

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of August 27, 2023 -

Sunday Morning Service	34
Sunday Evening Service	27
Wednesday Eve., 09/30/23 Service	16

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 27, 2023 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,220.30
Children's Sunday School	\$ 2.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/27/23:	\$ 1,222.30

- 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 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$ 868.05
Church Sign Restoration	\$ 35.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 07/30/23:	\$ 903.05

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 08/13/23: \$ 135.64

TOTAL RECEIVED, THUSFAR: \$ 720.64

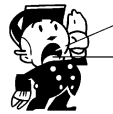
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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

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 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 Quinnelly	Greeter
Kim Phillips; Shirley White/LeAnna White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; & David Smith/Larry Byars ---	Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars	Outreach
LeAnna White	Custodian
GinaMarie Shufelt	Flowers
Seth White	Sound/Video

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

After much prayer, a flood, a pandemic, and lots of elbow grease, we're *finally* able to re-start our Sunday School! We're using the "graded" approach to arranging our classes, because that seems to fit most people the best, especially those who have school-age children.

We are offering the following classes beginning TODAY:

- 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 are 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 well prepared, and we're expecting to have a **GREAT** first Sunday, **BUT:** We need YOU to make it a success, so make your plans **NOW** to be here on time and ready every week!

We will begin on **TODAY @ 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. SHARP - EVERY SUNDAY!

Plan NOW To Be Here!

PLAN NOW TO BE HERE NEXT SUNDAY!

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

• **MUSLIMS RAMPAGE AGAINST CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN PAKISTAN** - The following is excerpted from "Firsthand Account of Extremist Violence," Fox News, Aug. 23, 2023:

"Images and video obtained by Fox News Digital show the ransacking of churches by an apparent Muslim-led mob in Jaranwala on Aug. 16, an action provoked by allegations that a Christian and his friend had blasphemed by ripping pages out of a Quran. Tumultuous crowds were filmed going into churches, tossing furniture out windows, smashing altars and setting fire to the buildings. Many Christians were also forced to flee their homes to escape the attackers. When the riots quelled, and they returned to their dwellings, they found their property stolen and homes burned. 'I saw with tears in my eyes how the mob desecrated crosses on the roofs of the churches and in graveyards and ruined church buildings. They burnt so many Bibles and altars,' said the Rev. Deacon Daud Irshad, 28.

... 'The condition in Pakistan is very bad,' Irshad said, casting doubt on the blasphemy allegations that instigated the riots. 'So much hatred, jealousy, envy and enmity from the Muslims towards Christians. It seems that we Christians are like animals to them. Whenever they want to kill, they kill, and whenever they want to spare, they give free hand.' By his account, more than 25 churches were damaged and hundreds of homes attacked. Irshad said rioters first looted property from the buildings and then used flammable liquids to set them on fire.

... Open Doors, a Christian charity that serves persecuted churches throughout the world, reports that Christians in Pakistan are considered second-class citizens. The country was seventh on the charity's worldwide list of the worst places to be a Christian.

... [Open Doors spokesperson Eshan] Silva attributed the latest attacks to Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws, which the organization says disproportionately target religious minorities.

... 'The laws are used to settle grudges and exact revenge; a simple allegation of having insulted the Prophet or desecrated a Quran is enough to see the accused imprisoned for years while they wait for trial.'"

• **BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S JOURNEY VIA CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER TO GODDESS WORSHIP** - Contemplative prayer, which was borrowed from Rome's dark monasticism, has swept through "evangelicalism" in the past 20 years, as we have documented in the free eBook *Evangelicals and Contemplative Prayer*. Popular contemplative practices include breath prayer, centering prayer, Jesus prayer, entering the silence, and lectio divina. It is an extremely dangerous field that has often led to apostasy and even pantheistic concepts of God.

For example, popular author Sue Monk Kidd, who was once a Southern Baptist Sunday School teacher, found goddess worship through the path of contemplative prayer. As she delved deeper into contemplative mysticism, she traveled to Crete and worshiped in a cave of the goddess Skoteini. She says,

"[S]omething inside me was calling on the Goddess of the Dark, even though I didn't know her name" (*Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, p. 93). Soon, the Sunday School teacher was praying to God as Mother, "the divine feminine presence." Finally, she envisioned herself as a goddess and began to worship herself.

"To embrace Goddess is simply to discover the Divine in yourself as powerfully and vividly feminine" (*Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, p. 141).

She set up an altar with a mirror so she can worship herself. She believes that the world can be saved by the divine mother. "I know of nothing needed more in the world just now than an image of Divine present that affirms the importance of relationship--a Divine Mother, perhaps, who draws all humanity into her lap and makes us into a global family" (Dance, p. 155).

Sue Monk Kidd's book ends with the words, "She is in us." • **GAITHERS RECOMMENDING NEW AGE WRITINGS** - Gloria Gaither, who, along with her husband, Bill, have had a vast influence on Southern Gospel Music, is recommending the writings of New Age goddess Sue Monk Kidd and Catholic/Buddhist mystic Richard Rohr. In the Gaither's *Homecoming Magazine* website, Gloria recommends Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*, gushing that Kidd is "an amazing writer who tells a story with such skill that she somehow manages to both prick our consciences and give us great hope."

In an interview with Rohr, Gloria said, "I want to say thank you because so many of your books have been impacting my life, especially *Falling Upward*. ... I think that changed my thinking about ... just about everything. We have studied that book in our Monday night Bible study." In 2009, Bill and Gloria Gaither hosted William Paul Young, author of *The Shack*. In 2005, they hosted emerging leader Brian McLaren, and New Ager Leonard Sweet at a Gaithers Praise Gathering.

These people that the Gaithers are promoting do not believe in the vicarious blood atonement of Jesus Christ. By their own testimonies, they are not born again.

In her book *Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, Sue Monk Kidd describes her journey from Southern Baptist Sunday school teacher to goddess worship by means of Catholic mysticism. Richard Rohr believes the path to God is found through "the teachings of both Jesus and Buddha" (announcement for Rohr's 2008 Jesus and Buddha conference). In *The Shack*, William Paul Young re-imagines God as a woman. He believes God is non-judgmental; he denies the need of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

These are the dangerous waters to which the Gaithers are digging channels for their ill-informed, feeling-oriented, Southern Gospel-loving friends in fundamental Baptist churches. ■

