

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 25, 2020

Sunday Morning Service -----	27
Sunday Evening Service -----	23
Wed. Evening Service, 10/28/20 -----	9

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of October 18, 2020

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

72 Views	80 Engagements	140 People Reached
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Sunday Evening Service:

152 Views	94 Engagements	312 People Reached
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Wednesday Evening Service:

28 Views	92 Engagements	41 People Reached
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AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 25, 2020 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 324.12
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/25/20:	\$ 324.12

- Week of October 19, 2020 -

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

- Week of October 11, 2020 -

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

- 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

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
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**THE FOUNDING FATHERS' THOUGHT
 VOTING WAS IMPORTANT**

by Kevin Clarkson, 04/28/16, Anchorage Daily News

Because of the season in which we live, I thought it would be interesting and also appropriate to explore some of the words of our Founding Fathers regarding various subjects. When identifying someone as a "Founding father" I of course included the

obvious list of the most well-known characters, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Alexander Hamilton.

But, I thought it appropriate to also include in the group any individual who played a significant role in the drafting and signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the drafting and adoption of our Constitution. So, I included in my search anyone who served in the Continental Congress and deliberated over the Declaration of Independence, as well as anyone who served in the Constitutional Congress and who played a role in drafting and deliberating over the Constitution. I included also individuals who served first on the Supreme Court, having been appointed by George Washington.

One subject that several of our Founding Fathers wrote about was the importance of the right to vote. *The Founders thought that the right to vote was critical to our form of government, and viewed it as a virtually sacred act.* I wonder what they would think of our modern day low voter turn-outs and prevalent voter apathy.

The quotes that follow are the Founding Fathers' own words – no editorializing on my part:



John Adams -

"We electors have an important constitutional power placed in our hands: we have a check upon two branches of the legislature, as each branch has upon the other two; the power I mean of electing at stated periods, one branch, which branch has the power of electing another. It becomes necessary to every subject then, to be in some degree a statesman: and to examine and judge for himself of the tendencies of political principles and measures." [John Adams, The Papers of John Adams, Robert J. Taylor, ed. (Cambridge: Belknap Press, 1977), Vol. 1, p. 81, from "'U' to the Boston Gazette" written on August 29, 1763.]



Samuel Adams -

"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual - or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country." [Samuel Adams, The Writings of Samuel Adams, Harry Alonzo Cushing, editor (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1907), Vol. IV, p. 256, in the Boston Gazette on April 16, 1781.]



Alexander Hamilton -

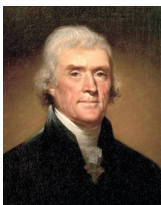
"A share in the sovereignty of the state, which is exercised by the citizens at large, in voting at elections is one of the most important rights of the subject, and in a republic ought to stand foremost in the estimation of the law." [Alexander Hamilton, The Papers of Alexander Hamilton, Harold C. Syrett, ed. (New York, Columbia University Press, 1962), Vol III, pp. 544-545.]

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John Jay -

“The Americans are the first people whom Heaven has favored with an opportunity of deliberating upon and choosing the forms of government under which they should live.” [John Jay, *The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay*, Henry P. Johnston, ed. (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1890), Vol. I, p. 161.]



Thomas Jefferson -

“The elective franchise, if guarded as the ark of our safety, will peaceably dissipate all combinations to subvert a Constitution, dictated by the wisdom, and resting on the will of the people.” [Thomas Jefferson, *The Writings of Thomas Jefferson*, Albert Bergh, ed. (Washington: Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, 1903), Vol. 10, p. 235.]

“[T]he rational and peaceable instrument of reform, the suffrage of the people.” [Thomas Jefferson, *The Works of Thomas Jefferson*, Paul Leicester Ford, ed. (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1905), Vol. 12, p. 136.]

“[S]hould things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights.” [Thomas Jefferson, *The Works of Thomas Jefferson*, Paul Leicester Ford, ed. (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1905), Vol. 10, p. 245.]

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☐ **THE POPE SPEAKS OUT IN SUPPORT OF SAME SEX CIVIL UNIONS** - In Francesco, a new biographical documentary, Pope Francis speaks out in favor of homosexual “civil unions.” He says, “*They’re children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out, or be made miserable because of it. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered.*”

Francis, who was elected pope in 2013, spoke strongly against the legalization of same-sex marriage in 2010 when he was the cardinal of Buenos Aires. He called it “a move of the father of lies who wishes to confuse and deceive the children of God” (National Catholic Register, Jul. 8, 2010). The pope is now disregarding the Catholic Church’s own official teaching, which says, “Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.’ They are contrary to the natural law. ... Under no circumstances can they be approved” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, approved by Pope John Paul II, second edition, 1997, # 2357).

In 2003, the Catholic Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith stated, “*The Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behaviour or to legal recognition of homosexual unions*” (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, “Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions between Homosexual Persons”). Ratzinger was Pope Benedict XVI from 2006-2013 and is currently “pope emeritus.”

☐ **MORE TOTALITARIAN HARASSMENT OF CHURCHES IN CALIFORNIA** - The government of California is acting like a communist state in its actions toward churches. Most recently, health officials of Los Angeles County cited 11 parishioners who attended a worship service at Our Lady of the Angels Church that seats 500. The citation carries a \$1,000 fine (“Clear Case of Retaliation,” The Daily Wire, Oct. 26, 2020).

On October 20, county inspectors attempted to eject two women praying alone in the church and threatened them with citations. In late September, the church joined in a lawsuit against California Gov. Gavin Newsom and other state officials claiming that their rights under the state constitution were being violated by the extended lockdown.

In September, North Valley Baptist Church in Santa Clara, was fined more than \$112,000 for congregating contrary to the state’s regulations. Los Angeles County has repeatedly sought to shut down the services of Grace Community Church of Sun Valley and to hold Pastor John MacArthur in contempt, but in early October a Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that the church is entitled to a full trial on the merits of their challenge to the constitutionality of the government shut-down orders and the county’s injunction. This delays implementation of the fines and possible imprisonment sought by the totalitarian county.

☐ **THE U.S. AND 31 OTHER COUNTRIES DECLARE THERE IS NO “INTERNATIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION”** - The United States joined 31 other countries October 18, 2020 in signing a document emphasizing the equal rights of men and women and declaring there is “no international right to abortion.” The Geneva Consensus Declaration was co-sponsored by the U.S., Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Hungary and Uganda and represents 1.6 billion people and every region of the world, supporters of the document said. It was signed during a joint virtual ceremony. “In no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning,” the document says.

The declaration involves three primary issues: promotion of equal rights for women, opposition to abortion for family planning, and the recognition of the need for universal health coverage. “Under President Trump’s leadership, the United States has defended the dignity of human life everywhere and always,” Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo said in a statement. “He’s done it like no other President in history. We’ve also mounted an unprecedented defense of the unborn abroad.” The Geneva Consensus Declaration, Pompeo said, “protects women’s health, defends the unborn, and reiterates the vital importance of the family as the foundation of society.”

☐ **BLACK BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT BLISTERS SCHOOLS TEACHING CRITICAL RACE THEORY, SUPPORTING BLM MOVEMENT** - Responding to Labour MP Dawn Butler’s calls to “decolonize” history in the British Parliament’s House of Commons, Woman and Equalities Minister Kemi Badenoch absolutely blistered schools for teaching critical race theory and supporting the Black Lives Matter movement, asserting, ... Badenoch, a member of the ruling Tory

party who was born in Wimbledon and spent much of her childhood in the United States and Nigeria, stated:

“Our curriculum does not need decolonizing for the simple reason that it is not colonized. We should not apologize for the fact that British children primarily study the history of these islands, and it goes without saying that the recent fad to decolonize maths, decolonize engineering, decolonize the sciences that we have seen across our universities to make race the defining principle of what is studied is not just misguided but actively opposed to the fundamental purpose of education. What we are against is the teaching of contested political ideas as if they are accepted fact. We don’t do this with communism; we don’t do this with socialism; we don’t do it with capitalism. And I want to speak about a dangerous trend in race relations that has come far too close to home to my life, and it’s the promotion of critical race theory, an ideology that sees my blackness as victimhood and their whiteness as oppression. I want to be absolutely clear: This government stands unequivocally against critical race theory. Some schools have decided to openly support the anti-capitalist Black Lives Matter group, often fully aware that they have a statutory duty to be politically impartial. Black lives do matter; of course they do. But we know that the Black Lives Matter Movement, capital ‘BLM,’ is political. I know this because at the height of the protest, I’ve been told of white Black Lives Matter protesters calling--and I’m afraid, I apologize for saying this word--calling a black armed police officer guarding Downing Street a ‘pet n*****.’ That is why we do not endorse that movement on this side of the House. It is a political movement, and what would be nice would be for members on the opposite side to condemn many of the actions that we see from this political movement, instead of pretending that it is a completely wholesome anti-racist organization. There is a lot of pernicious stuff that is being pushed and we stand against that. We do not want to see teachers teaching their white pupils about white privilege and inherited racial guilt. And let me be clear: Any school which teaches these elements of critical race theory as fact or which promotes partisan political views such as defunding the police without offering a balanced treatment of opposing views is breaking the law.”

☐ **OFFICIALS THREATEN MACARTHUR WITH ARREST FOR HOLDING WORSHIP SERVICES** - With “his friends” nowhere to be found, the octogenarian pastor-theologian who has garnered the respect of millions throughout his long pastorate is now faced with possible arrest for holding worship services inside his California church house.

According to one mainstream Christian news outlet, “County officials have allegedly threatened Grace Community Church in California with fines and possible arrest for reopening his church in defiance of lockdown orders from Gov. Gavin Newsom during the pandemic.”

Citing the reporting of Franklin Graham, “he received a letter from Los Angeles county government officials threatening repercussions such as fines and even possible arrest.”

The Religion News Service, which happens to be heavily funded by grants from the far-left, reported, “[The Environmental Health Division] is investigating and will be reaching out to the church leaders to let them know they need to comply with the Health Officer Order.”

☐ **SBC PRESIDENT J.D. GREEAR ADVOCATES FOR “GENDER-JUSTICE” IN NEW WOKE SCREED** - Southern Baptist Convention president J.D. Greear, in a talk uploaded to The Gospel Coalition’s Ron Burns (aka Thabiti Anyibwile) Youtube page in 2019, breaks down the events in the song of Deborah in Judges 5 where there is a brief mention of God cursing a people for not helping Israel defeat their enemies in battle, and doing so in the most foolish, asinine way possible.

It’s of note that this took place before the bulk of BLM protests rocked the world in the summer of 2020. Greear has increased in wokeness about 666% since then. Check out this nonsense -

“God curses spectators. As Deborah sings out the victories of God’s people she says coming to a crescendo in verse 23 ‘curse Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse its people bitterly because they did not come to help the Lord against the mighty.’”

“Cursed? It doesn’t say they did anything bad, does it? It doesn’t say this tribe hung back and smoked weed and raided everybody else’s [tents?] while they were out fighting, it just says they did nothing. Meroz represents those people of God who failed to act when it’s not their land that’s threatened. If you do the geography Meroz is like ‘it’s not affecting us. These enemies ain’t coming after us so we’re going to hang back.’

“Now I want to turn more specifically to some of these issues of justice. Whether we’re talking about racial justice or gender justice or what have you. Tragically when it comes to many issues of justice there’s often been a malaise in the church. That’s usually the kindness word possible. In large part because the injustice did not directly affect those of us sitting in place of privilege. Like Meroz it didn’t affect our tribe. At least we didn’t think it affected our tribe. The church in the west in various generations has been slow, far too slow, to champion the dignity and equality of really anybody that’s outside of their circle.”

“We’d love to know what Greear has in mind when he talks about “Gender-justice.” According to the Global Fund for Women, they define gender-justice as “the systemic redistribution of power, opportunities, and access for people of all genders through the dismantling of harmful structures including patriarchy, homophobia, and transphobia. Similar to terms like racial justice and climate justice, it signifies an intersectional approach that centers the needs, experiences, and leadership of people most impacted by discrimination and oppression.” Something like that? ■

