

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of May 26, 2021

Sunday Morning Service -----	26
Sunday Evening Service -----	22
Wed. Evening Service, 05/26/21 -----	13

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of May 23, 2021

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -

Sunday Morning Service:		
112 Views	53 Engagements	223 People Reached
Sunday Evening Service:		
66 Views	43 Engagements	80 People Reached
Wednesday Evening Service:		
37 Views	44 Engagements	80 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 23, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 668.80
Building Fund -----	\$ 59.10
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 30.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/26/21:	\$ 757.90

- Week of May 16, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 482.70
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/16/21:	\$ 502.70

- Week of May 9, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 3,430.00
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 40.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/09/21:	\$ 3,470.00

- Week of May 2, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 984.00
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 27.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/02/21:	\$ 1,011.00

- Week of April 25, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,022.31
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 66.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/25/21:	\$ 1,088.31

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

**PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO GIVE,
- ESPECIALLY NOW**

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 Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley & Brenda White
Sound/Video -----	Seth White

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

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LEST WE FORGET -

THINGS TO REMEMBER ON MEMORIAL DAY



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

We Thank You



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 06/05/21-----	\$ 537.92
Amount Received To Date -----	\$ 90.00

TOTAL STILL NEEDED BY JUNE 5, 2021: ----- \$ 447.92

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☐ **CHICAGO MORE VIOLENT THAN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN COMBINED** - The city of Chicago is one of the most violent places on earth. According to the U.S. Department of Defense and the Chicago Police Department, over **7,000** Americans died in Afghanistan and Iraq from 2001 to 2020, while **10,000** were killed in Chicago. Nearly **4,000** people were shot in Chicago in 2020 alone, and more than 750 were killed. What has happened to this city?

There are at least five of the fundamental problems in Chicago:

First, there is the terrible corruption of the public school system which is a vast, godless propaganda machine, brainwashing generation after generation of America's children in myths and lies, such as evolution, moral relativism, agnosticism, racism, neo-Marxism, while keeping them uneducated in things that matter.

Second, there is the welfare state. It has played a large role in the destruction of black families in particular. Attorney Larry Elder comments, *"In 1900, you look at census reports and a black kid, believe it or not, was slightly more likely to be born into a nuclear intact family than a white. ... What's happened is we have launched this so-called war on poverty in the 60s, when literally Lyndon Johnson sent people knocking on doors apprising women of the availability of welfare, providing there was no man in the house. And we went from 25% of blacks being born out of wedlock in 1965 to 75% right now. And if we look at how much we have spent on welfare, the lines are parallel. ... What we have done, in my opinion, is economically incentivized women to marry the government and we have allowed men to abandon their financial and moral responsibility, and now we have this"* (Interview with Dave Rubin, 2015).

Third, there is a leftist city government that is gradually defunding the police and undermining law and order in a multitude of ways. (It is an elected government, so this is fundamentally a people problem, not a government problem.)

Fourth, there is the filthy entertainment industry. It has more influence on the average youth than any other one thing. Consider the hip hop culture. It is a direct affront to God and His holy laws. It destroys morality and stirs up rage. Empowered by technology, the hip hop culture captivates youth at an ever younger age. The smart phone delivers this culture into the very soul like a mainlined drug. This is a more fundamental problem than the welfare state. Most of the heroes in the fields of entertainment and sports represent the values of this culture. A few exceptions aside, the hip hop culture glorifies sex outside of marriage, the objectification of women, the sexualization of everything, including children, grossly immodest dressing, filthy dancing, shacking up, transsexualism, drinking, drugging, abortion on demand, rebellion against authority, gratuitous violence, etc. Because of the vast influence of the hip hop culture, these things, which were not generally acceptable in black communities 50 years ago, have become normalized even among professing

Christians.

Finally we come to the greatest problem in the black community, and in every community, which is the lack of sound New Testament churches. America is still a land of churches. There are churches everywhere in Chicago, but the vast majority are powerless. The best are like Sardis which had a name that it lived but was dead. Few members are born again. Few even know the gospel. They are permeated with heresies. They stink to the high heavens with worldliness. And the root problem in the churches is unqualified pastors. Everything rises and falls on leadership. This is why there are two entire chapters of the Bible on God's qualifications for pastors.

Flying out of Chicago last week I (David Cloud) had a long conversation with a black grandmother who was born in Florida in 1939. She said that when she was young the pastors were more sound and the church families more intact, but now the pastors are womanizers, covetous, flippant, shallow; they don't teach the people God's Word. She said she only knows of two pastors who don't fit that bill. When she saw her own married pastor meeting a teenage girl on a dark road a few years ago she spoke out and caused a stir, but the pastor stayed on while the girl was sent away. The church alone is "the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Timothy 3:15). If churches are unregenerate, spiritually-powerless, worldly, unholy, lukewarm, led by biblically unqualified pastors, rife with hypocrisy and heresies, neglecting discipline, failing to build up the homes in godliness, then truth falls to the ground. In our estimation, then, the greatest need of Chicago, by far, is God-called preachers building doctrinally-sound, holy New Testament churches as the pillar and ground of the truth. This is also the greatest need in every community the world over.

☐ **PURPLE DYE FROM KING DAVID'S TIME** - Archaeologists have discovered remnants of a fabric dyed with royal purple from King David's time. The 3,000-year-old cloth, found in the Arava Desert near the Red Sea, is the first purple fabric found in Israel from that time. The remnant is still a brilliant purple after three millennia. Naama Sukenik of the Israel Antiquities Authority says, "In antiquity, purple attire was associated with the nobility, with priests, and of course with royalty. The gorgeous shade of the purple, the fact that it does not fade, and the difficulty in producing the dye, which is found in minute quantities in the body of mollusks, all made it the most highly valued of the dyes, which often cost more than gold. Until the current discovery, we had only encountered mollusk-shell waste and potsherds with patches of dye, which provided evidence of the purple industry in the Iron Age. Now, for the first time, we have direct evidence of the dyed fabrics themselves, preserved for some 3,000 years" ("Rare Purple Dye," Israel21c.org, Jan. 31, 2021).

The name Phoenicia, referring to the trading empire based on Tyre and Sidon, was coined by the Greeks and means purple. In the book of Maccabees, the dye is called "purple of the sea" because it was made from the murex sea snail by a well-guarded

process. When the snail dies, it releases a substance that turns purple. It is said that 10-12,000 of the creatures were needed to produce one gram of dye. It was used to color fabrics for the wealthy and powerful. The children of the Roman emperor were said to be "born in the purple." The kings of Midean wore "purple raiment" (Jud. 8:26). The rich man of Jesus' parable was "clothed in purple" (Lu. 16:19). Lydia was "a seller of purple" (Acts 16:14). Ancient Tyre coins depicted the murex shell. Pits for purple dye production and heaps of crushed murex snails were discovered at the ancient Phoenician port of Dor on the coast of Israel. They date to the 4th century BC. Information about this can be seen in the Hamizgaga Museum at Dor.

☐ **FLORIDA GOVERNOR SUSPENDS ALL COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS SO PEOPLE CAN "LIVE FREELY"** - The following is excerpted from "Florida Governor," Christian Headlines, May 14, 2021:

"Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said this week he will issue pardons to anyone in his state who is facing criminal penalties for not following Covid-19 health restrictions. DeSantis made the comments Wednesday to Fox News host Laura Ingraham while addressing the high-profile case of Mike and Jillian Carnevale, gym owners who refused last year to enforce local mask mandates. They were arrested. DeSantis called the arrests 'government overreach.' 'When our clemency board meets in the coming weeks, we'll issue pardons not only for Mike and Jillian but for any Floridian that may have outstanding infractions for things like masks and social distancing,' DeSantis said on Fox News. '... these things with health should be advisory. They should not be punitive. And so we're happy to use our constitutional authority. I think they've been treated poorly. And fortunately, they've got a governor that cares.' ... Last week, DeSantis suspended all local Covid-19 health restrictions, saying the state has a surplus of vaccines needed to stop the virus. He said he wants people to 'live freely in the state of Florida' and 'enjoy themselves.'"

☐ **CHRISTIAN ROCKER KEVIN MAX SAYS HE IS AN "EX-VANGELICAL"** - Kevin Max, formerly of the popular Christian rock band DC Talk, illustrates the spiritual and doctrinal danger of the "broader church" to which contemporary Christian music is the bridge. He calls himself an "ex-vangelical." The Liberty University graduate tweeted on May 15, "I've been deconstructing/Reconstructing/progressing/whatever you wish to call it for decades, I've been in the outsider/misfit/seeker club for a long time now." He says he believes in a "universal Christ." He says that he hasn't given up "the faith," but it is a faith filled with doubts, a faith in his own thinking rather than the infallible Scripture.

Following are the lyrics to one of the songs for Max's new band Sad Astronauts: "It's OK to be estranged / from everything that you were taught / and it's OK / to unpack all the hopeless baggage that you bought / I know the sun it never shines / in the same place twice / and I know that life is better / with a trusted vice / but you will change / when you cave / to the universal

Christ." On May 17, 2021, Max tweeted that he is "pro-LGBTQIA, pro-BLM, pro-open mindedness, anti-narrow mindedness..." In 2003, Max divorced his first wife, Alayna, and two years later married Amanda MacDonald.

☐ **FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL SPEAKS OUT BOLDLY AGAINST MARXIST INDOCTRINATION IN PUBLIC EDUCATION** - The following is excerpted from "Former AG Barr," Association of Mature American Citizens, May 21, 2021:

"Few speeches delivered by an American leader in the modern era have addressed the cultural crisis facing this country with such clarity, vision, and moral courage as former Attorney General Bill Barr's remarks Friday to Alliance Defending Freedom. Accepting ADF's Edwin Meese Award for 'Originalism and Religious Liberty,' Barr argued that 'the greatest threat to religious liberty in America today' is 'the increasingly militant and extreme secular-progressive climate of our state-run educational system.' ... The left-wing curriculum being taught in government-run schools, Barr argued, is so aggressively anti-Christian--and indeed anti-religious--that it represents a violation of the constitutional rights of Americans of faith.

Barr began his remarks with a brief history of America's approach to public schooling, dividing it into three distinct phases. During the first phase--which encompassed most of American history up until the 1970s--the instruction students received in the public school system was 'committed to Judeo-Christian values in the general sense.' During the second phase which 'came in the latter part of the 20th century,' Barr notes, 'the left embarked on a relentless campaign of secularization intent on driving every vestige of religion from the public square.' God was driven out of the curriculum based on the idea that public schools should be entirely neutral toward religion.

But now, Barr said, we are witnessing a third phase. Instead of merely purging schools of religion, '[w]e're now seeing an affirmative indoctrination with a secular belief system and worldview that is a substitute for religion and is antithetical to the beliefs and values of traditional God-centered religion.' ... He cited two examples. The first was the transgender ideology that is permeating public schools across the country. ... The former Attorney General went on to describe Critical Race Theory ... It was President Trump who remarked last year that school choice is 'the civil rights issue of our time.' ... Barr argued that 'confronting this issue, I think, is the most urgent task for people who are concerned about religious liberty.'

'Religious liberty,' Barr said, 'is not safe in the United States as long as we have the kind of public school system we have, the forced monopoly and the indoctrination of children into these radical secular progressive orthodoxies.'" ■

