

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of October 30, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service	36
Sunday Evening Service	26
Wednesday Eve., 11/02/22 Service	20

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 30, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,423.81
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/30/22:	\$ 1,423.81

- Week of October 23, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,228.10
Lighting for church street sign	\$ 55.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/23/22:	\$ 1,283.10

- Week of October 16, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 910.00
Love Offering, Bro. Meier	\$ 504.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/16/22:	\$ 1,414.00

- Week of October 9, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,099.11
Lighting for church street sign	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/09/22:	\$ 1,149.11

- Week of October 2, 2022 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,385.00
Lighting for church street sign	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/02/22:	\$ 1,435.00

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



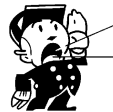
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.



THANK YOU For Your Continued Faithfulness In Giving!

During the early part this pandemic, we were unable to meet in the church-house. But - that did not mean that the expenses of having a church-house were suspended. We still had bills to pay - electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, phone, internet, facility insurance, copier lease, office supplies, etc., and, praise the Lord, His people kept praying, watching online, & supporting their church with their giving.

Sadly, some people only give when they are in attendance at church - sort of like paying for "services rendered" - but the truth is that they are robbing **THEMSELVES** of God's blessings when they withhold their tithes and offerings and only give when they are here (see Malachi 3:10). Thankfully, most of our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

1. **By mail** - 23 East Wells Blvd., Sapulpa, OK 74066
2. **Drop it off** - call the Church Office to arrange it. 224-1924
3. **Online** - Go to the link below and give electronically:

<https://tithely.com/give?c=433047>

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

Church Directory

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

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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10 REASONS WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD VOTE

Believe it or not, only 25% of all self-described Christians actually make it to the voting booth on Election Day. Why? Many may believe that their one vote doesn't really matter. Others may be conflicted—believing that no candidate measures up to their standards of moral conduct or matches their beliefs on all the issues. While others simply believe that politics is a dirty game and they don't want to be a part. Katherine Winniford with LifeVoteUS.com shares ten reasons why Christians should be voting and backs them up with Scripture:

1. Each vote makes a difference in the cumulative numbers and that is how we as Christians are to influence our society for good, as salt and light in the darkness of godless deeds. (Prov. 12:26)
2. Voting recognizes the equality of all citizens and their right to express their values through their votes. (Prov. 29:2 & Psalm 34:14)
3. Voting is a privilege of our free nation, and one not shared by many other countries of the world. It was won and protected by the shed blood of patriots and should not be taken for granted. Those who reap the benefits of living in a democratic Nation should play a part in upholding the constitutional republic that defines it. (Isaiah 1:26)
4. Voting promotes the application of biblical standards in the selection of elected officials in our country, and to whose authority we are to submit, as is established by God. (Romans 13:1)
5. Not voting is a form of voting, as it affects the outcome. "All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke. (James 1:22-25)
6. Voting is one way to obey God's command to seek good for those around us and to protect our nation. (Proverbs 11:3)
7. Voting shows that we care about who our leaders are, as we are told [in Scripture to offer prayer on their behalf. (I Timothy 2:2)]
8. Voting is a simple, yet significant way to do something about public policy in our country. As people of faith, we will be held accountable for our actions, as well as our lack of action. (Luke 12: 48)
9. Voting has biblical precedence. For example, Acts 14:23 describes how the early Christians elected elders by voting.
10. Voting is a part of stewardship to use all the resources we have been given in ways that honor God. To waste a vote is to squander a gift. (Matthew 5:13)

PRAY. VOTE. PRAY.

Pray Before You Vote

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

► **THE ELON MUSK ERA OF TWITTER** - On October 27, Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter was finalized. When Musk announced his intent to purchase the company for \$44 billion in April, he made the following statement, "Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated." He also said, "My strong intuitive sense is that having a public platform that is maximally trusted and broadly inclusive is extremely important to the future of civilization." Upon taking ownership last week, Musk tweeted, "The bird is freed" and began making changes in the social media giant, firing its top executives, including CEO Parag Agrawal and policy head Vijaya Gadde. Musk tweeted the following statement to the company's advertisers: "The reason I acquired Twitter is because it is important to the future of civilization to have a common digital town square, where a wide range of beliefs can be debated in a healthy manner, without resorting to violence. There is currently great danger that social media will splinter into far right wing and far left wing echo chambers that generate more hate and divide our society. In the relentless pursuit of clicks, much of traditional media has fueled and catered to those polarized extremes, as they believe that is what brings in the money, but, in doing so, the opportunity for dialogue is lost. That is why I bought Twitter. I didn't do it because it would be easy. I didn't do it to make more money. I did it to try to help humanity, whom I love. And I do so with humility, recognizing that failure in pursuing this goal, despite our best efforts, is a very real possibility."

► **TWITTER'S HISTORY OF LEFT-WING CENSORSHIP** - Twitter, launched in 2006, is "an online news and social networking site where people communicate in short messages called tweets." It is called "microblogging." The messages are limited to 280 characters (originally 140), but they can include photos and videos and links to web sites, social media accounts, etc. Twitter has become the most popular forum for live news and firsthand reports from ongoing events.

But over the past few years, Twitter has increasingly acted as a totalitarian censoring agency aimed at restricting the speech of political and religious conservatives. After putting repeated warnings on President Donald Trump's tweets (including a pro-life video featuring smiling babies in Jan. 2020 and tweets concerning mail-in balloting and racial violence in Minneapolis in May 2020), Twitter infamously banned the president of the United States in January 2021. When the ban occurred, Trump's Twitter account was in the top ten most popular, with about 70 million followers. In June 2020, Twitter banned comedy writer Graham Linehan for making the outrageous statement that "men aren't women." Twitter banned Christian media companies The Babylon Bee and The Christian Post for calling Rachel Levine--a transgender Biden official who serves as the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services--a man. Project Veritas released undercover footage of Twitter employees discussing "shadow-banning," which secretly reduces the visibility of an individual's tweets. In Oct. 2020, Acting

Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf labeled Twitter a threat to America's security, warning that the tech giant's quick trigger finger in censoring government agencies could deny people information they need to be safe.

► **SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTOR CALLS FOR BANNING CHURCHES WITH FEMALE PASTORS** - In October 2022, Pastor Mike Law of Arlington Baptist Church, Arlington, VA, published a motion to amend the SBC Constitution "to include an enumerated 6th item under Article III, Paragraph 1 concerning 'Composition,' to read: 'Does not affirm, appoint, or employ a woman as a pastor of any kind.'" Pastor Law continues, "Personally, I felt the need to offer this amendment because five Southern Baptist churches, roughly within a five-mile radius of my own congregation, are employing women as pastors of various kinds, including women serving as 'Sr. Pastor.'"

In February 2021, it was reported that five churches approved by the North American Mission Board (NAMB) of the SBC have women pastors ("NAMB Caught with More Women Pastors in Churches," Capstone Report, Feb. 8, 2021). One of these SBC churches, Echo Church of southern California, lists five women as pastors. In May 2021, Saddleback Church, pastored by Rick Warren, announced on Instagram that it had ordained three female pastors. "Yesterday was a historic night for Saddleback Church in many ways! We ordained our first three women pastors, Liz Puffer, Cynthia Petty, and Katie Edwards" (May 7, 2021). Saddleback is the second largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention. Petty said in an interview, "This is a new day for women in ministry and I am honored and blessed to help carry the mantle of being a Pastor and have the title as NextGen Ministries pastor at Saddleback Church!" (Al Mohler, "Women Pastors ... and the Looming Test," May 10, 2021). In October 2022, Saddleback's new pastor, Andy Wood (formerly of Echo Church), announced that his wife, Stacie, is the newest "teaching pastor" at Saddleback ("New Saddleback pastor sees women clergy in church's future," Associated Press, Oct. 24, 2022). A 2020 study of the 500 largest SBC churches, found that 10% have female pastors and another 10% or more have female ministers in various roles, such as "Youth Minister," "Singles Minister," or "Ministry Director."

► **U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF COACH FIRED FOR PRAYING** - The following is excerpted from "Fired Football Coach Joe Kennedy to Be Reinstated," Christian Headlines, Oct. 28, 2022:

"Former Washington state high school assistant football coach Joe Kennedy, who was fired in 2015 for praying on the field after games, will be reinstated at the school in March 2023. Following a years-long legal battle with the Bremerton School District, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Kennedy's favor with a 6-3 decision in late June. On Tuesday, attorneys from both parties filed a joint stipulation in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington stating that Kennedy will be reinstated to his former position by March 15, 2023. ... In June, the Supreme Court ruled that the football coach was within his constitutional right to pray on the field after the games. 'Here, a

government entity sought to punish an individual for engaging in a brief, quiet, personal religious observance doubly protected by the Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment,' Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote in the majority opinion. 'And the only meaningful justification the government offered for its reprisal rested on a mistaken view that it had a duty to ferret out and suppress religious observances even as it allows comparable secular speech,' he continued. 'The Constitution neither mandates nor tolerates that kind of discrimination.'"

► **HOMOSEXUAL DEAN OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL** - The new Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, David Monteith, is a homosexual who is in a "same-sex civil partnership." Previously, Monteith was Dean of Leicester. Monteith's nomination was approved by the late Queen Elizabeth ("New Dean of Canterbury," Oct. 11, 2022, Englishcathedrals.co.uk). Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, said, "I'm delighted by David's appointment. ... We will benefit greatly from David's experience and perspective, not least from his work in helping diverse faiths and cultural communities to live well together."

Canterbury Cathedral is the location of the throne of the Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England. The Dean heads up the team in charge of the day-to-day management of the cathedral under direction of the archbishop.

► **'I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD': CONGRESSMAN'S NEW PROCLAMATION SPARKS SECULARIST'S CLAIM OTHERS IN CONGRESS 'WILL BE FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS'** - A California congressman recently proclaimed he doesn't "believe in God" while addressing a secular activist group's annual convention. Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) "made his views on the nonexistence of God extremely clear" during pretaped remarks before the Freedom From Religion Foundation's recent convention.

"I feel like I have sort of become the surrogate representative for countless folks across the United States that identify as nonreligious," Huffman reportedly said. "As many of you know, I am the token humanist in Congress."

The congressman said others tend to be "coy" about where they stand on faith, but he said he's "come right out and said it." Then, Huffman made his position clear.

"I'm a humanist and I don't believe in God," he said.

This revelation isn't entirely surprising considering past statements and advocacy. A 2017 article proclaimed Huffman wasn't "sure" if there was a God. He said he used to ignore questions about his faith but has changed course in recent years.

"I don't believe in religious tests, and I don't believe my religion is all that important to the people I represent, and I think there's too much religion in politics," he told the Post at the time. "For those reasons, I felt good about not even answering it."

Huffman became more vocal, though, crediting former President Donald Trump and others who were relying on Christianity in policy-making; thus, he, too, started speaking up. Rather than embrace the "atheist" label, though, he called himself

— much like in the most recent video — a "humanist."

"I'm not hostile to religion, and I'm not judging other people's religious views," Huffman said in his Post interview. "I suppose you could say I don't believe in God. The only reason I hesitate is — unlike some humanists, I'm not completely closing the door to spiritual possibilities. We all know people who have had experiences they believe are divine ... and I'm open to something like that happening."

He has also been awarded by atheists and secularists for his vocal expression of nonbelief.

The American Humanist Association named Huffman the "2020 Humanist of the Year," and he co-founded the Congressional Freethought Caucus in 2018, a group devoted to promoting "public policy formed on the basis of reason, science, and moral values."

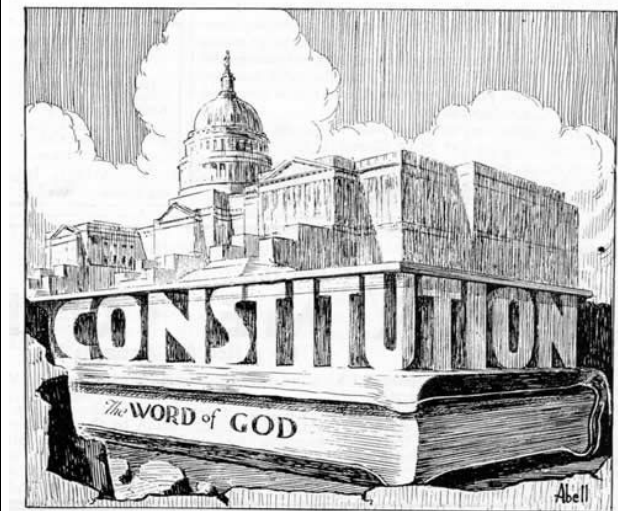
Also listed in the caucus' mission is an effort to "oppose discrimination against atheists, agnostics, humanists, seekers, religious and nonreligious persons, and to champion the value of freedom of thought and conscience worldwide."

Huffman certainly isn't the first member of Congress to express his non-theism, as former Rep. Pete Stark, who died in 2020 and served in the House until 2013, was also open about his nonbelief.

FFRF co-president Annie Laurie Gaylor believes Huffman's recent decision to speak up even clearer on his rejection of God could spark others in Congress to do the same.

"As Rep. Huffman alluded to in his remarks, there are more members of Congress who hold the same view as tens of millions of Americans about the nonexistence of God," Gaylor said in a statement. "We have no doubt that others will be following in his footsteps in the near future."

LET'S STICK TO SOLID FOUNDATIONS



If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?—Psalm 11:3