

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of September 29, 2024 -

Sunday School	-----	15
Sunday Morning Service	-----	33
Sunday Evening Service	-----	15
Wednesday Eve., 10/02/24 Service	-----	13

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of September 29, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 515.11
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	-----	\$ 150.20
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/29/24:		\$ 365.11

- Week of September 22, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,514.41
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund	-----	\$ 170.20
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 09/22/24:		\$ 1,684.61

- 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

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.



*Wine is a mocker,
strong drink is raging:
and whosoever is deceived
thereby is not wise.*

Proverbs 20:1

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 PRESENT TO HEAR

DR. PHIL STRINGER

WHO WILL BE SPEAKING ON

Bible Prophecy

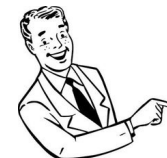
and End Time Events



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

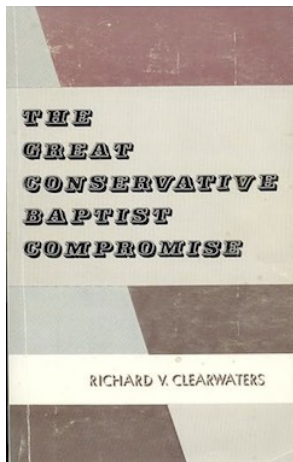
TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- 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 -



The Role of the Rejection of Pre-Tribulation Theology in the Downfall of the Conservative Baptists

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

In his history of the downfall of the Conservative Baptists,

Richard Clearwaters emphasized the importance of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture several times. He showed that one of the principles of both theological modernism and New Evangelicalism is the denial of the imminency of the return of Christ and a replacement of a concentrated focus on the Great Commission of world evangelism with a kingdom building emphasis. Clearwaters observed that one of the elements of the downgrade was “*a more tolerant attitude toward varying views of eschatology.*”

In 1956, he wrote, “Students have gone from Northwestern [founded by W.B. Riley and Pre-Trib from its inception] and other similar schools to these schools [Fuller Seminary and Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary] with a simple faith in the Word of God about the Rapture of the Church and the Second Coming only to later come to me disturbed, not knowing whether they were now looking for the Christ to rapture His Church or for Anti-Christ; whether the ‘blessed hope’ of the church was half or all of the Tribulation; whether Christ was coming with His Church or for His Church” ([The Great Conservative Baptist Compromise](#), chapter 3, “*The Bible, the Unchanging Evangelical,*” p. 48).

Clearwaters said, “The only contribution made by rethinking eschatology has been a glorified question mark” (p. 49).

Clearwaters emphasized that the dispensational Pre-tribulation doctrine is established by a consistent literal method of interpretation (p. 50).

Clearwaters said the early Christians believed in and were looking for the imminent return of Christ. “Clement of Rome, fellow-laborer with Paul (Phil. 4:3) wrote (AD 95), ‘Let us every hour expect the kingdom of love and righteousness, because we know not the day of His appearing.’ ... They were not looking for one half or all of the Tribulation to prepare them for it” ([The Great Conservative Baptist Compromise](#), P. 197).

The prominent role of post-tribulationism in the downfall of the Conservative Baptists was emphasized in the report “*Conservative Baptist Cross Currents in Colorado,*” published in May 1962 in the Baptist Missionary-Evangelist. Written by four

preachers who had been active in Conservative Baptist work in Colorado since the 1940s, it documented the invasion of new evangelicalism. They emphasized that one of the ways the new evangelicalism showed itself was in the rejection of dispensational Pre-tribulation theology. “By 1954 it was evident that the [Denver Baptist Theological] Seminary had introduced a doctrine foreign to Colorado Conservative Baptists--the accepted dispensational premise was being abandoned in favor of reformation theology.

In relation to this position is the theory of the post-tribulation rapture of the church. Dr. Burdick is reported to hold strongly to this ‘post-trib’ position, and President Vernon Grounds has stated, ‘As for myself, I am in a state of indecision. ... I will not say that I am a pretribulationist. ... I simply do not know, though I incline toward the ‘post’ view’” (from ‘*Divided We Fall,*’ page 5, compiled by Wayne Musson, Lake Crystal, Minnesota).

In 1962, it was estimated by a Denver Seminary graduate that ‘*half of the graduates now take the post-trib position, about 25% take the pre-trib position, and the other 25% are so confused they do not know what to believe.*’”

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

• ***GETTYS LEAD WORSHIP AT LAUSANNE 4*** - Keith and Kristyn Getty led worship and conducted seminars at Lausanne IV, the ecumenical Congress on World Evangelization in Seoul, South Korea, Sept. 22-28. The Gettys are one of the most influential contemporary worship artists, and they are bridges to the one-world church because of their ecumenical philosophy and lack of true biblical boundaries. Together with Stuart Townend, who is charismatic in his doctrine and practice, they operate Getty Townend Music (GTM), which in the last several years has become increasingly popular with Bob Jones University, Majesty Music, the Wilds, and others.

Over 5,000 people from 200 countries participated in Lausanne IV from a multiplicity of denominations. The 50 speakers included **Rick Warren** of Purpose Driven fame and **Billy Wilson**, president of the Pentecostal Oral Roberts University.

A major theme was ecumenism. Patrick Fung of OMF International said, “A divided church has no message for a divided world. God has called us to a unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” This is a great error. The statement in Ephesians 4:3 is written to a biblically sound New Testament church, not to professing Christians in general. Nowhere does Scripture call for unity between those who hold sound doctrine and those who hold heresy. To the contrary, Scripture warns of a great turning away from the faith (II Timothy 3-4) and calls upon those who are sound in the faith to mark and avoid those who err (Romans 16:17-18; II Timothy 3:5).

The first Congress for World Evangelization was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1974, led by Billy Graham. The Lausanne movement which is a product of that first congress has promoted ecumenical unity from its inception. In 1974, participants came from every sort of compromised and apostate denomination, such as the Church of England and the Church of South India, including many associated with the radically liberal

World Council of Churches. Three Roman Catholic priests were invited to attend Lausanne I (F.E.A. News & Views, Jul.-Aug. 1974). One of the speakers at Lausanne I was Malcolm Muggeridge, who, five years previously, in his book [Jesus Rediscovered](#) (1969), brazenly rejected Christ’s virgin birth, deity, miracles, prophecies, and bodily resurrection. He wrote, “*To imagine [God] having a son in any particular sense, and this son to have been born of a virgin, and to have lived on earth for thirty years or so as a man; then to have died and to have risen from the dead is, as far as I am concerned, beyond credibility*” ([Jesus Rediscovered](#), p. 95). He theorized that some “body-snatcher” stole Jesus’ body. By 1974, when he spoke at Lausanne I, Muggeridge professed to be a Christian of sorts, but he was never sound in the faith. He still denied the divine inspiration of Scripture and Jesus’ bodily resurrection. In his 1975 book [Jesus: The Man Who Lives](#), which was supposed to be his Christian testimony, Muggeridge said it is likely that the events of the resurrection, such as the empty tomb and the stone rolled away, could not have been caught on camera, and he continued to propose the wicked body snatching theory. Muggeridge had no testimony of the new birth, stating that his “conversion” was a “lifelong journey.” Yet, he spoke at Lausanne and was acclaimed by prominent evangelicals as a true Christian.

The ecumenical spirit of the Lausanne congress was expressed in the Lausanne Covenant, which stated that “a growing partnership of churches will develop and the universal character of Christ’s church will be more clearly exhibited.” This is the false idea of a universal “church” composed of all professing Christians, which is actually the apostate “one-world church.” The March 2010 edition of the *Lausanne World Pulse* (a joint venture between Billy Graham and the Lausanne Committee) featured an article by Chandler Im entitled “Interfaith Interface with Buddhists,” calling for participating in Buddhism in order to understand it. Im said, “I strongly concur with [Lesslie] Newbigin’s claim that until one has felt in one’s soul the dynamic power and influence of a great religion, one has not heard or understood the message of it.”

This is a dangerous recommendation that is forbidden by God’s Word (see II Corinthians 6:14-18). Newbigin denied the verbal inspiration of Scripture, claiming that the Bible is “not a set of timeless truths.” Evangelicals have a frightful habit of quoting rank heretics without any warning. The March 2010 issue of *Lausanne World Pulse* also had an article “Sharing Christ in Hindu Contexts” which stated that Hindus who “accept Christ” do not have to be baptized or identify with a church, because it “isolates them from their native community.” In the September 2009 *Lausanne World Pulse*, Philip Noss of the American Bible Society stated that “God reveals himself through his word and through each culture.” This is not what the apostles taught. “***And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. ... Little children, keep yourselves from idols***” (*I John 5:19-21*).

Modern evangelicalism is shot through and through with heretical thinking, and even those who are biblically sound to

some degree are dangerous bridges to rank error.

• ***SACRED MUSIC CHURCHES TARGETED WITH “TRANSITION” SONGS*** - Contemporary Christian Music people are proselytizers. There are even TRANSITION SONGS and BRIDGE SONGS specifically designed to move “traditional” churches along the contemporary path toward Christian rock. These include “*How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*” by **Stuart Townend** and “*In Christ Alone*” by **Townend and Keith Getty**.

One concerned pastor wrote: “Keith and Kristyn Getty advertise themselves as ‘Modern Hymn Writers’ and are deceiving many into the rock genre by this very innocent title and the more conservative soft rock praise music. But the fact is, that they are not modern hymn writers because they are putting out rock music which is not spiritual at all but carnal and thereby fulfilling the desires of the flesh and not the spirit (the spiritual part of us yielding to the Holy Spirit).”

The frightful thing is that the average independent Baptist pastor and musicians don’t have the foggiest idea that they are being manipulated and that they are walking on a BRIDGE that leads to a place they say they are against, which is full blown CCM and its enticing philosophy of “don’t be so strict and uptight; relax; enjoy life; live the grace.” Two of the major characteristics of bridge music are beat anticipation and unresolving chords.

• ***THE FRENZY TO SLOW AGING AND AVOID DEATH*** - Billions of dollars are being spent to slow aging and ultimately avoid death by cellular technology. “Mega money is being invested in startups researching how to regenerate and rejuvenate aging cells.

Altos Labs, for example, emerged from stealth mode in 2022 with \$3 billion from investors including Amazon’s Jeff Bezos. OpenAI’s Sam Altman recently invested \$180 million in Retro Biosciences. Alphabet subsidiary Calico Life Sciences has a reported \$1.5 billion budget” (“*The Company Aiming to Slow Down Aging,*” Israel21c, Sept. 25, 2024). Some tech billionaires, including Google co-founder Larry Page and Oracle CEO Larry Ellison, are funding research to end death. Ellison says, “Death makes me very angry,” so he created the Ellison Foundation to find a way to cheat death (“*Larry Page Lists 5 Things That Google Will Conquer,*” *Business Insider*, May 15, 2014).

Having achieved remarkable things through technology and having exalted the human intellect to the place of God, the captains of the tech industry are deluded into thinking that they can cure man’s deepest moral and spiritual needs. I use and appreciate modern technology, but I don’t trust it for salvation. These men are willfully ignorant of the fact that death is the wages of sin (Romans 6:23). That awful wage includes physical death and the “second death,” which is eternal punishment in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). For the aged in Christ, God has unspeakably wonderful promises, such as my godly grandmother’s favorite: “***I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread***” (*Psalms 37:25*). ■