

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of December 27, 2020

Sunday Morning Service -----	13
Sunday Evening Service -----	6
Wed. Evening Service, 12/30/20 -----	7

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of December 27, 2020

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -

Sunday Morning Service:

101 Views 92 Engagements 91 People Reached

Sunday Evening Service:

78 Views 106 Engagements 61 People Reached

Wednesday Evening Service:

78 Views 106 Engagements 86 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of December 27, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,038.10
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/27/20:	\$ 2,058.10

- Week of December 20, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 811.50
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/20/20:	\$ 831.50

- Week of December 13, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/13/20:	\$ 20.00

- Week of December 6, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 868.52
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 506.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/06/20:	\$ 1,2374.52

- Week of November 29, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 190.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/29/20:	\$ 190.00

- Week of November 15, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 320.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/15/20:	\$ 320.00

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.



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.

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, our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE DURING THIS CRISIS:

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 GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS!

Church Directory

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



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 01/05/21-----	\$ 506.00
Amount Received To Date -----	\$ 40.00

TOTAL STILL NEEDED BY 01/06/21 ----- \$ 466.00

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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God Kept His Word

by Bill Brinkworth

With over 300+ different Bible versions and translations, many are confused KJV where the real Word of God is, and what it says. Although the devil most likely has had his hand in the confusion brought about by all these versions each saying something different, God has kept His real Word pure and undefiled. Today we can read exactly what He wants us to have in the preserved, inspired King James Bible.

God Said He Would Keep His Word for and with Us, and He Has Done So!

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isaiah 40:8). According to verse seven, the grass is referring to people. People will come and go, but the God's Word will always be amongst us. It will not be preserved verbally, but in written form.

"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (I Peter 1:25). Also: Psalms 102:12, Luke 16:17

God Chose to Preserve His Word in Written Form.

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18). The jot and tittle are referring to diacritical marks of the languages used. This implies that the preserved word is in written form and that even the smallest detail will be preserved!

Its Preservation Is Essential to Our Faith. Why would God require it, if He would not keep it for us?

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Many places in the Scriptures were quoted accurately at a later date by prophets, leaders, rulers, and even Christ. "As it is written" is used in 49 verses, indicating that the preserved Word was trusted at that time.

It is inspired! "God breathed" into the originals, and He has preserved His original inspiration.

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever" (Psalm 12:6-7).

We Have the Inspired, Preserved Word of God in the King James Bible!

There have always been copies. The originals have never been gathered together in one place. There are no originals! From the beginning God has used and blessed copies:

Moses broke the first tablets. God made sure His people had an accurate copy of it. Also, Joshua made a copy of the Law (Joshua 8:32).

King Jehoakim (Jeremiah 36) did not like what Jehudi read from the Word of God and burnt them. God again gave it to Jeremiah. Then it was thrown in the river (Jeremiah 51:63); end of original #2, but we still have it now — preserved!

The Hebrews Preserved the Old Testament in the Masoretic Text.

The New Testament was preserved in Greek in the Textus Receptus. There have been copies of this form since 150 AD. Different

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men had a burden that the Word of God be written in a language that the common man could read. Before their work, only certain clergy could read it, and they only told the masses what they wanted them to hear; usually in a language that they did not understand (Latin).

The work of many preserved God's Word from such men as: Erasmus, William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, and the six companies of 47-54 (according to different accounts) translators that translated the 1611 King James.

The King James 1611 had several changes done to it up to 1769. The KJV that is most read is the 1769 version. All the 400 changes from the 1611 to the 1769 version were spelling and grammatical changes as the written English language developed and became consistent. Compare those minimal changes to the over 60,000 alterations reportedly changed in the New King James Version from the 1th version to the 5st version.

Example of the Earliest KJV:

KJV 1611: *“For God so loued y the world, the he gauē his only begotten Sonne: that whosoēuer beleuerth in him, should not perish, but haue euerlasting life” (John 3:16).* Notice where we used a “v” the earlier language used a “u”. Also: “I”’s were used as “J”’s, “F”’s for “s”’s

KJV 1769: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).*

Since the beginning, Satan has convinced men to doubt and question the Word of God. If you doubt it, you will not believe it or live it; which is why Satan has done much to water down, hide, or get people confused enough not to read or believe the Bible.

Genesis 3:1 - “ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Satan got the first woman, Eve, to question what God had said, and he has been doing the same thing for millenniums.

Even the early church had to deal with Satan's attack on the Truth. That attack is continued, even more so, in these last crucial days! ***“For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ” (II Corinthians 2:17).***

If the Word is missing or has words changed in it, it is **NOT** the preserved Word of God that God promised to keep. All of the modern translations and revisions have changed words. They cannot be trusted. They are tampering with the Word of God! They are saying things that God had not!

The Modern Translations and Revisions Are Counterfeits!

Their root is from Egypt. The Bible often has a negative outlook on Egypt (Revelation 11:8.), especially Alexandria (Acts 6:9, Colossians. 2:8). Alexandria is where the philosophy that the

Bible is fallible (Origen) grew, and that it has mistakes and must be corrected. Most modern translations, come from the Alexandrian manuscripts -

- ***They remove or change words.*** i. e.: NIV is 90,000 words short of what is in the KJV.
- ***They change the meaning of the verses.*** Bible teachings are altered; many times to suite the author or organization's beliefs. Often the new perversions change verses dealing with the deity of Christ, Jesus' virgin birth, hell, and salvation.
- ***The new “bibles” bring confusion.*** Who is the author of confusion (see I Corinthians 14:33)? Not God! Satan is behind the perversion of God's Word. They change biblical doctrine!
- ***They profess to make the Word of God easier to understand, but they do not!*** It is the Holy Spirit that reveals the understanding of God's Word to man, not man's intellect. The “bible” is said to be made “easier” by the new perversions, yet fewer than ever are reading any version. Even fewer are obeying it and living the way it commands!

There is a battle raging over the souls of men! The warfare can only be won with the Word of God. Many, including Satan, are working hard to dull the only spiritual weapon man has. God has made sure the Bible is still preserved in the KJV. Do you read and obey it?

“If the modern ‘bibles’ are supposed to make it easier to understand and also correct ‘mistakes’, why did 300+ different versions still not make it easy enough and get it right; and why are they still creating more versions? The answer is that the primary goal is not to make the Word of God clearer, but so they can make money and make it say what they want!”

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **GOOGLE NOTIFIES CHILDREN IF PARENTS ARE MONITORING THEIR ACCOUNTS** - The following is excerpted from “Google confirms,” Just the News, Dec. 21, 2020: “Google's child-notification policies received attention when film director Robby Starbuck claimed on Twitter that his 7-year-old child had received a warning from Google that his account was being monitored. ‘Our 7-year-old son has to have google for homeschooling,’ Starbuck wrote on Twitter, ‘so naturally we setup parental controls but look what [Google] did. They sent my son an email telling him we’re supervising his account.’ ‘Your privacy is important to us,’ the company wrote to the 7-year-old boy, ‘and we want to remind you that your parent ... is supervising your Google account.’

Reached for comment, the company confirmed it **does** notify young children when parents are monitoring their account activity. The company pointed to both the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the recently passed UK Age Appropriate Design Code as examples of child-privacy advocacy to which it adheres. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child--which

dates to September 1990--holds, in part, that ‘no child shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his or her privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on his or her honour and reputation.’”

❑ **ONTARIO PASTOR FINED \$100,000 AND COULD FACE PRISON FOR HOLDING CHURCH SERVICES** - The following is excerpted from “Ontario pastor,” Conservative Review, Dec. 25, 2020: “The Harvest Bible Church in Windsor, Ontario, released a press statement on Thursday, Dec. 24, claiming that the church's lead pastor, Dr. Aaron Rock, has been fined up to \$100,000 and could face a year in prison for holding church services. ‘Police also informed us that they will bar our congregation from entering the church on Christmas Eve, contrary to Section 176 of the Criminal Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We are deeply grieved by these unlawful and immoral acts, having already been banned from meeting on Good Friday and Easter Sunday,’ a statement from the church reads. The church says that the Windsor-Essex County Health United has not responded to any written communication from the church while police close the premises.

... Pastor Rock said that legal action against provincial governments that infringe on religious freedoms is coming soon. ‘Yes there will be lawsuits, they will start in the western provinces, with the goal to overturn their draconian rules. Then they will move to Ontario.’” Pastor Rock told the Post Millennial, “I think our justice system is under the spell of foolishness, but in all honesty whatever the courts decide or not decide, makes very little difference to me. I have a work for God, a mandate for God, and whether the court upholds this ridiculous charge or not, it doesn't change my convictions” (“Ontario pastor,” Post Millennial, Dec. 28, 2020).

❑ **JOURNALIST SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN PRISON BY CHINESE COURT** - As a reminder that there is no true freedom in communist China, a journalist has been sentenced to four years in prison for reporting on Covid-19. The following is excerpted from “This Brave Woman Reported Covid-19,” PJMedia, Dec. 28, 2020: “On Monday, a Chinese court sentenced a lawyer-turned-citizen-journalist who traveled to Wuhan to report on COVID-19. Authorities first detained her in May after her livestream reporting in Wuhan. The government charged her with ‘picking quarrels and provoking trouble.’ A Chinese court sentenced the journalist, 37-year-old Zhang Zhan, to four years in jail, her lawyer Zhang Keke told reporters outside the courtroom. Zhang reportedly began a hunger strike in June, but she has been force-fed via a nasal tube. China has punished eight virus whistleblowers so far. The Chinese Communist Party lied to cover up the coronavirus pandemic early on, and waited until after 5 million people had already left Wuhan before locking down the city at the center of the outbreak. The party also reportedly destroyed early samples of the virus and silenced doctors who tried to warn the world about it. A University of Southampton study found that if the Communist Party had enacted quarantine measures three weeks earlier, the coronavirus

spread would have been reduced by 95 percent. When the World Health Organization (WHO) tweeted that the coronavirus might transmit from person to person, the Chinese government told the WHO to remove that statement, and the WHO complied. ... China has even threatened U.S. senators by name who dared to call Beijing to account for its malfeasance.”

❑ **VIDEO GAME INDUSTRY REVENUE SURPASSES MOVIES, SPORTS COMBINED** - Revenue from video games worldwide reached \$180 billion in 2020, an increase of 20% over the previous year, surpassing the sports and movie industries combined (Just the News, Dec. 27, 2020). While there are video games that are relatively innocent and might be used in wise and godly moderation, these are not the most popular ones, and even with these there is always the danger that video gaming will become an addictive waste of life's fleeting hours. There is also the ever-present danger of getting drawn into truly wicked games. ***“Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied” (Proverbs 27:20).***

A former gamer says, “Visiting families, I've seen ‘innocent’ children's games having advertisements for violent games that showed texts like ‘kill’ or ‘headshot,’ including the bloody graphics. Other advertisements contained gambling, women with very few clothes on, and so on. I've yet to see the first video game on a smartphone/tablet that doesn't have such advertising.” Video games are so addictive that thousands of husbands and wives have been virtually abandoned for make-believe games played in cyberspace. In other words, they have been abandoned for nothing, for a figment of the imagination, for pixels on a screen, for less than soap bubbles.

Video games are designed to be addictive. The developers and markets are in the business for money. They are not innocent promoters of entertainment. If you let them, they will steal your time, your heart, your holiness. The multi-player online video games are so addictive that they are likened to drugs. EverQuest is called “Never rest” and “Ever crack,” World of Warcraft is called “World of War Crack,” Halo 3 is called “Halodiction.” The most addictive and dangerous are the MMORPG (massively multiplayer online role-playing) games. Nothing takes over young people's hearts and minds more than these. ■

