

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of March 17, 2024 -

Sunday School	14
Sunday Morning Service	36
Sunday Evening Service	24
Wednesday Eve., 03/19/24 Service	11

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of March 17, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 690.36
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/17/24:	\$ 690.36

- Week of March 10, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,403.29
Church Sign Restoration Fund	\$ 2.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/10/24:	\$ 2,405.29

- Week of March 3, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,819.51
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/03/24:	\$ 5,819.51

- Week of February 25, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 9,595.18
Church Sign Restoration Fund	\$ 1,803.00
Missionary Love Offering (children's SS)	\$ 5.71
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/25/24:	\$ 11,403.89

- Week of February 18, 2024 -

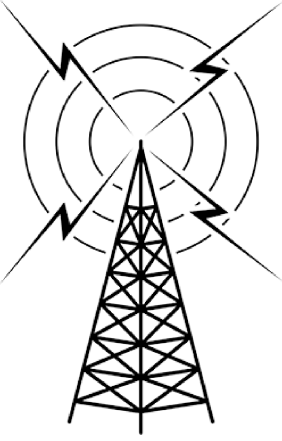
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,244.70
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/18/24:	\$ 1,244.70

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,600.00



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.



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THAT THERE WILL
BE NO "HANG UPS"
WITH THE CITY OF
SAPULPA IN GETTING
EVERYTHING
APPROVED SO WE
CAN BEGIN
CONSTRUCTION.

Thank You!

Church Directory

Todd W. White	Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell, Lois Mae Floyd	Pianists
Derek Quinnelly	Greeter
Kim Phillips; Shirley White/LeAnna White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; & Keith Shufelt	Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars	Outreach
Keith Shufelt	Men's Prayer Group
GinaMarie Shufelt	Ladies Bible Study/Flowers
Seth White	Sound/Video
Larry Byars, Derek Quinnelly, David Smith	Trustees

REMINDER



WHAT DAY WAS CHRIST
CRUCIFIED?

(Original by Grady Daniel, edited and updated by Cooper Abrams)

None disputes that Jesus arose on Sunday morning, but there is much debate as to what day He was crucified. Most of us were taught Friday was the day Jesus was crucified and this has been widely accepted as the traditional day of crucifixion. But if Christ was crucified on Friday, how was He in the grave for three days and three nights as Jesus said in Matthew 12:40 He would be?

The key to understanding the day of the week on which Christ was crucified lies in Matthew 12:38-40, where He specifically states He will be in "the heart of the earth" for "three days and three nights."

The traditional explanation mistakenly says that Jesus was crucified on Friday. Trying to justify that Friday was the day of the crucifixion those that whole this view say that the Jews counted any part of a day as a full day. That is, part of Friday is day one; Saturday, day two; and if arose sometime Sunday morning = day three.

This explanation has some serious problems, for the Jews did not reckon time the way we do. This is one of the first considerations.

1. The Jewish day ended at sundown (6:00 PM) and the new day began at sunrise (6:00 AM).
2. Their Sabbath Day began at sundown Friday (about 6 p.m.) and ended at sundown Saturday. In Genesis 1:5 after the first day of creation, God said "... the evening and the morning were the first day." After the completion of each day of creation the Lord states the "... the evening and the morning were the ____ day."
3. The word "day", when used by itself, always and only refers to a period of time. The word has to be modified to specify what period of time it means. For example, in Acts 10:40, the Bible says, "Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly." The word day, there, is modified by the word "third", and, therefore, we know it refers specifically to only the third day (see also Acts 20:7 which refers to Sunday...the "first day" of the week). Romans 2:16 says, "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel", referring to the Judgment Day).

The modifier makes it specific as to the period of time. Grammatically, three days and three nights means three twenty four hour periods of time.

If Jesus was crucified on the traditional Friday and rose again anytime after 6 p.m. Saturday (the Jewish Sabbath), He could not have been in the tomb ("heart of the earth") three full days and three full nights as He said He would be. Some might try to dismiss the importance of Jesus' statement, but He said it would be a sign to the Jews that He *was* the Messiah. If He was not actually in the grave three full days and three full nights, there would be no way to authenticate the sign, so He had to be in the tomb the full time as He stated.

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In the Jewish way of reckoning time, from Friday at 6p.m. to Saturday at 6p.m., only twenty-four hours would have passed if Jesus had been buried before 6 p.m. on Friday. From Saturday at 6 p.m. until Sunday morning at day break, it would have been a maximum of twelve hours. That gives a total of only thirty-six hours, not the seventy-two hours the Bible records that He was in the grave. Jesus said He would be in the grave for seventy-two hours and therefore He could not have been crucified on Friday.

- ☛ Friday afternoon to Saturday 6 PM = 24 hours.
- ☛ Saturday, 6 PM to Sunday, 6 AM = 12 hours.
- ☛ Total = 36 hours (not enough time)

☐ **WERE THESE THREE LITERAL DAYS/NIGHTS?**

Some mistakenly refer to the passage where, in John 11:9, Jesus asked, “**...are there not twelve hours in the day**” to explain away the problem with the time. In creation, God divided the day and night. The evening and the morning = 1 day. If there were twelve (12) hours in a day, then there must have been twelve (hours) in a night and the total would be twenty-four hours.

Also, anytime in the Bible when the word “day” is preceded by a number, it means whatever number of days is denoted by that number. “Day” can also be used in the Bible to mean an unspecified period of days such as Day of the Lord.

Dr. Charles Halff, Director of the Christian Jew Foundation, in writing “The Fallacies of Easter” stated: “*Sometimes people ask, ‘Didn’t the Jews count part of a day as a whole day or part of a night as a whole night?’ Let me say this, beloved. Whenever you have the expression ‘day and night’ mentioned together in the Hebrew Scriptures, it always means a full day and a full night. . . For instance, if you will turn to Esther 4:16; 5:1; 1 Samuel; 30:12-13, and of course Jonah 1:17, you will find the expression ‘three days and three nights.’ And in every instance it means full days and full nights - not part of a day and part of a night.*”

From Friday to Sunday is not three 24-hour days. Jesus said he would be resurrected after three (3) days. In Mark 8:31, the Bible states, “**And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.**” Counting backwards from Sunday three days, you will not arrive at Friday. You have to count the way the Jews did.

☐ **HOW COULD WEDNESDAY BE THE DAY BEFORE THE SABBATH?**

But if He was crucified the day before the Sabbath, how could He have been crucified on Wednesday? The answer lies in the fact that the Jews celebrated more Sabbaths than just the weekly Sabbath - they had a number of feast days that were called “High Sabbaths,” or high days. He arose on the first day of the week after the Sabbaths* (plural). Sometime after 6 p.m. Saturday, end of the Jewish day, in Matthew 28:1 we read; “**In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.**”

Dr. C. I. Scofield states that the word, “Sabbath” in this verse is plural; from the Greek word “sabbata.” The day after the crucifixion was not the regular (Saturday) Sabbath but a Special (“High” - Greek, “megas”, large) Sabbath.

John 19:31 says, “**The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day,**” (for that Sabbath day was an high day,) “**besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.**”

The Jews observed several “high” Sabbaths (“holy convocations”) in their seasons. Leviticus 23:3-6 says, “**Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord’s passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.**”

The first Jewish month (Nisan or Abib) is our April. The Feast of the Passover (a high Sabbath) and the Feast of the Unleavened Bread (another high Sabbath) were celebrated on April 14th and 15th respectively.

The day Jesus died was the preparation day (Wednesday) for the Passover celebration that was to be held on Thursday - “**And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he (meaning Pilate) saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!**” (John 19:14). This was the morning of the crucifixion day. Verse 31 states, “**The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day,**” (for that Sabbath day was an high day,) “**...besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.**”

Therefore, Passover (Nisan 14) was on Thursday, that year, the Feast of Unleavened Bread began on Friday (seven day feast last to Nisan 21), and the regular weekday Sabbath was on Saturday. Jesus was crucified in the morning on Wednesday, and He was placed in the tomb before 6 P.M. that day. He arose from the grave sometime after 6 P.M. on Saturday, which would be early Sunday morning, the first day of the week, according to Jewish time-keeping. This explanation fits Jesus’ prophecy in Matthew 12:40 that He would be “**three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**”

☐ **FURTHER EVIDENCE FROM THE BIBLE:**

The women purchased spices “after the Sabbath” or the Passover (Nisan 14 - Thursday) which would have been Friday as Mark 15:42 and Luke 23:52-54 state. They would not have broken the Law and purchased anything on the Day of the Passover, or the regular Sabbath on Saturday. Luke 23:56 says they returned and prepared the spices and “rested on the Sabbath” which was the regular Sabbath on Saturday. Then on the first day of the week, Sunday morning they went to the tomb to prepare the body.

☐ **CONCLUSION:**

This is the only view that fits the biblical account. Jesus was crucified on Wednesday and buried before 6:00 PM that day. The Jewish day, which began at 6:00 PM, was the Passover (Nisan 14). Therefore, the Passover began on Wednesday after 6:00 PM, which would actually be Thursday as the Jews reckoned time. The

women, who brought the spices on Friday, rested on Saturday and went on Sunday morning after 6:00 AM, finding the empty tomb.

This is the series of events and is accord with Jesus’ statement in Matthew 12:38-40.

Hence, Jesus was in the grave three full days and three nights. Any other view violates the biblical account and the historical facts. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☐ **CANADIANS FINALLY FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE TRANS AGENDA** - The following is excerpted from “Canadians Finally Fight Back,” Thebridgehead.ca, Mar. 4, 2024:

“For the better part of a decade, Canada remained one of the only Western countries where gender ideology remained entirely unquestioned, promoted as state dogma by the Trudeau government, and passively accepted by conservative politicians skittish about social issues.

... Last June, that began to change. New Brunswick Premier Blaine Higgs announced that going forward, children under 16 seeking to change their gender at school by switching names and pronouns would first need to get their parents’ permission.

Many Canadians had been unaware that over the past several years, it has become standard policy in the public school system to hide such information from parents by default, even though parental permission is required for matters as trivial as dispensing Tylenol. LGBT activists accused Higgs of violating LGBT ‘human rights,’ but Higgs refused to back down.

Polling highlighted the popularity of the policy. As it turns out, claiming that Canadian parents pose a danger to their kids is not politically persuasive.

Higgs’ move attracted the attention of other premiers, and on August 22, Saskatchewan announced an almost identical policy mandating that parental consent must be acquired before students are ‘socially transitioned’ before the age of 16. Again, the political allies of the LGBT movement—including Saskatchewan’s ‘Advocate for Children and Youth,’ Lisa Broda—claimed that involving Canadian parents in life-changing decisions about their children is dangerous.

Premier Scott Moe, following Higgs’ lead, defended the policy, highlighting a poll that proved broad public support: ‘A new poll from [the] Angus Reid Institute shows strong support in Saskatchewan and across Canada for Parental Inclusion and Consent in education with 86% in Saskatchewan supporting some level of notification for parents when children want to change their gender identity in school. Just 10% agree with the NDP position that parents should not be informed.’

... Ontario’s education minister Stephen Lecce hosted a press conference on August 28, announcing that it is the view of the Ford government that ‘parents must be fully involved and fully aware of what’s happening in the life of their children.’ Overnight, ‘parental rights’ went from a political no-go zone to a popular campaign point—and all it took was one premier having the guts to make the move.

... on January 31, Danielle Smith, premier of Alberta,

announced a raft of new policies going substantially further than any other premier.

From the Alberta government’s website:
‘All gender reassignment surgeries for minors aged 17 and under will be prohibited. - The use of puberty blockers and hormone therapies for the purpose of gender reassignment or affirmation will not be permitted for children aged 15 and under, except for those who have already commenced treatment.

... - Parents must be notified and opt in to any instance when a teacher provides formal instruction on subject matter involving gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality.

- Parents must consent for their child aged 15 and under to alter their name or pronouns used by school teachers, administration, and other educational staff.’

... The LGBT movement and their progressive political allies promptly went nuts.

... Political scientist Dave Snow analyzed the coverage of Saskatchewan’s policy by the CBC, Canada’s taxpayer-funded state broadcaster, and found that headlines were leading and biased, with 37% of them containing ‘attributed criticism’ and not a single one of 38 articles containing ‘attributed praise of the policy.’ So-called ‘experts’ were handpicked to criticize parental rights.

Snow’s conclusion: ‘The CBC prioritizes allyship over objectivity.’ The Toronto Star was even less subtle, publishing an op-ed titled ‘It’s a privilege, not a right, to know your kid’s gender identity.’”

☐ **A WARNING ABOUT HOW FACEBOOK IS HARMING CHURCHES, by David W. Cloud** - “Most people in our circles do not have the discernment, discretion or courage to stand against things that are wrong.

For instance, when someone leaves a good church and goes down a worldly or wicked road, many people continue to remain friends with them and ‘Like’ everything they do.

They will approve of things on Facebook that their church and pastor plainly stand against including immodest attire, worldly activities, wrong relationships, wrong marriages, rebellion against church, bad doctrine...you name it.

They hear these things preached against on Sunday, but Monday morning they approve of them on Facebook.

They will not clearly and plainly separate from folks who are going in a direction that contradicts the doctrine of their own church.

This encourages the one who is doing wrong, weakens those who would stand against that behavior, and signals to others that these wrong activities are okay. In doing this, they seem to care more about the feelings of rebels than they do the feelings and concerns of a pastor who loves and cares for them.

From that standpoint, I believe that Facebook has done untold damage to churches. I have friends in independent, fundamental churches around the world and I have observed that this takes place everywhere.” ■