

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 19, 2024 -

Sunday School	-----	17
Sunday Morning Service	-----	30
Sunday Evening Service	-----	15
Wednesday Eve., 05/22/24 Service	-----	14

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 19, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,269.92
Sign Repair	-----	\$ 2.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/19/24:		\$ 1,271.92

- 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

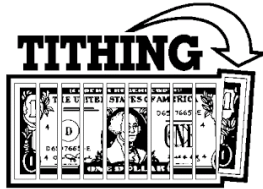
- Week of April 28, 2024 -

<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

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.



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



Everett M. Dirksen
1896 - 1969

Gallant Men

Senator Everett Mckinley Dirksen

*Down through the years
 There have been men -
 Brave, gallant men - who have died
 That others might be free.*

*And even now, they do it still
 Brave, gallant men know that
 Someone must, and so they will.*

*Tyrants must know - now, just as then
 They cannot stand, not as long
 As there are gallant men.*

*Our gallant men
 Have built us a nation -
 Passed us a torch of flame
 Let us hold it high,
 And light up the sky,
 With praise of our gallant men!*

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Lest We Forget...

A flag is the emblem of sovereignty - a symbol and guarantee of protection. Every nation and people are proud of the flag of their country.

England, for a thousand years boasts her Red flag and Cross of St. George; France glories in her Tri-color and Imperial Eagle; ours, the “Star-spangled Banner,” far more beautiful than they - this dear old flag! - the sun in heaven never looked down on so proud a banner of beauty and glory.

Men of the Black Brigade, rally around it! Assert your manhood, be loyal to duty, be obedient, hopeful, patient.

Slavery will soon die; the slaveholders’ rebellion, accursed of God and man, will shortly and miserably perish.

There will then be, through all the coming ages, in very truth, a land of the free - one country, one flag, one destiny.

I charge you, Men of the Black Brigade of Cincinnati, remember that for you, and for me, and for your children, and your children’s children, there is but one Flag, as there is but one Bible, and one God, the Father of us all.

- James Lupton, Acting Camp Commandant
presenting the National flag to
The Cincinnati Black Brigade - September 4, 1862

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **FEDERAL APPEALS JUDGE RULES PARENTS CAN’T OPT CHILDREN OUT OF SEXUALIZED LGBTQ PROPAGANDA IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** - Anyone needing another reason to abandon all hope in a political savior, here’s one: a federal judge has now ruled that Christian parents *cannot* opt their children out of LGBTQ lessons in public schools. For now, the ruling applies to Maryland parents, but unless the Supreme Court overturns this ruling, precedent will be set in every state.

The curriculum being forced upon Kindergarten-aged children includes books and lessons promoting transgenderism, drag queens, and alternative family structures as normal and acceptable. These lessons are designed to introduce very young children to complex and controversial topics, often without parental knowledge or consent.

The dispute began in March when Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) approved 22 “LGBTQ+ inclusive texts” for grades pre-K through 8. Parents were informed that starting next year, “no notice will be given and no opt-outs tolerated because their kids must learn to be more ‘LGBTQ-Inclusive.’”

The parents, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, noted in their suit that “Maryland law and the School Board’s own policies require parental notice and opportunity to opt out of any instruction concerning ‘family life and human sexuality.’” However, on March 23, MCPS reversed its previous position of allowing parents to opt out by categorizing the LGBT-themed books as “inclusive” and not sexual in nature. One of the books approved for pre-K, according to one report, entitled “*Pride Puppy*,” invites three- and four-year-olds to look for images of things they might find at a pride parade, including an “intersex [flag],” a “drag king” and “drag queen,” “leather,” “underwear,” and an image of a celebrated LGBTQ activist and sex worker, “Marsha P. Johnson.” Pre-K teachers assigned to read the book are provided a resource guide from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) for “defining LGBTQ+ words for elementary students.”

According to the report, another book, “*Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope*,” depicts a mother telling her daughter who expresses interest in being a boy that “today you’re my teacher.” The lawsuit notes that the book “advocates a child-knows-best approach to gender transition,” telling students that a decision to transition doesn’t have to “make sense” and that students are the best “teacher” on such matters, not parents or other adults.

This decision, handed down by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, is a reminder that the world’s system is increasingly antagonistic toward Christians. Despite the efforts of thousands of parents and the glaring superciliousness of the ruling, the court has determined that parents have no right to shield their children from indoctrination that conflicts with their religious beliefs. This is not merely a local skirmish but a broader battle that reveals the relentless encroachment of secular creeds into the most sacred territories of faith and family.

Judge G. Steven Agee’s decision, which dismissed the parents’ claims for “lack of evidence,” is spellbinding in its disregard for religious liberty. The federal lawsuit, brought forth by a coalition of Christian and Muslim parents, sought to protect their children from being force-fed a curriculum that promotes ideas fundamentally opposed to their faith. Yet, the court’s response was a resounding endorsement of the very doctrines these parents find objectionable.

❑ **PRO-LIFE CHRISTIAN SENTENCED TO NEARLY FIVE YEARS IN PRISON** - The following is excerpted from “Pro-life Christian,” Disntr.com, May 14, 2024:

“In one of the most ominous displays of the Biden administration’s hostility toward pro-life advocates, Lauren Handy, a courageous anti-abortion activist, has been sentenced to nearly five years in prison for protesting at the Washington Surgi-Clinic in D.C. On October 22, 2020, Handy, alongside fellow activists from the Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising (PAAU), orchestrated a peaceful blockade to advocate for the lives of the unborn. Handy, who had made an appointment at the clinic under a pseudonym, led a group that used chains, ropes, and furniture to block the doors, preventing access to the facility.

Despite their peaceful intentions, they were met with severe legal repercussions under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act--a statute increasingly weaponized by leftists to silence conservative Christians challenging the abortion industry. Handy and her co-defendants, John Hinshaw, Heather Itoni, William Goodman, and Herb Geraghty, were convicted of conspiracy against rights and FACE Act violations. These charges reflect the Biden administration’s aggressive stance against pro-life activism. Handy’s protests, aimed at protecting the unborn, have been harshly punished while leftist activists--whether it be climate protesters, BLM agitators, ANTIFA, or whatever--often face minimal consequences for illegal protests.”

❑ **THE BAPTIST HEZEKIAH** - Benjamin Keach (1640-1704), who pastored the church that was later made famous by Charles Spurgeon, experienced a miraculous healing in answer to prayer.

“Mr. Keach was of a very weak constitution, being often afflicted with illness, and once to such a degree that he was given over by the physicians; and several of the ministers, and his relations, had taken their leave of him as a dying man and past all hope of recovery; but the Rev. Mr. Hanserd Knollys, seeing his friend and brother in the gospel so near expiring, betook himself to prayer, and in a very extraordinary manner begged that God would spare him, and add unto his days the time he granted to his servant Hezekiah. As soon as he had ended his prayer, he said, ‘Brother Keach, I shall be in heaven before you,’ and quickly after left him. So remarkable was the answer of God to this good man’s prayer, that we cannot omit it; though it may be discredited by some, there were many who could bear incontestable testimony to the fact. Mr. Keach recovered of that illness and lived just fifteen years afterwards” (Charles Spurgeon, *The Metropolitan Tabernacle: Its History and Work*).

❑ **U.S. ARMY CELEBRATES 75,000TH BIRTHDAY** - The following is from CreationMoments.com, May 17, 2024:

“We at Creation Moments are often asked, where do evolutionists get all those millions of years? It seems they are always finding rocks and fossils that are tens or hundreds of thousands or even millions of years old.

Some years ago, scientists discovered human bones in California buried under thick layers of mud. Scientific authorities studied the bones and dated them at about 75,000 years old. Digging deeper, scientists discovered an old United States Army button! Was the U.S. Army around 75,000 years ago, or was the dating method unreliable?

More recently, an archaeological team from a Japanese university discovered drawings on a cave wall on a Japanese island. This important discovery was dated at **10,000 to 13,000 years old**. When one of the local residents of the island heard about the discovery, he stepped forward to confess that as a boy he often drew on the walls of the cave with charcoal.

Can you imagine the misery we would have if modern medicine was only as reliable as these dating methods? The simple answer to where evolutionary scientists get all those years is that they make them up. There is no machine or scientific magic

that tells a scientist that a rock or fossil is tens of thousands or millions of years old. The oldest and most accurate record of ancient times that we humans have is the Bible, and the Bible leaves no room for tens of thousands or millions of years! Notes: Jackson, Wayne. ‘Scientific red faces,’ Reasoning from Revelation, v. II, n. 1, Jan. 1990, p. 3.”

❑ **MAJOR NEW STUDY - “MANY FAMILIES TAKE PATIENTS OFF LIFE SUPPORT TOO SOON AFTER TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES”** - The following is excerpted from Fox News, May 19, 2024:

“Researchers from Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School and other universities analyzed ‘potential clinical outcomes’ for patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI) who were removed from life support, according to a press release. The study included 1,392 patients who were treated in 18 trauma centers across the U.S. over a 7½-year period. Using a mathematical model, the researchers compared patients for whom life support was withdrawn to similar patients who were kept on life support. Among the group for whom life support was not withdrawn, more than 40% recovered at least some independence, according to a press release.

The researchers also discovered that the notion of remaining in a vegetative state was an ‘unlikely outcome’ six months after injury. Dr. Marc Siegel, clinical professor of medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center and a Fox News medical contributor, was not involved in the research but said it was a ‘very important’ study.

‘Previous research shows a high-level recovery from mild TBI and a significant recovery percentage even with moderate to severe injury,’ Siegel told Fox News Digital. Based on the study findings, Yelena Bodien, PhD, of the Department of Neurology’s Center for neurotechnology and neurorecovery at Massachusetts General Hospital, recommended that clinicians should be ‘very cautious’ with ‘irreversible decisions’ like withdrawing life support in the days following traumatic brain injury. ‘Families should also be aware of our results so that they can advocate for delaying a decision to discontinue life support if this is aligned with what they believe their loved one would want,’ she added.”

