

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of December 20, 2020

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| Sunday Morning Service ----- | 30 |
| Sunday Evening Service ----- | 9 |
| Wed. Evening Service, 12/23/20 ----- | 8 |

AND THE PEOPLE "TUNED IN"...

Week of December 20, 2020

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

Sunday Morning Service:

55 Views 93 Engagements 69 People Reached

Sunday Evening Service:

72 Views 119 Engagements 94 People Reached

Wednesday Evening Service:

46 Views 65 Engagements 62 People Reached

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of December 20, 2020 -

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| <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings ----- | \$ 811.50 |
| Church Insurance Fund ----- | \$ 20.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/13/20: | \$ 831.50 |

- Week of December 13, 2020 -

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| <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings ----- | \$ 20.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/13/20: | \$ 20.00 |

- Week of December 6, 2020 -

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| <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings ----- | \$ 868.52 |
| Church Insurance Fund ----- | \$ 506.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/06/20: | \$ 1,2374.52 |

- Week of November 29, 2020 -

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

- Week of November 15, 2020 -

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

- Week of November 8, 2020 -

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

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**



CHURCH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Premium, Due 01/05/21----- \$ 506.00
Amount Received To Date ----- \$ 20.00

TOTAL STILL NEEDED BY 01/06/21 ----- \$ 486.00

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.

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

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| 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 Segebarrt ----- | Custodian |
| Flowers ----- | Shirley & Brenda White |
| Sound/Video ----- | Seth White |

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

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PRESIDENT TRUMP THANKS GOD FOR SENDING HIS SON TO REDEEM THE WORLD

The following is President Trump's 2020 Christmas greeting from the White House, which is quite an amazing statement for any politician to make, much less believe, personally:

"To every family across our nation, the first lady and I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas. For Christians, this is a joyous time to remember God's greatest gift to the world. More than 2,000 years ago the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. He said, 'Do not be afraid. You have found favor with God.' The angel told her that she would give birth to a baby boy, Jesus, who would be called the Son of the Most High. Nine months later Christ was born in the town of Bethlehem. The Son of God came into this world in a humble stable. As Christians everywhere know, the birth of our Lord and Saviour changed history forever.

At Christmas we give thanks to God, that God sent His only Son to die for us and to offer everlasting peace to all humanity. More than two millennia after the birth of Jesus Christ His teachings continue to inspire and uplift billions of people all over the globe. His divine words still fill our hearts with hope and faith. And Christians everywhere still strive to live by Jesus' timeless commandment to His disciples, 'Love one another.' Above all during this season our souls are filled with thanks and praise to Almighty God for sending us Christ His Son to redeem the world. Tonight we ask that God would continue to bless this nation and we pray that He will grant every American family a Christmas season full of joy, hope, and peace"

(President Donald Trump).

The apostle Paul gave the Gospel in a nutshell as follows: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3-4).

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ **TOP DOCTORS RECOMMEND IVERMECTIN AS A WONDER DRUG FOR COVID-19** - We are keen to avoid quackery on all fronts, theological, political, and medical. The Frontline Covid-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC), which is not quackery, is recommending the use of *Ivermectin* as a “miracle cure” and “wonder drug” for prevention and early treatment of Covid-19. We don’t know if it is true that no one who takes Ivermectin will get Covid, but it is obvious from the studies so far that it has a major effect.

On Dec. 8, 2020, Dr. Pierre Kory, President of the FLCCC appeared before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs in Washington, D.C., to testify of the group’s scientific findings. Dr. Kory said, “We are a group of one of the most highly published physicians in the world. We have nearly 2,000 peer-reviewed publications among us. Led by Professor Paul Marik, who is our intellectual leader, we came together early on in the pandemic, and all we have sought is to review the world’s literature on every factor of this disease, trying to develop effective protocols. I was here [before the Senate committee] in May, and I recommended that it was critical that we use corticosteroids in treating this disease, when all of the national and international health care organizations said we cannot use those. That turned out to be a life-saving recommendation. I’m here again today with a new recommendation. ... We have a solution to this crisis. There is a drug that is proving to be of miraculous impact, and when I say ‘miracle’ I do not use that term lightly. I don’t want to be sensationalized when I say that. This is a scientific recommendation based on mountains of data that has emerged in the last three months. When I am told that we are touting things that are not FDA recommended, let me be clear, the NIH [National Institutes of Health], their recommendation on Ivermectin, which is to not use it outside of controlled trials, is from August 27. We are now in December. This is three to four months later. Mountains of data have emerged from many centers and countries from around the world showing the miraculous effect of Ivermectin. It basically obliterates transmission of this virus. ... Our manuscript details all of this evidence. ... We now have four large randomized controlled trials totaling over 1,500 patients, each trial showing that as a prophylaxis agent it is immensely effective.

...In early outpatient treatment, we have three randomized control trials and multiple observation as well as case series showing that if you take Ivermectin the need for hospitalization and death will decrease. ... We have four randomized control trials there, multiple observation trials, all showing the same thing. You will not die, or you will die at much, much lower rates, statistically significant, large magnitude results if you take Ivermectin. It is proving to be a wonder drug. It has already won the Noble prize in medicine in 2015 for its impact on global health in the eradication of parasitic diseases. ...

Our manuscript has been submitted for peer review, but please recognize that peer review takes months, and we don’t have months. We have 100,000 patients in the hospitals right now dying. I am a lung specialist. I am an ICU specialist. I’ve cared for more dying Covid patients than anyone can imagine. They’re dying because they can’t breathe. ... They are on high velocity oxygen delivery devices, non-evasive ventilators, and/or they are sedated and paralyzed and attached to mechanical ventilators that breathe for them. ... By the time they get to me in the ICU, they are dying, they are almost impossible to recover. Early treatment is key.

... Any further deaths are going to be needless deaths. I cannot keep caring for patients when I know that they could have been saved with early treatment, and that drug that will treat them and prevent the hospitalization is Ivermectin.” Dr. Kory called upon the government’s medical authorities--the NIH, CDC, and FDA--to urgently review the latest data and then issue guidelines for physicians, nurse-practitioners, and physician assistants to prescribe Ivermectin for COVID-19.

□ **SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN RESTRICTIONS ON COLORADO AND NEW JERSEY CHURCHES** - the following is excerpted from “*Supreme Court Slaps Down*” - *The Federalist*, Dec. 15, 2020:

“The Supreme Court sided with a rural Colorado church Tuesday that challenged the state Democrat governor’s COVID rules restricting building capacity in some parts of the state. The 6-3 decision overturned lower court rulings that had upheld Gov. Jared Polis’s church gathering limits to a maximum of 25 percent or 50 people, whichever is fewer, and ordered lower courts to re-examine the case.

“Today in Colorado it is perfectly legal for hundreds of shoppers to pack themselves cheek by jowl into a Lowes or other big box store or patronize any one of the thousands of other retail establishments that are not subject to draconian numerical limits,” church attorney Barry Arrington told National Review. The case was brought by the High Plains Harvest Church north of Denver, arguing the state was unlawfully targeting religious institutions by imposing harsher restrictions on churches than shopping centers.

On Tuesday, 12/22/20, the Supreme Court also handed down its ruling on a New Jersey case brought by a Catholic priest and a rabbi. This ruling overturned limits on religious gatherings in houses of worship, wiping out executive rule-favoring opinions in the lower courts. The cases upholding religious liberty come on the heels of rare public remarks by Justice Samuel Alito criticizing coronavirus lockdowns this year as placing ‘previously unimaginable’ restrictions on American freedom. ‘We have never before seen restrictions as severe, extensive and prolonged as those experienced for most of 2020,’ Alito said in a virtual speech to The Federalist Society. ‘The COVID crisis has served as sort of a constitutional stress test.’” PJMedia added, “This would appear to open the door to churches nationwide to decide their

own COVID policies. ... The arrival of Justice Amy Coney Barrett on the court has proven to be a godsend to religious liberty” (“Supreme Court,” PJMedia, Dec. 15, 2020).

□ **IN LANDMARK RULING, U.K. COURT OF APPEALS UPHOLDS FREE SPEECH “RIGHT TO OFFEND”** - The following is excerpted from “Right to Offend Upheld,” Reformation Charlotte, Dec. 18, 2020:

“The United Kingdom has been known in recent decades as the precursor to what happens in the United States as far as social policy. Its unmistakable liberal drift has worked its way to the West Coast of America and tends to drift Eastward from there. One of the United Kingdom’s most notorious movements in the last decade has been a movement against free speech, punishing those who offend others through the use of words. From personal experience, as one who has been to the United Kingdom to preach in the open air, one thing we had to be careful of was preaching openly against homosexuality. The crowds were particularly prone to revolt against this kind of preaching which would tend to land us in hot water with the police for ‘hate speech.’ Simply put, it isn’t allowed.

That, however, could be changing in a landmark ruling by a United Kingdom Court of Appeals which recently upheld the right to ‘offend’ in a ruling for free speech. Daily Mail reports, ‘Judges have insisted that freedom of speech includes the right to offend in a landmark ruling which could help to turn the tide on woke intolerance after a feminist who called a transgender woman a “pig in a wig” and a “man” was cleared.’ Presiding over a case in the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Bean and Mr. Justice Warby said: ‘*Freedom only to speak inoffensively is not worth having.*’ They added that ‘*free speech encompasses the right to offend, and indeed to abuse another.*’ The judgment from two senior members of the judiciary will set a precedent for future cases involving freedom of speech.”

□ **PROMINENT MEN WHO KNEW THEY WERE NOT “GREAT”** - An advertisement for a W. B. Riley meeting in Owensboro, Kentucky, in April 1940, was emblazoned with the words, “*Hear America’s Great Pulpit Statesman - 14 Great Days with Dr. W.B. Riley!*” He liked that and had his photo taken standing beneath the banner. J. Frank Norris published an advertisement for First Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, that depicted him as a giant towering over the church sanctuary.

In contrast, when *Gypsy Smith* saw that the Peoples Temple in Boston had put up a sign advertising him as “*the Greatest Evangelist in the World,*” he made them take it down (Ed Reese, Rodney “Gypsy” Smith Evangelist).

After **D. L. Moody** refused to meet a group of prominent women who supported his work, he told a fellow evangelist, “*If I had shaken hands with those women, I wouldn’t have been half through before the devil would have made me believe that I was some great man, and from that time I would have to do as he bid*” (Chapman, *The Life and Work of Dwight Lyman Moody*).

Robert Ketcham said of his association of churches (GARBC), “[We are] sold out to the one proposition that Jesus Christ is the only One worthy of prominent mention, and that there are no ‘great men among us.’ We are all little men with a great God” (“Important Changes at Waterloo,” Baptist Bulletin, July 1938). Prominent Bible college dean, author, and Bible conference speaker **William Blackstone** concluded his letters with “*I am but an errand boy for Jesus.*”

John the Baptist said, “*He must increase, but I must decrease*” (*John 3:30*). Peter didn’t refer to Paul as “the great Paul” but rather as “*our beloved brother*” (*II Peter 3:15*).

God will not give His glory to others. Jesus taught His disciples to call themselves “unprofitable servants.” “*So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants, we have done that which was our duty to do*” (*Luke 17:10*). When the disciples clamored as to who would be greatest, Jesus *reproved* them (Mt. 18:1-4).

□ **KILLFIES” - SELFIE DEATHS** - In 2017, more than 250 people had died of “killfies” (selfie deaths), according to *The Journal of Family Medicine* in India. At least 40 more have died since then, according to “*List of selfie-related injuries and deaths*,” Wikipedia. In September 2018, 18-year-old Tomer Frankfurter of Israel fell 600 feet to his death while dangling off a ledge in Yosemite National Park. In October 2019, four wedding guests drowned after falling from a dam in India while taking a selfie. On December 14, 2020, 38-year-old Rosy Loomba fell 260 feet to her death after climbing over a safety barrier at the Boroka Lookout in Australia to take a selfie. Her husband and two sons witnessed the event. Selfies are dumb even when they aren’t dangerous. ■



The Neglected Remedy