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#### TOP SILVER BULLETS

- COVID Case Nets Church \$1.3 Million
- SCOTUS to Hear Major Abortion Case

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#### COVID CASE NETS CHURCH \$1.3 MILLION

A U.S. district judge has awarded Pasadena's Harvest Rock Church \$1.3 million after "permanently" enjoining the state from issuing or enforcing "any capacity or numerical restrictions on religious worship services" prohibited by recent Supreme Court precedent. The high court last November blocked restrictions on churches in New York State. The justices subsequently issued a series of rulings prohibiting other states—including California—from placing restrictions on churches that are more severe than those placed on other gatherings. District Judge Jesus G. Bernal, an Obama appointee, issued the most recent ruling. At one point, Harvest Rock Pastor Ché Ahn was threatened with jail for violating COVID restrictions. Pastor Ahn predicted the ruling will have impact nationwide: "I am thrilled to see the complete reversal of the last discriminatory restrictions against churches in California."

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 5:12; Matthew 6:31-33.

**PRAY:** Ruling sends a strong signal to government agencies.

**ACTION:** Write a postcard: "Dear Pastor Ahn, I'm grateful the Lord honored your stand to protect churches." Pastor Ché Ahn, Harvest Rock Church, 2555 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 400 Pasadena, CA 91107.

**ACTION 2:** Current Legislative Bills (Updated Thursdays):  
<https://www.judeochristiancaucus.com/bills-and-resolutions>

#### ARTICLE LINKS:

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/judge-orders-california-to-pay-church-13-million-for-restricting-worship-services.html>

<https://christiannewsjournal.com/california-church-scores-big-win-over-newsoms-covid-restrictions/>

National

#### SCOTUS TO HEAR MAJOR ABORTION CASE

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a Mississippi abortion case that could limit Roe v. Wade. The case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, involves a state law banning abortions after 15 weeks—well before viability—except when there are risks to the life or physical health of the mother, or fatal fetal anomalies. The High Court will only consider whether restrictions before viability are a violation of the Constitution. In a statement, Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch outlined the need to affirm life. "The petition asks

the court to clarify its jurisprudence on abortion to allow states like ours to enact laws that further their legitimate interests in protecting maternal health, safeguarding unborn babies, and promoting respect for innocent and vulnerable life." Mississippi's law highlights a conflict between the Supreme Court's ruling in Roe v. Wade and the state's repeated affirmation in subsequent cases that it has a legitimate interest in limiting abortion and protecting "vulnerable and innocent life" from the moment of conception.

**SCRIPTURE:** Job 33:4; Luke 1:15.

**PRAY:** The Mississippi law is upheld on its merits.

**ACTION 1:** Write a postcard: "Dear Justice Roberts, Thank you for reviewing the Mississippi abortion case. I urge the court to uphold protections for the unborn." Chief Justice John Roberts, SCOTUS, 1 First St. Northeast, Washington, DC 20543.

**ACTION 2:** Host a prayer and action meeting to review the case and begin praying the court rules in favor of preserving human life in the womb.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2021/05/17/supreme-court-agrees-to-hear-case-on-late-term-abortion-ban-protecting-babies-from-abortions/>  
<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/reaganmccarthy/2021/05/17/scotus-takes-up-abortion-case-n2589556>

#### CBS EXPOSES 'TRANSITIONING' DANGERS

CBS correspondent Lesley Stahl, who interviewed individuals who changed their mind after undergoing treatment for "gender" dysphoria for a segment for *60 Minutes*, was blasted for highlighting cases in which "transitioning" surgery was allowed after only a few doctor's visits. Stahl interviewed 30 people, with five appearing on the show. All of them fully "transitioned" to the opposite "gender," then "detransitioned" when they still felt "incomplete," or more depressed after their treatment. They told Stahl they felt they were "blindly affirmed." The advocate group GLADD said CBS "aired a shameful segment fearmongering about trans youth. Parents of trans youth could walk away with the false belief that young people are being rushed into medical transition. That is simply untrue." Yet, the subjects Stahl interviewed gave this message: "The medical community needs to make it more difficult to change genders and have surgery." Although the show focused on medical care and not the moral issues, it is rare for any critical coverage on mainstream media.

**SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 22:5; Romans 8:1-4

**PRAY:** The truth about transgender treatment is exposed.

**ACTION:** Write a postcard: "Dear Leslie Stahl, Thank you for standing by your story on 'transitioning' treatments."

Leslie Stahl, CBS 60 Minutes, 524 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/05/25/transgender-activists-do-not-want-you-to-hear-stories-of-gender-transition-regret/>

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/i-still-felt-incomplete-cbs-60-minutes-spotlights-ex-transgender-community.html>

#### BIDEN PRESSURED TO PUNISH ISRAEL

President Joe Biden is under increasing pressure from within his administration to crack down on Israel in the wake of the recent conflict with the Palestinians, despite the fact the Jewish state was defending itself from an onslaught of rockets fired upon them from Gaza. In an ongoing anti-Israel campaign in Congress, the Biden administration also received

a letter signed by 500 of his mostly low-level campaign staffers urging the president to hold Israel "accountable for its actions." "We implore you to continue using the power of your office to hold Israel accountable for its actions and lay the groundwork for justice and lasting peace," the petition pleaded. In a column for Town Hall, writer Dan Backer, countered that news outlets are culpable for misinformation. "The pro-Palestine media is also peddling the big lie that Israel is an oppressor, despite the actual opinions of Israeli Arabs, who enjoy the same freedoms as Jews in Israel."

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 12:3; Romans 11:26.

**PRAY:** For the biblical sovereignty of Israel.

**ACTION:** Write a postcard: "Dear President Biden, I urge you to rebuff efforts to vilify Israel, our strongest ally in the Middle East." President Joe Biden, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20500.

<https://townhall.com/columnists/danbacker/2021/05/20/the-big-lie-democrats-media-elites-embrace-antisemitic-terrorism-n2589763>  
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/over-500-biden-campaign-staffers-urge-him-to-hold-israel-accountable/>

## **PRES. OMITTS GOD IN NATIONAL PRAYER**

President Biden issued his first National Day of Prayer proclamation, touting the "power of prayer" while also promoting racial justice and climate change. The decree, however, failed to mention God, making President Biden the first president in modern history to do so. In her analysis of the issue, writer Kathryn Jean Lopez argued in the National Review that humility—a lifting up of God while decreasing self—is critical for effective prayer. "A White House proclamation isn't a theological treatise, but I do wonder whether this year's betrays our warped view of religion," she opined. "Prayer isn't about us so much as it is about God. It's not about our agendas. It's an acknowledgement that there is so much more to our day and our lives than what is on our calendars." David Brody, chief political analyst for CBN News, took to Twitter after reading the pronouncement. "How do you release a proclamation about prayer and not mention God at all?"

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 20:3; John 14:6.

**PRAY:** God's mercy and grace infiltrates the White House.

**ACTION:** Write a postcard: "Dear President Biden. I am deeply disappointed God was omitted from the NDP proclamation. What's the point of prayer without God?" President Joe Biden, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20500.

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/biden-becomes-1st-president-to-omit-god-from-national-day-of-prayer-proclamation.html>  
<https://www.nationalreview.com/2021/05/joe-biden-leaves-god-out-of-the-national-day-of-prayer/>

## **WAR ON WORDS: THE 'BIRTHING PERSON'**

**Salt & Light Opinion:** The attack on truth and reason continues. In a May House Oversight Committee hearing on "America's Black Maternal Health Crisis," two representatives—Carolyn B. Maloney of New York and Cori Bush of Missouri—raised eyes by using the phrase "birthing person" instead of gender specific terms such as mother or woman. Language gymnastics is a core battle strategy used to strip away opposition by hijacking words and co-opting

their meanings. Primary examples can be found with the redefinition of such words as tolerance, race, equity and "gender." The term "gender" is a social construct used to manipulate young minds and undermine religious belief. Take, for instance, President Biden's new Housing and Urban Development directive forcing Christian colleges to open dorms and showers to students who identify their "genders" as the opposite sex. The policy, recently upheld in federal court, is another example of language being weaponized.

**SCRIPTURE:** Job 10:11-12; Ephesians 1:3-4.

**PRAY:** Christians become equipped to defend their faith.

**ACTION:** For a prayer and action meeting, use newspapers and web articles to explore words that are being redefined and find Scriptures that promote God's truth.

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/house-democrats-replace-women-with-birthing-people-reproduction-is-for-every-body.html>

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/judge-says-biden-admin-can-force-christian-colleges-to-change-lgbt-policies.html>

## **SALT & LIGHT MINISTRY MOMENT:**

NOTE: Ministry Moment is for educational purposes only. Information offered by organizations is from their websites and should not be used as a substitute for your own research.

**PFOX (Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays & Gays):**

**Regina Griggs, Executive Director**

Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays & Gays (PFOX) is a national non-profit organization committed to helping those who have left the homosexual lifestyle—and their parents and friends—find hope and community. Founded in May 1998, PFOX was created to be an alternative to the family groups that insist parents can only prove their love for their child if they support "gay" rights and affirm their child's self-proclaimed identity. The ministry has a long history of educating families, students and the public about same-sex attraction, and debunking many common misconceptions by providing resources and facts about sexual preference and the health risks involved. A core belief is to equip family, friends, the community, and the Church with the truth about their loved one's struggle in an effort to support those seeking a positive life change.

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 45:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:12-13.

**PRAY:** Christians reach out with God's redemption message.

**ACTION:** Write a postcard: "Dear Regina Griggs, Thank you for showing those with same-sex attraction there is an avenue for meaningful and lasting change." Regina Griggs, PFOX, P.O. Box 510, Reedville, VA 22539.

[www.pfox.org](http://www.pfox.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** (*Customize events here*)

Salt & Light Prayer and Action Meeting

When: **June 7, 2021 12:30 PM**

Where: **FRATELLOS - 647 CAMINO DE LOS MARES #126 SAN CLEMENTE, CA**

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<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/>

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