

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of September 11, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service	43
Sunday Evening Service	30
Wednesday Eve., 09/14/22 Service	23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of September 11, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,375.20
Love Offering, Dan & Jennifer Charland	\$ 130.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/11/22:	\$ 1,505.20

- Week of September 4, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,212.00
Lighting for church street sign	\$ 40.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/04/22:	\$ 2,252.00

- 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

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



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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://tithely.com/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!**

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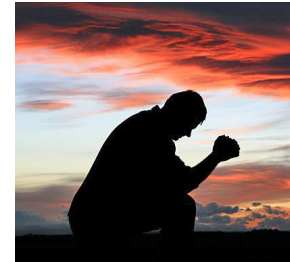
Todd W. White	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell	Evening Pianist
Derek Quinnelly	Greeter
Larry & Mary Byars	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr	Custodian
GinaMarie Shufelt	Flowers
Seth White	Sound/Video

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?

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"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

Do you know the Spirit of God? Do you commune with Him? Do you fellowship with Him? The Spirit of God is co-equal, co-existent, and eternally existent with God the Father and God the Son. When we speak of the Holy Spirit, we speak of God.

When I received Christ, the Holy Spirit, who is God, came to live in me. I received all of God that I will ever receive at the moment I was saved, but He wants more and more of me with each passing day. When I trusted Him as my Saviour, He came into the throne room of my life, but day by day I must allow Him to be on the throne of my life.

There is a great deal of confusion about the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Many people are ignorant of the truth of God's Word concerning the Holy Spirit and Holy Spirit fullness. However, there is something much more tragic than ignorance. It is Christians who are not ignorant, but who are indifferent to the work of the Holy Spirit of God.

The Bible says, *"Be filled with the Spirit."* Imagine taking a sponge and putting it in a bucket of water, allowing the water to be absorbed in the sponge. Is the water in the sponge, or is the sponge in the water? The answer is both. The water is in the sponge, and the sponge is in the water. When I trusted Christ as my Saviour, He came to live in me; but I was also placed in Him. By the marvelous work of the Holy Spirit, I was baptized into the body of Christ by the Spirit of God, and I became a part of the body of Christ.

When we read and hear about people being filled with the Holy Spirit, people who have been greatly used of God, sometimes the experience they talk about seems so far-reaching that it appears unattainable to the ordinary Christian. This is not what the Bible teaches. Being filled with the Spirit of God is something we should seek on a daily basis. Read Ephesians 5:18-25 and consider these things.

The Context of This Passage -

The context or broader text of this passage is related to the everyday life of a family. This means that Dad cannot be the father he should be without being filled with the Holy Spirit. A Christian lady cannot be the wife God wants her to be without being filled with the Holy Spirit. A Christian child should be Spirit-filled in order to live the kind of Christian life that honors and obeys his parents.

The Command to Be Filled -

Being a Spirit-filled Christian is not an option; it is a command. We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. To disobey this command would be like disobeying any other command in the Bible.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, God produces the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. There are nine graces in that one fruit. God gives us these nine graces in Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." The fruit of the Holy Spirit comes through Holy Spirit filling.

If I said that I cannot be the preacher I should be without being filled with the Holy Spirit, you would agree. You would agree with me that the filling of the Holy Spirit is necessary for us to be witnesses, however, if I said that I cannot be the husband to my wife, the father to my children, and the grandfather to my grandchildren that I should be without being filled with the Holy Spirit, you may raise an eyebrow a bit. Nevertheless, it is true. (continued inside)

A Christian who works in an office, answering the telephone, cannot answer the phone correctly without being Spirit-filled. As a Christian, you cannot be the boss you should be without being Spirit-filled. If you are an employee, you cannot be the employee you should be as a Christian without being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Conditions of the Filling -

We need His filling for our lives, our homes, our families, our churches, our jobs, and more importantly, for the glory and honor of our Saviour. Christ is honored and glorified the most from the life of a Spirit-filled Christian. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in this world is to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ. As we are filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives magnify the Lord.

What are the conditions of the Holy Spirit's filling?

1. THIRST - In John 7:37-39 the Bible says,

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Notice the word **"thirst."** He said, ***"If any man thirst..."*** We must thirst for the Lord.

One great preacher of days gone by said that the secret to the filling of the Holy Spirit is absolute and total surrender to Jesus Christ, and anything the Spirit points out in your life that needs to be given to Him, at that moment, you give it to Him.

Dr. Lee Roberson said many times that there must be emptiness and willingness in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is true. We must thirst for God. Would it be good for God to make us thirsty? Yes, but we do not want to be thirsty. Many times, God must make us thirsty for His Holy Spirit's filling.

2. BELIEVE - In this same passage, in verse thirty-eight, we find that the second condition is believing Him. The Bible says, ***"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."*** In verse thirty-nine, we find that Christ is speaking of the Holy Spirit. We must believe on Him. We come thirsting before the Lord and say, ***"Lord, I thirst to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to honor and magnify the Lord."***

If we believe God for this promise to be filled with the Spirit, we will serve God with more liberty and freedom. We will know in our hearts something of the nearness of Christ that we have not known. God will give us a peace we have not had to believe that He is in control and that all will be well.

3. ASK - The third condition has to do with asking. The Bible says in Luke 11:11-13,

"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts

unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not like going in for a blood transfusion and getting pumped up with new energy. The Holy Spirit is not a substance. He is a Person. We must ask for this Person to fill us. He already has residency. We need to give Him the presidency. He is already in the throne room. We need to give Him the throne. If we want to hold onto our lives and live the way we want to live, it cannot happen; but if we hunger and thirst after Him, and believe that He wants to fill us and will fill us, and we ask Him to do it, we have His promise that He will fill us.

Today, may each one of us come to the Lord and say, ***"Lord, fill me."***

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **SBC LEADERS PUSH PRO-ISLAMIC PROPAGANDA IN INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION LED BY SOUTHERN BAPTIST AND ISLAMIC LEADERS** - Southern Baptists, who are supposedly hold to the inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture, are, instead, ordaining women to the pastorate, baptizing practicing "married" homosexual couples, embracing Critical Race Theory, and are graduating far-left feminists and transgender activists from their seminaries.

Now, they've started a new organization with the sole purpose of imbuing Southern Baptists with pro-Islamic propaganda called ***Neighborly Faith***. The organization describes itself as a "student movement introducing Christians to neighbors of every faith", but the leadership and contributors are well-known Southern Baptist names including Micah Fries, Dan Darling, and Trillia Newbell - all of whom have ties to Russell Moore and the ERLC of the SBC. It also includes a number of Islamic authors and speakers as part of its official list of contributors.

Neighborly Faith claims its purpose is to help Christians understand misconceptions about Muslims and to be a "good neighbor" to them claiming that "Too few Christians know their neighbors of other faiths, and too few of our neighbors know a Christian."

Yet, when looking through the material offered by Neighborly Faith, it immediately becomes clear that this isn't meant to be a tool for Christians to use in the Great Commission as they carry the gospel to the lost and dying—instead, it's meant to muddy the waters between Christianity and Islam and give a false impression about the wickedness of the Islamic religion.

❑ **BETH MOORE HEADS PREACHING CONFERENCE AT GAY-AFFIRMING "CHRISTIAN" UNIVERSITY** - Beth Moore will be joining several other far-left activists including Charlie Dates, another lady-pastor named Mary Hulst who teaches at a similarly apostate school, Calvin University, and the pastor who left the Southern Baptist Convention because, get this, it wasn't woke enough, Ralph D. West, for a conference to teach students how to preach to be held at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Baylor launched a website on sexuality last week which appears to take a softening stance on homosexuality. The website states that it is "committed to providing a caring, loving and supportive community for students in all aspects of their lives, including the development of their sexuality."

Baylor University president, Linda Livingstone, announced in a letter to students, faculty, and staff that students would not be disciplined for identifying as LGBTQ and that the university would provide resources for LGBTQ students through the Title IX Office, Bias Response Team, Chaplain's Office and Spiritual Life, and the Counseling Center.

The action to become more inclusive to LGBTQ students at Baylor comes on the heels of a push by gay advocacy groups on campus for more rights and recognition. In 2015, Baylor removed language from their code of conduct that characterized homosexual acts as "misuses of God's gifts."

❑ **CIRCUS-LIKE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH WORSHIPS TO LITERAL CIRCUS PERFORMANCE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE** - Church by the Glades in Coral Springs, FL, a Southern Baptist church, made headlines in early 2020 after its pastor, David Hughes, was selected by another Florida pastor, David Uth, to speak at the 2020 Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting. Church by the Glades has been well known for its carnality, worldly appeal, and extravagant performances of secular dance and music including the Stormtrooper Dance, Disney Medleys, and covers of Beyonce's *Freedom*. Recently, the church performed a live cover of foul-mouthed rapper, Kendrick Lamar's N95 which contains, in the original version, dozens of swear words, blasphemies, and references objectifying women.

Other world-worship songs selected by this church and its band include a cover of the pro-LGBTQ Mormon band, *Imagine Dragon*, and another of Shirley Manson's band, *Garbage*. And most recently, a cover of the extremely anti-Christian band, Run-D.M.C.'s *Walk This Way*.

Now, in their latest circus act, the church puts on a literal circus act. Doing a live cover of Kacey Musgrave's *What a World*, the church literally has acrobats swinging from the ceilings to entertain the goats, bringing new meaning to what the great Baptist preacher, Charles Spurgeon once predicted:

"A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats!"

❑ **MIKE LINDELL SURROUNDED AND QUESTIONED BY FBI ON WAY BACK FROM HUNTING TRIP; CELLPHONE CONFISCATED** - MyPillow CEO and election integrity activist Mike Lindell found himself pinned into a corner at a fast-food restaurant while returning to Minnesota Tuesday from a duck-hunting trip in Iowa. The FBI had apparently tracked him all the way to Iowa and back through his cellphone.

On the return trip, when they reached Mankato, Minnesota, Lindell and his hunting buddy pulled through a Hardee's drive-through to make an order. He pulled ahead

after giving his order and a car zoomed in front of him to block his exit. Another car pulled up and pinned him to the right, the wall of the restaurant was to the left.

They were trapped. The cars were all different models, driven by undercover agents.

Lindell opened his door and said, "who are you?", and demanded to see their badges. He said "what do you want? They said "we need to talk to you." They showed more badges.

The men refused to arrest Lindell, even though he asked them to. Instead, they said they just wanted his cell phone. His lawyer, whom he called on the spot, advised him to hand over the phone.

❑ **NEW GUN LAWS IN NEW YORK STATE PUT CHURCHES AT RISK** - On September 1 of this year, New York's new gun laws went into effect. Passed in July on the same day it was introduced, the law includes a list of "sensitive places" where concealed carry is now off-limits. These include: "schools, "nursery schools, preschools, and summer camps," and "any place of worship or religious observation." Unless someone is a member of law enforcement, an active member of the military, or a security guard, if someone takes their gun to any sensitive place in the state of New York, including church, they will be guilty of a felony. A church, synagogue, temple, or mosque can always hire private security — provided there is room in the budget for it. But members will be prohibited from carrying their guns.

Along with the sensitive area restrictions, the laws require a license to purchase a semi-automatic rifle, among other things, and raise the age for the purchase to 21. People cannot purchase body armor if they are not in an "eligible profession." The law also includes microstamping ammunition, a ban on magazines that hold more than ten rounds, and an expansion of the state's ed flag laws.

