

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 19, 2020

Sunday Morning Service -----	21
Sunday Evening Service -----	19
Wed. Evening Service, 10/21/20 -----	7

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of October 18, 2020

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -
Sunday Morning Service:

209 Views 125 Engagements 424 People Reached

Sunday Evening Service:

61 Views 88 Engagements 96 People Reached

Wednesday Evening Service:

61 Views 94 Engagements 94 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 19, 2020 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 158.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/19/20: \$ 158.00

- Week of October 11, 2020 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 683.94
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/11/20: \$ 683.94

- Week of October 4, 2020 -

Undesignated 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 -

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

- Week of September 20, 2020 -

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

- Week of September 13, 2020 -

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

**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.**



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!

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

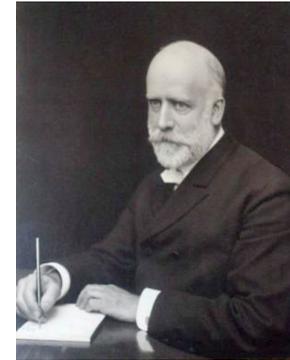
Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd -----	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell -----	Evening Pianist
VOLUNTEER NEEDED! -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley & Brenda White
Sound/Video -----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

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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**Dr. R. A. Torrey
1856 - 1928**

A Deacon Who Went Fishing on Sunday

by Dr. R. A. Torrey

One night when I arose to preach in the Chicago Avenue Church I saw sitting just to my left in the front seat underneath the gallery one of my deacons and side by side with him a flashily-dressed and hard-looking man. I at once concluded that he was a sporting man and I said to myself, "Deacon Young has been fishing to-day." It is a good thing to have deacons that go fishing on Sunday—fishing for souls.

Every little while as I was preaching, I would turn around and look at that man. His eyes were riveted upon me. He was paying the closest attention. Evidently the whole scene was strange to him and some power, mysterious to him, had taken hold of him. When we went to the inquiry room below, Deacon Young brought him along.

I was late talking to inquirers that night, and about eleven o'clock Deacon Young came over to me as I finished with one inquirer and said, "Come over here and talk to a man that I have." I went over. It was this big sporting man. He was shaking and groaning with emotion.

"Oh," he groaned, "I don't know what is the matter with me. I never felt like this before in all my life. I never was in a place like this before," he continued. "My mother keeps a gambling house in Omaha, and we are Roman Catholics, but this afternoon as I was going down the street over here, I saw some of your men holding an open air meeting. As I passed, one of them rose to speak. I had known him before when he was leading a wild life, and out of curiosity I stopped to listen. I listened until he was done speaking and then continued on my way, intending to go down on Cottage Grove Avenue to meet some men to pass the afternoon gambling. But I had not gone two blocks before some strange power took hold of me and brought me back to the meeting. When the meeting broke up, this man (pointing to Deacon Young) brought me to your church to the Yoke Fellow's Supper, and then to the meeting afterwards, then took me up-stairs to hear you preach. Then he brought me down here. Oh," he groaned again, "I don't know what is the matter with me. I feel awful. I never felt this way before in all my life."

"I will tell you what is the matter with you," I said. "You are under conviction of sin. The Spirit of God is dealing with you. Will you take Christ as your Saviour?"

The huge man fell on his knees on the floor and commenced to cry to God for mercy. Jesus Christ met him there. His sobs ceased, a look of peace came into his face and he left the building rejoicing in Christ. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **POLL FINDS THAT A MAJORITY OF WHITE AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO GENDERS** - The following is excerpted from “Black voters far more likely than white,” Just the News, June 25, 2020:

“A new Just the News Daily Poll with Scott Rasmussen found 62% of Black U.S. voters said there are only two genders, biological male and females, while 49% of whites and 51% of Hispanics said the same. Thirty percent of black voters said there were ‘other gender identities,’ compared to 44% of whites and 39% of Hispanics. Among U.S. voters overall, and of all races, just 51% believe there are only two genders while 41% believe there are other gender identities. ‘This is a pretty significant measure of a massive cultural shift,’ Rasmussen said. ‘As on many other questions, there is a significant gap between voters under 45 and their elders. A majority of older voters believe there are just two genders. Younger voters are evenly divided.’”

❑ **CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS REMOVING NAMES OF FOUNDING FATHERS** -Forty-four schools in the San Francisco School District are being renamed, including those named after the nation’s founding fathers. The list includes eight schools named after *George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Paul Revere*, and *Francis Scott Key* (composer of “The Star Spangled Banner”) (“Dianne Feinstein Elementary on List of ‘Inappropriate’ School Names,” The Daily Wire, Oct. 16, 2020).

The name of any person who fails any one of the following criteria is to be removed: **“Anyone directly involved in the colonization of people; slave owners or participants in enslavement; perpetrators of genocide or slavery; those who exploit workers/people; those who directly oppressed or abused women, children, queer or transgender people; those connected to any human rights or environmental abuses; those who are known racists and/or white supremacists and/or espoused racist beliefs.”**

This level of insanity is a judgment of God on a wicked nation. **“lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?” (Jeremiah 8:9).**

❑ **CHINA’S PREMIER ACKNOWLEDGES 600 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING ON \$35 A WEEK** - The following is excerpted from “China’s Premier Acknowledges Serious Economic Crisis,” The Epoch Times, May 30, 2020:

Since China has no freedom of speech and no free press and the internet and social media are constrained, when a Chinese leader admits that things are not well, they are probably much worse than he admits. “Chinese leader Xi Jinping said during his 2020 new year’s message that his goal was for China to become a ‘moderately prosperous’ society in the coming year. But Xi’s target seemed out of reach, according to Li’s latest comments. ... When a reporter asked Li about China’s plans for eliminating poverty and growing the middle class, Li answered: ‘Our average annual income is 30,000 yuan (\$4,198). But there are 600 million

people whose monthly income is only 1,000 yuan (\$140).’ China’s population is 1.439 billion. 600 million is roughly 41.7 percent of the total population. ... The premier also admitted that the pandemic has done serious damage to China’s economy, using the analogy of ‘a big car driving on a road covered with thorns.’

Beijing will cut down on expenses, and has also ordered local governments to do the same, he said. Li also announced that the central government will issue national debt and local government bonds--valuing 2 trillion yuan (\$280 billion) in total - to prop up the economy.”

❑ **BLACK LIVES MATTER FUNDING** - The Black Lives Matter movement is awash in funding by leftist foundations that strangely seek to destroy the very nation that made them rich. Billionaire George Soros has given more than \$33 million in grants to Black Lives Matter through his Open Society Foundation, and the Ford Foundation and Borealis Philanthropy announced a campaign in 2016 aimed at raising \$100 million for the Black-Led Movement Fund (BLMF) (“Black Lives Matter cashes in,” Washington Times, Aug. 16, 2016). Movement for Black Lives (M4BL), which is closely associated with BLMF, “demands” racial reparations, defunding the police, defunding jails and prisons, decriminalization of drug offenses and prostitution, end to pretrial detention, reduction in military expenditure, end of surveillance of communities, universal health care, free abortions, free education with a focus on “special protections for queer and trans students,” free daycare, free meals for students, rent cancellation, mortgage cancellation, debt cancellation, acceptance of looting and destruction of property, and support for “queer, trans, gender nonconforming, intersex.”

Then there is the Black Lives Matter Global Network, which is the recipient of millions of dollars in funding from Airbnb, Amazon, Cisco, Dropbox, Fitbit, Gatorade, Microsoft, Nabisco, Unilever, Tinder, and others. The BLM Global Network’s mission includes replacing the “nuclear family structure” and promoting the LGBT agenda (“These 18 Corporations,” The Daily Signal, July 7, 2020).

❑ **A BETTER KIND OF “WOKE”**- We received the following communication recently:

“I am writing this e-mail from Budapest, Hungary, Europe to thank you for the effort you put in the books you have published and shared. It was God’s providence how I stumbled into this and with a divine goal that I must be more strong for future challenges such as church ministry and eventually starting my own family. I constantly save your books on my desktop as if there is no internet tomorrow! I find this bookstore a treasure trove and it is not possible to express with words how much you helped me! I think in the last month I downloaded or purchased 30-35 ebooks and have dug deep in the topic of New Evangelicalism, Emerging Church, discipling church, CCM, and women’s service unto God.

I started with the Book *Separation: its Doctrine and Practice*

and I feel God guided me to this book first. I can’t express my gratitude to God how happy I am that I got rid of this evangelical dark yoke that makes countless kinds of pressure on the shoulders among Christians in Christian ministry, dating, dressing, worship, way of thinking, attitude in church, path of ministries, ecumenical fellowships and more. I have to say, since I was born again in 2013 I had in these topics many many fears and burdens and I never had a peace of conscience, neither assurance in these things. ... Hungary has done almost completely secular. In ‘better days’ it was 65% Catholic and 20% Protestant country, but nowadays the atheism grows. ... Anyway I wanted to thank you for the whole package about the Christian world. I feel myself woke up from a deep dream that I always felt there is something wrong about.”

❑ **POPE ENDORSES SAME-SEX CIVIL UNIONS** - In a move everyone paying attention could see coming, Pope Francis threw off further restraint and gave his hearty endorsement to same-sex civil unions in comments while being interviewed for the new feature-length documentary *Francesco*, which premiered at the Rome Film Festival recently.

The film, directed by Evgeny Afineevsky, covers the last 7 and a half years of the Pope’s reign and comes across suspiciously like a hagiography that illuminates the Pontiff in adulatory and flowery language. It features discussion on his deep concern for injustice, illegal immigration, and environmental concerns, and includes the spicy scene in question midway through where while sitting down for an interview, he says:

“Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God. What we have to have is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered.

“What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered. I stood up for that.”

It’s not the first time that he has made controversial statements regarding Gay Marriage and the morality of homosexuality. He told a reporter in 2013, *“If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has goodwill, who am I to judge?”*

One of the people that features prominently in the film is Juan Carlos Cruz, a sex-abuse victim of the Roman Catholic church who is also a homosexual. He is the chief whistleblower in the Chilean Romanist sex abuse scandal and spent 3 days in 2018 with Pope Francis, at the Vatican, telling CNN that in a private conversation with him Francis said:

“You know Juan Carlos, that does not matter. God made you like this. God loves you like this. The Pope loves you like this and you should love yourself and not worry about what people say.”

For some time now, Pope Francis continued his trend of making off-the-cuff gay-affirming statements to those pushing him on the issue, telling a group of parents who have homosexual kids that “God loves your children as they are.”

Defenders of the Pope who are uncomfortable with these comments have already begun to regurgitate the same old defenses, saying that the pope is not speaking “ex-cathedra” and therefore is simply giving his opinion, flawed that it is.

The film has no release date yet.

❑ **WIKIPEDIA BANS EDITORS FROM EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BIBLICAL MARRIAGE** - Wikipedia has decided to restrict its editors from expressing opposition to same-sex marriage on its platform — a decision that comes months after co-founder Larry Sanger said the site’s neutrality policy was “dead.”

Volunteers who write and edit Wikipedia’s articles can no longer include on their profile page any “userbox” — a badge expressing their beliefs — that is against gay marriage. For example, one such userbox states, “This user believes marriage is between one man and one woman.”

The decision was made after a recent discussion where “predominantly left-wing editors” argued such a stance was “discriminatory” and against site policy, according to Breitbart.

The discussion began after an editor, Adam Cuerden, suggested that just one userbox be deleted, calling it “pretty explicitly homophobic” and citing a site guideline prohibiting “inflammatory or divisive” content in userboxes. Soon, he suggested that other userboxes in favor of traditional marriage should also be deleted. The move led site administrator “Ad Orientem” to resign, according to The Christian Institute, which noted that the administrator pointed out that the decision was “clearly inconsistent” with the project’s commitment to neutrality and condemned hostile comments about traditional marriage supporters.

They “represent an ugly tendency to condemn the views of others as outside the bounds of acceptable thought, never minding those views are held by the vast majority of people globally and the followers of most of the world’s major religious faiths,” the administrator was quoted as saying.

In May, Wikipedia co-founder Sanger had declared that the site’s “NPOV,” or neutral point of view, “is dead.”

“The original policy long since forgotten, Wikipedia no longer has an effective neutrality policy,” he wrote. “There is a rewritten policy, but it endorses the utterly bankrupt canard that journalists should avoid what they call ‘false balance.’ The notion that we should avoid ‘false balance’ is directly contradictory to the original neutrality policy.”

Referring to the Jesus article on Wikipedia, Sanger said, “It simply asserts, again in its own voice, that ‘the quest for the historical Jesus has yielded major uncertainty on the historical reliability of the Gospels and on how closely the Jesus portrayed in the Bible reflects the historical Jesus.’

A great many Christians would take issue with such statements, which means it is not neutral for that reason. ■