



ARISE! MINISTRIES

Mount Up On Wings – Isaiah 40:31

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INJUSTICE: Is Our System of Justice Broken?

“Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.” -- Habakkuk 1:3-4

Several stories in the news last week demonstrate that there is something seriously wrong with our system of justice:

Pro-Life Protesters Convicted

From the Daily Wire: Six pro-lifers were found guilty on Tuesday after the Biden administration charged them over a peaceful protest at a Tennessee abortion facility in 2021. They face up to 10.5 years in prison.

The pro-life activists were accused by the Department of Justice of violating the FACE Act and civil rights conspiracy for peaceful protest that took place in a hallway outside of a Mount Juliet abortion provider on March 5, 2021. On that day, a group of demonstrators gathered on the second floor of an office building in the hallway outside the Carafem Health Center Clinic.

Meanwhile, a grand total of zero people have ever been arrested for protesting outside the houses of Supreme Court justices after Roe was overturned, which is a federal crime.

Expensive Justice

From The Patriot Post: “Donald Trump’s political action committee spent approximately \$50 million in legal fees and investigation-related expenses last year, the source of which was donor money that might otherwise have been used in a presumed presidential campaign later this year.”

Meanwhile, the State of New York cut disgraced ex-Gov. Andrew Cuomo a check for over half a million dollars this week as reimbursement for his legal fees as [reported by Politico](#).

Since leaving office, Cuomo has been a frequent flyer in New York courts.

In addition to bringing his own legal actions against the state’s ethics panel, the 66-year-old had to defend himself against a misdemeanor forcible touching charge brought by the Albany County Sheriff and lawsuits from his accusers, Brittany Commisso and Charlotte Bennet. The charges were



ultimately dismissed, entitling Cuomo to reimbursement for his legal expenses.

Hating Satan – A Hate Crime

From the Patriot Post: Michael Cassidy, a 35-year-old Christian Navy veteran and former congressional candidate from Mississippi, has been charged with a hate crime for beheading a Satanic statue in the Iowa Capitol building in December. The statue of [Baphomet](#) was erected by the Satanic Temple of Iowa, which gained permission from the state for

its religious display. It must have been for the sake of equity that it was placed near a Nativity display.

Cassidy was unabashed in his admission and reasoning after turning himself in:

“I saw this blasphemous statue and was outraged. My conscience is held captive to the word of God, not to bureaucratic decree. And so I acted. The world may tell Christians to submissively accept the legitimization of Satan, but none of the Founders would have considered government sanction of Satanic altars inside Capitol buildings as being protected by the First Amendment. Anti-Christian values have steadily been mainstreamed more and more in recent decades, and Christians have largely acted like the proverbial frog in the boiling pot of water.,.,,

We don’t recall hate crime charges for those vandals of historically significant artwork. In fact, the Black Lives Matter riots have yielded nearly \$100 million in payouts ... to the rioters. Meanwhile, Cassidy faces the full force of the law for destroying the product of Satanic arts and crafts time. Seems about par for the course in America, circa 2024

Immigrant Injustice

From the New York Post: Four of the migrants cut loose without bail after allegedly [ganging up on two NYPD cops](#) near Times Square may be on the run, The Post has learned. Cops believe the group could have hopped on a bus bound for California on Wednesday after giving phony names to a

church-affiliated nonprofit group that helps migrants get rides out of the city, according to law enforcement sources.

These stories all indicated that yes, our system of justice is broken. Sadly, the guilty often go unpunished. But I hasten to remind that God is the ultimate judge and will someday right every wrong.

Eagle's Eye on New York

"The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low" --

Deuteronomy 28:43

MIGRANT MONEY

Only a few months ago, New York Mayor Eric Adams was talking about a mere \$4 billion to cope with illegal immigrants over the next couple years. Now, he says it will be more like \$10 billion. Gov. Kathy Hochul [included](#) \$2.4 billion in the state budget to help.

In [announcing](#) her budget, Hochul said she would focus on "fighting crime, fixing our mental health system, and protecting New Yorkers' hard-earned money." And yet, she plans to spend as much on supporting illegal immigrants as on mental health programs for the entire state.

STATE POLICE HOUSE CLEANING

Newly appointed State Police Superintendent Steven G. James [cleared out most of the agency's top positions](#) on his first day on the job, removing multiple colonels and deputy superintendents from key roles in one of the agency's biggest one-day leadership shakeups on record.

Eagle's Eye on the Nation

CHINA VS USA

U.S. officials said Wednesday they disrupted a state-backed Chinese effort to plant malware that could be used to damage civilian infrastructure, as the head of the FBI warned that Beijing is positioning itself to disrupt the daily lives of Americans, if the United States and China ever go to war.

The operation, announced just before FBI Director Chris Wray addressed House lawmakers, disrupted a botnet of hundreds of U.S.-based small office and home routers owned by private citizens and companies that had been hijacked by the Chinese hackers to cover their tracks as they sowed the malware. Their ultimate targets included water treatment plants, the electrical grid, and transportation systems across the United States.

Speaking before the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, Wray said there has been far too little public focus on a cyber threat that affects "every American."

UNRWA AND HAMAS

An Israeli official has claimed that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) is a "haven for Hamas' radical ideology" after an Israeli intelligence report estimated

that around 10% of the agency's 12,000 staffers in Gaza have ties to Hamas and other Islamic terrorist groups.

According to the dossier provided to the United States and reviewed by [The Wall Street Journal](#), estimates suggest that about 1,200 UNRWA employees in Gaza have links to Hamas, the terrorist group that has controlled the Gaza Strip since 2007, or the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Evidence within the intelligence report came from cell phone data, interrogations with Hamas fighters and documents discovered on the bodies of dead militants.

Nine countries, including the U.S., have halted aid to UNRWA following accusations that at least 12 of the agency's employees had connections with Hamas' attacks against Israel.

Liberal Logic???

A new spa catering to "diaper-wearing" adults who want to role-play as young children has opened in a small town in New Hampshire.

"**The Diaper Spa**," in Atkinson, N.H., says it is an "age play-friendly, adult diaper spa" to "nurture and pamper all diaper lovers and enthusiasts in richly immersive experiences."

The spa is a "safe and judgment-free zone" for visitors to pamper themselves with "snacks...playtime, story time, nap time, cuddle time, changing time, coloring, nursery rhymes and sing-a-longs," according to its [website](#).

Services advertised include an "Adult Baby-Diaper Lover" (ABDL) nursery spa care at \$300 an hour, virtual playdates at \$200 an hour, and an all-day "premier spa experience for the little one inside of you" for \$1500.

Ministry Report

The Week of January 28-February 3

Wow, what a Sunday I had on January 28. I preached at Evangelical Baptist Church in Buffalo in the AM and Faith Bible Baptist Church in the PM. The pastors and staff of both churches are good friends. The people of both churches showered us with love and encouragement.

FBBC surprised me with a birthday cake in honor of my 76th birthday. But best of all, three adults responded to the invitation for salvation.

The rest of the week was typical – study, calls, emails, writing, etc.

On Friday, my wife and I hosted the Silver Saints at our home church. Our theme was "Celebrating Friendship."

Tom Stiles Speaking Schedule

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| February 11 | Grace Baptist Church, Peppermill, MA |
| February 18 | Emmanuel Bible Baptist Church, Martville, NY |
| February 25 | Palmyra Bible Baptist Church, Palmyra, NY |
| March 3 | First Baptist Church, Elba, NY |

