

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 14, 2023 -

Sunday Morning Service	40
Sunday Evening Service	30
Wednesday Eve.,05/17/23 Service	23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 14, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 925.00
Front Porch Restoration Fund	\$ 210.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/14/23:	\$ 1,135.00

- Week of May 7, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,781.00
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 80.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/07/23:	\$ 1,781.00

- Week of April 30, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,054.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/30/23:	\$ 1,054.00

- Week of April 23, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,059.05
Foundation Piering Fund	\$ 275.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/23/23:	\$ 1,334.05

- Week of April 16, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,494.60
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 04/16/23:	\$ 1,494.06

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



FRONT PORCH RESTORATION FUND -

Amount Received, Week of 05/14/23:	\$ 210.00
TOTAL RECEIVED, THUSFAR:	\$ 210.00

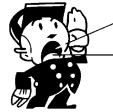
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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 of the 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://tithe.ly/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
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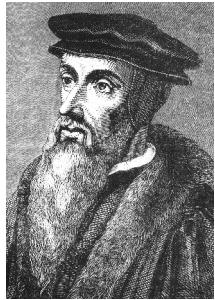
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PLAN NOW TO BE HERE JUNE 11th - 14th

TO HEAR AN EXPOSE' ON :

THE DANGERS OF CALVINISM



TOPICS COVERED:

- Sun. Morning, June 11 @ 11 AM: **"Avoiding Bitterness"**
- Sun. Evening, June 11 @ 6:30 PM: **"How To Survive Difficult Times"**
- Mon. Evening, June 12 @ 7 PM: **"Was Calvin a Calvinist?"**
- Tue. Evening, June 13 @ 7 PM: **"Plain Clear Statements from the Bible About the Atonement"**
- Wed. Evening, June 14 @ 7:00 PM: **"Whosoever Will - Answering the Objections"**

PRESENTED BY:



Dr. Phil Stringer

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☛ **MT. EBAL CURSE TABLET REFUTES LIBERAL VIEWS OF THE BIBLE** - “*And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal*” (Deut. 11:29).

A small lead tablet found on Mt. Ebal single-handedly upsets liberal views of the Bible. The tablet was discovered during a 2019 wet-sifting project of detritus from an excavation led by Adam Zertal in the 1980s. Zertal believed that he had discovered Joshua’s altar (Deut. 27:4). The tablet could not be opened without damaging it, but “a team of experts performed X-ray tomography scanning in Prague as well as detailed photography” (“New Insights into Mount Ebal Curse Tablet,” Israel Today, May 12, 2023). The tablet reads, “**You are cursed by the God, YWH [Jehovah], cursed. You will die cursed--cursed you will surely die. Cursed you are by YWH--cursed.**”

Consider the importance of this discovery:

(1) The tablet is the oldest Hebrew writing ever found, proving that the Hebrews were literate at that time. Who would have guessed! It is 200 to 400 years *older* than the previous oldest text, which is the Khirbet Qeiyafa ostrakon found at ancient Beit Shemesh.

(2) This is the oldest written name of Jehovah God ever found, predating by 500 to 600 years the previous oldest.

(3) The tablet dates to 1400-1200 BC. The oldest date puts the tablet in the land of Israel *at the very time* indicated by Scripture. According to biblical dating, Joshua’s entrance into Canaan was 1451 BC.

(4) The tablet was found on Mt. Ebal, the mountain where the curses of God’s law were spoken (Deut. 11:29; 27:4, 13; Josh. 8:33).

The chance of this tablet not being associated with biblical Israel would seem to be zero. Peter van der Veen, associate professor at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz in Germany and an epigrapher who reviewed the inscription, said, “**We have a Hebrew inscription of a curse found on the mountain of curses. I think the conclusion we reached last year is now confirmed by more in-depth study.**”

☛ **THREE-PARENT BABY CREATED IN THE U. K.** - The following is excerpted from “First Baby,” The Guardian, May 9, 2023:

“The first UK baby created with DNA from three people has been born after doctors performed a groundbreaking IVF [In Vitro Fertilization] procedure that aims to prevent children from inheriting incurable diseases. The technique, known as mitochondrial donation treatment (MDT), uses tissue from the eggs of healthy female donors to create IVF embryos that are free from harmful mutations their mothers carry and are likely to pass on to their children. ... The process has led to the phrase ‘three-parent babies’, though more than 99.8% of the DNA in the babies comes from the mother and father.

... The procedure is not without risks. Recent research has

found that in some cases, the tiny number of abnormal mitochondria that are inevitably carried over from the mother’s egg to the donor egg can multiply when the baby is in the womb. So-called reversion or reversal could lead to a disease in the child.”

☛ **A. W. TOZER’S MYSTICISM** - The following is excerpted from “The Bottom Line of A.W. Tozer,” Lighthouse Trails, May 1, 2023:

“[W]e have known about Tozer’s affinity toward the mystics for some time now ... It does seem odd to think that a man of such apparent intelligence and spiritual insights in certain areas (as some of our readers and colleagues have pointed out) did not have the discernment to see that these figures (whom he called ‘the great masters of the deeper life’) he was quoting and admiring (such as Meister Eckhart and John of the Cross, who were both pantheists) were indeed mystics and outside the realm of biblical Christianity.

... In an ‘authorized biography’ titled The Life of A.W. Tozer, the author quotes Tozer as saying: ‘As God’s hungry bee, I’m able to suck nectar out of all sorts of flowers.’ One of those from whom he may have drawn ‘nectar’ was the mystic Thomas Merton, with whom he kept ‘correspondence for some time.’ Merton, a universalistic pantheist, believed there was no contradiction between Christianity and Buddhism and said he wanted to be the best Buddhist he could be.

... Tozer seemed to have an insatiable thirst for what he called ‘the deeper life’ (or what he also called ‘holy mysteries’) with God ... he seems to have spent much of his life seeking after experiences that would give him this deeper life ... Tozer’s recommended reading list included a who’s who of medieval mystics such as: St. John of the Cross (Dark Night of the Soul), an anonymous monk (The Cloud of Unknowing), Bernard of Clairvaux, Julian of Norwich, Meister Eckhart, Thomas Kelly, Brother Lawrence (Practicing the Presence of God), Michael (Miguel) Molinos, Jacob Boehme, Richard Rolle, and Francis de Sales, to name about one third of the listed names.

... In Tozer’s own writings, and in the biographies written about him, the words ‘mystics,’ ‘mystical,’ and ‘mysticism’ are treated as if they are everyday terms the Christian can and should utilize. And with today’s contemplative prayer movement’s energizing force being that of mystical meditation, Tozer’s use of the words and the words commonly associated with him makes him a poster child for today’s contemplative prayer movement.”

☛ **EU PARLIAMENT SLAMS HATEFUL PALESTINIAN TEXTBOOKS** - The following is excerpted from “EU Parliament,” The Times of Israel, May 11, 2023:

“The European Parliament passed a resolution Wednesday condemning the Palestinian Authority over the ‘hateful’ content of its textbooks and conditioning future funding for education on the removal of antisemitic material. It is the fourth consecutive year that the parliament has passed a resolution criticizing the PA for its school material. ... The wording of the resolution was ‘noticeably more critical of the PA’ compared to previous

resolutions, according to a statement from the Israeli Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se). For the first time, an EU resolution directly linked the content of PA textbooks with funds for Palestinian terrorism, and in particular attacks by young people, it said. The resolution also acknowledged that there is antisemitism in the textbooks and demanded that it be removed. ... The European Union, the PA’s largest donor, helps to pay the salaries of the PA’s many civil servants, constituting a significant chunk of the West Bank economy. Between 2008 and 2020, Brussels sent around \$2.5 billion in direct budget support to the PA.”

☛ **THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN PROPAGANDIZING THE “TRANS” AGENDA IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS** - The following is excerpted from “Is This Why Transgenderism Is Exploding?” PJMedia, May 13, 2023:

“Writing for the Capital Research Center (CRC), Kali Fontanilla ... provided a graphic demonstration of just how deeply the transgendering movement has penetrated American society:

‘Historically, gender dysphoria only affected a small percentage of children, less than 0.01 percent, and almost all the cases were boys. Today, the U. S. has seen an estimated 1,000 percent rise in gender dysphoria over the past decade, and the UK has reported a more than 4,000 percent rise in girls demanding gender treatments. And 70 percent of sex reassignment surgeries were done on girls.’ ... more important [to this increase in dysphoria] are public school teachers and administrators and the Far-Left advocacy groups funding the movement’s training and propaganda resources, especially the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

Ever heard of HRC’s Thrive Conference? Odds are you haven’t, but the influence of this program is undeniable. Every year, Thrive trains thousands of ‘youth-serving professionals,’ including teachers and counselors, on how to ‘create safe, inclusive, and welcoming environments for LGBTQ+ youth.’ According to Fontanilla, the materials provided by the Thrive event include comprehensive lesson plans now used in thousands of public school elementary and middle school classrooms.

Lesson titles for some of their kindergarten–2nd-grade lesson plans include ‘Jacob’s New Dress: Understanding Gender Expression;’ ‘They, She, He, Easy as ABC: Understanding Names, Pronouns, and Gender Expression;’ ‘Chimera Butterflies: Non-Binary Animals;’ and ‘I am Jazz: Understanding Transgender Children.’”

☛ **CATHOLIC CHURCH’S “GOD IS TRANS” DISPLAY** - The following is excerpted from “Church’s ‘God Is Trans’ Display,” Christian Headlines, May 9, 2023:

“The ‘God is Trans: A Queer Spiritual Journey’ display at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, a Catholic congregation, includes artwork that maps the ‘queer spiritual journey,’ according to a description of the artwork at the church. The New York Post first reported on the controversy. The Church of St. Paul the Apostle is the mother church of the Paulist Fathers. Patrick Egan tweeted:

‘This place is an absolute joke. They replaced the crucifix with a butterfly years ago! A friend use to call this church Paul the apostate. ... it is dying as the Paulists try to out gay the Jesuits.’”

☛ **ATHEIST SAYS HUMAN SEXUALITY IS BINARY** - The following is excerpted from “Is Human Sexuality Binary,” Creation.com, May 2, 2023:

“In a recent interview with British broadcaster and journalist Piers Morgan, well-known author and atheist Professor Richard Dawkins argued for a traditional understanding of human sexuality: ‘As a biologist, there are two sexes and that’s all there is to it.’ Of course, this is precisely what the Bible has always taught. Dawkins’ response was in the context of claims by transgender campaigners who wish to abolish terms such as ‘man, woman, mother and father.’ Morgan agreed with Dawkins, commenting that it is ‘from a completely false pretext that you can somehow pretend biology doesn’t exist, particularly when it comes to someone’s sex. It’s incontrovertible, there’s no scientific doubt about this, and yet a small group of people have been quite successful actually in reshaping vast sways [sic] of the way society talks and is allowed to talk.’ During the interview, Dawkins referred to attempts to silence some women, such as J.K. Rowling (author of the Harry Potter books) and philosopher Kathleen Stock, as a form of bullying. He has also previously supported campaigns to end the practice of dispensing puberty blockers to children, which we would agree with.

... Dawkins, ought to ask himself whether he shares part of the blame for the rise of a confused moral perspective, especially when we consider comments such as this: ‘The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference’ (River Out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life). Such sentiments by this influential evolutionist and author may have certainly resulted in many people’s rejection of the Bible and Christian morality. Dawkins’ dogmatic atheism was especially evident in his book The God Delusion ... Is it any wonder that some consumers of his writings, especially children, experience crises of identity and purpose, which leads to confusion?”

