

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of August 28, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service	-----41
Sunday Evening Service	-----36
Wednesday Eve., 08/31/22 Service	-----22

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 28, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 950.50
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/28/22:	\$ 950.50

- Week of August 21, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 1,809.00
Education Wing Hallway Carpet Fund	----- \$ 650.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/21/22:	\$ 2,459.00

- Week of August 14, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 706.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/14/22:	\$ 706.00

- Week of August 7, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 2,763.95
Love Offering	----- \$ 73.95
Education Wing Hallway Carpet Fund	----- \$ 530.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/07/22:	\$ 3,367.90

- Week of July 31, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 1,060.00
Love Offering	----- \$ 145.00
Education Wing Hallway Carpet Fund	----- \$ 100.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/31/22:	\$ 1,305.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



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://tithel.y/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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PLAN NOW TO BE HERE TO SEE AND HEAR -

Faith of Our Founding Fathers

Presented by Missionaries Daniel & Jennifer Charland



AN ENLIGHTENING, EDUCATIONAL, AND INSPIRING LIVING HISTORY PRESENTATION IN 18th CENTURY PERIOD CLOTHING THAT COVERS:

- ☛ America's Christian Foundations
- ☛ Why America is in Danger Today
- ☛ How to See Revival in 21st Century America

NEXT WEEK! SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 11 O'CLOCK

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO LEARN WHERE OUR FREEDOMS REALLY CAME FROM, WHY THEY ARE IN DANGER OF SLIPPING AWAY, AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO TURN THINGS AROUND!

LISTEN TO -



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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☐ **CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST RECOGNIZE CHRISTIAN CLUB THAT OPPOSES HOMOSEXUALITY** - A federal appellate court has ruled that a California high school must allow a club for Christian athletes requiring participants to sign a "sexual purity" statement opposing homosexuality to meet on campus as an official student group. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes over a dispute surrounding its efforts to regain official recognition at Pioneer High School in San Jose. A 2-1 opinion authored by Judge Kenneth Lee contends that the San Jose Unified School District violated the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by revoking FCA's status as an official student club at its high schools in 2019.

The FCA's "sexual purity" statement declares, "God desires His children to lead pure lives of holiness." The statement also highlights the Bible's teachings that "the appropriate place for sexual expression is in the context of the marriage relationship" and that "the biblical definition of marriage is one man and one woman in a lifelong commitment.

☐ **ASSOCIATED PRESS GIVES JOURNALISTS PERMISSION TO SAY WOMEN GET PREGNANT** - The following is excerpted from "Associated Press," PJMedia, Aug. 20, 2022:

"The Associated Press Stylebook has updated its guidelines to let journalists know that they have permission to use phrases like 'pregnant women' and 'women seeking abortions' in their reports. 'We now have guidance saying that pregnant women or women seeking abortions is acceptable phrasing,' the AP Stylebook announced on Twitter. 'Phrases like pregnant people or people seeking abortions are acceptable when you want to be inclusive of people who have those experiences but do not identify as women.' ... The AP added 'pregnant people' to its guidelines in May, and the newly revised guidelines clarified that the historically and biologically correct term 'woman' or 'women' was still okay to use. Of course, the AP earned mockery from both sides on this update--with radical leftists angry that the AP has resumed acknowledging biological sex still exists."

☐ **CHINA "LIQUIDATES" HOUSE CHURCH AS PART OF CRACKDOWN** - The following is excerpted from "China 'Liquidates,'" Morning Star News, Aug. 26, 2022:

"Authorities in China on Aug. 19 officially 'liquidated' an historical house church in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, as part of a crackdown on churches that refuse to join the state-controlled Three-Self Church, rights advocates said. The Church of Abundance, which began about 30 years ago, had been targeted as a 'cult' that allegedly collected illegal donations, but officials closed it as an 'illegal social organization'--that is, one that refused to join the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)-controlled Three-Self Church, according to Italy-based religious rights organization Bitter Winter. The closure appeared to be part of Chinese President Xi Jinping's call in December 2021 for action against 'non-Sinicized' and 'illegal' religious groups, Bitter

Winter reported. 'Xi Jinping's plan of compelling all Protestant Christians to join the government-controlled Three-Self Church or face arrest and liquidation of their churches as xie jiao or illegal religious groups is being ruthlessly implemented,' the group stated. The Church of Abundance was ordered to cease activities or its members and pastors would be subject to arrest and detention. Bitter Winter reported that Church of Abundance Pastor Lian Changnian and his son, Pastor Lian Xuliang, were placed under 'residential surveillance at a designated place.'

☐ **PUSH BACK AGAINST GENDER-ALTERING PROCEDURES ON CHILDREN** - The following is excerpted from "American Academy of Pediatrics," CBN News, Aug. 24, 2022:

"Gender medical treatment for children has seen a staggering spike in recent years. In the U.S. alone, more than 50 pediatric clinics perform or refer out for procedures, including surgery, that could leave young patients unable to have children of their own. Now, a surprising move by the American Academy of Pediatrics may be putting the brakes on such radical measures. It comes in the wake of criticism from parents and professionals, plus a significant shift in direction overseas. In July, the United Kingdom stunned many when it closed its Tavistock Centre, the country's gender clinic for children. The shutdown came after an independent review found shaky scientific evidence for pushing hormones, puberty blockers, and surgery

... Now, a class action lawsuit against Tavistock is launching with potentially up to a thousand affected families joining. Barrister Thomas Goodhead is leading the suit and told Times Radio, 'I think this is going to be one of the largest medical negligence scandals of all time.' ... In the U.S., social media protests over pediatric gender clinics have taken off, prompting places like the Boston Children's Hospital to remove videos explaining its surgeries. On Monday, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) appeared to backpedal, saying that for the vast majority of children it does not recommend medical treatment or surgery. In 2018, it called the watchful waiting method, which delays medical treatment, an outdated approach. ... Many parents are rising up by seeking support in parent groups or becoming politically active after witnessing how gender medicine has harmed their children. Doctors are also speaking out in professional groups like SEGM [Society for Evidence-based Gender Medicine]."



Dr. Vance Havner
1901 - 1986

WHAT CHRIST MEANS TO ME

Dr. Vance Havner

It is a privilege to speak to my friends in the name of Him who has called us His friends if we do the things which He commands us. Someone asked Charles Kingsley, "What is the secret of your beautiful life?" He answered, "I had a friend." And I have often thought that if this life of mine ever approaches the beautiful and true it will be because -

"I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!

He loved me ere I knew Him;

He drew me with the cords of love,

And thus He bound me to Him."

There are many things about which I am too ignorant to speak wisely -- and, I hope, too wise to speak ignorantly -- but I can speak of Christ with freedom, for then I am boasting of Another and not of myself. Josh Billings used to say, "I'd rather know a few things for certain than be sure of a lot of things that ain't so!" In a day when men are chasing a thousand and one things that "ain't so" I rejoice in "Jesus Christ the same."

I have found in Christ a life that is beautifully simple and simply beautiful. In Him I find, first of all, PARDON. "God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." I have read of a Russian soldier who, years ago, sat in his tent one night before a list of debts he could not pay. He had written at the bottom of the list, "Who is to pay for all this?" As the hours went by, he finally fell asleep. The Emperor came by, looked in the tent, saw the soldier, came up closer, saw the list of debts and the pitiful question. It is said that the Emperor affixed his own royal signature to the bottom of the list, so that when the soldier awoke, he found his debts paid. I know that once I faced moral and spiritual debts which I could not pay. But Jesus, with the blood of Calvary, wrote, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Is it any wonder that rainy days become radiant days when the heart can sing? -

"Jesus paid it all;

All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain;

He washed it white as snow."

Because Christ means Pardon, He also means PEACE to me. Through Him I have peace with God, and as I make my requests known to God with thanksgiving, the peace of God which passes all understanding -- and as someone once said, all misunderstanding too! -- garrisons my heart and mind through Christ Jesus. This world has no peace: "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." We are all so crazy these days that it has been reported that monkeys have been known to go insane watching people on the outside of their cages! Someone has spelled modern life in three words, "Hurry, Worry, Bury." The world has insomnia of the soul. It has tried all the opiates and sedatives, but there is only one prophylactic against fear and worry. You don't keep it, it keeps you: "My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives."

Then Christ gives me a purpose: "To live is Christ." A woman met her husband when he got off a merry-go-round and she said, "Now, look at you: you spent your money, you got off right where you got on, and you ain't been nowhere!" It is a perfect picture of modern living. A philosopher once said, "One reason why some folks never get anywhere is because they weren't going anywhere in the first place." But Christ gives us a purpose, and that purpose is just Himself. As the Mississippi flows through the middle of America and the tributaries feed into it on both sides, so when one seeks first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all else flows into that central purpose, to know

Christ and to make Him known.

Christ also means POWER, the power to see the purpose through. "All power is given unto me," He said, and Paul declares, "I can do all things through Christ." Jesus is not only our Saviour, He is our sustenance, He is "the power of God." His power is made real to us by the Holy Spirit, not that we may brag about it but that we may be His witnesses.

And then He means PLENTY, spiritual abundance. "All things are yours," says Paul to the Christian. Again he speaks of "having nothing, yet possessing all things." It is the Christian's paradox. He doesn't have to get rich, he is rich, for "the Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him" (Romans 10:12). Most of us appreciate but do not appropriate what we have in Christ. We carry checks on the bank of heaven and never cash them at the window of prayer. We are Bible window-shoppers: we stroll up and down through the show-windows of God's Word and never possess what we perceive. God, who spared not His Son, shall with Him also freely give us all things.

Finally, Christ gives me an eternal PROSPECT. "Where I am, there ye may be also." Someone has said, with reference to the life to come, that in the Old Testament they were willing to go but wanting to stay, while in the New they were wanting to go but willing to stay. Jesus had made the difference. And what a difference it makes to be with Christ! A mother whose little son had died, told her little daughter, "Your brother has gone to be with Jesus." Later, in conversation with a friend, she spoke of having lost her little boy. The daughter spoke up and said, "But, mother, you said he was with Jesus. How can he be lost if you know where he is!" Truly, the Christian can say of his departed loved ones in Christ:

"Death can hide but not divide;

Thou art but on Christ's other side.

Thou art with Christ and Christ with me;

In Christ united still are we."

These are some things Christ means to me. All I need is found in Him. He is Alpha and Omega and all the letters between He is the same yesterday, the historic Christ; the same today, the indwelling Christ; the same tomorrow, the coming Christ.

People ask me sometimes, What is your persuasion? I tell them that I am of Paul's persuasion: persuaded that nothing can separate me from God's love in Christ; persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed against that day; and, knowing the terror of the Lord, constrained by the love of Christ, I would persuade men.

Christ is my message. Some years ago, two boats were passing each other on the Mississippi, when one passenger said to another passenger, "Look, yonder's the captain!" When asked for an explanation, he said, "Years ago, we were going along like this and I fell overboard. That captain rescued me. And since then, I just love to point him out!"

Some years ago, this writer was overboard, in water too deep for his wit and will to navigate. But the Captain of our salvation leaped overboard from glory to rescue him. And I just love to point Him out! ■