

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 21, 2023 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	32
Sunday Evening Service -----	19
Wednesday Eve.,05/24/23 Service -----	22

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 21, 2023 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 846.00
Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer -----	\$ 250.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/21/23:	\$ 1,096.00

- Week of May 14, 2023 -

Undesignated 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 -

Undesignated 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 -

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

- Week of April 23, 2023 -

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

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

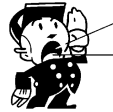
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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 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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Number 21

LEST WE FORGET -

THINGS TO REMEMBER ON MEMORIAL DAY



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

We Thank You

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

Vice President
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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

➤ **RICK WARREN, NEW CHANCELLOR OF SPURGEON COLLEGE** - Rick Warren of “Purpose Driven Church” infamy was installed on May 15 as chancellor of Spurgeon’s College in London. Warren will teach online guest lectures and act as an ambassador for the college. When Warren retired from Saddleback Church last year, he was replaced with a husband-wife pastor team. The church was subsequently evicted from the Southern Baptist Convention for its promotion of female pastors, but the practice began under Warren’s pastorate. In 2021,

he ordained three women as pastors at Saddleback.

Upon accepting the chancellorship, Warren stated, “[M]y understanding of the meaning of ordination and conviction from Scripture on ministry leadership are identical to Charles Spurgeon’s published views” (“Rick Warren named,” Baptist News Global, May 16, 2023).

That is a ridiculous statement!

Consider just a few major differences: Warren preaches an incredibly shallow, unscriptural gospel with no hint of repentance, whereas Spurgeon preached repentance and a



full-bore regenerating gospel. Warren’s shallow gospel bloated his church’s membership with the unregenerate religious, whereas Spurgeon made a great effort to maintain a regenerate-only membership. Warren’s ecumenical principle embraces theological liberals and Roman Catholic priests, whereas Spurgeon renounced such a practice. Warren practices friendship with the world, whereas Spurgeon practiced separation from the world. Warren ordains women to the pastorate, where Spurgeon renounced this. Charles Spurgeon would have nothing to do with the college that bears his name today. When the Pastor’s College was renamed Spurgeon’s College in 1923, it was no longer associated with the Metropolitan Tabernacle and had loosed itself from Spurgeon’s doctrinal position. From 1961-1977, the college was led by George Beasley-Murray, who claimed that Jesus was wrong about the timing of the Second Coming, that John’s Gospel was not written by John but by a community of John’s followers, and that salvation is not complete without baptism. Beasley-Murray participated in the apostate World Council of Churches and praised its “general theology” and “deep spirituality” (“The Rise and Fall of Spurgeon’s College,” Standing on Shoulders, Jan. 19, 2010). The theology of the WCC includes every type of heresy and blasphemy, including universalism, and its “spirituality” embraces idolatrous Hindu dances, mindless Buddhist chants, and North American Indian spirit sacrifices. By joining hands with today’s Spurgeon’s College, Rick Warren is in likeminded company.

➤ **3,000 CHURCHES LEAVE THE UNITED METHODISTS OVER THE HOMOSEXUALITY ISSUE** - The following is excerpted from “141 Pennsylvania Churches Leave,” The Christian Post, May 19, 2023:

“One hundred forty-one congregations in Pennsylvania have officially left the United Methodist Church, largely because of the ongoing debate over sexual ethics in the mainline Protestant denomination. At a special session of the UMC, Susquehanna Annual Conference held Wednesday at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport, the disaffiliations of 141 churches were approved. This leaves 665 congregations in the regional body. ... Over the past couple of years, more than 3,000 congregations have officially left the UMC, driven in large part by the denomination’s ongoing debate over whether to change its official stance on LGBT issues.”

➤ **HALF OF BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS DOUBT THAT JESUS WAS SINLESS** - Studies indicate that the biblical worldview is getting smaller and shallower. They show that less than 6% of the general population in the United States hold a truly biblical view of how we got here (Intelligent design vs Evolution).

And of those who call themselves born-again Christians, less than half believe that Jesus lived a sinless life.

Some point to COVID as partly responsible since weekly church attendance has dropped by about 15 million people since before the pandemic.

There are several implications to this doubt. The belief that born-again Christians have a God-given calling and purpose in

life fell from 88% to 46% after the pandemic. This led to a drop from 85 to 50 percent of those committed to practicing their faith. This goes a long way in explaining the lack of interest in the Great Commission.

A sinless Christ is one of the anchor points of the gospel. Redemption from the guilt of sin can only happen by the sacrifice of a sinless One.

Another anchor point is belief in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. A recent survey indicates that only 66% of Christians believe in that. And as the apostle Paul pointed out in 1 Corinthians 15, if Christ was not raised from the dead our hope of eternal life is also dead.

“And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14).

The conclusion from these studies is that the worldview called “syncretism” has come to dominate modern thinking. This is a pick-and-choose worldview that sees all religions as multiple paths to the Creator. All religions have good and bad teachings. One must pick out the good and live by it, ignoring the bad—and hope for the future.

It is becoming increasingly obvious by the deterioration of the culture that syncretism is not working. We have many desperate people now looking for hope and yearning for a relationship with their Creator. Before COVID-19 there was a simmering stew of evolution, materialism, humanism, Marxism, and moral confusion. When the crisis came along and turned up the heat, it boiled over into desperation.

Many are now simply descending into despair because they have not been told that a loving Creator waits for their commitment to Him. At that point Satan wins because his suggestion of suicide seems to be the best way out of the misery, which is overwhelming for some.



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