

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 8, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	38
Sunday Evening Service -----	26
Wednesday Eve., 05/11/22 Service -----	22

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 8, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,702.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 120.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/08/22:	\$ 1,822.00

- Week of May 1, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,081.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 100.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/01/22:	\$ 2,181.00

- Week of April 24, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 685.10
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 210.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/24/22:	\$ 895.10

- Week of April 17, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,184.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
Benevolence Offering -----	\$ 50.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/17/22:	\$ 1,334.00

- 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
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/10/22:	\$ 3,305.50

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/03/22: \$ 3,376.98

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 -----	\$ 8,038.50
Amount Still Needed: \$ 2,327.28	

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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.

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Dr. W. A. Criswell
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IF NATIONS HAVE ANY HOPE

by Dr. W. A. Criswell
Pastor - First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas
1944 - 2002
Preached November 13, 1955

In our preaching through the Word, we're in the twelfth chapter of the first Corinthian letter, and the sermon tonight is on the second verse: **"You know that ye were heathen, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as you were led."** That's Paul's introductory sentence as he begins to speak to the brethren in Corinth. **"You know that you were Gentiles,"** you were heathen, **"led astray, even as you followed these idols"** that can't hear, can't speak, **"even as ye were led by them"** (I Corinthians 12:2).

That was written long, long time ago – almost two thousand years ago – and the tragedy of the world today is that after these two thousand years, there are more people who are led astray by idol worship than there were in the days of the apostle Paul. There are more lost people today in the world than there were in the days of Jesus Christ. There are more people outside of the kingdom of God today than there were in the days of the apostles. And what Paul says there of the nations is true today of the vast numbers of races and families who inhabit this globe at this hour: **"You know that ye were heathen, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led"** (I Corinthians 12:2).

One-half of the world is hungry every day, all the time. One-half of the world is sick every day and all the time. More than one-half of this world is never adequately clothed and never adequately housed. Is it because the earth is sterile? It does not produce? It cannot support the vast and increasing population of the globe? Not at all. This world, this globe, the fertility of its continental soil, the vast food resources of its oceans, is more than able to support many times the number of people who inhabit its surface.

Then why is it that the world is mostly hungry and mostly sick and mostly naked and mostly without any of the comforts of life? **It is because they don't have God in their hearts.** Well, how could having God in a man's heart feed his mouth and clothe his body and give him a shelter under which to abide?

Could I illustrate it in something that was said by Dr. Henry Bennett who was the president of A&M College, the son of a Baptist preacher, who was appointed by the government of the United States to administer Point Four – that technical assistance program to all of the underprivileged nations of the world? He was killed in an airplane accident beyond Tehran, the capital of Iran. Upon a day, reporting to his people, he said, Dr. Bennett said, "How is it that you can increase the production of beef when every cow is a god? How is it that you can increase the production of pork when every swine is a devil? How is it that you can increase the produce of the land when the use of a wooden plow is a matter of a sacred religious ceremony? What the world needs is a new God, a new faith. What the world needs is the Lord Jesus Christ."

I was talking to an intimate friend of the former President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. And this man who worked in the government and who was a friend of the President said to me, he said, "It is never referred to and I've never heard it mentioned. But," he said, "the President of the United States in the fourth term of his residency in the White House said to me" – and this man said he thought it was brought on because of a vast disillusionment in Russia – President Roosevelt said, "I have come to the final conclusion that the only hope for this world lies in its rebirth. It lies in its new faith. It lies in the missionary program of the Lord Jesus Christ."

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The world today is **“heathen and carried away unto dumb idols, even as they are led” (I Corinthians 12:2)**. And the world today is a lost world, and it’s a hungry world, and it’s a sick world because it does not have the God, the faith, the Lord Jesus Christ that we have in our hearts and in our country.

What can I do, and where shall I turn? This is what we can do. Some of us God will call to go. The Lord God said to Moses, **“I have heard the cry of My people, Israel. I have looked upon their bondage and oppression. Now come, and I will send thee that thou mightest bring out of bondage my people Israel” (from Exodus 3:7-10)**.

Somewhere, the Lord God said to His Son, Christ Jesus, “This vast, lost world – that is for You to save it.” And in the tenth chapter of the Book of Hebrews and the seventh verse, the Lord Jesus replies: **“And I said, ‘Lo, I come—in the roll of the Book it is written of Me – to do Thy will, O God’” (Hebrews 10:7)**. The Lord God calls, and there are some who are sent. There are some who go.

Paul said in the first chapter of his Roman Epistle, Paul says: **“For I am debtor to the Greek and to the barbarian, to the wise and to the unwise” (Romans 1:14)**. Paul said in the next verse, **“And I am ready, I am willing to preach the gospel unto you that are at Rome also” (Romans 1:15)**. And Paul said in the next verse, **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; it is the power of God unto salvation to anyone that believes ...” (Romans 1:16)**. **“I am a debtor” (Romans 1:14)**. Christ made him a debtor. **“I am ready. I’m willing to go, for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ” (Rom. 1:15-16)**.

In the ninth chapter of this first Corinthian letter, out of which I am preaching, the same Apostle said, **“Necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!” (I Corinthians 9:16)**. There are some that God calls. There are some that God sends. There are some who are to respond to the great appeal of Christ to make known His truth and His message in the earth, and that’s what we can do. Some of us can go.

What can we do? Some of us can give. Some of us go, and some of us can hold the ropes while others of us go (Philippians 4:15-16).

One of the finest outlines that I ever heard of the Parable of the Good Samaritan is this (Luke 10:30-37): The man is robbed and left for dead (Luke 10:30), and the priest goes by (Luke 10:31), and the Levite goes by (Luke 10:32), and the Samaritan stops and ministers to the need of that poor and fallen brother (Luke 10:33-35). And so the outline is this: “And the robber comes by and he says, ‘What is thine is mine, and I’ll take it.’ Then the priest and the Levite go by, and they say, ‘What is mine is mine, and I’ll keep it.’ And the Good Samaritan comes by and he says, ‘What is mine is thine, and we’ll share it.’” I like that. That’s the Spirit of Christ, and it’s the truth of the message of the Lord Jesus. Some of us can give while others go (II Cor. 8:3-4).

When we bow our heads and pray, “Dear Lord, we thank Thee

that we have bread to eat,” do we mean by that “Lord, I thank Thee that I have bread to eat while half of the world starves?” No, we ought not to turn it nor mean it like that. **This is how we ought to mean it when we pray:** “Lord, I thank Thee that I have bread to eat that I may share it with those who are hungry (II Corinthians 8:13-15). Thank Thee, Lord, that I have blessings, not that others are in poverty and want, but that I may share what God hath given me with them.” What I have is God’s. What I have is ours, and we’ll share it with the world. Some of us can give.

What is it that we can do? We can build here in America a bastion for the faith of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the last world war, the President of the United States called our country an “arsenal of democracy” (Radio speech by Franklin D. Roosevelt, December 29, 1940). By that, he meant that nations that were poor and overwhelmed and overrun and could not find wherewith to resist in the battle, America would help them provide arms and weapons whereby they might defend their homes and their sacred soil.

Just such a thing do I envisage for our country of America. It can be a bastion for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. When you look around our world, all those nations around that globe, one-half of it is sealed off by Communism: the Soviet in Russia and the Red regime in China. One-half of this world’s population is already beyond the pale of the Christian faith: no missionary, no preacher, no Bible, no message, ever. They are sealed away, and they’re taught godlessness, and they’re taught materialism, and they’re taught everything that is antithetical and diabolical and antagonistic to everything that we believe in this Book and in the message of Christ. One-half of this world is sealed off away from the Gospel of the Son of God.

There is at least a fourth of this world that is in the hollow hand – so depraved and so lost – of Islam. From the western shores of Africa clear until you come to the Philippine Islands, all that vast thousands and thousands of miles lies in the hands of Mohammedanism, and there has never been so fierce and an antagonistic of the faith of Christ as the antagonism of the Moslem world. Ishmael and Isaac (Genesis 25:21-26), the Arab and the Jew, the Moslem and the Christian, and that diabolical and bitter hatred has been there ever since the prophet Mohammed, and it is no less there today. One-fourth of this world is sealed off in the hands of the Moslem religion.

Of the rest, of the other fourth, it strikes any man’s heart that looks upon it. It strikes his heart with despair, with an illimitable hopelessness and helplessness. What is there in Spain for the evangelization of the world? Spain refused even to allow delegates, even one, to leave their shores to attend our Baptist World Alliance in London. Held in the hands of a cruel and merciless ecclesiastical dictatorship, what hope is there for a rebirth and a resurgence and the evangelization of the world in a Spain?

What could we hope for in a France? As unstable in government as it is in moral and economic life, there’s not in France

anything – not the beginning of any hope any day for the evangelization of the world. England is barely dedicated, hardly dedicated. The churches of England are empty. Those beautiful, beautiful processions marching down those aisles and in those beautiful cathedrals will be witnessed by a little handful of shivering people – such a small, small minority, such a little, little percentage. There isn’t in England any of the dedication for the evangelization of the world.

Where would you turn? To whom would you appeal? Where would you find any hope anywhere, in any nation, in any language, in any family, in any country?

Dear people, if we fail – if somehow the light dies in us – this whole world is plunged into a vast and impenetrable darkness. The Gospel lighthouse of Christ, if it burns at all, must burn in **this** continent. It must shine in **this** nation; and in this nation, it must shine most fiercely and brightly and gloriously **here** in our city and in this church. What an hour! What a responsibility! How much God hath laid upon us!

What can we do? One other thing we can do: we can join hands in a fellowship, in a prayer, in a common determination, in a vast, vast holy communion. We can join hands with brethren across the seas, across the world, in every continent and hemisphere. We can join hands and hearts and prayers with them in intercession for the saving of the peoples and the nations of the earth.

When I went to Japan, when I went to Kumamoto, I said, “I’d like to see Paul Kanamori. Is Paul Kanamori yet alive?” He was a tremendous preacher of the Gospel; lived to be aged, aged, aged—an old, old man; had turned almost a nation to Christ. I wanted to see Paul Kanamori, and I asked in Kumamoto, “Is it such that I can see him? Is he still alive, and where could I visit him?” And I was told by Christian people in Kumamoto that about four or five years before that Paul Kanamori had withdrawn to a cave there to pray by himself, day and night, for a revival in the earth and that he had died there in that cave praying for the revival to come in the earth.

By that sainted preacher and by others like him in this world, we ought to join our hearts and our hands in intercession that somehow God will bear His arm to save the nations that they might hear the Gospel, that our people might be revived, that our missionaries might be sent out in increasing numbers, and that they might have opportunity to make known the saving name of Jesus in every tongue and language under the sun (Matthew 18:18-20, Acts 1:8; Revelation 5:9, 7:9). What dedication, what consecration, what commitment there ought to be in our hearts as we join hands with them in their commitment, in their consecration, and in their intercession.

This is one of the sacred Holy of Holies in all of my life and my ministry: the last place to which I went in a preaching ministry – a mission, a preaching mission in Japan. The last place to which I went was in the southernmost island at Kyushu. In a little city—about eighteen thousand people – by the name of Ijuin, down there was a Baptist church with a faithful and consecrated Baptist pastor and preacher of the Gospel. That was my last

assignment in that journey around the world.

And though I was tired beyond any way for me to describe it, my heart was filled with gratitude at the tremendous response, the unbelievable response, to the Gospel message as I preached it to those Japanese people in Ijuin. And in the last night of the revival and after the services were done and the people were dismissed, the congregation of faithful Christians who had been there for many years gathered round me and wanted to know if I’d stay with them in a little Sunday School room at the back of the church house and talk to them.

So, I went back there and we sat down, and the room filled with those faithful and consecrated people, and I talked to them way beyond midnight. They were so interested. They wanted to know how to run a Sunday School and how to build it, how to have a training union, how to have a WMU. They wanted to know how to have a revival campaign, how to have the Lord’s Supper—have the ordinances. There was everything you could think of in the church that they wanted to know about, to ask me about: how did I do it, how did we do it, and how did God bless us in it all.

I was so tired. I was so weary. I could hardly hold up my head. I thought about Paul who preached at Troas beyond midnight (Acts 20:5-12). But it was the only and the last time that he’d be there, and he was faithful in answering the people and in telling them of the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ and the conduct, orderly and dignified, in the church of the Savior. So, I sat there and I talked to them way beyond midnight about these things in the church.

Then, when finally the thing was done and their last question had been discussed and answered the best that I could, the young man, the son of the first Christian family in Ijuin – his name is Odori – the young man, superintendent of their Sunday School, stood before me and made a most earnest, earnest talk to me in his Japanese. He never waited for the professor of English in the high school to interpret what he said. He just poured out his heart talking to me, and as he talked to me, he was so moved that he cried.

I had no idea what he was saying. So, when he was done and sat down, the English professor in the high school stood up and interpreted what the young fellow had said. And briefly, it was this: The young boy was saying to me, he said, “During this last war, we had a tragic and terrible time.” He said, “We were never looked upon with favor. We were not Shintoists. We were not Buddhists. We worshiped Jesus. We were Christians, and we were never looked upon with favor and our church was so little and our converts so few.”

He said, “During the war, we suffered terrible persecution. The people looked upon us as foreign spies. The people thought we were not patriotic, that we were against our government, that we were pro-American, that we were seeking to betray our native land.” He said, “We had a terrible time.” But, he said, “We were true to Christ, and Christ helped us and the Lord saw us through.”

Now, he said, “I think that the day will come when we shall

have suffering and persecution again.” He said, “I think the thing will come again in Japan, where to be a Christian will be to suffer persecution and maybe loss of property and life.” But the young fellow said to me, “I want you to know when you go back to America that we will be true to Christ unto death. We will never forsake the faith. We’ll be true if it costs us our life. And while you preach the Gospel there in America, we will be faithful trying to preach the Gospel here in Japan. And while you’re working for Jesus there in America, we’ll be working for Jesus in Japan. And we ask”, he said, “that you pray for us in Japan as we pray for you in America.”

That is the true international. ***That is the hope of the nations of the world. If we have any destiny, if we have any future, it lies in the dedication and the consecration of our people to the great commitment that we have in the faith of our living Lord.***

While we sleep tonight, the sun will be shining upon Odori in Japan. God bless him there as he works while we rest and sleep. Then in the morning, he’ll be resting in the night in Japan, and we shall rise to the tasks of our day and our new week. And may God give him rest while he sleeps in Japan as we rise to face the tasks of our day and our week here in America. This is of God. This is of Christ. This is the kingdom. This is the faith. It’s not some thing shut up. It’s as wide as the world is wide, as big as the heart of God. And when we’re in it, when we’re in it, we’re in the very plan, and purpose, and destiny that God hath chosen for the saving of the world. ■



NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC’S ATTACK ON JESUS AND THE BIBLE** - Over the past century, mainstream media has launched a relentless attack on the deity of Jesus Christ and the authority of the Bible. The latest example is National Geographic’s special publication *Jesus: An Illustrated Life*.

The false Christ presented herein did not come as the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, was not the eternal Son of God, was not infallible, did not die as the Lamb of God by a vicarious, substitutionary atonement, and might or might not have been born of a virgin and risen from the dead. According to this report,

the Gospel of Luke was written in about 80 AD; Daniel was written in about BC 200 (after the fulfillment of many of his prophecies); Jesus learned His skill with the Scriptures from the rabbis; Jesus’ baptism was His anointing as the Christ; Jesus “*may have been inspired by prophets such as Amos, Micah, and Hosea*”; Jesus thought the kingdom of God “*would come about as a grassroots movement*”; Jesus’ healings “*involved some exchange of energy*” which is “*a core concept of various schools of non-Western or holistic medicine*”; the recording of the miracles in the Gospels might be the product of “*oral transmission and redaction*”; Jesus probably could not read Hebrew; the Pharisees “*genuinely welcomed*” Jesus’ opinions, “*believed his ideas had merit,*” and “*had considerable sympathy for what Jesus was trying to accomplish*”; Jesus was “*in many ways a man of His time*”; Jesus “*developed a quite different view of God*” from the Old Testament view; there are “*discrepancies between the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John*” and “*perhaps the most trustworthy account is that of Mark*” which “*may have been based on a separate Passion tradition known as the ‘Cross Gospel’*”; Jesus “*was not aware*” that the money changers had been relocated from the Mt. of Olives to the temple; Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13-14 are not Messianic prophecies but are “*beautiful, rousing poetry*”; Mark’s description of Christ’s trial “*is probably more accurate than the fully developed trial described in the later Gospels*”; Jesus “*died of asphyxiation, compounded by shock and loss of blood.*”

These tired liberal views have been refuted, but the fundamental issue is not evidence, but unbelieving skepticism. In fact, the unyielding skepticism of this age is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy and is therefore further evidence of the Bible’s supernatural inspiration. ***“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming...” (II Peter 3:3-4).***

□ **DISNEY MARKET FREE-FALL** - The following is excerpted from “*Disney’s Market,*” PJMedia, May 4, 2022:

“David Ng at Breitbart is reporting that The Walt Disney Company has lost a whopping \$63 billion in market capitalization over the past two months. ‘Shares of Disney have plummeted 23.5 percent since the start of March, falling from \$145.70,’ Ng writes. ‘Market cap is down \$62.6 billion, from \$265.3 to \$202.7 billion.’ ... Disney’s stock has performed poorly over the past several months, dropping 30% over the past year. Much, though not all, of this stems directly from Disney’s decision to speak out on Florida’s Parental Rights in Education bill, which the legislature passed into law and Gov. Ron DeSantis signed at the end of March. The Democrats and their willing accomplices in the media falsely dubbed it the ‘Don’t Say Gay Bill,’ which triggered the LGBTQ lobby among Disney cast members to pressure CEO Bob Chapek to stick the company’s nose into the state’s business. [Since Florida’s Parental Rights in Education law merely forbids public schools from teaching transsexualism to children from kindergarten to third grade, Disney is calling for

homosexual indoctrination of the youngest children.] ... On top of Disney’s newfound woke activism, the public found out that some of Disney’s creative executives are dedicated to doubling down on LGBTQ content for kids and families. ... All of this wokeness on Disney’s part has backfired, to the point where CEOs of other companies of all sizes are viewing Disney’s antics as an example of what not to do.”

□ **GRANDCHILDREN SING AS GRANDMOTHER IS EUTHANIZED IN CHURCH SANCTUARY** - The following is excerpted from “*Children, Grandchildren Sing,*” The Dissenter, May 5, 2022:

“The elders at Churchill Park United in Winnipeg, Manitoba, unanimously voted to carry out the recently-legalized form of government-sanctioned medical murder in the sanctuary of the church. According to Broadview, a United Church of Christ (UCC) publication, Betty Sanguin, with an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis diagnosis [Lou Gehrig’s disease] and whose age is left unreported, was brought in on a stretcher around noon on March 9 to have the procedure carried out. ... ‘As the sun streamed through the stained glass windows in the music-filled sanctuary,’ the obituary continues, ‘surrounded by her children, grandchildren and close friends, Betty hosted a simple Crossing Over Ceremony and then let go of her hold on this life.’ .

..The Broadview reports: ‘During the ceremony, two of Sanguin’s grandchildren sang Let Your Light Shine on Me and everyone joined in for How Great Thou Art. Sanguin waved her arms along to the music. Sanguin had prepared a playlist for the event, which was mostly gospel music--a lifelong love of hers.’ This is seriously unfathomable. But it comes as no surprise [since] the United Church of Christ employs atheist ‘pastors’ and leaders. ‘Afterwards, the minister of Churchill Park United, Rev. Dawn Rolke, offered a blessing, the report continued. ‘Each of Betty’s six children placed their hands on her as Rolke invited Sanguin to go in peace.’”

□ **NORTH CAROLINA LT. GOVERNOR - “AIN’T BUT TWO GENDERS”** - North Carolina Lt. Governor Mark Robinson speaks the truth regardless of how unpopular. Bolder than the vast majority of preachers, Robinson made the following remarks in August 2021 at Upper Room Church of God in Raleigh, NC:

“Something else I’m not supposed to say: Ain’t but two genders. Two genders. Ain’t nothing but men and women. You can go to the doctor and get cut up. You can go down to the dress shop and get made up. You can go down there and get drugged up. But at the end of the day, you’re just a drugged up, dressed up, made up, cut up man or a woman. You ain’t changed what God put in you--that DNA. You can’t transcend God’s creation, I don’t care how hard you try. If there is a movement in this country that is demonic, and is full of the spirit of antichrist, it is the transgender movement. ... It’s time for grown-ups and time for Christians to start standing up and being unafraid to tell the truth. I’m not afraid to stand up and tell the truth about that issue. They’re dragging our kids into

the pit of hell, trying to teach ‘em that mess in our schools.’”

CONCLUDING NOTE: The widespread acceptance of homosexuality, with its endless perversions and insanities [i.e., multiple sexes], is a sign of the end times. The Lord Jesus Christ prophesied that the days preceding His return will be like those of Sodom. ***“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luke 17:28-30).*** It is high time for all sinners, both “straight and gay,” to repent and flee to Christ for salvation before it is too late.

□ **TEACHER WHO SEES RAMPANT TECH ADDICTION SENDS OWN KIDS TO SCREEN-FREE SCHOOL** - The following is excerpted from “*As a Teacher Who Sees Rampant Tech Addiction,*” The Federalist, May 6, 2022:

“Many of today’s children are ignorant, sad, and set up for failure. They lack the knowledge and skills to perform basic tasks. They are lonely and suffer from depression and anxiety. Also, as Mark Bauerlein explains in his book *‘The Dumbest Generation Grows Up,’* they are incredibly immature. The reasons for this are not a mystery. One top answer is actually incredibly simple: screens. Instead of learning about their world and participating in it, the majority of young people are glued to their devices, playing video games, scrolling through social media, and streaming videos. ... tablets and smartphones have radically transformed the school experience from what it used to be. Those who taught before screens wouldn’t even recognize today’s classrooms, and those who taught afterward wouldn’t even believe what students of the past were capable of without the help of technology.

... Not only do the screens affect students academically, but also socially. Many students don’t talk anymore, and they will go through the whole school year without making friends. ... It makes sense, then, that in my experience, there’s a strong correlation between students’ academic performance and the time they spend on their phones. ... There’s also the serious problem of what the kids are actually doing on their screens--much of which is not age-appropriate.

... For a few years now, my wife and I have held strong with our three toddlers, keeping our house screen-free. On one hand, this means we have to actively monitor and supervise them from the time they wake up to the time they go to bed, which can be exhausting and often overwhelming. On the other hand, our children are much more creative, energetic, and mature than most kids their age. More importantly, they are happier and we have a close relationship with them. To maintain a screen-free environment, we’ve also opted to send our children to a classical charter school that prohibits smartphones and tablets.

... This is why countries like France have banned smartphones from public schools altogether, or why fancy prep schools in Silicon Valley like the Waldorf Academy do the same.”

□ **SUICIDE OF THE LIBERALS** - The following is excerpted from *“Suicide of the Liberals”* by Gary Saul Morson, First Things, Oct. 2020. Dr. Morson is Lawrence B. Dumas Professor of the Arts and Humanities at Northwestern University.

“Between 1900 and 1917, waves of unprecedented terror struck Russia. Several parties professing incompatible ideologies competed (and cooperated) in causing havoc. Between 1905 and 1907, nearly 4,500 government officials and about as many private individuals were killed or injured. Between 1908 and 1910, authorities recorded 19,957 terrorist acts and revolutionary robberies, doubtless omitting many from remote areas. As the foremost historian of Russian terrorism, Anna Geifman, observes, ‘Robbery, extortion, and murder became more common than traffic accidents.’

Anyone wearing a uniform was a candidate for a bullet to the head or sulfuric acid to the face. Country estates were burnt down (‘rural illuminations’) and businesses were extorted or blown up. Bombs were tossed at random into railroad carriages, restaurants, and theaters. Far from regretting the death and maiming of innocent bystanders, terrorists boasted of killing as many as possible, either because the victims were likely bourgeois or because any murder helped bring down the old order. A group of anarcho--communists threw bombs laced with nails into a café bustling with two hundred customers in order ‘to see how the foul bourgeois will squirm in death agony.’

Instead of the pendulum’s swinging back--a metaphor of inevitability that excuses people from taking a stand--the killing grew and grew, both in numbers and in cruelty. Sadism replaced simple killing. As Geifman explains, ‘The need to inflict pain was transformed from an abnormal irrational compulsion experienced only by unbalanced personalities into a formally verbalized obligation for all committed revolutionaries.’ One group threw ‘traitors’ into vats of boiling water. Others were still more inventive. Women torturers were especially admired.

How did educated, liberal society respond to such terrorism? What was the position of the Constitutional Democratic (Kadet) Party and its deputies in the Duma (the parliament set up in 1905)? Though Kadets advocated democratic, constitutional procedures, and did not themselves engage in -terrorism, they aided the terrorists in any way they could. Kadets collected money for terrorists, turned their homes into safe houses, and called for total amnesty for arrested terrorists who pledged to continue the mayhem.

Kadet Party central committee member N. N. Shchepkin declared that the party did not regard terrorists as criminals at all, but as saints and martyrs. The official Kadet paper, Herald of the Party of People’s Freedom, never published an article condemning political assassination. The party leader, Paul Milyukov, declared that ‘all means are now legitimate ... and all means should be tried.’

When asked to condemn terrorism, another liberal leader in the Duma, Ivan Petrunkevich, famously replied: ‘Condemn terror? That would be the moral death of the party!’ Not just lawyers,

teachers, doctors, and engineers, but even industrialists and bank directors raised money for the terrorists. Doing so signaled advanced opinion and good manners. A quote attributed to Lenin--‘When we are ready to kill the capitalists, they will sell us the rope’ ... True to their word, when the Bolsheviks gained control, their organ of terror, the Cheka, ‘liquidated’ members of all opposing parties, beginning with the Kadets.”

MEASURING COVID-19’S EFFECT: SOUTHERN BAPTISTS REPORT 19% ATTENDANCE DROP

Anecdotaly, clergy have talked about the disruption in worship attendance in this pandemic age. Now, Southern Baptists have statistics to prove it.

The average in-person weekly attendance at Southern Baptist Convention churches declined 18.75%, from 4,439,797 in 2020 to 3,607,530 in 2021.

Christian education saw an even larger decrease of 22.15%, with Sunday school, Bible study, and small groups reduced from 2,879,130 to 2,241,514.

The Annual Church Profile, a compilation from the denomination’s state conventions, was released Thursday (May 12) by Lifeway Christian Resources, the convention’s data gathering division.

Researchers also blamed COVID-19 for the slowdown in baptisms in the past two years. While there has been a 26% annual increase in baptisms at Southern Baptist churches, from 123,160 in 2020 to 154,701 in 2021, overall baptisms are nowhere near the total of 235,748 reported in 2019, the year before the pandemic began.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY GRADUATES FEMINIST WITH PASTORAL MINISTRY DEGREE

Since World War II, the Southern Baptist Convention has drifted further and further away from biblical truth and closer and closer towards the liberalism that destroyed the other mainline denominations in this country. The leadership of the SBC over the past few years have often pretended to be conservative, but their practices and teachings show that they are anything but that. Instead, the denomination has been placed under the leadership of far-left political activists placed in strategic positions throughout our institutions who push for various forms of Marxism, social justice, charismaticism, and a plethora of unbiblical teachings.

Rejection of the clear teachings of the Word of God and the replacement of them by current, trendy “wokism” is everywhere abundant. Recently, under the leadership of school president Danny Akin, the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary graduated a far-left man-hating feminist with a Pastoral Ministry degree, despite the fact that the official SBC position is that a woman can’t be a pastor, and that this person, Erin Harding, has devoted herself to the far-left Evangelical feminist clan who are bent on destroying biblical complementarianism.

METHODIST CHURCH SINGS “GOOD, GOOD MOTHER” TO GOD AS A WORSHIP SONG FOR MOTHER’S DAY

There is no end to the amount of blasphemy that comes from these counterfeit churches. The United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian (PCUSA) Church, the Evangelical Luthern denomination, and all of the various apostate Episcopalian, Anglican, and some Baptist (e.g. CBF) denominations have joined up to blaspheme God on Mother’s Day by referring to God as a woman.

God has revealed Himself in Scripture as male, masculine, and a Father to His children. And, despite the progressive movement in Evangelicalism’s alignment with the culture, the Scriptures do not use she/her pronouns for God or refer to Him as “mother.”

Yet, that’s what one Texas Methodist church did on Mother’s Day as they sang “you’re a good, good mother” to Him as a worship song.

BIRTHING PEOPLE’S DAY? CORI BUSH DEBATE RAGES INTO MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND

An online debate sparked by Missouri Democratic Congresswoman Cori Bush calling women "birthing people" raged into Mother's Day weekend last week.

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, Bush drew praise and criticism after she used the term "birthing people" to describe mothers during a speech in Congress.

"I sit before you today as a single mom, as a nurse, as an activist, congresswoman, and I am committed to doing the absolute most to protect Black mothers, to protect Black babies, to protect Black *birthing people*, and to save lives," she said.

Later that day, Bush repeated the term in a tweet. "Every day, Black birthing people and our babies die because our doctors don't believe our pain," she wrote.

Critics of Bush's "birthing people" remarks claim that the term is derogatory and reduces the function of women to merely childbirth. On the other hand, proponents argue that the gender neutral term is inclusive of trans people who have been disenfranchised in society.

Republican Congresswoman Nancy Mace of South Carolina tweeted: "Birthing people—you mean women or moms? The left is so woke they're stripping from women the one thing that only we can do. Leave it to libs to botch highlighting an important issue ppl in both parties. Can agree on by catering to the fringes."

Actress Rose McGowan tweeted: "Birthing People? I'm empathetic to your painful & unfairly traumatic experience @CoriBush but why are you smearing bio-women to virtue signal to trans women? Why can't we rise together? Your language is creepy. You are gaslighting. What you are doing is dangerous."

However, American physician Eugene Gu wrote: "Transgender men have become pregnant and given birth. Human beings with 46XY karyotype, what we consider to be genetically male, have

become pregnant and given birth. The term 'birthing people' is not only inclusive but also scientific. Sex and gender exist on a bimodal spectrum."

In the hours leading up to Mother's Day, the debate continued on Twitter, with some users calling the holiday "Birthing People's Day" or "Birthing Person's Day" and others condemning the phrases.