

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of February 27, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	44
Sunday Evening Service -----	25
Wed. Evening Service, 03/02/22 -----	20

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of February 27, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 691.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/27/22:	\$ 741.00

- Week of February 20, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,086.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/20/22:	\$ 1,136.00

- Week of February 13, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,269.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/13/22:	\$ 1,319.00

- Week of February 6, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,674.97
Love Offering -----	\$ 200.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/06/22:	\$ 2,874.97

- Week of January 30, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 783.97
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/30/22:	\$ 833.97

- Week of January 23, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,412.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/23/22:	\$ 1,462.00

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

- CHURCH NATURAL GAS LINE REPAIR FUND -

Total Cost Of Repairs -----	\$10,365.78
Amount Received Thusfar , 2012 -----	\$ 54.00
Amount Still Needed: \$10,311.78	

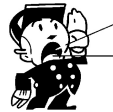
Thank You For Your Help With This Need!

*Read Your Bible
Every Day...*



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 & Mary Byars -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
GinaMarie Shufelt -----	Flowers
Seth White -----	Sound/Video

**SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER**

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PLAN NOW TO HEAR -



DR. PHIL STRINGER

Vice President at Dayspring Bible College & Seminary - Mundelein, Illinois

- Wednesday - April 6 @ 7 PM: ***"The Spirit-Filled Life"***
- Thursday & Friday - April 7- 8 @ 7 PM: ***"Why We Should Prefer The King James Bible to the Other English Translations"***
- Sunday - April 10, @ 11 AM & 6:30 PM: ***"Fifteen Reasons Why I Believe In A Pre-Trib Rapture"***

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

• **STALIN'S HOLODOMOR OF UKRAINE** - The following is excerpted from Scott Johnson, "Ukrainian Contexts," Powerlineblog.com, Feb. 27, 2022:

"Vladimir Putin and others insist on our understanding the rape of Ukraine in a certain context. The context consists of components including the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the expansion of NATO into Eastern Europe, and Putin's high anxiety. If anyone has supplied the context from Ukraine's perspective, I missed it. I doubt that it's ancient history in Ukraine. Ukraine's subjugation by the Soviet Union was an unhappy experience. Although he chides Stalin for being too generous with Ukraine, Putin thinks that Stalin was quite a guy. He has sought to rehabilitate his reputation. He seeks to restore the glory of Stalin and the Soviet Union under his rule. Ukrainians see Stalin in a somewhat different context. They recall that Stalin inflicted the so-called Holodomor ("hunger extermination") on them in 1932-1933. Stalin of course did what he could to suppress the story.

... The terror famine is one of the horrors of the twentieth century. ... Robert Conquest was the first historian I know of to reconstruct the story, as he did in *The Harvest of Sorrow* (1987). Conquest implied that Stalin killed 5.5 million ethnic Ukrainians out of a population of 34.1 million at the beginning of the trouble, or 16 percent.

... Most recently, Anne Applebaum reconstructed the story in *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine* (2017). According to Applebaum, Stalin's terror famine killed nearly 4 million Ukrainians. Applebaum explained that the numbers have been difficult to calculate because the Soviet system tried to cover up the famine immediately after it happened, even going to the extent of covering up and hiding a census that was taken in 1937 (because it showed the large numbers of deaths). Putin's anxiety to the contrary notwithstanding, you can see why Ukrainians might not want to be colonized again by Russia or to become Putin's subjects."

• **ILLINOIS COUNTY MUST PAY \$370,000 FOR REQUIRING CHRISTIAN NURSE TO PERFORM ABORTION SERVICES** - The following is excerpted from "Illinois County," Christian Headlines, Feb. 18, 2022:

"An Illinois county must pay more than \$370,000 in attorney's fees for requiring a Christian nurse to refer women for abortions and provide abortifacient contraceptives, a state judge ruled Wednesday. Sandra Rojas had worked as a pediatric nurse for 18 years in the Winnebago County Health Department when, in 2015, she and other nurses were required to undergo training that involved learning about abortion referrals and abortifacient contraceptives. Rojas objected, saying her Christian faith prohibited her from assisting in abortion services. Although her supervisor gave her a temporary religious accommodation, Rojas was told that the training and the abortion-related services were required to work in her position. Rojas resigned her position and then sued the county, alleging it had violated her freedom of

religion and freedom of conscience rights. Judge Eugene G. Doherty of the 17th Judicial Circuit sided with Rojas last year, ruling the department 'improperly discriminated' against Rojas 'by refusing to accommodate her objections of conscience.' The department, the judge ruled, had violated the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act. On Wednesday, Doherty ordered the county to pay \$374,104 in attorney's fees."

• **POLL RESULTS: MOST ANGLICANS SUPPORT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE** - For many years, it has been widely known that Anglican Church is largely apostate. While we understand that some of the sects remain more conservative than others, the apostasy is rooted in the denomination's inherent noncommitment to the authority of Scripture and the supremacy of Christ.

This is evident in even the sects that appear to remain more conservative as most Anglican churches, even if not gay-affirming, are still affirming of women preaching or serving in roles the Scriptures reserve for men.

That being said, a recent poll commissioned by the Ozanne Foundation, a pro-homosexual religious activist group, found that the vast majority of Anglicans today approve of homosexuality and same-sex marriage. The poll surveyed 5120 people and found that 55 percent agreed that same-sex marriage was right—up from 48 percent in 2020.

Twenty-nine percent said same-sex marriage was wrong and 17 percent "don't know." In 2013, the respective figures for Anglicans were 38, 47, and 15 percent.

Anglican women in the latest survey were more likely to select "right": 62 percent, compared with 44 percent of Anglican men. Support also declined with age. Among Anglicans above the age of 65, 42 percent selected "wrong" and 40 percent "right".

Across the entire sample of the latest survey, almost two-thirds of respondents (63 percent) agreed that same-sex marriage was "right" — up from 46 percent in 2013 — and just 21 percent described it as "wrong".

• **JOE BIDEN SAYS HE DOESN'T WANT TO DEBATE THEOLOGY WHEN ASKED WHY HE SUPPORTS ABORTION AS A CATHOLIC** - Joe Biden, by far the most liberal president the United States has ever seen in its history, has been open about his devotion to the cult of abortion known as "women's rights." Biden and the Democrats have been attempting to push legislation that would override the states' rights to regulate abortion and make abortion at any stage of pregnancy legal in all 50 states.

Despite this, Biden touts himself as a Roman Catholic—and the Roman Catholic Church has done nothing to discipline him.

This should not be construed as an endorsement of the Roman Catholic Church in any way, but historically speaking, the organization has been correct in its social teachings on issues such as abortion and homosexuality. This is despite the fact that it holds to an erroneous gospel of works.

On March 2, 2022, Joe Biden was approached by a journalist who asked him why he supports abortion while being a Catholic.

Biden's response: "I don't want to get into a debate about theology...I'm not going to make a judgment for other people."

What Biden fails to understand, though, is that he is already under the judgment and wrath of God; and so are the people that continue to support abortion. Biden and the pro-abortion camp are in unrepentant sin and one cannot receive the Kingdom of God unless they repent and believe the true saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.



FIVE REASONS CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT OBSERVE LENT

Every year in February or March, Ash Wednesday kicks off the first day of Lent — a largely Roman Catholic tradition which is essentially a six-week season of grieving and remorse over your sin. It is, however, also observed by Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, and Methodists officially, and in recent years, many mainline Protestants and Evangelicals have jumped on the bandwagon.

Typically, it involves some modernized notion of fasting—basically, giving something (traditionally, meat) up for a few weeks. But, over the course of modern history, it has morphed into a free-for-all kind of abstaining from anything you choose.

1. FASTING IS NOT A CORPORATE ACTIVITY. In fact, scripture warns against the corporate practice of fasting and prayer. it is to be done privately.

"Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly"(Matthew 6:16-18).

Lent, as practiced by mainstream Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, is a corporate, church-wide call to fasting—something the Scripture never commands us to do. Fasting, for the believer, is a spiritual discipline practiced for the purpose of drawing personally closer in union with God.

2. FASTING WILL NOT GAIN YOU FAVOR WITH GOD. Many who observe Lent believe that by doing so, they will gain favor with God. It has become, to them, an act of penance — an attempt to atone for their own sins. This is especially true in the Catholic Church, but the tradition has crept into Evangelical circles as well. No amount of fasting, abstinence, or self-denial can purify us from sin. Lent promotes a works-based salvation that diminishes the saving work of Jesus! Believing that the act of fasting will in any way turn away God's wrath is actually a curse, as it says in *Galatians 5:4*, "**Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are**

fallen from grace."

There is but one way to gain favor with God, and that is to be covered by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. You must turn from your unrighteous works, and turn to Christ alone, for what He has accomplished is sufficient.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36).

3. THE MODERN PRACTICE OF GIVING SOMETHING UP IS UNBIBLICAL. Fasting, in the Bible, is the practice of giving up nourishing food — something that your body relies on for life. The practice of giving up something necessary and life-sustaining would cause one to focus on God and rely on Him solely to sustain them. Today, Lent is practiced in such a fashion that, for the most part, people only give up luxuries and unnecessary things in their life. While it is commendable to purge excess weight from your spiritual walk, giving up television, dessert, or video games for six weeks is not what Jesus had in mind when he taught his disciples to fast.

4. LENT IS A TRADITION OF MEN. In 360 A.D. the Roman Church at the Council of Laodicea officially commanded the observance of Lent. So, 300 years after Jesus' death and resurrection its practice was established. While it is not necessarily sinful to observe a special day that is not prescribed in Scripture — to do so compulsively, or, as stated above, to gain favor with God is idolatry. While not all who practice Lent are doing it necessarily by compulsion, the very act of a church-wide season of Lent places pressure on some to do something they would not have otherwise done.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).

5. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO ONE SEASON. While prayer and fasting, and purging excess idols or distractions in your life are good, to limit these practices to a six-week time frame then becomes a work of self-righteousness rather than a heart that desires obedience to God. While there may be different times and seasons in your life that the Holy Spirit nudges you to fast and pray — perhaps due to certain circumstances in your life — doing so solely based on the rotation of a calendar year is a bad practice.

We are called to continue steadfastly in prayer and thanksgiving — always (Colossians 4:2) and to devote our entire lives to God at all times, not just during Lent.

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