

### AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of May 28, 2023 -

Sunday Morning Service	-----	39
Sunday Evening Service	-----	29
Wednesday Eve., 05/31/23 Service	-----	22

### AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of May 28, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,498.00
Front Porch Restoration Fund	-----	\$ 150.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/28/23:</b>		<b>\$ 1,643.00</b>

- Week of May 21, 2023 -

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

- Week of May 14, 2023 -

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

- Week of May 7, 2023 -

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

- Week of April 30, 2023 -

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

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 05/28/23:	\$	150.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED, THUSFAR:</b>	\$	<b>360.00</b>

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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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## PLAN NOW TO BE HERE **NEXT WEEK!**

### 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  
Dayspring Bible College & Seminary  
Mundelein, Illinois

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## ***NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS***

☛ ***CROSS RIPPED FROM STUDENT'S NECK*** - Recently, at Hixson Middle School, a public school in Tennessee, a student wore a cross necklace to school. While attending a Book Fair during the school that day, a teacher forcibly removed the cross from the student's necklace. This event occurred in the presence of several students and, understandably, the teacher's outrageous targeting of this child, ripping the cross from his neck in front of his classmates, left the child confused and embarrassed.

☛ ***WALMART MAKES WOKE ANNOUNCEMENT*** - Walmart is continuing to provide LGBT products as part of Pride Month, the firm said on Wednesday, 05/31/23, amid a consumer backlash against multiple brands aligning with such ideologies.

"We haven't changed anything in our assortment," Latrice Watkins, Walmart's chief merchandising officer, said on May 31, according to Reuters. Watkins' statement comes following a backlash against Target after the retailer launched LGBT items, including some targeted at kids.

In late May, Target announced that it was removing some of the controversial items and insisted there were "threats" facing the company's team members. But things are different with Walmart, Watkins said. "When we think about security ... we have not done anything in particular differently related to security in our stores," he added.

Walmart has been offering Pride products at thousands of its stores across the United States. The company has released T-shirts with slogans like "Gay AF," "Woke Up Gay Again," and "Some People Are Gay." The retailer also has introduced onesies for infants with slogans like "I Love My 2 Moms" and "Proud Love."

Walmart has an "inclusive sourcing" program for LGBT groups. Walmart's supplier inclusion initiative offers companies, owned and operated by members of LGBT and other identities like ethnic and racial minorities, "the opportunity to work with us while growing their business," according to Walmart's July 2022 ESG report. "For our U.S. businesses, we sourced more than \$13.3 billion in goods and services from approximately 2,600 diverse suppliers." In 2021, Walmart donated \$500,000 to PFLAG, the largest organization in the United States that advocates for LGBT and their "families".

☛ ***SHOVED IN AMERICANS' FACES': KOHL'S FACES BACKLASH FOR LGBTQ CHILDREN'S CLOTHES*** - Kohl's is now the latest U.S. retailer to face strong conservative backlash for marketing its LGBTQ clothing and other products for infants and young kids.

"At Kohl's, we have a long history of supporting the LGTBQIA+ community, our associates, and customers," the retailer's website reads. The hashtag #BOYCOTTKOHLs began appearing online earlier this week after the retailer debuted its June catalog, featuring LGBTQIA+ pride clothing and accessories geared towards children.

A Twitter account titled "End Wokeness" was one of the first to post photos of several of Kohl's pride products being promoted

to little kids. "Looks like Kohl's didn't learn a thing from Bud Lite and Target," the account contends. "Kohl's is pushing LGBTQ Pride for literal babies," the account states.

☛ ***'SATANIST' DESIGNER FIRES OFF WARNING TO TARGET FOR PULLING WOKE PRODUCTS AFTER BACKLASH*** - The controversial transgender "Satanist" designer behind some of the Pride products that were removed from Target stores slammed the big-box retailer this week for setting a "dangerous precedent." Target initially partnered with U.K.-based brand Abprallen to sell merchandise with pro-LGBTQ messages to celebrate Pride month. However, some consumers were enraged by Target's over-the-top Pride displays, with particular animosity geared toward the products for children.

Then, it was revealed that Abprallen's designer Erik Carnell appeared to be an outspoken Satanist whose brand features occult imagery and messages like "Satan respects pronouns" on brand apparel. Target responded to widespread backlash by moving some Pride products to less prominent sections of the store, and removing other merchandise altogether. Carnell, who has claimed the merchandise mentioning Satan is tongue-in-cheek, blasted Target.

"It's a very dangerous precedent to set, that if people just get riled up enough about the products that you're selling, you can completely distance yourself from the LGBT community, when and if it's convenient," Carnell told Reuters. "If you're going to take a stance and say that you care about the LGBT community, you need to stand by that regardless," Carnell added. Carnell had previously explained in an Instagram post that Satan represents "passion, pride and liberty" and "loves all LGBT+ people."

"Satanists don't actually believe in Satan, he is merely used as a symbol of passion, pride, and liberty. He means to you what you need him to mean. So for me, Satan is hope, compassion, equality, and love. So, naturally, Satan respects pronouns. He loves all LGBT+ people. I went with a variation of Baphomet for this design, a deity who themselves is a mixture of genders, beings, ideas, and existences. They reject binary stereotypes and expectations. Perfect," he said.

Abprallen previously had two products on Target's website, a messenger bag that says "Too queer for here" and a sweatshirt that says "Cure transphobia." Neither product features Satanic imagery. As of Friday, Abprallen products were no longer listed on the site. Carnell told Reuters that his "brand's products are the only ones so far that have been removed both in-store and online." Target previously told Fox News Digital that some items have been removed.

"For more than a decade, Target has offered an assortment of products aimed at celebrating Pride Month. Since introducing this year's collection, we've experienced threats impacting our team members' sense of safety and wellbeing while at work. Given these volatile circumstances, we are making adjustments to our plans, including removing items that have been at the center of the most significant confrontational behavior. Our focus now is on moving forward with our continuing commitment to the LGBTQIA+ community and standing with them as we celebrate

Pride Month and throughout the year," a Target spokesperson told Fox News Digital.

Reuters also reported, "Carnell says he has received hate messages and death threats over the past week, adding that he has had no contact from Target."

The controversy has caused Target to lose billions in market cap, while rank-and-file staffers are peeved at the retailer. "Whether you're on the right, and you felt left behind in the beginning or you felt like you didn't belong, and now if you're LGTBQ you also have questions if you're welcomed anymore," a Target insider told Fox News Digital.

☛ ***CHRISTIAN POLITICIAN WINS LARGE PAY-OUT OVER FIRING BY EMPLOYER FOR HER VIEWS ON MARRIAGE*** - The following is excerpted from "Victory pay-out," Premier Christian News, May 2, 2023:

"A Christian politician has won a substantial pay-out after she was fired by her employer for expressing her religious views on marriage online and in her electoral manifesto. Maureen Martin--mayoral candidate for Lewisham in 2022--was sacked by London & Quadrant Housing Trust (L&Q) for gross misconduct following three complaints of 'hate speech'. The ordained minister was hounded on social media in April 2022, after stating as part of her manifesto that 'natural marriage between a man and a woman is the fundamental building block for a successful society, and the safest environment for raising children,' ahead of local elections last year.

... Speaking on Premier's News Hour Martin explains that: 'it was the people that were unhappy with my statement that put it on Twitter, and they sort of started to troll me as it were, and make really horrible comments about me. So they made the complaint. And my employer then saw it fit to accuse me of being homophobic, and of discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community. ... They fired me, I knew they would ... I've always determined that from the very outset, I would not apologise, because as far as I'm concerned, I've been discriminated against because of my Christian faith. Not because I was a politician.

...With the support of the Christian Legal Centre (CLC), Martin launched legal action against L&Q arguing that her dismissal was discriminatory and in breach of her right to political speech. ... Martin said, 'It does highlight the fact you have to challenge these views, you have to challenge the judgement, you have to challenge what has happened to you, you can't just walk away. If you don't challenge, nothing's going to happen--you have to put them in a position where they have to now make a decision. You can fire me but you can't silence me. Quite frankly, I'm now free from the shackles of 'woke' employers, of the danger of being persecuted by an employer threatening to take my livelihood because they don't like what I say.'"

☛ ***CHATGPT SLANDERS*** - following is excerpted from "ChatGPT Invented," Washington Post, April 5, 2023:

"One night last week, the law professor Jonathan Turley got

a troubling email. As part of a research study, a fellow lawyer in California had asked the AI chatbot ChatGPT to generate a list of legal scholars who had sexually harassed someone. Turley's name was on the list. The chatbot, created by OpenAI, said Turley had made sexually suggestive comments and attempted to touch a student while on a class trip to Alaska, citing a March 2018 article in The Washington Post as the source of the information. The problem: No such article existed. There had never been a class trip to Alaska. And Turley said he'd never been accused of harassing a student. A regular commentator in the media, Turley had sometimes asked for corrections in news stories. But this time, there was no journalist or editor to call--and no way to correct the record. ... As largely unregulated artificial intelligence software such as ChatGPT, Microsoft's Bing and Google's Bard begins to be incorporated across the web, its propensity to generate potentially damaging falsehoods raises concerns about the spread of misinformation--and novel questions about who's responsible when chatbots mislead. ... On Wednesday, Reuters reported that Brian Hood, regional mayor of Hepburn Shire in Australia, is threatening to file the first defamation lawsuit against OpenAI unless it corrects false claims that he had served time in prison for bribery."

☛ ***CHATGPT LIES: FAKE GOVERNORS AND FAKE LEGAL BRIEFS*** - The following is excerpted from "AI Makes Up," PowerLineBlog, May 28, 2023:

"This is the most interesting thing I have come across in a very long time. Artificial intelligence (or, at least, the ChatGPT program) makes stuff up. ... Tony Venhuizen, a smart guy from South Dakota, operates a web site where he writes about the history of the governors of that state. He asked ChatGPT, 'Please write a blog post discussing South Dakota's oldest and youngest governors.' ChatGPT responded with a competent description of South Dakota's oldest governor, Nils Boe. It then went on to write five paragraphs about the state's youngest governor, Crawford H. 'Chet' Taylor. ... Remarkably, however, Crawford H. 'Chet' Taylor is entirely a figment of ChatGPT's imagination. Tony Vanhuisen wrote: 'Crawford H. Chet Taylor was never Governor of South Dakota and, in fact, I can find no evidence of such a person, at all.' ... AI even produced a fake portrait of the fake governor. ... I came across the second instance last night via InstaPundit. Some lawyers in New York relied on AI, in the form of ChatGPT, to help them write a brief opposing a motion to dismiss based on the statute of limitations. ChatGPT made up cases, complete with quotes and citations, to support the lawyers' position. The presiding judge was not amused. ... The lawyers are in deep trouble. I think this is absolutely stunning. ChatGPT ... knows how to write something that reads more or less like a court decision, and to include within that decision citations to cases that on their face seem to support the brief's argument. But instead of carrying out these functions with greater or lesser skill, as one would expect, the program makes stuff up

... The most obvious explanation is that ChatGPT fabricates information in response to queries just for fun, or out of a sense of perversity."