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LIVING FOR JESUS IN A HOSTILE SOCIETY

I have been wondering lately: how do you take Jesus where he is not welcome? An even more pointed question is how do we live for Jesus when we find open opposition and hostility to Christianity?

This past weekend, at least four Catholic churches in four states were vandalized in a string of attacks that have authorities wondering whether religious icons and statues are next to be targeted by anti-racism and "anti-fascist" protesters. News sources reported that churches in California, New York, Massachusetts, and Florida were all targeted by vandals, and several historic churches suffered major damage in arson attacks. "A man in Florida plowed his vehicle into the Queen of Peace Catholic Church as it was preparing for morning Mass on Saturday, poured gasoline in the foyer, and then set the building on fire before driving off, the Marion County Sheriff's Office reports," according to Fox News.

Ministry Happenings . . .



Play Golf = Help Kids



The Camp Dixie Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for May 10 has been postponed until September 18, 2020. Join this year for the annual Tony Jernigan Memorial Golf Tournament on **Fri-day, Sept 18** at Cypress Lake Golf Course in Hope Mills, NC! All net proceeds from the tournament will be used to provide scholarship for campers who cannot afford the cost of summer camp.

big splash 2020

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Thursday Arrival \$235

- * 3 Nights Lodging (bunk style)
- * 3 meals Friday/Saturday
1 meal Sunday
- * Rafting Ocoee River (Sat or Sun)
- * 2 additional adventures (Horseback riding, paintball, mountain biking or high ropes adventure)
- * Use of Lake, blob, four square, volleyball, Gaga ball, hiking, recreation fields)

Friday Arrival \$175

- * 2 Nights Lodging (bunk style)
- * 1 meal Friday
- * 3 meals Saturday
- * 1 meal Sunday
- * Rafting Ocoee River (Sat or Sun)
- * 2 additional adventures (Horseback riding, paintball, mountain biking or high ropes adventure)
- * Use of Lake, blob, four square, volleyball, Gaga ball, hiking, recreation fields)

Copperhill, TN

Rafting Ocoee River

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In Los Angeles, the nearly 250 year old historic San Gabriel Church was targeted in an arson attack. In Boston, a statue of the Virgin Mary (a monument to World War II veterans displayed in the courtyard of a Catholic church) was set ablaze and desecrated.

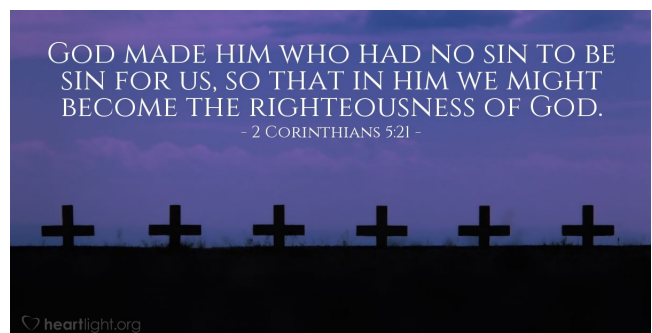
On July 9th, CNN Anchor Don Lemon said, "Here's the thing," (Lemon was speaking to fellow CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, who is Catholic.) "Jesus Christ — if that's who you believe in, Jesus Christ — admittedly was not perfect when He was here on this earth." This heretical statement is entirely contrary to what scripture teaches us about Jesus. In 2 Corinthians 5:21 it says, *"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

Shaun King, a Black Lives Matter leader and writer for the New York Daily News, recently said that statues, murals, stained glass depictions, and other art work displaying "white Jesus" should be torn down. He also remarked that images of a white Jesus, his white mother and "their white friends" should all be destroyed, insisting they are "racist propaganda" and "a gross form of white suprema-

cy."

Perhaps you are offended by these trends, or even surprised that seemingly no one is speaking out boldly, but lovingly, for the cause of Christ. You see, if we as Christians are waiting for lawmakers or educators or public officials to lift up Jesus - it simply will not happen. If Jesus is to be lifted up, WE are the ones responsible for doing it. How important does it become to be actively involved in church, the body of Christ? How necessary is it to be certain our children are actively engaged in Christian education and involved in youth or children's ministry? How are you positively impacting your home, your neighborhood, or your workplace with your devotion to Christ? How essential does our vocal witness for Christ become where the public mention of his name is in bad taste? As Paul said, *"...continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel."* (Col. 3:23) Stand boldly for Jesus!

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Coming Events...

August 30	Advent Christian Village Sunday
September	Stewardship Month
September 10-13	Big Splash, Copperhill, TN
September 13	Student & Kids Sunday
September 18	Tony Jernigan Memorial Golf Tournament, Fayetteville, NC
September 20	Christian Education Sunday
September 27	Women's Sunday

Philippians 1:4-6

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.