

## AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of November 17, 2024 -

Sunday School	21
Sunday Morning Service	36
Sunday Evening Service	18
Wednesday Evening Service	12

## AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of November 17, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 2,290.72  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/17/24: \$ 2,290.72**

- Week of November 10, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,423.38  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/10/24: \$ 1,423.38**

- Week of November 3, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,725.51  
 Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund \$ 150.20  
 Missionary Offering, Children's SS Class \$ 2.52  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/03/24: \$ 1,878.23**

- Week of October 27, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,129.09  
 Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund \$ 150.20  
 Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer \$ 1,603.00  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/27/24: \$ 2,882.29**

- Week of October 20, 2024 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings \$ 2,352.76  
 Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund \$ 190.20  
**TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/20/24: \$ 2,542.96**

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,600.00



## OOPS...

In the 11/10/24 issue of the **REMINDER**, we carried an article entitled, "Jesus Paid It All: The Story Behind The Hymn". This article was written and published by the folks at INDEPENDENTBAPTIST.COM, a website we had great confidence in. Unfortunately, the article used quotes from Bible translations other than the King James Version. Since the publishers of INDEPENDENTBAPTIST.COM publicly assert their support of the KJV, the article was printed without proper scrutiny as to which Bible versions were being used in it. We apologize for the error.

That mistake won't happen again.

## 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.

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

### Sundays -

- 9:45 a.m. ----- Sunday School  
 10:50 a.m. ----- Morning Service  
 6:30 p.m. ----- Evening Service

### Wednesdays -

- 7:00 p.m. ----- Evening Service

### Bi-Monthly -

- 11:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. ----- Ladies Bible Study  
 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

## 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

# REMINDER

# America's Christian Heritage

*“. . .to keep our families secure, communities safe, and America free. . .”*

*“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His Apostles. . .*

*This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government.”*

*- Noah Webster, History of the United States, 1832, public school textbook*



The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? *The New World.*

Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty.

For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of “Land!” was heard.

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the “*Mayflower Compact*” - America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to reading as found celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

Pilgrim Edward Winslow described the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in these words:

*“Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling [bird hunting] so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as... served the company almost a week... Many of the Indians [came] amongst us and... their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet BY THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE... FAR FROM WANT.”*



In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first *Day of Thanksgiving to God* under its new constitution. That same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which President Washington was a member, announced that the first Thursday in November would become its regular day for giving thanks, “unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities.” Yet, despite these early national proclamations, official Thanksgiving observances usually occurred only at the State level.

Much of the credit for the adoption of a later ANNUAL national Thanksgiving Day may be attributed to Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, the editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*. For thirty years, she promoted the idea of a national *Thanksgiving Day*, contacting President after President until President Abraham Lincoln responded in 1863 by setting aside the last Thursday of November as a national *Day of Thanksgiving*. Over the next seventy-five years, Presidents

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followed Lincoln's precedent, annually declaring a national Thanksgiving Day. Then, in 1941, Congress permanently established the last Thursday of each November as a national holiday.

Lincoln's original 1863 *Thanksgiving Proclamation* came - spiritually speaking - at a pivotal point in his life. During the first week of July of that year, the *Battle of Gettysburg* occurred, resulting in the loss of some 60,000 American lives. Four months later in November, Lincoln delivered his famous *Gettysburg Address*.

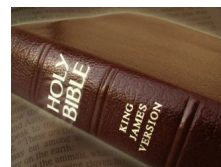
It was while Lincoln was walking among the thousands of graves there at Gettysburg that he committed his life to Christ. As he explained to a friend:

***“When I left Springfield [to assume the Presidency] I asked the people to pray for me. I was not a Christian. When I buried my son, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ.”***

As Americans celebrate Thanksgiving each year, we hope they will retain the original gratefulness to God displayed by the Pilgrims and many other founding fathers, and remember that it is to those early and courageous Pilgrims that they owe not only the traditional Thanksgiving holiday but also the concepts of self-government, the “hard-work” ethic, self-reliant communities, and devout religious faith.

Are YOU thankful to God?

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### **Reply to Bryan Samms' Position On the King James Bible Being “Too Hard to Understand”**

*The following is from Ian Whitlock of Washington state. The response is to David W. Cloud's recent report, “Transitioning Churches Away From the King James Bible.”*

“The problem is not with our KJV Bible; it is with us as parents.”

“I am a Baptist minister in the U.S. I read with deep interest and sadness the article on Oct. 16th regarding churches transitioning to new versions.

“I can't imagine what those ministers are thinking! I especially was disturbed with how Bryan Samms used his son as an example of modern children not being able to understand the King James Bible. I would like to share my experience.

“I have a daughter ( Nadilie) who is 9-1/2. She learned to read when she was five and started reading a chapter out of her King James Bible every day when she was six. (She is currently halfway through your History of the Churches from a Baptist Perspective.) I asked her, after reading Samms' statement regarding his son, if she feels her Bible reading from the KJV is any harder to understand than her other reading and her answer was no. That is the testimony of a nine year old today.

“What is the difference between a child who finds the KJV strange and hard to understand and the child who has no problem?

“May I suggest that it could be several things -

“First, Samms uses his son as an example to prove that children can't understand the KJV. However, Samms also states that he was having doubts and leaning towards the new versions at that time. Children do not live in a vacuum. They are very prone to picking up on the attitude of their parents. The attitude of Samms himself could have contributed to his son's attitude. But even more importantly is the fact that they were not, it would seem, having these discussions until age eleven regarding reading the Bible. Why were these discussions not taking place years before? It seems to reveal a lazy dazy attitude regarding his son's religious education.

“This is an attitude I have found, to my great sorrow, to be prevalent to a frightful degree among Independent Baptists and other Christians. As parents we cannot expect to feed our children Hollywood, Disneyland, worldly styles of music, picture ‘bibles’ that have no real Bible text in them, etc., and expect them to become born again, healthy Christians. We parents can't keep putting our career first with both parents working out of the home thus depriving the children of the quality time they need. Let's be real! Let's be honest. If we want children that will be an honor to God, if we want children who can love and understand their Bible we must invest the time and effort and then pray hard for God's blessing. The problem is not with our KJV Bible; it is with us as parents who will not spend the time to give our children the loving nurturing that only we can give so they can grow into His image.

“May God help us to change before it is forever too late!”

### **NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS**

• **TRUMP'S PICK FOR DEFENSE SECRETARY BELIEVES THIRD TEMPLE WILL BE BUILT** - Pete Hegseth, Donald Trump's pick for Defense Secretary, has stated that the Third Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. He also believes Israel should annex the so-called West Bank (Judea and Samaria), which is claimed by the “Palestinians” but belongs to Israel by God's eternal covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Gen. 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:7, 18; 17:8; 24:7; 26:3; 28:4, 13).

Speaking at an Arutz Sheva conference at the King David Hotel in 2018, Hegseth said, “1948 was a miracle; 1967 was a miracle; 2017--the declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel--was a miracle; and there is no reason why the miracle of the reestablishment of the temple on the Temple Mount is not possible. I don't know how it would happen; you don't know how it would happen; but I know it could happen.” He also said, “If you walk the ground today, you understand that there is no such thing as the outcome of a two-state solution. There is one state.” Hegseth has called for “a wholesale purge of military officials who have supported DEI policies,” has said that transgender soldiers are “not deployable” because they are “reliant on chemicals,” and has argued “that men are more capable in combat roles because of biological factors” (“Pete Hegseth's plan to overhaul America's

military,” ABC News, Nov. 14, 2024). Hegseth has also called the United Nations a “farce.”

The Bible tells us how the Third Temple will be rebuilt. Its measuring is described in Revelation 11 in connection with the beginning of the Antichrist's reign as Mr. Peace when the Two Witnesses will testify in Jerusalem and performs signs. They will be killed at the 3.5 year mark of the Antichrist's reign when his true character as the Man of Sin will be revealed and he will install himself in the temple as God.

• **HARVARD CHURCH READING TAYLOR SWIFT AS A “SACRED TEXT”** - On October 29, Harvard Memorial Church hosted a study of Taylor Swift lyrics as “sacred.” The church announced the event as follows: *“Discover a new way to engage with the Taylor Swift canon that honors the important emotional and spiritual role her work plays in many peoples' lives. Bring your favorite Taylor Swift song and we'll bring the sacred reading practices!”* (memorialchurch.harvard.edu).

The gospel of Taylor Swift is the gospel of mocking holy marriage and thumbing the nose at the divine law “thou shalt not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14). A major theme of her “canon” is the pleasure and pain of serial dating (fornication). Consider the lyrics to “Blank Space” (1989): “Nice to meet you, where you been? I could show you incredible things, Magic, madness, heaven, sin ... Grab your passport and my hand, I can make the bad guys good for a weekend.” Harvard College was founded in 1636 with the motto *Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae* (“Truth for Christ and the Church”), and a major objective was training Christian ministers in the Bible, which was held to be God's infallible Word. The first Harvard Chapel was built in 1744 as a non-denominational Protestant church. By then Harvard was already infiltrated by liberal theology and was on the path toward complete apostasy. Today Harvard Memorial Church claims to be “rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ,” but in reality it preaches the false gospel of Humanism which has no saving power. Harvard Memorial Church is a fulfillment of a 2,000-year-old prophecy: “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:5).

• **ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY PRAISES HINDU FESTIVAL** - On October 31, Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury (highest office in the Church of England), tweeted a praise of Hinduism, calling it “light.” -

“May the light of Diwali bring hope, peace, and unity to your homes and to our communities, reminding us all of the power of light to overcome.” In fact, there is only spiritual darkness in Diwali. It celebrates the false gods Rama and Ganesha (the elephant head god) and the goddess Lakshmi, the supposed benefactress of good fortune and wealth. God's Word condemns every form of idolatry and identifies it as darkness. ***“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this***

***word, it is because there is NO light in them” (Isaiah 8:20).*** The Church of England, never biblically sound in whole, is entirely apostate today and forms a major part of the rapidly forming one-world “church” in preparation for the final manifestation described in Revelation 17. “Evangelicalism,” with its renunciation of separation since the 1950s and subsequent lack of boundaries, is a path to this “broader church” with all of its heresies and spiritual/moral dangers.

• **REPLICA OF ARK OF THE COVENANT DISPLAYED IN ISRAEL** - A replica of the Ark of the Covenant is being displayed in Jerusalem and other parts of Israel as part of the Third Temple movement. Weighing 85 pounds, the Ark was constructed of Egyptian Acacia and 23.75 carat gold by a team of 17 volunteers who labored three-and-a-half years. It has been fitted with a refurbished Torah scroll. When it was displayed at the King David Hotel on October 20, several members of the Knesset were present. It is slated to be displayed in Jericho, Israel's first stop after crossing into the Promised Land, and Shiloh, the location of the Tabernacle for 369 years (*“With eyes on winning war, building third Jewish temple,” World Israel News, Oct. 21, 2024*). In a reminder of Israel's current apostasy, the orthodox Jews involved in this project are steeped in rabbinical Judaism (Talmud and Kabbala) and incorporated Kabbalistic numerology concepts, which are occultic. ■



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***“When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay.”***