

### AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of May 30, 2021

Sunday Morning Service -----	24
Sunday Evening Service -----	19
Wed. Evening Service, 06/02/21 -----	10

### AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of May 30, 2021

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

<b>Sunday Morning Service:</b>		
250 Views	131 Engagements	576 People Reached
<b>Sunday Evening Service:</b>		
43 Views	34 Engagements	60 People Reached
<b>Wednesday Evening Service:</b>		
32 Views	44 Engagements	44 People Reached

### AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 30, 2021 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,377.23
Church Insurance Fund -----	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/30/21:</b>	<b>\$ 2,387.23</b>

- Week of May 23, 2021 -

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

- Week of May 16, 2021 -

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

- Week of May 9, 2021 -

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

- Week of May 2, 2021 -

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

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**



### CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 06/05/21-----	\$ 537.92
Amount Received To Date -----	\$ 100.00

**TOTAL SHORT FOR JUNE, 2021: ----- \$ 437.92**

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

### 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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## AREN'T ALL BIBLES THE SAME?

Why Are There So Many English Versions Of The Bible?  
Does It Matter Which Bible Version You Are Reading?

**JOIN US JUNE 27 - 30 FOR OUR -**

**BIBLE VERSIONS EXAMINED CONFERENCE**

*with Special Guest Speaker*



**Dr. Phil Stringer**  
*Vice President at Dayspring  
Bible College & Seminary*

### TOPICS COVERED:

- Sunday Morning, 11 AM: *"The Absolute Imperative Of Witnessing"*
- Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM: *"How Anyone Can Witness For Christ"*
- Monday Evening, 7:00 PM: *"Where The Modern Bibles Came From - Who Were The People Behind Them?"* Included in this message will be a look into the occultic background of Wescott and Hort - the two men on whose work the modern translations are based.
- Tuesday Evening, 7 PM: *"Aren't All Bibles Basically The Same? - Major Doctrines That Are Changed In The Modern Versions"*
- Wednesday Evening, 7 PM: *"How The Acceptance Of The Modern Translations Are Preparing Unsaved Churchgoers For The One-World Religion Of The Antichrist"*

**PLAN NOW TO BE HERE FOR EVERY SESSION!**

**AND - BRING A FRIEND!**

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☛ **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM** - The following is excerpted from “U.S. State Department,” CBN News, May 12, 2021:

“International Religious Freedom took center stage at the State Department Wednesday as Secretary of State Anthony Blinken released his department’s 2020 report on the matter. Blinken addressed reporters in the department’s press briefing room. ‘Religious freedom ... goes to the heart of what it means to be human--to think freely, to follow our conscience, to change our beliefs if our hearts and minds lead us to do so, to express those beliefs in public and in private,’ he said. ‘This freedom is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It’s also part of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Our country’s commitment to defending freedom of religion and belief goes back centuries. It continues today. Religious freedom, like every human right, is universal. All people, everywhere, are entitled to it no matter where they live, what they believe, or what they don’t believe. Religious freedom is co-equal with other human rights because human rights are indivisible. Religious freedom is not more or less important than the freedom to speak and assemble, to participate in the political life of one’s country, to live free from torture or slavery, or any other human right. Indeed, they’re all interdependent,’ the secretary continued. ‘Religious freedom can’t be fully realized unless other human rights are respected, and when governments violate their people’s right to believe and worship freely, it jeopardizes all the others. And religious freedom is a key element of an open and stable society. Without it, people aren’t able to make their fullest contribution to their country’s success. And whenever human rights are denied, it ignites tension, it breeds division,’ Blinken said. The secretary also noted the Pew Research Center’s finding that 56 countries encompassing a significant majority of the world’s people have high or severe restrictions on religious freedom.”

☛ **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT WARNS OF CHINA’S RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AND OPPRESSION** - The following is excerpted from “Crimes against humanity,” The Washington Times, May 12, 2021:

“The State Department on Wednesday declared that the Chinese government continues to engage in genocide and crimes against humanity through the repression of predominantly Muslim Uyghurs and other minorities in western China. Secretary of State Antony Blinken made the assertion while introducing the department’s annual assessment of global religious freedom. ‘China broadly criminalizes religious expression and continues to commit crimes against humanity and genocide against Muslim Uyghurs and other religious and ethnic minority groups,’ he said. The annual report outlined widespread abuses by the Chinese government against the estimated 200 million religious believers, including Christians, Muslims and Buddhists. ... The State Department has said crimes carried out in China’s western

Xinjiang province include mass imprisonment, forced sterilizations, torture, forced labor and draconian restrictions on religious freedom and freedom of movement. The U.S. government estimates that Chinese authorities since April 2017 have detained more than 1 million Uyghurs, along with ethnic Kazakhs, Hui and members of other Muslim groups, and some Christians, in internment camps and converted detention facilities. The repression has been carried out by Chinese authorities under the guise of a national counterterrorism law and a regional counterextremism policy, according to Wednesday’s report.”

☛ **TWITTER SUSPENDS SPANISH POLITICIAN’S ACCOUNT FOR SAYING MEN CANNOT GET PREGNANT** - The following is excerpted from “Twitter Suspends,” SkyNews.com.au, May 17, 2021:

“Twitter has suspended a Spanish politician’s account after he tweeted a man cannot get pregnant. Deputy of Spain’s Vox Party Francisco José Contreras was locked out of his Twitter account for 12 hours, with the social media platform informing him he had violated its policies on ‘hate speech.’ His comments were shared with an article about a transgender male who announced they were a father after giving birth to a baby girl. The politician took to Facebook to explain to his followers why his account had suddenly disappeared on the platform. In a Facebook post on May 11 he said he had received a message from Twitter which said he had violated its policies on hate speech. ... He said, ‘You can see this is already fascist biology. Next time I’ll try 2 + 2 = 4.’ A spokesperson for Twitter has declined to comment on the suspension.”

☛ **EUROPEAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS VOW TO BLESS SAME-SEX UNIONS IN DEFIANCE OF VATICAN DECREE** - The following is excerpted from “European Priests,” The Christian Post, Mar. 18, 2021:

“The Austrian Priests’ Initiative, which has supported the practice of blessing same-sex unions, released a statement this week expressing their intention to disobey Monday’s decree from the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The group of priests stated that they were ‘deeply appalled by the new Roman decree that wants to prohibit the blessing of same-sex loving couples. This is a relapse into times that we had hoped to be overcome with Pope Francis,’ the group’s statements reads, as reported by CBS News. ... The initiative, founded in 2006, has about 350 members who mostly reside in Austria. The group argued that same-sex couples can be as loving as heterosexual couples. ... In a statement authored by Spanish Jesuit Cardinal Luis Ladaria, Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that it is ‘not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage. As is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex. The presence in such relationships of positive elements, which are in themselves to be valued and appreciated, cannot justify these relationships and render them legitimate objects of an ecclesial blessing, since the positive

elements exist within the context of a union not ordered to the Creator’s plan,’ the Vatican’s statement reads.”

☛ **MAX LUCADO APOLOGIZES TO “LGBTQ COMMUNITY” FOR NOT PREACHING IN SUPPORT OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE** - Max Lucado, an influential **Church of Christ** pastor and author whose books are used by many Baptists, published a letter on Feb. 11 apologizing for a sermon that he preached on the topic of same-sex marriage in 2004.

He said, “I now see that, in that sermon, I was disrespectful. I was hurtful. I wounded people in ways that were devastating. I should have done better. It grieves me that my words have hurt or been used to hurt the LGBTQ community. I apologize to you and I ask forgiveness of Christ. Faithful people may disagree about what the Bible says about homosexuality, but we agree that God’s holy Word must never be used as a weapon to wound others. To be clear, I believe in the traditional biblical understanding of marriage, but I also believe in a God of unbounded grace and love. LGBTQ individuals and LGBTQ families must be respected and treated with love. They are beloved children of God because they are made in the image and likeness of God” (Max Lucado).

This is, of course, heresy. Unbelievers are **never** called children of God in Scripture. One must be born again through saving faith in Jesus Christ to be a child of God. To preach what the Word of God says about homosexuality or any other sin is not unloving or harmful. Paul was not unloving or hurtful when he preached the truth about the evils of homosexuality in Romans 1, calling it “uncleanness,” “dishonoring their own bodies,” vile affections,” “against nature,” “burning in lust,” “unseemly,” “not convenient,” and “a reprobate mind.” Though God does have unbounding love and grace to the unsaved, the God of love is also a God of judgment, and if His gospel is rejected, judgment will surely fall. The Lord Jesus Christ twice warned, **“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5)**. Christ often warned of the danger of hell fire, nine times in one sermon (Mark 9:43-48). He described hell as **“the fire that never shall be quenched.”** Christ said, **“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36)**.

☛ **GOVERNOR SAYS FLORIDA SCHOOLS WILL NOT TEACH CRITICAL RACE THEORY** - The following is excerpted from “Ron DeSantis,” The Federalist, Mar. 17, 2021:

“Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis denounced critical race theory at a press conference Wednesday afternoon, vowing to ‘expressly exclude’ it from the state’s public schools. ‘Florida civics curriculum will incorporate foundational concepts with the best materials and it will expressly exclude unsanctioned narratives like critical race theory and other unsubstantiated theories,’ DeSantis said. ‘There’s no room in our classrooms for things like Critical Race Theory. Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other is not worth one red cent of taxpayer money. No matter if your family came on the Mayflower or you became a naturalized citizen, these principles belong to you,’ DeSantis said. ... In his speech, the governor laid

out a plan to put ... \$7 million for civics curricula that provide students with ‘foundational concepts.’ The proposed plan directly opposes civics mandates in the state of Illinois that call for critical race theory training, for instance. Illinois recently approved ‘Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards’ that call for educators to assess their biases, and how those biases affect, ‘how they access tools to mitigate their own behavior (racism, sexism, homophobia, unearned privilege, Eurocentrism, etc).”

☛ **CHARISMATIC “PROPHETESS” GIVES ODDLY SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT DEAD CHILDREN’S HOUSING SITUATION IN HEAVEN** -

When Kat Kerr, our favorite pink-haired charismatic meme-bot and “Dr. Michael Brown-approved prophetess” isn’t weaving an unbiblical tale of witchcraft and false theology by claiming that when babies die in miscarriage, sometimes God “puts them back” in the womb, or that she has a picture of thousands of lioned-faced angels frog-marching chained demons across the sky in order to go to heaven for judgment, she’s explaining that when children die, sometimes they have to stay in the mansions of their distant relatives until their own parents take custody of them.

Speaking to chief-enabler and gullibility king Steve Shultz on Episode 26 of “Wednesdays with Kat and Steve,” the two take some time to sort out the living arrangements in heaven of children that pass away.

Kerr explains that occasionally if a person is about to die, their angels will somehow rip their souls out of their bodies beforehand, effectively killing them so they don’t have to suffer. She further explains that as soon as people die, they are unconcerned about what happens to their loved ones on earth, because they are ready to go to their mansions which begin to be built in heaven the minute the Holy Spirit “attaches” a person’s spirit to the body at conception. That’s when the construction process on the mansion begins.

Now when children pass that’s different. They live with grandparents already in heaven or great-grandparents in heaven. They usually will raise up those children until their parents get there, but for whatever reason God had already had a plan of who would raise them, because he knew that they would be great in the kingdom. ■

