

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of March 24, 2024 -

Sunday School	15
Sunday Morning Service	39
Sunday Evening Service	18
Wednesday Eve., 03/26/24 Service	15

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of March 24, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,182.54
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/24/24:</b>	<b>\$ 1,182.54</b>

- Week of March 17, 2024 -

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

- Week of March 10, 2024 -

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

- Week of March 3, 2024 -

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

- 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
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/25/24:</b>	<b>\$ 11,403.89</b>

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.

**CHRIST IS NOT HERE**

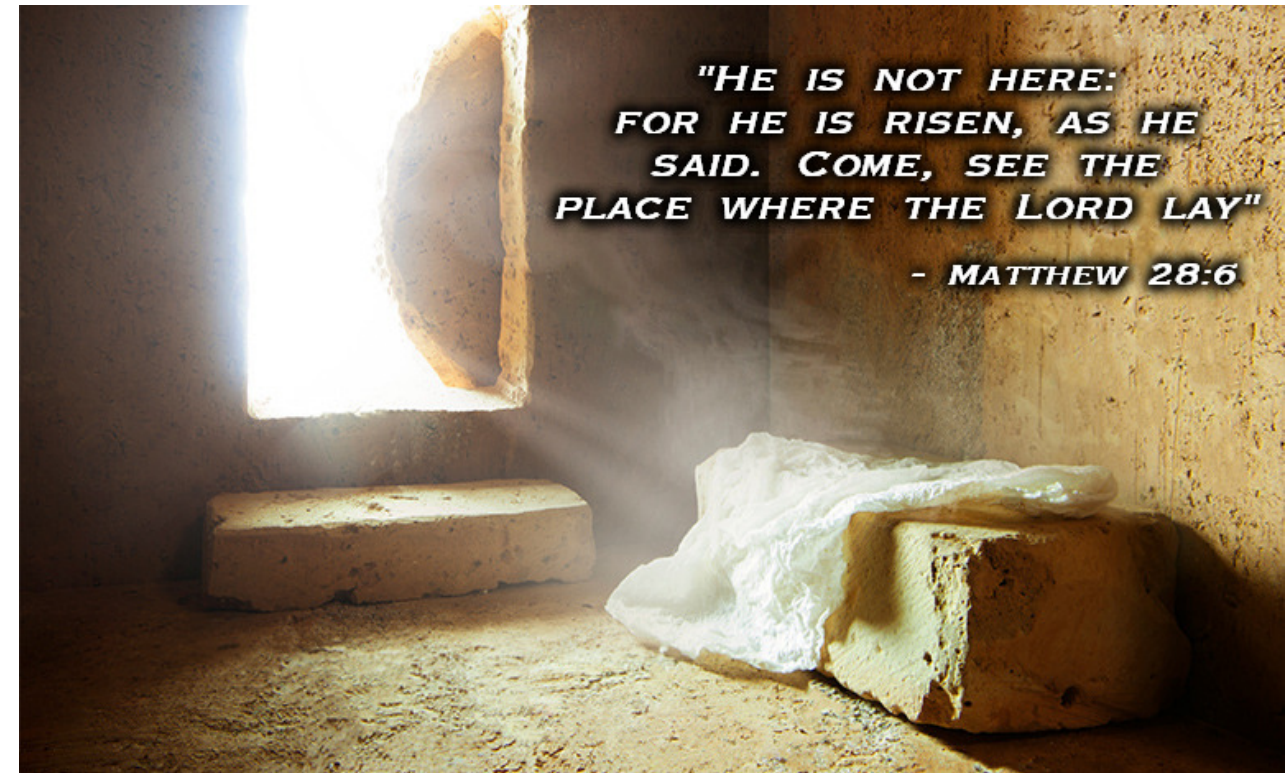


**HE IS RISEN!**

**Church Directory**

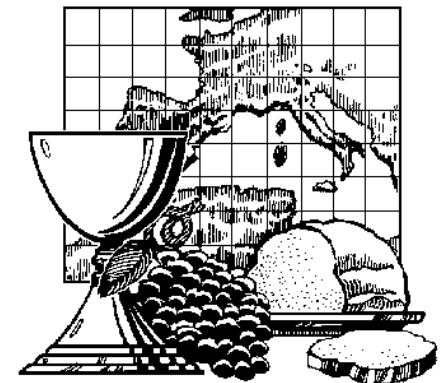
Todd W. White	Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell, Lois Mae Floyd	Pianists
Derek Quinnely	Greeter
Kim Phillips; Shirley White/LeAnna White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; & Keith Shufelt	Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars	Outreach
Keith Shufelt	Men's Prayer Group
GinaMarie Shufelt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

**REMINDER**



*At the conclusion of our morning service today, we will be observing -*

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**



**LISTEN TO -**



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# DEATH MEETS HIS MATCH

Father Time met pale King Death  
Sittin' by a tomb.  
"Hello, old friend, I guess you're here  
To seal somebody's doom."  
"You might say that," sly Death replied.  
A smile slid up his face.  
"Inside reposes that Jesus man  
Who said He'd save the race."  
"And you, Time, why you stoppin' here?  
Don't you have things to do?"  
"I come each day to draw the veil  
And let the mornin' through."  
"Say - why you watchin' jus' one grave,  
With all your vast domain?  
Looks like you'd be out ramblin' round  
And smitin' folks with pain."  
"Well, this one's somethin' special.  
He challenged me, they say.  
Said He'd rest here just three days  
Then stir and walk away."  
"Now I'm the conqueror you know,  
They don't talk up to me.  
When I steps in to cut 'em down  
It's for eternity."  
"I sure can testify to that,"  
Responded Father Time.  
"I ain't seen one shake off the dust  
Since you been in your prime."  
"Well, I got other things to do,  
I must be on my way.  
I'll see you when I come back by  
To make another day."  
So whiskered Time went up the hill  
To bid the sun to rise.  
He left Death standin' by the tomb  
Lookin' strong an' wise.  
Next day, Time ambled by again,  
"And how are things?" he queried.  
"Kinda quiet," Death replied.  
"I'm startin' to be wearied."  
"I won't be here when you come by  
About this time tomorrow.  
I'm anxious to be on my way,  
An' spread some grief and sorrow."  
Now Father Time was quite surprised

When he came back to see  
Death a quiverin' on the ground  
In frightful agony!  
His eyes were set, his throat was marked,  
His clothes in disarray.  
It wasn't difficult to see  
That Death had had his day.  
"What happened Death?" asked Father Time,  
"What makes you look so bad?"  
"I've never see you shake this way  
Or seem so scared and sad."  
Death pulled himself up on a rock  
A-lookin' sick an humble.  
Hung his head an' wrung his hands  
And Time could hear him mumble.  
"Was sittin' here before the dawn  
About to take my stroll,  
When all at once this whole wide world  
Began to reel and roll."  
"That rollin' stone jumped off the door  
An' skipped on down the hill.  
Then everything grew dark and quiet,  
Seemed like the earth stood still."  
"I saw Him standin' in the door,  
He didn't move or speak,  
Just looked at me an' all at once,  
I felt so tired and weak."  
"He came and got a hold on me,  
And threw me to the ground,  
Put His foot here on my neck  
Then took my keys an' crown."  
"Two angels came to talk with Him,  
They glistened like the sun.  
He said, 'The plans all finished now,  
Redemption's work is done'."  
As they passed the garden gate  
I heard Him say, just then,  
"He's settin' free my captives  
And givin' gifts to men."  
Time and Death met once again  
Off yonder by the gate.  
"It's good to see you," said Old Time.  
"I've wondered bout your fate."  
"I'm just a lowly servant now,  
There's little time to roam,  
I just push open this old gate  
And help the saints get home!"

- Elwood McQuaid

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO HEAR CASE OF TRANSGENDER CHILD REMOVED FROM PARENTS** - The following is excerpted from "Transgender child forcibly removed," Premier Christian News, Mar. 21, 2024:

"The US Supreme Court has declined to hear an appeal from a Catholic couple who lost custody of their child after refusing to acknowledge his self-identified female gender. The court did not provide a reason for its refusal to hear the case. ... Mary and Jeremy Cox, devout Catholics from Indiana, began legal proceedings after their teenage son informed them he identified as a girl. The couple's Christian beliefs about gender and sexuality meant they could not agree to their son's request of acceptance. ... In 2021, two years after the couple's son began identifying as female, the Indiana Department of Child Services investigated the Coxes and eventually removed their son from their custody. He was placed into a home that affirmed his self-declared identity."

❑ **EMERGING CHURCH'S "3.0 CHRISTIANITY" DESTROYS BIBLICAL AUTHORITY** - In a message presented at the Greenbelt Festival in England in August 2014, emerging church leader Brian McLaren sought to destroy absolute biblical authority by claiming that we have entered a new era of Bible reading.

He divided church history into three parts:

**Bible 1.0** was the Roman Catholic approach to Scripture whereby the Bible "was read and controlled by the religious elite."  
**Bible 2.0** was the Protestant approach to Scripture by which "the Bible itself was viewed as inerrant" and believers tested everything by it. **Bible 3.0** is the new approach recommended by McLaren whereby the multiplicity of interpretations available on the internet allegedly render any one authoritative interpretation invalid. He says that Bible 3.0 is to be "in conversation with everything and everyone." He says, "Bible 1.0 didn't give up to Bible 2.0 without a fight. And it's very difficult for Bible 2.0 to imagine a world of Bible 3.0," but, "If we are ready, we are going to discover the Bible as better, deeper and richer than before" ("Brian McLaren: 'We've entered a new era of Bible reading,'" ChristianityToday.com, Sept. 4, 2014). McLaren's "deeper and richer" Bible reading is the one-world church's approach which exalts unity, "social justice," etc., over doctrinal purity. McLaren grew up in a fundamentalist Christian home, but he rejected the faith of his parents and his godly grandparents, who were Brethren missionaries. He is a dangerous heretic who has robbed many of their biblical faith.

In response to the Bible 1.0, 2.0, 3.0 thing, we would observe that McLaren's view of history doesn't start early enough. In truth, Bible 1.0 is *not* the Catholic Church. It is the New Testament churches under the direction of Christ's apostles.

Bible 1.0 is the Christianity of those who believe that one infallible faith was delivered in the New Testament Scriptures and is to be contended for (Jude 1:3). Bible 1.0 is the Christianity of those who take the words of the resurrected Christ seriously when He said that His disciples are to be taught to "observe all things

whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20).

There is no room for the confusion of multiple interpretations here. Bible 1.0 is the Christianity of those who believe Paul committed absolute truth to faithful, born again men who were to teach "the same" to others (II Tim. 2:2). Bible 1.0 is the Christianity of those who are taught to test, beware of, mark, avoid, and reject false teachers and heretics (Romans 16:17-18; Eph. 4:4; Phil. 3:2, 17-18; Col. 2:8; I Tim. 4:1-4; II Tim. 3:5; Titus 3:10-11; I John 4:1). This is impossible for those who believe in a variety of acceptable interpretations. By McLaren's scheme, no one is a heretic. Rather, all are sincere seekers with different "perspectives." Further, Bible 1.0 is the Christianity of those who are taught to study to show themselves approved unto God by "rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15) and who "have an unction from the Holy One" to know the truth (I John 2:20, 27).

This means that the Spirit of God leads His redeemed people to the correct interpretation of Scripture.

❑ **EMERGING CHURCH SPREADING BY "SEASONING"** - Brian McLaren says that the emerging church is growing in influence, "not by creating a new slice of the pie, but by seasoning nearly all sectors of the pie" ("More on the emergent conversation," BrianMcLaren.net, Nov. 17, 2014). He is exactly right, and the "seasoning" extends even to many "fundamentalist" churches.

What McLaren calls "seasoning," the Bible calls "leaven," and it twice warns that "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (I Cor. 5:6; & Gal. 5:9). The church at Corinth and the churches in Galatia were being careless about error. They were entertaining it, countenancing it. They were "bearing with it" (II Cor. 11:4). But if a small amount of error is countenanced, it will eventually leaven everything. This is why we have warned that most fundamental Baptist churches will be emerging within 20 years. Large numbers of them are entertaining error. They haven't capitulated to it, but they are playing with it. They say, "This is just a small thing; let's 'major on the majors.'"

They are playing with contemporary worship music, which even in its most "conservative" form is a definite bridge to the one-world church of the Getty's and Townend's and Redman's and Kendrick's and Zschech's.

❑ **WHITE HOUSE DECLARES EASTER SUNDAY AS 'TRANSGENDER VISIBILITY DAY'** - The White House has declared Easter Sunday this year as "Transgender Visibility Day." They also failed to post a proclamation about Good Friday, and they banned children from decorating White House Easter Eggs with religious images.

"I call upon all Americans to join us in lifting up the lives and voices of transgender people throughout our Nation and to work toward eliminating violence and discrimination based on gender identity," President Biden declared in the proclamation. "Today, we send a message to all transgender Americans: You are loved. You are heard. You are understood. You belong. You are America, and my entire Administration and I have your back."