

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of April 7, 2024 -

Sunday School	16
Sunday Morning Service	36
Sunday Evening Service	29
Wednesday Eve., 04/10/24 Service	15

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of April 7, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,496.17
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/07/24:	\$ 1,496.17

- 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

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



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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.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE -

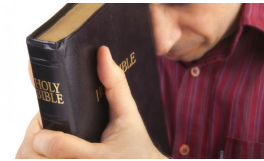
2024 MEN'S ADVANCE

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

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



HOW CAN CHRISTIANS OVERCOME FEAR AND ANXIETY IN A DANGEROUS WORLD?

NO CONDEMNATION -

How can Christians overcome the fear and anxiety of living in an increasingly dangerous world? Why not start with something from God's Word and a promise that "... God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim 1:7)? What do we have to fear anymore since Jesus Christ had the wrath of God we deserved placed upon Him at Calvary, so "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." (Rom 8:1). We know that no one "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 9:31). If God is for us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31)?

SECURE IN HIS HAND -

Jesus' promise to be with the disciples to the end wasn't just for them (Matt 28:20). These promises are for us too. God says "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb 13:5b). God is faithful and cannot fail to keep His promises. Every one of His great and precious promises has never failed, nor will those fail which speak of our future. The Apostle Paul could confidently say, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6). God never breaks any promise and His promise is that He "...is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24). We are not able of ourselves, but He is. Jesus said in regards to our security, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:28-29). Think anyone can snatch us out of God's hand? The answer is obviously NO!

LOVE CONQUERS FEAR -

Since God has placed His love upon you if you have trusted in His Son, Jesus Christ, you have no reason to fear. The Apostle John says "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (I John 4:18). God's perfect love, displayed through Jesus Christ on the cross, takes all fear of punishment away. We no longer have the wrath of God abiding on us like we once had (Rom 2), so what's to fear? If we die, we are with the Lord. If we live on, we serve the Lord. Either way, we are with the Lord in once sense or another. We are born from above by an act of God (John 3:3-7; Eph 2:1-5) and God has no aborted children!

FEAR OF THE LORD -

Fear is actually healthy in most cases. It can keep us from getting hurt and prevent us from taking risks that we shouldn't take. A healthy fear can save our lives. Another fear that is actually very good is the fear of the Lord. We cannot even have God's wisdom until we first fear the Lord (Prov 1:7). The fear I speak of is not a terror-filled life where you fear God's going to strike you dead at any moment or cast you into hell. The fear of the Lord is a deep reverence, respect and value in the Word of God and in God Himself. What is the fear of the Lord? Solomon says, "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate" (Prov 8:13). The fear of the Lord shows up in obedience to the Lord and His written Word. This is the best fear to have; fearing God and keeping His commandments.

A HEALTHY FEAR -

Another fear to take notice of is the fear of an eternal hell for those who refuse to repent and believe the Gospel as Jesus said (Mark

(continued inside)

1:15). Jesus warned the unrepentant by saying, *“And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do” (Luke 12:4)*. Here’s the One to fear. Our Lord said, *“But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him” Luke 12:5!* The “him” our Lord is referring to is God and this fear is realized on Judgment Day (Dan 12:1-3; Rev 20:12-15). Fear God today or fear the future judgment tomorrow (Rev 21:8). The religious leaders feared the people more than God (20:19), thus they had it backwards. Let us fear God then we have no reason to fear man.

SEATED WITH CHRIST -

God did not save you just to lose you again (Rom 8:35-39). Even if we die a tragic death, it’s only the next step into an eternal kingdom where death will be no more (Rev 21:1-5). The Apostle Paul said, *“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord” (II Cor 5:8)*. A new world is coming; a new Kingdom from above, so why would we fear anything anymore after we’ve trusted in Jesus Christ? Whether we die or we are alive at Jesus’ return, He has already *“...raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph 2:6)*.

CONCLUSION -

Incidentally, I pray you have put your trust in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, but if that has not happened yet, you have good reason to fear - *you are in real mortal danger of hell fire right now as you read this.*

Like all human beings, you are one breath, one heartbeat...one accident away from eternity when it will be too late to repent. This is why today is the best day to believe (II Cor 6:2) because tomorrow is no guarantee. I plead with you as you read this, repent today and put your trust in Jesus Christ and you will be saved and receive eternal life. If you do not, you will face God’s judgment after your death (Heb 9:27) or at the second coming of Jesus Christ (Rev 20:12-15), which might even come today!

- Jack Wellman



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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

• **TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY HOSTS GAY-AFFIRMING SPEAKERS, PANELISTS** - George W. Truett Theological Seminary, or ‘Truett’ for short, is a Texas-based seminary operated by Baylor University (the World’s largest Baptist university) and associated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. With nearly 400 students, they describe themselves as an “orthodox, evangelical school in the historic Baptist tradition” with a mission to “equip God-called people for gospel ministry in and alongside Christ’s Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Recently, Greg Garrett, Baylor’s pro-choice, gay-affirming, trans-affirming professor of Literature and Culture who called a centuries-old hymn “sexist” for containing the word “brethren”. He also chastised author J. K. Rowling for posting a lengthy Twitter thread where she repeatedly called a bunch of trans-women “men” on Trans Day of Visibility, something he found intolerable.

Garrett also appears to be a key organizer in the new annual “racism” conference at Truett Seminary. Whereas last year’s featured Jemar Tisby and Beth Moore talking about racism in the white church, this year’s “Racism in the world church” includes a bunch of antinomians lecturing believers about how to be better Christians.

As part of the conference “Racism In The World Church” 2024, Truett/Baylor’s held a panel that was composed of pastors at affirming churches (at least 2 of 3 speakers). Woke Preacher TV explains:

“Sean Palmer, an Enneagram guru and teaching pastor at Ecclesia Houston, proudly declared in a 2018 speech that his church has accepted transgender individuals and same-sex couples into membership.

“Timothy Peoples is senior pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church, which advertises its affirming stance and is a member of the Association Of Welcoming + Affirming Baptists and participated in Dallas Pride last year.

“(The third panel member, famed musician Jimi Calhoun, doesn’t really counter-balance the other men’s stances, as his “church,” Bridging Austin, appears to just be him, his wife, and a friend who have streamed a handful of brief “online liturgies” and held “meetups” advertised as “Taizé Contemplative Services” in the past few months.)”

At the end of their conversation, titled “Black Pastors In White Spaces,” Palmer alludes to the objection of @NeilShenvi and agrees that adopting a critical social justice frame towards race will inevitably lead to compromise on “a whole constellation of other issues and topics that I also have to treat similarly.”

Pastor’s Note: The family of the late Dr. George W. Truett tried strenuously to prevent Baylor University from naming their seminary after him, due to the strong liberal positions and teachings at the school which are in diametrical opposition to the stance Dr. Truett held on those subjects and on Scripture in general. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful in their attempts.

• **UCLA MED SCHOOL LECTURER DEMANDS STUDENTS PRAY FOR “MAMA EARTH”** - The following is excerpted from “UCLA Med School,” The Washington Free Beacon, Apr. 2, 2024:

“In a mandatory course on “structural racism” for first-year medical students at the University of California Los Angeles, a guest speaker who has praised Hamas’s Oct. 7 attack on Israel led students in chants of ‘Free, Free Palestine’ and demanded that they bow down to ‘mama earth,’ according to students in the class and audio obtained by the Washington Free Beacon. Lisa ‘Tiny’ Gray-Garcia, who has referred to the Oct. 7 terrorist attacks as ‘justice,’ began the March 27 class by leading students in what she described as a ‘non-secular prayer’ to ‘the ancestors,’ instructing everyone to get on their knees and touch the floor—‘mama earth,’ as she described it—with their fists. ... So began a long and looney lecture that shocked some students at the elite medical school and has led to calls for an investigation. Wearing a keffiyeh that covered her entire face, Gray-Garcia, a self-described ‘poverty scholar,’ led the class in chants of ‘Free, Free Palestine’ as faculty and staff looked on in silence. ... The surreal spectacle is the latest controversy to envelop the ‘Structural Racism and Health Equity’ class, launched in the wake of George Floyd’s death as a part of the medical school’s ‘anti-racism roadmap.’ ... Beyond her anti-Israel posts, Gray-Garcia’s writings include a book called How to Not Call the Po’Lice Ever and a poem, ‘Dear KKKolumbus,’ dedicated to black people killed by law enforcement.”

• **SBC CONFERENCE SPEAKER PROMOTES HOMOSEXUAL IDEOLOGY** - The following is excerpted from “SBC Conference Speaker,” Disnr, Mar. 27, 2024:

“Rachel Gilson, a self-described same-sex attracted woman who spoke at the Southern Baptist Convention’s women’s conference in 2023 has now appeared in a promo video released by Preston Sprinkle’s Center for Faith, Sexuality, and Gender. The video portrays God as perfectly accepting of homosexual and transgender lifestyles devoid of any true repentance. In the video appear multiple homosexuals, lesbians, and ‘transgender’ people who argue that one should be able to live out who they really are, including rebelling against the God who created them and feeling welcomed and accepted in the Church. In 2019, during a student conference, Gilson remarked during a sermon that gay married couples who come to Christ can stay together because God hates divorce.

“Speaking on the topic of homosexuals coming to Christ, after a bit of build-up, Gilson said, ‘It’s not like if someone in a same-sex marriage comes to know the Lord, it’s like, Okay, what we’ve got to deal with first is your same-sex marriage...’ ... Gilson has also been closely associated with Grant Hartley, another former Cru [previously known as Campus Crusade] leader who converted to Roman Catholicism a few years ago. [In 2022], Hartley boasted about his experience of dancing at a gay bar, stating that it felt like ‘heaven’ to him. In 2019, Hartley quote-tweeted a message from Rachel Gilson while she was preaching a sermon at Cru: ‘There is no command in scripture to

be straight; there is a command to be faithfully single or faithfully married, and you can do either of those without being straight.’...In 2022, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, which is presided over by Danny Akin, [highlighted] Rachel Gilson’s paper on marriage.”

• **NAIA BANS TRANSGENDER ATHLETES FROM COMPETING IN WOMEN’S SPORTS** - We believe these type of victories, which confound and push back the Mystery of Iniquity, are an answer to prayer by a merciful God. The following is excerpted from “NCAA faces calls to ban,” Fox News, Apr. 8, 2024:

“The NCAA [National Collegiate Athletic Association] was called upon to follow the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) after the collegiate organization for small colleges and universities banned transgender athletes from competing in women’s sports. ... The NAIA’s Council of Presidents voted in favor of the policy change, 20-0, according to CBS Sports. ... The NAIA said its decision was rooted in ‘fair and safe competition for all student-athletes’ and that ‘Title IX ensures there are separate and equal opportunities for female athletes.’ The organization said only athletes whose biological sex is female may participate in ‘NAIA-sponsored female sports.’ The policy goes into effect on Aug. 1. ... Virginia’s Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears said: ‘Common sense prevails today. It’s more than time for the @ncaa to do the same.’”

• **COMEDIANS: COURT JESTERS FOR THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION** - The following is excerpted from “Court Jesters,” TheBridgehead.ca, Apr. 2, 2024:

“The bulk of the comedian class serves as court jesters for the sexual revolution, targeting anyone who dares question its dogmas and, revealingly, scorning the very idea of virtue as impossible. Consider how America’s late-night hosts deal with the issue of pornography. Jimmy Fallon spent an entire segment mocking Oklahoma state senator Dusty Deever, who recently put forward legislation banning pornography and sexting. To uncomfortable laughter, Fallon read out **fake** texts from Deever ... It wasn’t funny, but the point wasn’t humor—it was to mock someone for opposing porn and for advocating public morality. Despite the growing consensus that pornography is addictive, toxic, and ruins relationships (porn is a factor in at least 56% of marriage breakdowns), opposing it is portrayed as a joke. ... Speaker of the House Mike Johnson got similar treatment. When it was reported that Johnson and his family use the accountability software Covenant Eyes, which monitors digital devices in order to break and prevent porn addictions, the media promptly melted down. Sarah Silverman made vile, crude jokes about the names of Johnson’s children ... According to Silverman, the new Speaker ‘just keeps getting weirder and weirder’—not because he’s looking at porn, but because he *isn’t*. What does that tell you about the comedian class? Jimmy Kimmel concurred and dedicated an entire monologue to making fun of the Speaker...”

Isaiah 5:20-21 - “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!”