

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of December 26, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	28
Sunday Evening Service -----	22
Wed. Evening Service, 12/29/21 -----	7

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of December 26, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,105.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/26/21:	\$ 1,105.35

- Week of December 19, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,271.89
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/19/21:	\$ 2,271.89

- Week of December 12, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,012.30
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/12/21:	\$ 2,062.30

- Week of December 5, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,834.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/05/21:	\$ 1,854.00

- Week of November 28, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,392.25
Love Offering -----	\$ 100.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/28/21:	\$ 1,492.25

- Week of November 21, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,747.00
Love Offering, Dr. Ray Meier -----	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/21/21:	\$ 2,097.00

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

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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.**



THANK YOU For Your Continued Faithfulness In Giving!

During the early part this pandemic, we were unable to meet in the church-house. But - that did not mean that the expenses of having a church-house were suspended. We still had bills to pay - electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, phone, internet, facility insurance, copier lease, office supplies, etc., and, praise the Lord, His people kept praying, watching online, & supporting their church with their giving.

Sadly, some people only give when they are in attendance at church - sort of like paying for "services rendered" - but the truth is that they are robbing **THEMSELVES** of God's blessings when they withhold their tithes and offerings and only give when they are here (see Malachi 3:10). Thankfully, most of our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

1. **By mail** - 23 East Wells Blvd., Sapulpa, OK 74066
2. **Drop it off** - call the Church Office to arrange it. 224-1924
3. **Online** - Go to the link below and give electronically:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=433047>

**WE ARE GLAD WE CAN NOW GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD & STUDY HIS WORD TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH-HOUSE!
YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR RENEWED OUTREACH EFFORTS!**

Church Directory

Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd -----	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell -----	Evening Pianist
Derek Quinnelly -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Derek Quinnelly, Harrison White -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
Shirley & Brenda White -----	Flowers
Seth White -----	Sound/Video

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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Number 1

John Wesley's Prayer for the New Year -

Each year, John Wesley - the founder of Methodism - would begin the New Year with a "Covenant Service." The heart of the service, focused in the Covenant Prayer, requires persons to commit themselves to God. Scriptures read at this service included Deuteronomy 31: 9-13, Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 50, and John 15: 1-8.

The Prayer of Invitation from this service is as follows:



Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us,

therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall.

Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you.

I make this covenant with you, O God, without guile or reservation.

If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.

Mighty God, let this covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

- John Wesley, circa 1780

NC SHERIFF REFUSES TO REMOVE BIBLE VERSE FROM OFFICE WALL DESPITE ADVERSITY FROM ATHEIST GROUP

On December 6, 2021, the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) sent a letter to Columbus County, NC Sheriff Jody Greene demanding he removes a Bible verse from the wall of his office. The FFRF says that the Bible verse, Philippians 4:13, “represents an unconstitutional endorsement of Christianity.”

The FFRF stated that a “concerned citizen” of Columbus County had contacted them with the complaint and argued that “the Supreme Court has said time and again that the ‘First Amendment mandates government neutrality between religion and religion, and between religion and nonreligion.’”

The Sheriff responded, however, that this was nothing more than a political attack during an election year and that he will be unmoved by the leftist attacks. Below is his response that he posted on Facebook on December 21.

Good afternoon, Columbus County citizens. I would like to address the recent news article WECT TV6 ran on me concerning a Bible verse that is posted on the wall at the Sheriff's Office. The verse is "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13" First, the Bible verse was placed on the wall after I took office. It was paid for with private funds, not with county funding. The verse is one of my favorite Bible verses, and it seemed fitting for all the adversity I have had to endure. It is very motivational to me and my staff. Here at the Sheriff's Office, we work hard in everything that we do. Before we execute a search warrant, or any service that puts our people in immediate harms way, we ALWAYS go to the Lord with a group prayer. ALWAYS!

I was raised in church. I have been in law enforcement for over thirty years. My training taught me to value God, family, and my country. Going back to the Bible verse, I have taken many pictures with that Bible verse in the backdrop with not a single issue, but now that we are going into an election year, it is an issue. How absurd! It seems to me we have a few sheep in wolves clothing. That's all. This is a political ploy. Some want a person that they can control. Companies spend thousands of dollars on motivational classes, to come up with motivational slogans. My motivation comes from the greatest motivational speaker of all times, Jesus Christ.

Currently, in Columbus County, we are at 180 overdoses. Drugs and violence are killing our youth. We need more Jesus and less politics. I would like to thank the folks for all the phone calls and messages of support. Five of our County Commissioners and our House of Representative Brendon Jones have also called with their support.

I am not scared of much, but I am afraid of burning in Hell. The image shown below from The Freedom from Religion Foundation, mocks Christians' fear of burning in Hell. According to their Facebook page, they have a contest for the Unabashed

Atheist/Nonbeliever of the week. The virtual billboard shown below has the winner's photo in a silhouette of the devil and flames. Just look at where our society is headed. It is time, past time, to stand up. So let me be clear, I will not waiver on my stance and Christian beliefs.

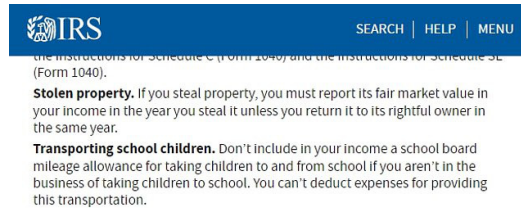
NOT SATIRE: IRS ISSUES GUIDANCE THAT THIEVES AND LOOTERS MUST REPORT STOLEN PROPERTY AS INCOME ON TAX RETURN

As we spent the better part of 2021 in America watching our Republic crumble through unconstitutional mandates on every level of government, police have been too busy arresting the unvaccinated and the unmasked to deal with actual crimes. This is why we've seen a massive increase in homicides, thefts, and lootings around the nation.

Of these thefts and lootings, California has been among the worst as police resources — those who haven't been fired due to vaccination status — have been unable to keep up with the mobs ransacking stores into closure.

Don't worry, though, the federal government has it under control. The IRS will now require looters to report the stolen property as income on their tax returns. This is serious; it is not satire. The following is directly from the IRS website:

“Stolen property. If you steal property, you must report its fair market value in your income in the year you steal it unless you return it to its rightful owner in the same year.”



Sure, that should solve the problem. Because, you know, criminals who steal property are also honest and will definitely do this without giving it a second thought.

It should really irk the public how dumb the world has become. Seriously, only a leftist would come up with something so asinine. Let's not worry about arresting them while they're looting the stores. Let's not worry about investigating video evidence, hunting these people down, and bringing them to justice in order to uphold a peaceful and civilized society. No, let's just require them to report their stolen goods as income.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

• **DESMOND TUTU'S HERESIES** - Desmond Tutu, retired Anglican archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, was widely eulogized upon his death on December 26, 2021, but he was a false teacher who preached a false christ and a false gospel.

The Bible tells us to **“mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned”**

(Romans 16:17). This is not a popular activity today, and probably never has been, but the time is rapidly approaching when it will be crystal clear that it is better to please God, than man.

✓ Desmond Tutu questioned the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. “Some people thought there was something odd about Jesus' birth ... It may be that Jesus was an illegitimate son” (Tutu, Cape Times, October 24, 1980).

✓ Tutu was a universalist who believed all men have God. “The Holy Spirit is not limited to the Christian Church. For example, Mahatma Gandhi, who is a Hindu ... The Holy Spirit shines through him” (Tutu, St. Alban's Cathedral, Pretoria, South Africa, Nov. 23, 1978). “[E]verybody is a God-carrier, all are brothers and sisters; all are one family that can live in peace. Then evil will be overcome and God will say: ‘You are my children. Help me to realise my dream’” (Expo 2000, Hanover, Germany, Ecumenical News International, June 15, 2000). “God's family has no outsiders. ... Jesus said, ‘I, when I am lifted up, will draw all [to myself].’ ... Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden ... Gay, lesbian, so-called ‘straight.’ All, all are to be held in the incredible embrace of the love that won't let us go” (Tutu, sermon at All Saints Church, Pasadena, Calif., Nov. 4, 2005).

✓ Like all false teachers, Tutu twisted Scripture out of context. The Bible emphatically teaches that all men are loved by God and can be saved, but it also emphatically warns that no man can be saved without repentance and personal faith in the Jesus Christ of Scripture and in His blood atonement. The Apostle Paul warned, **“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (Galatians 1:8-9).**

✓ Like many prominent black leaders who are exalted by the mainstream media, Tutu was a racist. He said, **“Thank God I am black. White people will have a lot to answer for at the last judgment”** (Argus, March 19, 1984). He ignored mankind's wretched history, of millennia of vicious tribal warfare in Africa and in every habitable part of the earth--black against black, white against white, yellow against yellow, brown against brown, red against red. The book of Acts says God has made all men of ONE BLOOD (Acts 17:26), and, **“For ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 6:23).** Man's problem is not a skin problem, it is a **heart** problem. The hearts of ALL men are darkened with sin, and regenerating salvation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only answer.

• **THIRD TEMPLE HARPS DESTROYED IN FIRE** - In August, the King David Harps workshop near Jerusalem burned to the ground during a fire that destroyed 5,000 acres of forest. Shoshanna and Micah Harari have been making biblical harps and psalteries for 40 years based on the Bible, archaeology, and the Talmud. They have constructed harps for the Temple Institute, which is making preparations for the Third Temple. About 40 harps were destroyed in the fire.

The Valley of Dry Bones prophecy in Ezekiel 37 describes the return of Israel in two stages, first in a condition of spiritual death, then in spiritual conversion (Ez. 37:8-10). **The first part of the prophecy is being fulfilled today.** Israel is back in the land and is setting the stage for the coming of the Antichrist which is described in the great 70-Week prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27, which says, **“... the prince ... shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”** The Lord Jesus explained that this refers to the Antichrist, who will desecrate the Third Temple, marking the beginning of the Great Tribulation. **“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains ... For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:15-16, 21).** No prophecy of Scripture has ever failed. These events are imminent.

• **CHINA SHUTTING DOWN CHRISTIAN ONLINE MEDIA** - The following is excerpted from “Chinese Christian Media Ministries Facing Bitter Winter of Censorship,” Christianity Today, Dec. 24, 2021, by Jerry An of Reframe Ministries:

“Many Chinese Christians are lamenting that the winter of internet mission in China is entering its darkest and coldest hour. This week, Chinese state media reported the State Administration for Religious Affairs (SARA) has announced its ‘Measures for the Administration of Internet Religious Information Services,’ which will come into effect on March 1 and will restrict online ministry to Chinese government-approved religious groups with special permits on government-approved websites. ‘No organization or individual shall preach on the Internet, carry out religious education and training, publish sermon content, forward or link to related content, organize and conduct religious activities on the Internet, or live broadcast or post recorded videos of religious rituals...’ without approval, stipulates the new regulation jointly formulated by five government bodies, including the Ministries of Public and National Security. ... [A few months ago I] learned that our ministry's second main WeChat channel had been permanently shut down by the Chinese government, less than a month after our first channel was removed. Hundreds of thousands of followers just evaporated overnight. ... WeChat is a huge, all-powerful monster social media platform. Chinese people use WeChat to place orders, to pay for tickets, and to do almost everything. ... Christian content has been almost omnipresent on WeChat for the past 10 years. ... Then unfortunately, almost every major Chinese Christian channel was deleted on WeChat by June. ... the Chinese government's policy applies to all social media ... websites face the same problem and are even more likely to be blocked.” ■