

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of March 31, 2024 -

Sunday School	20
Sunday Morning Service	65
Sunday Evening Service	18
Wednesday Eve., 04/03/24 Service	14

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of March 31, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 2,262.35  
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/31/24: \$ 2,262.35

- Week of March 24, 2024 -

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

- 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

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.

**Pulpit TEARS**  
with Bro. BLOTZ  
BRIAN HARBOUR,  
PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST  
RICHARDSON, SAID A  
CHILD QUOTED...



"A LIE IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD... AND A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TIME OF TROUBLE"

**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

**ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE**

## 2024 MEN'S ADVANCE



**Friday, April 26,  
at 7:00 p.m.  
and Saturday,  
April 27,  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The Men's Advance has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the Men's Advance is to

impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community.

The meeting runs on a two-day format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 26, 2022 and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 27. Again this year, we will meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full smoked meat dinner Friday night, a complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon. In addition to the Advance, a golf tournament is open to all attendees and precede the Advance earlier on Friday.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God's Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men's Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional "It Is Well With My Soul" finale.

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## **THE INVASION OF SECULARISM AND THE LOSS OF SHAME IN SOCIETY**

In the escalating conflict between religion, biblical Christianity in particular, and the ever-evolving tides of Secularism, the distinction has never been more profound or more critical. Biblical Christianity, which is anchored in the sovereignty and lordship of Jesus Christ, commands us to surrender our lives to His will, promising peace and eternal salvation. Secularism, conversely, entices us into believing that this temporal world is our ultimate reality and that our desires and achievements within it are all that matter.

Secularism, in its essence, worships the temporal, the material, and the immediate. It venerates human achievements not as gifts from God but as the pinnacle of human effort, devoid of divine purpose. This worldview is not merely an alternative philosophy; it is a direct affront to the Christian doctrine, which teaches us to seek first the kingdom of God. Secularism's obsession with the here and now, with elevating human reasoning and desires above divine command, leads down a path of spiritual bankruptcy and moral decay.

The roots of modern secular thought can be traced back to the Renaissance, a period marked by a resurgence in humanism. This era, while celebrated for its divine order established by God Himself.

Secularism promotes a narrative of absolute freedom, but this freedom is a mirage that leads only to enslavement by sin. By advocating for causes that directly oppose God's commands—such as the normalization of immorality under the guise of personal liberty—secularism reveals its true nature: rebellion against the Creator. This worldview does not stop at mere materialism—it seeks to dismantle the very fabric of Christian morality, replacing it with a relativism that denies absolute truth and mocks the sanctity of life created in God's image.

At the heart of secular ideology is the rejection of any notion

of sin, guilt, or shame. By discarding these, society loses its moral compass, leading to an increase in crime, violence, debauchery, and the ultimate temporal judgment of God, sexual anarchy. The absence of shame signifies a culture that no longer recognizes the boundary between right and wrong as defined by Scripture.

Today, secularism manifests in such ways that were unthinkable throughout history - from parents handing their children over *en masse* to drag queens to millions of women marching in the streets to protect the right to kill their own children. Secularism is as unnatural as it is horrific. Even notorious critics of Christianity like Friedrich Nietzsche understood that without religion, morality as we know it would crumble. And sadly, much of this secular thought masquerades as part of the professing Church.

- It's why we have leftists like David French, Russell Moore, and David Platt leading the Church's conversation on how Christians should think about social and political ideologies.

- It's why Southern Baptist seminaries have Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) departments re-branded as "Kingdom Diveristy."

- It's why we have women in the Southern Baptist Convention preaching to us that biblical complementarian theology is "abusive" to women—and the neutered male leadership is buying it.

- It's why pro-homosexual "ministries" like Revoice and Living Out are teaching the church that it's actually just fine and normal to live your life as an open homosexual, even developing life-long intimate marriage-like relationships with people of the same sex, so long as you stop short of bodily penetration.

It's the invasion of secularism and the loss of shame in a world that needs to see just how far gone it is.

Despite secularism's relentless attacks, the truth of Christ remains unassailable. History has demonstrated the failure of ideologies that sought to usurp God's place, from the flawed visions of Marxism to the debunked theories of Freud. Only Christ and His eternal kingdom endure, standing firm against the onslaught of secular thought.

The invasion of secularism represents not merely an evolution of thought among society, but an attack against the Creator Himself, a spiritual battleground. As followers of Christ, we are called to resist this tide, armed with the truth of the gospel and the assurance of our Savior's sovereignty. In Him alone do we find the answer to the chaos of the world—a sure foundation of hope, truth, and salvation for all who would turn from the fleeting shadows of this age to the everlasting light of His kingdom.

### **NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS**

- ❑ **"THE CHOSEN" WATCHED BY 200 MILLION** - "The Chosen", a multi-season historical drama television series about Jesus, has been watched by more than 200 million people worldwide. It is being translated into many languages. Season 4 launched in Brazil this month with a nighttime video projection

onto the Christ the Redeemer monument.

The following is excerpted from "The Chosen: 10 Critical Concerns" by LighthouseTrails.com:

"*The Chosen* series was initiated and inspired from a partnership between Dallas Jenkins, an evangelical filmmaker, and three Mormon businessmen, Jeffrey and Neal Harmon and Derral Eves after the three men viewed a film written and directed by Jenkins called *The Shepherd*. The Mormon influence on *The Chosen* is considerable: the executive producer is Mormon, the distributor is Mormon, certain episodes were shot on a special Mormon set in Utah, and the crowdfunding and media expertise is provided by Mormons. ... The Chosen's director, co-writer, and chief publicist, Dallas Jenkins, has gone on record stating that the Mormon Jesus is the same as the Bible's Jesus. ... But following is a list of some of the 'attributes' of the Mormon Jesus: (1) Jesus is Lucifer's brother. (2) Jesus is a spirit child conceived through physical means between an exalted man (Heavenly Father) and the virgin Mary. (3) Jesus is not eternal and had a beginning (i.e., not part of an eternal Trinity). (4) Jesus was not always God but earned his way to godhood just as we will become gods someday.

... Dallas Jenkins told one interviewer that **'95% of the content [of The Chosen] isn't from the Bible.'** This means that The Chosen is almost completely **man's** word—not God's Word.

...For example, Mary Magdalene backsliding is not in the Bible; Matthew portrayed as autistic—not in the Bible;

Jesus rehearsing His sermon on the mount—not in the Bible (John 12:49-50; John 17:8).

... the apostle Peter had a gambling debt that pressured him to fish overtime on the Sabbath to pay back what he owed [not in the Bible]

... Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in *The Chosen*, is a fervent Catholic with a strong affinity toward the New Age...he claims to have had 'personal interactions' with a deceased Catholic 'saint.'

... Roumie's recommended reading list on Amazon includes *The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything* by Jesuit priest and New Age sympathizer, James Martin. The book openly teaches the pantheistic New Age doctrine of God 'in' everyone and everything as the following quotes from that book illustrate: 'God can be found in everything. And everyone too'; 'We'll look at how to find God in everything and everything in God.'"

- ❑ **PARENTS REFUSED TO GIVE UP ON BABY WITH NO NOSE** - The following is excerpted from "Doctors Thought He'd Never Survive," Christian Headlines, Mar. 15, 2024:

"Harrison 'Gray' Canales has been defying medical odds for 22 years, and with a brand new nose, he's planning a bright future. One, no doubt, filled with major accomplishments! Gray Canales is one of two sons of John and Mary Jo Canales of Flower Mound, Texas. John and Mary Jo learned they were expecting their first child in 2001, and everything seemed to be going fine until the day of the sonogram at 20 weeks.

... Doctors told the couple that the images did not show a nose.

They did not expect the baby to breathe on his own, and they feared he would not survive. Additional tests confirmed that Baby Canales did indeed not have a nose, had problems with his legs and feet, and likely would be born with some degree of brain damage.

For John and Mary Jo, a minister and church secretary, respectively, terminating the pregnancy was not an option. Mary Jo told People, 'We thought, 'This baby is still our gift and our joy, and you don't turn down a gift. But I cried constantly. I had no idea if I'd get to meet my son.' Born five weeks early via an emergency C-section, Gray faced a myriad of medical challenges. As expected, Gray had no nose and was born without eyelids. Gray's little legs were turned in more than 90 degrees, his feet were missing toes, and he'd been born without a right frontal lobe.

... Once home, Gray's care required tremendous time and energy. The couple exercised their son's legs, cleaned and dressed his nasal area, and constantly lubricated his eyes until he was given eyelids through surgery at six months

... Gray Canales is now 22 years old, and he has had nearly 30 surgeries. Eleven were connected with his nose reconstruction alone. Despite all of this, Gray is a healthy and happy young man. He enjoys baseball, listening to music, and helping at his church.

... Gray's parents have instilled determination and resilience in their son. Reverend Canales says, 'We taught him not to feel sorry for himself,' because many other people deal with disabilities too. We told him, 'This is the way God made you. That's all.'"

- ❑ **CALGARY JUDGE RULES THAT AUTISTIC WOMAN CAN KILL HERSELF** - The following is excerpted from *The Canadian Independent*, Mar. 25, 2024:

"Calgary judge rules 27-year-old woman with autism can kill herself through medical assistance in dying (MAID). Due to a publication ban, the individuals involved can only be referred to as MV, a 27-year-old woman approved by two doctors for medical assistance in dying ('MAID'), and WV, identified as MV's father. The father, WV, expressed concerns about his daughter's vulnerability and her competence in deciding to end her own life. He argued that MV, who lives with him and has autism and ADHD but no other health issues, may not be capable of making such a decision.

... Today, a Calgary judge, Justice Colin C.J. Feasby, ruled in favor of MV, saying, 'I do not know you and I do not know why you seek MAID. Your reasons remain your own because I have respected your autonomy and your privacy. My decision recognizes your right to choose a medically assisted death.' Justice Feasby did issue a 30-day stay of his decision to allow WV to appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal, maintaining the interim injunction for the next month." ■



**HEY MEN!**

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