

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of February 21, 2021

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| Sunday Morning Service ----- | 26 |
| Sunday Evening Service ----- | 23 |
| Wed. Evening Service, 02/24/21 ----- | 9 |

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of February 21, 2021

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -
Sunday Morning Service:

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| 69 Views | 118 Engagements | 56 People Reached |
| Sunday Evening Service: | | |
| 62 Views | 67 Engagements | 61 People Reached |
| Wednesday Evening Service: | | |
| 50 Views | 77 Engagements | 52 People Reached |

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of February 21, 2021 -

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| <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings ----- | \$ 869.79 |
| Love Offering ----- | \$ 25.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/21/21: | \$ 894.79 |

- Week of February 14, 2021 -

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

- Week of January 31, 2021 -

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| <u>Undesignated</u> 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 -

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

- Week of January 17, 2021 -

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

- Week of January 10, 2021 -

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

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

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

TOTAL STILL NEEDED BY 03/05/21: ----- \$ 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

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| 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 |



THREE CHRISTIANS CHARGED IN NJ FOR 'INTIMIDATING' HOMOSEXUAL SALON OWNER BY PREACHING "HOMOPHOBIC RHETORIC"

by Michael Marcavage, Christian News
02/24/21

Three Christians in New Jersey were charged with violating the state's anti-bias intimidation statute, specifically for "shouting homophobic rhetoric directly in front of Allure Salon," based on the citing officer's wording, after the trio preached to the salon owner and an employee who are both openly homosexual.

Kombe Sefelino, Daniel Stephen Courney and Lydia Ortiz were all charged under two different sections of the state's "bias intimidation" statute during an outreach outside of the notorious Metropolitan Medical Associates abortion facility, also known as "The Englewood Center for Women," in Englewood, NJ.

The Allure Salon is nearby Metropolitan Medical Associates—a facility where late-term abortions occur. In an expose published by Priests for Life in 2018, the facility was caught on tape explaining how they will murder healthy babies "up until 24 [weeks]" if it is "something that you want."

Christians, as well as others, have been gathering outside of the facility for years to oppose abortion and to engage in other speech activities. In January, Sefelino, Courney and Ortiz had spread out on the sidewalks nearby to effectively communicate the word of God and gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible in the area which happened to be outside of the salon.

According to one of the citing officer's summons', the Christians "targeted ... the owner, Rogelio Molina, who is homosexual" by preaching against homosexuality. On another citation, a salon employee, John Cacella, was written as the "target" of "homophobic rhetoric."

N.J. attorney Demetrios Stratis, who is representing the Christians in the proceedings, told Christian News Network that his clients were there to be a voice for the voiceless and to preach the word of God to all, not just homosexuals. He explained that his clients' delivered "a message of love" for Molina and Cacella's souls and that only by repentance and faith can men be saved from the wrath to come, and he also cited that their actions were legally protected First Amendment activity.

The charging Englewood police officer, marked as "P. O Layne" on one of the summons', wrote:

"Within the jurisdiction of this court, with purpose to intimidate an individual or group of individuals because of race, color, religion (sic), gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity, specifically by, on numerous separate occasions, shouting homophobic rhetoric directly in front of Allure Salon, targeted at the owner, Rogelio Molina, who is homosexual, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:16-1A(1), a crime of the fourth degree," a summons reviewed by Christian News reads.

According to Stratis, if they are convicted of this fourth degree charge, they can each be sentenced up to 18 months in prison.

The citation further documented N.J.S. 2C:33-4A under New Jersey's harassment law, which is what enabled the anti-bias charge.

"Within the jurisdiction of this court of this court, with purpose to harass another, make or cause to be made a communication or communications in a manner likely to cause annoyance or alarm, specifically by, on numerous separate occasions, shouting

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homophobic rhetoric directly in front of Allure Salon, targeted at the owner, Rogelio Molina, who is homosexual, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:33-4A, a petty disorderly persons offense,” the summons states.

Stratis said that he spoke to the prosecutor assigned to the case—identifying her as “the head of the Bias Crimes Unit in the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office”—and attempted to reason with her by explaining that his clients do not solely focus on homosexual sin. Stratis said that he told her that all sin “prevents us from having a relationship with Jesus Christ.” However, according to Stratis, the prosecutor fully intends on moving forward with the charges as homosexuals are a “protected class” under the statute.

In a call to the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office, a representative stated that Vered Adoni is in charge of the “Bias Unit” and is an assistant prosecutor. Christian News Network, however, was unable to reach anyone for comment by press time.

A hearing date has been set for March 4.

Democrat Party Leader Says the “Quiet Part” Out Loud - “God’s Will is No Concern of this Congress.”



STEUBE NADLER

A prominent Democrat said the quiet part

“out loud” during a hearing in the house on the monstrous Equality Act when he responded to another member quoting scripture in defense of the biblical roles of men and women that “*God’s will is no concern of this Congress.*”

Quoting scripture that says “*A woman must not wear men’s clothing nor a man wear women’s clothing, for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this*”, Republican congressman Greg Steube explained that God designed sex and gender a certain way, and that those who seek to overthrow that design are being rebellious to God’s will, which will ultimately result in judgment from God.

He said, “*It’s not clothing or personal style that offends God, but rather the use of one’s appearance to act out or take on a sexual identity different from the one biologically assigned by God at birth. In his wisdom, God intentionally made each individual uniquely either male or female.*”

“*When men or women claim to be able to choose their own identity, they’re making a statement that God did not know what he was doing when he created them. I’m going to quote directly from Dr. Tony Evan’s commentary bible on this passage of scripture.*”

“*Men and women equally share in bearing the image of God,*

but he has designed them to be distinct from and complementary toward one another. The gender confusion that exists in our culture today is a clear rejection of God’s good design. Whenever a nation’s laws reflect the standards of God, that nation is in rebellion against him, and will inevitably bear the consequences.

“*And I think we are seeing the consequences of rejecting God here in our country today, and this bill speaks directly against what is laid out in scripture, our government, through this bill, is going to redesign what a woman is, and what a man is. It can be anyone, who identifies in that gender...*”

The claims by Representative Stuebe ultimately prompted **Democratic Representative Jerry Nadler, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee** to respond:

“Mr. Steube, what any religious tradition describes as God’s will is no concern of this Congress.”

Clearly.

MONTANA SENATE ONE VOTE AWAY FROM PASSING 4 PRO-LIFE BILLS

(Montana Daily Gazette) In a vote along party lines, Montana’s Senate moved to advance four pro-life measures, three of which were reintroduced after being previously vetoed by former Governor Steve Bullock last session.

In a 31-19 vote along party lines, Senate Republicans were able to easily overwhelm the protesting Democrats. With the measures already signed off in the House last month, this all but guarantees their smooth passage when the Senate votes on the bills for a third and final time later this week.

The four bills are as follows:

- House Bill 136, sponsored by Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, R-Great Falls, would ban abortion after 20 weeks (a pain-capable bill). There are no exceptions for rape and incest, only for the life of the mother.
- House Bill 167, sponsored by Rep. Matt Regier, R-Kalispell, is a ballot initiative requiring doctors and nurses to provide life-saving measures for any children born alive during a botched abortion.
- House Bill 171, sponsored by Rep. Sharon Greef, R-Florence, requires women seeking abortion pills like ‘Plan-B’ to have an in-person visit with a health professional first, visit than a rather than through telehealth.
- House Bill 140, sponsored by Rep. Amy Regier, R-Kalispell requires health care providers to ask abortion-intending pregnant women if they want to see an ultrasound before they pull the proverbial and literal trigger.

Governor Greg Gianforte has already pledged to sign the first

two bills once they hit his desk, with the outcome of the other two uncertain, but expected to be approved. This is the first time in 16 years that Montana has had a Republican governor, and pro-life legislators are anxious to flex their muscles.

No bills designed to completely abolish abortion in the state were brought forward.

In 2018, there were 1,674 abortions reported in Montana, with girls and young women between the ages of 15-19 accounting for 11%.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **WIKIPEDIA CO-FOUNDER SAYS LEFTIST BIAS HAS BROKEN THE PLATFORM** - We have long observed the consistently liberal slant of Wikipedia. Anything pertaining to the Bible is biased toward unbelief. The following statement focuses on Wikipedia’s political bias:

“Wikipedia co-founder Larry Sanger is criticizing the site’s left-wing bias, saying the popular online encyclopedia has become an irretrievably broken platform for socialism. ‘*The days of Wikipedia’s robust commitment to neutrality are long gone,*’ Mr. Sanger told Fox News in a new interview. ‘*Wikipedia’s ideological and religious bias is real and troubling, particularly in a resource that continues to be treated by many as an unbiased reference work.*’

Mr. Sanger, 52, co-founded the site with Jimmy Wales in January 2001. ... The Fox analysis cited the two main pages for ‘Socialism’ and ‘Communism’ that span 28,000 words but lack any discussion of the genocides committed by socialist and communist regimes, in which tens of millions of people were murdered and starved. ... In a blog post, Mr. Sanger said examples of bias on Wikipedia ‘have become embarrassingly easy to find,’ pointing to the entries for former Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump. ‘The Barack Obama article completely fails to mention many well-known scandals’ ... the entry about Mr. Trump shows that Wikipedia’s neutrality ‘is a joke’” (“Co-founder says Wikipedia’s neutrality ‘long gone,’” The Washington Times, Feb. 21, 2021).



Pastor Jim Conrad, Towne View Baptist Church, Cobb County, Ga.

❑ **COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, A CASE STUDY IN THE PRIORITY OF CHURCHES OVER POLITICS** - Cobb County, Georgia, demonstrates that religion and morality are fundamental to politics and proves the necessity of focusing on the spiritual condition of the churches rather than on politics.

Cobb County was ground center for the 2020 U.S. presidential election. It was Cobb County that threw the state to the Democrats in November and elected two Democrats to the Senate in January to guarantee

Democratic control of Congress.

Cobb County is Southern Baptist territory, and as the churches have, decade after decade, become more worldly and liberal, the politics has become more liberal, changing from limited-government Republican (“once the heart of Newt Gingrich’s GOP revolution of the 1990s”) to big-government Democrat, from pro-life to pro-abortion, from pro-traditional marriage to pro-homosexual rights, from pro-American to woke leftism and critical racism.

It is in Cobb County that Towne View Baptist Church in Kennesaw, a Southern Baptist congregation, accepted a homosexual couple as members in 2019. When contacted by the couple (John and John Reynolds) about the possibility of joining the church, Pastor Jim Conrad was affirmative. He “felt that God might be leading him in a different direction, consistent with his understanding of Scriptures and a gospel message that was not available to a select few, but to all” (“Georgia SBC church faces banishment,” Religion News Service, Feb. 19, 2021).

This illustrates the change in the character of churches, which, in turn, has changed the political climate of the area. It is the church that is the pillar and ground of the truth, not politics. America is a nation of churches, and as the churches go so goes the nation.

It is time for Bible-believing Baptists and fundamentalists to stop focusing on politics and secessionism and revolution, to let the peace of God rule in their hearts instead of carnal frustration and anger, and to focus on what God has told His people to focus on, which is building sound, life-changing New Testament churches. We can’t change the public education system, the universities, the bloated monstrosity of a government, the military, or the mainstream media, but we can, by God’s grace and as His co-laborers, build New Testament churches (I Corinthians 3:5-12), and a New Testament church has more power than all of the teeth-gnashing mechanisms of conservative politics.

Here is a description of a New Testament church from Philippians: “*Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain*” (Phil. 2:14-16).



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