

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 10, 2026 -

Sunday School	23
Sunday Morning Service	49
Sunday Eve. Service	16
Wednesday Eve. Service	12

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 10, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 851.00
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/10/26: \$	996.35

- Week of May 3, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,760.28
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/03/26: \$	1,905.63

- Week of April 26, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,526.03
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/26/26: \$	1,671.38

- Week of April 19, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,187.08
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/19/26: \$	1,187.08

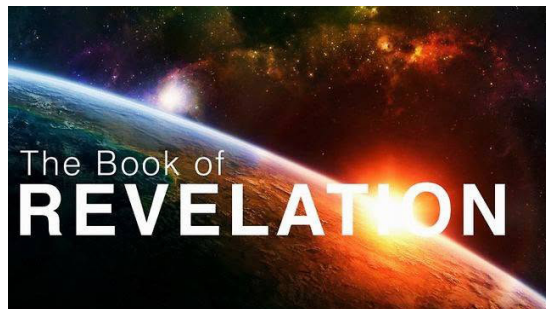
- Week of April 12, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,952.21
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/12/26: \$	3,097.56

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,800.00



DON'T FORGET TO BE HERE TONIGHT AS WE CONTINUE TO STUDY -



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.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Sundays -

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:50 a.m. Morning Service
 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Wednesdays -

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Bi-Monthly -

11:00 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. ----- Ladies Bible Study
- 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

Church Directory

Todd W. White Pastor
 Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell Pianists
 Derek Quinnelly Greeter
 Shirley White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; Derek Quinnelly/Larry Byars Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars Outreach
 GinaMarie Shufelt Ladies Bible Study
 Hannah Dietrich Flowers
 Seth White Sound/Video
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REMINDER



A Biblical Answer to the False Teaching That Baptism Was Only for Jews!

Many people today are teaching on social media that water baptism was only for Israel and not for Gentile believers. But, when we honestly study the Scriptures, we clearly see that this teaching is false.

The Bible plainly teaches that Gentiles were also baptized after believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Water baptism was never limited to the Jewish nation alone - it became part of Christ's command to all nations.

I. THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS GIVEN TO "ALL NATIONS" -

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He commanded:

- ☐ "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" - Matthew 28:19

Notice carefully - Jesus did NOT say "Israel only." He said "ALL NATIONS." Baptism was included in the Great Commission. The word "nations" includes Gentiles. Therefore, baptism cannot be exclusive to Israel.

II. GENTILES IN THE BIBLE WERE BAPTIZED -

The strongest proof against this false doctrine is the actual examples found in Scripture:

- ☐ **Cornelius** — A Gentile Roman Centurion. Cornelius was not a Jew. He was a Roman centurion.

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion..." (Acts 10:1).

After hearing the Gospel, Cornelius and his household believed on Christ. Then Peter said: "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized...?" (Acts 10:47).

And then: "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48).

This alone destroys the claim that baptism was only for Israel. Cornelius was a Gentile, yet Peter commanded him to receive water baptism.

- ☐ **Lydia** — A Gentile Woman. "And when she was baptized, and her household..." (Acts 16:15). Lydia was from Thyatira, a Gentile city. She believed the Gospel preached by Paul and was baptized.
- ☐ The Philippian Jailer. The Philippian jailer was a Roman Gentile. Paul told him: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." (Acts 16:31). Then, the Bible says: "...and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (Acts 16:33). Again, Gentiles were baptized after believing.
- ☐ The Corinthians - Corinth was a Gentile city. "And many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized." - Acts 18:8

The pattern is undeniable:

1. **Hear the Gospel**
2. **Believe on Christ**
3. **Be baptized**

III. WATER BAPTISM FOLLOWED SALVATION BY FAITH -

The Bible teaches that baptism is not what saves a person. Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ - **“For by grace are ye saved through faith...” (Ephesians 2:8).**

But, after salvation, believers publicly identify with Christ through baptism.

Baptism is:

- A step of obedience,
- A public testimony,
- & A picture of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism...” (Rom. 6:4).

IV. THE EARLY CHURCH BAPTIZED BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES :

In the book of Acts:

- **Jews** were baptized,
- **Samaritans** were baptized,
- **Ethiopians** were baptized,
- **Romans** were baptized,
- **Greeks** were baptized,
- & **Gentile households** were baptized.

The New Testament church never taught: “Baptism is only for Israel.” That doctrine is absent from Scripture.

V. PETER HIMSELF LEARNED THAT GOD ACCEPTS GENTILES -

Peter originally struggled with the inclusion of Gentiles, but God corrected him in Acts 10. Peter later declared: “Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons” (Acts 10:34).

Then Gentiles received:

- the **Gospel**,
- the **Holy Ghost**,
- and **water baptism**.

VI. THERE IS NO JEW OR GENTILE IN CHRIST -

“There is neither Jew nor Greek... for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28)

The Gospel is for all people. So is believer’s baptism.

VII. WHY THIS FALSE TEACHING IS DANGEROUS -

Teaching that water baptism was only for Israel causes confusion and division.

It ignores:

- the Great Commission,
- the book of Acts,
- the baptism of Gentiles,
- and the practice of the early church.

False teaching often comes from people who isolate verses while ignoring the full counsel of God.

CONCLUSION -

The Bible clearly proves that water baptism is not only for Israel. Jesus commanded all nations to be baptized. Gentiles throughout the New Testament were baptized after believing the Gospel.

The biblical pattern is clear:

- **HEAR THE GOSPEL → BELIEVE IN CHRIST → BE BAPTIZED**

Water baptism does not save us, but it is an important act of obedience for every believer—Jew or Gentile.

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized...” (Acts 2:41)

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them...” (Matthew 28:19)

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY VISITORS GIVE BIRTH TO 9% OF U.S. BABIES** - The following reminds us that the trajectory of American culture is unequivocally and irreversibly (apart from a revival greater than any America has heretofore experienced) toward the loss of biblical influence and its replacement with multi-culturalism: Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Roman Catholicism, atheism, Humanism, Marxism, etc. The following is excerpted from *“Illegal immigrants and temporary visitors,” April 23, 2026:*

“Nearly 1 in 10 newborns in the U.S. in 2023 were delivered by mothers who were either in the country illegally or on a temporary visitor’s pass. ... They were born to families where neither the mother nor father had permanent status in the U.S., meaning either citizenship or a green card. Most of the time, in some 245,000 cases, the mothers were illegal immigrants. In the other 15,000 cases, the mothers had some temporary visitor’s status. ... More than 4 million babies born in the U.S. from 2006 to 2023 [fit this definition] ... Illegal immigrants are often part of families at the lower end of the income scale, and they end up costing tens of billions of dollars in education and welfare payments each year.”

❑ **SMALL CHILDREN SUSPENDED FROM U.K. SCHOOLS FOR “HOMOPHOBIA”** - The following is excerpted from *“UK nursery suspends toddler,” TheBridgehead.ca, April 1, 2025:*

“A toddler between the ages of two and four years old has been suspended from a nursery in the United Kingdom after being

accused of ‘transphobia’ or ‘homophobia.’ ... The short version: a toddler was kicked out of school for anti-LGBT bigotry ... the *Independent* noted that ‘data does show 94 pupils at state primary schools were suspended or permanently excluded for homophobia or transphobia in 2022/23,’ and ‘ten of the suspended pupils were from year one and three were from year two where the maximum age is seven.’ ... ‘This is totalitarian insanity,” author J.K. Rowling stated on X. “If you think small children should be punished for being able to recognize sex, you are a dangerous zealot who should be nowhere near kids or in any position of authority over them.’ Elon Musk responded: ‘Utter madness!’ This latest case--and the hundreds of others detailed in the data obtained by the Telegraph--highlights the fact that even with substantial victories against gender ideology, including a number of high-profile legal cases, the Cass Review, and a permanent government ban on puberty blockers for minors, trans activists have thoroughly infiltrated most Western institutions.”

❑ **GOLD-TONGUED MUMMIES** - Archaeologists have found three mummies with gold tongues in the Minya region of northern Egypt.

“The mummified individuals were wrapped in cloths with geometric patterns before being placed in wooden coffins. A total of three gold tongues and one brass tongue were found, each crafted from thin foil. ... In Egyptian religious thought, especially in traditions linked with the god Osiris, the deceased were expected to speak, justify themselves, and participate in judgment. The tongues are generally interpreted as enabling this capacity for speech in the afterlife” (“Gold Tongues,” Bible History Daily, Apr. 24, 2026).

Gold tongues were also found at Alexandria near the Mediterranean coast in 2021 and at Oxyrhynchus in middle Egypt in 2025. A ritual performed by a priest wearing a mask of Anubis, the jack-headed god of the dead was supposed to awaken the body and restore its ability to breathe, eat, and speak when it was needed by the soul of the deceased. It began with the “opening the mouth” ceremony.

It was all in vain, of course. The soul’s eternal destiny is sealed at death, depending on the individual’s relationship with the Son of God. The nations descended into the gross darkness of idolatry after the Flood, but they had no excuse. There was the light of creation and the light of conscience, both leaving men without excuse before God (Romans 1:20; 2:11-16). There was also the light of the revelation of God to Israel in the law of Moses, which was well known in Egypt.

❑ **POPE CALLS MOSQUE “THE SPACE THAT BELONGS TO GOD, A DIVINE AND SACRED SPACE”** - On April 13, Pope Leo XIV visited the Grand Mosque of Algiers and said to the rector of the mosque, “I thank you for these reflections and for these important words during this visit, from a place that represents the space that belongs to God, a divine and sacred space, where many people come to pray and to seek the presence of the Most High in their lives. ... To seek God also means recognising the image of God in every man and woman” (“Pope

Leo arrives in Algeria,” National Catholic Register, Apr. 13, 2026). The Grand Mosque of Algiers is the third largest in the world, capable of accommodating 120,000, and its minaret reaches a height of 267 meters.

❑ **IRISH PASTOR CONVICTED FOR READING JOHN 3:16 IN PUBLIC** - Retired pastor Clive Johnston has been convicted under abortion buffer zones laws for an open-air sermon on John 3:16, even though abortion was never mentioned.

Please pray for him, his wife Sheila, and as they consider options to appeal.

The 78-year-old, a former President of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland, has been convicted of two charges under the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act for holding an open-air Sunday service on the fringes of a buffer zone on the other side of a dual carriageway from Coleraine’s Causeway Hospital on July7, 2024.

The Act means it is now a **criminal offence** for people to be “impeded, recorded, influenced or to be caused harassment, alarm or distress” within the eight 100-150m buffer zones that were created around hospitals and abortion clinics.

Bro. Johnston, who pastored several churches in the North West, is accused of seeking to ‘influence’ people accessing the hospital’s abortion services and for not immediately leaving the area when asked to do so by police. He is not accused of impeding or harassing.

Crucially, it is not alleged that he even mentioned abortion. Nor were there any abortion placards or banners.

The grandfather of seven – who had never been in trouble with the police – now faces a criminal record and £450 in fines. It is expected that he will appeal. ■

