

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

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

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday School ----- 15
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 32
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 20
 Wed. Eve. Service, 11/14/18 ----- 19

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of November 11, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,171.68
Total Received for Week of 11/11/18: \$ 1,171.68

- Week of November 4, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,567.14
Total Received for Week of 11/04/18: \$ 1,567.14

- Week of October 28, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,142.25
 Gospel Tract Expense ----- \$ 5.00
 Building Fund: Water Damage ----- \$ 5.00
Total Received for Week of 10/28/18: \$ 1,152.25

- Week of October 21, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 187.66
Total Received for Week of 10/21/18: \$ 187.66

- Week of October 14, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,983.20
 Building Fund: Water Damage ----- \$ 5.00
Total Received for Week of 10/14/18: \$ 1,988.20

- Week of October 7, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 2,770.70
Total Received for Week of 10/07/18: \$ 2,770.70

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
 Shayne Hooper, Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

REMINDER

AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK

“...to keep our families secure, communities safe, and America free...”

“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His Apostles... This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government.”

- Noah Webster, History of the United States, 1832, public school textbook



The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? *The New World*.

Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty.

For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of “Land!” was heard.

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the “*Mayflower Compact*” - America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

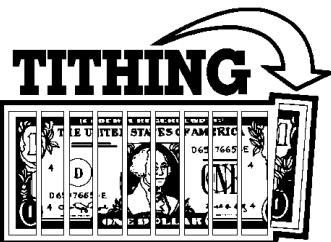
The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to reading as found celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

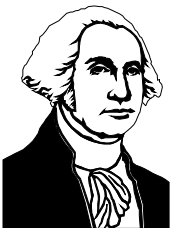
Pilgrim Edward Winslow described the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in these words:

“Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling [bird hunting] so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as... served the company almost a week... Many of the Indians [came] amongst us and... their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet BY THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE... FAR FROM WANT.”

In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first *Day of Thanksgiving to God* under its new constitution. That same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which President

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Washington was a member, announced that the first Thursday in November would become its regular day for giving thanks, “unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities.” Yet, despite these early national proclamations, official Thanksgiving observances usually occurred only at the State level.

Much of the credit for the adoption of a later ANNUAL national Thanksgiving Day may be attributed to Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, the editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*. For thirty years, she promoted the idea of a national **Thanksgiving Day**, contacting President after President until President Abraham Lincoln responded in 1863 by setting aside the last Thursday of November as a national **Day of Thanksgiving**. Over the next seventy-five years, Presidents followed Lincoln's precedent, annually declaring a national Thanksgiving Day. Then, in 1941, Congress permanently established the last Thursday of each November as a national holiday.

Lincoln's original 1863 **Thanksgiving Proclamation** came - spiritually speaking - at a pivotal point in his life. During the first week of July of that year, the *Battle of Gettysburg* occurred, resulting in the loss of some 60,000 American lives. Four months later in November, Lincoln delivered his famous “*Gettysburg Address*.”



It was while Lincoln was walking among the thousands of graves there at Gettysburg that he committed his life to Christ. As he explained to a friend:

“When I left Springfield [to assume the Presidency] I asked the people to pray for me. I was not a Christian. When I buried my son, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ.”

As Americans celebrate Thanksgiving each year, we hope they will retain the original gratefulness to God displayed by the Pilgrims and many other founding fathers, and remember that it is to those early and courageous Pilgrims that they owe not only the traditional Thanksgiving holiday but also the concepts of self-government, the “hard-work” ethic, self-reliant communities, and devout religious faith.

Are YOU thankful to God?

- David Barton, WallBuilders Ministries

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

9 Hillsong Christmas Musical Trailer Depicts Jesus Born In A Bar - Increasingly, **Hillsong Church's** Christmas musical productions seem to break the blasphemy barrier of the year before. In 2015, Hillsong made international news for a “*Sleazy Night*” Christmas special, which was a cabaret and burlesque-type show that incorporated Christmas hymns. At the

time, charismatic apologist, Michael Brown, defended Hillsong from critics, claiming that they meant well (Brown also defended Hillsong's Carl Lentz when he made pro-abortion comments and defended Hillsong when they had gay choir directors). Two years later, Hillsong one-upped the Sleazy Night presentation with yet another Christmas sensuality show. Blaspheming God by masquerading flesh-peddling as “worship” is nothing new, with Hillsong famously having a “naked cowboy” appear at a women's conference in 2016 and then a “naked Santa” later that year.

While there's still time to see how flesh will be on display at Hillsong Australia's Christmas program this year (mark it down; it will be), Hillsong London's Christmas program seems to be attempting to break the barrier of the worst re-telling of the Christmas narrative ever.

The video trailer (advertisement) for the Hillsong London's Christmas program depicts the “Three Wisemen” hunting down the newborn Christ at the Inn. The Inn, in the Hillsong depiction, was a place where patrons were swilling mugs of beer at a bar, while buxom serving wenches danced on tables (and when one jumps off a table and is caught by two men, her dress flies up, revealing much). As the scene progresses, Jesus is depicted with Mary and Joseph in the midst of the bar scene, among much mirth and merriment.

In reality, Jesus was born in the stable – not in the Inn, which had no vacancy for his expectant mother – and laid in a manger, or feeding trough (Luke 2:12). The Wisemen, or Magi (a sect of astronomers and seers going back to the prophet, Daniel -Daniel 2:48), whose number is unknown, found Jesus at his home sometime during the first year after his birth (Matthew 2:11), just prior to their midnight flight to Egypt. Inns of the first century in Jerusalem, by the way, were **not** bars or brothels resembling Old West taverns, but informal guest rooms in larger residential houses.

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9 SCOTLAND BECOMES FIRST COUNTRY TO REQUIRE LGBTI INDOCTRINATION IN SCHOOLS - The following is excerpted from “*Scotland to Embed LGBTI,*” *The Guardian*, Nov. 9, 2018:

“Scotland will become the first country in the world to embed the teaching of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex rights in the school curriculum, in what campaigners have described as a historic moment. State schools will be required to teach pupils about the history of LGBTI equalities and movements, as well as tackling homophobia and transphobia and exploring LGBTI identity, after ministers accepted in full the recommendations of a working group led by the Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) campaign. There will be no exemptions or opt-outs to the policy, which will embed LGBTI inclusive education across the curriculum and across subjects and which the Scottish government believes is a world first.

...Scotland has regularly been ranked as one of the best

countries in Europe in relation to legal protections for LGBTI people ...In 2016, the former Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale described the country as having ‘the gayest parliament in the world’: at the time four of Scotland's six party leaders (Dugdale, the Conservatives' Ruth Davidson, Ukip's David Coburn and the Greens' Patrick Harvie) identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual.”

9 Tullian Tchividjian, Grandson Of Billy Graham, Is Back In The Pulpit At “Leave A Mark Church” In Columbus, Ohio - Tullian Tchividjian, the grandson of Billy Graham who has been forced into resignation in **two** ministry positions for repeated extra-marital affairs, finds himself back in the pulpit November 17th and 18th at “Leave A Mark Church” in Columbus, Ohio.

Tchividjian once pastored D. James Kennedy's Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church but was defrocked by the Presbyterian Church of America after he was found to have engaged in at least one extra-marital affair. Tchividjian filed for divorce from his wife, and partially blamed her for his wicked behavior and the rough aftermath of its fallout. The presbytery found that Tchividjian was “unfit for Christian ministry,” but laid out a path for his eventual restoration. He has not met the requirements of restoration. He moved on to fill a staff position at Willow Creek PCA in South Florida, only to **again** confess to another extra-marital affair. At least one of Tchividjian's sexual partners has claimed it was a case of clergy sexual abuse. Tchividjian then married a strange woman and began to rebrand himself as a minister “to the broken,” preaching a sermon about his own “redemption.”

Aside from his sexual escapades while in the pulpit, Tchividjian has adopted a theology to suit his sin. Growing increasingly antinomian (*an antinomian is one who takes the principle of salvation by faith and divine grace to the point of asserting that the saved are not bound to follow the moral law contained in the Ten Commandments*), many had begun to warn the world of his changing doctrinal views even before news of his affairs became public. His views of God's law, in particular, have been in constant flux, as he's denied the abiding validity of God's Moral Law and promoted a gospel with little call to holiness or the mortification of sin. Most recently, Tchividjian has been claiming that the Gospel is “immoral.”

The Christian Post reported on Tchividjian, recently writing a post demanding that Christians show grace to fallen pastors, claiming that it was “sinful” to remember someone's scandals.

By a quick survey of the facts, Tchividjian is a serial adulterer, serial marrier, and practical antinomian who is still under the discipline of his presbytery. That will not stop him from taking the pulpit of a Columbus church the weekend of November 17th & 18th, though.

“Leave A Mark Church” will host Tchividjian so he can talk about redemption, apparently in spite of a lack of repentance. The church is pastored by Steve Combs. The website of the church

reads:

“After a season of self-destruction leading up to, and following, his resignation from Coral Ridge, Tullian is now married to Stacie, and together they have five children and one grandchild. Tullian longs to see broken people encounter God's boundless love. We are very excited to have Tullian as our special guest at Leave A Mark to share his story of hope and healing with our community.”

While any claim of repentance or supposed restoration is – if valid – a cause for celebration, it is disheartening to see someone who has not repented of sins but only capitalized on them, take the pulpit in an ostensibly Christian church. While forgiveness is always available for the contrite and penitent in the Cross, this does not mean that those who have failed to meet the pastoral qualifications of Paul's Epistles to Timothy and Titus can be restored to the spotlight of Christian ministry.

Inviting Tchividjian to preach at Leave A Mark Church is not only disrespectful to the Presbyterian Church of America which has made a (rightful) decision of discipline toward him, it's disrespectful to all those who have been taken advantage of by clergy. A clergy person, having an affair a sexual relationship with a staff or church member (as is the case with Tchividjian) is similar to a principal or teacher having an affair a sexual relationship with a student. The pastorate is a position of trust, and if violated, should hold long term and grave consequences.

Leave A Mark Church is not only defaming their church, and Jesus, it is being terribly insensitive to those who have been victims of predatory pastors.

In the meantime, Tchividjian, if repentant, should do the godly thing and take up a job at a carwash. There's nothing dishonorable about seeking discipleship in a local congregation and working with your hands, living a quiet and peaceable life. ÷

REAL THANKSGIVING



“When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay.”