

## AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of February 19, 2023 -

Sunday Morning Service	39
Sunday Evening Service	28
Wednesday Eve., 02/22/23 Service	13

## AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of February 19, 2023 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,180.97
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 183.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/19/23:</b>	<b>\$ 1,363.97</b>

- Week of February 12, 2023 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,227.00
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/12/23:</b>	<b>\$ 3,227.00</b>

- Week of February 5, 2023 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,701.93
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 130.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/05/23:</b>	<b>\$ 2,831.93</b>

- Week of January 29, 2023 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 998.00
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 120.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/29/23:</b>	<b>\$ 1,118.00</b>

- Week of January 22, 2023 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,469.35
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/22/23:</b>	<b>\$ 1,469.35</b>

- Week of January 15, 2023 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,643.02
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/15/23:</b>	<b>\$ 1,643.02</b>

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,600.00



## FOUNDATION PIERING FUND -

Amount Received, Week of 02/12/23:	\$ 2,000.00
Amount For Entire Project	\$13,600.00
50% Deposit Needed by 04/03/23	\$ 6,800.00
Amount currently on hand for Deposit	\$ 6,433.00
Amount Still Needed For Deposit:	\$ 367.00
Total Still Needed To Pay Off Entire Repair:	\$ 7,167.00

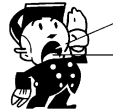
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## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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://tithely.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

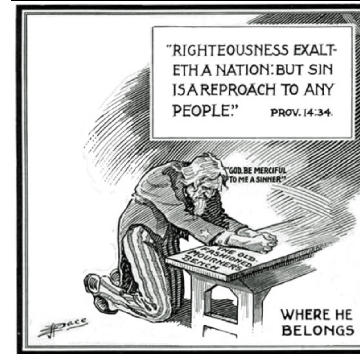
Todd W. White	Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell, Lois Mae Floyd	Pianists
Derek Quinnelly	Greeter
Larry & Mary Byars	Outreach
LeAnna White	Custodian
GinaMarie Shufelt	Flowers
Seth White	Sound/Video
Larry Byars, David Smith, Derek Quinnelly	Trustees

# SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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## The Remnant Is the Hope of the Nation

*"Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah" (Isa. 1:9).*

When Isaiah laid out the case against Judah and Jerusalem, it was not a pretty picture that he gave. He told them that cattle and donkeys know their owners and their place but the people of God didn't know who their God was (vs. 3). He charged them as a *"sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers"* (vs. 4). Because they had forsaken the Lord, *"they are gone away backward"* (vs. 4). Backward? Yes, they were at that time headed in the *wrong* direction. And remember, your direction will determine your ultimate destination. The issue with a church may not be where they are now, but where their current direction will have them in five years.

The diagnosis of their "backward" direction was *"the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it"* (vss. 5,6).

Even the religious observances which were still taking place (vss. 11-15) were rotten to the core. When the Lord said, *"I am full"* (vs. 11) of it, it is an "I'm fed up with it" indictment.

So the situation in the nation was quite grim and the future appeared foreboding. It looks much like the chaotic condition that has developed in America.

Our nation is in trouble morally and spiritually. A return to God is needed. Unless we have a genuine revival in our churches, the un-raveling of the fabric of our nation will continue.

As dark as the picture is in Isaiah, chapter 1, don't miss the hope and the promises of God.

### 1. A REMNANT HAS SPARED THE NATION -

*"Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah" (Isaiah 1:9).*

Remember Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed when a remnant could not be found.

You and I can be that remnant for America. We can't be the remnant unless we give God first place and put the Devil in his place. We can't be friends with the world and be God's friend in the world at the same time (Jas. 4:4).

### 2. THE REDEMPTION OF THE LORD IS STILL AVAILABLE -

*"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isaiah 1:18-20).*

That's plain enough!

### 3. THE RESTORATION OF THE NATION SHALL COME -

Because there is a remnant who will herald the Lord's redemption. He promises, *"And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city."*—Vs. 26.

The Lord can put things back in place "as at the first" and "as at the beginning." Then "afterward" the city will get its reputation restored.

*So, come on, my fellow servants, let's push discouragement to the curb, let's take a place as the remnant and let's sound out like a trumpet the redemptive message of God. Today is the day. Let's do it!*

- Sword of the Lord

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☐ **THE TERRIBLE SOCIAL EFFECT OF DRINKING** - “Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22). That is a far-reaching exhortation. Alcoholic beverages are a great evil and curse in modern society. Consider the automobile wrecks, the ruined health and early graves, the suicides, the adulteries, the lewdness, the divorces, the neglected children, the abused wives, the sexual abuse, the waste of money, the gambling, the blasphemy, the pure foolishness. Look at the beer and liquor ads, how they invariably flaunt sensuality and irresponsibility.

In January 2005, the Royal College of Physicians in England warned that Britain is suffering from an epidemic of alcohol-related problems that is fueling violence and illness throughout the country (The Telegraph, Jan. 3, 2005). The same epidemic is raging throughout the world. According to an April 2010 report, vodka consumption in Russia is an epidemic. The average Russian drinks from 15 to 18 liters of hard liquor annually, which reduces the average life expectancy by a decade. For Russian men, the life expectancy is just 61.8 years. In 2014, the World Health Organization reported that 3.3 million people die each year because of alcohol. That’s more than die of AIDS, tuberculosis, and violence combined. “Including drunk driving, alcohol-induced violence and abuse, and a multitude of diseases and disorders, alcohol causes one in 20 deaths globally every year.” That’s one death every 10 seconds. Another study found that alcohol use is responsible for 1 in 10 deaths among working-age adults. That adds up to 88,000 deaths between 2006 and 2010, and the lives of those who died were shortened by about 30 years (“Drinking behind 1 in 10 deaths of working-age adults,” USA Today, June 26, 2014). If anything has the appearance of evil today, it is alcoholic beverages, and the Bible does not suggest that we abstain from all appearance of evil, it commands us to do so!

☐ **CANADA AND THE EUTHANASIA SLIPPERY SLOPE** - The following is excerpted from “As Canada expands its euthanasia program,” Israel365 News, Nov. 13, 2022:

“Canada’s voluntary euthanasia program called Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) became legal in 2016. The program is part of Canada’s healthcare system. To receive euthanasia, patients experiencing intolerable suffering must sign a written request expressing their wish to end their life. In 2021, more than 10,000 people chose euthanasia, an increase of over 32% from the previous year, accounting for 3.3% of all deaths in Canada. According to the latest report on Medical Assistance in Dying from Health Canada, 17.3% of people also cited ‘isolation or loneliness’ as a reason for wanting to die. In 35.7% of cases, patients believed that they were a ‘burden on family, friends or caregivers.’

The law has been amended to make the program available to people whose death is not medically foreseeable. It was also amended to include those with dementia who may not be able to understand the implications of their decision. The decision to

access medically assisted suicide will also be for people whose only medical ailment is a mental issue. This amendment will go into effect next year. ... Though the Canadian program is described as ‘Dying With Dignity,’ the government has a financial interest in promoting medically assisted suicide. According to a study published in the Journal of the Canadian Medical Association, doctor-assisted death could lower annual healthcare spending across the nation by between \$34.7 million and \$136.8 million.”

☐ **ISRAELI SCIENTISTS TEACHING BACTERIA TO PRESERVE FOOD** - The following is excerpted from “Israeli Scientists,” NoCamels.com, Oct. 16, 2022:

“Scientists are using drug development techniques to create a healthy alternative to chemical food preservatives. They ‘educate’ bacteria to create proteins that can preserve food safely without any of the health concerns associated with the benzoates, sorbates, propionates, nitrites, and other chemicals we see listed on food labels. ‘What we’re trying to do is maintain our functioning food supply chain while providing healthy alternatives to food preservatives,’ Fabian Trumper, co-founder and CEO of Israeli food tech startup Bountica, tells NoCamels. Food manufacturers around the world use synthetic antibacterial agents to destroy bacteria or prevent mold growth. Bountica does the same thing by fermenting organic matter into a tasteless powder or liquid that is added to food in tiny amounts. ... The process is normally used to develop new drugs, and has never before been used for food. ‘Just a handful of companies in the world are using this process for products that are not for pharma, and we are one of them’ ... He says the proteins they create are fully digestible and safe to consume, unlike synthetic alternatives, and he hopes to achieve the regulatory approvals they need soon, so they can start selling to manufacturers. ... All the fungi that spoil food share the same metabolic pathway--a series of connected chemical reactions that feed one another. Bountica targets a very specific protein function, disrupting its functionality, and inhibiting the growth of all fungi. In other words, it actually stops the development of the cell structure of yeast and other contaminants. ‘It’s like throwing a wrench in a sequence of moving cogs,’ says Trumper.”

☐ **THE SUPPOSED BAD DESIGN OF THE HUMAN PHARYNX** - The following is excerpted from Evolution News & Science Today, Dec. 14, 2022:

“In our book, Your Designed Body [Howard Glicksman and Steve Laufmann], we apply a five-part test for evaluating ostensible instances of bad design. This test can help determine whether we’re looking at a bad design, or simply a bad argument. Let’s consider the example of the human pharynx. Is it poorly engineered? The figure below shows that the pharynx is the common entry for both the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts. Whatever is ingested can potentially go down the airway and cause obstruction, which can result in death by choking. Some insist that the pharynx is therefore miserably designed, something no wise designer would engineer, but that evolution, with its trial-and-error messiness, very well might [e.g., Nathan Kentws

and Abby Hafer].

... These arguments are riddled with problems. To see why, we need to take a closer look at the human pharynx. In addition to the structures identified in the figure above, fifty different pairs of muscles, connected by six different nerves, are needed to swallow. After food in the mouth has been formed into a small ball (bolus), the tongue voluntarily moves it to the pharynx, which automatically triggers the involuntary swallow reflex. As the bolus enters, the pharynx sends sensory information to the swallow center in the brainstem, which immediately turns off respiration so that air is not breathed in during swallowing. This prevents the lungs from drawing food into the airway. The brainstem also sends precisely ordered signals telling the various muscles to contract and move the bolus downward into the esophagus, bypassing the airway. This takes about a second. As swallowing begins, several muscles contract to move the bolus into the pharynx, while moving the back of the palate and the upper pharynx close together to close off the path to the nose. Next comes the tricky part. The bolus has been blocked from going up into the nose, and muscular contraction is hurtling it down towards the airway and the esophagus. Three separate actions take place to protect the airway. First, muscles contract to close the larynx, which is the gateway to the lungs. Second, other muscles move the larynx up and forward (which you can feel in the front of your neck while swallowing) to hide it under the floor of the mouth and the base of the tongue while being protected by the epiglottis. Third, this action, combined with other muscular activity, opens the upper esophagus to allow the bolus to enter. The timing and coordination are remarkable. ... While critics seem to miss the amazing design of this system, it should give the reader pause. Somehow, swallowing happens, usually without incident, a thousand times a day. Where did the information come from that specifies the size, shape, position, and range of movement of the pharynx, each of its nearby structures, and the fifty pairs of muscles involved in swallowing? How could such a system come about gradually, by accident?!”

## NOT ON SUNDAY NIGHT!!!

*I love the church that Jesus bought,  
And know that it is right;  
I go there on Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night.*

*I love to sing the songs of God,  
Such worship must be right,  
This I do on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.*

*God bless the preacher too,  
And give him power and might,  
But put the sinner in his place,  
I won't be there Sunday night.*

*I love to hear the Gospel too,  
It gives me pure delight;  
I hear it on Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night.*

*I know I need more strength  
To keep me in the fight;  
For help I come on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.*

*Yes, we all must die,  
I hope I will be right,  
So may I die on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.*

- Anonymous

## FINALLY SEEING HIMSELF AS GOD SAW HIM

In his book *Great Themes of the Bible*, Louis Albert Banks told of the time D. L. Moody visited a prison called “The Tombs” to preach to the inmates.

After he had finished speaking, Mr. Moody talked with a number of men in their cells. He asked each prisoner this question, “What brought you here?” Again and again he received replies like this: “I don’t deserve to be here.” “I was framed.” “I was falsely accused.” “I was given an unfair trial.” Not one inmate would admit he was guilty.

Finally, Moody found a man with his face buried in his hands, weeping. “And what’s wrong, my friend?” he inquired.

The prisoner responded, “My sins are more than I can bear.” Relieved to find at least one man who would recognize his guilt and his need of forgiveness, the evangelist exclaimed, “Thank God for that!”

Moody then had the joy of pointing him to a saving knowledge of Christ -- a knowledge that released him from his shackles of sin.

