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The leading causes of death in America are, in the following order, heart disease, cancer, accidents, lower respiratory diseases, stroke, Alzheimer’s, and diabetes. Those are the first seven. Number eight is influenza (the flu) and pneumonia. About 39 thousand died of the flu last year in America. Worldwide the annual number of flu deaths is about 200,000. Where are the constantly-updated, red-blotched charts tracking those deaths?

In part, it is irresponsible media entities and omnipresent social media that have stirred up the frenzy by focusing 24/7 on fear-mongering. There are warnings that 70% of the world will contract COVID-19; 20% of Americans could die; it is an escaped Chinese bioweapon; Trump is lying.... Quacks and nutcases are in “hog heaven.” Everyone has become an expert.

I have a wiser source of information. The world’s most authoritative book on the future informs us that the **really big** epidemics are ahead. **BILLIONS** will die during a seven-year period that is approaching and that precedes the return of Christ to establish His kingdom. We read about them in the book of Revelation - **“And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth”** (Revelation 6:8).

As for death, the fact that multitudes are in panic mode from a flu virus with a small fatality rate proves that men are terribly afraid of dying. And CNN, MSNBC, FoxNews, BBC, UPI, Yahoo, Bloomberg, etc., are not giving the most important warning, which is that **“it is appointed unto men once to die, but**

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If you are not ready to die, you better get ready, because the mortality rate is 100%! According to the world’s most authoritative history book, only two men have left this world without dying, and that was Enoch and Elijah, and those were special cases personally superintended by God. That same book tells us the fundamental reason for death, and it is not COVID-19. It is sin, and all are sinners. The good news, in that same book, is that the compassionate Creator sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. ***“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”* (Romans 6:23).**

‘GAY CHRISTIANITY’ MOVEMENT INVADES MENNONITE CHURCHES

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In fact, just taking a look at some of the staff on the ministry’s website will paint a completely different picture. For example, look at Lesli Hudson-Reynolds - the ministry’s “Gender Identity Ministry Director.” A simple glance at her shows she doesn’t hold to a biblical worldview on gender and sexuality. Further, upon a quick glance at her public Facebook profile reveals that she has embraced a gay-inclusive form of Christianity that is found nowhere in Scripture. According to the ministry staff bio page, Lesli “currently serves as Gender Identity Ministry Director for Lead Them Home.” She also “mentors youth and adults seeking God’s will in their gender identity,” and is developing a resource designed to “thoughtfully engage church leadership in the gender conversation.”

These people believe that it’s perfectly fine to express your aberrant sexuality - you can be a “gay Christian,” or a “transgender Christian” - so long as you don’t perform sexual acts. Lesli, herself, appears to identify as a “non-binary” person. In fact, her entire public profile is littered with gay propaganda.



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We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

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Week of March 8, 2020

Sunday School -----	10
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TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/01/20:	\$ 858.29

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Insurance Fund -----	\$ 35.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/23/20:	\$ 927.00

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<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 697.61
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 25.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/16/20:	\$ 722.61

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<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 974.07
Love Offering, Pastor & His Family-----	\$ 25.00
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You may be saved by the skin of your teeth, but what about your family you left in Sodom? □

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS ‘GLOBAL PANIC DRIVEN BY AN IRRESPONSIBLE,

COVETOUS MEDIA - The global panic surrounding the coronavirus outbreak is breathtaking in its overreaction. Two nations quarantined. Major events cancelled in areas where there is **no** coronavirus! Airlines going bankrupt. Hotels vacated. Borders locked down. Stock markets plummeting. (Warren Buffett says it's time to invest!) One would think it is the bubonic plague, but it isn't.

COVID-19, the virus at the heart of the global panic, is a coronavirus, which is a flu virus. COVID-19 is the flu. It kills some people, mostly elderly over 70 in poor health and small children, but it is not particularly deadly in the broad scheme of things in this dying world. The vast majority of people who contract it have flu symptoms of varying degrees and go on with their lives. The death rate is 1-2%. (The death rate on the Diamond Princess was 1%, all over 70 years of age, and in South Korea, where statistics are candid, the fatality rate is 0.6%.) William Schaffner, professor of preventive medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, warns, “There's a large epidemic of coronavirus anxiety” (“Early mortality rates for coronavirus are likely misleading,” ABC News, Mar. 9, 2020).

To put this business in right perspective, while a few thousand have died of COVID-19, MILLIONS have died of other things. About 3 million people die of all causes in America every year, and 56 million worldwide. That's **MILLION**.

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- She stands for the things some of you are standing for.
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You have got Prohibition - why don't you prohibit? Why are you not loyal Americans and stand by the Eighteenth Amendment? If you expect America to stand by you and protect you and your family, why should not you keep all its laws and be loyal or leave the country?

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Don't pitch your tent towards Sodom - the next step you will be in Sodom. No man who professes to believe in Jesus Christ can go into Sodom without one of two things happening: either you must make Sodom better or Sodom will make you worse. You can settle that once and forever. Either you will uplift Sodom or Sodom will lead you far from the path in which you can walk and talk with Jesus.

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TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/16/20:	\$ 722.61

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

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Monthly Premium, Due 04/05/20-----	\$ 506.00
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Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

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Week of March 8, 2020

Sunday School -----	10
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You say, “Oh, Mr. Smith, it is obvious —

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You may be saved by the skin of your teeth, but what about your family you left in Sodom? □

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Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

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*"And Lot lifted up his eyes" - Genesis 13:10
by Evangelist Gipsy Smith*

Lot's mistake and the consequent loss of his wife and possessions and family followed, when he pitched his tent towards Sodom.

You remember that interview with his uncle Abraham. They were living together and their stock and herdsmen were becoming too many to live together peaceably. Lot was the younger of the two and should have revered the opinions of his old uncle. Abraham said unto him, "Choose." He gave him the choice of the watering places and fertile grazing fields. Why didn't Lot say to his uncle as he should have said, "Uncle, give me your advice; you are an older man than I." But he didn't do that - he settled it himself. He looked toward the well watered plains of Sodom and selfishly chose them. He pitched his tent towards Sodom and in that way lay danger.

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10:50 a.m. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
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AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of March 8, 2020

Sunday School -----	10
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<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 757.15
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 145.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/08/20:	\$ 902.15

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<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 853.29
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 5.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/01/20:	\$ 858.29

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<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 892.00
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 35.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/23/20:	\$ 927.00

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<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 697.61
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 25.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/16/20:	\$ 722.61

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<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 974.07
Love Offering, Pastor & His Family-----	\$ 25.00
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 12.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/09/20:	\$ 1,011.07

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

**CHURCH INSURANCE FUND**

Monthly Premium, Due 04/05/20-----	\$ 506.00
Amount Received To Date -----	\$ 0.00
TOTAL STILL NEEDED BY 04/05/20 -----	\$ 506.00

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
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MENNONITE CHURCHES - Posture Shift is a “gay Christianity” Conference held by a ministry called Lead Them Home that seeks to change how the church views homosexuality and pushes for full inclusivity of gays, lesbians, and other sexually-confused individuals such as “transgenders.” Many of the Posture Shift speakers and team overlap with the Revoice Conference and one conference was even held at a Southern Baptist Church a few years ago. While the ministry claims according to their website to hold to a biblical ethic on sexuality and marriage, the notion that they actually practice what they preach is clearly absurd.

In fact, just taking a look at some of the staff on the ministry's website will paint a completely different picture. For example, look at Lesli Hudson-Reynolds - the ministry's “Gender Identity Ministry Director.” A simple glance at her shows she doesn't hold to a biblical worldview on gender and sexuality. Further, upon a quick glance at her public Facebook profile reveals that she has embraced a gay-inclusive form of Christianity that is found nowhere in Scripture. According to the ministry staff bio page, Lesli “currently serves as Gender Identity Ministry Director for Lead Them Home.” She also “mentors youth and adults seeking God's will in their gender identity,” and is developing a resource designed to “thoughtfully engage church leadership in the gender conversation.”

These people believe that it's perfectly fine to express your aberrant sexuality - you can be a “gay Christian,” or a “transgender Christian” - so long as you don't perform sexual acts. Lesli, herself, appears to identify as a “non-binary” person. In fact, her entire public profile is littered with gay propaganda.

