

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of November 29, 2020

Sunday Morning Service -----	16
Sunday Evening Service -----	10
Wed. Evening Service, 12/02/20 -----	6

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of November 29, 2020

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

Sunday Morning Service:		
74 Views	77 Engagements	116 People Reached
Sunday Evening Service:		
57 Views	38 Engagements	67 People Reached
Wednesday Evening Service:		
53 Views	43 Engagements	53 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of November 29, 2020 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 190.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/29/20:	\$ 190.00

- Week of November 15, 2020 -

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

- Week of November 8, 2020 -

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

- Week of November 1, 2020 -

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

- Week of October 25, 2020 -

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

- Week of October 19, 2020 -

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

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
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

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The Tablecloth

A brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October, excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc. and, on December 18, were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

On December 19, a terrible rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 6'x 8' fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home.

On the way, he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity; so he stopped in.

One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time, it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hanger, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth? The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria. The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten the tablecloth.

The woman explained that before the war, she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. She was captured, sent to prison and never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a house cleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return.

One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to the one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war, and how could there be two tablecloths so alike? He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety, and he was supposed to follow her; but he was arrested and put in prison. He never saw his wife or his home again or all the 35 years in between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride.

They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.



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!

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

◆ **U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S COVID RESTRICTIONS ON CHURCHES/SYNAGOGUES** - The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday night blocked New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo from reimposing strict attendance caps at worship services in areas hit hard by the novel coronavirus. ... The order was also the first in which Justice Amy Coney Barrett played a decisive role.

Barrett...was President Trump's third Supreme Court nominee...In the hardest-hit areas, which were designated red zones, the state limited attendance in houses of worship to 25% of their capacity or 10 people, whichever is fewer. The majority said his limits violated the First Amendment's protection of the free exercise of religion.

◆ **EXPERT CLAIMS GOOGLE SHIFTED A MINIMUM OF 6 MILLION VOTES IN 2020 ELECTION** - Psychologist and search engine expert Dr. Robert Epstein appeared on Fox News' Tucker Carlson Tonight yesterday to reveal his findings on Google's search manipulation in the 2020 election, which Epstein claims could have shifted a minimum of six million votes in one direction. "First of all, we had 733 field agents in three key swing states this year: Arizona, North Carolina, and Florida, and we preserved more than 500,000 ephemeral experiences," said Epstein. ... "Google search results were strongly biased in favor of liberals and Democrats. This was not true on Bing or Yahoo. The bias was being shown to pretty much every demographic group we looked at, including conservatives. ... Conservatives got slightly more bias in their search results than liberals did. How do you account for that? We also found what seems to be a smoking gun. That is, we found a period of days when the vote reminder on Google's homepage was being sent only to liberals--not one of our conservative field agents received a vote reminder during those days. ... The bottom line at the moment is that these manipulations, the ones that we've so far quantified, could easily have shifted at least six million votes in just one direction. That's the bare minimum at this point, that I'm confident. The maximum we haven't even begun to estimate that yet because we have so much data to look at."

◆ **MEDIA'S SUPPRESSION OF ISSUES LIKELY SWUNG ELECTION** - To measure the true effect of the media's censorship on the election, the Media Research Center asked The Polling Company to survey 1,750 Biden voters in seven swing states (Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin), six of which (all but North Carolina) were called for Biden (survey details below). We tested these voters' knowledge of eight news stories--all important topics that our ongoing analysis had shown the liberal news media had failed to cover properly. We found that a huge majority (82%) of Biden voters were unaware of at least one of these key items, with five percent saying they were unaware of all eight of the issues we tested. This lack of information proved crucial: One of every six Biden voters we surveyed (17%) said they would have abandoned the Democratic candidate had they

known the facts about one or more of these news stories. A shift of this magnitude would have changed the outcome in all six of the swing states won by Joe Biden, and Donald Trump would have comfortably won a second term as president. ... The media's censorship of Biden's scandals had the strongest impact on this year's election. ... 45.1% of Biden voters said they were unaware of the financial scandal enveloping Biden and his son, Hunter (a story infamously censored by Twitter and Facebook, as well as ignored by the liberal media).

According to our poll, full awareness of the Hunter Biden scandal would have led 9.4% of Biden voters to abandon the Democratic candidate. ... On October 29, the government reported a huge jump in economic growth--33.1% on an annual basis, double the previous record. Yet nearly half of Biden voters (49.0%) said they had no idea about this record-breaking achievement. Armed with that information, 5.6% said they would have changed their vote ... The President took action to start long-stalled pipeline projects and expand drilling offshore and in the Arctic, and it paid off with America becoming a net exporter of oil for the first time in September 2019. More than half (50.5%) of Biden voters said they did not know about this important accomplishment, either. If the information was known by all, 5.8% of Biden's voters say they would have changed how they voted.

- NewsBusters, 11/24/20

◆ **COVID LOCKDOWNS AND ELDERLY SUICIDE** - 90-year-old Nancy Russell had already been planning to use the MAiD law [Canada's euthanasia law, Medical Aid in Dying] "at some point," according to her daughter, Tory. But having experienced full lockdown of her nursing home, including a two-week confinement of residents to their rooms, followed by bans or tight restrictions on visitors that made socialization impersonal, she knew what was coming with this second round of lockdowns and didn't want to live through it.

Russell's death comes at a time of increased loneliness and isolation for residents of senior care homes amid repeated lockdowns and isolation in the name of protecting them. ... Dr. Susan Woolhouse, a member of the Canadian Association of MAiD Assessors and Providers, told CTV News that the lockdowns are "accelerating" requests for assisted suicide. Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Alex Schadenberg reports that more than 6,000 assisted deaths were reported in Ontario from mid-June 2016 through October 2020, and nearly a third of those deaths (1,948) were in 2020 alone.

...It is, of course, undeniable that the vast majority of COVID-19 deaths are among the elderly. In Ontario, 2,234 long-term care residents have died of COVID-19 to date, almost two-thirds of their total coronavirus deaths (3,519). While Toronto and other parts of North America go into lockdown this holiday season, however, we would do well to reflect on the toll isolation takes on the elderly. For those who are old and frail, socialization with friends and family is one of the few joys that remain. ... While COVID-19 can be dangerous to the old and frail, those who are so concerned about protecting the elderly

shouldn't reduce "protection" to a negative COVID-19 test and a pulse, lest they quash what makes life worth living. ...we should heed the voices of those most deeply affected by lockdowns and restore their right to decide how they want to spend their few remaining years, despite the risk.

◆ **ISIS PLOT TO ATTACK WHITE HOUSE AND TRUMP TOWER THWARTED** - The U.S. Department of Justice recently announced the arrest of a South Carolina man who stands accused of providing material support to the foreign terrorist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham, or ISIS. The man, 34-year-old Kristopher Sean Matthews (aka Ali Jibreel), is accused along with another man of conspiring to carry out terrorist attacks against the White House, Trump Tower in New York City, and other high-profile targets. Matthews pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of conspiracy to provide material support to ISIS. In pleading guilty, Matthews admitted to conspiring alongside 22-year-old Jaylyn Christopher Molina (aka Abdur Rahim) of Cost, TX, by sharing bomb-making information with the goal of committing terrorist attacks on behalf of ISIS in the United States and elsewhere.



THE BOOK THAT BUILT AMERICA

America is a spiritually and morally foolish, nearly benighted nation today, looking to the Far East and to Europe, even to Africa, for light; but there is no excuse for this. From its inception, America's most popular book, by far, was the Bible. The English Bible was brought to America by its first settlers in the early 1600s, and that Bible had a profound influence on America's unique founding political documents in the late 1700s. The first English Bible published in America, by Robert Aiken in 1782, was printed only eleven months after the British surrendered at Yorktown, thus ending the military conflict part of the Revolutionary War.

The Aiken Bible was officially recommended to the American people by the U.S. Congress on September 10, 1782. "Resolved, That the United States in Congress assembled highly approve the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aiken, as subservient to the interest of religion as well as an instance of the progress of the arts in this country ... this recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States." The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, further flooded the land with inexpensive Bibles.

By 1829, the Bible Society's printer, Daniel Fanshaw in New York, "was operating sixteen Treadwell steam-powered presses exclusively for ABS Bibles" (David Daniell, *The Bible in English*, p. 736). By the 1860s the Bible Society was printing a million Bibles a year. (By 2004 the American Bible Society had distributed more than 6 billion Bibles.) The relationship of early America to the Bible was illustrated by the frontispiece of the 1792 American "Self-Interpreting Bible." The drawing depicted three women.

"The chief figure represents America. Her left elbow touches a column with thirteen names, headed 'Washington'; her left hand holds a scroll labelled 'Constitution'; her right hand is extended to receive from a kneeling woman an open copy of the 'Holy Bible'" (Daniell, p. 602). The Bible permeated society at every level. There were Soldier's Bibles for our military men, including those in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, and World II, and the government was still giving Bibles to soldiers when I was in Vietnam with the U.S. Army.

There was a Bible for every Pony Express rider. The KJV family Bible was the most respected book in households and was taken westward by countless thousands of pioneering families. The KJV was used as a textbook and reader in the nation's schools well into the 20th century. We were still reading the Bible in school when I was a kid. It was not until the 1960s that Bible reading ceased in public schools because of an unconstitutional and very sorry Supreme Court ruling foisted on the nation by activist judges. The English Bible even saturated the national dictionary.

Noah Webster's *An American Dictionary of the English Language* of 1828 was filled with quotations from the King James Bible. Similar quotations formed a part of the hugely popular 19th-century McGuffey Readers, tens of millions of which were distributed, mightily influencing generations of Americans. They taught not only reading and writing and literature, but "honor, integrity, and fair play." **"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water"** (*Jeremiah 2:13*).

GIFTS OF THE MODERN WISE MEN



Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.—Romans 1:22