

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...
- Week of October 15, 2023 -
Sunday School 34
Sunday Morning Service 43
Sunday Evening Service 28
Wednesday Eve., 10/18/23 Service 18

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...
- Week of October 15, 2023 -
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,462.44
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/15/23: \$ 1,462.44
- Week of October 8, 2023 -
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 927.29
Porch Restoration Fund \$ 116.22
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/08/23: \$ 1,043.51
- Week of October 1, 2023 -
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 2,783.05
Love Offering \$ 33.68
Porch Restoration Fund \$ 135.64
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/01/23: \$ 2,952.37
- Week of September 24, 2023 -
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 718.57
Children's Sunday School Missionary Fund \$ 2.00
Foundation Repair Fund \$ 106.51
Steeple Repair Fund \$ 250.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/24/23: \$ 1,077.08
- Week of September 17, 2023 -
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,275.30
Children's Sunday School \$ 2.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/17/23: \$ 1,277.30
Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,600.00



- 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 of the 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

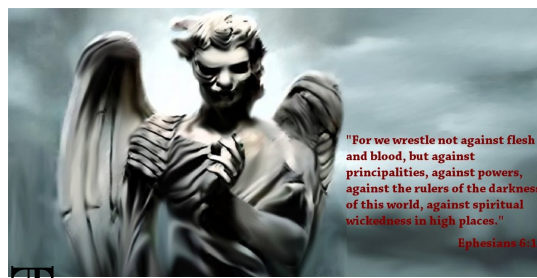
WE ARE GLAD WE CAN NOW GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD & STUDY HIS WORD TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH-HOUSE! YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US KEEP UP WITH THE BILLS AND CONTINUE OUR RENEWED OUTREACH EFFORTS!

Church Directory

Table with 2 columns: Name, Role. Includes Todd W. White (Pastor), Debra Carlton (Pianists), Derek Quinnelly (Greeter), Kim Phillips (Teachers), Larry & Mary Byars (Outreach), LeAnna White (Custodian), GinaMarie Shufelt (Flowers), Seth White (Sound/Video).

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WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

The following is why dirty politics and conspiracies and corrupt schemes in high places can never long prevail and why the righteous should not fret at the prosperity of the wicked. God's people are to trust in their God and do good and wait for Him, for He is the King who ruleth over all.

Those who cannot do this should not profess to have faith in Christ and should admit that they don't really obey the Bible.

To do good in this present age is to focus on Christ's Great Commission until He comes for His bride. This is how we "do good" today. This is the business that Christ taught, repeated, and emphasized after the resurrection (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8).

- "be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23).
"To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste" (Deuteronomy 32:35).
"The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him" (Ezra 8:22).
"So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai" (Esther 7:10).
"Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same" (Job 4:8).
"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure" (Psalm 2:2-5).
"Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate" (Psalm 7:14-16).
"The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken" (Psalm 9:15).
"Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about" (Psalm 32:10).
"Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate" (Psalm. 34:21).
"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb" (Psalm 37:1-2).
"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken" (Psalm 37:9-15).

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- ❑ “*For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off*” (Psalm 37:28).
- ❑ “*Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found*” (Psalm 37:34-36).
- ❑ “*Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah. The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him: Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness*” (Psalm 52:2-7).
- ❑ “*They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep. But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory*” (Psalm 64:6-10).
- ❑ “*When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever: But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore. For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine ene mies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered*” (Psalm 92:7-9).
- ❑ “*Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off*” (Psalm 94:20-23).
- ❑ “*The desire of the wicked shall perish*” (Psalm 112:10).
- ❑ “*evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him*” (Psalm 140:11).
- ❑ “*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*” (Proverbs 1:16-18).
- ❑ “*Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices*” (Proverbs 1:31).
- ❑ “*Evil pursueth sinners*” (Proverbs 13:21).

- ❑ “*Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall*” (Proverbs 16:18).
- ❑ “*Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him*” (Proverbs 26:27).
- ❑ “*Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit*” (Proverbs 28:10).
- ❑ “*Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him*” (Isaiah 3:11).
- ❑ “*For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind*” (Hosea 8:7).
- ❑ “*the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies*” (Naham 1:2).
- ❑ “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*” (Galatians 6:7).
- ❑ “*Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord*” (Hebrews 10:30).
- ❑ “*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever*” (I John 2:17).

The verb “passeth” is present indicative. The present tense is a continuous tense, and the indicative mood “asserts something which is occurring while the speaker is making the statement.” So the world is passing at this time. This present world system seems to be permanent, but it is even now in the process of passing away. That’s what God says. But he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. God holds the reins. He is using this present world system for His eternal purpose, and it will be finished exactly when God decides, to be replaced by Christ’s kingdom.

The prophet Daniel described the end of this present world system. In the dream given to Nebuchadnezzar, it was depicted as a great image of a man representing the ruling empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome (Daniel 2:31-35).

Daniel’s interpretation explains that Rome continues in various forms until the return of Christ, at which time the world system will be crushed and replaced with Christ’s righteous kingdom. “*Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth*” (Daniel 2:34-35).

Bible commentator Robert Lenski says, “The world is now in the act of passing away. It is its very nature not to last. Its doom is overtaking it. Its glory is fading, its flowers are withering, its promises are failing, its hopes are crumbling. Isa. 14:11. ... Does the siren voice of the world tickle your ears? Hear the word of truth: ‘The world is passing away!’ The bank is breaking, it was never solvent--will you deposit in it? The foundation is tottering, it was never solid but only sham--will you build on it? The mountain is rumbling, quaking, it was never anything but volcanic, ready to blow off its head at any time--will you build your city there?” ■



The following is excerpted from Bill Cooper’s
The Authenticity of the Book of Daniel (2012).

Bill Cooper (1947-2021) was a prolific writer and speaker, with a gift of cutting through the fog of biblical criticism to defend the infallible, plenary, verbal inspiration of Scripture, the six-day creation, and the Masoretic Hebrew and Received Greek texts.

He was a council member of the Creation Science Movement and the Tyndale Society and an adjunct professor for the Institute for Creation Research’s Master Faculty.

His most popular book is *After the Flood*, which gives evidence for the historicity of Genesis 10 based on ancient, little known British and European genealogies.

He published a series of books entitled “*The Authenticity,*” which included *The Authenticity of the Book of Genesis, Joshua, Judges, Esther, Daniel, Jonah, the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation*. In *The Forging of Codex Sinaiticus*, Cooper gave evidence to support his thesis that Sinaiticus (on which is built the modern English Bible translations) is a forgery.

Cooper was a careful researcher, an independent thinker, and a brave defender of God’s eternal truth. He accomplished this in spite of suffering serious illnesses, including leukemia, the last two decades of his life.

We can’t agree with all of his conclusions; at times he seems to be dogmatic when the evidence isn’t absolute; there is an occasion or two when he might have been led astray by Jewish mysticism; but everything we have read from his pen is well worth considering.

If you want to be encouraged in your faith in the divine inspiration of Scripture, read Bill Cooper.

Not all of his books are currently available in print, but all of them are available in Kindle format from Amazon.

To confound them [Bible critics] though, there are many small, almost unnoticeable, items of internal evidence within the Book of Daniel which tell plainly of its antiquity, and which no forger would have thought of, no matter how ‘pious’ or well-intentioned he may have been.

Daniel 10:4 contains one such: “*And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel....*” The use of the name **Hiddekel** is most interesting. The Persians knew that river as the *Tigra*, and Greeks knew it as the *Tigris*. *No post-Persian Greek-speaking Maccabaeian forger of Daniel would have used the river’s ancient Hebrew name.*

Daniel 5:2 contains another powerful indicator of early authorship: “*Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded*

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to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.”

The Lord is in the detail here. Notice how women were allowed to be present and to partake of royal feasts under the Babylonians. That was never allowed under the Persians. Women were banished to their own quarters. The Book of Esther records that fact.

The mathematics of the Book of Daniel is another indicator of the 6th-century BC authorship of the book. In Daniel 3:1, the writer describes in sexagesimal dimensions the image which Nebuchadnezzar set up on the Plain of Dura (of which more later).

The Babylonians used a sexagesimal system of mathematics.

But how would our Maccabaeian forger have known this? The Persians and Greeks had for 400 years past used the decimal system, the same one that we use today. The sexagesimal system would have been entirely unknown to him. In Daniel 8:2, we are told, “*...I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam...*” The curious thing here is that Shushan belonged to Elam in Babylonian times and even earlier, but **not** in the 2nd century BC, nor in the preceding three centuries. Then it was considered to belong to, and indeed was, the capital of the province Susiana.

There are many other indicators in the Book of Daniel showing a 6th-century BC authorship, along with a most intimate knowledge of Babylonian culture and affairs. We shall be considering more of them as we proceed. Suffice it here to say that such points as we have considered are entirely ignored by the critics, or are passed over without comment.

