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[US Church Closures Hit Record, but Faith Thrives in This Rural NC Town: 'I Met Jesus in Prison'](#)

GATESVILLE, N.C. — In towns across rural America, churches aren't just places of worship. They're the heartbeat of the community. However, that pulse is fading as thousands close nationwide. Nationally, as many as 15,000 churches could close this year alone, with the National Council of Churches estimating 100,000 closures in the coming years. Mainline Protestant and Catholic parishes are being hit hardest.



[Huckabee Commissions 1,000-Pastor 'Army' at Ambassador's Summit to Stand with Israel](#)

JERUSALEM, Israel – After six days, multiple venues, and one finale, the first-ever Ambassador's Summit in Israel commissioned more than one thousand pastors on Sunday to stand with Israel and combat antisemitism.

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(SRN NEWS)-[The Freedom From Religion Foundation](#) wants Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer to call off a prayer service scheduled for Wednesday at the department. The Foundation claims the event is a violation of the so-called "separation of church and state". A number of President Trump's cabinet secretaries have been hosting voluntary prayer events, including Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. The Foundation spends most of its time trying to eliminate Christianity from the public square.



[A big gift for a historic church](#)

Hobby Lobby CEO David Green says he's giving seven million dollars to the congregation of First Baptist Church Dallas to help rebuild the historic structure, which was gutted by fire last year. The total price of the rebuild will

be about 100 million, which the congregation is close to raising. Pastor Robert Jeffress says groundbreaking is scheduled for next year. First Baptist and its buildings span six city blocks and counts 16,000 people as members.

Highlights from Letters to Power 88



I recently came back to Christ; I am an inmate at Century Correctional Institution. I recently came back to Christ after about 15-years of rebellion. I have just **been blown away by the sheer volume of good Christian music** that is out there! To say the least, my thirst and hunger for the Lord, His Scriptures and music pleasing to Him is insatiable.

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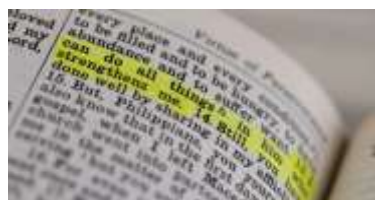
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[It's time for Verse of the Year](#)

YouVersion, the most popular free Bible app in the world, has been crunching the numbers and it reports that Isaiah 41:10 was the portion of scripture most likely to be searched by people in 2025. The familiar verse

reads **“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”** Given the condition of the world, perhaps this isn't surprising.

(SRN NEWS)-Ministry leaders say they have distributed nearly 245,000 Bibles this year — up 25,000 from 2024. The scriptures were handed out not just in the U.S. but in scores of foreign countries. FCA tells the Christian Post that “By providing Scripture in multiple languages, FCA aims to make the Gospel

accessible and culturally relevant worldwide.” The ministry first began handing out Bibles to athletes who attended camps back in 1978



It is easy to be an Underwriter on Power 88

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I also look forward to presenting Today's Christian Music over the airwaves of Power 88 and sharing a little bit, of how God has blessed me. Thank you in advance for tuning in Monday - Friday mornings to hear 'Kris' on-the-air!

Power Verses this week



Sat [Psalm 136:1,26](#)

Sun [2 Peter 3:10-11](#)

Mon [John 1:1-2, 14](#)

Tue [Hebrews 1:1-2](#)

Wed [John 6:35](#)

Thu [John 8:12](#)

Fri [1 Chronicles 16:8](#)

WBHY Daily Program Schedule

840 AM 103.3 & 103.5 FMT [live on internet](#)

Concerts & Special Events



Live Nation Presents

The Barely Elegant Acoustic Tour 2026

Featuring: Need To Breathe **Wednesday, February 4th, 2026**

Doors open at 6:00 PM Concert starts at 7:30 PM

Saenger Theatre in Mobile, AL

Tickets or more information visit www.NeedToBreathe.com

The Saenger 6 S Joachim St. in Mobile, AL 36602



30th Anniversary Tour

Featuring: Third Day With Special Guest: Zach Williams **Saturday, March**

21st, 2026 Pensacola Bay Center in Pensacola, FL Concert Starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at [TicketMaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or <https://bit.ly/4mVclPc>

Pensacola Bay Center at 201 E Gregory Street in Pensacola, FL



Winter Jam 2026

Featured Artists: Chris Tomlin, Matthew West, Katy Nichole, Hulvey, Disciple, and Emerson Day

Hosted by Newsong Speaker: Zane Black

Pre-Jam Artists include Jeremy Rosado, Heath Brothers, and Cliff Preston

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026 Doors open at 4:00 PM

Pre-Show 4:00 PM Concert 5:00 PM Mitchell Center No Ticket Required

Admission is a \$15 donation at the door. More info is available at

JamTour.com U.S.A. Mitchell Center is located at 5950 Old Shell Road in Mobile, AL

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