

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebarr
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of December 30, 2018

Sunday School ----- 14
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 50
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 17
 Wed. Eve. Service, 01/02/19 ----- 15

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of December 30, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 38.45
Total Received for Week of 12/30/18: \$ 38.45

- Week of December 23, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,536.75
 Love offering, pastor's family ----- \$ 125.00
Total Received for Week of 12/25/18: \$ 1,661.75

- Week of December 16, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 312.00
Total Received for Week of 12/16/18: \$ 312.00

- Week of December 9, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,345.16
Total Received for Week of 12/09/18: \$ 1,345.16

- Week of December 2, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,075.09
Total Received for Week of 12/02/18: \$ 1,075.09

- Week of November 25, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 622.00
Total Received for Week of 11/25/18: \$ 622.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - OK? Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
Volunteer Needed! ----- Greeter
 Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher
 Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

REMINDER



J. D. Greear, President Southern Baptist Convention

Turning Point for SBC? Denomination President Open to Extra-Biblical Prophecies

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds” (Hebrews 1:1-2).

No one can deny that the Southern Baptist Convention is drifting. Once opposed to claims of prophecy outside the Bible – commonly claimed by cults like Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventism, the modern charismatic movement, and many others – some have suggested that

SBC stands for **S**lowly **B**ecoming **C**harismatic. Current Southern Baptist president, J. D. Greear, recently did a video for **The Gospel Coalition** (BEWARE OF THEM!), in which he stated an open-but-cautious view to prophecies outside the Bible.

Baptists, at one time, were known as **People of the Book** and defended the Sufficiency of Scripture. The Sufficiency of Scripture is undergirded by Cessationism, the orthodox and Biblical position that the Apostolic Sign Gifts – like the gift of miracles, signs, wonders, prophecy, tongues and the interpretation of tongues – ceased with the end of the Apostolic Era. This belief is taken from II Corinthians 12:12, which states that these types of First Century phenomenon were meant to designate Apostleship. Without Apostles, the Christian Church has uniformly held to a belief in Cessationism since the second century.

The Montanists were a group of heretics who were denounced by the early church for claiming that God continues to speak outside of Scripture. The belief of God speaking directly to people (as opposed to the Spirit leading us through Scripture) was altogether absent from church history between the time of the excommunication of the Montanists and the revival of Montanism in 1906 at Azusa Street. During the 20th Century, Baptists were at the forefront of opposing the notion of extra-Biblical prophecy. As the Southern Baptist publishing house, Lifeway Christian Resources, began to promote the work of charismatics and profit handily from their false teachings, Southern Baptists have largely embraced the false claims of extra-Biblical revelation.

Greear claims in the video that God can speak in an audible voice should He want to. While it may seem wise to “not put God in a box” (by the way, the Ark of the Covenant demonstrates that God doesn't mind putting himself in a box) or to claim that an omnipotent God can't do something, God can't do that which is against his own Word or something contrary to his own nature (see Titus 1:2 as an example). And, God has been very clear (see Hebrews 1:1-2 above) that **how** He now speaks to us has been relegated to prophecy **inside** the Bible. Essentially, Greear is “open-but-cautious” to the Scripture not being sufficient.

The danger of the open-but-cautious approach is that it leaves open the Charismatic Window. This is the means by which most false teachings today enter the church. The Charismatic Movement places **Experience ABOVE Scripture**, which is, to put it bluntly, heresy. **IF** one's experience is the supreme measure by which his walk with God is gauged, then there is no need for the Bible.

If you want to know how dangerous Greear's view is on this issue, consider the lauding it received by **Charisma News**, which is the premier magazine for charismatics. **Charisma News** promotes material from the New Apostolic Reformation, Bethel Church and Bill Johnson, Benny Hinn, televangelist convicted felon, doomsday prophet and accused rapist, Jim Bakker, and many other heretics. It is the worst of the worst promoter of the worst of the worst charismatic false prophets. And it **loved** JD Greear's video.

In the article from **Charisma News**, it asks whether Greear's “open-but-cautious” position is “a turning point for the Southern
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Baptist Convention.”

And the real answer is no. The turning point was when Lifeway indiscriminately began to pump the SBC with charismatic resources more than a decade ago. It is just now bearing fruit.

Well did the late Dr. Jack MacArthur, father of famous pastor and theologian, Dr. John MacArthur, state when he said,

“The moment you ADMIT even the possibility of extra-biblical revelation, you become a CULT!”

But this is not new - questioning the Word of God began in the Garden of Eden when the Serpent said unto Eve in Genesis 3:1, **“Yea, hath God said...?”** And the adding to the Word of God is also not new - it began in Eden, as well, when Eve ADDED TO the Word of God when she told the Serpent that, not only were she and her husband not to eat of the fruit of the Tree, but, she said, **“neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die” (Genesis 3:3).**

“Who changed the truth of God into a lie...” (Romans 1:25).

All those who start down the road of accepting extra-biblical revelation end up abandoning the inspired, infallible, inerrant, preserved, Living Word of God, exchanging it for that which is false.

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book” (Revelation 22:18).



Pastor Uses Trampoline in Sermon Illustration, Wipes Out

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (I Peter 4:11).

There was a time when pastors stood upon pulpits as the congregation peered up at him behind the Sacred Desk. He stood there because that is from where he lifted up his voice in exultation of God and exposition of God’s Word. People actually gathered by the hundreds, if not thousands, to watch a man stand still and preach from the Bible for an hour or more. Today, love for the Bible among professing Christians has waxed so cold that pastors are finding new and exciting side-show acts to keep luke-warm crowds of apathetic people marginally engaged.

One such pastor, eager to make a show of himself and entertain his church at years-end – a Sunday which isn’t regularly attended by so many nominal Christians (in fact, the current President of the SBC, J. D. Gear, canceled their services on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018) – decided to do an acrobatic stunt on a trampoline.

It did not go well.

Matthew K. Thompson (46), is the pastor of Jubilee Church in

New England. The church is one of the largest churches in the area, with attendance regularly over one thousand. Sunday, instead of preaching God’s Word like a respectable exegete, he tried a stunt on a mini-trampoline and face-planted in front of the entire church.

The prayer shawl he wore apparently couldn’t work miracles.

Thompson then blasphemed God’s name to Fox News, saying, **“It’s funny. I remember thinking to myself, O.M.G. and I land like right on my head...maybe like 800 people there. They just gasp and I’m just laying on the floor.”**

The reason for the trampoline, according to Thompson, was designed to teach the congregation a lesson that with God’s help you can “get over it.”

Apparently, the simple concept of overcoming can’t be explained to an audience of entertainment-starved, mostly unregenerate spiritual three-year-olds without a trampoline.



Beth Moore

Beth Moore Declares Faith Doesn’t Come By Hearing the Words of God

The well-known lady preacher and popular bible-study author, Beth Moore, makes an astonishing declaration—that spending time in God’s Word is not the same thing as spending time with God.

I say “astonishing” acerbically, chiefly because Beth Moore, who spends most of her free time admonishing innocent men to get on their knees to apologize on behalf of other men for mistreating women while holding hands with Marxists, is actually quite known for bellowing out ludicrous assertions about the Scriptures and her (lack of) knowledge about them.

Most recently, she declares in a tweet:

“Spending time with God and spending time in the Bible are not the same thing. The Bible is the Word of God, crucial to knowing Him, but it’s not God. We can study our Bibles until the 2nd coming & leave God completely out of it. We can grow in facts and never grow a whit in faith” (1/2/19, 5:57 PM).

Well, in *her* world, spending time with God consists of fanciful dreams of being lifted up in the air while being told by God that He’s going to unite all sectors of Christendom, or strange moments of meeting a woman at a random bus stop just to give her a handful of cash because, you know, God told her to go there and stuff.

Of course spending time in Scripture *IS* the same thing as spending time with God. You cannot know God any other way. It’s how he speaks to us (Hebrews 1:1). Yes, you can spend time with Him in prayer as well, and you can spend time with Him in worship. **But what she’s saying is essentially the same thing as**

saying that listening to your parents speak to you is not the same thing as spending time with them.

THE SCRIPTURES ARE GOD’S FULL AND COMPLETE REVELATION TO US. It informs *ALL* matters of our faith in Him, *INCLUDING* our prayer and worship.

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:8-9).



WOMEN’S BAPTIST COLLEGE ENROLLS CROSS-DRESSERS, PLACES STUDENTS IN HARMS WAY

Recently it has been decided that Stephens College (*aka The Columbia Baptist Female Academy in Columbia, Missouri*)—the second-oldest women-only college in the country—will begin accepting admissions applications from crossdressers, that is, men who dress like women and try to force others to refer to them as “ma’am.” This will ultimately place the female students in harm’s way of misguided sexual deviants beginning in 2019.

The Columbia Female Academy was established on August 24, 1833. In 1856, David H. Hickman helped secure the college’s charter under the name The Columbia Female Baptist Academy. In the late 19th century, it was renamed Stephens Female College after James L. Stephens endowed the college with \$20,000. Until recently, Stephens College held to strong Baptist traditions and teachings, however, it seems that with this latest turn of events that they have strayed from that orthodoxy.

It looks as though Stephens College also has little regard for the safety of their female students by allowing these mentally ill sexual misfits to be integrated into the college. The simple, hard truth of the matter is that “transgenderism” is a mental illness rooted in the sinful desires of a rebellious heart. There is no such thing as “transgender,” you are born either male or female, it’s God’s decision, and you have no say in the matter. One cannot “trans” back and forth between genders because they have emotional or mental inadequacies.

Until recently, those who have suffered from these “trans” issues have rightly so been deemed as mentally and spiritually ill. However, in today’s “PC can’t offend the snowflakes’ world,” people of average mental capacity are forced to affirm these suffering, sin-sickened individuals, as “normal,” when in reality

they are not. Whether it is public, the workplace, news outlets, and now in private colleges people of right-mindedness are being forced to have to accept the mentally ill as normal. If one does not accept this premise, then you are the one that is looked upon as being “not right.” It is important to remember that wrong is wrong even if the whole world is doing it and right is right even if no one is doing it.

Stephen’s College has seemed to jump onto the leftist bandwagon of all “trans” are good “trans.” This college, in their attempt to be all-inclusive, has in actuality brought reproach upon themselves and the church and has invited the wrath of God to their doorstep. What Stephen’s College has failed to realize by allowing crossdressers into their midst is that men will exploit their sexual deviancy not only for the purpose of fulfilling homosexual desires but also for their own self fulfilling heterosexual desires.

Stephen’s College should abandon the idea of allowing unrepentant sexual perverts into their school and protect the female students that are attending this college. Sadly, I don’t believe this will be righted until it is too late and someone becomes a victim of a transgender deviate act.

- Richard Haas

FACEBOOK TEMPORARILY BANS FRANKLIN GRAHAM FOR “HATE SPEECH” - Evangelical leader Franklin Graham accepted Facebook’s apology and suggested the social network come up with a standard based on “God’s word” after the tech company mistakenly banned him for 24 hours last week over a 2016 post about HB2, North Carolina’s controversial “bathroom bill.” “I was defending our governor and the state on HB2. It was a good law. If you disagree with [Facebook’s] position on sexual orientation, you can be classified as hate speech,” said Graham in an exclusive interview on Fox & Friends Sunday. In a post to his Facebook page, Graham said the social network is “trying to define truth. They’re making the rules and changing the rules. Truth is truth. God made the rules and His Word is truth. Actually, Facebook is censoring free speech. The free exchange of ideas is part of our country’s DNA.”

A Facebook spokesperson told Fox News the 2016 post was removed by mistake after one of its 15,000 content moderators decided that it violated the tech giant’s ban on “dehumanizing language.” The post and Graham’s page have since been restored. “I accept Facebook’s apology and I appreciate them stepping up and doing that,” Graham said, but he questioned why the tech giant would censor such an old post. “I think it was just really a personal attack towards me.”

Facebook came under fire late last week after one of its employees leaked more than 1,000 pages of documents detailing its content moderation policies and how it polices speech on a global scale. Critics have said the company wields too much power and has made mistakes in determining whether something is hate speech or part of a country’s mainstream dialogue.

- from Fox News, 12/31/18