

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of January 9, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	17
Sunday Evening Service -----	12
Wed. Evening Service, 01/12/22 -----	12

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of January 9, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,598.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/09/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,618.00</b>

- Week of January 1, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,038.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/02/22:</b>	<b>\$ 2,088.00</b>

- Week of December 26, 2021 -

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

- Week of December 19, 2021 -

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

- Week of December 12, 2021 -

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

- Week of December 5, 2021 -

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

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.

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

REMINDER



A NERVOUS UNSTABLE SEGMENT

by Dr. Vance Havner  
1901 - 1986

There is a nervous, unstable segment of the religious world today, ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Like the Athenians of Paul's time, they are forever seeking some new thing. Every time a new theologian comes out with some novel slant on God or the church or the world, every time a new translation breaks into print, they cry "Eureka!"

The Bible must be viewed in "in the light of" every fad that blows into town, in the light of science or psychology or philosophy or current events. Isn't it about time to turn things around and view these things in the light of the Bible? After all these centuries, must the Book of books be put on trial every few days while a panel of churchmen pool their ignorance in a symposium? I do not get excited when a physicist, for instance, endorses the Bible. It gives me a little more faith in the physicist but not necessarily in the Bible. When Bob Ingersoll was lecturing on "The Mistakes of Moses," somebody remarked that he would be interested in hearing Moses lecture on the mistakes of Ingersoll! It would be comical if it were not so pitiful-this trying to make the Word of God pay tribute at all the little toll gates of this befuddled age. Let us feed the meat of the Word to hungry-hearted people who never heard of existentialism and let theologians pick the bones. ■

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## ***BAPTIST PUBLICATION CALLS ON MALE CLERGY TO STAND UP FOR ABORTION RIGHTS***

One of the most heated issues in society today is abortion. Abortion is murder—there is no other way to describe this heinous act. It is the clearest example of the taking of innocent life that exists in this world today. Aside from Christ himself, who is more innocent than an unborn baby who has never seen light or taken a breath?

Despite this, those who call themselves “Baptists” over at Baptist News Global are calling on male clergy to stand with women on the “right” to have an abortion and then claim that their faith demands they do so.

Worried that the Supreme Court may overturn the decades-old Roe v. Wade ruling—which wrongly found a Constitutional right to abortion—Michael Woolf writes:

*“In some ways, it makes sense that the faith-based voices at the forefront of the rights to make abortion safe and accessible are women’s, but reproductive justice is not just a women’s issue—it is a human rights issue. More than that, it’s a faith issue. Male clergy ought to join their female colleagues in advocating for reproductive rights.”*

It’s unclear where Woolf finds this so-called “right”—who gives him that right. It is certainly not a right found in Scripture. In fact, the Scriptures clearly state the opposite, that God hates abortion (Proverbs 6:16-17). And to describe the issue as a “faith issue” is far-fetched—that is, unless your faith is in Molech.

Woolf continues:

*“The imposition of a theological position on our nation strikes at the heart of my religious beliefs. As an ordained American Baptist minister, one of the fundamental tenets of my faith is the separation of church and state. The government has no business imposing a theological position on a diverse nation.”*

Clearly, Woolf doesn’t understand the separation of Church and State—it is designed to protect the Church, not the State. Further, his logic, that imposing theological positions on our nation is a bad idea, fails when worked out to its logical conclusion. One cannot rationally argue that murdering children inside the womb is acceptable while murdering someone outside of the womb is not—and that is clearly where the world’s morality is heading.

If our nation’s laws can’t be grounded in the moral code of God, then exactly what can it be grounded in? The ever-changing human consensus? It was human consensus in Germany that said the holocaust was “good.” It was human consensus that said kidnapping and beating slaves in America was “good.” What makes something “good” or “evil”? It was the Christian faith grounded in the morality of God that spoke to the conscience of society that ultimately brought these things to an end.

Woolf knows that abortion is evil, and he knows that God hates

it. His problem isn’t with the separation of Church and state—his problem is with obedience to God. Woolf doesn’t work as a clergyman in a Baptist church so he can serve God and His people. Woolf masquerades as a shepherd so that he can attempt to turn the Church away from a morality rooted in God’s nature.

Clearly, he is a “Woolf in sheep’s clothing.”

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### ***SBC’S LIFEWAY STILL PEDDLING FALSE TEACHERS INCLUDING “GAY CHRISTIANITY” REVOICE RESOURCES***

Six years ago, a small but growing discernment blog broke the story that Alex Malarkey—also known as *The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven* - had recanted his story and said that he made it all up. The blog, Pulpit & Pen, was at the time run by Southern Baptists who were heavily involved in Southern Baptist life. The problem, though, was that even though the story had been recanted - and the entire fantastical tale was heretical and unbiblical anyway - Lifeway, an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, continued to sell the book as though it were a true story. Even after the story made national news and high profile pastors both within and out of the Southern Baptist Convention denounced the book and pleaded with Lifeway to stop carrying it, they continued to carry the book for several years.

Ultimately, they ended up dropping the book after much pressure from Southern Baptists. But the heresy they peddled didn’t stop there.

Today, at Lifeway, the vast majority of what you will find for sale is real and actual heresy. Most notably, one of the most heretical devotionals ever written is *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young. Not only can her heresy be purchased from them, so can materials from the following sources:

- ❑ Materials by Rick Warren, who ordains women to the pastorate and calls the pope his brother in Christ.
- ❑ Jennie Allen, the founder of the heretical *IF:Gathering*
- ❑ Beth Moore - even though she abandoned the Southern Baptist Convention - can be purchased at Lifeway.
- ❑ Charismatic teachers abound at Lifeway, including *Priscilla Shirer*, *Christine Caine*, along with *Max Lucado*, who endorsed both the pro-homosexual Jen Hatmaker, and, of course, Word of Faith charlatan and anti-Trinitarian, *Steven Furtick*.
- ❑ *Lysa TerKeurst*, a preacher at Steven Furtick’s church.
- ❑ *Tony Evans*, who is a Pelagian heretic who denies original sin.

But perhaps most importantly, you can order “gay Christianity” resources by **Revoice** leaders, such as Greg Johnson, a gay “pastor”.

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### ***THE DATE PALM***

The palm tree mentioned more than 50 times in the Bible is the Judean Date Palm (Phoenix dactylifera). The Greek *daktylos*, the basis for the English word date, means “finger.” It is a fruit

tree mentioned together with the grape, fig, pomegranate, and apple (Joe. 1:12).

Dates have been cultivated for thousands of years across the Middle East and North Africa. The oldest known dates were grown in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Arabia, and the Indus Valley. Date trees were depicted on the walls of Egyptian pyramids.

Dried dates contain 61-68 percent sugar by mass, the highest percentage of any fruit. They contain less than 1% fat but supply a large amount of kilocalories or food energy. “It is packed with minerals, B vitamins, antioxidants and nutritional fiber... Dates contain 23 kinds of amino acids that are not found in other fruits” (Haaretz.).

The date tree reaches about 70 feet in height and can grow singly or as a clump from several stems produced by a single root system. The bluish green leaves are 13-20 feet long. They form a canopy at the top of the tree. The clusters of fruit are about four feet long and grow below the canopy of fronds. The fruit is oval, 1-3 inches long and about 1 inch in diameter.

Dates grow best from cultivars rather than seeds. The cultivar-grown trees are healthier and flower two or three years earlier. Seeds are about 50% male and female, since they were designed by God for natural pollination.

The date palm is long lived and very productive and can produce 100 to 200 POUNDS per tree in one season. They start bearing fruit at 5 to 8 years of age and increase in production as they mature, reaching peak production between 30 and 35 years, and declining by age 60. They reach the end of their reproductive life by age 80.

#### ***The Palm Tree in Scripture -***

Palm trees marked desert oases and provided nourishment for Israel in the wilderness (Ex. 15:27; Nu. 33:9). Jericho was called the city of palm trees (Deut. 34:3; Judges 1:16; 3:13; II Chron. 28:15). Deborah dwelt under a palm tree in mount Ephraim (Judges 4:5).

The palms were used prominently in the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:39-40), which was Israel’s celebration of entering the Promised Land after the 400-year slavery in Egypt and the 40-year wandering in the wilderness, with its labor, struggles, and death. The palm frond was used in ancient Rome’s triumphal processions to signify their military victories.

Christ was met with branches of palms when He entered Jerusalem on the Sunday before His crucifixion (John 12:13), a foreview of His victorious return as Israel’s King. (Roman Catholics, Orthodox, and some Protestants use palm fronds in Palm Sunday celebrations.)

Palms were prominently displayed in Solomon’s temple. Images of palms were carved on the walls (I Kings 6:29), on the doors (I Kings 6:32, 35), and on the brass lavers (I Kings 7:36).

Images of palms will also be carved in the Millennial Temple (Exe. 40:16, 22, 26, 31, 34, 37; 41:18, 19, 20, 26).

The palm trees in the temples signify Christ’s eternal victory

over sin and death. The palms signify the eternal victory and security every believer has in Christ. The walls of the millennial temple will exclaim the glorious truth that bondage and warfare are forever past because of Christ! Palms also signify Christ’s satisfaction and nourishment as spoken by the sweetness and rich nutrition of the palm’s date fruit. The palm signifies Christ as the water of life providing sustenance and refreshment in the wilderness wandering (Num. 33:9). The palm also signifies Christ flourishing forever and God’s people flourishing in Him (Psalm 92:12-14).

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### ***DARWIN DISSENTERS***

The Discovery Institute’s “*A Scientific Dissent from Darwinism*” has been signed by about 1,000 Ph.D. scientists who agree with the following statement:

“We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged.”

One quote is from the always-interesting David Berlinski, Ph.D., Philosophy, Princeton University:

“Darwin’s theory of evolution is the great white elephant of contemporary thought. It is large, almost completely useless, and the object of superstitious awe.”

Of course, even if no scientist disputed evolution, this does not mean it is correct. The Bible says, “*Let God be true, but every man a liar*” (Romans 3:4); and Jesus said, “*I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes*” (Matthew 11:25).

But it is a fact that large numbers of smart men and women with higher degrees reject evolution. The Creation Research Society membership consists of more than 600 men and women who hold advanced degrees and are committed to biblical creationism. ■

