

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 22, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service	33
Sunday Evening Service	24
Wednesday Eve., 05/25/22 Service	23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 22, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 994.97
Church Gas Line Repair Fund	\$ 100.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/22/22:	\$ 1,094.97

- Week of May 15, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,340.07
Church Gas Line Repair Fund	\$ 150.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/15/22:	\$ 1,490.07

- Week of May 8, 2022 -

Undesignated 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 -

Undesignated 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 -

Undesignated 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 -

Undesignated 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

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	\$ 8,288.50
Amount Still Needed:	\$ 2,077.28

Thank You For Your Help With This Need!

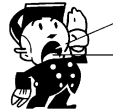
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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 Segebarrt	Custodian
GinaMarie Shufelt	Flowers
Seth White	Sound/Video

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

Volume XXVIII

May 29, 2022

Number 22

LEST WE FORGET -

The price of hot dogs

The price of gasoline

The price of freedom

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have.

Memorial Day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.

THINGS TO REMEMBER ON MEMORIAL DAY

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BUNS, MUSTARD, KETCHUP, BORS, SOFT DRINKS, HONEY, WHAT ARE THE FLOWERS FOR?

TO SAY THANKS

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO A REAL AMERICAN IDOL.



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

We Thank You



Do You Remember the REAL America?

DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

- When riots were unthinkable?
- When you left your front doors open?
- When socialism was a dirty word?
- When ghettos were neighborhoods?
- When the flag was a sacred symbol?
- When criminals actually went to jail?
- When you weren't afraid to go out at night?
- When a boy was a boy and dressed like one?
- When the poor were too proud to take charity?
- When the preachers actually talked about the Bible?
- When clerks and repairmen actually tried to please you?
- When college kids swallowed goldfish, not acid?
- When songs had tune, and words made sense?
- When young fellows tried to join the Army or Navy?
- When people knew what the Fourth of July stood for?
- When you never dreamed our country could ever lose?
- When a Sunday drive was a pleasant trip, not an ordeal?
- When you bragged about your hometown and home state?
- When people expected less and valued what they had more?
- When politicians proclaimed their patriotism, and meant it?
- When everybody knew the difference between right and wrong?
- When things weren't perfect - but you never expected them to be?
- When you knew that the law would be enforced and your safety protected?
- When you considered yourself lucky to have a good job, and proud of it?
- When the law meant justice, and you felt a shiver of awe at the sight of a policeman?
- When you (and your President) weren't embarrassed to say that this is the best country in the world?
- When America was a land filled with brave, proud, confident, hardworking people????



Faith of Our (Founding) Fathers -

"Almost all the civil liberty now enjoyed in the world owes its origin to the principles of the Christian religion." - Noah Webster

"Those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord." - Abraham Lincoln

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." - George Washington

"If we will not be governed by God, we must be governed by tyrants." - William Penn

"Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is good. And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." - Alexis deTocqueville

"The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men, and take consistent ground in politics." - Charles G. Finney

"Politics are a part of religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as a part of their duty to God." - Charles G. Finney

"Republican institutions in the hands of a virtuous and God-fearing nation are the very best in the world, but in the hands of a corrupt and irreligious people they are the very worst, and the most effective weapons of destruction...."

"Destroy our churches, close our Sunday-schools, abolish the Lord's Day, and our republic would become an empty shell, and our people would tend to heathenism and barbarism.

Christianity is the most powerful factor in our society and the pillar of our institutions....." - Philip Schaff

GALLANT MEN

"Down through the years there have been men, brave gallant men who have died that others might be free.

And even now they do it still. Brave gallant men know that someone must and so they will.

Our gallant men have built us a nation passed us a torch of flame. Let us hold it high and light up the sky with praise of our gallant men."



"PLEASE REMEMBER ME"

Remember me, America, for I was once your son, I fought and died at Valley Forge with General Washington;

I was there at Gettysburg on that tragic, tragic day.

When brother fought against brother - the blue against the grey.

I rode with Teddy Roosevelt on the charge up San Juan Hill. Some came back to fight again - but I just lie there still.

I went to France with A.E.F. to bring the peace to you;

I was twenty-one and full of fun - I never saw twenty-two

I am still here at Pearl Harbor since that December seventh day of infamy.

Lying silently with my shipmates on the U.S.S. Arizona at the bottom of the sea.

On D-Day June 6th 1944, we hit the beaches of Normandy And we fought uphill every inch of the way.

We routed the Germans and hurled them back, but what a terrible price we had to pay.

I served on an U.S. submarine, the bravest of the brave, Until a German depth charge gave us a watery grave

I bombed the Ploesti oil fields; they blew with one big roar, But in the attack we were hit with flack - I'll never bomb anymore.

In Korea I heard the C.O. shout "We'll make it - I am sure we will."

I lost my life to try and take a spot called Pork Chop Hill

Vietnam! Vietnam! When will we ever learn?

I am one of sixty thousand that never will return.

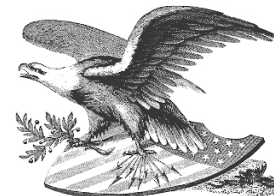
I left my town, my wife, my kids, my home, so cozy and warm;

I was killed in a scud attack in a war called - Desert Storm!

And so in my eternity my thoughts are all for thee, I'll never forget my America. . .

I pray she remembers me.

- John Dirusso, Combat Veteran
World War II - U.S. Army Air Corps



Lest We Forget. . .



A flag is the emblem of sovereignty - a symbol and guarantee of protection. Every nation and people are proud of the flag of their country.

July 3, 2010 England, for a thousand years boasts her Red flag and Cross of St. George;

France glories in her Tri-color and Imperial Eagle; ours, the "Star-spangled Banner," far more beautiful than they - this dear old flag! - the sun in heaven never looked down on so proud a banner of beauty and glory.

Men of the Black Brigade, rally around it! Assert your manhood, be loyal to duty, be obedient, hopeful, patient.

Slavery will soon die; the slaveholders' rebellion, accursed of God and man, will shortly and miserably perish.

There will then be, through all the coming ages, in very truth, a land of the free - one country, one flag, one destiny.

I charge you, Men of the Black Brigade of Cincinnati, remember that for you, and for me, and for your children, and your children's children, there is but one Flag, as there is but one Bible, and one God, the Father of us all.

- James Lupton, Acting Camp Commandant
presenting the National flag to
The Cincinnati Black Brigade
September 4, 1862

MEMORIAL DAY



The outlook and the uplook (Luke 21:28)



What if the Bible Is Not True?

by Evangelist David Cloud

I lived according to the way of the world until I was 23 and partook of pretty much everything this world has to offer. At age 23, I repented of living my own way and put my faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. That was 49 years ago and I've never looked back. Since then I have aimed to live according to God's pleasure as revealed in Scripture, though I have certainly failed often and in many ways.

If it turns out that the Bible is not the infallible Word of God (ridiculous thought) and Darwinian evolution is true, and life, therefore, has no ultimate purpose and ends in nothing, I have lost nothing of value.

There is no loss in avoiding the pain and sorrow and trouble and emptiness that come from fornication, adultery, smoking, drinking, drugging, cursing, lying, cheating, covenant breaking, the pursuit of personal vengeance, and other aspects of the typical worldly lifestyle. I know first hand that the pleasure in such things is incredibly fleeting and the aftertaste is bitter.

I have lost nothing by studying the Bible, as I have done for 49 years. I love books, and I have found the Bible to be the Book of books, by far. I have been endlessly delighted and awed by the character of the God it describes, by the Person of Jesus Christ, by the Bible's elegant language, its sacredness, its astonishing wisdom, its infinite depth, its practicality, its universal applicability, its prophetic voice. If the Bible is not God's Word, it certainly sounds like God's Word! The book of Proverbs alone contains incomparable wisdom for such things as the management of money, debt, labor, temptations, friendship, relating to authority, dealing with anger, child-parent relationships, right conversation, and much, much more. All of America's institutions of higher learning began as colleges of the Bible, and I am convinced that their founders were far wiser than their descendants who have left off the study of Scripture.

I have lost nothing by believing that God is in control of my life, loving me, helping me, answering my prayers, leading me, caring for me, yea, correcting and chastening me. Even if it turns out that there is no God (ridiculous thought), this is a superior way to live. It brings greater peace of mind, good cheer, confidence, courage. If there is not a prayer-answering God, there sure seems to be.

I have lost nothing by living without fear of death. Though many put on a brave face, men are afraid of death. I certainly was. In Christ, though, because of His atonement for my sin and His promises, I have had no fear of death for 49 years. If it turns out that my hope is in vain, it still has kept me from a life of fear.

I have lost nothing by seeing God's handiwork everywhere in

creation. Johannes Kepler, one of the fathers of modern astronomy and the discoverer of the laws of planetary motion said, "I was merely thinking God's thoughts after him. Since we astronomers are priests of the highest God in regard to the book of nature, it benefits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God" ("Kepler," New World Encyclopedia). The fathers of modern science believed the Bible to be the Word of God, and it was no hindrance to their science. There is no loss in such a belief.

BUT IF THE BIBLE IS TRUE...

On the other hand, if the Bible *is* true, I have eternal life in Jesus Christ as the Bible promises.

And - if the Bible *is* true, those who don't believe it and who reject Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour will be the biggest losers ever conceived.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION?

- excerpted from various sources -

Around the country, religious organizations have faced criticism for inappropriately handling allegations of abuse — or even actively covering it up.

According to critics, many religious organizations may have a history of ignoring or covering up church sexual abuse claims, and allegedly putting their organization's reputation ahead of survivors' safety. Unfortunately, the Southern Baptist Convention may be no exception.

Last week, top Southern Baptist leaders released a once-secret list naming hundreds of pastors and church workers who have been accused of sexual abuse. The list includes hundreds of entries from alleged cases spanning mainly from 2000 to 2019.

The decision to release the 205-page list Thursday evening came after independent firm Guidepost Solutions on Sunday, May 22, 2022, unveiled an explosive report on its findings into a probe into alleged past abuses within the denomination.

The probe found that the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee had mishandled abuse claims and stonewalled survivors. The investigation was requested by the executive committee after it faced growing pressure for an external probe into abuse allegations.

The Guidepost report had alleged that D. August Boto, the former vice president and general counsel of the committee, and former SBC spokesman Roger Oldham, who both retired in 2019, had kept a private list of allegations. The list was not believed to be widely known within the committee and church staff, the investigation found.

In the report, Guidepost said that for years, survivors had been contacting the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee "to report child molesters and other abusers who were

in the pulpit or employed as church staff."

"They made phone calls, mailed letters, sent emails, appeared at SBC and EC meetings, held rallies, and contacted the press...only to be met, time and time again, with resistance, stonewalling, and even outright hostility from some within the EC," it said.

Despite keeping a list of allegations, Guidepost said "there is no indication that Dr. Oldham, Mr. Boto, or anyone else, took any action to ensure that the accused ministers were no longer in positions of power at SBC churches."

Even though the Southern Baptist Convention compiled the list of hundreds of ministers accused of sexual abuse, it's top executive, former Northwest Arkansas Pastor Ronnie Floyd, opposed making it public and chose not to examine the list himself, according to the independent report commissioned by the denomination and made public this week.

Floyd, president and chief executive officer of the Convention's executive committee, and other key leaders tried to block the type of sweeping investigation sought by delegates--known as messengers--to the denomination's June annual meeting in Nashville, the 288-page report said.

Floyd and several other officials resigned in October after the executive committee voted to waive attorney-client privilege, as the messengers had requested, enabling investigators to see documents that would otherwise have been shielded from view.

For years, officials in the denomination's Nashville headquarters worked hard to shield the body from legal liability, but failed to take the steps necessary to protect the people in the pews, the report indicates. That emphasis, which predated Floyd's appointment to the post in April 2019, remained during his tenure, the report indicated.

Guidepost Solutions, the investigative firm that prepared the report, portrayed Floyd as an impediment to fixing the system.

"Dr. Floyd's resistance to reform as SBC President is disappointing, given that he spoke out against clergy abuse as a pastor, writing in 2014 that: 'Furthermore, we can and must hold up the issue. Yes, we are a convention of autonomous churches, but we need to continue to sound the alarm on national, state and the association level, calling churches to protect children in their care,'" the report quoted him as saying.

At last year's gathering of messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention, Floyd advocated for a "limited review," the report said. Ultimately, the messengers opted to give investigators a "wider purview" and to ensure that the investigation would be overseen by a task force, rather than the executive committee itself, the report stated.

For 15 years or more, advocates for child sex abuse survivors have urged the convention to compile a list of those in ministry credibly accused of preying on congregants. Top denominational leadership, and the attorneys who advised them, repeatedly rebuffed those requests. Nonetheless, officials compiled an

in-house list of alleged abusers that was kept secret, the report revealed. Officials in Nashville took no steps to ensure that the people on the lists were removed from the ministry, it said.

In a May 2019 email, Executive Committee Vice President Dr. Roger "Sing" Oldham told Floyd that, for the past decade, he had been "regularly sending [Executive Committee General Counsel] Augie [Boto] news reports of Baptist ministers who are arrested for sexual abuse for his awareness."

Boto replied: "Yes. We are collecting them, and may even post them in some way, but we'd have to really examine the potential liabilities that would stem therefrom."

Ultimately, the executive committee opted not to share the information.

"Despite collecting these reports for more than 10 years, there is no indication that Dr. Oldham, Mr. Boto, or anyone else, took any action to ensure that the accused ministers were no longer in positions of power at SBC churches. The most recent list prepared by the [executive committee] staff member contained the names of 703 abusers, with 409 believed to be [Southern Baptist Convention] affiliated at some point in time."

THE BOTTOM LINE IS -

❑ **The "conservative resurgence" of the Southern Baptist Convention of the 1980s-early 2000s, failed.** It is your Pastor's belief that this failure was due, primarily, to the fact that the denomination was not brought back to the King James Version of the Bible, and, as a result, the return to conservative theology and principles began to fade as soon as the proponents and architects of the movement retired, died, or otherwise passed off the scene. As soon as the "last man standing" was eliminated, the ultra-liberal element of the SBC, which never left and had gained new adherents, stepped in and rapidly took over. Because the SBC was not brought back to the solid ground of the KJV, the house was built on sand, and could not survive.

❑ **The leadership of the SBC has taken it down the path of "social justice", from whence it will never recover.** All of the SBC seminaries, to some degree or another, have gone "woke". By this, we mean that they have embraced to wrong-headed social justice movement of the secular culture. If you ask students at SBC seminaries today if they believe the "blessings" of "white privilege" are inherently sinful, if they believe the white race is guilty of oppressing minorities, if Jesus' primary mission was liberating the physically and emotionally oppressed, and similar questions, and you'll find that SBC seminaries and their students, are buying into the lies propagated by postmodernism, the social justice movement, Critical Race Theory (CRT), and similar ungodly ideologies.

❑ **Woke ideology, of which all of this is a part, has permeated the SBC.** It is strengthening its grip, especially in the seminaries, and is now spilling over into the SBC-affiliated churches as well. This problem has been accelerated by the use of SBC-published Sunday School literature (all non-KJV), conferences, both live and virtual, and the internet itself.

□ **The last 3 presidents of the SBC each believes in, teaches, and practices extra-biblical revelation.** Hundreds of quotes could be produced to substantiate this, which space does not permit, but suffice to say this: When a person, be it a church member, pastor, or denominational leader, tells you that “God told me...”, it usually means that they have bought into the idea that God “speaks” directly to people with the same authority, and sometimes in the same manner, that He spoke to people like Abraham, King David, Isaiah, the Apostles (like Paul, Peter, and James). In other words, they try to get people to believe that God has spoken to them about some thing (like Ronnie Floyd’s claim that God “told” him that the greatest sin of America was racism), and that whatever He has supposed to have said **IS JUST AS AUTHORITATIVE AS THE BIBLE ITSELF.**

Beloved, that is a carry-over from the modern neo-pentecostal (charismatic) movement, and to believe it, practice it, or teach it is in direct violation of the warning found in Revelation 22:18, which says -

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.”



HILLSONG MUSIC IS A GATEWAY DRUG TO APOSTASY, AND CHURCHES ARE DEALING IT TO THEIR PEOPLE

Over the years, Christian observers have watched a string of high-profile apostasies take place, including Marty Sampson, one of the most prominent Hillsong music artists in the organization’s history. Sampson is not the only one, though. Hillsong’s senior pastor and founder, Brian Houston, along with several of the various campus pastors and leaders have fallen into temptation and become involved in sex scandals.

Hillsong Church is not a church, but a breeding ground for false converts — and it is filled with false teachers. Hillsong has practically merged with the Roman Catholic Church and has even held Catholic Masses at its conferences and it has completely embraced the Word of Faith heresy.

This is an updated article that seeks to explain why churches should not be feeding their people this drug.

By far, the greatest evil in the church are the works of darkness that creep in unaware to dilute the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, while building a false church that serves the interest of man. One of the major players in these days of iniquitous works is the world-wide organization known as **Hillsong Church.**

Hillsong has fed much to the evangelical church in the way of wickedness through its many programs, especially its music production program. Hillsong’s music is played in nearly every evangelical church in the world, as well as many Roman Catholic churches. The purchase of every piece of “worshipful art” from

them goes to support their works and pays homage to their apostasy.

Hillsong Church is a breeding ground for false converts. Some of their New York campus’ flagship products include the homosexual couple, Reed Kelly and Josh Canfield, in which Canfield volunteers as a choir director, and Justin Bieber, who has continual run-ins with the law.

Hillsong Australia’s former worship pastrix, Darlene Zschech, has taken the apostate nature of Hillsong’s artisanship to the highest level. Zschech has chosen to bear false witness to the world, blaspheming the Holy Spirit by attributing evil deeds to Him that he did not do. In a recent blog post, she wrote,

“I am writing this mid-air on my way home from Singapore after an amazing time away speaking, leading worship, writing songs, being with dear friends. It has been wonderful. And, to see what the Holy Spirit is doing around the earth is completely breathtaking. Even in all the expressions that make us different as God’s colourful church, its incredible to me that when the Holy Spirit draws near, His role in our experience of following Jesus makes us so very similar.”

What is she referring to? Her recent capitulation to Rome—the Vatican, at an ecumenical worship event lead by the Roman Catholic Church. Don Moen, an American “worship leader” with close ties to Zschech and Hillsong, who also participated in the event was quoted as saying in an article at Christianity Today,

“This ecumenical event brings Protestants, Catholics, and Jews together as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being martyred and persecuted all over the world today.”

She refers to the anti-biblical teachings and practices of Roman Catholicism as “different characteristics, faces, tastes, and giftings.. yet a DNA running through our veins that draw us together.”

The Holy Spirit does not lead Christians into an ecumenical, multi-god “praise and worship” event put on by the ancient enemy of the Gospel, the Roman Catholic Church. It’s quite the opposite. The Holy Spirit leads people out of Rome, and out of apostasy (Revelation 18:4). The Holy Spirit finds what Zschech claims she was led to do by Him as totally unacceptable (Eph 5:11).

Zschech has been deceived, as many from Hillsong have, that doctrine is of no importance in the Christian life, and that all who name the name of Christ—Roman Catholics, homosexuals, unrepentant sinners—as long as you name Christ, we are all united in that confession.

Finally, she had this to say,

“C’m on church. Isaiah 60 says to **ARISE SHINE** Thy light has come that even as the earth grows darker, Christ’s light in us shines brighter. Let’s not be dulled down by a lack of understanding, or a judgmental attitude. I had to continually remind myself that I was there to announce and declare the Kingdom of God and not to fault find but to be aware and awake

to something very precious. And so on we go, hearts and hands ready for all God is calling us into.”

Folks, this lady is totally, and completely lost. She has absolutely no idea who Jesus Christ is, what he has done, or why he has done it. Yet, her music is played in supposedly “solid” churches and listened to by faithful people all around the world.

Why do our churches continue to promote and support the rank heresy that comes out of Hillsong Church? Is it because we don’t any better? Arguably, most evangelical churches are on the same page as Zschech, but some would openly reject this false doctrine, and preach it back to the pits of Hell where it belongs, yet they are completely blind to the fact that they are supporting it, and feeding it, by purchasing the rights to this music to lead their faithful congregations in worship of the one true God.

Can we not see the absolute hypocrisy here? Why not?

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☛ **THE GOSPEL COALITON AUTHOR SAYS CHILDREN KEEP DYING BECAUSE OF AMERICANS’ “IDOL” OF “FREEDOM”** - Duke Kwon is a TGC author and is the lead pastor of the uber-woke Grace Meridian Hill, a PCA congregation in the GraceDC Network in Washington, D.C. He is a contributing author of **Heal Us, Emmanuel: A Call for Racial Reconciliation, Representation, and Unity in the Church.** Kwon spends the vast majority of his time inciting racial division between whites and other ethnicities on social media while calling for such outlandish measures as slave reparations.

Kwon is a regular speaker with several Southern Baptist leaders including Russell Moore, David Platt, and Thabiti Anyabwile. He recently threw a temper tantrum about the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned, and who also once hired an LGBTQ activist as his personal assistant at his church, says that children are “pitilessly” sacrificed on the altar of “freedom.”

You can rest assured that those infiltrators, like Duke Kwon, who have crept into the Church and perverted the gospel of grace, co-opting it to advance their own political ideologies, do not have you or your children’s best interest at heart. These men do not understand the gospel and certainly have not been transformed by it. Their idol is their own ideology and their end is destruction, lest they repent.

☛ **NEW BOOK CRITICAL RACE THEORY, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, AND A MARXIST “SOLUTION” THAT WILL NOT WORK** - A new book entitled, **Critical Race Theory, Southern Baptist Convention, and a Marxist “Solution” That Will Not Work** is available from Lighthouse Trails. Following is an excerpt:

“In an article titled ‘You Can Be a Christian, You Can Be a Marxist, But You Can’t Be Both,’ Christian journalist Joshua Lawson explains: ‘Whereas traditional garden-variety Marxism views history as a struggle between the wealthy and the working class proletariat, neo-Marxism [i.e., cultural Marxism] cranks up

the heat and redefines the fight to incorporate biological sex, race, ethnicity, and a whole gambit of various identity badges.

... The grand unifying principle for the Marxists behind the Black Lives Matter movement is that everything--and they mean everything--can be reduced to oppressors versus the oppressed. If you happen to be a member of one of the oppressor groups, then expect to see all sorts of punishments heading your way until the neo-Marxists are satisfied. Except they never are.’ When we begin to understand that Critical Theory is a Marxist/Leninist ideology that aspires to create a communistic society through revolution, we should also understand that the end result will eliminate freedom, justice, and democracy from all citizens.

We should see that CT and CRT are not solutions to racism but rather are dangerous philosophies and vain deceits that will hurt people of all skin colors and where people of color are merely being used as pawns to promote a socialist agenda only to be later discarded.”

☛ **MEGACHURCH PASTOR SAYS IT IS OK TO QUESTION GOD** - Michael Youssef, megachurch pastor, told his congregation that “questioning God is OK” (“Michael Youssef,” Christian Post, Jan. 26, 2022). This is emerging church heresy.

Rob Bell says that God gives men “the invitation to follow Jesus with all our doubts and questions right there with us” (Velvet Elvis, p. 28).

Brian McLaren says that we should welcome “the disillusioned and the doubters” (A Generous Orthodoxy, p. 172).

While it is right to ask sincere questions in the honest search for the truth, it is evil to entertain questions that deny Bible truth. If the Bible says all unbelievers will suffer conscious eternal torment in fire, which it does, we must not entertain questions that speculate if this is a just punishment. If the Bible claims to be the infallible Word of God, which it does, we are not to question how this could be possible. If the Bible says we are not to love this world, which it does, we are not to question whether this might be a narrow, “legalistic” position.

Our questions must be controlled by the Bible, not the Bible by our questions. If a church member asks a question about the deity of Christ or hell, etc., he should be instructed from Scripture. If, though, he refuses to accept the Bible’s teaching and persists in his doubt and unbelief and chooses heresy over the truth, he must be put out of the congregation. A qualification for church membership is to continue “steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine” (Acts 2:42).

Further, the Bible exalts faith over doubt. **“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb. 11:6).** Jesus rebuked those who doubted (Mt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8) and praised those who had faith (Mt. 8:10; 15:28). The Bible teaches that doubt must be resolved. The Psalmist momentarily doubted in Psalm 73, but his doubt was resolved and he rightly saw himself as a foolish beast for doubting God.