov 19:26)
- 18 LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the ____ (Ex 14:26)
- 19 Mockers ____ up a city, but wise men turn away anger (Prov 29:8)
- 20 No one ____ a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment (Matt 9:16)
- 21 Uzziah the king was ____ unto the day of his death (1,5) (2 Chron 26:21) KJV
- 23 The man said, ____ is now bone of my bones (Gen 2:23)
- 27 Do you see this ____ army? I will give it into your hand (1 Kings 20:13)
- 28 Moses, Joshua, and David were ____ of some of the books of the Bible
- 31 I saw something like a large ____ being let down from heaven (Acts 11:5)
- 34 a foolish man who built his ____ on sand (Matt 7:26)
- 36 Abner son of ____, the commander of Saul's army (2 Sam 2:8)
- 37 The nations will ____ and tremble; anguish will grip the people (Exod 15:14)
- 39 Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, ____ and Ivvah? (2 Kings 18:34)
- 40 God ____ raised this Jesus to life (Acts 2:32)
- 41 At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three ____ (Dan 10:2)
- 44 so that by the grace of God he might ____ death for everyone (Heb 2:9)
- 45 I will obey your decrees; do not ____ forsake me (Ps 119:8)
- 47 the sons of Eliphaz were Temen, ____, Zepho (Gen 36:11)
- 49 When the LORD God ____ the earth and the heavens (Gen 2:4)
- 50 "Will he even ____ the queen while she is with me in the house?" (Est 7:8)
- 53 Men stalked us at every ____, so we could not walk in our streets (Lam 4:18)
- 55 His master replied, ____ done, good and faithful servant (Matt 25:23)
- 56 "They ____ me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! (Prov 23:35)
- 58 being not a forgetful hearer, but a ____ of the work (James 1:25) KJV
- 59 David, wearing a linen ____, danced before the LORD (2 Sam 6:14)
- 60 for wide is the ____, and broad is the way (Matt 7:13)
- 61 return to it and remove all its vile ____ and detestable idols (Ezek 11:18)

- 62 He is coming with ____, our faithful and dear brother (Col 4:9)
- 63 Man is a ____ phantom as he goes to and fro (Ps 39:6)
- 64 creatures of the sea are being ____ but no man can tame the tongue (James 3:7-8)
- 65 Like a bird that strays from its ____ is a man who strays (Prov 27:8)
- ### DOWN
- 1 the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret ____ (Ex 7:11)
- 2 the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to ____ (Acts 17:10)
- 3 Then Samuel took ____ of oil, and poured it upon (1,4) (1 Sam 10:1) KJV
- 4 on the two stones the way a ____ cutter engraves a seal. (Exod 28:11)
- 5 I will make thy windows of ____, and thy gates of carbuncles (Isa 54:12) KJV
- 6 He saved us through the washing of ____ (Titus 3:5)
- 7 by this time there is a bad ____ (John 11:39)
- 8 Abraham died in a good old ____ (Gen 25:8) KJV
- 9 Bakkbakkar, ____, Galal and Mattaniah son of Mica (1 Chron 9:15)
- 10 Do not slaughter ____ or a sheep and its young on the same day (1,3) (Lev 22:28)
- 11 He took one of the man's ____ and closed up the place (Gen 2:21)
- 12 He was with David at ____ Dammim when the Philistines (1 Chron 11:13)
- 19 He ____ on the ground, and made clay of the spittle (John 9:6) KJV
- 20 Sell me some property for a burial ____ here (Gen 23:4)
- 22 Nobody has ____ heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind (John 9:32)
- 23 The 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 24 twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the ____ thereof (II Ki 4:42) KJV
- 25 Jacobs new name (Gen 32:28)
- 26 the wife of Hezron bore him ____ the father of Tekoa (1 Chron 2:25)
- 29 Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ____ (Jude 14)
- 30 Joshua ____ his clothes, and fell to the earth (Joshua 7:6)
- 32 the sun rises with scorching ____ and withers the plant (James 1:11)
- 33 There were three gates on the ____, three on the north (Rev 21:13)
- 35 Absalom got his hair stuck in this type of tree (2 Sam

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- 18:9)
- 38 My steps have ____ to your paths; my feet have not slipped (Ps 17:5)
- 39 rabbit (Deut 14:7) KJV
- 41 ____ your cloak around you and follow me (Acts 12:8)
- 42 The ____ is the lamp of the body (Matt 6:22)
- 43 If ____ forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles (Matt 5:41)
- 44 the ____ ones will be brought low (Isa 10:33)
- 46 represent four kingdoms that will ____ from his nation (Dan 8:22)
- 48 Remember that you ____ me like clay (Job 10:9)
- 51 In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to ____ (Ps 71:1)
- 52 To ____, mine own son after the common faith (Titus 1:4)
- 53 As he was scattering the seed, ____ fell along the path (Mark 4:4)
- 54 Like a lion I will devour them; a wild animal will ____ them (Hos 13:8)
- 55 "May your God, ____ you serve continually, rescue you!" (Dan 6:16)
- 57 to see if you would stand the ____ and be obedient (2 Cor 2:9)
- 58 my eyes are ____ with grief. I call to you, O LORD (Ps 88:9)
- 59 abbr. for the 17th book of the Old Testament
- 60 for a ____ and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem (Isa 8:14) KJV
- 62 They ____ at me and say, "Aha! Aha! (Ps 35:21)
- 63 The Holy Spirit will come ____ you (Luke 1:35)
- 66 Such knowledge is ____ wonderful for me (Ps 139:6)
- 67 over the fowl of the ____, and over the cattle (Gen 1:26)



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Idaho Church Sues School District for Loss of Lease Under Blaine Amendment

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August 11, 2025



A church in Idaho is suing a school district which says the church is no longer allowed to use a local school to hold services.

Truth Family Bible Church has filed suit claiming the school district's action infringes upon the church's free exercise of religion and free speech. The church cites that the Sage International, affiliated with Treasure Valley schools, used the Blaine Amendment to cut the church's lease, which previously allowed

them to use meeting space within the public charter school.

The Blaine Amendment is a law within a state that obstructs the use of public funds to benefit religious organizations.

Recently, it was reported by Idaho Education



News that the state's attorney general is intervening in the case for the side of the state.

Brad Dacus, president of the Pacific Justice

Institute (PJI), says this is a clear act of state hostility.

"The Supreme Court has made it very clear that the government cannot be discriminatory and hostile towards an organization or institution just because it's religious, when it's allowing other organizations, secular groups, to have the same type of services being denied to the religious group," states Dacus.



He says the PJI has filed a major federal lawsuit in this matter, hoping that it will eventually go before the Supreme Court.

"If we at Pacific Justice Institute are successful in this litigation, it could result in the complete, removal of the Blaine Amendment as effective law in many states across the country, ending this tool of religious bigotry and discrimination," Dacus says.

Gideon Testimony: Why I'm a Gideon - Angel Roberto

by Kevin McIntosh Source: <https://gideonsorg/blog>



Angel's Story

Racing down the highway on his motorcycle, Angel Roberto was speeding toward a crisis. His once-promising corporate career had unraveled, his marriage was in trouble, and he was wrestling with God. When flashing blue lights brought him to an abrupt stop, he had no idea his life was about to change forever.

Pulled over by a highway patrol captain, Angel braced for an expensive speeding ticket—one he couldn't afford. Instead, the officer let him off with a warning. In that moment, Angel felt God whisper, "See what else I can do if you'll just trust Me." Overcome with emotion, he knew the Lord was revealing Himself. That experience led Angel to fully surrender his life to Christ, changing his heart, marriage, and future.

Answering The Call

Angel's faith journey eventually led him to The Gideons International, where he discovered a passion for sharing God's Word. "The first time I handed someone a Scripture and saw the gratitude in their eyes, I knew this was my calling," he says. Since joining in 2007, he has served in multiple camps and leadership roles, helping grow and strengthen the ministry.

His experience showed him that while bringing in new members is vital, keeping them engaged is just as important. He listened to former members to understand why they left, uncovering a common concern: they joined with great expectations but lacked opportunities to take meaningful action. Angel took this to heart, working alongside ministry leaders to revitalize camps by fostering relationships, mentoring new members, and encouraging open dialogue between seasoned and younger Gideons.

Growing Through Ministry

Angel believes that beyond the initial call to join, members must experience a deeper call to action. Whether through praying together, visiting pastors, distributing Scriptures, or speaking in churches, he encourages Gideons to step into ministry with the expectation that God will reveal their purpose. To help facilitate this, he implemented ways to engage new members with hands-on ministry opportunities and mentorship.

Angel encourages more Gideons to embrace opportunities to mentor younger members and invite their feedback. "You get to see that member grow in the Lord, and you don't know what God is going to do with him; but you can plant that seed that helps another member grow and experience what God has planned for him."

Above all, Angel has learned that success in ministry isn't just about strategy—it's about spiritual surrender. "When I try to do things my way, I might have a great plan, but I always hit a wall," he shares. Instead, he listens for God's guidance, allowing the Lord to direct his efforts.

Through his faithful service, Angel continues to inspire and equip others to serve in The Gideons International, helping more men grow in their faith and reach the world with the Gospel.

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"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee..."
- Genesis 12:3 (KJV)

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We pledge to stand with our brothers and sisters in Israel and to speak out on their behalf whenever and wherever necessary until the attacks stop and they are finally living in peace and security with their neighbors.

The Scriptures promise blessings upon those who love the nation of Israel, and CUFI has prayerfully searched for a way to honor and bless those who have chosen to be part of this holy move of God.

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InterMountain Rescue Mission Testimony

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From Denver Rescue Mission in Denver, CO

Dan's story



A single coin flip brought Dan to Harvest Farm, where he found faith, community and a life worth living.

Heads I go to a hospital, tails I end my life.

Dan was at his lowest point—living in his car, driving across the country trying to run away from his depression, anxiety and PTSD. But that’s the thing about running away from yourself—no matter where you go, there you are.

He was struggling with addiction, had isolated himself from his family and had already unsuccessfully attempted to end his life two times before. He had traveled his whole journey across the country with a half dollar coin in his pocket, and as he pulled it out to flip for the decision to alter the course of his life, it landed on heads.

“It’s like God was acting through a coin that day,” Dan said. “I still have that coin. I wear it as a necklace now, and it has my birth year on it.”

That moment led Dan to seek help for himself for the first time, a journey that led him straight to Harvest Farm. “This Farm is blessed ground, and because of that, there’s a peace here. I actually feel comfortable being here, and I started feeling comfortable just being myself here,” he said.

Dan’s work readiness portion of the program was with the agriculture team, tending to the greenhouse

and plants around the Farm. Right away his supervisor and Farm Operations Specialist, Darrol Telck, noticed a unique work ethic and drive in Dan.

“Dan came in very shy and not knowing how to act in a setting like this, but very grateful to be doing something to better his life. He was very active in helping get the greenhouse back up and running and along the way found himself looking into pursuing a future in becoming an electrician,” Darrol said. “From not knowing where he fits in, to attempting suicide and overcoming that, the Farm has opened up excitement for the future for Dan.”

Now, as Dan looks at the greenhouse—all the things he helped cultivate and build—he feels proud of himself and grateful to Darrol for helping him along the way. “I couldn’t have done it without him. As we were working on the greenhouse, I was going to therapy. Everything I’ve done is one small thing at a time, and now we have this amazing thing in front of us,” he shared. “I definitely feel proud of how far I’ve come, and the work I’ve done to get to where I am.”

The personal growth Dan experienced working in agriculture coupled with the spiritual growth he experienced working with his chaplain completely changed his life. “I started to talk with Chaplain Dave about my beliefs and the idea of, I could have been dead from a coin flip, but it came up heads. Either that’s a coincidence, or that’s someone leading me on my path.”

After isolating himself for so long from people, he learned the power and importance of community.



“That’s something I didn’t realize I needed—having support, not just here on the Farm, but outside the Farm. The first time I ever hugged a stranger in my life was my first time going to Faith Church here,” he said. “And I was very lucky with the dorm I was in, there were four of us and we made each other laugh and had some deeper conversations. Community was definitely a thing I developed here.”

Now Dan looks forward to getting back into the workforce, giving back to others at the Farm and implementing the tools and skills he has learned in

real life scenarios.

“Here on the Farm, I’m in a bubble, but once I’m out there working, no one is around to watch what I do,” he said. “It’s going to be exciting to be able to put all those tools and everything I’ve learned into practice and to continue to stay sober. It’s like an excitement to say no.”



Dan’s life could have been drastically different had that coin landed on tails that day. And yet, God had a plan and a purpose for his life beyond anything he could have ever imagined.

“When guys ask me how I am doing, I always tell them,

‘Living the dream,’ because it can be a whole lot worse than this,” he said. “Something I learned is that there’s going to be so much that’s out of your control, that at a certain point you have got to stop controlling it and just live. It’s not always going to be great, but if you keep pushing forwards, keep living your life, that’s all that matters.”

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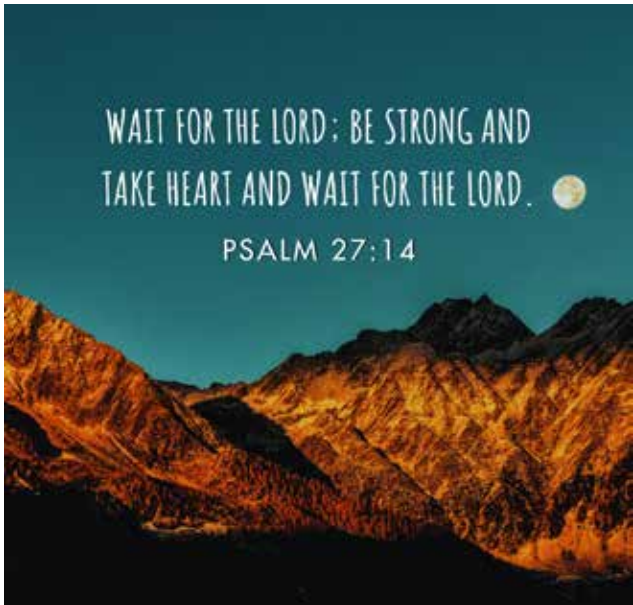
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Kirk Didn't Give Up on Young People, and Neither is Turning Point

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September 25, 2025



How does the future of Turning Point USA look after the assassination of its founder, Charlie Kirk? It looks very promising.

Before an assassin's bullet killed Kirk at Utah State University, Turning Point reported about 900 chapters on college and university campuses, and 1,200 high school chapters.

After his murder two weeks ago, Turning Point reported it has received 62,000 requests to start a TPUSA chapter or to join one that already exists.

Financial donations have also poured in, including a \$1 million pledge from Lynn Friess. She is the widow of Foster Friess, who was among Kirk's first major financial backers, and said the new donation is to help TPUSA "grow even stronger" with its rapid expansion.

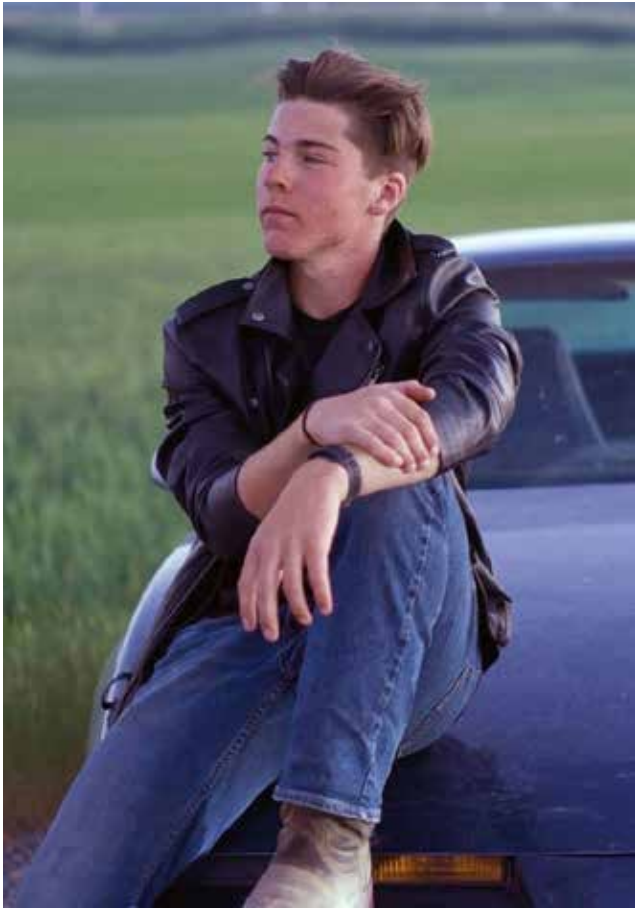


Kirk's widow, Erika, has been named CEO by Turning Point's board of directors. Her late husband's plan was for her to take his place in the event of his death, according to media reports.

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Obituary: Tristan McKnight

**November 1 2007-
September 20, 2025**
Idaho Falls, Idaho



Tristan Samuel McKnight, 17, of Idaho Falls, passed away September 20, 2025, at his home.

Tristan was born November 1, 2007, in American Fork, Utah, to Samuel Begin McKnight and Rebecca Lynn Olson McKnight. He grew up in Minnesota, Utah, Texas, and Idaho. His last school of attendance was Bonneville High School. He ran cross country, track and field, played the upright bass and base guitar in the orchestra and jazz band. He decided to finish high school early and achieved his GED at 16 years old. Tristan also worked full time as a technician for Fybercom.

Tristan was a devout Christian. In his free time, he enjoyed riding horses, working on his car, fishing, and playing airsoft with friends.

Tristan is survived by his parents, Samuel and Rebecca McKnight of Idaho Falls; siblings, Alexander James McKnight, Katherine Rebecca McKnight, Henry Thomas McKnight, Sara Elizabeth McKnight, all of Idaho Falls; grandfather, Thomas Harold McKnight; grandmother, Betty Patricia McKnight; grandfather, Michael Lynn Olson; and grandmother, Carol Evelyn Olson.

Tristan was preceded in death by his sister, Vivian Bluebell McKnight.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, October 3, 2025, at Christ Community Church, 5742 South 5th West, with Pastor Patrick Murphy officiating. The family will visit with friends Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home East Side, 963 S. Ammon Road, and Friday from 12-12:45 p.m. prior to services at the church. Burial will be in the Ucon Cemetery.

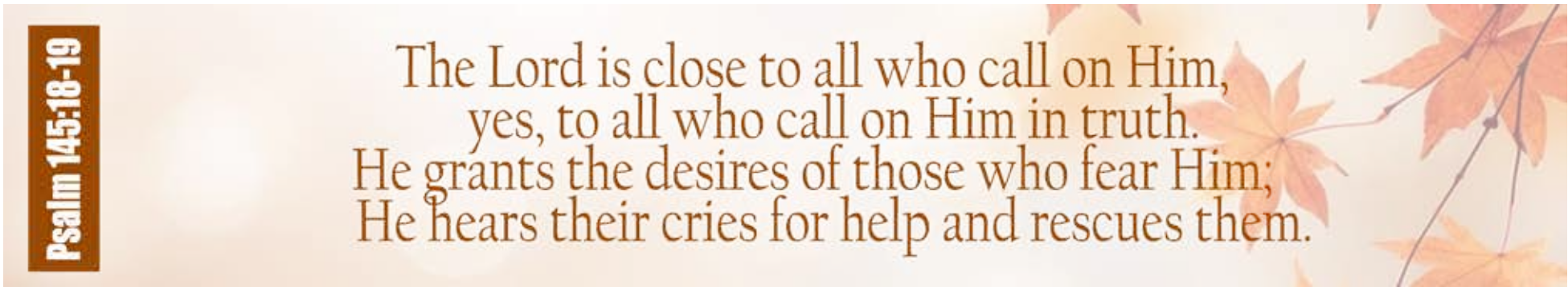
In honor of Tristan, please feel free to come dressed in your casual cowboy attire.

More Than a Thousand Flags of Isarel in Commemoration of the Victims of October 7

by Michelle Favela Iglesia Centro Evangelistico September 28, 2025



(IDAHO FALLS, Id)—This day we joined together to put more than a thousand flags of Isarel in commemoration of the victims of October 7. Thank you all and let's be in constant prayer.



Idaho Family Forum Night with Kirk Cameron

October 10, 2025



IDAHO FALLS, Idaho: Biblical truth is under attack in our culture, and Idaho Family Policy Center is fighting back by inviting Kirk Cameron to join us for a special IFPC Family Forum Night. He will be joining Blaine Conzatti and Kent DelHousaye to speak on how Christians can effectively engage in culture.

Important Details:

- Friday, October 10 - Doors open at 5:30pm, event begins promptly at 6:30pm.
- Located at Watersprings Church - 4250 S 25th E Idaho Falls ID 83404
- Tickets for this event are provided to the public for FREE as a ministry of Idaho Family Policy Center, but seating is limited and you must GET TICKETS to attend. Please invite friends and family, but remind them to get tickets too!
- Much of the content deals with mature topics from a biblical worldview. Childcare will not be available. Mature teenagers can attend if accompanied by their parents.
- Live book signing with Kirk Cameron will be available immediately following the event. Due to limited time, Kirk will only be signing limited copies of books purchased at the event -- please do not bring outside copies.

Kirk Cameron is known by millions as “Mike Seaver” from the 1980’s hit sit-com, “Growing

Pains.” Since then, he’s invested his time and energy into faith and family-focused films, television shows and live events, including "Fireproof" inspiring the best-selling book "The Love Dare", as well as the movies, "Left Behind" and "Monumental," "The Way of the Master" television series, and hundreds of live events focused on marriage, family and parenting.

Recently he produced his "American Campfire Revival" urging the family of faith to return to the principles that will bring blessing and protection to America. Kirk recently produced his newest film “Lifemark” with the Kendrick Brothers about the value of life in the womb and the beauty of adoption, and produced a documentary “The Homeschool Awakening” as well as hosts the weekly talk show "Takeaways." He and his wife, Chelsea, met on the set of “Growing Pains," have been married for 32 years, have six children, and host an all-expenses-paid summer camp for terminally ill children and their families called Camp Firefly.



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IFPC Legal Center is Officially Launched!

by Blaine Conzatti Boise, ID



September 12, 2025

HUGE announcement: We’ve finally launched the IFPC Legal Center!

Last year, I told you about our ambitious plans to launch the first state-based conservative Christian legal center in Idaho.

This is groundbreaking news for the legal movement here in the Gem State. As all of us know, our opposition doesn’t take days off from attacking our values—and this is especially true in our judicial system, where the progressive left has increasingly weaponized lawfare to target people like YOU for their beliefs.

To address this unmet need, we’ve commissioned IFPC Legal Center, a new initiative of Idaho Family Policy Center, to bring conservative Christian bona fides into the legal fight—delivering top-notch and state-specific legal expertise that Idahoans can’t find anywhere else:

Providing pro-bono legal representation to individuals, parents, and ministries whose constitutional rights have been violated

Offering patient advocacy to vulnerable patients and their families whose medical rights are under attack

Supplying model policies and legal assistance to school boards, city officials, and other elected officials

We’ll provide some exciting updates over the next few weeks—so stay tuned. But in the meantime, I’m excited to share the first of many additions to the IFPC Legal Center’s all-star team:

Kirk's Widow Says Late Husband Left "Blueprint" for Turning Point

by Chris Woodward Used by permission American Family News, <https://afn.net>

September 30, 2025



Pictured: Erika Kirk appears on her late husband's show to describe plans moving forward. Photo credit: Charlie Kirk Show/X

Looking ahead to the future, Charlie Kirk’s widow says her late husband is not done challenging today’s young people with hot-button topics such as faith, family, and politics.

Sitting in her late husband’s seat on "The Charlie Kirk Show," Erika Kirk said the Turning Point USA founder had shared a growth plan for Turning Point, one that looked beyond 2030, with key leaders. The organization has those “blueprints” for the future, she

said, which she compared to “march orders” going forward.

“We are just remaining humble and grateful to God, and remaining stewards to what God has blessed us with,” she said. “I know the Lord will continue to guide us.”



Kirk, 31, was shot and killed Sept. 10 during a Turning Point USA event at Utah State University. His widow was named president to Turning Point by its board of directors.

After the murder of its founder, Turning Point reported 62,000 requests have poured in to start a new

chapter or join one that already exists. Those numbers will greatly expand the organization that says it has about 900 chapters on college and university campuses, and 1,200 high chapters.

Erika Kirk also shared the organization has a lot of unused material no one has ever heard.

"We have Sunday specials lined up to the brim," she shared, “because my husband was so intentional about making sure that there was enough content."



Colorado Church Trying to Help Raise Up Pastors

By Karen L. Willoughby, posted July 28, 2025 in Churches and Ministry, Cooperating for the Gospel, Discipleship, Evangelism, Missions
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A group of men enjoy a conversation at Celebration Montrose in Montrose, Colorado

MONTROSE, Colo.(BP) – Celebration Church has burst into bloom on the state’s Western Slope. Like the church, stunningly beautiful mountain meadow blooms cast their seeds as far as the wind takes them.

“Brandon Mathis has done an amazing work since coming to Celebration Church in Montrose,” the state convention’s Executive Director Mike Proud told Baptist Press. “The church is outgrowing its facility and Brandon co-directs the Pastoral Institute in Montrose.”

Pastor Brandon Mathis preaches at Celebration Montrose Church in Montrose, Colorado.

Celebration church started The Pastoral Institute of the Western Slope – a separate 501c3 non-profit – as a pastoral trade school for those unable to go to seminary. This Institute started as a dream, but now, three years later, has graduated 13 men to vocational ministry. It will start its second two-year program in September, with another 19 already registered.

Celebration has grown by more than 350 attendees since Mathis was called as pastor. The church where more than 450 attend Sunday services has added two



associate pastors and has plans to break ground in January for a larger facility.

“The Lord did a thing,” Mathis told Baptist Press. “I came in and preached the Word as well as possible and loved the people. It’s been fun these last five years.”

Mathis previously served in support staff roles – collegiate, discipleship, missions, youth and occasional preacher – at Applewood Baptist Church in the Denver area when he was called to Celebration. In 2020, it was essentially a 13-year-old church plant that had grown to about 100 attending services but just one adult Sunday school class and no consistent local ministry.

“We were in the midst of Covid when I came, and Covid did something to churches,” Mathis said. “People got outside their routine, and [the pandemic] brought any unhealthiness in churches to the surface. People today are less inclined to put up with unhealthy churches. Covid caused people to look for something healthy. We saw that all across the country.”

Celebration Montrose also partners with several non-profits in the area, including a homeless shelter,

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Barrett Duke Retires as Montana Exec, Search Team Begins Work

by Diana Chandler, posted June 5, 2025 in SBC News
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BILLINGS, Mont. (BP) – Barrett Duke has retired as executive director of the Montana Southern Baptist Convention (MTSBC) after more than eight years in the post, having served since January 2017.

He has worked on a contract basis since May 15, he told Baptist Press, allowing a newly formed search committee to find a new leader.

“I believe I’ve accomplished most of what the Lord brought us here to do,” he said. “While COVID hindered us in many ways, we have made many strides forward.

“We surpassed our pre-COVID baptism levels, have three times more church planters in the state than when I came, sold our old, oversized, maintenance-heavy state office building, voted to move the state office to Helena, watched God bring a marvelous peace over our fellowship of churches, adopted Alberta, Canada, as our missions partner, and my wife has built up a wonderful ministry to our pastors’ wives. It has been fun. Now, it’s someone else’s turn.”



Greg Payton, lead pastor of The Rock Church in Laurel, leads the search committee charged with finding the next executive director. He worked closely with Duke as MTSBC president from 2021-2023.

“I deeply appreciate the impact he’s had on our convention. Under his

leadership, we’ve seen a significant strengthening of our financial position, allowing us to expand our Gospel reach and better support our churches,” Payton told Baptist Press. “Perhaps most of all, I admire his unwavering support for Montana pastors and his passion for evangelism.”

Payton commended Duke for cultivating unity among pastors and church leaders across the state, forging cohesion amid a diverse network of churches, and celebrating salvations and baptisms.

“His heart for the lost and his commitment to equipping churches to share the Gospel have left a lasting legacy,” Payton said.

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OPINION: Memorial Service That Moved Millions Also Confounded Many

by Billy Davis September 29, 2025

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Attendees sing and worship at Charlie Kirk's memorial service held September 21 at State Farm Stadium

There is a stark difference between the 95,000 people who celebrated Charlie Kirk’s life at State Farm Stadium and the people who happily celebrated his death.



Billy Davis is associate editor of AFN.net

If you haven’t watched the moving, beautiful worship music from Charlie Kirk’s memorial service, you need to go watch it online.

Well, read this article first. Then go sing and worship with the crowd, estimated at 95,000, who gathered after a horrific murder to sing loudly with joy on their faces and hands lifted high.

Here's an example of how the memorial service moved hearts and freed souls. It's an X post by Tim Allen, the actor/comedian. In something like a confession, he wrote he had never forgiven the man who killed his father. That happened back in 1964, when Tim was 11 years old, and a drunk driver took the life of Gerald Dick.

“I have struggled for over 60 years to forgive the man who killed my Dad,” he wrote on X.

What moved Tim Allen to admit that, and to share it, was Erika Kirk forgiving Tyler Robinson, the young man suspected of taking the life of her husband and

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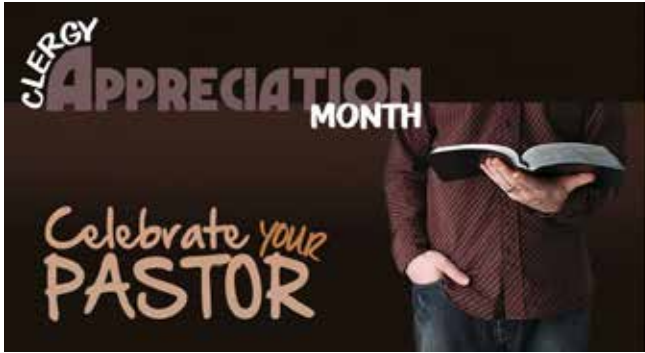
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October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Source: Focus on the Family



October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

With the shepherd doing so much to encourage the flock, wouldn't it be nice if the flock returned the favor? As teachers, counselors, comforters and the ones who unselfishly serve, your pastoral staff and their families could use an extra pat on the back. So go ahead and find your special way to say thanks. You'll be glad you did.

There is also a Spanish version of the planning guide for Spanish-speaking congregations and individuals. (También hay disponible una versión gratis de la guía de planificación para iglesias y personas de habla hispana.)

A Brief History of Clergy

Appreciation Month

We believe that the concept of clergy appreciation started with the Apostle Paul as he was establishing the first Christian churches. In 1 Timothy, he wrote, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17). And, in 1 Thessalonians, he said, "Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work" (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

Accordingly, over the centuries, decades and years, pastors have been recognized and honored, either formally or informally, by many denominations and local churches at various times of the year. It has been a long-standing practice.

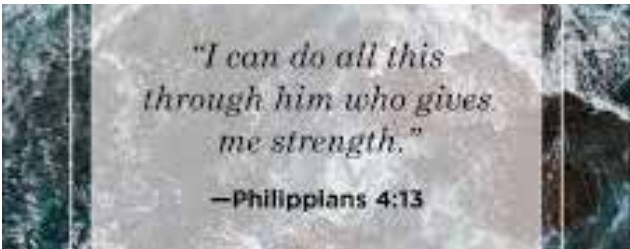
Focus on the Family named and began emphasizing Clergy Appreciation Month in 1994, reminding congregations that it was biblical and proper to honor their pastoral staffs and pastoral families throughout the year, but suggesting that they set aside the month of October for a special tangible tribute. For those churches that preferred a single weekend, we recommended the second weekend of the month. However, honoring a church's entire pastoral staff and their families can be done at any time — and, in fact, should become a normal part of a church's ongoing care of these special families throughout the entire year.

Our goal is that every pastor (including staff ministers) and his or her family would feel appreciated by those they serve. To assist congregations in this process, we have developed a planning guide (in both English and Spanish) intended to facilitate and publicize a CAM celebration. We also attempt to promote the concept ourselves each year through radio, newspapers, magazines and any other means at our disposal.



Over the years, we have been privileged to work in partnership with many publishers, bookstore chains, radio networks, news syndicates, musicians, denominations and other church groups, and have made many friends. Many of these fine organizations promote some form of clergy appreciation on their own. We think this is great! We feel that the fact that no one "owns" the idea of honoring pastors gives the campaign special inertia of its own — or from God.

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Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

The good news is that we can make a difference! Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need.

Don't your pastors and their families deserve this kind of recognition? Do something about it today!

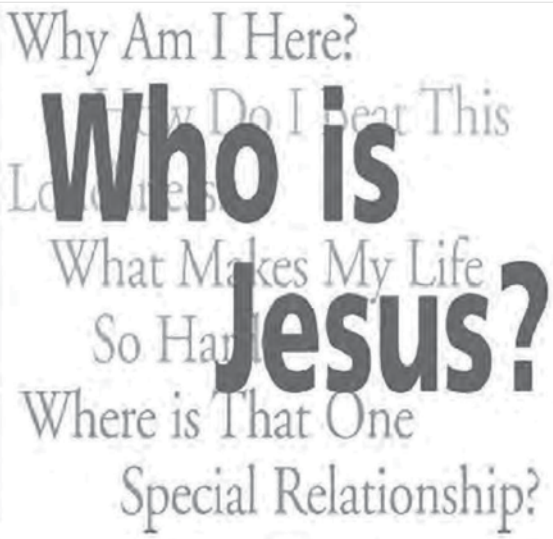
Help your pastors and their families feel appreciated

1. Figure out what you can do personally to recognize and honor these leaders. A simple card, an invitation to lunch, a promise to pray for them or an offer to babysit, wash a car or mow a lawn make wonderful statements.
2. Share the concept of CAM with others in your congregation and challenge them to join you in some kind of formal planning. You might consider a special service of affirmation, a potluck event or planting a tree in their honor. The sky is the limit!

Guide to Clergy Appreciation Month



Our Clergy Appreciation Month Planning Guide is available online with complete step-by-step instructions and pages of exciting celebration suggestions. It also includes long-term ideas for the proper care of your pastors and their families. This complimentary guide can be reviewed, downloaded or printed immediately.



JESUS is GOD the SON (CREATOR of the Universe and all Life!)

Hebrews 1:2-3 NIV
2 ...in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.
3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.
Hebrews 3:3-4 NIV
3. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.
4. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

THE SAVIOR (GOD in human form) born of the Virgin Mary

Matthew 1:23 NIV
"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us."
Isaiah 9:6 NIV
"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
John 8:23-24 NIV
23. But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."
John 14:6 NIV
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

No other person can save you or give you hope and eternal life.

How to know JESUS as your personal Savior:

If you would like to know JESUS as your personal Savior from sin, pray the following prayer followed by studying The Holy Bible and get involved with a local Christian church.

Pray this sincere prayer, meaning it with all your heart, and God will give you eternal life, right now!

"Dear Lord, I am a sinful person who needs You. I turn from my sins and surrender my heart and life to You, right now. Save me dear God and make me Your child. thank You for coming to Bethlehem, and for dying for me to pay for my sins. Help me to live for You all the rest of my life." Amen.

If you have accepted JESUS as your personal SAVIOR from sin, obey Him and get involved with a good Bible-believing church, study the Bible daily, seek Him with all your heart daily, and share The Gospel with all those around you. We must be doers of the word, not hearers only.

For more info on sharing your Christian faith, visit the website: www.wayofthemaster.com.

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Bau, Artist at War, A Cinematic Triumph of Love and Resilience

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electrifying, sparking Oscar speculation for both. Hirsch, known for *Into the Wild*, portrays Joseph with quiet charisma, using humor and art to defy the camps' dehumanization. Their love story, from stolen glances to their secret wedding, is profoundly moving, offering hope amid despair. The wedding scene, a pivotal moment, showcases their intimacy and resilience, leaving audiences in tears. Critics have praised their dynamic, predicting nominations for Best Actress, Best Actor, and potentially Best Picture due to the film's emotional impact and critical acclaim.

Festival Success and Cinematic Craft

Bau, Artist at War has triumphed on the festival circuit, winning awards at eight festivals, including seven for Best Feature Film. Mc Namara's direction is restrained yet evocative, allowing the story to unfold authentically. Shawn Seifert's cinematography captures the stark contrast between the camps' bleakness and Joseph's vibrant inner world, while the production design meticulously recreates historical settings. The original song, "However Long Forever Is," performed by Ryn Kid, enhances the film's emotional resonance. Released for Yom HaShoah on April 24, 2025, its haunting melody and poignant lyrics, written by Kid, Andrew Furze, and John Coda, make it a strong contender for Best Original Song.

A Strong Ensemble and Lasting Impact

The supporting cast, including Yan Tual as Franz Gruen, Adam Tsekman as Itzhak Stern, and Edward Foy as Oskar Schindler, enriches the narrative. Their performances create a vivid tapestry of lives caught in the Holocaust's grip, adding depth to the film's historical context. Beyond its cinematic achievements, *Bau, Artist at War* underscores the importance of preserving survivors' stories, aligning

with the Joseph Bau Museum's mission to educate about the Holocaust. As Mc Namara noted, "Joseph Bau's story reminds us that love and courage can overcome darkness." With Holocaust survivors dwindling, the film's message of remembrance and resilience is profoundly urgent.

Critical Acclaim and Oscar Potential

Early reviews have been overwhelmingly positive, with Dr. Laura Wilhelm calling it a "powerful historical drama" alongside *Schindler's List* and *The Zone of Interest*. Its strong IMDb rating reflects broad audience appeal, with critics praising its blend of drama, romance, and espionage. Film Affinity noted its unique position as a "war drama/love story/espionage tale." Lavi and Hirsch's performances, combined with the film's technical merits—cinematography, score, and production design—position it as a strong contender for multiple Oscar nominations, including Best Picture.

A Must-See Cinematic Experience

Bau, Artist at War is a triumph of storytelling, anchored by Inbar Lavi's extraordinary performance and her undeniable chemistry with Emile Hirsch. My encounter with the Bau family at their Tel Aviv museum deepened my commitment to this project, and Mc Namara's direction honors Joseph's legacy while offering a fresh perspective on the Holocaust. With festival accolades, critical praise, and awards buzz, this film is a must-see for audiences seeking an inspiring cinematic experience. It reminds us of love's enduring

power, the resilience of the human spirit, and the vital importance of never forgetting the past.

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Conservative Law Firm Excited Over Counselor-Censoring Case to be Heard by Supreme Court

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provide, and yet just because Colorado disagrees with that counseling, it has censored it," Barnett says.

By taking this case, Barnett thinks the Supreme Court wants to "correct that error" and rule in Kaley's favor.

"The Supreme Court has been clear that the First Amendment applies and that it applies to professionals, and just because someone has a professional license, it does not mean that they check their free speech rights at the door," states Barnett. "I think the fact that they have taken this case up is a strong signal that they are going to affirm that protection also includes counselors like Kaley Chiles."



Barnett, Cody (ADF)

A decision would most likely come by June 2026 since the case will not be argued until the next term begins this October.

According to Barnett, there

are 20 other states and 100 smaller jurisdictions who have similar laws in place.

"So, this case has the potential to impact all of those and to free up counselors across the country. It allows them to be able to freely speak to the clients and allow clients to freely pursue the goals that they want with their counselor without having the state sit in the counseling room, metaphorically. This way the state can't direct them on what type of counseling is okay, what views are okay, or what type of identifies they should prioritize," Barnett explains.

Based on that, Barnett called this case "critical" for counselors, parents, and children across the country, not to mention any professional.

"If Colorado can censor what a counselor says, then any state can censor anything a professional does by just calling it conduct, which is what Colorado has done in this case," says Barnett. "So, this has implications that ripple far beyond Colorado and even beyond the counseling room itself."

U.S. Nixes U.N. Security Council Vote - a Biblical Warning on Recognizing a Palestinian State!

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illegal occupier of their land.

The foundational problem explored, the history of the Hebrew [Jewish] faith versus Islam

The birth of Abram [Abraham] 1800-2166 B.C. and the birth of Mohammad c. 570 A.D.

GOD's Covenant with Abram [Abraham] and his descendants

GOD defines Abram [Abraham's] descendants in The Holy Bible Jewish scripture Genesis 15: 13-14 as those held captive in bondage in Egypt for 400 years but set free to possess the land known today as Israel.

Abram's half son with slave woman Hagar was Ishmael. Ishmael is described in Genesis 16:11-12 as "a wild donkey of a man, and his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; he will live [East of the promised land] in hostility toward all his brothers."

Muslims identify with Ishmael as the recipient of GOD's covenant with Abram and reject the following Jewish scripture Genesis 17:21 wherein GOD chooses Isaac for his Covenant to extend to "But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year."

Furthermore, it is of crucial import to know that Abram's son Isaac refused to bestow the Covenant upon Esau his first born. Esau despised his birthright and sold his birthright in exchange for a meal from his brother Jacob (Genesis 25: 33-34) who is later on renamed Israel in Genesis 32:28 "Your name shall no



Map above of the ancient homeland of Israel that includes Judea, Samaria and Jordan Valley (found in the Jewish Torah book of Deuteronomy 1: 7-8) from 'Biblical Boundaries of the Land of Israel': <https://theisraelbible.com/biblical-boundaries-land-israel/>

longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have contended with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Very revealing that Esau met with his Uncle Ishmael when he was denied a Covenant by Isaac as recorded in Genesis 28:9 "and Esau went to Ishmael, and married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth."

Sad to say that the battle rages on with the Muslim nations' hatred of the Jews and Israel and those that support the Jews and Israel.

In conclusion, "And I will bless those who bless you [Abraham], And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you [your descendants Israel] all the families of the earth will be blessed." Genesis 12:3.

Churches Have a Role in Showing Hope After Idaho Shooting

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lure firefighters in, then climbed a tree with a shotgun. Law enforcement exchanged gunfire with him before finding the 20-year-old dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound later in the evening. The fire was eventually brought under control.

The Scotts have two sons. One lives out of the house and was at work while the younger one, 17 years old, was at home.

Jeremy Scott is part of a group of pastors who meet monthly. Their role will be crucial, he said, in helping the community recover in the coming weeks.

Seen as a sanctuary

"I'm not sure people have really begun to express how they're struggling," said Scott, whose M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary included a concentration in Biblical Counseling. "I've reached out to other pastor friends to let them know I'm praying for them. I know many of us will be speaking on the tragedy this Sunday from the pulpit and many will be counseling their people, as I'm going to be. But, we have yet to see the long-term impact."

Scott was 4 years old when his family moved to the area in 1979 from California. He is in his eighth year as pastor of Freedom Fellowship.

"There is a strong commitment to the family here," he said. "I'm encouraged by the pastors I meet with each month. That's across denominations, but we come together for fellowship and to pray for each other. There's just something unique about it, just like northern Idaho and how people around here see it as a sanctuary."

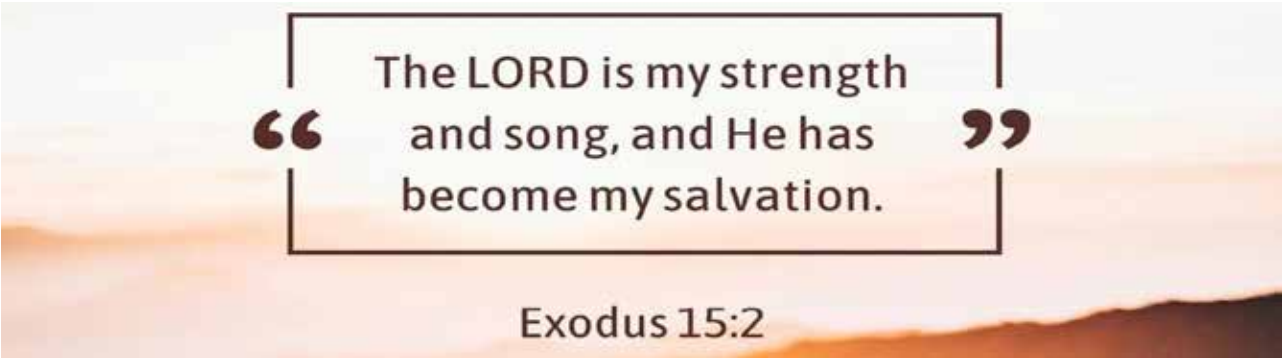
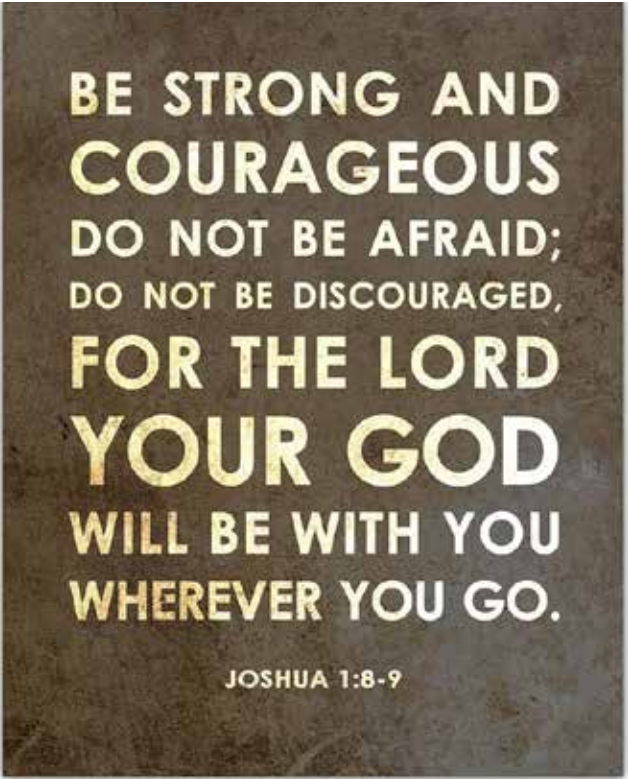
Availability will be an important role for pastors and churches as the community continues to heal, he added. Freedom Fellowship has opened its doors for those wanting counseling.

"We have to be equipped and ready, as 1 Peter 3:15 tells us, to give a defense for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ," Scott said. "I can't tell you why [the shooter] did what he did. But I can tell you that this is one more story of the greater story, which is the fall of man and the wages of eternal death for sin."

"But we can also say there is peace and hope in Christ. He's in control. He's the one who gives real hope that cannot be taken away, even in the face of suffering. We are called, as the Church, to bring the reminder that even in death, hope cannot be taken away."

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Theology Seminar on Conversion Brings People from Around Utah

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“We must respond and become Christians. And the way we do that is to repent and believe.”

When people turn believing into a personal decision, it is nothing more than a religious lifestyle choice, Lawrence continued. True repentance comes from God piercing our hearts with an awareness of the result of our sin: Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross.

“When we separate repentance from conversion, it’s like we’re giving people a vaccine against the Gospel,” Lawrence said.

“What does this sort of person look like? Someone who wants to go to heaven but has no time for Christians or the local church here on earth. Someone who likes Jesus, but didn’t sign up for the rest: obedience, holiness, discipleship, self-sacrifice.”

A regenerate heart has belief that shows itself in a changed life, Lawrence said, referring to James 2:14-17.

“A faith without works, a faith without a changed life, is a dead faith, no faith at all,” he said. “Decisions can be harvested, manipulated, easily collected, insincerely made. But not disciples.”

Lawrence spoke on 1 Peter 2:9-12 for the evening’s final session, reminding his listeners that God regenerates people so they may declare His praises.

To borrow an illustration from Jonathan Edwards, the speaker said, if salvation is honey, God doesn’t want people who know that honey is sweet. God wants people who have tasted the sweetness.

If our churches aren’t filled with believers, then God is robbed of the praise He desires and deserves, Lawrence said.

“The presence of sin remains, and we are the walking wounded,” he said. “We need each other’s help, which means we need churches filled with people who are in the battle with us.”

Notice verse 12, Lawrence continued. Peter doesn’t want us to battle against sin and live godly lives just for our own sake. He wants us to do so for the world.

“But how will the world see us and believe God if when they look at us we look just like them? If the world looks at the church and just sees a religious version of itself, they can have no confidence that there is a God who can give them hope for something different. ...

“Our genuinely converted lives, our authentically Christian community, our dependence upon grace rather than technique, we are God’s apologetic to unbelief.”

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Lax Security Leaves Young Boys Especially Vulnerable in Many Online Platforms, Brownlee Says

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Posts of that nature have a much higher rate of engagement.

“It’s something that just leads you down this really destructive rabbit hole of only seeing one side or constantly fighting with people that you are friends with,” Brownlee said.

As a result, users find themselves in conversations they would not have face-to-face with people, Brownlee said.

“It’s just so much easier for adults, children and teens alike, to be sitting behind a computer and typing words without any ramifications or looking someone in the eye and having empathy for the human that’s on the other side of those comments.”

As far as online gaming, she said it is just as dangerous. Child predators and more are known to exploit the lack of security on some online platforms.

Going after young boys



Emily Brownlee

American boys are targeted, she said. Many of them are taken in quickly by adult professionals.

“These are extremely addictive platforms. They have child psychologists that work for these companies, and so they know exactly what triggers a boy to want to stay on longer and longer. They’ve tapped into evolution of the brain and what boys go after, especially the men, who have evolved to protect and to make sure that we thrive. There’s a lot of violence.”

Brownlee noted how certain situations or companies such as Discord, allow you to go online and play these games with hundreds of other people in a chatroom.

In doing so, young boys “have access to older men who are obviously sitting down probably in a parent’s basement, also gaming, and you can get into a very dangerous situation. That’s where most young boys find pornography for the first time. They’re not searching for it, but it comes to find them in these online gaming platforms.”

My Latest White House and Israel Interviews

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Photo above (IMCNews)

Israel Deputy Foreign Minister Sharen Haskel joins me from Israel September 21, 2025 via Zoom video. She discusses the latest developments and implications for Israel regarding Qatar, U.N. nations pressuring Israel to accept a Palestinian state, Gaza and the Hamas affiliated U.N. organization UNRWA.

In addition, Deputy Foreign Minister Haskel expresses her and Israel’s condolences regarding the recent loss of Charlie Kirk and her and Israel’s gratitude for Charlie Kirk and his wonderful support of Israel. To watch this video, click on the following YouTube link:

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Charlie's Mission Didn't Die. It Just Got LOUDER.

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I want you to watch. I want you to hear what Charlie meant to me. And I want you to hear what comes next:

<https://x.com/i/broadcasts/1dRKZaolLAvxB>



Charlie gave everything for this country. And I will never stop speaking his name.

We will not let the light he lit go out. Not now. Not ever.

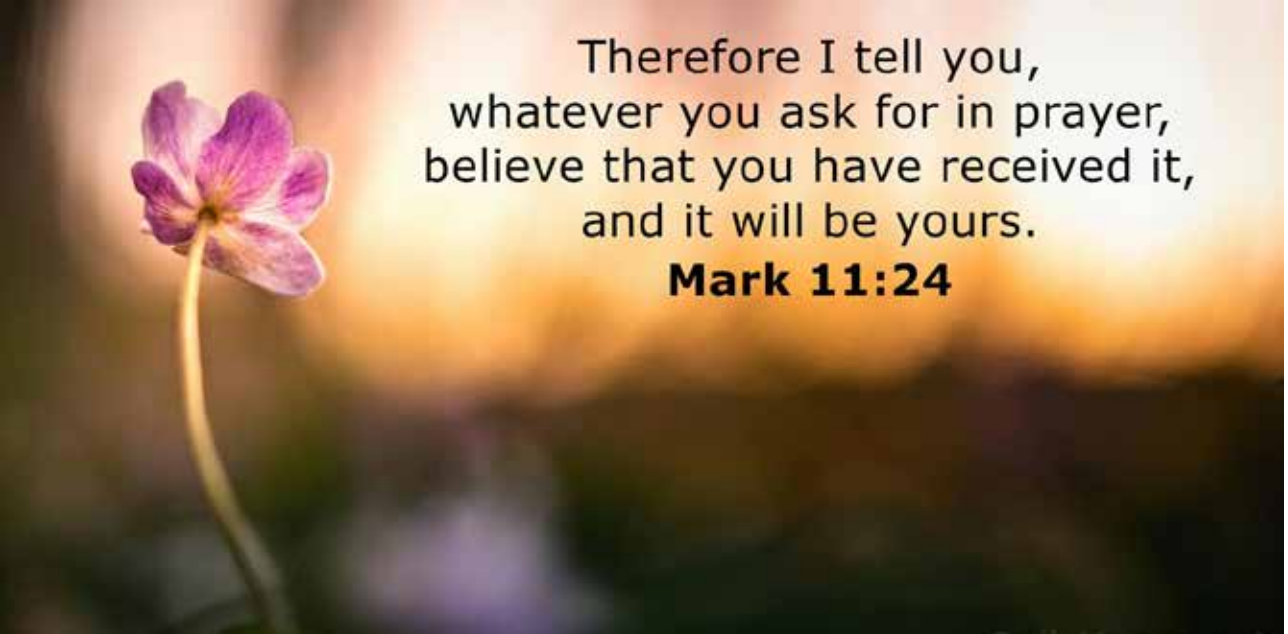
For Charlie,

Erika Kirk
On behalf of the Turning Point USA Family

P.S. Charlie always said: “Never surrender.” He built something bigger than himself — and now we must carry it forward.

If you believe in what he stood for... if you refuse to let Charlie’s vision die...

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Conservative Advocate Charlie Kirk Killed by Gunman at a Utah Campus Rally

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SBC Executive Committee President Jeff Iorg said, “Our hearts break for Charlie Kirk’s family and friends. We decry senseless violence like this that tears at the fabric of our nation and undermines the freedoms he stood for. May God give us peace in the midst of tragedy.”

Turning Point USA’s website says the group works to “Educate students about the importance of freedom, free markets, and limited government.”

TPUSA also works with many Christian churches through their TPUSA Faith initiative to help with “empowering Christians to put their faith into action.”

Several former SBC presidents also took to social media immediately following the news of the shooting.

“Praying for Charlie and for an end to this kind of wickedness. This is not democracy but savagery,” posted J.D. Greear.

Ronnie Floyd posted, “Pray for Charlie Kirk!”

Dallas pastor Jack Graham called him a “friend and a brother” earlier in the afternoon, later calling him a martyr upon the news of his death and posted, “His voice and witness of Truth will not be silenced but will rather inspire courage in a generation of young men and women who will continue to boldly proclaim the message of Life and Hope. Jesus is Lord”

Bart Barber called on people to pray for Kirk’s family and posted, “People are not political avatars; they are creations of God, made in His image. Murder is not merely the deprivation of someone’s God-given right to life; it is an offense directly against God Himself.”

U.S. Speaker of the House and former Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission trustee Mike Johnson (R-LA) quickly called on people to “Please join us in praying for our good friend, Charlie Kirk.”

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InterMountain Christian News Publisher Response

Here is my tribute to Charlie Kirk (1993-2025) on YouTube. “I miss you Charlie and grieve over your loss and I’m praying comfort, rest, encouragement, protection and all other provision for your wife and children as well as for your entire family and the Turning Point USA staff and supporters. I pray for swift justice for the Terrorist and Assassin who unjustifiably took your life. Despite all the hateful rhetoric from the left, I applaud the Turning Point USA family’s commitment to sharing TRUTH in Love.”

I met and talked with Charlie briefly at a Religious Broadcasters Event and asked for an interview with him but was never able to get one. I listened to him share his passion for sharing truth on the college campuses and I shared my Christian experience as a reporter at the White House asking questions on behalf of Christians including Israel issues.

While watching a recent news report of FOX News reporter Harris Faulkner, I learned that Charlie Kirk and she were attending the historic U.S. Embassy opening in Jerusalem that I was attending. To watch my tribute to Charlie Kirk, click on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/MMvMtJ4FV-o>



Photo above of President Trump embracing Charlie Kirk’s wife Erika at Charlie’s Memorial held at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona Sunday September 21, 2025 (Screen shot FOX 4 Dallas Fort Worth Television)

Watch "LIVE: Charlie Kirk Funeral" on YouTube at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/RgFxT7mm4pE>



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Kirk Didn't Give Up on Young People, and Neither is Turning Point

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Talking about the vision of TPUSA, Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) told Fox News that Charlie Kirk's goal was to reach a younger generation of Americans. Their concerns and beliefs have been ignored by Washington, the GOP lawmaker said, but they didn't go ignored by Kirk.

"With a clear perspective, talking about Christian values, talking about family, traditional values, talking about truths in politics," Mullin said. "And giving the opposite viewpoints an open mic to openly debate, in a safe and respectful environment, is what Charlie wanted to do."

Kirk's appearance on the Utah campus was meant to be his first campus appearance on "The American Comeback" tour. That fall tour called for Kirk to engage with and debate students on twelve campuses in all, taking him from Utah and Montana to Mississippi and Alabama.

Despite his assassination, or perhaps because of it, the campus tour is moving forward with prominent guests including Vivek Ramaswamy, Glenn Beck, Allie Beth Stuckey, and Megyn Kelly.

The dates for that campus tour, renamed "The Turning Point Tour," can be found here: <https://theturningpointtour.com/>



The speaker line-up includes Republican lawmakers, too, such as Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin. He spoke (pictured at right) Wednesday night at Virginia Tech alongside Megyn Kelly, the former Fox News host.

"The truth is," Youngkin told a packed auditorium, "that the question that has been asked over and over again is, 'Who will be the next Charlie?' And as I look out in this room and I see thousands of you, I want to repeat the best answer that I have heard: You will be the next Charlie, all of you."



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Colorado Church Trying to Help Raise Up Pastors

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women's residence, teen support, food pantry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and more.

They have plans to go to Romania and an Apache reservation in Arizona this December on short-term missions. "We need our people going on missions," Mathis said. "Without missions it all crumbles. We are training people to know [God] and to go."

Celebration also has a commitment to give 10 percent of undesignated income to support missions through the Cooperative Program, and another 10 percent to help support its association and local missions.

"In the same way the church asks others to tithe, the church needs to tithe for the greater needs of others," Mathis said, citing the church's founder, Larry Walker, with instilling that commitment on the church family. "We've done that since our inception."

"The Cooperative Program is something we believe in for the Great Commission being accomplished," Mathis continued. "Plus, our state does a ton to support pastors and churches. We received support to start Celebration and we want other churches to get that same support."

Within three months of taking the helm, Mathis started "Discipleship 1," a class that includes core



Kids celebrate during Vacation Bible School at Celebration Montrose Church in Montrose, Colorado.

doctrines and Christian foundations. Several graduates of that first discipleship class were called to be small group leaders.

"We started with 3 small groups, but when seven-eighths of the congregation signed up, 125 people, it was clear we had underestimated the desire," Mathis said. "Everybody coming out of Covid was starved for relationships ... within two months we had expanded to eight small groups."

The church now offers 24 different small groups. "When we do discipleship we want people to grow in their understanding of the Bible and the knowledge of God," Mathis continued. "We don't want them to just have head knowledge but to grow in obedience, and part of that is sharing their faith."

Mathis introduced the idea of a Pastoral Institute in 2022 when he looked about and saw the need on the Western Slope.

"A third of churches on the Western Slope had no pastor, and some of them had already closed their doors," Mathis said. "A lot of these churches were in communities where if that church died, there'd be no Jesus presence in 100 miles."

Men are trained from a Baptist perspective with four key areas: theology, preaching, pastoral care, and leadership.

"We believe if they do those four things well they'll be effective as pastors," Mathis said.

"Our hope is that Celebration is a lighthouse for other churches on the Western Slope," Mathis said. "Theres no good reason we as Baptists shouldn't be celebrating. He's doing something none of us predicted!"

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Barrett Duke Retires as Montana Exec, Search Team Begins Work

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Duke said he found excitement in serving Montana Baptists, but he said the state is growing rapidly and is largely unreached by the Gospel.

"Everything feels new here. Montana Southern Baptists are still building their future. The risk is real, and that's exciting to me," he said. "My hope and prayer for the MTSBC is that it will never settle in, that it will always seek new ways to reach lost people and make disciples until the state is won to Jesus or Jesus comes back."

Southern Baptists represent less than 1 percent of the population there, Payton said, with 119 churches. He sees in the next leader someone who is biblically grounded, missionally driven and relationally gifted.

"Montana offers a rare and meaningful opportunity for a leader who is passionate about the Gospel and ready to embrace both the challenges and the beauty of frontier ministry. The spiritual need here is profound," he said. Leading Montana Baptists "means stepping into a role where you can make a real and lasting impact. You'll work alongside faithful pastors - many of whom serve in isolated, rural communities - who are eager for encouragement, vision and support."

Joining Payton on the search committee are Randall Jackson, MTSBC president, pastor of Choteau Baptist Church, Choteau; Curtis Crow, MTSBC vice president, lead pastor of The Bridge Church, Belgrade; Darren Banek, director of operations, Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell; Jeff Cahill, pastor, Valley Community Church, Miles City; J.T. Coughlin, pastor, Set Free Church, Great Falls;

Caleb Groteluschen, lead pastor, Capstone Church, Helena; Mark Hasenyager, pastor, Explore Church, Missoula; Zane Officer, pastor, Libby Baptist Church, Libby; and Jim Taber, lead pastor, Gracepoint Church, Billings.

Duke, now 70, will return to his Maryland home to be near his extended family, he told Baptist Press, and near a familiar work history that included public policy with the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission in Washington.

"I don't know what the Lord has for me next. I still know most of the conservative leadership in public policy work in D.C., on and off the Hill," he said. "Perhaps I can be helpful there. Maybe there's a church that needs a pastor. I know I can't just sit on the porch and watch the sun rise and set every day."

The search committee will begin accepting applications June 9, with details available at mtsbc.org.

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OPINION: Memorial Service That Moved Millions Also Confounded Many

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the father of their children. "That man...that young man...I forgive him," she said from the stage.



"I forgive the man who killed my father," Tim Allen wrote, finally freeing himself from six decades of hate and anger that hid behind silly jokes and one-liners.

Tim Allen's X post, which has surpassed 12 million views, is full of replies that are just as wonderful and uplifting as his soul-freeing confession. You should go read those, too.

From worship music praising Jesus to a widow forgiving her husband's killer, imagine the confusion among the modern-day Democratic Party. At the DNC headquarters, it was probably like Jane Goodall studying those Tanzanian chimps.

"Why do they look so...happy?"

"Why haven't they set anything on fire yet?"

"Quick, ask ChatGPT how you run out of a grave. We might need to know that for the midterms."

There is a stark difference between the 95,000 people who celebrated Charlie Kirk's life at State Farm Stadium and the people who happily celebrated his death. The difference is hope or, to be more exact, where your hope lies.

"If you need hope, if you need joy, if you need life," musician Brandon Lake told the crowd, "He's a God of resurrection power."

Charlie's ultimate hope was in Jesus, not the Republican Party he passionately supported. Compare that belief system to today's Democratic Party, where government is their god. According to their belief system, this god should be worshipped in the spirit of taxing the rich and in the truth of whatever MSNBC says that is in accord with today's talking points from the Democratic National Committee.

That is why, when the Department of Education is shuttered, and climate change grants are cancelled, Democrats believe America's children will lose the ability to read and, worse, the oceans will rise and drown us all in 10 years or, if we're lucky, 20 years.

Thus saith the government-paid climate scientists, with their strangely inaccurate models, and the Chicago teachers' union impacting kids and also praising a cop-murdering Communist revolutionary.

It's all a scam. It's like a political pyramid scheme built on money and power. The true believers at the

bottom are vandalizing a camera-loaded Tesla, and killing the Turning Point founder, while their temple prophets on Capitol Hill are getting rich on evil Wall Street and going to Christmas parties with those Republicans who are supposed to be Nazis.

This misunderstanding over hope and heroes is important. It's why Democrats think half the country worships President Trump, like he can do no wrong, because they make Dr. Fauci candles and cupcakes and brag about it. Compare this to our side, which sees government as something necessary but not pleasant, somewhere between a root canal and a colonoscopy.



President Trump is just a man like us, a man with a sin nature he expresses with ease sometimes. He is sometimes wise and sometimes foolish, like telling the memorial service our nation is in shock and grieving, and also tariffs are gonna make us all rich.

Think about how that hit them at the DNC. They probably looked up how tariffs are polling among independents, but there is no poll about redemption and a new life. Somebody at the DNC probably had to call their second cousin, the Baptist deacon, to ask what "resurrection power" means. Their smartest strategists were thinking of fund-raising goals, and poll numbers, when a weeping widow stunned everyone with forgiveness. That can't be real. What is she really up to?

It's much like the baffled demons in "The Screwtape Letters." In one of the letters, the high-ranking demon Screwtape describes how Hell itself is confounded by God's plans. "We are still trying to understand what He is about, yet everything He does advances His purpose, often through the very means we design for evil," Screwtape writes.

Tim Allen, his soul now free, knows what God is all about. So do many of us, who see His hand at work, almost three weeks after he called Charlie home.

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Sen. Cruz Argues with CNN Host Over Motive of Charlie Kirk's Shooter

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he was a conservative – fired the gun in celebration. As they continued to argue, Cruz basically called Collins a liar.

Cruz: That is objectively false.

Collins: They do not have a concrete motive.

Cruz: What you are saying is objectively false, and CNN should not be engaged in misinformation.

The New York Times published an article regarding the evidence against the alleged shooter Tyler Robinson. The contents of the engraving on the bullets, the recognition from his family, the text messages with his transitioning boyfriend, and a note left under a keyboard admitting his intent all point to Robinson's hand in the assassination.

Although being raised in a Republican family, it is reported that his political views turned to the left, especially with gay and transgender rights. Utah prosecutors said that Kirk was targeted for his political expression.

Tim Graham of Media Research Center says that, whenever Cruz appears on CNN, the host is almost required to get angry.

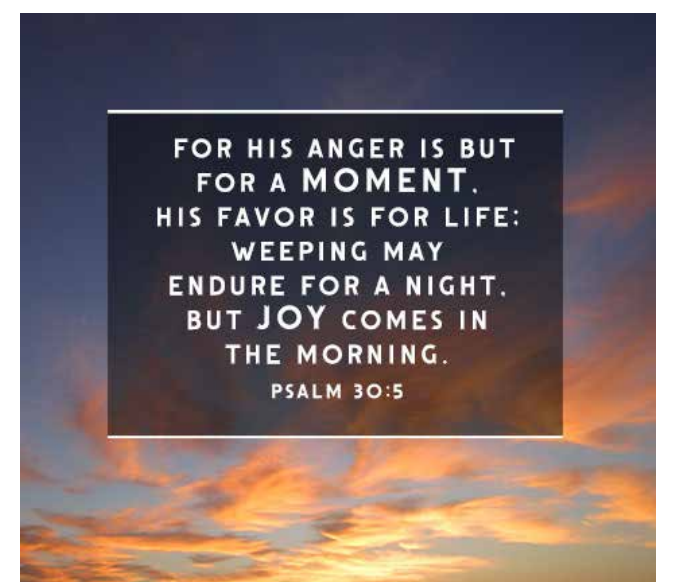


Tim Graham

"When you have Ted Cruz going up against Caitlin Collins, you also have a massive difference in intellect. So, the only way you can actually try to win the conversation is by talking loudly," states Graham.

Graham says it's foolish for the left to try to paint Robinson as some conservative, and the longer they try, the more stupid they look.

"When the family and the law enforcement people tell you what he is, and you can see from his texts and his bullet casing remarks, you can tell he is not a conservative. He is not a supporter of Trump, which what you would already know because he shot Charlie Kirk," says Graham.



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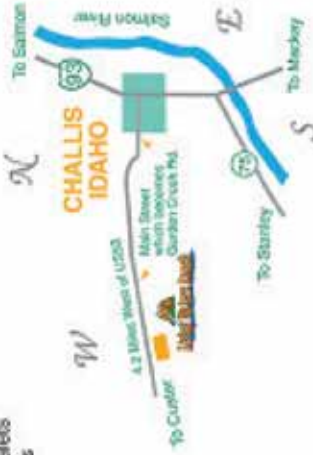
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