

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of July 11, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Service	32
Sunday Evening Service	22
Wed. Evening Service, 07/14/21	14

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

- Week of July 11, 2021 -

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -
Sunday Morning Service:

328 Views	168 Engagements	1,169 People Reached
Sunday Evening Service:		
54 Views	49 Engagements	68 People Reached
Wednesday Evening Service:		
35 Views	33 Engagements	52 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of July 11, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 806.15
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/11/21:	\$ 806.15

- Week of July 4, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,519.78
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/04/21:	\$ 3,519.78

- Week of June 27, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 360.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/27/21:	\$ 360.00

- Week of June 20, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 630.47
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/20/21:	\$ 630.47

- Week of June 13, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,052.38
Church Insurance Fund	\$ 25.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/13/21:	\$ 1,077.38

- Week of June 6, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,434.38
Church Insurance Fund	\$ 10.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/06/21:	\$ 1,444.38

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

PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO GIVE.

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



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 08/05/21	\$ 537.92
Amount Received For August	\$ 0.00

AMOUNT STILL NEEDED FOR AUG., 2021:

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

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 AUGUST 1st - 4th 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

❑ **ALBERTA PASTOR FREED FROM JAIL, CHURCH PROPERTIES UNCHAINED** - The following is excerpted from “Pastor Tim Stephens Freed,” jccf.ca, July 1, 2021:

“The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms is pleased to announce that Pastor Timothy Stephens of Fairview Baptist Church was released from the Calgary Remand Centre earlier today. Pastor Stephens has been in jail since Monday, June 14.

...The Justice Centre also confirms that Fairview Baptist Church in Calgary, and Grace Life Church near Edmonton, have been unchained and released from government seizure and will be returned to their congregations effective today. Alberta’s public health orders are subject to Charter challenges in two separate court actions, both dating back to 2020. ... ‘While refusing to present any medical or scientific evidence in court to justify public health orders, the Alberta government has gained international notoriety by jailing three different pastors,’ states Jay Cameron, Justice Centre Litigation Director.

... On the afternoon of Monday, June 14, the Calgary Police Service (CPS) arrived at Pastor Stephens’ house and arrested him in front of his wife and eight distraught children. ... This June 14 arrest of Pastor Stephens relates to an alleged outdoor church service held on June 6, 2021 in Calgary, with about 200 congregants of Fairview Baptist church. A police helicopter was deployed to search for and detect this peaceful outdoor gathering, and to collect evidence against Pastor Stephens of non-compliance with public health restrictions.

... The Alberta government has failed to produce any evidence that outdoor services are a threat to public health. ... The Kenney government in Alberta, including Health Minister Tyler Shandro and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Deena Hinshaw, have engaged in a months-long systematic attack on peaceful worship, arresting and incarcerating three Christian pastors for the ‘offence’ of peacefully gathering to worship, and barricading the pastors’ churches with an intimidating show of police force of scores of officers. Pastors and congregants were issued tickets totalling tens of thousands of dollars, and churches had their locks changed and double and triple fencing erected around them. Health officials and police worked in consort to spy on congregants and church leadership. ... ‘The Alberta Crown has failed entirely to produce evidence to justify its tyrannical lockdowns, a prerequisite under the Charter to justify lockdowns measures that have inflicted much harm on Albertans in the past fifteen months,’ concludes Cameron.”

❑ **FREED CANADA PASTOR SAYS, “DON’T FEAR MAN, FEAR GOD”** - The following is excerpted from “Canadian Pastor,” Christian Headlines, July 6, 2021:

“A Canadian pastor who was released from jail last week told his congregation Sunday he was strengthened by the support and prayers of Christians around the world. Tim Stephens, the pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Calgary, was released July 1, more than two weeks after he was arrested for holding church services

in violation of provincial COVID-19 health restrictions.

...Tears in his eyes, Stephens told the congregation he was ‘encouraged that many of you were strengthened and emboldened in your faith.’ ... ‘Each day, He sustained me and each day I heard of His work among you and in the world,’ Stephens said. Stephens preached from Matthew 10, in which Jesus told the disciples they would face persecution. ... ‘The last 17 nights I’ve spent in jail,’ he said, ‘have given me opportunities to declare the glory of Christ, within and without. [There] never has been a time in my life when I’ve been so hated by people. But never has there been a time in my life when I felt so loved by people [at] the same time. Don’t fear men. Shout from the rooftops that Jesus Christ is King of all kings. ... Fear God. Jesus said [that] God is the one who is going to judge and God is the one who is going to care for you.’

In a blog this summer, Stephens acknowledged COVID-19 is ‘serious’ but argued the ‘cure should not be worse than the disease,’ pointing to problems of mental health and suicide. His church had not had a ‘single transmission’ of COVID-19, he wrote.”

❑ **POTTERY WITH THE NAME “JERUBBAAL” FOUND IN ISRAEL** - The following is excerpted from “Israel Archaeologists Find Biblical Name,” Haaretz, July 12, 2021:

“Archaeologists digging in southern Israel may have found the name of Jerubbaal, scourge of the Midianites, on a broken fragment of a Judges-era clay pot. The inscription in primitive alphabetic writing from the time of the biblical Judges was found in Khirbat er-Ra’i, near Kiryat Gat in southern Israel. ... The shard with the rare ancient writing was found in a subterranean storage pit that had been lined with stones.

...Khirbat er-Ra’i is being excavated under the direction of Prof. Yossi Garfinkel of the Hebrew University, Sa’ar Ganor at the Israel Antiquities Authority, and Dr. Kyle Keimer and Dr. Gil Davis of Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. The writing was deciphered by epigraphic expert Christopher Rollston of George Washington University, who discerned the letters yod, resh, beit, ayin, lamed--YRBA’L, i.e., Jerubbaal. The original inscription had been longer but is lost ... based on time and location, the archaeologists surmise that he may have been none other than the biblical figure Gideon (also known as Jerubbaal), son of Joash, the Abiezrite, whose activities are described at length in the book of Judges. ... Sa’ar Ganor of the Israel Antiquities Authority tends to the theory that it [belonged to the biblical Jerubbaal], on the grounds of his interpretation that the syllables ‘Jeru’ stem from the ancient root of ‘rav’ in the sense of ‘fight’ (not rabbi); and who did he fight? Baal. ‘He broke Baal’s altar,’ Ganor points out, according to the biblical narrative.”

CONCLUDING COMMENT: “Jerubbaal” was not a common name. It was a name given to Gideon because of the unique occasion when he broke Baal’s altar (Judges 6:28-32). A true worshiper of Baal would not have had that name, and no other Israelite would have had it.

❑ **CUBANS PROTESTING TO DEMAND END OF COMMUNISM** - The following is excerpted from “Anti-Government Protests Erupt,” Daily Caller, July 11, 2021:

“Thousands of protesters marched the streets throughout Cuba Sunday retaliating against the country’s communist regime. The Cuban Communist Party elected Miguel Diaz-Canel to replace Raul Castro as president during its April 19, 2018 election, Reuters reported. Cubans in over 32 cities protested in retaliation to the communist regime chanting ‘Freedom! Down with Communism!’ and ‘Patria y Vida’ (Homeland and Life) in a live Facebook video. The demonstrators demanded access to food, medicine, vaccines and the end to communism amid a massive Covid-19 outbreak.

... Footage showed a group of protesters marching in the Malecón waving the American flag while chanting ‘Libertad!’ (Liberty). ... A crowd of protesters gathered outside of the Communist Party headquarters chanting, ‘Cuba isn’t yours!’ ... Santiago de Cuba police joined the mass protests, marching alongside the demonstrators, footage showed.” Armando Simon, who was born in Cuba, says, “The Communist regime is bankrupt. It took a beautiful, prosperous country and, as with every country Communists control, ran it to the ground. Through the years, the government has taken out loans and in every case has defaulted” (The Federalist, June 2, 2017).

❑ **LIFE IN COMMUNIST CUBA** - The following is excerpted from “Here’s What Life Is Like,” Daily Caller, Feb. 4, 2020:

“Members of the student activist group Turning Point USA (TPUSA) traveled to Cuba to find out what a full generation of socialism has done for the once-thriving country. ‘Everything you’ve ever seen about Cuba is a lie,’ TPUSA’s Benny Johnson warned viewers in a video published Monday. ... the ‘effects of socialism are everywhere,’ as Johnson noted, and Cuba’s citizens are suffering ... Cuban citizens, the activists found, are forced to endure hours-long waits for groceries and gas; one option for each food product in grocery stores; no fresh fruit, fresh vegetables or fresh meat; ‘oppressive government surveillance’; streets covered in trash and reeking of filth; broken infrastructure and more.

...‘These ideas [communism] have devastating consequences wherever they’re tried and the same would be true in our country [America] just as it was in Cuba,’ Kirk said. ‘It’s never been more important for Americans to see the truth with their own eyes.’ ... Johnson said: ‘The effects of socialism are everywhere [in Cuba]--crumbling infrastructure and disgusting living conditions. That is what socialism has brought to Cuba. Maybe the socialists in America should take a short trip, a short 90 mile trip, and come here and say they want this in America,’ Johnson added.

❑ **ANDY STANLEY AGREES WITH JORY MICAH THAT JESUS IS NOT BIBLICAL** - A few years ago, Andy Stanley, son of famous First Baptist Atlanta’s pastor, Dr. Charles Stanley, took a lot of heat after making the assertion that Christians need to “unhitch” from the Old Testament because,

he said, the Law does not apply to Christians.

In a recent tweet on social media, celebrity Jory Micah contended that the goal of Christianity is to be Christlike rather than biblical. Andy Stanley agreed.

Of course, the first question that comes to any sane person’s mind is: *How do we know how to be Christlike?* If you guess “the Bible,” you’d be correct.

Andy Stanley, in fact, has already essentially “unhitched” Jesus from the Scriptures. In 2020, Andy Stanley told his congregation on Easter Sunday that we “don’t believe in the resurrection because of the Bible.” Of course, he didn’t give a valid explanation of why anyone should believe in it and blathered on about oral tradition—very similar to Roman Catholicism.

Andy Stanly has made a number of dubious claims about the Christian faith and in particular, the Scriptures. Famously stating that Christianity needs to “unhitch” from the Old Testament, he told his audience that the Ten Commandments don’t apply to Christians. He’s flopped on homosexuality — telling the mother of an openly gay and practicing girl that her daughter was saved. He promotes the idea that even if you don’t believe in Jesus, you can have a better life by following His teachings. His rampages against the Scriptures, where he has told people that they don’t need to feel like they should defend the Scriptures because they aren’t really that important and it isn’t what Christianity rests on have been notable, as well. ■

