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By Dom Calicchio | Fox News

Mark Galli, the editor-in-chief of Christianity Today who infuriated nearly 200 evangelical leaders by writing a December editorial calling for President Trump's removal from office and describing the president as being "profoundly immoral," is stepping down at the end of this week.

Galli confirmed his departure in a Twitter message on New Year's Eve.

"Well, my retirement is a couple of days away," Galli wrote. "Will be posting here more often now that I have more time on my hands. Well, given last week, maybe not."

On Wednesday night, the magazine's Twitter account also confirmed that Galli will be leaving, and wrote that his future plans include continuing a weekly newsletter.

"Our editor in chief for two more days," the magazine posted, followed by a crying emoji.

"If you're wanting to keep up with Mark after he retires, he will still be sending out his weekly newsletter each Friday," CT added in a second message.

Galli's Dec. 19 editorial, titled "Trump Should Be Removed From Office," came one day after the House of Representatives approved two articles of impeachment against President Trump, making the nation's 45th president the third in history to be impeached — behind Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1998. (Richard Nixon resigned in 1974, before the House could vote to impeach him.)

Mark Galli is stepping down Friday as editor-in-chief of Christianity Today. (Facebook)

The Galli editorial, in a leading publication for the nation's evangelical Christian community and one that was founded by the late Rev. Billy Graham in 1956 — sparked an intense reaction, including from Graham's son, the Rev. Franklin Graham.

"My father knew Donald Trump, believed in Donald Trump, and in this last election, he voted for Donald Trump," the son of the late pastor and president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association told Fox News in December. "And if he were here today, I'm sure he would tell you that himself."

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While many liberals hailed Galli, saying his decision to oppose Trump showed "courage," nearly 200 evangelical leaders condemned what he had written, saying the anti-Trump editorial had "offensively questioned the spiritual integrity and Christian witness of tens-of-millions of believers who take seriously their civic and moral obligations."

In his editorial, Galli invoked the mission of Billy Graham, to "help evangelical Christians interpret the news in a manner that reflects their faith."

"We want CT to be a place that welcomes Christians from across the political spectrum, and reminds everyone that politics is not the end and purpose of our being," Galli wrote. "That said, we do feel it necessary from time to time to make our own opinions on political matters clear — always, as Graham encouraged us, doing so with both conviction and love. We love and pray for our president, as we love and pray for leaders (as well as ordinary citizens) on both sides of the political aisle."

Galli acknowledged that Democrats "have had it out for from day one" and that the president "did not have a serious opportunity to offer his side of the story" during the impeachment process.

However, Galli added, "the facts in this instance are unambiguous: The president of the United States attempted to use his political power to coerce a foreign leader to harass and discredit one of the president's political opponents. That is not only a violation of the Constitution; more importantly, it is profoundly immoral."

Galli, 67, a native of California, had previously announced his departure plans in October.

"I've been EIC for about seven years now," he wrote in CT at the time, "and as it goes with many jobs, I think I finally understand what I should have been doing all along! It has been quite a ride for the ministry, economically and journalistically. Some definite lows, to be sure, and some wonderful highs. Aside from a strong sense of God's call, what's given me most joy is the people I have worked with - men and women who are passionate about their faith and dedicated to their work, and have a sense of humor to boot."

Christianity Today CEO Dr. Timothy Dalrymple announced at the time that Galli's successor will be Dr. Daniel Harrell, a longtime minister and author.

Fox News' Caleb Parke, Frank Miles and Joseph A. Wulfsohn contributed to this story.

Re: Christianity Today editor who called for Trump's removal is retiring Friday - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2020/1/2 10:09

It's terrible he used that platform for his personal grievances, there is no doubt as much as we can disagree with the person of trump at times, he is standing for righteousness in many areas and the righteous should rejoice in this and continue to pray for God to bless and lead him.

Re: resignations - posted by JFW (), on: 2020/1/2 10:09

There have been, interestingly, a record number of CEOs and presidents of companies and organizations that have resigned since Donald J Trump became the President of the United States of America- that is a curious fact to me and I wonder if there isn't more to this story than meets the eye

Re: Christianity Today editor who called for Trump's removal is retiring Friday - posted by savannah, on: 2020/1/2 10:09

Whatever happened to tolerance!

Mark Galli is as much a christian as Trump, Clinton, Obama, Pelosi, Pence and Buttigieg.

That's..."Christianity Today."

I'm sure Mark has a few walk-in closets at home...but he probably keeps them under lock and key!

I'm also sure Mark will continue to use his new tractor/platform to spread more "christianity today" in those new pastures!

Happy 2020 y'all...

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2020/1/2 15:10

As flawed as Trump is, and he certainly is, he has gone further than any dared believe in standing up for the right of Christians and the church and for not turning his back on Israel. I think it an incredible stretch and flagrant misinterpretation of scripture to advocate he is THE Antichrist! For what it's worth. 'Nuf from here.

Peace.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2020/1/3 11:31

My first thought...they had a back room meeting and said "Mark don't you think its time to retire?"

Damage control that simply removes the messenger instead of repenting of the message is in my mind a conspiracy to deceive and delude your readers.

If CT were buying the truth they would not have sold it so quickly because they received bad press over it. Instead when truth is not the real commodity but rather a political ideology, it is very understandable to see the messenger 'retired' so we can move on to a more subtle and likeable messenger able to carry the same ideology without creating a firestorm.

Repentance from Mark's message was the cry of hundreds of leaders, the answer CT gave was to ignore the repentance and sacrifice the messenger.

Re: bro Marvin - posted by JFW (), on: 2020/1/3 13:49

Your comment wins the internet today!

This is precisely what happens when a political ideology becomes the commodity-

And the reason they don't repent is that they don't think they should... so we must be mindful to not react to this situation with fear or frustration- to do so is to get mad at a grape vine for not making apples... you can do that but it won't change the fruit ;)

Re: new article - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2020/1/3 15:58

Thanks Fletcher: But my comment is now "old news"

Timothy Dalrymple wrote in defense of their op ed and in so doing wrote in defense of their editor.

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2019/december-web-only/trump-evangelicals-editorial-christianity-today-president.html>

They are standing by their position...and yet deflecting any charges against them in regards to their liberalism, non-conservative view points.

I read the article twice.

In the end, this reader felt as though I was just reading another journalist working for CNN defending his position against President Trump...with the added "Im a real Christian tacked on to it".

It contained from the very first paragraph the same liberal action plan the DNC uses. They immediately act as if they are a voice for the hurting, the marginalized and the oppressed. This was a clever and yet not surprising articulation of 'why we are vocal against President Trump".

Having some familiarity with "big ministry talk" I came away thinking...this quote

"this is why we feel compelled to say that the alliance of American evangelicalism with this presidency has wrought enormous damage to Christian witness. It has alienated many of our children and grandchildren. It has harmed African American, Hispanic American, and Asian American brothers and sisters. And it has undercut the efforts of countless missionaries who labor in the far fields of the Lord. While the Trump administration may be well regarded in some countries, in many more the perception of wholesale evangelical support for the administration has made toxic the reputation of the Brid

e of Christ."

Timothy is saying...between the lines; Trump hurts our cause, he hurts us financially, he hurts us because Trump and Christianity are best friends and anywhere Trump is hated we are hated too.

The rest of the article is really just journalist squak about how good we are and how bad Trump has made it for us.

Numerous patronizing approvals were mentioned but the stench of Trump hatred still smelled like an outhouse throughout the article.

So my friend Fletcher you hit it more directly than myself, not only does CT deny any errors they make justifications for their continuance in holding their platform against President Trump and against those who side with him. Regardless of their offer of the flag and table, the invitation is not to listen to someone like myself it is offered as all liberal flags and tables are offered, a place where you can sign up...or be considered an agent of harm to their cause.

This is NOT a theological perspective from Timothy, this is the maintaining of a political position while denying its political position.