

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS
FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday School -----	Mary Byars & Piper Quinnelly
10:50 a.m. Service -----	Mary Byars & Kaitlyn White
6:30 p.m. Service -----	Shirley White & VOLUNTEERNEEDED
Wed. Evening Service -----	Derek Quinnelly & Harrison White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of August 16, 2026 -

Sunday School -----	23
Sunday Morning Service -----	51
Sunday Eve. Service -----	30
Wednesday Eve. Service -----	13

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 16, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,921.56
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 125.93
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/16/26:	\$ 2,047.79

- Week of August 9, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 474.33
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 125.93
Children's SS Missionary Offering -----	\$ 11.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/16/26:	\$ 611.26

- Week of August 2, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,641.35
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 125.93
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/02/26:	\$ 1,767.28

- Week of July 26, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,535.00
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 116.22
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/26/26:	\$ 1,651.22

- Week of July 19, 2026 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,464.25
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/19/26:	\$ 1,464.25

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



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
Larry Byars, Derek Quinnelly, Daniel Avery -----	Trustees

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

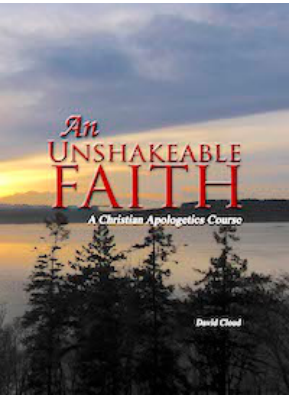
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***Christ's Resurrection: The
Testimony of Lawyers***

by Evangelist David W. Cloud



Here follows the testimonies of lawyers and judges in regard to the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is excerpted from *An Unshakeable Faith: A Christian Apologetics Course*, www.wayoflife.org:

❑ **Hugo Grotius** (1583-1645) was a noted Dutch “jurist and scholar whose works are of fundamental importance in international law,” according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. He wrote Latin elegies at the age of eight and entered Leiden University at eleven. Considered “the father of international law,”

he wrote The Truth of the Christian Religion (1627) in which he legally defended the historical fact of the Resurrection (cited from “*The Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ - Part 2*,” *John Ankerberg Show*, jashow.ca).

❑ **Thomas Sherlock** (1678-1761) wasn’t a lawyer but he was trained in law. He was a Cambridge-educated theologian in the Church of England, and he wrote a classic book that examines the evidence for the resurrection of Christ from a courtroom perspective. It is titled The Trial of the Witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus (1729). Sherlock wrote the book to rebut skeptic Thomas Woolston’s book Discourses of the Miracles of Jesus Christ. “Within the framework of a courtroom proceeding in which the Apostles are on trial for faking the Resurrection, Sherlock pits Woolston’s own arguments against his own powerful defense of the ‘accused.’ Applying the logic and reason of the law to the Bible, this is a provocative and original interpretation of the story of Jesus’ life and death” (Bookkilden.no).

❑ **Simon Greenleaf** (1783-1853), Royall Professor of Law at Harvard University, was one of the most celebrated legal minds of America. He authored the three-volume A Treatise on the Law of Evidence, which is “still considered the greatest single authority on evidence in the entire literature on legal procedure” (Wilbur Smith, Therefore Stand, 1972, p. 463). After a thorough examination, Greenleaf concluded that Jesus did rise from the dead. In 1846 he published An Examination of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists by the Rules of Evidence Administered in the Courts of Justice. “All that Christianity asks of men is, that they would be consistent with themselves; that they would treat its evidences as they treat the evidence of other things; and that they would try and judge its actors and witnesses, as they deal with their fellow men, when testifying to human affairs and actions, in human tribunals. Let the witnesses [to the resurrection] be compared with themselves, with each other, and with surrounding facts and circumstances; and let their testimony be sifted, as if it were given in a court of justice, on the side of the adverse party, the witness being subjected to a rigorous cross-examination. The result, it is confidently believed, will be an undoubting conviction of their integrity, ability and truth” (*An Examination of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists*).

❑ **Edmund Hatch Bennett** (1824-1898) was dean of the Boston University School of Law for more than 20 years, as well as a judge in the Massachusetts Probate Court. He wrote The Four Gospels from a Lawyer’s Standpoint. He begins by saying: “... this paper is the result of an effort, on my own part, to ascertain whether or not, independently of the exercise of a devout Christian faith, independently of any appeal to our religious sentiments, the truth of the story told in the four Gospels could be satisfactorily established by a mere reasoning process, and by applying the same principles and the same tests to the Gospel narratives that we observe in determining the truth or falsity of any other documents, or any other historical accounts.” Bennett makes the following argument: “These stories began to be published not long after the alleged crucifixion. Many persons were then living who could have easily refuted the statements of the evangelists had they been untrue. The enemies of Jesus were still alive and active. The Scribe and

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the Pharisee, the Priest and the Levite, still smarted under his repeated denunciations. They had the disposition, the opportunity, and the incentive to deny the story of the miraculous birth, the spotless life, the marvelous works, the sublime death, the astounding resurrection, and the glorious ascension of our Lord, had he then published description of these events been totally fabulous. But so far as we know, no person then living ever uttered a protest against these accounts, and for two thousand years they have been received and treated as veritable history.”

❑ **Sir Edward Clark, K.C.** (1841-1931), British barrister, observed: “As a lawyer, I have made a prolonged study of the evidences for the events of the first Easter day. To me the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the High Court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling. Inference follows on evidence, and a truthful witness is always artless and disdains effect. The gospel evidence for the resurrection is of this class, and as a lawyer I accept it unreservedly as a testimony of truthful men to facts they were able to substantiate” (John Stott, Basic Christianity, London: InterVarsity Fellowship, 1969, p. 47).

❑ **Lord (Charles John) Darling** (1849-1936), former Chief Justice of England, said: “The crux of the problem of whether Jesus was, or was not, what He proclaimed Himself to be, must surely depend upon the truth or otherwise of the resurrection. On that greatest point we are not merely asked to have faith. In its favour as living truth there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to bring in a verdict that the resurrection story is truth” (cited from Michael Green, Man Alive, InterVarsity Press, 1968, pp. 53, 54).

This quotation has been disputed by skeptics, but High Court Judge David Turner confirmed it as follows: “I have often used the quotation myself. Charles John (Lord) Darling certainly existed! Born 6-12-1849; MP for Deptford 1888-97; Queen’s Bench judge 1897–1923. Knight 1897; Baron 1924. He deputised for the Lord Chief Justice 1914-18 and became a Privy Councillor in 1917. That’s where the Lord Chief Justice theme will have arisen! Died May 1936. Biographies about him by Evelyn Graham (1929), Dudley Barker (1936) and Derek Walker Smith (1938).

... My information is from the Dictionary of Legal Biography 1845 – 1945 by Schofield (Barry Rose) (1998)”. (*Paul Beasley-Murray, “There is Evidence for the Resurrection,” Church Matters*, Apr. 12, 2012).

❑ **Lord Caldecote, Thomas Walker Hobart Inskip** (1876 - 1947), Lord Chief Justice of England, testified that “an overwhelming case for the Resurrection could be made merely as a matter of strict evidence. ... [Christ’s] Resurrection has led me as often as I have tried to examine the evidence to believe it as a fact beyond dispute” (cited by Irwin H. Linton, A Lawyer Examines the Bible, 1977, p. xxiv, xxv).

❑ **Irwin Linton** (1869-1962), a Washington D.C. lawyer who argued cases before the Supreme Court, published A Lawyer Examines the Bible: An introduction to Christian Evidences

(1929). Following is from the forward by H.A. Ironside: “Lawyers regularly sift through testimonies in order to separate falsehood from truth. A unique feature of this book is its weighing of testimonies in support of the Bible. Linton points out that lawyers ask witnesses seemingly trivial details because, while the main outlines of false testimony can be agreed upon in advance, the innumerable trifling details cannot. Apparent contradictions between the Resurrection accounts prove the absence of collusion, and the fact that they can be resolved adds credibility to the testimonies. So, far from being fatal, the apparent contradictions between the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection turn out to be support for the authenticity of the event.

On this, Linton cites Paley: ‘The existence of the difficulty proves the want or absence of that caution which usually accomplishes the consciousness of fraud; and the solution proves that it is not the collusion of fortuitous propositions which we have to deal with, but that a thread of truth winds through the whole, which preserved every circumstance in its place’” (A Lawyer Examines the Bible, 1949 edition).

❑ **Albert L. Roper** (1879-1966) was a prominent Virginia attorney, a graduate of the University of Virginia law school, and mayor of Norfolk. He made a thorough investigation into the evidence for the resurrection of Christ, asking the question, “Can any intelligent person accept the resurrection story?” At the end of his research he concluded, “Can any intelligent person deny the weight of this evidence?” He wrote the book Did Jesus Rise from the Dead? (1965).

❑ **J.N.D. Anderson (Sir Norman Anderson)** (1908-1994) was dean of the faculty of law in the University of London and director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. He wrote The Evidence for the Resurrection (1950) and Christianity the Witness of History: A Lawyer’s Approach (1969). “The most radical theory of all is to dismiss the whole story as deliberate invention. But there is scarcely a single intelligent critic who would go so far. The adverse evidence is overwhelming. Think, first, of the number of witnesses. Paul tells us that in 56 AD the majority of some 500 original witnesses were still alive; and we must remember that most of the early records went out, as it were, with the collective authority of the primitive Church. Think, too, of the character of the witnesses. Not only did they give the world the highest moral and ethical teaching it has ever known, but they lived it out, as even their opponents were forced to admit. Again, think of the phenomenal change which these men underwent because of this alleged invention. Is it conceivable that a deliberate lie would change a company of cowards into heroes, and inspire them to a life of sacrifice, often ending only in martyrdom? Surely psychology teaches that nothing makes a man more prone to cowardice than a lie which preys on his conscience? Is it likely, moreover, that even in disillusionment or agony not a single one of these conspirators would ever have divulged the secret?” (Anderson, The Evidence for the Resurrection, London: Inter-Varsity Fellowship, 1950). ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **MASSACHUSETTS BECOMES THE 11TH STATE WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTION** - On August 10, Massachusetts governor Maura Healey, surrounded by smiling supporters, signed into law a bill allowing unrestricted abortions at any point in pregnancy. This is irrefutable evidence of the moral wickedness that is permeating American society. In June 2022 the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade (1973), which had established a federal law protecting abortion rights, and returned the matter to the individual states. Eight states allow unrestricted abortion (Massachusetts, Alaska, Colorado, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, plus the District of Columbia). All have Democratic majority governments. The governors who signed these bills into law represent millions and millions of voters who support the terrible, wanton murder of unborn children. Thirty states allow abortion up to viability or to a certain number of weeks. Thirteen states have enacted a total ban on abortion with few exceptions (Encyclopedia Britannica). These are Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia.

❑ **SLUGGARD MEN IN AMERICA** - According to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics report, 44 million of 132 million eligible men older than 15--or **33.2%**--were not in the labor force last month. “That’s **9 million more** out-of-work men than in 2012, when 29% were not in the workforce. ... Mr. Beaulier cited research showing that men who stay home in their 30s **to play video games or seek social media fame** find it ‘progressively harder’ to return to traditional work--and are more likely to end up incarcerated. ... The share of eligible men participating in the workforce dropped from 77.5% in 1976 to 66.8% last month, the lowest nonpandemic reading since 1948. Meanwhile, the share of eligible women in the workforce has climbed from 47.3% in 1976 to 56.4%” (“Millions of men are ditching the workforce,” The Washington Times, Aug. 12, 2026).

These statistics reflect the ever-downgrading of the moral character of modern America. The “sluggard” is condemned in Proverbs, God’s book of practical wisdom. **“How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man” (Proverbs 6:9-11).**

“The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat” (Proverbs 13:4).

“The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing” (Proverbs 10:4).

Political activity cannot change America’s moral character. The greatest need is for an increase in the number of strong, fruitful New Testament churches patterned after biblical passages such as Acts 2:41-42 and Ephesians 4:11-16, and this is precisely what Christ has commanded His redeemed people to focus on.

❑ **SUPREME COURT DENIES APPLICATION TO SAVE VICIOUS DOG FROM DEATH** - This month, the U.S. Supreme

Court denied the application to save a vicious dog named ***Bruce*** from death. Ventura County Animal Services in California ordered him euthanized after four attack incidents, including biting a boy in the face, leaving “severe disfiguring lacerations,” and biting a woman on an arm, requiring surgery and skin grafts. The owner took Bruce’s case to court to stop the euthanasia but was rejected by a state court, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. The county agency said, “We do not take the loss of an animal’s life lightly. We have compassion for Bruce and for those who care about him, just as we have compassion for those who were injured.” They don’t understand the vast difference between an animal and a human being and, the case being in California, probably don’t understand the vast difference between a man and a woman.

❑ **CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WINS \$410K SETTLEMENT AFTER FIRING FOR REFUSING TO USE TRANS PRONOUNS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN TRANS PROCEDURES** - The following is excerpted from “*Christian PA wins*,” *Christian Post*, July 30 2026:

“University of Michigan Health-West, also known as Metropolitan Hospital, reached a settlement with Valerie Kloosterman, who worked at the hospital for 17 years with an exemplary record before she was fired in August 2021. ... Under its terms, the hospital agreed to pay \$410,000 in damages and legal fees to Kloosterman and her attorneys, and to adopt a new policy allowing staff to opt out of participating in actions that conflict with their religious beliefs, such as participating in gender-transition procedures or using a person’s biologically incorrect chosen pronouns. ... Kloosterman, a member of the United Reformed Church, said the settlement vindicated what she had sought from the beginning. ‘All I wanted to do was provide the best care possible to my patients without being forced to violate my Christian beliefs.’ ... In August 2021, Kloosterman was fired for refusing to finish a training program that required her to use the chosen pronouns of patients and assist in cosmetic sex-change surgeries.”

