

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of August 2, 2026 -

Sunday School -----	24
Sunday Morning Service -----	48
Sunday Eve. Service -----	28
Wednesday Eve. Service -----	16

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 2, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,641.35
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 125.93
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/02/26:	\$ 1,767.28

- Week of July 26, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,535.00
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 116.22
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/26/26:	\$ 1,651.22

- Week of July 19, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,464.25
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/19/26:	\$ 1,464.25

- Week of July 12, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,685.93
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 119.12
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/12/26:	\$ 1,805.05

- Week of July 5, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,504.19
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/05/26:	\$ 1,649.54

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for
church operating expenses EACH WEEK,
as a minimum = \$ 1,800.00



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Sundays -

9:45 a.m. ----- Sunday School

10:50 a.m. ----- Morning Service

6:30 p.m. ----- Evening Service

Wednesdays -

7:00 p.m. ----- Evening Service

Bi-Monthly -

11:00 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. ----- Ladies Bible Study
- 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

Church Directory

Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell -----	Pianists
Derek Quinnelly -----	Greeter
Shirley White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; Derek Quinnelly/Larry Byars -----	Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars -----	Outreach
GinaMarie Shufelt -----	Ladies Bible Study
Hannah Dietrich -----	Flowers
Seth White -----	Sound/Video
Larry Byars, Derek Quinnelly, Daniel Avery -----	Trustees

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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Dr. David Livingstone

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39 Warriors

One of the most powerful stories I've ever heard is about a Scottish missionary who returned home after years of ministry in Africa. He went back to his sending church in Scotland to share what God had been doing and to ask for more workers to join the mission.

It was winter—cold, wet, and dreary.

The turnout that day was small, mostly elderly folks. He was a bit disheartened. They were faithful, yes, but not exactly fit for the mission field. Still, he preached his heart out.

He ended with a simple but weighty question:

“Who will go?Who will go?Who will go?”

He didn't know that up in the choir loft, assisting the organist, was a little boy. When he heard the call, something stirred in him. He stood up and shouted:

“I will go! I will go! I will go!” That boy's name?

David Livingstone.

The missionary encouraged him, saying, “If God's calling you to Africa, become a doctor. Serve as a medical missionary.” David did just that.

Years later, deep in Africa, Livingstone's team faced grave danger. A tribal chief sent a message that they would be attacked that night—and killed...all of them.

We know this moment in detail because Livingstone kept diaries. That night, he wrote a desperate prayer:

“Lord, we've labored so faithfully. Please, please protect us. Please help us.”

They waited.

Nothing happened.

A couple of years later, the very chief who had threatened him became a follower of Christ—and the entire village followed.

Later, David asked, “Why didn't you kill us that night?”

The chief replied, “We came. But as we approached the camp, we saw 39 giant warriors standing around it. We counted them. They were not of this world.”

Some time after, David shared this story back in Scotland.

As he spoke, the church secretary approached him and asked, “Do you remember the exact date that happened?”

He did.

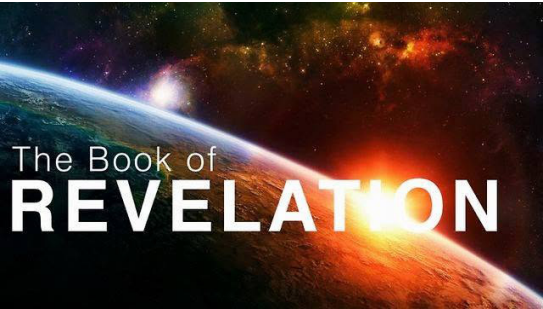
She opened the church prayer journal and pointed to the entry for that day:

39 people were gathered, praying for him.

On that very day.

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DON'T FORGET TO BE HERE TONIGHT
AS WE CONTINUE TO STUDY -





Parliament Member Barred from U.K. over Biblical Beliefs

A Finnish member of Parliament has been barred from passing through the United Kingdom because of a criminal conviction over a Christian pamphlet expressing biblical teaching on sexuality.

Päivi Räsänen recently revealed that British authorities revoked her Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA), preventing her from traveling through London’s Heathrow Airport while returning home to Finland from the United States.

The travel restriction could also affect plans for Räsänen to speak in Northern Ireland next month at a conference on—ironically—freedom of speech.

A Long Legal Battle

Räsänen’s legal troubles began in 2019 after she questioned on social media why Finland’s Evangelical Lutheran Church was officially supporting an LGBT Pride event. In her post, she quoted Romans 1:24–27, asking how the church’s participation could be reconciled with Scripture.

Authorities later charged Räsänen with “hate speech” over both the social media post and a pamphlet explaining the Bible’s teaching on marriage and sexuality.

Räsänen was unanimously acquitted by two lower courts in 2023. Prosecutors appealed, and in March 2026 Finland’s Supreme Court narrowly reversed part of those earlier decisions in a 3–2 ruling, finding her guilty only over the pamphlet. The court ordered her to pay fines, remove the publication from circulation, and destroy remaining physical copies.

Yet the court also acknowledged an important fact –
“*The text forming the basis for the conviction did not contain incitement to violence or comparable threat-like fomenting of hatred,*” the ruling stated, concluding that the conduct was “*not particularly serious.*”

Even so, the conviction was enough for British authorities to revoke Räsänen’s travel authorization.

A Wider Trend

Religious freedom advocates say the decision reflects a broader shift taking place across parts of Europe.

Writer Rod Dreher called Räsänen “a canary in the civilizational coal mine,” arguing that governments are increasingly treating historic Christian beliefs as unacceptable in public life.

Others point to similar developments throughout the United Kingdom, where recent years have seen arrests involving street

preachers, restrictions on silent prayer near abortion facilities, and growing concerns over laws governing speech.

For many Christians, the concern extends beyond one politician or one court case. It raises broader questions about whether biblical beliefs can continue to be expressed freely in societies that once embraced their Christian heritage.

Not in Vain

Despite years of investigations, trials, appeals, and now travel restrictions, Räsänen says she has no regrets.

In fact, she believes God has used the ordeal to open doors for the Gospel.

After news of her prosecution first became public in 2019, one young atheist contacted her with an angry message criticizing her beliefs.

Instead of responding in kind, Räsänen answered graciously and shared the Gospel with him.

Some time later, he wrote again.

This time his message was very different.

According to Räsänen, he told her he had come to faith in Jesus Christ and had found “the way to eternal life.”

Looking back over the years of legal battles, she now sees that conversation as a reminder of God’s faithfulness.

“It is not in vain to defend these freedoms,” Räsänen said. “It is not in vain to share the message of the Bible.”

Governments may place limits on where Christians can travel or what they can say, but they cannot stop the Gospel from changing hearts. As religious freedom faces increasing challenges around the world, let’s remain faithful to share Christ while we still have the opportunity.

Every gospel tract handed to a friend, neighbor, or stranger is another opportunity for someone to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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OCCULT INFLUENCE GROWING IN CULTURE AND YOUTH

As the face of Hogwarts’ magical world, Emma Watson, now openly praises witchcraft in real life. Her millions of followers are paying attention—and embracing the shift.

In an Instagram post, she thanked the “witches in my coven” for helping shape her identity. She even calls them her personal “Avengers” and credits them for inspiring and empowering her. At the BAFTA Awards, she declared, “I’m here for all the witches.”

“Hollywood both reflects our culture and reinforces it,” said youth culture expert Walt Mueller. “It’s impossible to say exactly how one influences the other—but the connection is undeniable.” A young star who grew up playing a witch now finds a spiritual

home in witchcraft.

#WitchTok: Billions of Views, Millions of Souls

And that’s just the start. Beyond Watson, witchcraft continues to become more prominent in entertainment and culture. Streaming services like Netflix maintain a dedicated “*Witchcraft & the Dark Arts*” genre. Tarot cards, crystals, and books on astrology are welcomed into homes as nonchalantly as DIY knitting kits. TikTok has become the occult’s fastest-growing platform by far. Hashtags like #WitchTok have racked up billions of views and feature influencers casting spells, reading tarot cards, and selling sorcery as self-care.

Jenny Weaver, a former witch turned Christian leader, states, “Media has done a good job of pushing [witchcraft] to the point where it’s now normalized. We have shows as early as day care age promoting witchcraft and sorcery.” She warns that these platforms subtly introduce occult practices to a wide audience, including churchgoers unaware of the spiritual dangers.

Pop Stars Push Mystic Agenda

In the music world, Taylor Swift, Ariana Grande, and Lana Del Rey aren’t just topping charts—they’re weaving witchy themes into their music, style, and public personas. The result? A glamorized version of the occult that’s especially appealing to young, impressionable fans.

Speaking on astrology and tarot cards, Grande says its “kind of a tool to help us hear what we need to hear sometimes, and kind of look forward with hope and awareness.”

Former medium-turned Christian, Jenn Nizza warns that celebrities make these practices look empowering—but they lead people away from truth and toward spiritual danger. “The enemy only needs a foothold,” she stated on her podcast, Ex Psychic Saved. “You give him that and he opens the door to oppression, confusion, and destruction.”

Dreams Become a Doorway

On that same podcast, Nizza featured Ashley, a former lucid dreamer who now warns about the dangers of occultic practices. Ashley shared how what began as a trauma coping mechanism spiraled into full-blown spiritual entanglement. Eventually, the practice of mind control and reality bending led her to astral projection, divination, and even praying to idols.

“Lucid dreaming becomes your idol, your therapy, your secret little world, and that removes the need for real healing through Christ. I never wanted to wake up.” She cautioned that what many perceive as harmless psychological exploration can quickly become a “slippery slope” into spiritual danger.

It wasn’t until she cried out to Jesus that she experienced true freedom and healing from past trauma. “Now, I give my dreams to the Lord,” she said. “He’s sovereign even over the night.”

Biblical Warnings & the Call for Spiritual Vigilance

As paganism rises—it’s expected to triple in the U.S. by 2050—families must stay alert. What mainstream media peddles to children and young adults as entertainment or self-care is

actually barely disguised neo-paganism and witchcraft.

Now more than ever, Christian parents, pastors, and youth leaders must guide the next generation with biblical clarity and spiritual courage. There is no better way to do that than to stay in the word of God and read it daily together. Expose the children and youth you know to gospel tracts and spread the gospel as far and wide as you can.

Many parents even keep a variety of Gospel tracts and comic books in their homes, so their kids grow up on spiritual truth. Providing biblical reading material works as a great insulator against the creeping influence of the occult.

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Evangelicals and Liberal Views of Scripture

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

Evangelicalism has been leavened with theological liberalism and a multitude of other heresies since the fathers of New Evangelicalism renounced “separatism” in the 1950s. Evangelicalism today is the New Evangelicalism of the past.

It should be noted that a large number of fundamental Baptists are morphing into evangelicalism.

Consider the heresy of ***Form Criticism*** - a liberal view of the Gospels.

The Lord Jesus Christ taught that the Spirit of God would lead the apostles and prophets in recording the Gospels.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you” (John 16:13-15).

This means that the number of the Gospels was established by the Holy Spirit. The Canon of Scripture was settled by God, not by man!

It means, also, that the words of the Gospels were given by the Holy Spirit. They might or might not have used secondary sources, but they certainly did not depend upon secondary sources or their own faulty memories.

The liberal, unbelieving approach to the Gospels is called “form criticism” or “redaction criticism.” Its major principles are as follows:

□ The gospel writers supposedly used a common oral

tradition that was passed around among the Christians for some time before anything was written down. Textual critics Alford (1849) and Westcott (1860) promoted this view.

□ The gospel writers supposedly used other sources. One supposed source is the “Q” document. Though it does not exist, many believe that this mythical document was the source of some or all of the gospels.

□ The gospel writers supposedly copied from one another. One theory is that Matthew was first written and Mark and Luke were then based on Matthew. This was the view of textual critics Griesbach (1783) and Hug (1808). It is the official position of the Roman Catholic Church (promulgated by the Pontifical Biblical Commission, 1912). Another theory is that Mark was first written and that Matthew and Luke are based on Mark plus the mythical Q document. There are endless permeations of these theories. Each prominent critic strives to make a name for himself by inventing a new twist to this approach.

□ The gospel writers supposedly modified things that Jesus did and said. They added to, subtracted from, contracted, and otherwise changed the record.

It is not only out-and-out theological modernists who are entertaining unscriptural views of the Gospels. Many “evangelicals” have adopted these views. The following statement from *The Jesus Crisis: The Inroads of Historical Criticism into Evangelical Scholarship* by Robert L. Thomas and F. David Farnell (Kregel, 1998) reveals how deeply evangelicals have been infected with the modernistic thinking of form criticism:

“Outspoken evangelical critics have engaged in the same type of dehistoricizing activity as the Jesus Seminar people with whom they differ. If they were to organize among themselves their own evangelical ‘Jesus Seminar,’ the following is a sampling of the issues they would vote on, most of which they would probably pass:

□ The author of Matthew, not Jesus, created the Sermon on the Mount.

□ The commissioning of the Twelve in Matthew 10 is a group of instructions compiled and organized by the author of the first gospel, not spoken by Jesus on a single occasion.

□ The parable accounts of Matthew 13 and Mark 4 are anthologies of parables that Jesus uttered on separate occasions.

□ Jesus did not preach the Olivet Discourse in its entirety, as found in three of the gospel accounts.

□ Jesus gave His teaching on divorce and remarriage without the exception clauses found in Matthew 5:32 and 19:9.

□ In Matthew 19:16-17, the writer changed the words of Jesus and the rich man either to obtain a different emphasis or to avoid a theological problem involved in the wording of Mark’s and Luke’s accounts of the same event.

□ The scribes and Pharisees were in reality decent people whom Matthew painted in an entirely negative light because of his personal bias against them.

□ The genealogies of Jesus in Matthew 1 and Luke 3 are figures of speech and not accurate records of Jesus’ physical

and/or legal lineage.

□ The magi who, according to Matthew 2, visited the child Jesus after His birth are fictional, not real, characters.

□ Jesus uttered only three or four of the eight or nine beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12.

“Recognizably, the listed conclusions impinge upon the historical accuracy of the gospel records. Various evangelicals have opted for the stated unhistorical choice in each of the suggested instances. Granted, their reduction of historical precision in the Gospels is not the wholesale repudiation of historical data as is that of the original Jesus Seminar, but that it is a repudiation is undeniable. An acceptance of imprecision is even more noticeable in light of the fact that the above questions are only the tip of the iceberg. An exhaustive list would reach staggering proportions” (*Robert L. Thomas and F. David Farnell, The Jesus Crisis, pp. 14-15*).

Examples of evangelicals who have published works supporting form criticism are Daniel B. Wallace, Dallas Theological Seminary (*The Synoptic Problem*); Robert H. Stein, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky (*The Synoptic Problem: An Introduction*); and D. A. Carson, Douglas Moo, and Leon Morris (*An Introduction to the New Testament, Zondervan, 1992*).

We reject form criticism. The crux of the matter is divine inspiration. Either the Gospels are infallible Scripture as they claim to be, or they are the fallible work of men. There is no middle ground, and we have no hesitancy to reject all form criticism theories and accept the Bible’s testimony about itself in simple faith.

If form criticism were true, it would mean that there are errors in the Bible. Even the evangelicals themselves who are dabbling in form criticism reach this conclusion. And if there are errors in the Bible, Jesus was wrong when He stated that the Scripture cannot be broken (John 10:35).

Form criticism is of the devil. It is the devil who loves to cast doubt upon the Word of God. He has been doing this since his conversation with Eve in Eden (Gen. 3:1). He is doing it today through “evangelical” scholars who are trained at the feet of modernists (either directly or through their writings or through other evangelical scholars who sat under modernists). They are trying to adapt the scholarship of unbelievers to a position of faith, and it is an impossible task. Does God not warn that “evil communications corrupt good manners” (I Cor. 15:33)? Does God not warn the believer not to sit in the seat of the scornful (Psalm 1:1)? Does God not warn that the words of false teachers eat like a canker and increase ungodliness and overthrow faith (II Tim. 2:16-18)? Does God not warn that the words of false teachers deceive hearts (Rom. 16:17-18)? The Bible says that two cannot walk together except they be agreed (Amos 3:3), yet today’s “evangelical” scholar is convinced that he can walk together for months and years on end with unbelievers and not be harmed spiritually. It is a delusion.

A refutation of form criticism can be found in *The Doctrine*

Which Ye Have Learned, which is available at the Courses section of www.wayoflife.org.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS
☛ **CHINA CLAIMS AUTHORITY OVER ANY CITIZEN OF ANY COUNTRY** (Friday Church News Notes, August 7, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “*Beijing’s New Law,*” *The Washington Times*, July 27, 2026:

“On July 1, a new Chinese law took effect. It claims the right to punish people who have never set foot in China, including those residing on American soil. Beijing calls it the Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress. In practice, it does two things: orders the country’s minorities [Tibet, Inner Mongolia, Manchuria] to become Chinese and declares that anyone, anywhere who ‘undermines ethnic unity’ can be held to account under Chinese law. ... It also reaches into religion. Faith in China now has to be remade in the party’s image. ... That is no longer just a propaganda campaign; it is the direction of the Chinese legal system. Religion is permitted only once it has been made to serve Beijing. The most alarming provision of the law is Article 63, which states that organizations and individuals outside China who ‘undermine ethnic unity’ are to be pursued for legal responsibility. Amnesty International has warned that this clause could be used as a tool for transnational repression, and the vagueness is the point. Beijing deliberately uses elastic language so it can decide after the fact what counts as a violation. The CCP applies its own laws loosely, so they can mean almost anything. Waved a Taiwanese flag once. Spoke to a Hong Konger about the protests. Watched Seven Years in Tibet. In Beijing’s reading, each of these could ‘undermine ethnic unity.’ Under Article 63, a U.S. citizen posting from California is, in the party’s eyes, subject to Chinese law. Beijing has spent years expanding its reach abroad. ... With this legislation, Beijing is openly challenging the rule of law and basic rights protections wherever its critics live, including the U.S.”

☛ **VICAR WINS SETTLEMENT AFTER PREACHING THAT STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO ACCEPT LGBT IDEOLOGY** - The following is excerpted from “*Vicar Wins Settlement,*” *Christianity Daily*, July 14, 2026:

“The Rev. Bernard Randall, a former Church of England school chaplain who was dismissed and referred to a terrorism prevention program after telling students they should not be forced to accept LGBT ideology, has reached a legal settlement following a seven-year fight. Randall has also been cleared to seek a return to ministry in the Church of England ... The dispute began in 2019 after Randall preached in the chapel of Trent College, a Church of England-affiliated independent school in Nottingham. His sermon came in response to a student who asked why pupils were being told they ‘have to accept’ teaching on LGB and transgender identity at a Christian school. In the sermon, Randall told students, ‘... By all means discuss, have a reasoned debate about beliefs, but while it’s OK to try and persuade each other, no one should be told they must accept an ideology.’ Trent College suspended Randall after the sermon and later told him he was being fired for

gross misconduct. The school also referred him to Prevent, the government’s terrorism prevention scheme, as well as to the local authority designated officer for safeguarding the Teaching Regulation Agency and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

... Although the statutory agencies involved found no case for him to answer, the Church of England took a different approach and treated him as ‘a safeguarding risk to children,’ despite the sermon reflecting the denomination’s official doctrine.... After the statutory bodies cleared him, the Church of England still declined to reinstate him.

... Responding to the outcome, Randall said, ‘My case has revealed the extent of the corruption within the Church [of England], our schools and in the judiciary, and should deeply concern us all.’”

☛ **STEVEN ANDERSON VS. THE MOTHER BEFORE SOLOMON’S COURT** - The following is by Brian Snider:

“And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof” (I Kings 3:24-27).

“Wise King Solomon understood some things about human nature. He knew the mother of the child would never allow her son to be slain. That love exposed the true mother and settled the case beyond any doubt. Steven Anderson has been in the news lately for a meltdown in which he called for his four oldest children to be ‘destroyed by God.’ This sermon was in response to the fact that his four oldest children have left his home and have publicly shared their stories of abuse growing up under him. It doesn’t take a Solomon to realize that his response in this sermon left him as exposed as the harlot in I Kings 3.

“When the child of Christian parents goes astray, the godly parents will always look to themselves first.... ‘What did we do? What could we have done? Where did we fail?’ The parents cannot ignore the wrong choices of the child, but they will always take the greatest burden on themselves. As long as the child is alive, they will never stop seeking to bring the child back to a right relationship with the Lord and pleading for their deliverance. But a parent who calls on God to kill their child because they did not live up to expectations has revealed the truth of the whole matter.

“Without realizing it, Anderson confessed to having the heart of an abuser and destroyer. Like the harlot in I Kings 3, I believe he has exposed the fact that the children are telling the truth.”

☛ **SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REMOVES CHILDREN FROM CHRISTIAN HOME/ PASTOR WARNS OF SOCIALIST TOTALITARIANISM IN USA** - The following is excerpted from “*Christian family takes fight to DC embassy,*” *Fox News*, July 12, 2026:

“Christian parents whose two daughters were seized by the Swedish government more than three years ago brought their custody battle to Washington, D.C., on Friday. A crowd of Romanian-Americans gathered outside the Swedish Embassy in Washington on Friday morning to show their support for Daniel and Bianca Samson, Christian parents who have been separated from their daughters, Sara and Tiana, since December 2022. The years-long battle began after Sara, then 11, made a false abuse allegation against her parents, stemming from an argument over not being allowed to wear makeup or have a smartphone. Despite Sara quickly admitting she had lied, Swedish social services removed the girls from the home. ... Prosecutors found no evidence of abuse, but the state refused to return the girls, citing the family’s habit of attending church three times a week and media choices as evidence of ‘religious extremism.’ ... In court, Daniel Samson said ... lawyers used their parenting choices against them, such as the girls not being allowed to paint their nails, the lack of a television in the home and the reading of Bible stories, which he said authorities called ‘violent.’ The case has drawn international outrage and support from the Romanian government. Romanian Sen. Titus Corlatean and Chicago Pastor Cristian Ionescu traveled to speak at the D.C. rally, which coincides with similar demonstrations planned this week in Brisbane, Stockholm, London, and Copenhagen. Ionescu, the senior pastor of Elim Romanian Pentecostal Church and president of the Romanian Pentecostal Churches’ Union in the United States, told Fox News Digital he hopes the same sort of government overreach won’t come to the U.S. But after fleeing communism in Romania 40 years ago, he says he’s alarmed by the rise of socialism in political races across the country. ‘I see a surge of socialist and communist politicians and this is always associated with a totalitarian society,’ Ionescu said.”

☛ **WOKE, DEI NOT DEAD, JUST WAITING** - The New America that is at war with the Old America is alive and well and biding its time. Politics cannot destroy it - strong churches, godly homes, and effectual prayer are the only hope. The following is excerpted from *“The Woke Left Captured the Smithsonian,” Fox News, July 24, 2026:*

“Contrary to what some on the right may believe, we are not winning the war against **DEI** [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion] placements and promotions, and we are not winning the war against the greater ‘Woke’ ideology. Both have been placed in faux hibernation by a far-left playing the long game. Actually, the game may not turn out to be that long at all. Many on the left are planning to double and triple-down on the ‘Woke’ gameplan should the Democrats take back part or all of Congress in November and the White House in 2028. Should you need a very recent reminder of how insidious and embedded DEI appointments combined with the ‘Woke’ theology can be, I encourage you to watch the smug and condescending testimony given by National Museum of American History Director Anthea Hartig in response to a number of sane and pragmatic questions asked of her by Congressman Brandon Gill of Texas. While Gill put on a masterclass on exposing merit and nation-destroying ‘wokism,’ I

can assure you that the seemingly self-righteous and arrogant Hartig was mentally drumming her fingers while thinking: *‘We are just going to wait you and the Trump administration out and then reinstall Woke and DEI across the government and private sector spectrum.’”*



BEWARE “APOSTLE” KATHRYN KRICK

From public park exorcisms to globe-trotting “revivals,” Krick’s meteoric rise is a masterclass in modern deception. She has quickly become one of the most popular – and disingenuous – purveyors of false teaching in Charismatic circles, accumulating hundreds of millions of views on social media while putting on “extended shows of pomp and pageantry” as she “casts out” demons from sad, desperate people .

Krick’s journey into deception didn’t start in a pulpit – it started on a stage. Born in 1991 in small-town New York, she moved to Los Angeles after college with dreams of making it in showbiz . She landed a few tiny acting gigs (even a reality TV dating show appearance) and dabbled in Christian EDM music under the name “Kat Krick,” convinced that was her God-given calling .

But her big break came not from Hollywood or Billboard, but from a so-called “Healing and Impartation” conference in 2016. There, a visiting Tanzanian prophet named GeorDavie Moses Kasambale singled her out and declared that God had called her to be an apostle who would work miracles worldwide. In a moment of rapturous import, this “dapper, mustachioed spiritual leader” anointed the 25-year-old Krick with oil and effectively commissioned her as an “apostle”. Krick later recalled that prophecy as the turning point: “I was actually called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ... to reach the nations, and God was going to do many miracles through me”. Forget seminary or pastoral training – all it took was one grandiose prophecy from a globe-trotting miracle man and voilà, Apostle Kathryn was born

In 2017, the newly dubbed “apostle”, launched a tiny fellowship called Advanced Anointing Church and held her first service on a California hillside with two friends in attendance.

Throughout 2018–2019, Krick’s “revival” meetings in L.A. parks struggled to break double digits in attendance. Some Sundays no one showed up at all. By early 2020, the would-be Apostle was essentially preaching to the wind. Then COVID-19 hit, shutting down indoor gatherings entirely. Many genuine churches languished during lockdowns – but for Krick, this was an opportunity. She rebranded her ministry as **Five-Fold Church** (5F), alluding to the five offices in Ephesians 4:11, and took her services fully outdoors in public parks. She grandiosely dubbed them “Revival in the Park.” Still, few people noticed. In truth, by late 2020 she was just another fringe street preacher in L.A.,

toiling in obscurity.

Then, in a plot twist almost too perfectly timed, “God spoke again,” as Krick tells it. And what did He say? Preach the gospel more faithfully? Repent of attention-seeking? Nope—according to Krick, God turned into a digital marketing coach. He allegedly told her to compile a one-minute highlight reel of her most dramatic “demon manifestations” and blast it on social media.

So, on Dec. 30, 2020, she dutifully posted a montage of shrieking, convulsing, demon-”possessed” folks to TikTok – complete with her commanding voice shouting them free – and went to bed. By her 30th birthday (Jan. 1, 2021), the video had exploded to over 1 million views . Her TikTok follower count skyrocketed overnight—the floodgates, as she put it, had opened.

Incredulous but elated, Krick saw this virality as divine validation. After years of flop, suddenly she was famous. It’s as if the Almighty finally decided to like, follow, and subscribe. (Or perhaps a more earthly algorithm simply rewarded the shock factor of her content.) Either way, Kathryn Krick — the TikTok Apostle — had arrived .

With her newfound platform, Krick’s ministry morphed into something that more closely resembles a traveling spiritual circus than a church. She had learned that spectacle sells, so spectacle is what she delivered. Like a Pentecostal version of P.T. Barnum, she began staging intense deliverance scenes for the cameras: people shrieking as invisible demons fled, bodies dropping to the ground under her touch, and throngs of onlookers gasping in awe. In Los Angeles, she drew a few dozen curiosity-seekers to outdoor services where two or three people might fall writhing under blankets as she commanded demons to depart. Videos of these scenes, however, made it look like a bona fide revival was sweeping L.A. – and on TikTok and Instagram, perception is everything.

By 2022 and 2023, Krick’s online popularity translated into real crowds. She went from 35 people in a park to packing auditoriums overseas. She boasts nearly a million social media followers and has drawn thousands to services in places like Berlin, Dubai, Prague, and Cape Town, all eager for healing, deliverance, or just a glimpse of this viral wonderworker.

On stage, she presents as an authoritative exorcist: a young woman with a wireless mic, emotive expressions, and a confident (some might say over-theatrical) prayer style. She’ll press her hand inches from a person’s forehead and declare, “I break all generational curses... every spirit must go, on the count of three – one, two, three!”. It’s dramatic. It’s emotional. And it’s almost entirely unbiblical in method.

The early apostles cast out demons with a word – instantly and authentically. In contrast, Krick’s deliverance sessions look like something between a low-budget horror film and a charismatic improv theater. In fact, many of her most jaw-dropping exorcism videos appear to be, quite literally, theater. Multiple eyewitness accounts have accused Krick of using actors to pretend to be demon-possessed, all for the sake of a good show.

This isn’t idle speculation, there is evidence. In one damning expose at *Protestia*, researchers caught Krick employing the same woman with a distinctive tattoo to act out demonized fits in different videos. Even more scandalous, this same woman turned up performing identical demonic antics for another notorious “exorcist,” Bob Larson. In other words, a shared crisis actor was recycling her demon act for multiple supposed ministers, including Krick. The odds of two unrelated people having the same tattoo and the same demonic behavior in two cities for two ministries? Slim to none. The far likelier explanation is plain fraud: a hired performer writhing on cue as Krick “casts out” a fictitious demon. (Lights, camera, exorcism!)

Krick has even stooped to using children as props in her exorcism tales. In one widely criticized stunt, she claimed to cast multiple demons out of a newborn baby – yes, a newborn . During a service, when an infant’s persistent crying happened to cease after her loud prayers, she triumphantly announced, “Jesus delivered a newborn from demons last night!” The crowd allegedly broke into praise at this “miracle.” Meanwhile, any biblically informed Christian’s jaw hit the floor. Demons inhabiting a newborn? On account of unbroken generational curses, she speculated . This is theologically nonsensical on every level.

These bizarre and staged encounters pile up by the dozens. Consider a brief (and by no means exhaustive) sampling of Krick’s greatest hits of heresy:

- * Recycled “Demons”: Using the same actress (with the same snake tattoo) to stage demonic deliverances at multiple events (protestia.com).

- * “Nazi Witchcraft” Comedy: Showcasing a man renouncing “the dark side of Hollywood” and even “Nazi witchcraft” in an over-the-top deliverance so corny that even discernment bloggers were in stitches. One reviewer said it was “the most ridiculous and fake ‘deliverance’ we’ve ever seen, by one of the worst actors we’ve ever seen.

- * Demon of the Week: Claiming new demonic innovations like “cursed foods.” In one clip, her “possessed” subject renounced “all cursed food I’ve eaten,” leading even sympathetic observers to quip, “Cursed foods is a new one for us.”

- * Mass Zoom Miracles: Bragging that a 2½-month-old baby on life support was “instantly healed via Zoom” after her prayer.

- * International Spectacle: Traveling worldwide to perform the same choreographed deliverance routines, turning once spiritually rich revivals into global roadshows of emotional manipulation. In Manila she drew a 20,000-seat arena for mass deliverance—in Cape Town and Berlin, likewise. The props may differ, but the script is the same.

In an age where social media fame can be mistaken for God’s favor, Krick’s story is a cautionary tale. The crowds shouted “Revival is now!” but in reality deception was now. Let the Church take heed. Kathryn Krick is a false teacher, and a particularly flamboyant one at that – a deliverance diva whose act has run its course.

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