

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 12, 2024 -

Sunday School	-----	19
Sunday Morning Service	-----	40
Sunday Evening Service	-----	25
Wednesday Eve., 05/15//24 Service	-----	13

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 12, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 657.30
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/12/24:		\$ 657.30

- Week of May 5, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 2,332.24
Sign Repair	-----	\$ 2.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/05/24:		\$ 2,334.24

- Week of April 28, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 455.22
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/28/24:		\$ 455.22

- Week of April 21, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,724.10
Children's SS Missionary Offering	-----	\$ 10.26
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/21/24:		\$ 1,734.36

- Week of April 14, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,736.14
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/14/24:		\$ 1,736.14

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



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.

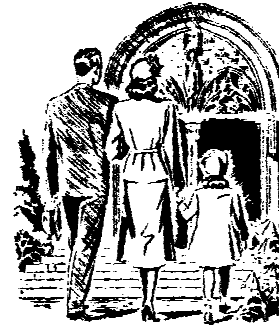


BRO. BLOTZ, I BELIEVE THE OLDER YOU GET THE BETTER YOU USED TO BE!

Church Directory

Todd W. White	-----	Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell, Lois Mae Floyd	-----	Pianists
Derek Quinnelly	-----	Greeter
Kim Phillips; Shirley White/LeAnna White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; & Keith Shufelt	-----	Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars	-----	Outreach
Keith Shufelt	-----	Men's Prayer Group
GinaMarie Shufelt	-----	Ladies Bible Study/Flowers
Seth White	-----	Sound/Video
Larry Byars, Derek Quinnelly, David Smith	-----	Trustees

REMINDER



Weekly Church Attendance Leads to Better Health

Looking to keep the doctor away? A weekly church visit may do more than an apple a day.

A Harvard Public Health article highlights numerous studies demonstrating the overall health benefits of regular church attendance.

Tyler VanderWeele, professor of epidemiology at Harvard's T. H. Chan School of Public Health, notes that public health advice and textbooks for would-be doctors often ignore the benefits of religious attendance. "The standard narrative for the neglect sometimes seems to be that 'there is not actually that much research around the impact of spirituality on health.' This, however, is simply not the case," he writes.

Citing numerous studies and analyses, VanderWeele argues that the evidence suggests weekly religious service attendance is associated with "lower mortality risk, lower depression, less suicide, better cardiovascular disease survival, better health behaviors, and greater marital stability, happiness, and purpose in life."

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While this is good news for churchgoers, fewer Americans are gaining this benefit today compared to years past. More Americans say they never attend religious services (31%) than say they attend every week (21%), according to Gallup. Protestants are more likely to attend weekly. Still, only 30% say they're at church each week, and 14% say they're there almost weekly.

The decline in worship service attendance has influenced how churches define a regular churchgoer. Pastors are more lax with the definition than churchgoers.

For those who attend at least monthly, 59% say someone has to attend weekly or more to be a regular churchgoer, and 12% say at least three times a month. Among pastors, 16% say a regular churchgoer must attend weekly or more, while 15% say at least three times a month.

Meanwhile, the health benefits of church attendance may be why pastors grade their health higher than the average American. While pastors have responsibilities connected with worship services that aren't shared by others, they still may gain from their involvement.

Obviously, physical health benefits should not be the primary motivation for followers of Christ to become involved in a local congregation. Christians should regularly attend worship services out of obedience and a desire to know God and His people better. But that doesn't mean this information can't encourage those who remain on the fringes or need extra motivation to stay involved.

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"Looking at the data we have on religious participation and health, it seems reasonable to encourage those who already identify with a religious tradition to participate in communal religious life," wrote VanderWeele. Health officials ignoring this data means they "are neglecting an important health resource, and will be leaving the population in poorer health."

The epidemiology professor argued, "It is time for the neglect of religion in public health conversations to change."

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Killing the Boy Scouts

This week the Boys Scouts of America neutered themselves even further by removing the very DNA of what it had been as an organization by cutting the word “boy” out of its name.

In 2019, the organization changed its name from “Boy Scouts” to the more generic “*Scouts BSA*” to be more inclusive to girls joining local Boy Scout troops. But apparently, even the “B” in “BSA” was too offensive for some, so the group has now adopted the completely gender-neutral name “*Scouting America.*”

A once steadfast symbol of wholesome Americana, the Boy Scouts of America was transformed from the greatest boy-centered organization in the world to a generic, gender-neutral youth group with neckerchiefs. The iconic masculinity program where boys went to learn from men how to become men is now gone, as most local troops are run by women.

Further, in its passion to be inclusive to girls, gay, and trans youth, the group has further aggravated an already dangerous program by throwing everyone together in an overnight camping environment. It’s common sense not to let boys and girls “tent” together, because naturally, they are attracted to each other.

Yet the group now allows openly gay boys to tent with other boys of their choice, creating an enormous youth-protection problem. All this has created a radical increase of largely unreportable homosexual contact that is very hard to prevent or regulate as they refuse to identify or separate boys or adults who claim to be gay.

Last year, the BSA settled 82,000 lawsuits from men who were sexually molested as boys by their adult Scout leaders. They had to set up a **\$2.4 billion** fund to settle all those cases. Yet the sexual abuse still quietly continues, and is now aggravated because the organization doesn’t have the courage or conviction to stand up to the LGBT gender-diversity mob even when it comes to protecting young boys.

In 2018, at the World Jamboree held in West Virginia and cosponsored by the BSA, organizers “required” condoms to be “readily available” for the duration of the event and even permitted alcohol in certain venues; meanwhile, a significant percentage of the attendees were girls as young as 14. This is utterly outrageous and inappropriate for the organizers of any event with teenagers present.

The fact that the Boy Scouts’ actual mission is to “prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes” makes all of this even more heartbreaking. By its actions, the Boy Scouts teaches young people to base values and morals on what is popular — a fluctuating and shallow, subjective standard.

In announcing the name change, BSA President Roger Krone said, “We want any youth to feel welcome” and for “anyone to

bring their authentic self” and be who they are.

Doesn’t this statement leave out atheists, agnostics, and hardcore secularist youth, not to mention the growing number of young people who are anti-American? Surely, they wouldn’t embrace a Scouting America which requires a belief in God and a love for country.

Sadly, what we have witnessed over the last ten years is truly the killing of the Boy Scouts of America by self-inflicted wounds. This is clearly an example of the truth that the left destroys everything it touches.

- John Stemberger, President of Liberty Counsel Action and is the primary founder of Trail Life USA, a Christian scouting movement. Trail Life troops are sponsored in 1,200 churches across all 50 states.

BEWARE OF THE TEENAGER CONCEPT

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

We must resist the teenager concept, understanding that it doesn’t come from the Bible but from the rock & roll culture that began in the 1950s.

There was a “baby boom” in America following World War II. Whereas at the end of the war, there were about 5.6 million teens in U.S. high schools, by the time Elvis blasted on the scene in 1956 the number had almost tripled to 13 million (David Halberstam, *The Fifties*, p. 473). There was a corresponding increase in personal wealth and leisure. Between 1950 and 1960, per capita income increased from \$1,500 to \$2,788. Teens suddenly had free time and money, and a new music came along, preaching, “Do you own thing; live your own life; you can be a cool dude, a rolling stone; throw off the shackles.” The newly-invented, ultra-portable 45rpm record and the transistor radio enabled young people to have this exciting new music wherever they went. Radios were well entrenched in automobiles by 1956, so that the new “teen” class could tool around in their cars, listening to rock & roll and impressing one another with their coolness. Alan Freed, Dewey “Daddy-O” Phillips, and many other rock disc jockeys used the radio to help create a new teenage culture with its own music, language, and moral code.

“In this new subculture of rock and roll the important figures of authority were no longer mayors or parents; they were disc jockeys, who reaffirmed the right to youthful independence and guided teenagers to their new rock heroes. THE YOUNG FORMED THEIR OWN COMMUNITY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AMERICAN LIFE THEY WERE BECOMING A SEPARATE, DEFINED PART OF THE CULTURE” (*The Fifties*, p. 474).

Television also helped create the teenager. By 1956, there were 37 million TV sets in America. This powerful new medium had a great influence in the spread of rock and roll. Elvis Presley’s appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1956 attracted 54 million viewers, which was a whopping 83% of the television audience.

Dick Clark’s American Bandstand was inaugurated in 1957 and was watched by millions of teens. “Every day nationwide, teenagers rushed home from school to watch their favorite singers, and learn new rock & roll dance steps. ... As viewers watched them day after day, they got to know the dancers’ names; THEY COPIED THEIR CLOTHING AND HAIRSTYLES; THEY MIMICKED THEIR ‘COOL’ BEHAVIOR...” (Richard Aquila, *That Old Time Rock & Roll*, p. 10).

The “cool teenager” was invented as a clever marketing tool, but it is a concept that appeals to the innate rebellion and pride of youth and was a grand satanic device.

Christian families and churches that cater to the world’s concept of “the teenager” are foolish and are not following the Bible. They are bowing to popular culture, and that is idolatry. God will not accept it. His Word is very clear in this matter, that we are not to be “conformed to this world” (Rom. 12:2) and that “*whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God*” (*James 4:4*).

The goal of the pop culture is to alienate young people from parents and other authority figures, and wise Christian parents will do everything possible to protect their children from this evil influence and to keep the children’s hearts.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **EXPERTS: NO CLIMATE CRISIS** - The following is excerpted from “Climate Experts,” PJMedia, May 13, 2024:

“Three climate experts have called out the ‘global warming apocalypse’ narrative and the totally failed record of climate alarmists’ predictions. A warming climate helps ecosystems thrive, and climate models predicting global crisis have consistently over-predicted. CO2 Coalition Executive Director Greg Wrightstone, Heartland Institute President James Taylor, and Junk Science’s Steve Milloy all spoke during a media call last week about climate alarmist lies and the truths woke media and government don’t want you to hear.

These include the fact that moderate warming has actually been found **beneficial** for ecosystems, including for plants (and food crops) and animals. Both the last eight+ years of a cooling trend and the last century and a half of moderate warming portend no imminent catastrophe, but should be celebrated. That’s just one hard truth the experts highlighted during the call, providing data that illustrates climate alarmists aren’t concerned with science or reality; rather, they are manipulating data or making unverifiable claims for political or financial reasons.

Taylor stated emphatically, ‘There is no climate crisis.’

... **No major climate prediction for 50+ years has come true;** often, the predictions are wildly wrong. As Milloy noted, it’s a hallmark of science to be able to make reasonably accurate predictions, and yet climate alarmists never do--more typically, they make temporarily unverifiable predictions or claims about the past and far into the future. Greg Wrightstone agreed, ‘One of the things driving these failed predictions [is] they’re ... basing a lot of these forward-looking projections on climate models, climate

models that we know for a fact over-predict warming significantly.’

He continued, ‘And if you look at the 100+ models that are used, there’s only one that has accurately predicted the temperature into the future compared to actual temperatures, and that’s the Russian model. The others, we see, [on] average, over-predict warming by 2.5 to 3 times too much.’”

❑ **WHY IS JUNK SCIENCE SO SUCCESSFUL?** If the man-made global warming narrative is junk science, and it is, how can it be so successful in the face of true science? Most men and women who are trying to reason in the face of unreason don’t know the spiritual fundamentals of our times. **These can only be found in the Bible, because they cannot be known by man’s natural powers of observation and reason.** They require divine revelation. We will mention two of these.

First, There Is the Fundamental of Spiritual Blindness.

It is imperative to understand that mankind is fallen; hearts are corrupt; men are under the direct influence of dark spiritual powers. “[T]he god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (*II Corinthians 4:4*). “*Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience*” (*Eph. 2:2*).

A veil of spiritual delusion operates in this world in resistance to truth. It can only be broken by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Natural truth cannot overcome it.

Second, There Is the Fundamental of the Mystery of Iniquity.

This is the devil’s program to put his man on the throne of the world. It has been operating for 2,000 years, but it is in high gear in these last days. It will continue to progress until the antichrist sets himself up as God in Israel’s third temple.

Consider the following great prophecy:

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

- *II Thess. 2:3-10*