

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of April 9, 2023 -

Sunday Morning Service	50
Sunday Evening Service	26
Wednesday Eve., 04/12/23 Service	25

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of April 9, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,650.00
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 255.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/09/23:	\$ 1,905.00

- Week of April 2, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,986.05
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/02/23:	\$ 2,036.05

- Week of March 26, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 775.36
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 5,150.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/26/23:	\$ 5,925.36

- Week of March 19, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,102.90
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 325.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/19/23:	\$ 1,427.90

- Week of March 12, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,727.07
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 170.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 03/12/23:	\$ 1,897.07

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 04/09/23: \$ 255.00

Amount For Entire Project ----- \$13,600.00

Amount Received So Far ----- \$13,253.00

Total Still Needed To Pay Off Entire Repair: \$ 347.00

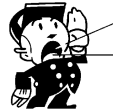
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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.com/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 Quinnely	Greeter
Larry & Mary Byars	Outreach
LeAnna White	Custodian
GinaMarie Shufelt	Flowers
Seth White	Sound/Video
Larry Byars, David Smith, Derek Quinnely	Trustees

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

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POLL: MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WORRY 'ABANDONING,' 'WATERING-DOWN' TRADITIONAL BELIEFS

A majority of Americans say faith is important to their daily lives, but they worry "too many religious institutions nowadays are watering down or abandoning their traditional beliefs," a new Rasmussen Reports poll found.

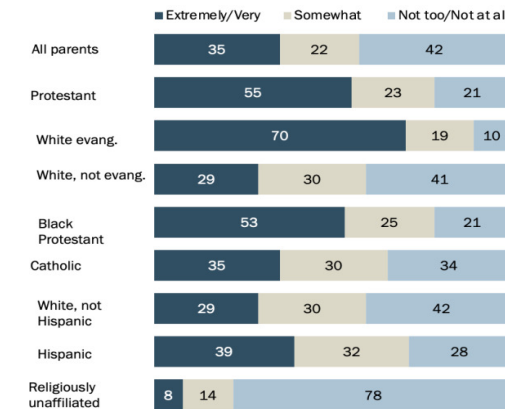
Out of 1,056 American adults polled between April 9-11, 65 percent say they agree that too many religious institutions are watering down or abandoning their traditional beliefs. Thirty-five percent say they "strongly agree," while 23 percent disagree and 12 percent are unsure. The margin of sampling error is ±3 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence level.

Overall, 75 percent of respondents say "religious faith [is] important to their daily lives," up from 71 percent in 2018. Nearly half, 49 percent, say it is "very important" to their lives. The results are higher than March polling from Wall Street Journal-NORC, which found that 39 percent of American adults say religion is "very important to them."

The chart below shows results from that poll:

White evangelical parents in U.S. are most likely to say it's important that their kids share their religious views when they're adults

% of U.S. parents saying it is ___ important to them that their children have similar religious beliefs to their own as adults



Note: Share of respondents who didn't offer an answer are not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. parents conducted Sept. 20-Oct. 2, 2022.

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According to that polling, religion has seen a precipitous decline in ranking of importance: 62 percent of Americans said religion was "very important" in 1998, a sentiment which tumbled down to 48 percent in 2019 before hitting this year's low percentage.

The Rasmussen Reports poll found that 23 percent do not consider religious faith important to their daily lives. Other polls in recent years have found that Americans perceive a decrease in religious influence in the United States and place less value on their children sharing their religious views, and show that church attendance and general belief in God has dropped in the U.S. over the past few years.

"Twenty-five percent (25 percent) of adults surveyed identify their religious affiliation as evangelical Christian, 21 percent as Catholic and 16 percent as Protestant. Three percent (3 percent) identify as Jewish and one percent (1 percent) as Muslim. Seventeen percent (17 percent) identify as some other religious faith, and 12 percent are atheists," according to the Rasmussen poll report.

"Sixty-two percent (62 percent) of Catholics attend services at least monthly, as do 51 percent of evangelical Christians and 40 percent of Protestants. Thirty-one percent (31 percent) of Catholics attend services weekly, as do 28 percent of evangelical Christians and 23 percent of Protestants," the report continues.

(continued inside)

Forty-three percent of respondents say they attend church, synagogue, or mosque at least once a month, including 24 percent who attend at least once a week. Nearly a quarter (24 percent) say they attend occasionally, while a third (33 percent) never attend. The pollster notes their findings in this area have not changed much since 2018.

The survey found that adults who attend religious services at least weekly are most likely to “strongly agree” that too many religious institutions have taken to abandoning or watering down traditional beliefs.

Adults who attend services at least weekly are most likely to Strongly Agree that too many religious institutions nowadays are watering down or abandoning their traditional beliefs. That view is shared by 52 percent of evangelical Christians, as well as 34 percent of Catholics, 30 percent of Protestants, and 41 percent of Jews, the poll report states.

“Sixty-nine percent (69 percent) of evangelical Christians consider religious faith Very Important to their daily lives, as do 60 percent of Catholics, 45 percent of Protestants, 33 percent of Jews, 37 percent of Muslims and 52 percent of those who identify as some other religion,” according to the poll report.

Younger adults (under 40) are more likely to say they are evangelicals, while Americans 65 and older are more likely to identify as Protestant. Young people are also least likely to attend services weekly, but are also most likely to agree that too many religious institutions nowadays are watering down or abandoning their traditional beliefs.

By sex, women (53 percent) are more likely than men (44 percent) to say religious faith is “very important” to their daily lives. Men (38 percent) are also more likely than women (29 percent) to rarely or never attend religious services.

Married adults (47 percent) are more likely than single adults (33 percent) to report attending religious services at least monthly.

- breitbart.com

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **TRANSGENDER PASTOR COMPARES NASHVILLE MURDERER TO JESUS’ CRUCIFIXION** - The following is excerpted from “Transgender Pastor,” Fox News, Apr. 4, 2023:

“A liberal transgender pastor compared Nashville shooter Audrey Hale to Jesus being betrayed and crucified less than a week after Hale murdered six people [including three children] at a Christian school. Micah Louwagie, who was recently formally installed as the pastor of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Fargo, North Dakota, delivered the Easter-themed sermon to the small congregation on April 2. After reading the Biblical account of Jesus’ crucifixion, Louwagie immediately brought up the mass shooting in Nashville.

... ‘Some folks have tried to focus on eradicating trans people as a solution, because they have been waiting, just waiting for an opportunity such as this. They’ve been waiting for a reason, any reason to stoke their hatred,’ Louwagie said.

... The liberal pastor goes on to compare the Pharisees’

treatment of Jesus to politicians who make laws against drag shows and transgender players in sports. ... The pastor also compared how transgenders were treated in the U.S. to the Holocaust and Japanese internment camps later on in the message.”

❑ **NEW YORK SKYSCRAPERS PROCLAIM THE OLD AMERICA AND NEW** - There are two Americas today, the old and the new. The Old America had a near universal belief in the almighty Creator God revealed in the Bible; acceptance of absolute truth based on biblical principles; emphasis on good character traits such as honesty, purity, humility, self-restraint, and benevolence; exalted concepts of human liberty (as summarized in the magnificent Bill of Rights); justice, republicanism, civic mindedness; pursuit of universal literacy; strong law and order; respect for authority; the centrality of the “nuclear family” (mother, father, children); private ownership of property; small government under the control of the people. Old America was free, prosperous, with little crime, the world leader in science and technology. The New America is built on cultural Marxism, humanism, and atheism, and the fruit is narcissism, licentiousness, destruction of the family, lawlessness, tyranny, and financial irresponsibility. The Old America and New America are reflected on New York City’s skyscrapers. In 1956, the Old America put crosses on three skyscrapers to celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ. The 150-foot-high crosses were on City Bank, Farmers Trust, and Forty Wall Street Corp. buildings. Today, the Empire State Building is annually decked in rainbow colors to celebrate Gay Pride, and in January 2019, the One World Trade Center was lit up in pink to celebrate the passage of a New York law legalizing abortion for any reason up to birth.

❑ **HILLSONG PAID BIG-NAME SPEAKERS MASSIVE HONORARIUMS** - The following is excerpted from “Hillsong Church Paid,” Christian Post, Apr. 6, 2023:

“[Hillsong paid celebrity speakers massive amounts of money as honorariums] according to a trove of financial documents from Hillsong Church first made public on March 9 by Andrew Wilkie, an independent member of the Australian Parliament.

... In a document titled, ‘Hillsong Conference (with One Days) Key cost Variances’ covering the period 2005-2011, Hillsong Church paid T.D. Jakes an honorarium of \$146,359 in 2010.

... The list of payouts to other prominent Christian personalities includes \$58,605 to Israel Houghton, \$45,032 to Tim Hughes, \$25,000 to Ed Young, \$25,000 to Judah Smith, \$25,000 to Andy Stanley and \$10,000 to Nancy Beach. ... Joyce Meyer received an honorarium of \$133,420 in 2008. Both Meyer and Jakes made multiple appearances at the annual Hillsong Conference, and each time they received \$100,000 or more in honorarium payments. ... In 2015, according to the records, Hillsong Church spent just over \$522,000 on honorariums.

... The list of famous Christian pastors with global brands that have received honorariums for making appearances at the megachurch include: Steven Furtick, Jentezen Franklin, Robert Morris, Louie Giglio, Joseph Prince, Ravi Zacharias, Carl Lentz

and many others. The details come after nearly 40 churches around the world were found to have paid up to \$100,000, or 3% of their tithes and offerings, annually to Hillsong Church to be a part of the Hillsong Family network, which the whistleblower has alleged offers access to a global honorarium scheme meant to funnel additional income into the pockets of celebrity pastors through sophisticated means.”

❑ **BABIES BAFFLE EVOLUTION** - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Mar. 15, 2023:

“The Bible teaches that until several centuries after the Flood all people on Earth spoke the same language. The fact that many supposedly unrelated languages have similar sounding words with the same or similar meanings supports this teaching. Some language researchers say that this is simply due to chance. Now some language researchers say that they have developed another line of research that supports the belief that all humans once spoke the same language. Language researchers have spent years listening to babies in many different language groups babble. Babies younger than four months make a variety of sounds as they learn to use their voice. Speaking is a highly complex activity, requiring the coordination of 70 different muscles as well as several different body parts. By seven to ten months of age babies typically begin making sounds that alternate vowels and consonants. Researchers found that there are three distinct patterns of alternating sounds that are universal among babies in English-speaking households. Then they found that these three

patterns are also common among infants from a wide range of language groups around the world. Researchers comparing infants from varying language groups then identified a fourth pattern among all groups. These findings have been interpreted as independent evidence that all people once spoke one language. We accept what the Bible says by faith, not because it has been proven. But when Scripture’s truths are supported by science the Bible’s integrity is upheld before skeptics. Ref: Science News, 5/27/00, pp. 344 346, ‘Building Blocks of Talk.’”



ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2023 MEN'S ADVANCE



**Friday, April 28,
at 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday,
April 29,
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The Men’s Advance has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the Men’s Advance is to impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community.

The meeting runs on a two-day format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 28, 2022 and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 29. Again this year, we will again meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full smoked meat dinner Friday night, complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon. In addition to the Advance, a golf tournament is open to all attendees and precede the Advance earlier on Friday.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God’s Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men’s Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional “It Is Well With My Soul” finale.