

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of February 14, 2021

Sunday Morning Service -----	7
Sunday Evening Service -----	4
Wed. Evening Service, 02/17/21 -----	4

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of February 14, 2021

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

Sunday Morning Service:		
86 Views	106 Engagements	106 People Reached
Sunday Evening Service:		
39 Views	57 Engagements	38 People Reached
Wednesday Evening Service:		
47 Views	73 Engagements	40 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of February 14, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 991.99
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/14/21:	\$ 991.99

- Week of January 31, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,353.09
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 10.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/31/21:	\$ 1,363.09

- Week of January 24, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 479.52
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 30.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/24/21:	\$ 509.52

- Week of January 17, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 565.52
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/17/21:	\$ 585.52

- Week of January 10, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 879.02
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/10/21:	\$ 879.02

- Week of January 3, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,455.12
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 10.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/03/21:	\$ 1,465.12

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

PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO GIVE,
- ESPECIALLY NOW



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 03/05/21-----	\$ 537.92
Amount Received To Date -----	\$ 0.00

TOTAL STILL NEEDED THIS MONTH: ----- \$ 537.92

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

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
Derek Quinnelly -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley & Brenda White
Sound/Video -----	Seth White

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
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BEWARE OF ALLEGED TRIPS TO HEAVEN

by Evangelist David Cloud
(Taken from *The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement: Its History and Error*, 6th edition)

Not only are there many Pentecostals who claim to have seen Jesus, some have claim to have made trips to heaven. These include John Lake, Percy Collett, Dudley Danielson, Marvin Ford, Aline Baxley, Kenneth Hagin, Sr., Benny Hinn, Jesse Duplantis, Roberts Liardon, and Bob Jones.

In 1977, **Richard Eby** claimed that he died and went to heaven and he brought back the revelation that "the primary nerve in God's cranium is the sense of smell." He said that in heaven he could move anywhere at will and that he was visible yet transparent.

In the 1980s, **Percy Collett** built a large following based on his dramatic accounts of a five-day trip to heaven. He spoke face to face with the Holy Spirit and saw cats and (barkless) dogs. He saw the "Pity Department," where aborted babies go to be trained for a period of time. He saw the "Garment Room," where angels are sewing robes for believers. He even saw a "Holy Ghost elevator."

Roberts Liardon claims that he toured heaven when he was only eight years old. He said Jesus is five feet eleven to six feet tall and has sandy brown hair that is "not too long and not too short." He saw storage buildings containing body parts that are waiting for "saints and sinners alike" on earth to claim them. Jesus told him, "You should come in here with faith and get the needed parts for you and the people you'll come in contact with" (Liardon, *I Saw Heaven*, Tulsa: Harrison House, 1983, p. 19). He saw a medicine cabinet with bottles labeled "overdose of the Holy Ghost," and he and Jesus splashed each other in the River of Life.

On "This Is Your Day," May 4, 2000, Benny Hinn interviewed **G.S. Dhinakaran** of "Jesus Calls" ministry in India about his many alleged trips to heaven. Dhinakaran said, "Whenever I'm heartbroken because of the problems of the ministry that's the time the Lord Jesus says come and he takes me to heaven and then he talks to me in person. He calls one of the apostles and makes them speak to me concerning my problems."

Jesse Duplantis claims that on his journey to heaven he saw an angel thrown against a wall when God barely moved His finger and (accidentally?) hit him while he was flying by. Duplantis says he learned that there are two types of Christians in heaven, the strong and the weak, and the weak have to smell the leaves of the tree of life to gain strength.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

I reject all of these claims about visiting heaven, whether in vision or in the body, for the simple reason that in every case the individual adds to the things recorded in the Bible in direct conflict with God's command:

"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: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18-19).

Many of the things recorded in the book of Revelation pertain to heaven. Consider Revelation 4-5; 7:9-17; 8:1-6; 10:1; 11:15-19;
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12:1-3, 7-12; 14:1-17; 15:1-8; 16:1, 5-7; 17:1-2; 19:1-16; 20:1; 21:1-27; 22:1-5. The Book of Revelation ends with almost two entire chapters describing the heavenly city, New Jerusalem, and then concludes with a solemn warning not to “*add unto these things.*”

Is it not adding to the things of Scripture about heaven to say there are Holy Ghost elevators and storage buildings with body parts and barkless dogs or that the primary nerve in God’s cranium is the sense of smell?

These experiences are either true or they are a lie, and we are convinced that they are lies. Those who describe them might very well think that they have visited heaven, but they have done no such thing.

The Bible is more certain than any vision or the most glorious mystical experience. It is possible to be deceived into thinking one has been to heaven or seen Jesus when this has not actually happened, but the Bible is sure. Peter reminded his readers that he was eyewitness to Christ’s majesty, that he had witnessed Christ’s transformation on the mountain and heard the very voice of Almighty God and had seen Elijah and Moses (II Peter 1:16-18). What could be more glorious than that? No Pentecostal or charismatic has experienced anything greater than this. But Peter does not end here. Rather than urging his readers to seek such experiences he magnifies the Bible above all such things:

“We have also A MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of THE SCRIPTURE is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (II Peter 1:19-21).

The more sure word of prophecy is the Scripture itself. It was given by divine inspiration and is therefore infallible.

This is the message that every Pentecostal and charismatic needs to heed. Lay aside the carnal lust for mystical experiences and miraculous signs and extra-scriptural visions and voices and cleave to the Bible alone as the sole sufficient authority for faith and practice. Walk by faith and not by sight, for this is biblical Christianity.

“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it” (Romans 8:24-25).

HOW THE LEFT IS STEALING AMERICANS’ HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION

Across the country, leftists in charge of public education are substituting indoctrination for learning. Facts and objective

standards are out, liberal shibboleths are the order of the day. My state, Minnesota, exemplifies the trend. Under state law, the Department of Education promulgates standards and benchmarks for K-12 schools in a variety of disciplines. These standards are periodically revised, and this year the Social Studies standards are being rewritten. Under Minnesota’s hard-left governor, Tim Walz, the committee doing the revision consists almost entirely of left-wingers. That committee has released the first draft of its standards.

This draft drops almost everything normally regarded as history - the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Holocaust, and any reference to minor figures like George Washington - in favor of political indoctrination like this:

(1) systemic racism in the United States rooted in our founding; (2) developing a “respectful awareness” of the LGBTQ+ community; (3) the Reconstruction period, specifically successful efforts to disenfranchise newly freed Black Americans and connecting this history to persistent discrimination and inequity in the present; (4) an analysis of the ideology of Manifest Destiny and its relationship to whiteness, Christianity, and capitalism.

Essentially, liberals want our schools to be hotbeds of anti-Americanism. Unfortunately, just about all of our public school systems are in their hands.

CONCLUDING NOTE BY BRO. CLOUD: There is no way to take back the public school system. Even the staunchest conservative presidents have not attempted to disband the radicalized Department of Education, and that would be only one step toward rooting out the secular atheism that permeates the public school system. America was greater when there was no government school system. It must be abandoned by those who love Christ and truth and should never have been supported by God’s people. *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (I Corinthians 15:33).*

NEO-MARXIST IDEAS HAVE Foothold IN TWO SOUTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARIES

A former scholar with the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) warned Southern Baptists about the dangers of Neo-Marxist ideas like **Critical Race Theory** (CRT) and **Intersectionality** during an event in Louisiana. Dr. Craig Mitchell, president of the Ethics and Political Economy Center, rejected the use of CRT and Intersectionality as “Analytical Tools,” and called out Southern Baptist professors for promoting these wicked ideologies. In fact, Dr. Mitchell called for the firing of professors espousing these Neo-Marxist ideas.

Dr. Mitchell warned that professors at Southern like **Dr. Curtis Woods**, the chairman of the 2019 SBC Resolutions Committee that approved the use of Critical Race Theory and

Intersectionality as “Analytical Tools,” are promoting these dangerous ideas. Also, Mitchell cited professors like **Dr. Walter Strickland** of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) and **Dr. Jarvis Williams** and **Kevin Jones** of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Baptist Message reported, “Responding to the description in the resolution calling Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality useful analytical tools, Mitchell said this is true only if you’re a Marxist.”

...There are several implications from this report: Should we believe public denials of SBC Elites like Danny Akin, president of SEBTS, when they tell us they aren’t drifting to the Left? ...Dr. Mitchell is a real leader. He’s a brave man. He is a voice in the wilderness urging the Southern Baptist Elites to change their ways.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Invented by Derrick Bell and other attorneys as a spin-off of Critical Legal Theory in American law schools in the 1980s, these theorists were disenchanted with the results of the Civil Rights Movement. Bell, Richard Delgado, and other CRT thinkers viewed classical liberal ideas such as meritocracy (people being rewarded based on their individual merits), equal opportunity, and colorblind justice (like that promoted by Dr. M. L. King) to all be factors that *cause* systemic, invisible, intangible racism.

What many people don’t understand is that CRT rejects most of the things that the 1960s Civil Rights Movement fought for, like treating people equally in institutions and under the law. Instead, CRT teaches that if power is to be properly redistributed from the “haves” to “have-nots” (which in their eyes include minority identity groups), the law may actually need to be biased in favor of minority identity groups.

...CRT is a system that *rejects* both human biology and Biblical doctrine and teaches that mankind should be separated into various ethnic minority groups. With CRT, people are encouraged to identify with their ethnicity (which CRT thought-leaders inaccurately label “race”), rather than with greater and more significant distinguishing factors, like Jesus, their nation, or their community.

It’s also important to understand that Critical Race Theory-although it may seem counter-intuitive-doesn’t just deal with race. CRT promotes division between “identity groups,” dividing people into either the “oppressor class” (usually, White and “straight” men holding to the majority religion) versus “victim identity groups” which can include so-called “sexual minorities,” the disabled, abuse victims, women, the “transgender,” as well as ethnic groups.

CRT is used by homosexuals, the transgender, and women as much as it is used by ethnic minorities. In CRT, “whiteness” refers to anything identifying with power or privilege as it relates to the “majority class” (usually, those who hold ethnic or

religious majority). For CRT theorists, to be white is to have privilege, and to have privilege is to be white. The term Whiteness, as used in CRT, refers to any majority group that has majority status and—in the world of CRT—that is synonymous with power and privilege.

FACEBOOK CENSORING SPEECH AGAINST THE TRANSSEXUAL AGENDA

Facebook has been suspending accounts of some who speak against the transsexual agenda. On Jan. 26, Facebook suspended Robert Gagnon for a week for speaking against Joe Biden’s new transgender military policy, claiming that he violated Facebook’s “Community standards on violence and incitement.”

Gagnon, author of *The Bible and Homosexual Practice*, responded, “There was absolutely no incitement to violence on our part. We abhor violence done to any person. This is just a thinly veiled and pathetic excuse for censorship of any critical views toward trans-tyranny over our consciences, religion, and reason. Only one point of view is being allowed. Trump was not the great danger to the Republic. Left-wing canceling is”.

Pentecostal preacher/news commentator Michael Brown was locked out of Twitter for 12 hours on Jan. 20 for saying, “Will I get punished by Twitter for saying that, in God’s sight, ‘Rachel’ Levine (nominated by Biden to be his assistant secretary for HHS) is a man?” Apparently this came under Twitter’s ban on “hateful conduct.” Brown commented on the suspension, “When biological truth conflicts with transgender activism, biological truth is banned. When biblical truth conflicts with transgender activism, biblical truth is banned.”

Is this what the World Conference Movement Signifies?

