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Man raised from the dead

Pastor David Platt shared the story with the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in Nashville

by **MARK ELLISPLATT**
Godreports

In a remote Southeast Asian village, a leader's death and apparent resurrection from the dead fueled revival among a previously unreached group.

Pastor David Platt shared the story with the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee Sept. 19 in Nashville, according to Baptist Press. Platt currently serves as president of the Southern Baptist's mission board. The report came to Platt from an IMB missionary.

A Southeast Asian believer trained by Southern Baptist missionaries took some friends with him and began sharing the Gospel in a village "that was totally unreached with the Gospel until they got there."

The villagers responded attentively, began to study the Bible like the noble Bereans, and many in the village believed.

As they came to Christ, a number brought idols, necklaces and amulets connected with pagan worship to the center of the village to be burned, Platt recounted.

But in a strange reversal one day, some began taking back their occult-linked objects.

It seems the village leader had died and a few superstitiously believed his death was caused by evil spirits upset about the destruction of the sacred objects.

Discouraged by the sudden turnaround, the Christians went to express their condolences at a house where the village leader's body lay in repose.

Standing over the fallen leader, they began praying "that God would show His mercy to the people in the village, that God would show His glory and His love to that people who were so close," Platt told Baptist Press.

Then something astonishing happened. As they were praying over the man, all of a sudden the man coughed!

Everybody in the house got really still. Then the man coughed again. People rushed to the man's side as he started breathing once more.

People started helping him up. Everyone looked at the Christians in amazement, wondering, "What in the world happened?"

"They decided this was as good a time as any to share the Gospel," Platt said. "So they shared the Gospel, and in the days to come, people started coming to faith in Christ and that village starting burning their idols."

Platt acknowledged he doesn't



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have medical evidence from the remote location to verify the resurrection, but said: "I do know at villages like this, they know how to recognize death."

Jokingly, Platt said if he wasn't dead, God chose an opportune moment for the man

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CHURCH

The methodical demise of a denomination

by **BILL BUMPAS**
OneNewsNow.com

The first openly lesbian bishop has begun serving within the United Methodist Church, where a longtime UMC clergyman says feelings are trumping scripture.

In September, the Rev. Karen Oliveto started serving as bishop over the Mountain Sky region, which includes Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah and parts of Idaho. She was elected to the post in July.

Ray Rooney, who has 30-plus years of experience as a UMC pastor, says UMC leaders reversed thousands of years of biblical teaching when they appointed Oliveto a bishop.

UMC Book of Discipline

620x300" This is circumventing the will of the General Conference through a backdoor approach," complains Rooney, who is digital media editor for the Mississippi-based ministry, American Family Association.

Methodism began in the 18th century when John Wesley, after a conversion experience, tried unsuccessfully to reform the Church of England.

The term "Methodist" was used to mock John Wesley and other students at Oxford, and their methodical approach to studying the Bible, visiting prisoners, and attending communion.

The United Methodist Church was created in (See **DEMISE** on page 8)

GOVERNMENT

U.S. Dept. of Housing Expands Rules to Require Admittance of Men in Women's Homeless Shelters

by **HEATHER CLARK**
Christian News

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a new rule on Tuesday that requires federally-funded women's homeless shelters to admit and accommodate men who identify as women—and vice versa.

"Today, we take another important step to ensure full acceptance of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in the programs HUD supports," HUD Secretary Julián Castro said in a statement. "This new rule will ensure equal access to the very programs that help to prevent homelessness for persons who are

routinely forced to choose between being placed in facilities against their gender identity or living on our streets."

The rule now requires shelters that receive federal funds to establish policies that will ensure that those who identify as the opposite gender will have "equal access" to the facilities.

It additionally mandates that the "individual is placed, served, and accommodated in accordance with the gender identity of the individual" and prohibit shelters from subjecting the person "to intrusive questioning or [being] asked to provide anatomical information or documentary, physical, or medical evidence of the individual's (See **RULES** on page 8)

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COMMENTARY

Shake the Nation Revival

by **RL BEASLEY**

Evangelist/Editor
of the Beacon

If you live within driving distance of Joplin, I urge you to attend the *Shake the Nation Revival* coming up later this month (see page 3).

I realize everyone is busy, but I believe this event is one that you will be glad you made the effort to attend.

Participating ministers have joined me in fervent prayer asking the Lord to pour out His Spirit in these meetings, and we sense that He is going to move in a sovereign and powerful way in the hearts of those who attend.

Like many believers, we want to see genuine revival. We realize we are powerless within ourselves to bring it. As preachers, we can relate what God lays on our heart, but we are only messengers. It takes the strength of the Holy Spirit to save a person and break spiritual strongholds in

their life!

When we stay humble before the Lord, we are going to realize His awesome power and our weakness as frail humans. When He graces us with His Spirit, we can't help but tremble and weep under His mighty and gentle hand!

I am reminded of something the Apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth. It is relevant in every generation, and something every preacher should take to heart.

"I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" [I Corinthians 2:3-5].

My heart is broken for those who reject the message of the Cross of

Christ, and for those who have slipped into eternity without the blood of Christ covering their sins! There are times when I weep and tremble at the thought of that.

I have been thinking about II Chronicles 7:14. Folks have been praying and quoting it for many years now. In various parts of the country it's on billboards, yet America is still sin sick.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Could it be that God has not sent revival because many of His people still have not humbly sought His face for it or turned from their wicked ways? Revival is about heartfelt repentance.

Father God, bring people to their spiritual senses. May they grasp the finality of hell and not grieve the Spirit of God as He moves on their hearts with great conviction of sin! May they repent and experience a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ.

I hope to see you at Joplin Family Worship Center for the Shake the Nation Revival. Will you pray with us that the Lord will not only shake the Joplin community in the Spirit realm, but that He will also shake this country with a genuine spiritual awakening?



Brian Camenker
MassResistance

EDUCATION

School board getting an earful from parents

by **BOB KELLOGG**
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Angry parents in Missouri decided that if members of the school board wouldn't meet with them, they would go to the board members' homes and voice their concerns there.

Brian Camenker of MassResistance says parents of the Missouri MassResistance got tired of school board members refusing to meet with them to discuss their concerns about FLASH – a highly controversial sex-ed program described by the pro-family group as "graphic" and "LGBT-laced."

That being the case, says Camenker, parents decided to go to board members' homes.

"The plan was to have maybe a dozen of them standing outside on the street and two of them go up and knock on the door," he explains. "And if nobody answered they would just tape a note to the door saying We tried to come here and we want to talk with you."

According to Camenker, the Parkway School District board members who did answer the door were highly agitated and even screamed at the parents to go away. The activist contends that it's okay to provoke elected officials.

"You would think that it's a bad thing to do," he offers. "But in fact the bad thing to do is not making them upset; the bad thing to do is being differential and nice – and so that way they can just pat you on the head and say, Well, thanks very much for letting us know how you feel ... and then they just vote against you."

Despite the intimidation and verbal abuse, Camenker says the concerned parents aren't giving up but instead are just getting started on their mission to hold board members accountable.

One of the issues that concerns parents, says MassResistance, is that FLASH (according to its own website) is a "science-based promising program [that] has not yet been rigorously evaluated in order to become an evidence-based program."

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to cough.

"Here's what I do know: We have the Good News of a God who has conquered death, who has power to say to the dead, 'Come to life.'"

He called upon thousands upon thousands of believers to proclaim the Good News to the ends of the earth.

The episode illustrates, Platt said, the spiritual fruit that results when missionaries share the Gospel with "biblical clarity, precision and consistency."

NATIONAL SECURITY

Soros spending millions to fund lax immigration policies

by **CHAD GROENING**
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A border enforcement advocacy organization maintains it is clear that leftist billionaire George Soros has spent millions and millions of dollars to undermine immigration enforcement in the United States.

It is reported that hackers recently leaked thousands of pages of documents that

revealed the political agenda and tactics of Soros's Open Society Institute.

Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) Spokesman Ira Mehlman contends that the documents reveal Soros's efforts to implement his globalist agenda through a relentless attack on U.S. immigration policy and enforcement.

"Going back to the defeat of President Bush's effort to pass

amnesty back in 2007, George Soros's Open Society Institute really began to orchestrate the campaign for mass amnesty – and for complete abandonment of immigration enforcement that we're seeing going on right now."

Mehlman also asserts that Soros's group provided grants to organizations pushing the open borders agenda.

"[His group is] orchestrating which groups will take the lead in which part of the campaign," the spokesman insisted. "[It is] funding other groups that really don't have all that much to do with immigration to create the impression that there is a broad base of support for mass amnesty. This whole thing has been orchestrated and done in part by George Soros and his millions (See **SOROS** on page 8)

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Victory for 1st-grader's free-speech rights

by **BOB KELLOGG**
OneNewsNow.com

A California elementary school has backed down from its original demand that included sending a sheriff to a little boy's home to tell him he couldn't share Bible verses with his classmates.

First-grader Caleb Zavala's mother would put Bible verses and stories in his lunch box, which he shared with other students because they asked him to. When the school told him he could no longer do that, the family complied.

Despite the family's

compliance, says Mat Staver of the Liberty Counsel, school officials sent a sheriff to the home to reiterate their edict – understandably rattling the parents – and to deliver the message that "someone might be offended."

"... An armed law enforcement officer with his gun and badge and uniform [shows up] ... and they find out that the sheriff is there because the school officials asked him to communicate with them and to warn them that they can't pass



out any literature," the attorney recalls. "I mean, this absolutely escalated to an unbelievable level."

According to Staver, the school quickly reversed course after Liberty Counsel got involved.

"... They said that Caleb and the other students can have Bible verses, can read them during their non-instructional times, [and that they] can in fact share them with other

students who are wanting to receive them during non-instructional times – which includes before and after school ... and during the lunch hours."

Caleb attends Desert Rose Elementary School in the Palmdale School District.

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EDUCATION

Trend of professors forcing 'climate change' on students

by **CHRIS WOODWARD**
OneNewsNow.com

Many college professors continue to make headlines for telling students to drop their class if they are skeptical of man-made climate change, and one skeptic argues that this is more evidence of the new normal.

One such incident involves three professors who have taught an online course at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. Fox News, Newsmax and The College Fix are among the outlets that have reported on the information in the matter.

Marc Morano of Climate Depot says this is a typical occurrence that has been happening to colleges and students across the country.

"When I did a report of 1,000 dissenting scientists, I got a report from the readers of my website that teachers threatened to throw the report in the trash if they showed up at school with it, featuring the dissenting scientists," Morano told OneNewsNow.

Morano does acknowledge that these professors are more restrained than lawmakers,

television personalities and public figures, contending that skeptics should be prosecuted or jailed.

"All they're calling for is, 'you're not allowed to take the class,' ... 'you're out of here if you challenge global warming,'" he explained. "This is the new normal in our political discourse and our scientific discourse – no dissent allowed."

Morano was then asked if he and Climate Depot be fine with a classroom or course teaching the so-called alarmist's point of view – in addition to the arguments from skeptics.

"It's very rare that you'd ever great that today, but it would be incredibly stimulating for students," Morano insisted. "It's hard to believe a teacher would allow it, and it's a very simple reason, [as] they know that whenever there is debate and whenever anything is challenged, they will lose."

University responds

When OneNewsNow asked officials at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (UCCS) about reports

concerning the biased handling of the issue of global warming on campus, it was communicated that conservative media outlets have not reported on the matter in a truly objective fashion. It was also contended that students are not forced to take certain courses.

"The College Fix is a student journalist-operated website with a clearly stated political agenda of news and commentary," replied Thomas E. Hutton, who serves in UCCS's the University Communications and Media Relations Department. "Humanities 3990 is an online special topics course with multiple choices for students to take when fulfilling requirements."

Hutton maintained that students should know what to expect before making to decision to enroll in the course addressing climate change and that students can ask professors questions on the topic.

"By clearly stating the class focus on the impacts of climate change, the faculty are allowing students to choose if they wish to enroll in the course or seek an alternative," Hutton continued. "The faculty at UCCS have offered to discuss the Humanities 3990 course with students who have concerns or differing opinions."

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CULTURE

Pennsylvania law would permit men in church's ladies' rooms

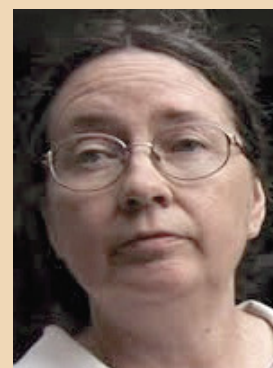
by **CHARLIE BUTTS**
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A traditional family values group is hopeful that a Pennsylvania bill granting special privileges to homosexuals and "transgender" people will be challenged in court if it becomes law.

The controversial progressive bill requires a business or organization with four or more employees to hire workers – even if their lifestyle and beliefs about human sexuality are contrary to their employer's views. Diane Gramley of the American Family Association of Pennsylvania explains that one section of the bill exempts religious employers yet another section makes the bill apply to them.

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they also would be forced to allow men in the women's shower room or women in the men's shower room if they think they're the opposite sex," Gramley told OneNewsNow.



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She stressed that this would also apply to church daycare centers and other religion-based groups.

"It solely turns the whole idea of sexuality on its head," Gramley argues. "And it's just tragic that we as a country have come to this, but I just can't help think of how William Penn – the founder of Pennsylvania – would think about what's going on in his dense woods."

If the bill becomes law – one that is supported by Governor Tom Wolf – Gramley is hopeful that it will end up in court. It was

noted that there are constitutional provisions – state and federal – that protect religious freedom.

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MRC advises parents to take notice of what Disney's doing

by **BILL BUMPAS**
OneNewsNow.com

Though a media critic doesn't think another boycott of Disney is the way to go, he does think conservatives and Christians need to speak up about

the liberal propaganda the entertainment conglomerate is churning out.

In the mid to late '90s, the American Family Association, the Southern Baptist Convention, and other conservative groups launched a boycott against Disney over moral values. The boycott was lifted in 2005, after the groups saw significant improvement, but now, more than a decade later, the company has grown to include ESPN, ABC, Marvel Entertainment, and the Star Wars brand.

Dan Gainor, culture vice president of the Media Research Center (MRC), says the more it grows, the more its message gets muddled.

"So you got Disney out there that owns ESPN, which is one of the most left-wing networks out there, single-handedly trying to drag the entire sports world to the left," he notes. "Then you get Disney involved (See **DISNEY** on page 6)

'It's what God wanted me to do': Kentucky teen gives own shoes to homeless man

by **HEATHER CLARK**
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A photo has gone viral of a Kentucky teenager who gave a homeless man his own shoes off his feet during an outreach on Labor Day.

According to reports, LaRon Tunstill, 14, was participating in a mission to the homeless hosted by the group Purp (People Uplifting Real People), a non-profit organization that seeks to "help and uplift all people of the world, finding the purpose." The group spent their Labor Day offering soup, corn bread and hamburgers to those living on the street.

At one point, Tunstill spotted a man sitting on the corner and decided to speak with him.

"You could tell like he's been hurt so many times," he told local television station WAVE.

"The homeless man explained that he had gone through a lot of loss and hurt in his life, and Ron Ron was very moved by his story," Purp founder Jason Reynolds also explained to ABC News.

While Tunstill was talking with the man, he noticed that the soles of his shoes were tattered, with his toes literally exposed to the ground.

Therefore, Tunstill decided to take off his own shoes and give them to the man. He had just obtained a pair of Air Jordans the day before.

"At first he was like, 'No, I can't take these because these are too expensive.'" Tunstill told reporters. "I told him, 'Take it because it's what God wanted me

to do.'" The two prayed together as well.

"Just do what God said, love one another," Tunstill said.

Reynolds, who witnessed the encounter, decided to begin filming. He soon uploaded the video, as well as a still photo, to the group's Facebook page to be an inspiration to others.

"Today a 14 year old from West Louisville, KY gave his shoes off of his feet to a homeless man!" he wrote. "While other 14 year olds are shooting and joining gangs Ron Ron is living out his purpose in life. Uplift someone today, love your neighbor as yourself!"

The photo got over 11,000 likes and more than 8,000 shares on Facebook.

Reynolds said that it was a blessing to see Tunstill reaching others. The teen had gone through a rough patch three years ago before Reynolds reached out to him in the name of Christ.

"Ron Ron was a wild kid. He grew up in a rough area where people get shot all the time. The streets affected him a little, and at one point, he was fighting more, being disrespectful," he told ABC News.

"Now, he's the one mentoring other kids," Reynolds said. "It's amazing. He's just so passionate to make a change in the world and inspire other people."

Purp has now started a GoFundMe page to purchase Tunstill a new pair of shoes, as well as a van for the youth to conduct outreach on the streets of Louisville.

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Less Americans have faith in God, miracles

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A recent nationwide poll shows a "striking" trend that religion in the

United States is on the decline, as a greater percentage of adults identify themselves as not belonging to any religious group at all.

Even more surprising in the survey conducted by Pew Research is the fact that an overwhelming majority (78 percent) of these non-religious American adults known as "nones" indicated that they were brought up as a member of a particular religion before they decided to abandon their religious affiliation altogether as an adult.

Losing their religion

According to Pew's new survey that is part of its broader Religious Landscape Study, participating adults were asked to explain in their own words the reason they chose to no longer identify with any particular religion. When the results were tallied, researchers found that respondents basically picked one of several themes behind their rationale.

"About half of current religious 'nones' who were raised in a religion (49 percent) indicate that a lack of belief led them to move away from religion," Pew researchers divulged. "This includes many respondents who mention 'science' as the reason [why] they do not believe in religious teachings, including one who said 'I'm a scientist now, and I don't believe in miracles.' Others reference 'common sense,' 'logic' or a 'lack of evidence' — or simply say they do not believe in God."

Americans' disillusionment with the religion that they practiced during their childhood was also blamed on a number of other general reasons.

"One in five express an opposition to organized religion in general," the study found. "This share includes some who do not like the hierarchical nature of religious groups, several people who think religion is too much like a business and others who mention clergy sexual abuse scandals as reasons for their stance."

Uncertainty is another excuse respondents gave for leaving their faith behind.

"A similar share (18 percent) say they are religiously unsure," those conducting the study revealed. "This includes people who say they are religious in some way despite being unaffiliated (e.g., 'I believe in God, but in my own way'), others who describe themselves as 'seeking enlightenment' or 'open-minded,' and several who say they are 'spiritual' if not religious."

Those who have fallen away from practicing their religion explain their secular shift in a number of different ways.

"One in 10 religious 'nones' who say they were raised with a religious affiliation are now classified as 'inactive' religiously," the pollsters informed. "These people may hold certain religious beliefs, but they are not currently taking part in religious practices. And most of them simply say they don't go to church or engage in other religious rituals, while others say they are too busy for religion."

Pew researcher break down religious "nones" into three categories: self-proclaimed atheists, self-identified agnostics and those who say their religion is "nothing in particular." These subgroups differ drastically when it comes to explaining why they no longer practice the religion of their childhood.

"An overwhelming majority of atheists who were raised in a religion (82 percent) say they simply do not believe, but this is true of a smaller share of agnostics (63 percent) and only 37 percent of those in the 'nothing in particular' category," the statistics indicate.

Those who practice "nothing in particular" also differ greatly from atheists and agnostics in several substantial ways.

"In fact, while this ['nothing in particular'] group certainly includes many nonbelievers, it also has substantial shares of people who, alternatively, are opposed to organized religion (22 percent)

or who could be described as religiously unsure or undecided (22 percent)," researchers shared. "And more than one in 10 people with the 'nothing in particular' label (14 percent) say they are either non-practicing or too busy to engage in religious practices, compared with zero atheists in the survey and only 3 percent of agnostics."

Specific reasoning behind unbelief

When American adults were asked why they are unaffiliated with any religion, one of the biggest explanations given was that they simply don't believe.

Begging the question further, here are the specific reasons why they "don't believe:"

- "Learning about evolution when I went away to college."
- "Too many Christians doing un-Christian things."
- "Religion is the opiate of the people."
- "Rational thought makes religion go out the window."
- "Lack of any sort of scientific or specific evidence of a creator."
- "I just realized somewhere along the line that I didn't really believe it."
- "I'm doing a lot more learning, studying and [I'm] kind of making decisions myself, rather than listening to someone else."

Those who "dislike organized religion" give these reasons for their bias:

- "I see organized religious groups as more divisive than uniting."
- "I think that more harm has been done in the name of religion than any other area."
- "I no longer believe in organized religion. I don't attend services anymore. I just believe that religion is [a] very personal conversation with me and my creator."
- "Because I think religion is not a religion anymore. It's a business ... it's all about money."
- "The clergy sex abuse scandal."
- "The church's teachings on homosexuality."

Pew also divulged some explanations that adults gave for being "religiously unsure/undecided:"

- "I don't have a particular religion because I am open-
- (See **FAITH** on page 8)

Wake up, churches, to trouble in the pews

by **BILL BUMPAS**
OneNewsNow.com

The co-founder of a group that specializes in sexual abuse awareness training says ministries tend to lag behind secular organizations in establishing safeguards against the sexual abuse of children.

MinistrySafe was co-founded by attorney Kimberlee Norris, a partner in a Texas law firm which specializes in sexual abuse cases.

The organization has begun providing training for all ministerial students at Dallas Theological Seminary. Norris says it is inevitable that every ministry professional will encounter child sexual abuse in some way or form.

"One in four female children

(and) one in six male children will have been sexual abused before he or she reaches 18 years of age, and that doesn't skip any paradigm," the attorney warns.

As long as churches "keep their heads in the sand" about abuse, she warns, they become an attractive place for abusers.

Borrowing a line from President Reagan, she says when it comes to protecting children, the church must trust but verify.

"My experience is in many churches there's more due diligence required at the public school to drive to a day trip somewhere than what there is to interact with kids in many church programs," she complains. "And that's just not right."

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DISNEY from page 4

in the anti-religious freedom boycotts of Georgia; they were instrumental in Georgia canceling its plan for the religious freedom law."

Gainor says it has gotten to the point where even the good things Disney does now include propaganda.

"Whether you want to watch a children's movie, whether you want to watch the NFL, or pro basketball, or see TV shows, the left is going to slip in its agenda into every one, and Disney is helping them along whenever possible," the MRC spokesman asserts.

Because Disney is so large, he does not think a boycott is the way to go. Still, Christians certainly need to speak out.

"If you're going to be silent, you're going to be silenced," Gainor warns. "If you don't speak up for your beliefs, how are your kids every supposed to know what you stand for?"

He also says parents need to teach their kids how to survive in a world where the culture has become left-winged.

"I'm convinced that we could solve the global energy crisis if we could just figure out a way to tap the energy that is Walt Disney's dead body turning over in its grave like a perpetual motion machine because of all the bad things that Disney now does," Gainor concludes, considering how far the Disney Corporation has slipped away from the goals and accomplishments of its founder.

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Texas Christian University offers credits for historian internship at Planned Parenthood

by **HEATHER CLARK**
Christian News

FORT WORTH, Texas — A professing Christian university in Texas is under fire after it became

known that the abortion giant Planned Parenthood was among the locations where students could receive credits for internships.

Texas Christian University's history department recently sent an email notifying history majors that "Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is looking for a volunteer historian to develop a project highlighting its history in Fort Worth."

The internship would include browsing photographs and scrapbooks, and "interviewing local families who have long been involved in support of PP."

"Planned Parenthood welcomes opportunities to engage with students across the community and is currently planning oral history interviews with advocates who helped advance the rights of women in Tarrant County to make personal, private healthcare decisions and expand access to high quality healthcare and education to everyone," Sarah Wheat, chief external affairs officer at Planned Parenthood, said in a statement about the matter.

However, the development caused alarm among pro-life organizations.

"It is a disgrace for a large Christian university to offer credit for an internship at the largest abortion provider in the nation," Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, said in a statement.

"Instead of educating and equipping students on how to persuasively discuss the pro-life viewpoint and help women in crisis, they instead reward students for spending valuable time volunteering for an organization that ends the lives of over 325,000 innocent human beings a year," she said.

A number of alumni also took to social media to express concern.

"I am ashamed and embarrassed that my university TCU is providing opportunities to intern with Planned Parenthood, a known abortion provider founded by a racist that believed in racist theories like Eugenics," wrote Matthew Roberts. "Please change this shameful and dishonorable practice within the history department."

While university officials declined to speak in detail about the internship, they did release a statement in light of the controversy,

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Another study skewers born-that-way belief

by **CHARLIE BUTTS**
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Yet another study that raises questions about homosexuality and its causes suggests the issue deserves to be examined and debated.

The latest controversial findings come from Dr. Lisa Diamond, a

lesbian activist and researcher with the American Psychological Association. Her study of human sexuality refutes the born-that-way argument that homosexual activists have claimed as a defense for their behavior.

Diamond's study comes after two researchers at Johns Hopkins University released a study in August

remarking that the offering of an internship doesn't equal support for an organization.

"Texas Christian University strives to provide diverse learning opportunities for students to effectively prepare them for the global community," the statement read, according to the Star-Telegram. "The university offers many internships in any given semester, and does not support political or personal statements associated with any of them."

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas was a part of the undercover investigation conducted by the Center for Medical Progress.

As previously reported, last October, the Center released footage of its conversation with abortionist Anna Dermish, as she laughed about how obtaining an

intact baby head would be "something" to strive for," and explained how she performs breech or partial birth abortions to harvest the child's organs.

"I haven't been able to do that yet—the intact calvarium," Dermish says in the video.

"It's like, well, maybe next time, right?" the undercover investigator asks.

"Well, this will give me something to strive for," Dermish responds, laughing.

Dermish also explains that one of her workers is interested in organ donation and likes to

look for the various body parts following the abortion procedure.

"[S]he'll pull out kidneys and heart, and heart we usually see at nine weeks and she always looks for it," she says.

"Just like for fun," the investigator says.

"Well, it's cute. It's cute," the co-worker replies.

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also suggesting the lack of a "gay gene" to prove a biological factor. That study can be read here.

Peter LaBarbera, who exposes homosexual activism through his Americans for Truth organization, says the two studies have damaged the born-that-way argument to the point that scientists will return to studying causation of sexual orientation.

"And here's where they get into trouble," he predicts, "because the causation a lot of times is bad

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Maryland School Bus Driver, Saves 20 Children From Burning Vehicle

by **LEONARDO BLAIR**
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Renita Smith, a school bus driver with the Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland, is now being hailed a hero across the country after she single-handedly saved the lives of 20 elementary school children when the bus she was driving suddenly erupted in a blaze last month.

"I opened my door, took off my seat belt, and I got my babies off that bus," Smith told NBC Los Angeles.

According to WTVR, the fire which is still under investigation, was reported at about 4:45 p.m. along the 9600 block of 51st Avenue in College Park. The children, all students at Glenarden Woods Elementary School in Prince George's County, all escaped the fire without injury.

Mark Brady, the public

information officer for Prince George's County, MD Fire and EMS Department, told KTLA5 that Smith was "was able to remain calm throughout the ordeal."

Neighbors who hurried outside to help told NBC that they were relieved to see so many children on the street after seeing the

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flames engulfing the school bus.

"This fire was going too fast. I had a little extinguisher," Lucy Kilin said. "It was too late. I couldn't do anything."

Another neighbor guided the children into her backyard while they waited for another bus.

Smith was so concerned about

the 20 children she went back into the blazing bus to make sure everyone was off.

"I ran back onto the bus to make sure that every seat was clear," she said.

Fazlul Kabir, Council Member at City of College Park and professor at the University of Maryland, had high praises for the bus driver. "A big THANK YOU to our school bus driver Reneita Smith who just saved 20 elementary school kids from a bus fire that completely destroyed the bus. Not only Reneita took each one of the 20 kids from the bus one by one, but also went into the empty bus again to check if everyone was out, while it was still burning," Kabir wrote in a Facebook post.

"I am a mom of two kids. It's my job to save them," Kabir said Smith told him.

Smith also brushed off public praise for her actions and told NBC Los Angeles that her maternal instincts took over once she realized the children were in danger.

"As I'm driving that bus, they're my babies," she said. "I'm their mom until I drop them off to their biological moms."

Smith said she realized something was wrong with the bus when she saw the break light indicator illuminate. Witnesses also said they saw flames come from the wheel area.

MISSIONS

From fighting in the WFC to fighting for God

by **STEVE JORDAHL**
OneNewsNow.com

Justin Wren is really making a difference.

Wren is raining down the leather hard right now on Josh Henry, who has no answer for Ultimate Fighting Championship vet Justin Wren.

Wren was a wrestling prodigy in high school with visions of glory in his head.

"It was my dream to go to the Olympics in wrestling," the ambitious athlete expressed. "Some Olympic gold medalists that were coaches wanted me to come join that."

But along the way, Wren got pulled under by drugs and alcohol because, he says, the success was hollow.

"I remember getting my hand raised and just thinking, 'Is this it?'" he shared.

The world-class fighter was in the big world of mixed martial arts when he hit bottom.

"I got a voicemail one time after about a six-week-long drug

binge that I don't even really remember," Wren recounted. "That voicemail was my best friend and he said, 'I can't believe you missed my wedding. I can't believe my best man didn't show up.'"

A friend invited him to a church retreat, where he found Christ – who gave him a new dream ... to be a missionary to the Congo.

"I went to Congo the last five years back and forth, [and] lived there for a whole year at one time," Wren explained. "[I] slept in the twig and leaf huts with the Mbuti pygmies. Their average height's only 4'7."

Today the 6-foot-3, 255-pound fighter is back in the ultimate fighting octagon, but now he's fighting with a purpose – to bring glory to God and draw attention to the plight of the Mbuti pygmies – who are literally slaves to a neighboring tribe in their own country.

"I stepped away from fighting against people to fight for people," Wren concludes.

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Christian pro-life film honored by secular sources

by **BILL BUMPAS**
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A new pro-life movie coming out in theaters next month has received some sterling accolades from secular critics.

The film Voiceless will be released October 7. Writer/director Pat Necerato says the movie tackles the hot-button issue of abortion - but the underlying theme of this project, he says, is about doing what's right.

"We're using the pro-life message as a strong example in the film with the abortion clinic being across the street from a church and our main character trying to take a stand against that," he says.

"But the movie is really about his personal journey to have to

get up the nerve and the guts to obey God and to take action and to take that stand."

Necerato tells OneNewsNow the film will challenge Christians to make a difference in the world around them.

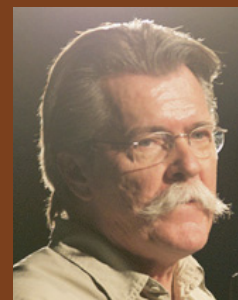
"We need to take a stand against evil and take a stand for God and not live a defeated attitude with the gospel, but a victorious attitude," he says.

Necerato says he's pleased with how secular critics have received the film. Voiceless has been honored as the Northeast Film Festival's "Best Feature," People's Choice for "Best Feature Film," and "Best Feature Film" from the California Independent Film Festival.

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School: Pro-Islam worksheet just sort of happened

by **BOB KELLOGG**
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An education analyst is questioning how some elementary students in New Jersey were given a health lesson earlier this month that used a quote from the Quran.

According to the Asbury Park Press, the quote on the worksheet handed to second-graders in Barnegat read: "... and Allah loves those who make themselves clean and pure. (9:108)" School officials have apologized to parents and explained that the lesson, which wasn't approved, was provided by an inexperienced teacher – and describe it as "a simple mistake of a teacher quickly downloading health worksheets online and not carefully reviewing their content."

Donna Hearne, executive director of The Constitutional Coalition, says leftists in the educational establishment provide such lessons via the Internet.

"This is just another attempt to make the case that Islam is to be embraced in this nation; that we are to get ready to go

along with it," she tells OneNewsNow.

Hearne, a former teacher, says second-graders don't have the critical thinking skills necessary to make informed opinions about Islam.

"A child in the second

grade has no way to rationalize or to weigh [whether] this was a good statement or a bad statement. In other words, is this true or is it not true?" she explains. "Their thinking processes haven't gotten there."

School officials say they're taking steps to prevent such instances in the future. But EAGnews says some upset parents commenting online aren't convinced it

happened by accident, one writing: "It was no accident. Democrats across the country are pushing Islam on us."

Another local adult told FOX News columnist Todd Starnes: "If this had the name of Jesus on it, there would be an even bigger outrage."

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minded and I don't think there is one particular religion that is right or wrong."

•"I feel that there is something out there, but I can't nail down a religion."

•"Right now, I'm kind of leaning towards spirituality, but I'm not too sure. I know I can pray to my God anywhere. I do believe in a higher power, but I don't need a church to do that."

Here is the rationale given by some who consider themselves to be an "inactive believer:"

•"I just basically stopped going to church when I went to college and never picked it back up. I was never super-religious."

•"I don't practice any religion, and I don't go to church or participate in any of the rituals of the church."

•"I don't have the time to go to church."

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gender identity."

And in homeless shelters where there are shared sleeping quarters or shared restrooms, the transgender person must be allowed to use the space.

"Placement and accommodation of an individual in temporary, emergency shelters and other buildings and facilities with physical limitations or configurations that require and are permitted to have shared sleeping quarters or shared bathing facilities shall be made in accordance with the individual's gender identity," the rules read.

"In no case may a provider's policies isolate or segregate transgender or gender nonconforming occupants," HUD writes in an outline of the new guidelines.

If others living at the shelter express concern, "staff should treat those concerns as opportunities to educate and refocus the occupants."

As previously reported, just this past May, an Oregon woman who formerly lived at an all-women's shelter penned an op-ed for the Oregonian, in which she explained her objections after a man who identifies as a woman was permitted to share sleeping and restroom space with the women.

"It jeopardized the security of a dozen or so women for the benefit of one man's sense of belonging," wrote Malka Davis. "Not only that, but for every man who is admitted into a women's shelter under the speciousness of gender ideology, untold numbers of bona fide women are left waiting on the streets. That is not just unfair, it's unjust."

She said that many who push transgender issues do not often realize those who are affected by such choices, including women at homeless shelters, who have no say in whether or not they don't want a man living and sleeping with them in their room.

HUD, which issued its new rule following a public comment period, pointed to other recent declarations made by departments within the Obama administration, such as the Department of Justice and the Department of Education's guidelines for restroom use at public schools, and the Health and Human Services' requirements that hospitals accommodate transgendered persons to treat them in accordance with their gender identity.

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1968, when the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church united.

The denomination has become more accomodating to liberal theology in recent years, and OneNewsNow was reporting as recently as June that conservative African congregations were fighting the push in the U.S. to accept homosexuals and lesbians in leadership.

Methodism was not originally a feel-good movement, Rooney tells OneNewsNow, because it began as a movement by Wesley to spread "scriptural holiness" across the land.

When a person is confronted with the Holiness of God and confronted with their sinful nature, he says, you don't feel good about yourself.

"So it's not about making everybody feel good about themselves," Rooney explains.

And thus, he explains, an open lesbian is not qualified to be a bishop within the UMC.

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and millions of dollars that he's spreading around."

Mehlman then pointed out a recent editorial in the Jerusalem Post points that corroborates Soros' far-reaching arm when it comes to loosening immigration.

"From the US to Europe to Israel, Soros has implemented a worldwide push to use immigration to undermine the national identity and demographic composition of Western democracies," the Israeli daily announced.

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circumstances in childhood of the homosexual."

Those circumstances often include incest and sexual abuse, and a strained relationship between a father and son, he says.

LaBarbera compares those circumstances to tragic beliefs about food that can lead to anorexia. No one claims anorexia is healthy and normal, he points out, and instead try to help people who struggle with it.

If closer studies began to point to sexual abuse and father-son problems, LaBarbera says, "how can they then say that homosexual orientation is normal and good?"

The study from Johns Hopkins also found a corollary between same-sex attraction and childhood sexual abuse, OneNewsNow reported last month.

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