

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of June 2, 2024 -

Sunday School	11
Sunday Morning Service	39
Sunday Evening Service	19
Wednesday Eve., 06/05/24 Service	14

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of June 2, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,169.51
Sign Repair	\$ 2.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/02/24:	\$ 3,171.51

- Week of May 26, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$ 715.93
Sign Repair	\$ 2.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/26/24:	\$ 717.93

- Week of May 19, 2024 -

Undesignated 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 -

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

- Week of May 5, 2024 -

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

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.

Have The Graduates Learned THIS Lesson?



"JUDGMENT ALSO WILL I LAY TO THE LINE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THE PLUMMET" - ISAIAH 28:17

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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



DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION OF PROPHECY DECLINING

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

According to the book *Christian Zionism in the Twenty-First Century* (2023, Bumin and Inbari), the dispensational view of prophecy is declining among evangelicals and with it the support of the state of Israel. "The number of young Evangelicals in the United States who support Israel and view it as crucial to the End Times is declining as they increasingly move toward amillennial and postmillennial eschatology, according to a recent study" ("Support for Israel, dispensationalism declines among younger Evangelicals," *The Christian Post*, May 29, 2024).

The book is based in part on surveys conducted in 2018, 2020, and 2021. According to these, support for Israel declined from 67.9% in 2018 to 33.6% in 2021. One major reason for this dramatic decline is the rapid spread of Reformed theology and the amillennial or postmillennial positions that typically accompany it.

The same thing is happening among "young fundamentalists." In 2005, a survey of "Young Fundamentalists' Beliefs and Personal Life" was published by Jason Janz, Dave Burggraff, and Jerry Thacker. This was not a scientific survey, but it is the only one of any kind that has been taken in the 21st century. It was largely a survey of graduates of Bob Jones University (29% of respondents), Maranatha Baptist Bible College (22%), and Northland Baptist Bible College (21%).

Following are some of the results:

- 58% hold a Calvinist view of sovereign election, with another 8% unsure on the issue
- 13% either believe in annihilation or believe that hell is not a literal place and eternal in duration
- 14% hold either to the amillennial (8%) or postmillennial (5%) views
- About 30% said "a militant contention for the faith" is not part of their definition of fundamentalism
- 46% agreed that "John Piper's ministry has been a help to me"
- Only 14% agreed with this statement: "There is danger in much of the contemporary music today, and fundamentalists need to continue to hold the line."

Do not forget, reader, that this survey was taken 20 years ago, and an educated guess would conclude that those percentages have increased. ■

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S DESCENT INTO THE UTTER DEPTHS OF APOSTASY** - As the poster child of end-time apostasy, it would be hard to beat the Episcopal Church in America, though a great many denominations are running neck and neck. The Episcopal Church is the American branch of the worldwide Anglican Communion, the “mother church” of which is the Church of England.

Apostasy is a major prophecy of the New Testament faith. It is summarized in II Timothy 3-4. It is a Christianity that has a form of godliness, but denies the power thereof (II Tim. 3:5), that being supernatural salvation and the infallible Scriptures, among other things. Apostasy is a Christianity that turns its ears from the truth and will not endure sound doctrine, but loves teachers who promote a Christianity that allows adherents to live after their own lusts and pursue fables (II Tim. 4:3-4). Apostasy is also described in II Peter 2 as led by covetous false teachers who bring in damnable heresies, including heresies pertaining to Christ Himself, and who live perniciously, and **“by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (II Peter 2:1-3).**

The Episcopal Church is certainly all of that. In 1960, Episcopalian Bishop James Pike said the doctrine of the Trinity is “outdated, incomprehensible and nonessential” (*The Christian Century*, Dec. 21, 1960). In 1967, after heresy charges were brought against Bishop Pike, the Episcopal Church adopted a resolution declaring that all heresy was out of date! Episcopalian “theologians” such as Marcus Borg were prominent members of the *Jesus Seminar*, which concluded that Jesus spoke only about 20% of the things attributed to him in the New Testament and that the Jesus described in the Bible is largely fiction: He wasn’t born of a virgin, didn’t walk on the water, didn’t die for man’s sins, and didn’t rise from the dead.

In a **1993** survey of nearly 20,000 Episcopalians, **seventy percent** believed “faithful Christians can be sexually active gays and lesbians” (*Christian News*, Nov. 1, 1993). In **1998**, Episcopalian Bishop John Spong said, *“I would choose to loathe rather than to worship a deity who required the sacrifice of his son”* (*Christianity Today*, June 15, 1998), and in **2000**, Spong said, *“I do not believe that human beings are born evil and that only those who come to God through the ‘blood of Jesus’ will be saved”* (*The Washington Times*, Sept. 12, 2021).

In April **2003**, Episcopalian Bishop Charles Bennison said that ***Jesus Christ was a sinner*** (*Worthy News*, April 14, 2003).

In **2006**, the newly elected presiding bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori referred to “our mother Jesus” (Douglas LeBlanc, *“Two Minds in One Episcopal Body,” Christian Research Journal*, vol. 29, no. 5, 2006). In May **2024**, the Episcopal Church rolled out its new shield or logo with multiple homosexual flags promoting every sort of moral perversion. *“It incorporates elements of the traditional Pride flag as well as the Progress Pride flag and Philadelphia Pride flag.”*

The prophet Peter specifically mentions Sodom and Gomorrah and **“the filthy conversation of the wicked”** in his description of

end-time apostasy (II Peter 3:6). If the Bible is just a book, how did 1st century Peter know these things about 21st century Christianity?

❑ **DEMON SLAYER ANIME MOVIES WILDLY POPULAR IN JAPAN** - *Demon Slayer* is a series of anime movies that are wildly popular in Japan. The third installment, *Kimetsu no yaiba* (To the Hashira Training) appeared this year. The first film (Mugen Train, 2020), was the highest grossing film of all time in Japan, with a revenue of over 40 million yen (\$260 million) (“How the anime Demon Slayer films are driving pop religion in Japan,” Religion News Service, May 14, 2024).

Demon Slayer borrows from pagan religion, spirit worship, asceticism, and demon lore. It encourages a life built on the utter emptiness of fantasy. The hero of the series, Tanjiro Kamado, is a youth on a mythical quest to defeat demons that are feeding on humans. The story began as a manga comic in 2016. In Asia, the manga culture has captured the imaginations of multitudes of young people. (Manga is Japanese; in Korea it is manhwa, and in China it is manhua.)

Anime refers to the animation of manga as television programs and movies. It has been said that one cannot understand modern Japan “without understanding the role that manga plays in the society.” Manga comics come in a wide variety of genre: romance, superhero, superheroine, science fiction, etc., and manga is popular for a large segment of society, including children, students, businessmen, and housewives.

Manga stories often mix real world scenes with alien worlds. The characters are normal people with shadow lives via superpowers or robot or alien friends. ***There is a lot of witchcraft (such as soul migration) and a lot of sexual content, including homosexuality.*** It has been described as a “pop cultural obsession.” A large portion of society east and west is addicted to fantasy, and it can be understood how this will facilitate the rise of the Antichrist.

❑ **WHITE PASTOR EXPLAINS HOW CHURCHES WITH MAJORITY WHITE STAFF SHOULD JUST BURN THEIR WEBSITES DOWN** - In a spectacular display of pandering and virtue signaling, Johnson Bowie of Victory Church in Norcross, Georgia recently delivered a sermon that epitomizes the worst excesses of the woke DEI agenda infecting Evangelical churches today. His assertions, filled with cringe-inducing rhetoric, reveal a disturbing trend in Evangelical churches toward prioritizing diversity over biblical fidelity and common sense.

“I was just looking at a church a few months ago,” Bowie whitesplained. *“Their entire staff was white except for their janitor. What the, just take the whole thing down. Just burn your website down. Burn it down. What are we doing?”*

Similar to Matt Chandler’s infamous “African American 7” over an “Anglo 8” comment, Bowie’s call to *“hire people of other cultures in increasingly influential roles”* is a clear indication that he has bought into the DEI nonsense, hook, line, and sinker. Yet, we don’t see him stepping down to offer his lead pastor role to his church janitor.

His opening gambit, urging baby steps followed by walking—by which he means hiring non-white individuals—is an exercise in self-parody. The sermon takes a bizarre turn when Bowie recounts his disdain for predominantly white church staff pages, suggesting that churches with such demographics should “burn your website down.” This is not only melodramatic but also betrays a fundamental misunderstanding of the purpose of a church staff page - it’s meant to inform the congregation and the community about who is leading them spiritually, not to serve as a showcase for the pastor’s commitment to woke ideologies.

Bowie’s provided an anecdote about a conversation with a white pastor from Oklahoma—this is particularly revealing. When the pastor suggests hiring the most qualified person for the job, Bowie attempts to turn this reasonable advice on its head by implying that the lack of non-white staff members is inherently hypocritical. This kind of manipulative rhetoric is typical of DEI proponents who are more interested in optics than in genuine qualifications or spiritual calling.

Yet, the most galling part of Bowie’s “sermon” is his assertion that hiring for diversity is a “gospel issue.” This statement is not only absurd but also offensive to the actual gospel, which is centered on faith and repentance—not on meeting arbitrary diversity quotas. Bowie tries to walk back his own affirmative action stance by claiming not to support it, yet his entire sermon contradicts this claim.

Bowie further muddies the waters by acknowledging that Victory Church has historically had segregated staff teams, yet he sees no issue with this as long as it fits his narrative. He speaks of prioritizing those who love Christ and are called to the position, but then immediately undercuts this by emphasizing the importance of hiring based on appearance to “make a statement.”

This kind of cognitive dissonance is all too common among DEI advocates within the church. They claim to prioritize spiritual qualifications but then elevate ethnic diversity to an unbiblical level of importance. Bowie’s call to be intentional about who is hired and who preaches is just another way of saying that churches should prioritize outward appearances over inward character and calling.

❑ **BETH MOORE DENOUNCES SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AS “MASTERS OF DIVERSION” FOR DEALING WITH WOMEN PREACHERS** - In 2021, the popular Evangelical lady-preacher, Beth Moore, left the SBC after it became apparent to her that she would not be able to impose her feminist ideology on the denomination. Moore’s departure from the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has been portrayed by her and her supporters as a principled stand against systemic abuse and sexism. However, the reality is far less noble and far more opportunistic. Beth Moore and her feminist cohorts attempted to exploit a sexual abuse “crisis”—in reality, a witchhunt—to force the SBC into adopting egalitarian principles that run counter to clear biblical teaching.

When her efforts failed, Moore left the denomination in a huff, painting herself as a martyr for justice.

Beth Moore has a long history of pushing boundaries that align

more with contemporary social justice movements than with biblical orthodoxy. Her dissatisfaction with the SBC’s refusal to capitulate to her demands is well-documented. DISNTR reported at the time that Moore’s departure was less about genuine concern for victims and more about her frustration with the SBC’s newly found obsession with complementarianism—the biblical view that pastoral and teaching roles are reserved for men (see 1st Timothy 2:12; Titus 1:5-9).

In a recent tweet, Moore bemoans the SBC’s focus on maintaining biblical standards during a time of crisis, accusing the leadership of using diversionary tactics to avoid addressing the alleged systemic “abuse” and “racism”—all of which was later proven not to be true.

This accusation is not only unfounded but also hypocritical. Moore herself uses this tactic to divert attention from her many, many false teachings as well as her alignment with liberals, rank heretics, and God-hating social activists who promote everything from abortion to homosexuality .

Moore’s attempt to portray herself as a victim of an oppressive system is a strategic move to gain sympathy and support from those who do not hold to a high view of Scripture. Her departure from the SBC was marked by vitriolic attacks on the denomination’s leadership, accusing them of lying and manipulating the truth. Yet, her own actions and alliances reveal a pattern of disobedience to clear Scriptural mandates.

❑ **FILL YOUR CHILDREN’S MINDS WITH THE WORD OF GOD** - ***“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” (Deut. 6:6-7). “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psalm 19:7). “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple” (Psalm 119:130). “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (II Tim. 3:15).***

Of one of his daughters, Pastor Kerry Allen says,

“I began a program of memorizing salvation Scriptures with her, and rewarding her for her efforts. In less than one month, with numbers of these same Scriptures at work in her heart, she fell under deep conviction of sin. ... Don’t wait until they are teens, you will have lost them by then! ... start memorizing with them as soon as they are able to speak, surely not later than three to four years old. ... begin reading the verses to your child as soon as they are born. They will hear each verse dozens of times before you even begin memorizing, and that is a great way to begin the process from the very earliest days. Sow the Seed of the Word of God faithfully and consistently every day, and wondrous things will occur!”