

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of June 4, 2023 -

Sunday Morning Service	-----37
Sunday Evening Service	-----37
Wednesday Eve., 06/07/23 Service	-----26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of June 4, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	----- \$ 2,457.50
Front Porch Restoration Fund	----- \$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/04/23:	\$ 2,507.50

- Week of May 28, 2023 -

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

- Week of May 21, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> 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 -

<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

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 06/04/23:	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED, THUSFAR:	\$ 410.00

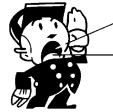
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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

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SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

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BE HERE FOR EVERY SERVICE!

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

☛ **AUTHOR SAYS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CAN CREATE A ‘NEW BIBLE’** - Yuval Noah Harari — an influential author, professor, and renowned public intellectual — said recently that artificial intelligence can create a “new Bible.”

Harari — who has written “*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*,” “*Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow*,” and “21 Lessons for the 21st Century” — spoke last month about the future of AI and said it may soon greatly influence spirituality:

“It’s the first technology ever that can create new ideas. You know, the printing press, radio, television, they broadcast, they spread the ideas created by the human brain, by the human mind. They cannot create a new idea. You know, [Johannes] Gutenberg printed the Bible in the middle of the 15th century; the printing press printed as many copies of the Bible as Gutenberg instructed it, but it did not create a single new page. It had no ideas of its own about the Bible: Is it good? Is it bad?

How to interpret this? How to interpret that?”

Harari then dropped a bomb: “**AI can create new ideas; [it] can even write a new Bible.**”

He added that “throughout history, religions dreamt about having a book written by a superhuman intelligence, by a non-human entity” and that “in a few years there might be religions that are actually correct ... just think about a religion whose holy book is written by an AI. That could be a reality in a few years.”

☛ **GAY PRIDE FLAG SHOWS UP ON SET OF POPULAR “CHRISTIAN” SHOW, THE CHOSEN** - “The Chosen,” a show supposedly based on the life of Jesus, has shown its true colors by raising a pride flag on the set of a recent episode. Don’t be fooled, friends, this isn’t a surprise -the show’s been serving us heresy on a silver platter from the start.

During a previous episode, the actor playing Jesus quotes *not* from the Holy Bible, but the **Book of Mormon**. He claims to be the “law of Moses,” directly contradicting what Jesus said in Scripture. That’s strike one.

Strike two is the actor himself, Jonathan Roumie, who has praying with the dead—a clear no-no in the Bible. Worse, he’s been chatting with the ghost of Lonnie Frisbee, a man who lived as a preacher by day and a practicing homosexual by night. By honoring Frisbee, Roumie’s endorsing a lifestyle that goes against God’s Word.

So, when the pride flag popped up on the show during a recent episode, it was just another step down the same wrong path.

☛ **ABSENT FATHERS, COLLAPSE IN MARRIAGE MAJOR REASONS WHY CHRISTIANITY IS DECLINING IN US: STUDY** - A new study on faith and relationships suggests that absent fathers and collapsed marriages might be two of the best explanations for why Christianity is declining in the United States.

The Nationwide Study on Faith and Relationships, research recently released by the church-consulting organization

Communio, reports that “family decline appears to fuel faith decline.”

The study drew data from a nationwide survey of 19,000 Sunday church attendees from 112 Evangelical, Protestant and Catholic congregations in 13 states. The research comes as marriage rates have dropped 31 percent since 2000 and 61 percent since 1970, while less than half of all adults under 30 today grew up in a home with married parents.

According to the study, individuals who regularly attend church are more likely to have fathers present in their lives. In the U.S., approximately 80% of Sunday churchgoers were raised in homes where their biological parents were married to each other throughout their upbringing. Additionally, the study confirms that “boys who grew up in homes with married parents are considerably more likely to attend church regularly as adults.”

Communio President J.P. DeGance, who contributed to the study, told The Christian Post that young people are not leaving churches in large numbers because of a lack of ministry outreach. “We’ve never spent more money in the history of the church to transmit our faith to our young people, and yet they’re falling away at higher and higher numbers,” DeGance said. “The reason for the decline in faith is unpacked in the study; that the absence of a married home where dad is warmly engaged in the life of his child is the cause of the fire that is the source of the reason less and less people believe.”

DeGance said, “unless we get deeply effective and strategic about increasing the number of Christian marriages and young people raised in homes with faithful and healthy Christian families, we’re going to continue to see an increase in religious non-affiliation.”

“Throughout the Old Testament and into the New Testament, God’s love is told spousally, most frequently that God is chasing after the Church like a bride. And when Jesus comes at the end of time, He is going to be looking for His bride,” DeGance said. “I think it shouldn’t surprise us that when the human analog of marriage and the family breaks down, it’s a lot harder for a young person to understand that there’s a Father in Heaven, ‘who so loved [them] that He sent His only Son to die for [them].’”

“This becomes difficult when someone has never been able to relate to a dad in a healthy way, if they perhaps hate their dad or have a difficult relationship with their dad.”

The study predicts that “the overall population of the religious nones is unlikely to stabilize until 25-30 years after family structure has stabilized.”

“The number of young people being born and raised and reaching adulthood in a home where mom and dad stayed continuously married appears to have been constant over the last 10 years. In some sense, that’s some good news; at least temporarily it seems to be stabilized. This is incredibly important for churches,” DeGance said.

The vast majority of polling shows that young people overwhelmingly still want marriage, but they just lack the ability to do it, according to DeGance.

“I see this as a great opportunity to advance the Gospel, that churches can become schools of love. They can actually help form people to discern relationships well, and to form healthy dating relationships that can actually lead to marriage and to help Christians who married to have a thriving and healthy Christ-centered marriage,” he said.

“All of that is within the reach and power of the Church. And if the Church answers this time of crisis with this kind of approach, the study would suggest that you’re going to see a great revival.”

DeGance warned that if the Church doesn’t take drastic steps to “evangelize fruitfully in the 21st century,” the declining number of marriages will continue and marital health will remain low, as well as the effectiveness of fathers in those marriages. “The sexual revolution has been a never-ending set of events in so many ways. We’ve certainly had a decoupling of sex from marriage and sex from partnering and sex from parenting,” DeGance said.

“As Christian parents and as pastors, we also need to own a portion of the responsibility to ask ourselves: Are we discouraging marriage ourselves? Are we discouraging our young people from the ideas that would lead to a healthy marriage?”

☛ **STREET PREACHER IN PENNSYLVANIA ARRESTED WHILE TRYING TO QUOTE BIBLE VERSE AT PRIDE RALLY** - Damon Atkins strolled up to Reading, Pennsylvania’s “first ever” pride rally wielding a sign, a Bible and his faith. Less than one minute after joining a smattering of other Christians expressing their views, Atkins found himself getting hauled off in cuffs and charged with criminal disorderly conduct.

The shocking encounter was captured on video by local resident Matthew Wear, who said he wasn’t aware of the rally and only got out of his car in order to “provide encouragement” to the other Christians in attendance. Wear told CBN News he “preached for about 10 minutes across the street” when an officer aggressively approached him, laid his finger on him and said “if you don’t stop shouting insults across the street I will arrest you on the spot.” Wear’s immediate reaction to the officer’s threat was that he “was a tyrant” and “meant business.”

A few moments later, Atkins showed up and briefly interacted with the same officer. He tried to quote 1st Corinthians, but was unable to finish before the arrest was made.

As Wear panned the camera around, Atkins could be seen down the street, making his way toward the protest. Wear eerily predicts the officer will “give them a hard time.” Indeed, the officer identified by *The Lancaster Patriot* as Police Sergeant Bradley T. McClure, immediately approaches Atkins and begins advising him to “let them have their event” and “respect them.”

Atkins can be heard on video arguing it’s public property, to which Sgt. McClure agrees. Atkins, speaking to CBN News, said he also told them “I’m not being rude, I’m just here to spread the Gospel of good news! Jesus Christ saved me and he can save everyone, including you (the officer).”

The officer responded by saying “I don’t care, I’m gonna

stand here and you’re gonna be quiet.”

Moments later Atkins began to quote from 1st Corinthians 14:33, which reads “For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.” But he was never able to finish the verse as McClure rushed in to make the arrest.

Atkins claims McClure at one point insinuated God is a derogatory term, warning him not to continue saying such things to those attending the rally so they could “have their event.”

As he was being cuffed, pride rally-goers cheered the arrest. Wear couldn’t help but note the irony on video, that a Christian trying to read the Bible was being taken away by police as some individuals dressed as demons were freely heading to the pride rally.

“I was charged with criminal disorderly conduct with engaged to fight,” Atkins told CBN News. Atkins stressed he loves everyone and doesn’t just focus on one issue/sin, noting he says the same things to anyone who is living in any type of “willful sin.”

The Lancaster Patriot reports on the contents of the affidavit, which notably has a line about not being allowed to “yell comments” across the street:

According to an affidavit of probable cause, McClure claims that “[Atkins] was carrying a sign with a slogan written on it that showed his opposition to the event.” In the affidavit, McClure also claims that Atkins “began to yell to the people” attending the pride event.

“I immediately approached him and told him that, while he was free to stand on that side of the street and hold his sign,” McClure wrote in the affidavit, “he could not cross the street nor yell comments intended to disrupt the event.”

Atkins finds the arrest particularly head-scratching, given the threats he’s received while attending past events to preach the Gospel, including a pride event in which an attendee told him he would “shoot him in the head” if he had a gun. Atkins, for his part, says he is motivated by love, because Jesus has “taught me to love my neighbor as myself.”

Atkins is set to appear in court to face the charges in mid-June and says he doesn’t have any representation as of yet.

