

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of August 1, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	24
Sunday Evening Service -----	20
Mon. Evening Service, 08/02/21 -----	27
Tue. Evening Service, 08/03/21 -----	14
Wed. Evening Service, 08/04/21 -----	17

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

- Week of August 1, 2021 -

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

Sunday Morning Service:	78 Views	86 Engagements	74 People Reached
Sunday Evening Service:	108 Views	101 Engagements	111 People Reached
Monday Evening Service:	109 Views	92 Engagements	98 People Reached
Tuesday Evening Service:	95 Views	77 Engagements	111 People Reached
Wednesday Evening Service:	56 Views	37 Engagements	69 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 1, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,457.38
Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer -----	\$ 1,137.18
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/01/21:	\$ 2,594.56

- Week of July 25, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 634.06
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/25/21:	\$ 634.06

- Week of July 18, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,085.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/18/21:	\$ 1,085.00

- 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

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



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

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

AMOUNT **SHORT** FOR AUG., 2021: ----- \$ 537.92

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
White Family -----	Custodians
Flowers -----	Shirley & Brenda White
Sound/Video -----	Seth White

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Why Church Attendance Is STILL So Important

This year, with all the changes facing churches, demonstrates why church attendance is still important. An online post from a major ministry struck a nerve when it stated the necessity of church attendance for your growth as a believer in Christ.

It's surprising to me how many Christians struggle with the idea of church attendance. We are at a crossroads in our nation on the importance of going to church. According to research, church attendance has remained virtually the same percent of our national population for the past 70 years, however, this still means there are a huge number of American Christians who are not active in a local church - **in the tens of millions.**

Of course, this isn't a new problem. Since the beginning of Christianity, the early leaders had to challenge this mindset, saying, **"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"** (Hebrews 10:25).

Church Attendance Still Matters

A popular Christian social media catch-phrase is, *"You don't go to church, you are the church."* While I get the sentiment in some ways, this is an **unhealthy** view, pitting "being the church" and "going to church" against each other. If we are truly "the church," then we will surely get together with other believers regularly. **We cannot "be" the church, if we don't "go" to church.** Not fully anyways.

The "church" never connotes a single, individual, "lone ranger" Christian just going about his Christian duties and never gathering together to worship with other believers. The "church" by its very nature means multiple believers: **"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"** (Matthew 18:20).

This is both the biblical and historical pattern set forth for us by the first followers of Jesus. They would get together weekly to worship God together, and at times even daily. They would also share community together in each other's homes. Paul and the other Apostle's letters were actually sent to these church communities that gathered in various cities to be read aloud together. **Church means getting together with other believers to worship Jesus Christ, and hear the Scriptures together, and encourage one another in the faith.**

Craig Groeschel shared recently,

"There is something better. To worship God together and be committed to worship Him together, to hear His Word together. **Do not reduce church to listening to a podcast - it's SO MUCH MORE than that.** It's community. It's worshipping with other, praying for others, hurting with others, serving others, being involved in the lives of others."

Christian Commentator Banned From Twitter for “Misgendering” Says She Won’t Budge

Christian author, speaker, and conservative commentator, Allie Beth Stuckey, was banned from Twitter on Thursday for “misgendering” a transgender athlete.

On August 2, Stuckey tweeted in reference to transgender athlete, Laurel Hubbard, as a “he” and subsequently received a suspension notice from Twitter for breaking the rules against “hateful conduct.”

“You may not promote violence against, threaten, or harass other people on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religious affiliation, age, disability, or serious disease,” the email stated.

In response to her suspension, Stuckey said in an interview with Faithwire that she would not be budging on this issue because “Biology matters. Sex differences matter,” and “Facts matter.”

“As a Christian, I know two things to be true,” Stuckey wrote in an email. “One, all people are made in God’s image, no matter their stated identity and, therefore, have immense value and, two, men are men and women are women.”

Stuckey has become a prominent voice within Reformed Evangelical circles, even speaking at G3 Conferences.

In 2019, Stuckey made headlines after calling out Beth Moore for holding to “unbiblical, worldly theology,” stating:

This is one of quite a few myths that Christian women believe, not as much Christian men...a lot of women preach the Bible with this me-first or me-centered mentality—that everything in the Bible is about them, and they’ve kind of reduced Jesus to this emotionally supportive boyfriend that is almost like their gal-pal who just sits around and tells them how awesome their hair is and how great their personality is. I’ve always disliked that about female Christianity because that’s not who Jesus is.

Son of Former SBC President Comes Completely Out of the Closet, Admits He’s a Homosexual

Though Jonathan Merritt, the son of the former Southern Baptist Convention president, James Merritt, was “outed” for having a gay encounter with another man at a Christian conference several years ago, he’s never actually openly and fully admitted that he is gay.

On August 4, 2021, all that changed.

In a post on Instagram, Jonathan Merritt came completely out of the closet admitting that the life he lives publicly is “disconnected” from his private life, and that he wants to set the record straight before he turns 40. In the post, he writes,

“Some of you may not know this part of my story. I have learned to live authentically in my personal life, sharing with friends the fullness of who I am. But the experience of being

outed left me bruised and untrusting and dead dog afraid to offer these vulnerable parts of myself for public consumption and critique. So, I haven’t really written about my identity online.”

Here, Merritt is correct in stating that he’s never publicly admitted this. He says it’s because he doesn’t “want to live fearful of the opinions of strangers or the venom of bigots.” Of course, everyone knows those “bigots” are simply people who actually believe the Word of God to be true.

Merritt continues to describe himself as a Christian and says that he’s had to “learn to love the delightful human that God made when God made me.”

He continues, “So today, I’m raising a glass to my full and complete self—a gay man, beloved by God, who has endured the worst the world could throw at him and fought his way to health and wholeness.”



WHAT CAN WE DO IN THE FACE OF ANARCHY?

by Evangelist David Cloud

What can God’s people do in this present world, in the midst of lawlessness and apostasy? God has told us exactly what to do.

1. Don’t Be Surprised

God’s Word prophesies the condition of the world and of professing Christianity, and this is exactly what we see in our day.

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (II Timothy 3:1-5).

2. Make Sure You Are Saved

The Bible warns that Christianity in the laws days will be a powerless one. ***“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (II Timothy 3:5).***

It is imperative to make sure that you are really born again and ready to meet Christ.

3. Be Ready for the Shout

“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be

caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (I Thess. 4:15-18).

“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Romans 13:12).

“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand” (Philippians 4:5).

“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door” (James 5:8-9)

“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer” (I Peter 4:7).

“And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand” (Revelation 22:10).

4. Focus on Your Heavenly Citizenship

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory” (Colossians 3:1-4).

5. Build Real New Testament Churches

“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (I Tim. 3:15).

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:41-42).

5. Fulfill Christ’s Great Commission

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:18-20).

6. Pray

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and

acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (I Timothy 2:1-4).

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ephesians 6:18).

7. Be Law-keepers and Supporters of Law-enforcers

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour” (Romans 13:1-7). ■

