

## AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of April 10, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	44
Sunday Evening Service -----	28
Wednesday Eve., 04/13/22 Service -----	25

## AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of April 10, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,166.00
Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer -----	\$ 1,758.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 381.50
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/10/22:</b>	<b>\$ 3,305.50</b>

- Week of April 3, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 3,009.98
Love Offering -----	\$ 100.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 267.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/03/22:</b>	<b>\$ 3,376.98</b>

- Week of March 27, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 844.97
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 413.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/27/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,187.00</b>

- Week of March 20, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,034.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 153.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/20/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,187.00</b>

- Week of March 13, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,271.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 1,170.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/13/22:</b>	<b>\$ 2,491.00</b>

- Week of March 6, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,461.22
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 5,150.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/06/22:</b>	<b>\$ 7,611.22</b>

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

## - CHURCH NATURAL GAS LINE REPAIR FUND -

Total Cost Of Repairs -----	\$10,365.78
Amount Received Thusfar -----	\$ 7,588.50
Amount Still Needed: -----	\$ 2,777.28

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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.*



### THANK YOU For Your *Continued* Faithfulness In Giving!

During the early part this pandemic, we were unable to meet in the church-house. But - that did not mean that the expenses of having a church-house were suspended. We still had bills to pay - electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, phone, internet, facility insurance, copier lease, office supplies, etc., and, praise the Lord, His people kept praying, watching online, & supporting their church with their giving.

Sadly, some people only give when they are in attendance at church - sort of like paying for "services rendered" - but the truth is that they are robbing **THEMSELVES** of God's blessings when they withhold their tithes and offerings and only give when they are here (see Malachi 3:10). Thankfully, most of our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

#### WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

1. *By mail* - 23 East Wells Blvd., Sapulpa, OK 74066
2. *Drop it off* - call the Church Office to arrange it. 224-1924
3. *Online* - Go to the link below and give electronically:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=433047>

**WE ARE GLAD WE CAN NOW GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD & STUDY HIS WORD TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH-HOUSE!**

**YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR RENEWED OUTREACH EFFORTS!**

## Church Directory

Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd -----	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell -----	Evening Pianist
Derek Quinnelly -----	Greeter
Larry & Mary Byars -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebart -----	Custodian
GinaMarie Shufelt -----	Flowers
Seth White -----	Sound/Video

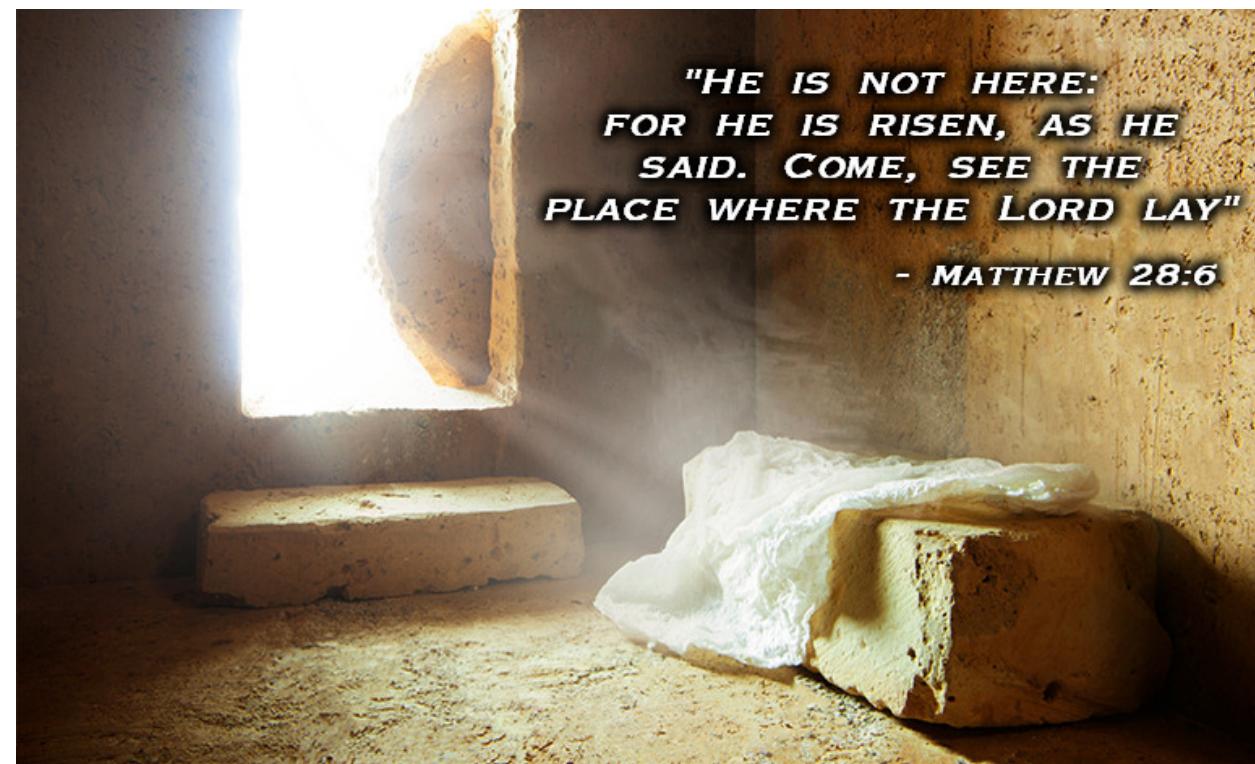
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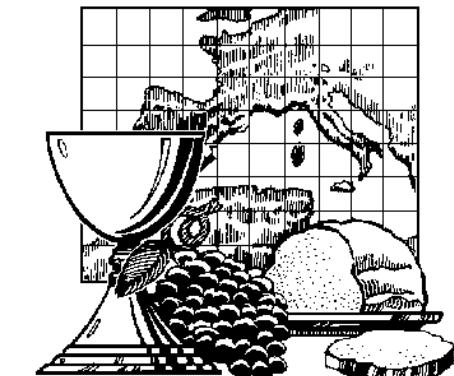


**"HE IS NOT HERE:  
FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE  
SAID. COME, SEE THE  
PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY"**

- MATTHEW 28:6

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

## THE LORD'S SUPPER



# 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

## THE PASSOVER LAMB

Israel's national redemption from the bonds of Egypt, as well as the protection of their first-born (Exodus 4:23; 11:10; 12:27), was secured by what is called "*the paschal lamb*" (Exodus 12). In memorial of that day of redemption, Israel was to re-enact the Passover throughout all her generations. The paschal lamb and the Passover feast are called "types" of Jesus Christ. Christ being the "antitype;" the fulfillment of the type.

C. H. Mackintosh, in his *Notes On Exodus*, presents two important aspects regarding the paschal lamb:

### □ THE GROUND OF PEACE

"The blood on the lintel secured Israel's peace, and the center of unity. "When I see the blood, I will pass over you" (vs.13). There was nothing more required in order to enjoy settled peace, in reference to the destroying angel, than the application of the blood of sprinkling. Death had to do its work in every house through the land of Egypt. **'It is appointed unto men once to die.'** But God, in His great mercy, found an unblemished substitute for Israel, on which the sentence of death was executed. Thus God's claims and Israel's need were met by one and the same thing, namely, the blood of the lamb."

Israel experienced peace within their households that dreadful day because their first-born were protected from the execution of death by the destroying angel when he saw the blood from the slain unblemished lamb on the door posts and lintels of their homes. The ONLY requirement to enjoy this settled peace was the application of the lamb's blood. Today, this side of the cross, every believer in Christ can enjoy peace with God (Romans 5:1-2) and protection from the second death (John 5:24) through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, God's provided unblemished Lamb who took away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Christ, and Christ alone, is the ground for the believer's settled peace with God (Romans 5:1-2). Peace with God requires nothing more than the blood of atonement.

### □ THE CENTER OF UNITY

"We shall now consider the second aspect of the Passover, as the center round which the assembly was gathered, in peaceful, holy, happy fellowship. Israel saved by the blood was one thing, and Israel feeding on the lamb was quite another. They were saved only by the blood; but the object round which they were gathered was, manifestly, the roasted lamb."

C. H. Mackintosh goes on to draw the parallel and points out that, this side of the cross, the Holy Spirit is the only Gatherer and that Christ Himself is the only object to which we (the body of Christ) are gathered. He doesn't gather us to a system, a

doctrine or an ordinance. He gathers to a Person; the glorified, risen Christ. Men may socialize on any ground, center or object they please, however, when the Holy Spirit associates, it is on the ground of accomplished redemption, around the Person of Christ, in order to form a holy dwelling place for God (I Cor. 3:16,17; 6:19; Eph. 2:21,22; I Peter 2:4-5). **"For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed" (I Cor.5:7).** It is around Jesus Christ that we, the redeemed, are to gather in the Holy Spirit.

It was in the spirit of urgency (haste) that the Israelites gathered around the first paschal lamb. In this same manner, the Body of Christ is to realize the urgency of the faith and our ever expectant departure from this "*cosmos diabolicus*." That is, when the Church will be taken up to meet the Lord in the air (I Thess. 4:15-18) before God's wrath comes upon the world.

The six essential requirements to be found in the paschal lamb were:

1. A lamb without blemish.
2. A lamb that was tested.
3. The lamb slain.
4. The blood to be applied.
5. The blood a perfect propitiation against divine judgments.
6. The lamb partaken of as food.

**Can there be any doubt that Jesus Christ is its fulfillment?**

- Gary Nystrom

### CHRIST IS NOT HERE



He Is Risen

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

### **FACULTY OF BAPTIST UNIVERSITY SUPPORTS HOMOSEXUAL STUDENT UNION**

- Baylor University, known as the largest Baptist university in the world, is now openly supporting “homosexual Christianity.” On Aug. 18, 2019, Linda Livingstone, Baylor President, said in a letter to students, faculty, and staff that the school is “committed to providing a loving and caring community for all students--including our LGBTQ students ... Students are not disciplined or expelled from Baylor for same-sex attraction. In addition to the ongoing presence of many caring, trusted faculty and staff members, Baylor provides resources for LGBTQ students through the Title IX Office, Bias Response Team, Chaplain’s Office and Spiritual Life, and the Counseling Center. Baylor counselors do not practice or condone conversion or reparative therapy. With this said, we understand that we must do more to demonstrate love and support for our students who identify as LGBTQ.”

On Feb. 8, 2021, Baylor’s Faculty Senate passed a resolution supporting the establishment of a homosexual student organization called Gamma Alpha Upsilon (“Faculty Senate passes resolution,” Baylor Lariat, Feb. 9, 2021). The vote was 26 in favor, 9 opposed, and 4 abstaining. The school’s website posted the following statement; “We acknowledge the complexity of issues surrounding human sexuality and desire to engage in this conversation with humility, prayerfulness and convicted civility.”

The issue of homosexuality is clear when considered biblically and a Christian school should have no “conversation” on sexuality that is not biblically based.

### **'PERFECTLY NATURAL': CHURCH DEFENDS ASSISTED SUICIDE 'CEREMONY' PERFORMED IN SANCTUARY**

- A Canadian church recently made the unanimous decision to perform a euthanasia “ceremony” in which one of its elderly congregants, with medical assistance, committed suicide in the church sanctuary.

Churchill Park United Church of Winnipeg, which conducted the so-called “Crossing Over Ceremony” for 86-year-old Betty Sanguin, justified their actions, insisting that it “seemed appropriate” to hold the service considering the many other “significant life rituals” in which the church takes part.

“For us, it was perfectly natural to hold this service for Betty in our sanctuary because death is a natural part of life,” the church’s pastor, Rev. Dawn Rolke, concluded in an interview with *Christian Post*.

### **VA HOSPITAL REMOVES BIBLES FROM EASTER DISPLAY**

- The gift shop at the VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico has become a battleground over religious liberty. The “Patriot Shop” had erected an Easter-themed display featuring storybooks and bunny rabbits and chocolate eggs.

But the table also included Bibles and that was a problem for a notorious anti-religion group. “That display of Christian bibles

and associated Christian reading materials completely violated the time, place, and manner restrictions of the VA’s own regulations as well as the No Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights and its construing Federal caselaw,” said Mikey Weinstein, the founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.

The MRFF noted Wednesday that it managed to convince leaders at the Raymond G. Murphy Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albuquerque to remove a display of Bibles and related Christian reading materials on “prominent display” in its Patriot Store facility on the first floor of the main medical building.

The MRFF said 10 employees and patients — seven of whom “identify as avid practitioners of the Christian faith”—complained and reached out to MRFF “for help regarding the unconstitutionality of that sectarian Christian literature display; especially as it was juxtaposed right next to an otherwise non-objectable display of ‘secular-ish’ chocolate Easter bunnies, related holiday candy, and Easter bunny cutouts, et al.”

The Bibles and other religious items were gone within 24 hours of the request, the MRFF added while praising the VA’s quick actions.

### **SUBWAY SHOOTER PUTS CRITICAL RACE THEORY INTO PRACTICE**

- NYC Mayor Eric Adams, who had called white people “crackers”, claimed that he needed his brother to head his security because of an “increase in white supremacy” in New York City.

The New York City Board of Health falsely claimed that racism was a “public health crisis” and a public school told parents to abolish their “whiteness”.

After all that time battling white supremacy, which is as easy to find in the city as good manners and parking spaces, the black supremacist subway terror attack came out of the blue.

29 people were wounded, including a pregnant woman and a 12-year-old, when Frank James, a racist gunman, opened fire on a Brooklyn subway train. James was a racial supremacists, but not the one that New York City’s political establishment had spent so much time searching for.

James was just “abolishing whiteness” by putting critical race theory into practice.

The black supremacist mass shooter has been charged with terrorism for a carefully planned terror attack, that included dressing up as a construction worker, deploying a smoke bomb and then opening fire. The racist terrorist’s victims included a pregnant woman, and a number of children and teenagers, some of whom were shot several times by the black supremacist.

Like the black supremacist Jersey City terrorists, James used a U-Haul as a base and was convinced that black people were being victimized.

“These white (expletive deleted)’s, this is what they do,” James had ranted in his YouTube videos while claiming that

white people were plotting to kill all black people. “It’s just a matter of time before these white (expletive deleted)’s decide, ‘Hey listen. Enough is enough. These (expletive deleted) got to go.’”

“And so the message to me is: I should have gotten a gun, and just started shooting (expletive deleted)’s.”

And indeed that is allegedly what James did.

### **CLASHES ERUPT AT JERUSALEM HOLY SITE, 152 PALESTINIANS HURT**

- Palestinians clashed with Israeli police at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem before dawn on Friday as thousands gathered for prayers during the holy month of Ramadan. Medics said that at least 152 Palestinians were wounded.

The holy site, which is sacred to Jews and Muslims, has often been the epicenter of Israeli-Palestinian unrest, and tensions were already heightened amid a recent wave of violence. Clashes at the site last year helped spark an 11-day war with Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip.

The clashes come at a particularly sensitive time. Ramadan this year coincides with Passover, a major weeklong Jewish holiday beginning Friday at sundown, and Christian holy week, which culminates on Easter Sunday. The holidays are expected to bring tens of thousands of faithful into Jerusalem’s Old City, home to major sites sacred to all three religions.

Hours after the clashes began, the police announced that they had put an end to the violence and arrested “hundreds” of suspects. They said the mosque was re-opened and that Friday’s midday prayers would take place as usual. Tens of thousands of people were expected.

Israeli authorities said they had earlier held negotiations with Muslim leaders to ensure calm and allow the prayers to take place, but that Palestinian youths hurled stones at police, triggering the violence. Palestinian witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of security concerns, said a small group of Palestinians threw rocks at police, who then entered the compound in force, setting off a wider conflagration.

Videos circulating online showed Palestinians throwing rocks and fireworks and police firing tear gas and stun grenades on the sprawling esplanade surrounding the mosque. Others showed worshippers barricading themselves inside the mosque.

Later in the morning, Israeli police entered the mosque and were arresting people. Israeli security forces rarely enter the building, and when they do it is seen by Palestinians as a major escalation.

The Palestinian Red Crescent emergency service said it treated 152 people, many of them wounded by rubber-coated bullets or stun grenades, or beaten with batons. The endowment said one of the guards at the site was shot in the eye with a rubber bullet.

### **FARMERS IN ISRAEL GROWING DATE TREES USING 2000-YEAR-OLD BIBLE-ERA SEEDS**

- Farmers in Israel are

growing fruit-bearing date trees using seeds dating back to biblical times.

“We’re talking about the resurrection of 2000-year-old plus ancient date seeds that come from the Judean Desert and from Masada and which are part of a scientific experiment,” Sarah Sallon, the Director and Founder of the Natural Medicine Research Center at Hadassah Medical Organization, Jerusalem told CBN News in a recent interview.

Sallon, who is a medical doctor, explained that she began the unique project over 15 years ago after expressing interest in natural medicine.

“I wanted to see how medicinal the flora of Israel was and what it had been used for and so on. And then I realized that many of these species had actually disappeared,” she explained. “And we knew what there was, because it’s mentioned in the Bible. The Bible is our guidebook of ancient species,” she added.

As reported by Faithwire, one nine-year-old tree named Judith was recently planted in the Ancient Judean Date Orchard in Kibbutz Katura, near Israel’s Arava Desert. The tree spent the last nine years of its life growing in a greenhouse.

Judith is also the fifth tree of its kind to be planted in the orchard, following trees Methuselah, Adam, Jonah and Hannah.

“We are planting our second female date tree, who was sprouted from an ancient seed. Actually, this one came from Qumran — was found in the caves — and much to our astonishment, she also sprouted,” Elaine Solowey, the botanist who prompted the seeds to grow, told CBN News.

Hannah, the first female date tree, was planted in 2019 and was pollinated by Methuselah. Hannah bore around 100 dates in 2021. So far, the tree has produced more than 600 dates this year.

Judean date seemingly vanished hundreds of years ago, but according to the Bible, it was one of the seven date species found in ancient Israel.

“Now you say well, but we see dates all the way along here, palm trees and all the kibbutzim are growing plants,” Sallon said. “And I look at the plantations on Katura. Those date palms of modern-day Israel are modern, and they were imported after the founding of the State in the 1950s. But they’re not the original date tree that grew here.”

Solowey has planted around 3,000 date trees on Kibbutz Katura, with each tree reportedly producing around 350 pounds of dates each year. She and Salome hope to add the revived Judean dates to the rest of their harvest in years to come.

“We are going to be testing those dates in the future to see actually what they do and whether they differ from other commercial varieties of modern dates. So, for the Kibbutz, it’s a big venture,” Sallon said.

Dr. Tareq Abu Hamed, Director of the Arava Institute at Kibbutz Katura, said he supports the work Sallon and Solowey are doing.

# POWERLESS CHURCHES HAVE PRODUCED A WICKED NATION

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

America's fundamental problem is not systemic racism; it is systemic wickedness. And we are convinced that the root problem is the nation's corrupt, worldly, lukewarm churches. That is the root problem in the black communities and in every community.

Since the church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1st Timothy 3:15), the New Testament church is the most important institution on earth. The greatest need of every community and every nation is New Testament churches. Nothing can take its place. But in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the vast majority of churches today are apostate. I think of Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Unitarian, Seventh-day Adventist, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, the World Council of Churches and all of their affiliates, and many others. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2nd Timothy 3:5).

What about "evangelicals"? Most are leavened with rock & roll worldliness and cultural liberalism (they are friends with, and conformed to, the world, which is spiritual adultery), charismatic and contemplative mysticism, nothing versions (e.g., The Message, the New Living, the Good News), textually corrupt Bible versions (e.g., the NIV, the ESV), kingdom now theology, the social justice gospel, positivism and judge not-ism. They have renounced "separatism" even though it is a clear Bible doctrine.

What about "fundamentalists"? A few exceptions notwithstanding, most of the old non-denominational fundamentalist Bible churches are New Evangelical today. The fight is gone; lines are moving. The outspoken have become silent. The holy have become worldly. The black of an unhesitating stand for the truth of God's Word is blending into evangelical gray. The gradual acceptance of contemporary worship music is building bridges to the "wider church," which is the apostate "one world church."

**What about fundamental Baptists?** They, too, overall, are morphing into a wishy-washy, "Baptist-flavored" evangelicalism. Most, in our experience, are NEARLY POWERLESS. They might still have the right Bible and be sound in doctrine and even have "separation" in their church covenant and still hold to sacred music (usually in a lifeless, ritualistic, uneducated manner, just as a matter of vain tradition). But they are so pathetically powerless. An older preacher, who founded and pastored a large church and has preached in hundreds of churches, recently told me, "I'm sure I couldn't join 50 churches in America, and I'm being generous. Even many pastors who have [good] music and dress standards are weak and won't 'rock the boat' for anything. It's a sad day. Most of the churches that I could recommend are new works pastored by young men."

Consider a simple test. How many churches in America could pass this very basic biblical test, and in truth the test should be

much expanded.

**(1) The test of conversions.** How many churches have regenerating power? A massive number of "Bible-believing" churches are seeing frighteningly few life-changing, "turn around and go the other way," biblical conversions. If the baptismal waters are stirred, it is for children who, when they reach maturity, launch right out into the world, thus demonstrating their unregeneracy.

**(2) The test of the family.** How many churches have the power to build godly homes? A New Testament church is tasked with building godly homes that can raise a godly seed for Christ. Yet a great number of Bible-believing churches don't have the power to make fathers who are the spiritual leaders of their homes and mothers who are the spiritual keepers of the home. Look at the worldly character of the homes. Look at the entertainment, the social media, the conversation, the priorities. The homes are the products of churches.

**(3) The test of discipleship.** How many churches have the power to produce real disciples of Jesus Christ? God's Word plainly states that every church member is to be equipped to observe all things that Christ has commanded and to be presented perfect in Christ (Matthew 28:20; Col. 1:28). That is the work of a New Testament church, and if a church can't do what Christ has commanded there is something deeply, fundamentally wrong. Where are the churches that are taking this seriously and where this is really, effectually happening?

**(4) The test of Bible skill.** How many churches have the power to produce passionate, skillful Bible students? The Bible plainly says that every saint is to be skillful in Scripture, both in ability to use it and to apply it to daily living so that he or she has a biblical testing mindset (Hebrews 5:12-14).

**(5) The test of the youth.** How many churches have the power to win the hearts of youth to Christ and holiness? Youth are the product of the church and the home; neither institution can escape responsibility. I often ask pastors, "How many of the young people are on fire for the Lord? Are they passionate to become skillful Bible students? Are they surrendered to seeking God's perfect will by the standard of Romans 12?" Powerless churches have produced a wicked nation.

**(6) The test of evangelism and missionary vision.** Churches are dying because their evangelistic vision and zeal has largely died. The pastors aren't leading properly in this business, and the people are lukewarm or entirely cold. Christ commanded that the gospel be preached to every soul (Mark 16:15), and that is a continual, unending responsibility. To get the gospel to every soul in the community requires planning by the leaders and 100% participation by God's people. Christ commanded that the gospel be preached in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and unto the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Every church is to take this responsibility with utmost seriousness and strive to present the gospel to its own town, community, county, district, state, province, country, and beyond. Every church is to be an Antioch church. The church that is not doing this is a disobedient, dying church. ■



## THAT'S MY KING!

The late Dr. S. M. Lockridge said this about King Jesus--

"He's the centerpiece of civilization.

He's unparalleled.

He's unprecedented.

He's preeminent.

He's the loftiest idea in literature.

He's the fundamental doctrine of true theology.

He's the key of knowledge.

He's the wellspring of wisdom.

He's the doorway of deliverance.

He's the gateway of glory.

He's the pathway of peace.

He's the roadway of righteousness.

He's the highway of holiness.

The Pharisees couldn't stand him, but they found out they couldn't stop him.

Pilate couldn't find any fault in him.

Herod couldn't kill him.

Death couldn't handle him, and the grave couldn't hold him!

He's the master of the mighty.

He's the captain of the conquerors.

He's the head of the heroes.

He's the leader of the legislatures.

He's the overseer of the overcomers.

He's the governor of governors.

He's the prince of princes.

He's the King of kings, and he's the Lord of lords.

**THAT'S MY KING!"**

## ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2022 MEN'S ADVANCE



**Friday, April 29,  
at 7:00 p.m.  
and Saturday,  
April 30,  
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 28, 2022 and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 29. Again this year, we will again 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, 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.

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!**