

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of June 19, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service	-----46
Sunday Evening Service	-----35
Wednesday Eve., 06/22/22 Service	-----20

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of June 19, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 1,389.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund	----- \$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/19/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,489.00</b>

- Week of June 12, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 1,307.00
Church Gas Line Repair Fund	----- \$ 274.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/12/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,581.00</b>

- Week of June 5, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 1,786.25
Love Offering Income	----- \$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/05/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,886.25</b>

- Week of May 29, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 1,185.00
Love Offering Income	----- \$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/29/22:</b>	<b>\$ 1,195.00</b>

- Week of May 22, 2022 -

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

- Week of May 15, 2022 -

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

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

**- CHURCH NATURAL GAS LINE REPAIR FUND -**

Total Cost Of Repairs	----- \$10,365.78
Amount Received Thusfar	----- \$ 8,662.50
Amount Still Needed:	\$ 1,703.28

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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.

**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

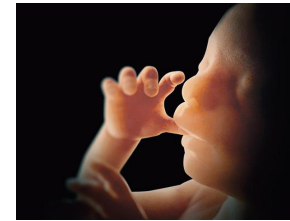
**SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY**

**REMINDER**

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*Rejoicing in the Overturning of  
Roe v Wade*

**M**ore than a decade ago I stood in a square in old Boston listening to a very passionate guide talk about July 18, 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was read from the balcony of the

Old State House there for the first time. One of my historical heroes, First Lady to be Abigail Adams, stood in the crowd that had gathered to hear the Declaration read that day. She, an intelligent and thoughtful patriot, understood as much or more than anyone else in the square the significance of the moment.

As I listened to our guide and felt the momentary shadow of the importance of that moment years ago I briefly wondered what it would be like to experience such a day myself. To feel the weight of joy at the hand of God acting through the work of men for the good of a nation and to know the sober reality of the task now ahead. I did not really think I would see such a day in my lifetime.

But then yesterday, June 24, 2022, arrived and I sat awash with emotions at the news of the Supreme Court's overthrow of Roe v Wade, declaring that the wicked decision which granted national legality to the murder of unborn children nearly 50 years ago was, in fact, not Constitutional after all.

The joy is weighty, overwhelming, deep. It erupted yesterday in happy tears in the middle of shopping and singing psalms at the top of my lungs while running errands. It exploded in thrown together plans for ice cream sundaes celebrations with friends last night and the kind of bellylaughing that overflows from an abundance of joy. **It was a good day.** A feast day. A day that I will happily still be talking about when my hair is grey and my hearing is going. June 24 is a day that deserves the celebration and remembrance of generations to come.

This is a time for praise and thanksgiving to God who has used the work of men to bring about good for a nation who does not deserve His favor and grace. He has given us mercy once again and acted to stay the hand of those who wickedly participated in legalized murder, often gleefully. Mere hours after the decision, abortion mills in Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, South Dakota, and Wisconsin had halted their activities and closed their doors. There are children who were scheduled for death yesterday who are still alive today. Praise the Lord! Praise, oh servants of the Lord! **Praise the name of the Lord!**

It is also a time for solemnity. For repentance for the national sin of abortion that has been allowed to stain our land for so long. For mourning over the 60+ million lives that have been snuffed out in the womb, little image bearers whose slaughter should take our breath away and drive us to our knees. For recognition that the work of complete abolition is ongoing and that the struggle will be fierce and, likely, bloody before it is done. But this is a good work, a work that honors God, and a work from which His children must not flinch. Our God is a God of life and calls us to courage in the face of all adversity. The words of Proverbs are instructive to us as we look to the days ahead.

***"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works? he not repay man according to his work?" (Proverbs 24:10-12)***

And it is a good time to remember that we are not the first to have stood in the weight of joy and solemnity, in the day of great matters and in the face of hardships in the struggle to come. John Adams wrote to Abigail on July 3rd, after the Continental Congress had finalized the draft of the Declaration, with this same mix of joy and resolve that all who love the cause of life should feel today.

*(continued inside)*

“I am apt to believe that it [the date of the adoption of the Declaration] will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.

“You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not.— I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. — Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.”

May God give us this same spirit of rejoicing as we celebrate the overthrow of Roe now and in coming generations, and equal courage and conviction to give our toil, blood, and treasure in a cause that is more than worth all the means, the rescue of those being taken away to death and the full abolition of abortion in every State in this Nation of ours.

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### ***DHS TELLS CHURCHES, PREGNANCY CENTERS TO BRACE FOR VIOLENT PRO-ABORTION ‘NIGHT OF RAGE’***

The Department of Homeland Security issued a grave warning to pro-life Catholic churches and pregnancy centers Friday, June 24, reportedly instructing in communications for them to prepare for a “Night of Rage” by pro-abortion activists who have been pledging “extreme violence” on the evening of the long-awaited Dobbs decision.

According to a document, titled “***Urgent Memo,***” released to all clergy and parish staff by the communications team for the Diocese of Stockton, California, DHS agent Jesse Rangel made the diocese privy to the “latest nationwide intelligence reports” Thursday regarding Dobbs. A manifesto has been found by federal law enforcement officials calling for a “Night of Rage” beginning at 8 p.m. the night of the SCOTUS ruling.

Rangel said that “large groups with cells nationwide have already been discovered ‘casing’ parishes,” including those in California. Bishop Myron Cotta and the Stockton Diocese’s office of media and communications issued a “critical notice” for clergy, parishes, and Pastoral Center staff to “develop a plan should you see or hear anything suspicious.” The directive instructs, “Make sure you have ushers and or security available during your services and perhaps identify who among your volunteers and parishioners are law enforcement.”

“Suspicious activity would include someone asking out of place questions (Largest Mass times? Doors always open? Do you have security?), looking around church property, protestors, and general disturbances,” it reads.

A Stockton priest confirmed for me the authenticity of this communication, which has been floating around social media today.

“This is the most coordinated & aggressive domestic terrorism in our nation today. All because extremists are angry that they may not get to kill children in the womb, on demand, without limit,” tweeted pro-life organization Live Action’s founder Lila Rose. She called out President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as well as mainstream media groups, for the Democratic leadership’s “virtual silence” on the matter.

“Their threats will not win. The pro-life movement is stronger than ever: determined to care for both mother & child, to provide the networks of support that young families need, & to fight for legal protections for the preborn. We will not back down. We will not be intimidated,” Rose declared Thursday afternoon on Twitter.

The threat of violence facing pro-life entities was issued in pen by radical abortion group ***Jane’s Revenge***, which signed a June 14 letter declaring “open season” on pro-life pregnancy crisis centers. The memo spoke of “increasing drastic measures” that might not be “so easily cleaned up as fire and graffiti.” Gleeful over how “easy and fun it is to attack” pro-life targets, Jane’s Revenge referenced it claiming responsibility for various acts of arson and vandalism since the leak of the SCOTUS draft opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade.

The letter disseminated to email subscribers and via an “Abolition Media” blog post also cited a supposed month-long deadline for all pro-life groups to cease operations, asserting “your thirty days expired yesterday.”

Pro-abortion extremists like Jane’s Revenge and Antifa insurrectionists have planned a rage-filled night to respond to the Supreme Court’s expected overturning of the landmark ruling. Flyers calling for the “Night of Rage” have appeared in the nation’s capital, making its rounds across Washington, D.C. “DC CALL TO ACTION NIGHT OF RAGE,” the event graphic rallying far-left comrades says. “THE NIGHT SCOTUS OVERTURNS ROE V. WADE HIT THE STREETS YOU SAID YOU’D RIOT.” It signs off as Jane’s Revenge, ending with its often spray-painted slogan, “TO OUR OPPRESSORS: IF ABORTIONS AREN’T SAFE, YOU’RE NOT EITHER.”

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said at Wednesday’s news briefing that President Joe Biden “denounces” the threatening messaging that promises looting, burning, and rioting if Roe falls.

A reporter asked Biden’s top spokeswoman what message the White House has in advance of the official Supreme Court decision day. Jean-Pierre answered that “violence and destruction of property have no place in our country under any circumstance. And the President denounces this action.”

“Actions like this are completely unacceptable regardless of our politics,” Jean-Pierre replied further. “So we have denounced that and we will continue to denounce any violence or threats.”

In a national terrorism advisory bulletin dated June 7, DHS warned of a “heightened threat environment” in the coming months, identifying “faith-based institutions, schools, racial and religious minorities, government facilities and personnel, U.S. critical infrastructure, the media, and perceived ideological opponents” as targets.

After more than a month of violent militancy and widespread property damage, the FBI mobilized last week to investigate such crimes as potential acts of domestic violent extremism. “The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country,” the FBI said in a statement, according to Fox News. “The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities.”

### ***NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS***

☐ ***THE HYMN SOCIETY PUBLISHES SONGS FOR THEY/THEM*** - For its 100th anniversary, the Hymn Society has published a series of songs that glorify homosexuality under the title “***Songs for the Holy Other.***”

The 46 songs include “A Hymn for Self-Acceptance,” “God Calls You Good,” “God of Queer Transgressive Spaces,” “God of Many Faces,” “The Kingdom of God is the Queerest of Nations,” “Queerly Beloved,” and “Quirky, Queer and Wonderful.” The words to the latter include, “Quirky, queer, and wonderful, distinct, unique, and odd ... all of our humanity reveals the face of God.” This is blasphemous, because God is holy whereas homosexuality is “uncleanness,” “vile affections,” “against nature,” “unseemly,” and “not convenient” (Romans 1:24-28).

The Hymn Society’s goal with the new songs is “to provide congregations working to dismantle these walls [between homosexuals and ‘straights’] with a toolbox of hymns by and for those who identify as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, romantic, two-spirit, and other sexual/gender minority (LGBTQIA2S+) community and their allies.” They say that lesbianism, homosexuality, etc., are “*God-given gifts, and are, in and of themselves, a gift to the church, as we reflect the rainbow diversity of God’s creation.*”

The series should be titled “***Hymns for Sodom and Gomorrah.***” It is full-blown apostasy. It is “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth” (Re. 17:5).

The Hymn Society was founded in 1922 “for those people who believe that congregational song is an integral component of worship, believe that the writing and singing of new texts and tunes needs to be promoted, and value learning about the origins of the words and music they sing.” We believe in the importance of congregational singing, but the Bible instructs the churches to sing “spiritual songs,” not filthy songs, and to sing by having “the word of Christ dwell in you,” not the word of modernistic heresy.

As the apostasy deepens in these last days, Bible-believing churches must have revival and take the Word of God much more seriously, or they will die, as large numbers have in the last few decades. Most Bible-believing churches need to stop singing by vain, empty-minded tradition and dead ritual and learn how to have living, powerful congregational singing that conforms to God’s Word, that is attractive, interesting, and edifying for the entire body, young and old.

***“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16-17).***

☐ ***SUPREME COURT, 9-0, SAYS BOSTON CAN’T BAN CHRISTIAN FLAG*** - The following is excerpted from “*Supreme Court,*” Christian Headlines, May 2, 2022:

“The city of Boston violated the free speech rights of a faith-based group when it refused to fly the organization’s Christian flag while approving the flags of numerous other groups, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday. The court’s 9-0 decision concerns a unique program in Boston that permits private groups to fly flags of their choosing outside Boston City Hall. The court noted that the city approved ‘hundreds of requests to raise dozens of different flags’--that is, until the Christian civic organization Camp Constitution requested that the Christian flag be flown. The city of Boston declined the group’s request, arguing it would violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Camp Constitution then sued but lost at the district court and the appeals court level.

‘On Monday, the Supreme Court said Boston’s action violated the Free Speech Clause of the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment. Justice Stephen Breyer wrote the court’s opinion. ‘The city did not deny a single request to raise a flag until’ Harold Shurtleff of Camp Constitution made his request, Breyer wrote. He noted that the city had allowed flags of other countries, a flag of a bank, and the LGBT Pride flag to be flown. ‘For the foregoing reasons, we conclude that Boston’s flagraising program does not express government speech,’ Breyer wrote. ‘As a result, the city’s refusal to let Shurtleff and Camp Constitution fly their flag based on its religious viewpoint violated the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment.’

...’This 9-0 decision from the Supreme Court strikes a victory for private speech in a public forum,’ said Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver. ‘This case is so much more significant than a flag. ... Government cannot censor religious viewpoints under the guise of government speech.’”

☐ ***GLOBAL WARMING TREND WEAKENING*** - The following is excerpted from Kalte Sonne, “*The Transition to Green Energies and the Missing Warming,*” NoTricksZone, May 11, 2022:

“During the energy crisis that has become visible in Germany and Europe over the past few months, things have gotten quieter about the supposedly imminent climate emergency. On the one

hand, energy prices and security of supply have pushed the climate issue into the background.

On the other hand, a weakening of the warming trend of the last 40 years is apparent. The temperature curve of the satellite-based measurements of the University of Alabama UAH has been oscillating between -0.2 and 0.4 degrees for 20 years and seems to have remained stable since 2015

... [Yet] CO2 concentrations in the air have continued to rise unabated.

... A change in global temperature can also happen naturally. We know that clouds have decreased by about 2% after the turn of the millennium, and that for the last ten years cloud cover has been stable at a low level. Second, there are oceanic temperature cycles such as the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation AMO.

... Add to this the weakening solar radiation since 2008, and further significant warming beyond 1.5 degrees is unlikely in the next 30 years. ... The stagnant trend of temperatures that has been observed for several years can also be seen in the halted decline in Arctic sea ice extent reported by the European Copernicus program in March.

...Wouldn't it be time for climate researchers to bring these trends to the attention of politicians and the public? After all, politicians are currently readjusting the priorities of energy supply. ... Had [these things] been adequately accounted for in climate models, we would all have been spared much public panic and flawed policy decisions."

☐ **GREENHOUSE THERMOSTAT DISCOVERED** - The following is from CreationMoments.com, March 1, 2022:

"The world is a frightening place without God. This fear can be seen today in fears that modern people often confuse with science. Several years ago stories of gloom and doom about a greenhouse heating of the earth were starting to fill the media.

We at Creation Moments looked at the scientific basis for these claims. We wanted to know if the greenhouse warming of the earth was a true threat or just another fear of a godless people. We then published the conclusion that the thin and conflicting evidence for greenhouse warming most likely came from the heat island effect of growing cities around some of the temperature measuring sites. Knowing the elegance with which God designed everything in creation, creationists suspected that God probably designed the earth with built-in thermostats that help keep it from warming up too much. When the Pacific Ocean warms more than normal, it sends increasing amounts of water vapor into the air. If heating continues, the water vapor will actually cause the heating to increase until vapor is forced higher into the atmosphere, creating icy cirrus clouds. These clouds reflect enough incoming sunlight to shut down the temperature increase and return things to normal. We are called to be good stewards of the earth. We can be good stewards in joyful service, freed from the fears that afflict those who don't know God."

☐ **RECREATIONAL DRUGS GETTING MORE POTENT, MORE DEADLY, MORE READILY AVAILABLE** - The

following is excerpted from "Fentanyl victim's mother speaks out," Fox News, June 20, 2022:

"Seventeen-year-old Placer County, Calif., student Zach Didier's parents found him slumped over his desk in 2020, dead from a then-unknown cause. With California's uptick in fentanyl poisonings and deaths, coroner officials reportedly suggested it could be the cause of Zach's sudden death. Laura Didier, Zach's mother, told 'The Story' on Fox News on Monday that she initially had no idea how such a powerful opiate found its way into her home.

'This was nothing we were prepared for. Zach was a 17-year-old high school senior. He had no history with abusing drugs or alcohol,' she said. 'So it was a complete shock to us when he was found at his desk and passed away two days after Christmas of 2020.' It was later discovered Zach obtained what he believed to be an oxycodone pill via Snapchat and ingested it after the rest of his family went to sleep. 'When the authorities came, there were no drugs in his room. There was no injury to his body. So it was a real mystery why he would be dead,' Laura Didier said. 'But tragically, in our county there was a large uptick in fentanyl deaths. So the coroner's office was the first one to suggest it was fentanyl.' Fentanyl is an opiate 100 times stronger than morphine. First synthesized in 1960 by Dr. Paul Janssen, the Belgian namesake of the popular vaccine manufacturer, as a component of intravenous analgesics for severe chronic pain--it later transitioned into an illegal recreational drug.

... The high potency of pure fentanyl will stop a human being from breathing, he said, adding that administering naloxone hydrochloride may help, but that there is not enough of the antidote--commonly called Narcan--around. 'So I tell parents out there to be on the lookout for what your teens are doing with social media, to have a conversation with them about it, to talk to them about it, look for changes in behavior, also sudden changes in behavior,' Dr. Marc Siegel said. 'Are they becoming more isolated because of the pandemic? Is there more depression going on? More anxiety? The mental health crisis right now because of the pandemic, is directly tied into the substance abuse problem.' Siegel added another potent opioid being trafficked from Mexico is Isotonitazene, or 'Iso,' which is one-hundredfold stronger than fentanyl, and went on to criticize the open border policy of the current administration."

☐ **HELPFUL WARNING ABOUT YOGA** - The following is excerpted from "YOGA: Exercise or Religion--Does It Matter?" by Ray Yungen:

"Currently, an estimated 24 million people (as of 2022, that number has increased to nearly 40 million) in the United States are regularly involved with some form of Yoga. In the town where I live, the high majority of health clubs, including the YMCA, YWCA, and the local community college, offer Yoga classes. ... Most of these adults may be vaguely aware of the Hindu component of Yoga but see that as being irrelevant to taking Yoga classes. ... The word 'yoga' actually means to be yoked to or united in body, mind, and spirit with Brahman (the

Hindu concept of God). It doesn't get more spiritually obvious than that. Yoga adherents cannot divorce the religious or spiritual aspects of Yoga from the physical because the physical postures were, from their inception, specifically designed to serve as conduits to yogic religious experience.

... Yoga instructor and author Stephen Cope ... says, 'We are all born divine. ... This is the classic statement of the perennial philosophy of yoga.' ... Occultist and 'prophetess' Alice Bailey ... said, 'The Yogi, or the one who has achieved union (for Yoga is the science of union) knows himself as he is in reality ... he knows himself to be, past all controversy, God.'

... As believers, we are told in *Romans 12:2*, '**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**' We are [to] '**learn not the way of the heathen**' (*Jeremiah 10:2*)

... **When Yoga is viewed through the lens of the Cross of Christ, it is clear that the two are incompatible.** When a person becomes involved with Yoga, he enters a realm of often subtle but powerful spiritual deception. ... The Russel Simmons story is of special interest. Simmons was a young, street-wise black youth who later did quite well for himself as a hip-hop (rap) music producer. Ironically, Simmons did not fit any New Age stereotype, but a friend, as he put it, 'dragged [him] into a yoga class,' and he 'realized [he] had stumbled onto something incredible.' As a result, Simmons acquired the spiritual perspective that always accompanies the practice of Yoga. Simmons relates: 'A lot of the time it seems like people are more comfortable listening to the God that is outside them, but I believe that God is already inside of you. ... The God that's in all of our hearts.' ... Yoga produces a certain perception. That perception is identical with what is commonly called New Age spirituality. Incidentally, Simmons has become a major Yoga 'evangelist' and has written three books (one a best seller), which specifically target the young hip-hop audience. ... Christine Aguilera, popular singer in the vein of Britney Spears, fits right into this pattern. In a 2015 ABC News article titled 'Yoga Serving as Inspiration for Aguilera's New Music,' Aguilera [states that yoga practice results in] 'feeling more in one with the Earth and everyone being connected.' Aguilera is an influence to millions of young girls, who see her as a role model and emulate her."

☐ **FOX NEWS PROMOTES TRANSGENDER NUTTINESS** - The following is excerpted from Ben Johnson, Washington Stand, June 11, 2022:

"On Friday, Fox News Channel aired a story praising a family who allowed a five-year-old girl to begin transitioning to the opposite sex, claiming that the move was inspired by their 'conservative faith,' and that God 'created' the child transgender. The segment wrapped extreme gender ideology in heretical religious verbiage. Fox News highlighted the story of Ryland Whittington, a girl who now identifies as a boy.

...The report noted that the family supported Ryland's

transition to a boy at age five and strongly implied that children whose parents 'push back' against their gender identity will commit suicide. In reality, multiple studies show that 80 to 95% of children with gender dysphoria accept their birth sex by age 18 ["Gender Dysphoria in Children," American College of Pediatricians, Nov. 2018].

"The good news is: They're going to grow out of it. Don't mess them up," said John Whitehall, professor of pediatrics at Australia's Western Sydney University. ... The segment, which was produced by Melissa Chrise, aired Friday morning on 'America's Newsroom' as part of a Fox News Channel series titled 'America Together: LGBTQ+ Pride Month,' indicating several similar stories will follow over the next 20 days. Fellow Fox News reporter Alicia Acuna praised the 'excellent piece' while using the hashtag #Pride2022.

...The segment's most offensive aspect came not from its embrace of infants choosing their own sex, nor from Llenas's condescending remarks. It occurred when Fox News told its viewers that the decision to transition a preschool-aged child stemmed from his mother's 'conservative faith' in God. Hillary said, 'For me, it's just a deep spiritual belief that we believe in God, and He created us the way He wanted us. Well, then yes, He created Ryland just the way [she] is.' There are numerous reasons why this is false. Affirming that God 'created us the way He wanted us' would not necessitate years of hormone treatments, the removal or artificial creation of breasts, eventual sterilization, and the complete surgical reconstruction of the reproductive anatomy. On the contrary, it is precisely the decision to insist on a man-made identity, a 'modern notion of self,' which rejects God's sovereignty as expressed in His created order."

☐ **MOURNING OR FEASTING** - "**And in that day did the LORD God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: And behold joy and gladness, and slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die. And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the LORD God of hosts**" (*Isaiah 22:12-13*).

When Isaiah delivered this prophecy, Judah was in a desperate situation. Assyria was destroying the northern kingdom. The land of Judah was filled with idolatry and moral filthiness. In that dire time, God graciously but forcefully called upon His people to mourn and repent and seek His face, but instead they partied and proclaimed that there was no hope for help or revival. This is exactly what is happening in America and other Western nations today. Politically, morally, and economically, the situation is dire, but instead of calling for repentance and earnest prayer as per II Chronicles 7:14 and I Timothy 2:1-4, most Bible-believing churches are content with their lukewarm spirituality, their infantile discipleship, their shallow biblicism, their soft preaching, and their entertainment agenda. They blame the moral probates, the atheists, and the liberal politicians for the nation's problems, but it is more likely that the root of the problem lies at

their own doorsteps. America doesn't fear God because 99% of the churches don't preach the fear of God.



### **NEWLY-ELECTED SOUTHERN BAPTIST PRESIDENT SAYS SERIAL HOMOSEXUAL PRACTICE WON'T SEND YOU TO HELL**

Last week in Anaheim, the Southern Baptist Convention has now elected the third president in a row who has downplayed the sin of homosexuality.

In 2019, JD Greear—who was elected president in 2018—preached a sermon on Romans 1 and concluded that God believes other sins, such as boasting, are more egregious than homosexuality. In 2021, we revealed that his successor, Ed Litton, had been plagiarising all of his sermons and taught this same, unbiblical teaching. For Greear and Litton, the Bible only “whispers” about homosexuality.

Now, some tweets from 2014 have surfaced and revealed that the newly-elected president, Bart Barber, believes that one can be saved and still practice unrepentant, serial homosexuality.

During a 2014 Twitter thread, Barber asserted that he believes that everyone at the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, which was headed by Russell Moore at the time, believed this.

When pressed, he doubled down and compared homosexuality to boasting and said that practicing serial, unrepentant sin is not enough to send you to Hell if you are “saved by grace.”

**But the Scriptures do not teach this.** The Scriptures teach that those who have been saved by grace cease to practice serial unrepentant sin and it is not ambiguous on this point.

**“Whosoever committeth [habitually practices] sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth [habitually practices] sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 John 3:4-10).**

### **TULSA MEGACHURCH PASTOR MIKE TODD PREACHES IN SHIRT SHOWING HIS WIFE IN A BATHING SUIT**

Tulsa-based Transformation Church's “Lead” Pastor Michael Todd is known for crowd surfing during his church's worship service and spending a lot of money. In the last two years, he's given away \$3,500,000 in houses, cash, and cars, spent \$65,000

to buy 168 pairs of shoes, gave \$600,000 away in “reparations” and gave away a million dollars in a recent sermon series.

He's also known for frequently appearing on *Preachers n Sneakers* Instagram account for wearing insanely expensive clothing and for his disgusting sermon illustration in church after he snorted and then hocked a loogie full of spit and snot into his hand and rubbed it in another man's face. Recently, he also preached a heretical view of the Trinity that failed in every way possible, describing Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Ghost not as persons, but rather “expressions” of God. IE, Modalism.

As part of his “Cuffing” sermon series, which prominently features a pair of furry pink handcuffs and all the innuendo and baggage associated with that, Michael Todd preached on the importance of not getting ‘cuffed’ to negative comments, using Nehemiah as his sermon illustration and how Nehemiah was able to shrug off the mean comment and threats from Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite when he was rebuilding the temple.

Purposefully, as part of his sermon illustration, he wore a shirt of his wife with the caption *‘Hot Girl Summer,’* giving the congregation and the hundreds of thousands of people who stream his service an upfront look at her in a two-piece. He would later have ‘mean comments’ overlaid across his stream, reinforcing his point (the pop-ups are part of the church feed) that he should just ignore the comments.

“Lead” Pastor Michael Todd explains his justification for wearing the shirt, with the video showing his incredulity that all these prudish dum-dum haters would dare be offended by his shirt, all to the cheering and approval of the crowd.

“Today, there'll be comments about the sermon. People will comment good things, people will comment bad things. They will be mad because I had a picture of my wife on my shirt in a bathing suit.

‘How's a pastor gonna get up there tempting everybody?’

“But if you go on Forever 21, right now, your daughter has on a shirt with somebody they don't know, in a bathing suit right now, and you - I love her and she wears bathing suits. Gasp! First Ladies wear bathing suits. Oh my God.

“I'm so done with church people...”

**Wash Your Mind Out With These Quotes From -**



## **Vance Hauer**

**\*“A Christian is not a depository of the truth; he's a dispenser of the truth.”**

**\*“Somebody said there are three kinds of lies: black lies, white lies, and statistics.”**

**\*“A church may have the bones of organization and sound**

**theology. It may have the body of a large membership. But, if the breath of the Holy Spirit is not on it and in it, then it is only Sardis, having a name to be alive but dead.”**

**\*“I don't believe God is going to fill anybody with the Holy Spirit until the purpose of their heart is to glorify Jesus and to glorify God.”**

**\*“Junior bit the meter man, Junior kicked the cook; junior is anti-social now, according to the book. Junior smashed the clock and lamp; Junior hacked the tree. Destructive trends are treated in chapters two and three. Junior threw his milk at mom; Junior screamed for more. Notes on self-assertiveness are found in chapter four. Junior tossed his shoes and socks out into the rain; negation that, and normal. Disregard the stain. Junior got in Grandpop's room, tore up his fishing line. That's the inattention, see page 89. But, Grandpop seized the slipper and yanked Junior 'cross his knee, 'cause Grandpop hadn't read a book since 1893.”**

**\*“Teddy Roosevelt, during the First World War, used to talk about hyphenated Americans. He was talking about German-Americans who had a divided allegiance, and he said, “If you're an American and something else, you're not an American.”**

**\*“It used to be called the Lord's Day, now it is the weekend and if we group all holidays on weekends the devil will have scored another move against Sunday worship.”**

**\*“A lot of dear folks today are either in a state of cholera morbus or St. Vitus's dance [the twitching nerve disorder chorea]. We need to get going for God. Faith in itself has no value unless it connects you with God. The Bible is constantly trying to wake us up: “Stir up the gift of God” (II Tim. 1:6); “Break up your fallow ground” (Hosea 10:12); “Gird up the loins of your mind” (I Peter 1:13). We need to take ourselves by the nape of the neck and make ourselves do what we know we ought to do, whether we feel like it or not.”**

**\*“Where are the marks of the cross in your life? Are there any points of identification with your Lord? Alas, too many Christians wear medals but carry no scars.”**

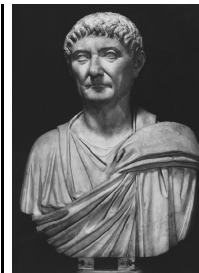
**\*“I believe in the Church and in loyalty to a local church. I am not in favor of that view of the invisible church that makes one invisible at church on Sunday morning.” (Or Sunday night...)**

**\*“Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.”**

**\*“It is better to wake up five hundred Christians than to convert five hundred sinners, for if five hundred Christians really wake up, they will win more than five hundred sinners.”**

**\*“We are not going to move this world by criticism of it nor conformity to it, but by the combustion within it of lives ignited by the Spirit of God.”**

**\*“If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven; you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.”**



## **THE ETERNALITY OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

The emperor Diocletian set up a stone pillar on which was inscribed these words:

**For Having Exterminated The Name Christian From the Earth**

If he could see that monument today, how embarrassed he would be!

Another Roman leader made a coffin, symbolizing his intention “to bury the Galilean” by killing His followers. He soon learned that he could not “put the Master in it”. He finally surrendered his heart to the Saviour, realizing that the corporate body of Christ and its living Head, the Lord Jesus, cannot be destroyed by the onslaught of mortal men.

The history of the church has been represented by the Waldensians in a picture of an anvil with many worn-out hammers lying all around it. Beneath this scene are the words:

**One Anvil - Many Hammers.**

Organized religion may fail; but the living organism composed of all born-again believers will stand forever. God is calling out of this world a people for His name who will dwell with Him throughout eternity. ■

