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**PASTOR TURNS ATHEIST**

<http://www.mychristiandaily.com/index.php/uk/186-generic-news-5-7/8980-former-pastor-christian-educator-announces-he-ll-become-atheist-for-a-year> **Former pastor, Christian educator announces he'll become atheist for a year** 07 Jan 2014 (Edited by DCB) - Believe it or not “A confused ex-pastor and Christian educator who was asked to resign from his post at the Hollywood Adventist Church last March for gay activism announced that he will be experimenting with atheism for the entire year and lost every job he had because of it.” Ryan Bell has “called himself a ‘faithful critic’ who advocated for the equal inclusion of gays and women in church culture and leadership.” He stated that for “the next 12 months I will live as if there is no God. I will not pray, read the Bible for inspiration, refer to God as the cause of things or hope that God might intervene and change my own or someone else's circumstances. (I trust that if there really is a God that God will not be too flummoxed by my foolish experiment and allow others to suffer as a result)”. He stated further that he would do whatever he could “to enter the world of atheism and live, for a year, as an atheist. It's important to make the distinction that I am not an atheist. At least not yet. I am not sure what I am. That's part of what this year is about”. 1John 5:13 “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”



**PASTOR'S ADULTEROUS WIFE**

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-ron-carpenter-and-wife-hope-carpenter-to-reconcile-marriage-with-help-of-bishop-td-jakes-112056/> **Pastor Ron Carpenter, After Revealing Wife's Adultery and 'Sickness,' Says Bishop TD Jakes to Help Reconcile Marriage** 6 January, 2014 (Edited by DCB) - Ron Carpenter is the pastor of a mega-church “Redemption World Outreach Center (RWOC) in Greenville, S.C.” Carpenter has told his congregation “that he would be attempting, with the help of Bishop T.D. Jakes, to reconcile his marriage with his wife, Hope Carpenter, less than four months after revealing that she had committed adultery multiple times over the past 10 years and was voluntarily seeking psychiatric help.” Carpenter’s wife



“is an apostle along with her husband in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, which claims more than 2 million members worldwide.”

### **WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

<http://www.recreatewomen.com/> (Edited by DCB) - Here is a conference just for the women called RECREATE 2014. At this conference the attendee will “be inspired, challenged, and empowered to transform your sphere of influence.” There will be “Powerful worship, world-class speakers, great food, laughter, and several fun surprises...” Music probably has a lot to do with “powerful worship”! Two guest speakers are Julia A’Bell and Holly Wagner. A’Bell with her husband, Joel, “is the Lead Pastor of Hillsong Australia. She is responsible for the outworking of the vision in the Australian campuses, including Hillsong Sisterhood.” Wagner and her husband, Phillip, “are the Pastors of Oasis Church—a growing, relevant, multi-cultural, church located in Los Angeles.” Wagner “Through the women’s ministry of Oasis, GodChicks...has empowered thousands of women around the world.” Several books she has written are “GodChicks, Daily Steps for GodChicks, WarriorChicks, GodChicks and the Men They Love, and Awakened.” Undoubtedly Holly has found a winner here with her combining God with Chicks. One thing for sure is at this conference there will not be much (if any) sound Bible doctrine taught.



### **LORD’S PRAYER IS OFFENSIVE**

<http://www.watoday.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/time-to-scrap-lords-prayer-in-parliament-greens-20140114-30src.html> **Time to scrap Lord's Prayer in Parliament: Greens** January 14, 2014 (Edited by DCB) - Yes, “The Lord's Prayer in Federal Parliament is an anachronism, according to Greens senator Richard di Natale, who is calling to have the prayer scrapped.” He told the Fairfax Media that “[When the prayers are read] there are a lot of people who are silent or who are thinking of other things”. If “thinking of other things” was the main reason for scrapping the reading of the Lord’s Prayer most churches would cease having a sermon preached on the Lord’s day. But that isn’t the main or only reason to scrap it. The senator said “‘modern’ Australia was made up of people who had different ideas about religion. We are here to represent everybody. We’re here to represent people of all faiths. People who don't have a strong religious faith”. This isn’t the first time that the Lord’s prayer has been assaulted. “In 1997 former Greens leader Bob Brown unsuccessfully tried to remove the preamble and Lord's Prayer.” Then “In 2008, former speaker Harry Jenkins led a similarly failed bid.” However, “Acting Prime Minister Warren Truss said the government had ‘no plans to change the standing orders’”. It is surprising somewhere it didn’t say the Lord’s Prayer was offensive to Islam.



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