

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of September 15, 2024 -

Sunday School -----	18
Sunday Morning Service -----	33
Sunday Evening Service -----	24
Wednesday Eve., 09/18/24 Service -----	14

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of September 15, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 831.05
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 150.20
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/15/24:	\$ 981.25

- Week of September 8, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,046.70
Children's SS Class Missionary Offering -----	\$ 1.00
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 150.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/08/24:	\$ 2,197.70

- Week of September 1, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,119.61
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 150.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/01/24:	\$ 2,269.61

- Week of August 25, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,330.14
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/25/24:	\$ 1,330.14

- Week of August 18, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,715.17
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 150.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 08/18/24:	\$ 1,865.17

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



THIS SATURDAY @ 9AM

Work Needing Done:

- Sanding Wall Panels
- Cleaning/Organizing Kitchen
- General Cleanup

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; & 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

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REMINDER

PLAN NOW TO BE HERE TO HEAR

DR. PHIL STRINGER

WHO WILL BE SPEAKING ON

Bible Prophecy

and End Time Events



SUNDAY, OCT. 27th - WED. OCT. 30th

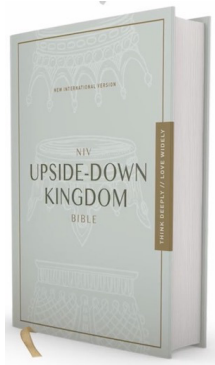
TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- Sunday, October 27th -
 - ☛ 9:45 AM Sunday School - **"How to Understand Bible Prophecy"**
 - ☛ 11:00 AM - **"The Rapture of the Church"**
 - ☛ 6:30 PM - **"The Tribulation"**
- Monday, October 28th @ 7 PM - **"The Marriage Supper of the Lamb"**
- Tuesday, October 29th @ 7 PM - **"The Return of the King"**
- Wednesday, October 30th @ 7 PM - **"The Millennial Reign Of Christ"**



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND DON'T MISS A SINGLE SERVICE!

- Nursery provided at every service for children through age 3 -



MUSHY, DANGEROUS EVANGELICALISM TODAY: PRESTON SPRINKLE AND THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM STUDY BIBLE

The Upside Down Kingdom Study Bible NIV was published this month by Zondervan. Preston Sprinkle, general editor, is influential among Southern Baptists and evangelicals in general.

Sprinkle is the founder of *The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender, Theology in the Raw* podcasts, and *Exiles in Babylon* conferences. Sprinkle has taught at Cedarville University which was GARBC (General Association of Regular Baptists) from 1953-2006, at which time it moved into the Southern Baptist orb. (Sprinkle taught there in it's SBC incarnation.)

Cedarville's history illustrates the downgrade of the General Association of Regular Baptists from fundamental Baptist in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s to non-separatist evangelicalism since the last two decades of the 20th century. This is part of the general collapse of "fundamentalism" in the past 50 years.

Sprinkle promotes textual criticism and wanders in the wilderness of the modern texts and versions, with no absolute Scriptural authority. He is a Mr. Facing Both Ways, which is typical of evangelicals. He can sound like a Biblicist at times, but he is, in fact, an enemy of solid Biblicism. At the RateMyProfessors web site, a Cedarville student said Sprinkle is "funny and open to different interpretations of the Bible." Sprinkle says, "read the Bible with conviction" but "hold your predetermined beliefs loosely." In other words, practice dialogue and ecumenism, not separation.

This principle is one of the chief building blocks of the "one world church." Don't be dogmatic in doctrine - be open to other views in such things as the following: the days of creation (are they literal 24 hour days?), the extent of the flood (was it global or local?), the nature of homosexuality (is it always a sin? can you be born that way? are homosexual desires wrong? should impenitent homosexuals be received as church members? was the sin of Sodom actually the sin of being homosexual?), abortion (is it always wrong?), hell (is it a place of fiery torment; is it eternal?), baptism (is infant baptism heretical? is immersion essential?), women in ministry (can't women be pastors?), salvation (can salvation be a process rather than a conversion experience? does a person have to personally believe in Jesus Christ to be saved? will only born again people go to heaven?).

Regardless of his personal Reformed Calvinist beliefs, Sprinkle, by his "hold your beliefs loosely" philosophy, is teaching God's people to build bridges to every heresy in the "broader church" of end-time apostasy.

The notes in the Upside Down Kingdom Study Bible reflect

this confusion:

"Christians would do well to research the various Christian viewpoints and ongoing discussions ... Christians should be patient in forming their view on questions related to the flood and should not condemn other thoughtful Christians" (pp. 166, 173).

In contrast, Paul instructed Timothy, **"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 1:13), and, "keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Timothy 6:14).**

Paul further exhorted, **"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Romans 16:17).** That is the opposite of "look into all views and dialogue with openmindedness."

Further, in typical evangelical fashion today, Sprinkle boasts of a worldly lifestyle. He is comfortable with the sensual pop culture. In his biographical sketch, he says his favorite bands include raunchy secular rockers "Coldplay, U2, Josh Garrels, Beck, Rush, Def Leppard, Pearl Jam, Bob Marley." Secular rock is so filthy that it is impossible just to browse the album artwork at Amazon without being morally polluted. Sprinkle says his favorite beers are "IPAs [India pale ale], Belgium Tripels, Quads, and anything that tastes like New Holland's Dragon Milk [sweet, highly flavored]."

In contrast, John said, **"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15-16).**

Sprinkle would probably ridicule my interpretation of "worldliness" with a knowing wink and smile, but I say on the authority of God's Word that he is wrong on that as he is on many other fundamental matters, but he well represents evangelicalism today. Like the church at Sardis, the vast part of evangelicalism has a name that it lives, but is dead (Revelation 3:1).

Beware!

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

• **POPE SAYS ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD** - At a youth inter-religious gathering in Singapore, Pope Francis said all religions lead to God. "If you start to fight, 'my religion is more important than yours, mine is true, and yours isn't,' where will that lead us? There's only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sheik, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, and they are different paths [to God]. ... They are like different languages in order to arrive at God, but God is God for all. Since God is God for all, then we are all children of God" ("Pope in multi-faith Singapore," Crux Now, Sept. 13, 2024). Francis made similar remarks in Kazakhstan in 2022.

There is nothing new here. In 1987, Pope John Paul II led an inter-religious prayer meeting in Assisi consisting of

representatives of 32 "Christian" denominations plus representatives of most non-Christian religions: Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jews, Muslims, African and North American animists, Japanese Shinto's, fire-worshipping Zoroastrians, and Baha'i. Though Pope John Paul did not specifically say that all religions are paths to God, it is obvious that he believed that to be true by inviting all religions to pray for world peace.

Though great changes have occurred in the Roman Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, the Roman Catholic Church of today is actually more unscriptural than it was in Luther's day. It still holds the ancient heresies that were condemned by Baptists and Protestants of old, such as the pope the head of church, the mass the re-sacrifice of Christ, the sacraments a channel for salvation. Mary the ever-virgin Queen of Heaven, and prayers to and for the dead. In addition to traditional Catholic heresies, the Roman Catholic Church today is filled with gross errors which were almost unknown to the Catholic Church of the sixteenth century, such as evolution, New Age faith and practice (i.e., a seminar at Catholic Quigley Seminary in Chicago in 1988 featured messages by Matthew Fox and other New Age speakers on "the cosmic Christ within"), universalism (Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II are examples of Catholic leaders who believe all men are children of God), and modernistic theology (Rome's theological schools are largely given over to the modernistic approach to the Bible which denies the infallible inspiration of Holy Scripture, the six-day creation, the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, etc.).

• **"EVANGELICALS FOR HARRIS" WANTS PEOPLE TO BELIEVE KAMALA IS A "FAITHFUL AND COMMITTED CHRISTIAN"** - Kamala Harris, a politician whose life and career is a veritable checklist of anti-Christian sentiment and policies, is being portrayed by "Evangelicals For Harris" as a "faithful and committed Christian." The group is a project created by Jim Ball, who previously founded a similar initiative, "Evangelicals for Biden." This organization is part of a larger network called Faith Voters, a 501(c)4 organization dedicated to promoting a radical leftist political agenda under the guise of "Christian values."

Their current mission is to try to convince Christians that Kamala Harris, the very embodiment of everything that stands against Christianity and a biblical worldview, is somehow the spiritual successor to the apostles. According to their website, Harris's faith is supposedly "rooted in social justice, civil rights, and a commitment to the poor." This is despite the fact that she advocates for the murder of the unborn, promotes sexual perversion, and is in favor of the stripping away of religious freedoms.

They state -

"While a deeply committed and faithful Christian, Vice President Harris has great respect for other faith traditions. Her mother Shyamala Gopalan and relatives in India took her to Hindu temples. She joins her husband, Doug Emhoff, in Jewish traditions and celebrations.

"This respect syncs with her baptist tradition, which has a long and distinguished legacy of support and activism for religious

liberty and the separation of Church and State. Especially now that she is at the pinnacle of power, Vice President Harris keeps her trusting relationship with God at the center."

Harris's "faith," we're told, guides her "lifelong commitment to civil rights", which is ironic, because this is the same "civil rights" that supposedly includes the right to kill unborn children based on convenience. The same "civil rights" that Harris supports by endorsing Planned Parenthood, an organization responsible for the genocide of black lives in the womb.

Further, Evangelicals for Harris want people to believe that her advocacy for "social justice" is somehow aligned with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By "social justice", they mean the redistribution of wealth under the guise of helping the poor, while actually keeping them in perpetual dependency on the government. "Justice", in their view, and hers, punishes the innocent and rewards the guilty. But it's nothing anywhere close to the justice Christ preached.

Simply put, the reason for this charade is simple:

They need to cloak their godless agenda in the language of faith to deceive anyone who would be foolish enough to fall for it. They know they can't sell their policies on their own merits—after all, who in their right mind would support such idiotic policies that lead to the destruction of life, the breakdown of the family, and the erosion of the freedom to worship God? So, they dress it up in Christian language, hoping no one will notice the rot underneath.

Sadly, there are, and will be, millions who believe this tripe and cast a vote for this demon while deluding themselves into believing they're carrying out some "Christian" mission.

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They say a little compromise won't hurt your faith. They say you dont have to take the Bible literally. Well, this is the outcome.

