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AND THE PEOPLE GAVE
- Week of August 20, 2023 -
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,736.42
Children's Sunday School \$ 5.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/20/23: \$ 1,741.42
- Week of August 13, 2023 -
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings\$ 595.00
Church Porch Restoration\$ 135.64
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/13/23: \$ 730.64
- Week of August 6, 2023 -
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings \$ 3,467.01
Children's Sunday School\$ 20.00
Church Porch Restoration\$ 140.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/06/23: \$ 3,627.01
- Week of July 30, 2023 -
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings\$ 868.05
Church Sign Restoration \$ 35.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/30/23: \$\ 903.05
- Week of July 23, 2023 -
Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,333.98
Children's Sunday School \$ 10.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/23/23:\$ 1,3433.98
Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church
operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,600.00
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# FRONT PORCH RESTORATION FUND -

Amount Received, Week of 08/13/23: \$ 135.64

TOTAL RECEIVED, THUSFAR: \$ 720.64

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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 <u>Continued</u> 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 may ways, during this crisis, including financially.

1. By mail - 23 East Wells Blvd., Sapulpa, OK 74066

WE HAVE 3 WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- 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 Past	or
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell, Lois Mae Floyd Pianis	sts
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Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; & David Smith/Larry Byars Teache	rs
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## SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

# REMINDER

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK!

fter much prayer, a flood, a pandemic, and lots of elbow grease, we're *finally* going to be able to re-start our Sunday School! We're going to use the "graded"

approach to arranging our classes, because that seems to fit most people the best, especially those who have school-age children.

We will be offering the following classes beginning NEXT Sunday, September 3rd:

- □ *NURSERY* ages birth through 3 years. *Taught by Mrs. Kim Phillips*.
- ☐ **BEGINNERS** ages 4 through 8 years, grades K 2nd. *Taught by Mrs. Shirley White*.
- ☐ JUNIORS ages 9 through 12 years, grades 3rd 6th. Taught by Mrs. Berdena Bergman.
- ☐ YOUTH ages 13 through 18 years, grades 7th 12th. Taught by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Avery.
- ☐ ADULTS ages 19 and up. Taught by Mr. David Smith & Mr. Larry Byars.

Our classes will be using the *Joyful Life* curriculum, which is very well written, and presents the truths of God's Word at an age-appropriate level that will help everyone who attends regularly to have the tools necessary to live a happy and fruitful Christian life.

Our teachers and workers are already preparing, and it looks like we'll have a **GREAT** first Sunday, *BUT*: We need <u>YOU</u> to make it a success, so make your plans **NOW** to be here - on time and ready!

We will begin on **SUNDAY MORNING**, **SEPT. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:45.** All children, except Nursery age, will meet in the auditorium for 5-8 minutes, then be dismissed to their class rooms.

See YOU At 9:45 A.M. <u>SHARP</u> - NEXT SUNDAY!

Plan NOW To Be Here!

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WHEN DANIEL CHARLAND MINISTRIES WILL PRESENT...

# AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

& THE WAY THINGS ARE TODAY

AN ENLIGHTENING, CAPTIVATING MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION THAT EXPLAINS:

- · What the Founding Fathers Believed
- · What Changed in America



Invite Friends and Family to Learn Why American Culture Is in Chaos Today and Why Things Were So Different Just 60 Years Ago!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

Join us for the Charland Family's Faith Testimony at 9:45 AM!

#### NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

\*\*ART CENTER IN MINNEAPOLIS HOSTS "DEMON SUMMONING SESSION" FOR FAMILIES - The Walker Art Center in Minneapolis held a demon summoning ritual for families earlier this month. The art center, which has received millions of taxpayer funds, hosted the event as part of the Walker's Free First Saturday's program ("Walker Art Center Holds 'playful demon summoning session' for families," Alphanews.org, Aug. 11, 2023). Tamar Ettun was the event leader. Called "Lilit the Empathic Demon," the program was presented under the guise that some demons are harmless, even helpful. The event description said, "Demons have a bad reputation, but maybe we're just not very good at getting to know them." But the name "Lilit" ("Lilith") is that of a filthy "demon of the night" from pagan and Jewish mythology.

According to the Bible, demons are angels that followed Satan in his rebellion (Matt. 9:34; 12:24; 25:41; Rev. 12:7-9). "A consulter with familiar spirits," referring to those who try to communicate with demons, is one of the occult practices that are an abomination to God (Deut. 18:9-12). With public libraries and art centers hosting drag queen programs and demon summoning sessions, America is descending into pagan darkness. It's time to pray! "The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?" (Jeremiah 8:9).

→ ANOTHER CCM ARTIST COMES OUT FOR HOMOSEXUALITY - "Boys Will Be Girls" is the title of a new song and video by Derek Webb supporting transsexual drag queens. Webb is the former lead singer of the popular CCM band Caedmon's Call.

"Boys Will Be Girls" presents transsexualism as an innocent thing that Jesus would support. Not surprisingly, Christians who oppose homosexuality are treated as misguided, mean-spirited, dangerous Pharisees. Webb is the latest in a long list of artists associated with contemporary worship music who have come out as homosexuals or in support of homosexuality. It is nothing new.

In 1998, CCM star Kirk Franklin said that "homosexuality...is a problem today in gospel music - a MAJOR CONCERN - and everybody knows it" (Church Boy, pp. 49, 50). In 2010, Douglas Harrison said, "... you can't swing a Dove Award without hitting upon evidence of the longstanding, deep-set presence of queer experience in, and its influence on, Christian music culture at all levels" ("Come Out from among Them," Religion Dispatches, April 30, 2010).

James Cleveland, the "King of Gospel," was a homosexual who died of AIDS. Marsha Stevens, author of "For Those Tears I Died" and co-founder of Children of the Day, one of the first contemporary Christian music groups, left her husband, "married" a woman, and started her own label called BALM (Born Again Lesbian Music). In 2008, popular CCM singer Ray Boltz announced his homosexuality. After 33 years of marriage and four children, he divorced his wife to live with

a man. Also in 2008, *Clay Aiken*, a Southern Baptist who was runner-up on American Idol in 2003 and went on to become a multiplatinum recording artist, admitted publicly that he is homosexual.

In 2010, Anthony Williams, who performs under the name of Tonex and whose album Out the Box was nominated for a Grammy, revealed that he is a homosexual. Also in 2010, Jennifer Knapp, hard-rocking Contemporary Christian musician, came "out of the closet" with her lesbianism. In April 2014, Dan Haseltine of the popular CCM band Jars of Clay announced his support for "gay marriage." In August 2014, Vicky Beeching, British CCM musician, announced that she is a lesbian. In 2016, Trey Pearson, lead singer of the popular Christian rock band Everyday Sunday, came out as "gay." His "coming out" was presented in terms of "being true" to himself. The 614 Magazine cover story was titled "Gay, Christian Rock Star: This Is Who I Am."

#### ◆ A 55-YEAR-OLD WARNING THAT ROCK CANNOT BE "CHRISTIANIZED" -

"The [rock] medium is so anti-Christian in its ethos--libertarian, anti-authoritarian, equating infatuation and sexual attraction with love, and on the drug-culture fringe--that when Christians assume that ethos to communicate the message of self-denial, cross-bearing and following Christ then it utterly mangles the message."

Colin Chapman, "Modern Music and Evangelism," Background to the Task, Evangelical Alliance Commission on Evangelism, 1968

Comment by Bro. David Cloud: This powerful warning, issued *55 YEARS AGO*, was ignored by evangelicals to their own spiritual confusion. Now it is being ignored by fundamentalists and independent Baptists, and the effect will be the same, because the warning is absolutely true.

