

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 4, 2020

Sunday Morning Service -----	15
Sunday Evening Service -----	9
Wed. Evening Service, 10/07/20 -----	9

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of October 4, 2020

- Number of people who watched our services on Facebook -
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 35 "Live" & 24 During The Week
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 45 "Live" & 12 During The Week
 Wed. Evening Service ----- 38 "Live" & 34 During The Week

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 4, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,030.00
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 60.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/04/20:	\$ 1,060.00

- Week of September 27, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 908.84
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/27/20:	\$ 908.84

- Week of September 20, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 944.89
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/20/20:	\$ 944.89

- Week of September 13, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,155.70
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/13/20:	\$ 1,155.70

- Week of September 6, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,389.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/06/20:	\$ 1,389.00

- Week of August 30, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 96.91
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/30/20:	\$ 96.91

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

**PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO GIVE,
 ESPECIALLY NOW.**

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.

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, our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE DURING THIS CRISIS:

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 GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS!

Church Directory

Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd -----	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell -----	Evening Pianist
VOLUNTEER NEEDED! -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley & Brenda White
Sound/Video -----	Seth White



Barna Poll: 40% of Christian Evangelicals are Pretty Much a Bunch of Socialist, Pro-Choice Pagans

The Barna Research Group, which focuses on the intersection of faith and culture offering a range of customized research, resources, and training to serve churches, non-profits, businesses and leaders, recently released another survey for self-described evangelicals and it has confirmed what all the other polls have said, just with rapidly heightening percentages. Results reveal that nearly half of evangelicals are pretty much a ragtag group of biblically illiterate, confused, socialist, sexually progressive weirdo pagans.

The survey released Tuesday, part of the Cultural Research Center (CRC) of Arizona Christian University' American Worldview Inventory 2020 survey, shows an increasingly troubling trend. Famed Polster George Barna reveals:

The most startling realization regarding the theological reformation in progress is how many people from evangelical churches are adopting unbiblical beliefs. What makes that trend so significant is that evangelical churches, by definition, teach that the Bible is the authoritative word of God that teaches not only salvation by grace alone but also an array of life principles that are meant to drive one's thoughts and actions.

Several polling results found that apply specifically to American evangelicals - a term that is not loosely defined but rather must meet 9 different criteria- reveal:

- 48% believe a person who is good enough or does enough good works can earn eternal salvation
- 44% do not believe that history is the unfolding narrative of God's reality
- 44% claim the Bible is ambiguous in its teaching about abortion
- 43% maintain that when Jesus was on earth, He sinned
- 42% seek moral guidance primarily from sources other than the Bible
- 42% do not identify and confess their sins on a daily basis
- 40% accept lying as morally acceptable if it advances personal interests or protect one's reputation
- 36% prefer socialism to capitalism
- 34% reject the idea of legitimate marriage as one man and one woman
- 34% argue that abortion is morally acceptable if it spares the mother from financial or emotional discomfort or hardship

The results certainly do not reflect favorably on the churches that these people attend. Barna says it nicely "If the views of the people attending our Christian churches these days are any indication, we need to redirect our efforts for greater impact."

Half the people in this poll are unregenerate pagans and have a false assurance of salvation. They're part of seeker-sensitive churches that don't teach the whole counsel of God, led by emasculated betrayers of Christ who'd just as soon preach on self-help and trivialities than a mercilessly tortured Christ who was murdered on a cross because of mercilessly foul sins- slitting the throats of their sheep with bad teaching and then juggling their heads to entertain the goats.

May God have mercy on us. ■

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[Pastor's Note: This is, I believe, because the Christians who were polled are members of churches that use bibles other than the King James Version. Their "modern" bibles teach the very things listed above. This is what happens when the Word of God is abandoned for a book that may contain the Word of God, but is not THE Word of God. -TWW]



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 11/05/20-----	\$ 506.00
Amount Received To Date -----	\$ 60.00

TOTAL STILL NEEDED BY 11/05/20 ----- \$ 446.00

Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!

BLACK LIVES MATTER

A BIBLE LESSON FOR BLACK LIVES MATTER TIMES

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

Black Lives Matter (BLM), founded by women who claim to be

trained Marxists, is praised by prominent politicians, including the highest ranking Democrats in the U.S. Congress and Democratic governors and mayors, painted as a slogan on city streets and professional basketball courts, and taught in public schools. But BLM is not based on eternal truth and is therefore destined for judgment, regardless of how successful it might be in the short term.

America needs the Word of God, not Marxist propaganda which has never built anything good and righteous in its 175 year history but rather has left behind a heritage of mayhem, totalitarian enslavement, and death. **“Revolutionary Marxism still holds the record for having deceived, enslaved, terrorized, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered more millions of people than any other ideology. The Leninist and Maoist interpreters of Karl Marx sacrificed over 160 million civilians on the altar of global equality. And that’s the conservative estimate”** (Christopher Haun, The Eight Spectres of Karl Marx in the 21st Century).

America needs to learn about Jesus Christ and the apostles and prophets more than about George Washington or Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King, Jr.

The failure of churches over the past 100 years to preach and to teach God’s Word faithfully and without fear and to refute error has created widespread biblical illiteracy with the resulting lack of wisdom and spiritual and moral discernment. It has created a void in which every sort of error propagates.

The Word of God can bring true heart-level change of character, racial harmony, generational accord, economic wisdom, stability in home and government. It teaches mercy, forgiveness, kindness, peace, gentleness, goodness. It teaches true wisdom to mothers and fathers and youth and law enforcement personnel and political leaders.

It is the Word of God that has taught Samuel Armstrong, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, and a great many other men and women love for their fellow man:

“I learned this lesson from General Samuel Chapman Armstrong [head of the school where Booker T. was educated], and resolved that I would permit no man, no matter what his color might be, to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him. With God’s help, I believe that I have completely rid myself of any ill feeling toward the Southern white man for any wrong that he may have inflicted upon my race. I am made to feel just as happy now when I am rendering service to Southern white

men as when the service is rendered to a member of my own race. I pity from the bottom of my heart any individual who is so unfortunate as to get into the habit of holding race prejudice” (Booker T. Washington, Up from Slavery, 1901).

“In the sight of God there is no color line, and we want to cultivate a spirit that will make us forget that there is such a line anyway” (Up from Slavery, 1901).

“The man is unwise who does not cultivate in every manly way the friendship and goodwill of his next-door neighbor, whether he be black or white” (Up from Slavery, 1901).

“Great men cultivate love ... Only little men cherish a spirit of hatred” (Up from Slavery, 1901).

“Keep your hand in that of the Master, walk daily by His side, so that you may lead others into the realms of true happiness, where a religion of hate, (which poisons both body and soul) will be unknown, having in its place the ‘Golden Rule’ way, which is the ‘Jesus Way’ of life, will reign supreme” (George W. Carver, 1927).

Following are some of the great truths of God’s Word that are far wiser than Black Lives Matter doctrine or the 1619 movement. These are eternal truths. They can be ignored and denied, but they cannot be destroyed and they will not fail.

☐ All men are created in God’s image, and all men have descended from the first man, Adam. There is only one “race” of men.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Genesis 1:27).

“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring” (Acts 17:26-28).

☐ The Bible does not mention a sin of “racism,” but it does describe and condemn the sins of pride, malice, envy, murder, kidnapping, hateful and hating one another, and many others.

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness” (Mark 7:21-22).

“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Romans 1:29-32).



Funnies

☐ The Worship service had started and the pastor started his pastoral prayer with these words, “Let us pray, Father we know we are but dust...” when a 6 year old boy with a voice that could be heard around the section where he and his parents were seated turned to his mother and asked, Mother, what is “but dust.”

The congregation suddenly erupted in giggles - the pastor’s prayer was over.

☐ During a revival meeting, an evangelist asked the people in line what they needed.

One man’s request was for his hearing. The evangelist spit on his finger, put it in the man’s ear, prayed for him and then asked him, “How’s your hearing now?”

He said, “I don’t know - it’s next Tuesday.”

☐ **GRANDPA RETIRED AND HE AND GRANDMA MOVED TO FLORODA** - After a Christmas break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holidays.

One small girl wrote her “child’s view of retirement”:

We always used to spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma.

They used to live here in a big brick home but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They all live in little tin boxes. They ride three-wheeled bicycles and they all wear name tags because they don’t know who they are.

They go to a big building called a wrecked hall but if it was wrecked, they got it fixed because it’s all right now.

They play games and do exercises there but they don’t do them very well.

There is a swimming pool there. They go in it and just stand there with their hats on. I guess they don’t know how to swim.

As you go into their park, there is a doll house with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can’t get out without him seeing them. When they can sneak out, they go to the beach and pick up shells that they think are dollars. My grandma used to bake cookies and stuff but I guess she forgot how.

Nobody cooks. They just eat out. They eat the same thing every night – early birds. Some of the people are so retarded they don’t know how to cook at all, so my grandma and grandpa bring food into the wrecked hall and they call it “potluck”.

My grandma says Grandpa worked all his life and earned his retardment. I wish they would move back up here but I guess the little man in the dollhouse won’t let them out.

☐ A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn’t find a space with a meter.

So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block 10 times. If I don’t park here, I’ll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.”

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. “I’ve circled this block for 10 years. If I don’t give you a ticket, I’ll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.”

☐ An unscrupulous businessman was feeling very ill and went to the doctor. The doctor examined him and backed away, saying, “I’m sorry to tell you this, but you have an advanced case of highly infectious rabies. You must have had it for some time. It will almost certainly be fatal.”

“Could you give me a pen and paper?” asked the businessman.

“Do you want to write your will?”

“No, I want to make a list of all the people I want to bite.”

☐ A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, “Jesus knows you’re here.”

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard “Jesus is watching you.”

Startled, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

“Did you say that?” he hissed at the parrot.

“Yes”, the parrot confessed, then squawked, “I’m just trying to warn you that he’s watching you.”

The burglar relaxed. “Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?”

“Moses,” replied the bird.

“Moses?” the burglar laughed. “What kind of people would name a bird Moses?”

“The kind of people who would name a Rottweiler Jesus.”



America's schools today that was read in former times is the Bible. Prior to the 20th century, the Bible wielded a major influence in the lives of the vast majority of Americans regardless of religious affiliation or profession. The *New England Primer*, the most important textbook in America from 1690 to 1790, and which continued to be published until the 1930s, was filled with quotations from the Bible.

The introduction to the 1900 edition said, "*The New England Primer ... contributed, perhaps more than any other book except the Bible, to the molding of those sturdy generations that gave to America its liberty and its institutions.*" Beginning in 1783, Noah Webster's *Blue-Back Speller* educated generations of American children, selling nearly 100 million copies. It, too, was packed with quotations from the Bible. Webster's 1828 *An American Dictionary of the English Language*, the nation's most popular dictionary, was filled with references to the King James Bible. Webster's influence on American education was so great that he has been called "The Schoolmaster of the Republic." From 1836 to 1960, at least 120 million copies of the McGuffey Readers were sold, and they, too, had strong biblical content. William McGuffey was a Christian whose passions were "education and preaching the gospel." By the use of the Bible itself and Bible-based textbooks, Americans of the 17th through the 19th centuries were steeped in Scripture from a young age, and this had a large influence on society even among the unsaved. In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court ridiculously ruled that devotional Bible reading in public schools is unconstitutional. But before the Bible was removed from the public schools, it was removed, in a practical sense, from most churches and Christian homes.

☛ **BLACK LIVES MATTER EMPLOY MAFIA TACTICS TO DEMAND THAT BUSINESSES SUBMIT TO THEIR AGENDA** - The following is excerpted from "Immigrant Business Owner Battles BLM Activists," The Daily Wire, Sep. 30, 2020:

"In video captured by a Daily Caller reporter, Louisville business owner Fadi Faouri--who immigrated to America as a teen without knowing the language and with only \$100 in his pocket--is leaning against his store window with gun in-hand when activists swarm him and ask for his verbal support of Black Lives Matter and agreement that 'Breonna Taylor matters.' The businessman refuses to promote the radical activist group and emphasizes that he 'doesn't see color,' but looks as people as 'human beings.' ... Mr. Faouri told the New York Post that he's been protecting his storefront for months and was trying to move his location. The place he was leasing, however, was burned down by rioters last week, just as he was finishing up the renovations. ... 'Every night we have a new store that got looted. They break in, they take whatever and go. They walk away.' ... 'They cannot force me to say something I don't want to say,' he said. 'They try to force me to do stuff that I don't want to do, and I will not do.' 'If I made it in this country with no language whatsoever when I came in, and \$100 in my pocket, nobody has

any right to say they can't make it in this country,' the businessman said, adding, 'There's a different way and better ways to handle this. What they're doing, they're doing it wrong.'

... According to a report from the Courier-Journal, dozens of businesses in NuLu, a small commercial district in downtown Louisville, have been hit with race-based demands from activists. As laid out by the outlet, the activists' list of demands include the following: Employ more black people; purchase more inventory from black retailers; undergo diversity training. Activist Phelix Crittenden outlined three 'rankings' local businesses can score: 'A' for 'Ally,' 'C' for 'Complicit,' and 'F' for 'Failed.' ... While some business owners have already signed 'contracts' to comply with the demands and acknowledge alleged gentrification of the area, some business owners are standing firm. Restaurateur and Cuban immigrant Fernando Martinez, for example, slammed the activists for their 'mafia tactics.' 'There comes a time in life that you have to make a stand and you have to really prove your convictions and what you believe in,' Martinez said in a Facebook post. 'All good people need to denounce this. How can you justified (sic) injustice with more injustice?' 'If you and I can sit down as human beings that we are without screaming at each other, without calling each other names, without offending each other, we can come to an understanding,' Martinez told a protester. 'How is destroying our business going to bring any justice?'"

☛ **PAT ROBERTSON MOCKS CHRISTIANS FOR BELIEVING CREATION ACCOUNT** - TBN's Pat Robertson, recently made fun of Christians for believing God made the world like the Bible says. Robertson - who believes that he has the power to put up forcefields against hurricanes - doesn't believe God has the capacity to create the world *ex nihilo* or tell a story correctly.

On his 700 Club program, Robertson made the claim that it's "foolish" to think God made the world in six days. Robertson said, "... I don't think most Christians are stupid enough to believe that other...The other is the Ussher theory...if you added all the generations from Adam until the current time, and you say, "Alright, that adds up to 7,000. Okay. And so, therefore, the Earth's only 7000 years old. Well, that's just nonsense." He went on, "I mean, there are just too many geological factors, too many things that have happened on our Earth. The Earth is about 14 billion years old, and there's just no question about it."

Standing in the way between Christians and God's account of creation are...dinosaurs. Robertson said, "You've got the dinosaurs. You've got all the things that have happened on this Earth. And there's too much geology, I mean, it's just established science. So the idea of having a 6-7,000-year Earth is just...It's just...Any Christians who believe that, just, I'm telling you that, they aren't very up on today's...I believe science! I mean, let's face it! You know, God didn't...This whole planet was set up for God's purpose. The universe is tuned for life. But it didn't get here in 6-7,000 years! It got here over...almost 14 billion years to get this Earth to where it is right now." ■

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19).

☛ All men are equally sinners before God and equally condemned.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

"What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:9-18).

☛ The nations have been wicked since their origin in the days of Cain and his descendants. Every nation has been corrupted because its citizens are sinners. There has not been a truly righteous, just nation on earth since man's fall, not even Israel in her heyday during the kingdom of David and Solomon. The Bible describes many ancient nations--such as Egypt, Elam, Edom, Hittites, Philistines, Canaanites, Phoenicia, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome--and all were unrighteous. All of them practiced slavery. There was no economic equality, no social equality, no equality in justice. America, too, is deeply imperfect, but it is superior to other nations in history in these things. To demand perfection of America is mindless utopianism that ignores the reality of the entire human history.

"And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold. And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son,

and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew" (Genesis 4:17-25).

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Genesis 6:11).

☛ All men can be saved and changed, reconciled to God and reconciled to their fellow man. This is the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Only the gospel has the power to change men's hearts and create a "new man."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16-17).

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference" (Romans 3:21-22).

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

☛ Jesus Christ came to teach men the law of love, and that is the solution for all of man's problems.

"These things I command you, that ye love one another" (John 15:17).

"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:8-10).

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15).

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

☛ Rage, robbery, rampage, and murder are evil in God's eyes. There is no justification for these things in God's Word. They are never righteous.

"Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 10:13).

"Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15).

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not

covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" (Exodus 20:17).

"Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer" (Proverbs 28:24).

"A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him" (Proverbs 28:17).

"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof" (Proverbs 1:10-19).

□ Anarchist movements are prophesied in the Bible and condemned.

"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. ... But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was" (II Timothy 3:1-4, 9).

"There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men" (Proverbs 30:11-14).

□ The so-called "nuclear family" is a divine institution. It was created by God at the dawn of man's history. It is composed of a man and a woman who are joined together in holy matrimony, committed to one another for life, plus the offspring of that couple. This institution has been recognized universally for the full length of man's history until this present generation.

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:4-6).

□ There will be no utopia on this earth until Christ

establishes His kingdom, and it will be a kingdom of truth and righteousness. It will be established by God's almighty power.

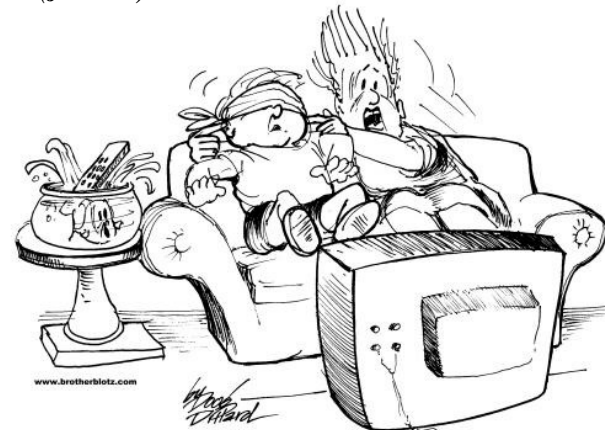
"Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. ... He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. ... In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. ... Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight" (Psalm 72: 1-2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14).

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matthew 24:29-31).

□ Only those who are born again will see Christ's kingdom.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). ■



NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

◆ **CHINESE CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLER SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON** - The following is excerpted from International Christian Concern, Oct. 1, 2020:

"A Chinese Christian online bookstore owner, Chen Yu, was charged with 'illegal business operations' on September 27. He was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined 200,000 RMB (\$29,450 USD). ... Chen will also have his iPhone confiscated. Additionally, the 12,864 Christian books from his bookstore will be destroyed by the Linhai City Public Security Bureau. ... Gina Goh, ICC's Regional Manager for Southeast Asia, said, 'The sentence for Mr. Chen Yu shows how the Chinese government is increasingly frightened by all things religious. From religious symbols, Chinese couplets, to Christian books, anything that features religious elements is no longer tolerated by the Chinese Communist Party. The disproportionate sentencing of Christians, such as Early Rain Covenant Church pastor Wang Yi and Chen Yu, under the same charge implies that the crackdown against Christianity will only intensify. The US government and international community should continue to stand up to the tyranny in Beijing.'"

◆ **CONGRESSIONAL STUDY PAINTS SHOCKING PICTURE OF THE STATE OF MARRIAGE IN AMERICA** - The following is excerpted from "Media Ignores Congressional Report," The Epoch Times, Aug. 25, 2020:

"Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah), the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) chairman, told The Epoch Times on Aug. 24, 'Everything comes back to the family. The family is the foundation of our society and, if the institution of marriage is suffering, then everything is suffering. Repairing the institution of marriage should be our top priority.' ... 'Researchers have well established that children raised by married parents do better on a wide array of outcomes. They have stronger relationships with their parents, particularly with their fathers. They are also much less likely to experience physical, emotional or sexual abuse,' the meticulously documented report states. They have better health, exhibit less aggression, are less likely to engage in delinquent behavior, have greater educational achievement, and earn more as adults. They are also far less likely to live in poverty.

Among the effects of the decline is a steep increase in the number of **children born to unwed mothers, which climbed to 40 percent of all births in 2018 from 5 percent in 1955**, according to the latest available federal data. Moreover, according to the report, **'over two-thirds of births to black women (69 percent) are to unwed mothers, and over half (52 percent) of births to Hispanic women are.'** **The figure for non-Hispanic white women is 28 percent. ...**

With more illegitimate children living with one parent comes steadily worsening quality of life indicators, including higher crime rates, lower educational attainment, more poverty, and less hope for the future, especially among black and Hispanic children trapped in failing inner-city public schools. ... 'The means-tested

welfare system consists of more than 80 programs that provide cash, food, housing, medical care, and social services to poor Americans,' it says. 'Most all of these programs penalize marriage, such that when household income rises, welfare benefits decrease.' Removing such disincentives is where Lee hopes to refocus federal policy. 'I think the first thing the federal government should do is to stop harming the institution of marriage,' he told The Epoch Times. 'Marriage was much better in America before the federal government started creating incentives to undermine it. We need to focus on ending those federal disincentives to marriage.'"

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The welfare state has definitely been destructive to the family. But we must not forget the apostasy and lukewarmness and worldliness of the churches. Examine the spiritual and moral and doctrinal condition of the churches in a community and you will find a fundamental cause of the social ills that predominate in those communities. Add to that the influence of the filthy hip-hop culture and pornography and the godless brainwashing of the public school system and the victimization mentality and you have the top elements in the destruction of the home in America.

◆ **SOCIALISM IN THE U.S. PUBLIC SCHOOLS** - "A 2018 study of more than 8,600 tenure-track professors by Brooklyn College professor Mitchell Langbert found registered Democrats outnumber Republicans at 51 of America's leading liberal arts colleges by a ratio of 10.4 to one.

As important as bias on college campuses is, it's only one piece of the puzzle. Much of the problem goes back much further, to K-12 schools, where only 27 percent of teachers identify as Republicans, according to a national survey by the Education Week Research Center. Not only are K-12 teachers more likely to vote for Democrats and favor left-wing causes, socialist ideas permeate nearly every aspect of government-run schools. ... From their earliest days, young students are taught by modern state curriculum standards to be cogs in the societal wheel rather than independent thinkers. The educational focus is often placed on performing well on standardized tests and memorizing facts, not learning how to make difficult moral choices or cogent arguments with classmates. ...

In many public schools, teachers are outright hostile to conservative ideas and openly embrace radical left-wing positions like single-payer health care. Given the state of the current educational system, it's not surprising that many young people identify with the collectivist principles of the far left and not with the rugged individualism that has been the foundation of American life for centuries. Our children aren't being taught the same principles the American Founders were taught when they were kids; children today don't even read the same books the Founders read. Is it any wonder then that they don't think the same way John Adams and Thomas Jefferson did?" ("America's Public Schools Have Become Socialist Indoctrination Factories," Townhall, Jan. 28, 2019).

CONCLUDING NOTE: The main book that is not read in