

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of November 31, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	35
Sunday Evening Service -----	25
Wed. Evening Service, 11/03/21 -----	23

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of October 31, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 4,542.04
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/31/21:</b>	<b>\$ 4,592.04</b>

- Week of October 24, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 820.04
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/24/21:</b>	<b>\$ 820.04</b>

- Week of October 17, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 480.54
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/17/21:</b>	<b>\$ 480.54</b>

- Week of October 10, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 976.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/10/21:</b>	<b>\$ 976.00</b>

- Week of October 3, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,061.53
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/03/21:</b>	<b>\$ 2,061.53</b>

- Week of September 26, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,380.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/26/21:</b>	<b>\$ 1,380.00</b>

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

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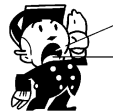
Monthly Premium, Due 11/05/21----- \$ 537.92  
 Amount Received For Nov. ----- \$ 0.00

**AMOUNT SHORT FOR NOV., 2021: ----- \$ 537.92**

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.

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**

Todd W. White -----	Pastor
Lois Mae Floyd -----	Pianist/ Organist
Mickie Shatwell -----	Evening Pianist
Derek Quinnelly -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Chris Vance, Derek Quinnelly, and Harrison White -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
Shirley & Brenda White -----	Flowers
Seth White -----	Sound/Video

**SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY  
 REMINDER**

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*The Empty Pew*

It is hard to imagine a time when churches did not have air conditioning, running water, cushioned chairs or pews. A church where there was a bucket of water in the corner with a dipper that everyone shared. The windows would be opened in the heat, and people would crowd together for warmth

in the winter. If you had to use the bathroom, you would have to make the long journey to the outhouse. Yet with all of these inconveniences, Sundays **used to be** a time when people gathered at the church house to hear God's Word. Many churches didn't have Sunday School or youth programs and all ages were together in the sanctuary to worship, hear God's Word, and be together.

**And the pews were filled.** I heard a lady this past weekend say she remembered when there was no more room in the church, people gathered outside by the windows and doors to hear the preacher preach the Word. God was a priority. Family was a priority.

People might say, "It was a simpler time back then." But - **was it?** Folks back then worked hard from sun up to sun down, most families were fortunate to have one car, and most items were handmade. Yet, with everything they had to do on any given day, they made time for God and church - and not JUST on Sunday morning.

Unfortunately today, it seems God and church is no longer a priority in many families. The empty pew is becoming more common in churches throughout our nation. I have heard it said the church needs to change with the times, the church needs to cater to the people, the church needs more programs, the church.....Whatever happened to the thought of the church raising disciples and ministering to the community? Whatever happened to the church being a place where people came to greet one another to share the Word of God and to encourage one another in a life of holiness and righteousness? Whatever happened to people wanting to serve instead of being served?

The empty pew breaks my heart - **are people just too busy for God or do they just not care anymore?**

Either way, as more and more churches close their doors and people begin to remember when there **used to be** a place where God's people would gather - one day when **all** the church doors are closed...

Maybe then, just maybe, people will once again rediscover their thirst to know who God is and to be with one another for worship and prayer.

- Steve Avera, Pastor - Calvary Baptist Church, Sulphur, Louisiana

## Lest We Forget. . .



A flag is the emblem of sovereignty - a symbol and guarantee of protection. Every nation and people are proud of the flag of their country.

July 3, 2010 England, for a thousand years boasts her Red flag and Cross of St. George; France glories in her Tri-color and Imperial Eagle; ours, the "Star-spangled Banner," far more beautiful than they - this dear old flag! - the sun in heaven never looked down on so proud a banner of beauty and glory.

Men of the Black Brigade, rally around it! Assert your manhood, be loyal to duty, be obedient, hopeful, patient.

Slavery will soon die; the slaveholders' rebellion, accursed of God and man, will shortly and miserably perish.

There will then be, through all the coming ages, in very truth, a land of the free - one country, one flag, one destiny.

I charge you, Men of the Black Brigade of Cincinnati, remember that for you, and for me, and for your children, and your children's children, there is but one Flag, as there is but one Bible, and one God, the Father of us all.

- James Lupton, Acting Camp Commandant  
presenting the National flag to  
The Cincinnati Black Brigade  
September 4, 1862



## MY PRAYER FOR AMERICA

by Evangelist David Cloud

Here follows the basic substance of my continual prayers for America:

"Father, I pray for America, the nation of which I am a citizen on

this earthly pilgrimage though I live elsewhere. I thank you for the countless blessings you have given to mankind through this very imperfect nation. I pray because you alone are God, you change the times and the seasons, you remove kings and set up kings.

I thank you that your Son, Jesus Christ, has all power in heaven and in earth and, therefore, no one has any power that is not given to him by Christ and no one exercises power that is not under the hand of Christ. I pray according to your command in 1st Timothy 2:1-2, for those who are in authority, for the president and

vice-president, for the senators and congressmen, for the state governors and the local leaders.

I give thanks for the great liberties and blessings we have even in these evil times, liberties that most men in this fallen world have only dreamed of.

I pray that those who are in authority will rule in such a way that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Give them wisdom to make right decisions and confound their evil decisions. I pray that you will restrain the devil's mystery of iniquity in all of its forms, as God's Word tells us you are doing (II Thess. 2:7).

As the church is the pillar and ground of the truth, I pray for pastors to be strong and to lead your redeemed people according to Scripture and not according to tradition and pragmatism, to fear God more than man. I pray for churches to wake up from worldliness and lukewarmness and to shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.

You said that you show mercy unto thousands of them that love you, so I pray for your mercy upon the nation for the sake of those who love you and I pray that those who love you will increase.

I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who alone is the Mediator between God and men by His ransom for all."

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ **FLORIDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAKES CHILDREN TO A GAY BAR** - Last week, a class of children from Wilton Manors Elementary School in Broward County, Florida, were taken on a field trip to a homosexual bar. School board member Sarah Leonardi tweeted, "I was SO honored to be invited to chaperone @WiltonManorsES's field trip to the incredible Rosie's! The students and I had a fun walk over and learned a lot about our community! A huge thank you to @RosiesBnG for hosting this special field trip every year!"

The school does not take field trips to Bible-believing churches to learn about Scripture and prayer, but they allow the children to be indoctrinated by those who flaunt their disobedience to God's Word.

□ **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUES FIRST GENDER X PASSPORT** - The following is excerpted from "State Department issues," Fox News, Oct. 26, 2021:

"The State Department on Wednesday issued the first U.S. passport with an 'X' gender marker, granting a third option for American passport holders who do not identify as female or male. 'The Department of State continues the process of updating its policies regarding gender markers on U.S. passports and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBAs) to better serve all U.S. citizens, regardless of their gender identity,' press secretary Ned Price said in a statement. 'The Department is moving towards adding an X gender marker for non-binary, intersex, and gender non-conforming persons applying for a U.S. passport or CRBA,'

he added.

The move was first announced by Secretary of State Antony Blinken in June and said it means Americans will no longer require a medical certificate to opt-out of choosing a specific gender."

## GOD'S COMMENT ABOUT THIS NEWS ITEM:

"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). "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" (Psalm 2:2-4).

□ **DIVORCED DRINKING PASTOR TATTOOS THE CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY ON HIS ARM** - Divorced drinking pastor Perry Noble, who was fired in 2016 for drunkenness and "being derelict" in his duties as a pastor and husband, recently broadcast a photo of his new tattoo on Facebook. Covering his entire upper arm, it proclaims, "Only God Can Judge Me."

In 2008, Noble, then pastor of Newspring Church in Anderson, SC, criticized the Southern Baptist Convention for passing a resolution against "social drinking." In 2013, he again defended drinking alcohol. In 2015, he said that God gave him a revelation that the Ten Commandments aren't commandments, but promises! In 2016, he was fired from Newspring, and that is saying something because Newspring is incredibly, and insanely worldly (They performed "Highway to Hell" by the vile rock band AC/DC for Easter service 2009 and occult rocker Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train" in November 2011).

It wasn't long before Nobel was back in the "ministry," this time with a new "church" called Second Chance Church, which quickly exploded in attendance. Obviously Nobel's apostate "live after your own lusts" philosophy resonates with America today.

The motto "Judge Not" is the theme song both of the secular pop culture and the contemporary "evangelical" culture, which is merely a Christianized version of the world and is a dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy 4:3-4).

While it's true that only God can judge an individual with ultimate and final judgment, it is also true that God has plainly and forcefully instructed the churches to judge and discipline sin and error. See, for starters, Matthew 7:15-23; Acts 20:28-30; Romans 16:17-18; I Corinthians 5; II Corinthians 6:14-18; 11:1-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:11-14; 5:11; II Thessalonians 3:6, 14; I Timothy 4:1-3; 6:3-5; II Timothy 2:16-21; 3:5; 4:10; Titus 1:10-16; 3:10-11; 2 John 1:8-11; Revelation 2:2, 6, 14-16; 20-23.

□ **RALPH CARMICHAEL, FATHER OF CCM, DIES** - Ralph Carmichael, who has been called the Father of Contemporary Christian Music, died on October 18 at age 94.

In the late 1960s, he joined Billy Ray Hearn and Kurt Kaiser to create the first contemporary youth musicals, "Tell It Like It Is" and "Natural High." The soft folk-rock sound created a carnal appetite for the back beat and beat anticipation and helped break down barriers against contemporary music in the churches, preparing the way for the onslaught of Christian rock in every form. The soft rock sound was lively enough to be desirable to church members but not hard enough to be shocking and offensive. It was a bridge to what was to come later.

The son of a Pentecostal pastor, Carmichael "was allowed to listen to mainstream music on the radio." That fed his appetite for the world's music, and as a student at Southern California Bible College he founded a men's quartet "that combined classic hymns and contemporary jazz" ("Ralph Carmichael," Christian Headlines, Oct. 21, 2021).

Carmichael was probably a sincere man who loved God, but so was Jehoshaphat, and building bridges to the world and error is always disobedience to God's Word and always produces bad fruit.

"And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD" (II Chron. 19:2).

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (I Cor. 15:33).

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

"And be not conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2).

## MIGHTY BOOK OF COUNSEL

