

**LIMEY PASTOR**

# The suffering of the children



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Faith

Last week I wrote about the agonies being inflicted on children in the name of the law. I said that "I have been thinking very hard of what needs to be preached for the safety of the people and our children." The week has continued with further public recording of the unintelligence of ill-thought-out and essentially cruel government policies. But such nonsense hit close to my home this week.

Just days after writing this, I received a phone call from an unmarried girl who needed help. I knew her from a couple of years before. She was at a local hospital and had given birth to a little baby boy. The young woman was 28, had herself been born in difficult circumstances, according to her mother, and had nearly died at birth. Residual issues had

changed the character of her voice a little and had made pronunciation of certain words difficult. The father of her baby was not in the picture; he had been violent with the new mother's mother and had punched her, leaving bruises before leaving the picture.

In the hospital the young woman had fallen asleep when nursing the new baby (which is quite common), and the nurses reported the mother to the Department of Human Services — although, from what I understand, there were no toxicology tests conducted on the young mother. There was an assumption made that there was a substance abuse issue. She was just exhausted.

The baby was removed from the mother, and the young mother was literally evicted from her bed and told to get out of the hospital minus her son. I found her in the parking lot across from the hospital with a pile of

baby belongings and equipment in the open air. The hospital had transferred control of the baby to the governmental authorities, and said that the young mother would be allowed to visit the baby for 15 minutes a day — a tall order for a slender, malnourished mother with her birth stitches still in, and no means to travel to the hospital.

Neither the young mother or her mother had places to stay, nor the means to afford that. I was able to drive the young mother to friends on the other side of Portland, and her own mother to friends of hers in Sandy.

This is a problem that is still in process, but in the meantime the baby, in the most essential period of his young life, is being deprived of this young mother's love.

The mother is a young, vulnerable, gentle soul and her baby was born in a lower birth weight, but nothing problematic. I was struck because her baby was born with the same birth weight as my own son.

The bond between parents and children must be regarded as a sacred connection in our society, not a relationship between owner and property. Children may not be seized to teach people a lesson, only if jeopardy to life and limb exists. If this is a sign of our times it is ominous, where children are seen as chattel. I am praying very much from the holy heaven of our people to rise up and take these matters in hand and create firm guides for the loving of children and the care of parents who need education and support. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Colin Brown is the former pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boardman.

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# Church of England seeks revival in newer Christian faiths

By **ROBERT STEVENS**  
Associated Press

LONDON — The Church of England owns some of the most impressive houses of worship in the world, with towering facades and spires that have drawn in the faithful for close to 500 years. But these days, that's not enough to fill the pews.

Looking to reverse dwindling membership, Church leaders are launching a new outreach to other Christian congregations, in a move that could bring some Holy Rolling, New World preaching styles to its venerable halls of stone and sacrament.

A proposal likely to be approved on Friday would devolve some authority and allow local bishops to decide who from outside the Church of England can come perform sermons at its churches, without prior approval of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, as is currently the case.

That means it's likely that more expressive, evangelical preaching styles including gospel could be making their way to the pulpit, like that of Bishop Michael Curry, whose passionate sermon about the power of love stirred up the royal wedding.

"The Church of England



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**Pentecostal Bishop Dr. Joe Aldred, of the Church of God of Prophecy, stands in front of Catholic Apostolic Church of Christ the King in Bloomsbury, London.**

thinks it can make itself more attractive by resorting to style," said Gavin Ashenden, a former chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II. "It's the end of the snobbishness that the Church of England has confined itself with," he said, adding that he hoped easier partnerships with other denominations would bring fresh inspiration to preaching styles.

The C of E, England's state church, was founded after a schism with the papacy in the 16th century, and its traditions are at the heart of what came to be known outside Britain as

Anglicanism, or the Episcopalian Church, one of the world's largest Protestant Christian followings.

But membership in the English heartland has been shrinking over the years, as Britain's population ages, and the average Church of England member today is 68 years old, despite successive attempts by Church leaders to boost appeal. Ashenden fears the Church could suffer a "demographic meltdown."

While membership in traditional churches has been consistently falling in the West, the growth of

the newer ones has clearly bucked the trend, raising eyebrows across the faiths.

The Church of England says that the new rules, set to pass a final approval at its July 6 synod, or council meeting, build on previous efforts to expand partnerships and help unify those who spread the Christian faith. Many pastors from the independent churches it already recognizes give sermons already at the Church of England. But the new rules could bring in even more, including some from primarily black congregations.

**BRIEFLY**

**Golfers to tee off for Eastern Oregon Mission**

UMATILLA — Golfers interested in teeing off for a cause are encouraged to participate in an upcoming tournament that will benefit Eastern Oregon Mission.

Scramble for Food is Saturday, July 14 with check-in at 8 a.m. and the shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Big River Golf Course, 709 Willamette St., Umatilla. A four-person scramble format, those who plan to participate should register by July 9.

The cost is \$60, which includes pastries in the morning, 18 holes of golf, prizes on every hole, lunch and awards. Registration forms are available at Agape House, 500 Harper Road, the Hermis-

ton Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395; and Bendixen Law, 245 E. Main St. For questions, call Dave Hughes at 541-571-7293. To reserve a golf cart, call 541-922-3006.

Eastern Oregon Mission is the parent organization of Agape House and Martha's House, which serve individuals and families in need. For more information, to volunteer or make donations, call 541-567-8774.

**Seminar offers insight on Islam, Christianity**

PENDLETON — Rev. Tim Roosenberg has studied the Bible extensively and shares his insight regarding prophecies.

An author and prophecy seminar presenter, he was a pastor for 25 years

until he began his traveling prophecy seminar ministry in August 2011. Roosenberg will share about Islam and Christianity Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1401 S.W. Goodwin Place. The public is invited to the free event.

In 2011, Roosenberg wrote "Islam & Christianity in Prophecy" with Tim Lale.

The book focuses on biblical prophecy in Daniel 11-12, including details about a future major conflict between Islam and Christianity, Roosenberg says on his website.

For more information about the presentation, contact Shana Boyer at jesuisthelivingwater@yahoo.com or 541-276-0882. For more about Roosenberg,

visit [www.islamandchristianity.org](http://www.islamandchristianity.org).

**Ladies to lavish in lavender**

HERMISTON — Tips on growing and uses for lavender are featured during a program sponsored by the Hermiston Nazarene Church Women's Ministries.

All Things Lavender is Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the church's ministry center, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Greg and Bettina Senter, owners of The Lavender Egg in Pendleton, are the presenters. There is no admission fee.

For more information, Melody Finn-Kinswa at 541-567-3677, melody.hermnaz@gmail.com or visit [www.hermistonnazarene.org](http://www.hermistonnazarene.org).

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**To share your worship times call 541-278-2678**

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541-481-6132

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