

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

Week of November 15, 2020

Sunday Morning Service -----	22
Sunday Evening Service -----	9
Wed. Evening Service, 11/18/20 -----	9

**AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...**

Week of November 15, 2020

- Number of people who connected with our services on Facebook -

<b>Sunday Morning Service:</b>		
62 Views	92 Engagements	89 People Reached
<b>Sunday Evening Service:</b>		
58 Views	86 Engagements	84 People Reached
<b>Wednesday Evening Service:</b>		
54 Views	107 Engagements	54 People Reached

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of November 15, 2020 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 320.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/15/20:</b>	\$ 320.00

- Week of November 8, 2020 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,958.12
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/08/20:</b>	\$ 1,958.12

- Week of November 1, 2020 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 920.00
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/01/20:</b>	\$ 1,320.00

- Week of October 25, 2020 -

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

- Week of October 19, 2020 -

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

- Week of October 11, 2020 -

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

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**

**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
<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED!</b> -----	Greeter
Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebarr -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley & Brenda White
Sound/Video -----	Seth White



**CHURCH INSURANCE FUND**

Monthly Premium, Due 12/05/20-----	\$ 506.00
Amount Received To Date -----	\$ 0.00

**TOTAL STILL NEEDED BY 12/05/20 ----- \$ 506.00**

**Thank You For Your Faithful Help With This Need!**

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**America's Christian Heritage**

*“. . .to keep our families secure, communities safe, and America free. . .”*

*“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His Apostles. . .*

*This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government.”*

*- Noah Webster, History of the United States, 1832, public school textbook*



The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? **The New World.**

Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty.

For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of "Land!" was heard.

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the "**Mayflower Compact**" - America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to reading as found celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

Pilgrim Edward Winslow described the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in these words:

*“Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling [bird hunting] so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as... served the company almost a week... Many of the Indians [came] amongst us and... their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet BY THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE... FAR FROM WANT.”*

In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first **Day of Thanksgiving to God** under its new constitution. That same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which President Washington was a member, announced that the first Thursday in November would become its regular day for giving thanks, "unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities." Yet, despite these early national proclamations, official Thanksgiving observances usually occurred only at the State level.



Much of the credit for the adoption of a later ANNUAL national Thanksgiving Day may be attributed to Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, the editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*. For thirty years, she promoted the idea of a national **Thanksgiving Day**, contacting President after President until President Abraham Lincoln responded in 1863 by setting aside the last Thursday of November as a national **Day of Thanksgiving**. Over the next seventy-five years, Presidents followed Lincoln's

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precedent, annually declaring a national Thanksgiving Day. Then, in 1941, Congress permanently established the last Thursday of each November as a national holiday.

Lincoln's original 1863 **Thanksgiving Proclamation** came - spiritually speaking - at a pivotal point in his life. During the first week of July of that year, the *Battle of Gettysburg* occurred, resulting in the loss of some 60,000 American lives. Four months later in November, Lincoln delivered his famous "*Gettysburg Address*."

It was while Lincoln was walking among the thousands of graves there at Gettysburg that he committed his life to Christ. As he explained to a friend:

**"When I left Springfield [to assume the Presidency] I asked the people to pray for me. I was not a Christian. When I buried my son, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ."**



As Americans celebrate Thanksgiving each year, we hope they will retain the original gratefulness to God displayed by the Pilgrims and many other founding fathers, and remember that it is to those early and courageous Pilgrims that they owe not only the traditional Thanksgiving holiday but also the concepts of self-government, the "hard-work" ethic, self-reliant communities, and devout religious faith.

Are YOU thankful to God?

- David Barton, WallBuilders Ministries

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

• **AMERICA'S BLESSINGS** - Conservative political commentator Michael Medved calls America "the greatest nation on God's green earth," and we agree. It is backsliding spiritually, degrading morally, its liberties are under attack, and there are many woes, as we point out regularly in this publication, but in the broad context of the world today America remains unique.

We would mention just a few examples.

there is more personal freedom than any other nation. America's famed Bill of Rights has been weakened by activist courts, but there is still great liberty in comparison with other nations. There is more true justice than in the vast majority of nations. There are more NT churches and born again Christians. There are more economic opportunities. There is more equality, more opportunities for "minorities." There is more freedom for gun ownership and thus self-defense. There are more private schools and home schools than any other country. There is a much larger conservative constituency than other countries. By conservative we mean such views as pro-life, pro traditional marriage, less government regulation, anti-globalism, anti-socialism, pro freedom of religion and freedom of speech, educational freedom, and effective immigration control. America

has a very large and aggressive conservative media. About half of the nation voted for Donald Trump and his conservative agenda. Conservatives are represented politically by the Republican party, which controls the U.S. Senate and picked up at least nine seats in the House of Representatives, "putting them in close range to regain the House in 2022." Republicans fully control the governments of 24 states (called a trifecta), compared with 15 states for Democrats, and control both chambers of the state legislatures in another 7 states, for a total of 31. (In 1975, Democrats held 37 trifectas, so Republicans have gained considerable power at the state level over the past 45 years.) In 2020, Republicans increased their control of the 99 state legislative bodies from 58 to 62. This is more than at any point in the nation's history. The Republican Party is steadily increasing its support among blacks and Hispanics.

• **NORWAY OUTLAWES PRIVATE "HATE SPEECH" AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS (LGBT)** - The following is excerpted from "Norway's LGBTQ+ Hate Speech," National Review, Nov. 11, 2020:

"We're forever hearing about this supposed rise in 'LGBTQ+ hate crimes,' and it's no wonder, really --given that the definition of what constitutes a 'hate crime' keeps being expanded. The latest example is Norway, which has just amended its penal code, first passed in 1981, to outlaw even 'private remarks' that the ruling class considers offensive. Reuters reports: 'People found guilty of hate speech face a fine or up to a year in jail for private remarks, and a maximum of three years in jail for public comments, according to the penal code.' What makes this amendment particularly gratuitous is that Norway is, as Reuters puts it, 'one of the most liberal countries in Europe for LGBT+ people.'

The country operates on a full system of self-identification, and no medical proof is required to change one's legal gender. LGBTQ+ ideology has been mainstreamed in every sphere of life imaginable. Still, radical gender activists will not be at rest until every private citizen repudiates biological truth and relinquishes his every doubt about their dogma."

• **HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY LABELS TWITTER A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY** - The following is excerpted from "DHS chief labels Twitter," The Washington Times, Oct. 30, 2020:

"Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf labeled Twitter a 'threat' to America's security on Friday, saying that the tech giant's quick trigger finger in censoring government agencies could deny people information they need to be safe. Mr. Wolf's comments came after an embarrassing incident in which Twitter expunged a tweet about the border wall and locked the account of the head of Customs and Border Protection, saying it was 'hateful' to claim that 'walls work' to stop gang members and criminals from getting across. Twitter caved after nearly 24 hours, restoring the tweet and access to the account. 'It is dangerous and damaging when any publisher arbitrarily and unfoundedly decides, as it did here, that the facts and policies of

a particular presidential administration constitute violence--in order to censor them,' Mr. Wolf wrote in a letter to Twitter's CEO. He continued: 'And in the case of Twitter, this can cut off an essential mode of communication between U.S. government officials and the public. In doing so, Twitter is sabotaging public discourse regarding important national and homeland security issues.'"

• **ANTONIO GRAMSCI AND THE MARXIZING OF THE INNER MAN IN THE WEST** - Antonio Gramsci was the founder of the Italian Communist Party in 1921. Following is an overview of Gramsci's plan to Marxise the inner man and thereby create a new West:

"What was essential, insisted Gramsci, was to Marxise the inner man. Only when that was done could you successfully dangle the utopia of the 'Workers' Paradise' before his eyes, to be accepted in a peaceful and humanly agreeable manner, without revolution or violence or bloodshed. ... What Marx and Lenin had got wrong, Gramsci said, was the part about an immediate proletarian revolution. ... Gramsci had a better way. A subtler blueprint for Marxist victory. ... Use Lenin's geopolitical structure not to conquer streets and cities, argued Gramsci. Use it to conquer the mind of civil society. Use it to acquire a Marxist hegemony over the minds of the populations that must be won. ... they must join in whatever liberating causes might come to the fore. ... Marxists must join with women, with the poor, with those who find certain civil laws oppressive. ... they must enter into every civil, cultural, and political activity in every nation, patiently leavening them as thoroughly as yeast leavens bread.

**If there was any true superstructure that had to be eliminated, it was the Christianity that had created and still pervaded Western Culture in all its forms, activities, and expressions.** ... Marxist action must be unitary against what he saw to be the failing remnant of Christianity. And by a unitary attack, Gramsci meant that Marxists must change the residually Christian mind. He needed to alter that mind—to turn it into its opposite in all its details—so that it would become not merely a non-Christian mind but an anti-Christian mind. ... everything must be done in the name of man's dignity and rights, and in the name of his autonomy and freedom from outside constraint. From the claims and constraints of Christianity, above all else. Accomplish that, said Gramsci, and you will have established a true and freely adopted hegemony over the ... thinking of every formerly Christian country.

Do that, he promised, and in essence you will have Marxized the West. The final step—the Marxization of the politics of life itself—will then follow" (Malachi Martin, *The Keys of This Blood*, 1990, pp. 247-251). Martin was a Roman Catholic and did not understand fundamental spiritual issues, but he did understand cultural Marxism.

• **CHINA REMOVING CHRISTIANITY FROM CLASSICAL BOOKS** - The following is excerpted from "In

China, Even 'Robinson Crusoe' Is Censored," Bitter Winter, May 26, 2019:

"To help achieve the goal of eradicating any teaching content with religious overtones, the CCP is now altering the books written by international authors that are read by primary and secondary school students. According to a parent of a student in north Hebei Province, the content of some books was deleted or changed in the new version of the grade six Chinese language textbook, published by the People's Education Press in January 2019. The original version of English writer Daniel Defoe's (1660-1731) novel *Robinson Crusoe* contains the following passage: '*also, I found three very good Bibles, [...] some Portuguese books also; and among them two or three Popish prayer-books, and several other books all which I carefully secured.*' In the new version of the textbook, the content related to the Bible and prayer books was **deleted**

The short story *Vanka* by Russian writer Anton Chekhov (1860-1904) has also been altered beyond recognition. Religious terms in the original version--such as 'attend Sunday service,' 'hope God will send you his blessings,' 'I will pray for you,' and 'I beg you for Christ's sake' - have been deleted, and 'for the dear Lord's sake' has also been altered to 'for goodness' sake.' Hans Christian Andersen's (1805-1875) *The Little Match Girl* has also been altered: the passage, 'when a star falls, a soul was going up to God,' has been changed into 'when a star falls, a person is leaving.'"

