

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of December 19, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	52
Sunday Evening Service -----	22
Wed. Evening Service, 12/22/21 -----	19

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of December 19, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,271.89
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/19/21: \$	2,271.89

- Week of December 12, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,012.30
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/12/21: \$	2,062.30

- Week of December 5, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,834.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/05/21: \$	1,854.00

- Week of November 28, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,392.25
Love Offering -----	\$ 100.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/28/21: \$	1,492.25

- Week of November 21, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,747.00
Love Offering, Dr. Ray Meier -----	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/21/21: \$	2,097.00

- Week of November 14, 2021 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,185.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/14/21: \$	1,185.00

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

AND THE LORD ADDED  
TO THE CHURCH...

- Week of December 19, 2021 -

Mr. Daniel Avery -----	by Statement
Mrs. GiGi Avery -----	by Statement

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, Derek Quinnelly, 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 CHRISTIAN  
LIFE IS WALKING,  
NOT FLYING

by Evangelist David Cloud

*"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:15).*

The new life in Christ is often called a "walk" in Scripture (Romans 6:4; 13:13; I Corinthians 7:17; II Corinthians 6:16; Galatians 5:18; Ephesians 2:10; 4:1; 5:8; Philippians 3:17; Colossians 1:10; 2:6; 4:5; I Thessalonians 2:12; 4:1, 12; I John 1:7; 2:6; II John 1:6).

This is a powerful metaphor with manifold lessons.

**Walking speaks of ACTION.** For those redeemed by free grace, there is a life to live; there are holy works to be done; there is a perfect will of God to be proven; there are gifts to be exercised; there is a gospel to be preached; there are churches to be built. Let's rise up and walk!

**Walking speaks of FORWARD MOVEMENT.** We are to be moving forward in the will of God, not going backwards. We are to keep our faces turned toward Christ and His business, not toward the old life or toward this fallen world. Demas failed to keep walking in the right direction (II Timothy 4:10).

**Walking speaks of GRADUAL, INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT.** The victorious Christian life is not leaping and bounding like a kangaroo. It is a step by step affair, living for Christ day by day, hour by hour, dealing with "the body of this death"; putting on the new man and putting off the old man, facing whatever trials God ordains for me by faith. We want to grow by leaps, but the reality is that we grow by steps, so we must be patient and persistent. Christian growth happens incrementally, by moving in the right direction, the ever stronger, ever more biblical, ever more obedient, ever more holy direction.

Worldliness and backsliding also happen incrementally, step by step, by moving in the *wrong* direction. Worldliness happens so gradually that it is easy to deceive oneself that nothing substantial is happening. Just a little change in music "taste," a little change in dress "style," a little change in reading habits, a little change in internet viewing and social media use, a little change in associations, a little change in attitude toward biblical separation and a pilgrim lifestyle. What can be harmful about a few little steps?

**Walking speaks of HAVING ONE'S FEET ON THE GROUND.** Walking is not flying. We would prefer to have some sort of "second blessing" experience and fly above the troubles of this present life, the struggles with the old man, the trials of our faith, the wrestlings with the powers of darkness. But that is not God's will. It is His will that we walk through these things, and He has promised to walk *with* us. ■

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **GOD LAUGHS AT MAN’S REBELLION** - The Bible prophesies an unprecedented rebellion in the last days, and says God laughs at it.

A 3,000-year-old prophecy describes exactly what is happening today. There is a global frenzy at the highest levels of society to reject God and His moral rule. The prophet described rulers taking counsel against the Lord and calling for the breaking of His “bands,” referring to His laws about marriage, the distinction of the sexes, etc. We can see this part of the prophecy fulfilled before our eyes on this earth, but the prophecy goes much farther and tells us what God does in response.

God laughs at puny man’s ridiculous rebellion against his Almighty Creator, man who enters this world as a helpless infant, lives a few years, then tumbles out into eternity by means of a death that he cannot control. God loves man and has provided his salvation at great cost, but He laughs at man’s conspiracy against the Almighty. Christ will return to judge sin and to establish God’s kingdom on earth, and nothing can stop it.

The prophecy ends with a call for men to put their trust in Christ before it is too late and gives the promise of salvation for those who trust Him.

Here is the prophecy:

*“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 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. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him” (Psalm 2:1-12).*

❑ **FAITHFULNESS TO HEBREW AND GREEK IS WHY THE KJV IS AN EXCELLENT TRANSLATION** - The following statement is from Adam Nicholson, *God’s Secretaries*, pages 210, 211. It refutes the position of some that holds that the KJV is advanced revelation over the original Hebrew and Greek and there is no longer a need to study the biblical languages, but it affirms the KJV as an excellent and unique translation that is faithful to the original languages. The chief reason the King James Version is such an excellent version is that it is based on the preserved Hebrew and Greek texts and an excellent team of

translators aimed to create in English a version faithful to the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. They weren’t willing to bend the original to fit English according to the prominent “dynamic equivalency” doctrine of our day. ***Rather,- they bent English to fit the original.*** They “pushed English toward the condition of a foreign language.”

Nicholson writes, “[The] English is there to serve the original not to replace it. It speaks in its master’s voice, and is not the English you would have heard on the street, then or ever. It took up its life in a new and distinct dimension of linguistic space, somewhere between English and Greek (or, for the Old Testament, between English and Hebrew). These scholars were not pulling the language of the scriptures into the English they knew and used at home. The words of the King James Bible are just as much English pushed towards the condition of a foreign language as a foreign language translated into English. It was, in other words, more important to make English godly than to make the words of God into the sort of prose that any Englishman would have written, and that secretarial relationship to the original languages of the scriptures shaped the translation.”

❑ **MAXINE WATERS PREACHES POLITICS FROM PULPIT SAME DAY AS TRUMP, WOKE EVANGELICALS DON’T CARE** - “Woke” Evangelicals around the nation are up-in-arms over Donald Trump’s speaking at the First Baptist Church in Dallas, where Dr. Robert Jeffress is Pastor, this past Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021. The leftists are complaining that “politics don’t belong in the pulpit” - which they actually do, in the right context - yet, none of them seem to be upset that Maxine Waters, a far-left pro-abortion Communist, and Black Lives Matter activist, preached a sermon shilling for Joe Biden’s failed “Build Back Better” legislation on the same day. The double-standard is quite evident.

❑ **DRESSED IN PRIESTLY GARB, BETH MOORE DELIVERS EUCHARIST AT HER NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH** - Beth Moore, when she apostatized a few months ago and left a somewhat biblical denomination for a completely apostate denomination, made it clear that her intentions were to continue to rebel against God by performing the function and role of a pastor, which the Scriptures reserve for men.

Beth Moore has since joined St. Timothy’s Anglican Church in Spring, Texas, which, similar in some ways to the Roman Catholic Church, when their statement on the matter is examined, appears to believe in the literal presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

What’s more notable, however, is the fact that she is dressed in priestly garb and is delivering the Eucharist in her new church.

Beth Moore has served as a lector during worship service at St. Timothy’s. According to at least one definition, in the Anglican Church, “The lector carries out his/her primary function during the Liturgy of the Word, proclaiming God’s Word to His people so that, strengthened by the words of Holy Scripture, they might come to a deeper love of God and a fuller Christian life.”

❑ **FALSE PROPHETESS, KAT KERR, SAYS CHRISTMASTOWN IN HEAVEN IS WHERE SANTA CLAUSE LIVES** - Kat Kerr - the crazy pink-haired “prophetess” who says that she saw visions of Christians being sent to a “mock hell” to be tormented by Satan for wearing jeans and make-up - is back at it again with the crazy, made-up nonsense. This time, she says that God told her before she was implanted in her mother’s womb what her life plans would be.

In a recent interview with Elijah Lists’ Kelsey O’Malley, Kerr described a “revelation” from one of her “tours” in Heaven where she saw a place called “Christmastown” where Santa Clause lives and the snow is alive.

She said, “*And the father said to me, ‘why would I not have fun if I said in my Word you know you must come like a little child.’ He said ‘I’d be in a lot of trouble if I didn’t have fun places for people who are like little kids to play in.’*

*“And one of the places I was taken to is a place in Heaven where it snows all the time...The snow is alive. Everything in Heaven has life.*

*“In Christmastown when you go there, that is where Nicholas lives. Yes, Nick. Some people call him Saint Nick. Some people call him Santa, we’ll call him whatever.”*

She said that this place was planned long before the world was created.

Of course, the real St. Nicholas very well may be in Heaven worshiping the living Christ, but to suggest that he is in Heaven in the form of the Earthly idol, Santa—who competes with Christ for the worship of children during Christmas—is simply blasphemous.

❑ **CANADA PASSES LEGISLATION MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR CHRISTIANS TO PERSUADE HOMOSEXUALS TO REPENT** - Largely referred to as “conversion therapy,” the secular world has long been railing against any effort to persuade homosexuals to turn from their unnatural desires and turn to Christ for forgiveness and repentance. Canada has now become the sixth country to ban “conversion therapy” and explicitly states that any spiritual form of the practice is now outlawed.

Bill C-6, which was unanimously passed by Canada’s parliament and sponsored by a so-called conservative, defines “conversion therapy” as “any formal therapeutic attempt to change the sexual orientation of bisexual, gay and lesbian individuals to heterosexual” and states that “these methods can include behavioural techniques, psychoanalytic techniques, medical approaches, and religious and spiritual approaches.”

The bill also attempts to define what is an acceptable Christian or religious practice when it comes to pastoral counseling toward homosexuals or other sexually aberrant individuals.

Beginning in the 1970s, some faith-based organizations

created “ex-gay groups,” which offered individuals engaging in sexual behaviours with or having feelings of attraction towards individuals of the same sex the opportunity to obtain spiritual healing through a process of repentance and forgiveness. Those faith-based organizations, referred to as “ex-gay ministries,” drew on psychoanalytic conversion theories and practices that were now rejected by the mainstream mental health community, as well as traditional religious practices such as prayer and scripture reading. Those services were generally targeted at individuals belonging to conservative Protestant communities who were seeking to reconcile their same-sex attractions and behaviours with their religious beliefs.

It is important to note that the approach of faith-based organizations that were part of the “ex-gay movement” differs from the pastoral counselling currently provided by many Christian and other religious denominations, which aims to provide support to LGBTQ2+ individuals but not to change their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The movement against conversion therapy isn’t just pushed by secular leftists; similarly, so-called “conservative” church leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention and other Evangelical denominations have embraced the push to eliminate conversion therapy and instead have embraced the idea—largely advanced by “gay Christian” ministries such as Revoice and Living Out—the idea that one’s sexual orientation cannot be changed even upon conversion to Christianity.

It should come as no surprise that, with a nod and a wink from Evangelical leaders who have shown approval for this, that the secular world is now working tirelessly to outlaw and ban Christianity altogether.

GIFTS OF THE MODERN WISE MEN



**“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools” -Romans 1:22**