

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of November 19, 2023 -

Sunday School	-----	19
Sunday Morning Service	-----	29
Sunday Evening Service	-----	18
Wednesday Eve., 11/22/23 Service	-----	15

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of November 19, 2023 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,147.59
Children's Ministry	-----	\$ 5.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/19/23:</b>		<b>\$ 1,152.59</b>

- Week of November 12, 2023 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,245.00
Children's Ministry	-----	\$ 5.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/12/23:</b>		<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>

- Week of November 5, 2023 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,944.35
Children's Ministry	-----	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 11/05/23:</b>		<b>\$ 1,954.35</b>

- Week of October 29, 2023 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 3,023.17
Children's Ministry	-----	\$ 3.00
Sunday School Missionary Offering	-----	\$ 42.95
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/29/23:</b>		<b>\$ 3,069.12</b>

- Week of October 22, 2023 -

<b>Undesignated</b> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 826.04
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 10/22/23:</b>		<b>\$ 826.04</b>

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.



**REMINDER**



**WHY DOES THE WORLD HATE ISRAEL?**

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

Anti-Semitism is on the march globally such as has not been witnessed in a long time, and it is rampant on prominent American university campuses.

“Yesterday, many thousands of Islamofascists and leftists turned out across the globe for pro-Hamas demonstrations, celebrating the massacre of October 7 and demanding the extermination of Jews. Trafalgar Square was packed to overflowing. Hundreds of thousands turned out in Paris. Some might find the idea of a ‘kill the Jews’ rally in Berlin alarming. And, of course, many thousands rallied to support genocide against the Jews in Washington, D.C. It looked almost like an insurrection” (“Genocide Is Popular,” PowerLine, Nov. 5, 2023).

**What is happening?** Hatred of the Jews, promoting lies about the Jews, comparing Israel with Hamas, calling for the destruction of the state of Israel--none of this is reasonable. In 1932, Harold Laski, said of Hitler’s anti-Semitic propaganda, “If the Jews trusted to reason only for the defense of their lives their chance of survival would be relatively small. For the temper in which they are attacked is inherently unamenable to rational discussion” (cited from “Thought for the Day,” PowerLine, Nov. 5). Laski was right, and this is a 2,000-year-old irrationality, but why?

The answer is found only in the Bible. It has to do with the age-old battle between God and a world in rebellion, a world of which Satan, Lucifer, or the Devil is “the god” (II Corinthians 4:4). The chief voices of anti-Semitism--Islam, Marxism, Humanism, etc.--are of the Devil.

Israel is not right with her God at present, but that is no reason to hate her. God will take care of Israel and bring her to repentance, as He has promised to do in many prophecies of Holy Scripture. As the multitudes rage against Israel and her God, we pray for Israel; we pray for Israel’s safety; we pray for Israel’s repentance.

God’s Christ, the Lord Jesus, will rule Israel and the world, and nothing can stop it. All the nations banded together with all their might, with Satan at their head, cannot stop it, as the great prophecy of Psalm 2 proclaims. It announces the future in the present tense, because everything is in the present tense with the Eternal God, who declares the end from the beginning (Isaiah 48:10).

**“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling” (Psalm 2).**

**LISTEN TO -**



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## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ **HAMAS VOWS TO DESTROY ISRAEL** - Speaking from relative safety in Qatar and Lebanon, leaders of Hamas say their goal is to destroy Israel from the land. “Khalil al-Hayya, a member of the terrorist group’s politburo in Qatar, said they planned the Oct. 7 assault to ‘change the entire equation and not just have a clash’ ... Hamas’s goal is not to run Gaza and to bring it water and electricity and such. ... This battle is to completely overthrow the situation.’ ... Senior Hamas official Ghazi Hamad told Lebanon’s LBC TV on Oct. 24 that the terror group would continue to carry out massacres like the one it carried out in southern Israel on Oct. 7 until the Jewish state is destroyed. ‘Israel is a country that has no place on our land. We must remove that country because it constitutes a security, military and political catastrophe to the Arab and Islamic nation, and must be finished,’ said Hamad, according to a translation of the interview provided by the Middle East Media Research Institute” (“Hamas: We want permanent war with Israel,” Israel Today, Nov. 8, 2023).

Hamas is whistling in the dark. Even in her present unrighteous condition, Israel is God’s chosen nation and that land is Israel’s by divine decree. All of the armies of the world cannot change that. In about 700 BC, speaking the infallible Word of God, the prophet Hosea summarized Israel’s future as follows. **“For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days” (Hosea 3:4-5).** The many days without a king and sacrifice and ephod (priesthood and temple) are nearly finished, and the conversion and restoration is at hand. “David their king” is a reference to David’s Son Jesus Christ who was promised an eternal throne. **“Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts ... when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever” (2 Samuel 7:8, 12-13).**

**“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6-7).**

□ **JIMMY BUFFET SAYS KEEP THE PARTY GOING** - Rocker Jimmy Buffett died in September of cancer. On his deathbed he exhorted his friends to “keep the party going” (“Jimmy Buffett guitarist recalls singer’s final hours,” Fox News, Nov. 10, 2023). Buffett was famous for the drinking song “Margaritaville,” which is about an indolent, beach party lifestyle. (A margarita is an alcoholic drink made of tequila.) The lyrics say,

“But there’s booze in the blender/ and soon it will render/ That frozen concoction that helps me hang on/ Wastin’ away again in Margaritaville.” The margaritaville web site eulogizes Buffett in these words: “We celebrate his life, believe his spirit lives on like a never-ending encore, and will see his radiant smile and that twinkle in his eye when we look towards the sun and will continue to share his way of life wherever, whenever we can.”

Actually, the glorification of a margaritaville lifestyle was a deception. He admitted years ago that he no longer lived the drinking/smoking lifestyle. He said, “[P]eople start dying, you know. And having nervous breakdowns. And then you go, ‘Wait a minute here’” (Jimmy Buffett’s Life Is Nothing Like It Seems,” Nikiswift.com, Feb. 3, 2023). It is obvious that you can’t party very long without facing destruction. He “cleaned up his act,” sought therapy for his “alcoholic addiction,” and gave up marijuana. Building on his mindless hit song, Buffett built a billion dollar financial empire, with Margaritaville tours, restaurants, hotels, casinos, resorts, cottages, sea cruises, and other products. “[T]he increasingly-wealthy musician compartmentalized, keeping the trappings of the beach bum in his businesses while moving on to a much more lavish life for himself. Turns out all of the people getting wasted away again in Margaritaville are financing quite the fancy lifestyle for the son of a son of a sailor” (Ibid.). The Bible says, **“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Proverbs 20:1).**

□ **COUNTRY MUSIC DRINKING THEME** - The wicked character of Country music is evident by its glorification of drinking. Only God knows how many Country music fans have perpetrated violent acts, committed fornication and adultery, destroyed their marriages, estranged their children and friends, crashed their vehicles, ruined their health, died before their time, and lost their souls—all because of “drinking.”

Following are a few of the top 20 “drinking” songs chosen by The Boot magazine: “WHISKEY RIVER” by Willie Nelson (1973): “Whiskey River take my mind / Don't let her mem'ry torture me. / Whiskey River, don't run dry / You're all I've got, take care of me.” “FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES” by Garth Brooks (1990): “I've got friends in low places / Where the whiskey drowns / And the beer chases my blues away / And I'll be OK.” “ALL MY ROWDY FRIENDS” by Hank Williams, Jr. (1984): “Do you wanna drink? / Do ya wanna party? / ... I cooked a pig in the ground, we got some beer on ice / And all my rowdy friends are coming over tonight.” “I GOTTA GET DRUNK” by George Jones, Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson (1970): “A lot of doctors tell me / That I'd better start slowing it down / But there's more old drunks than there are old doctors / So I guess we'd better have another round.” “MARGARITAVILLE” by Jimmy Buffett (1977): “There's booze in the blender / And soon it will render / That frozen concoction that helps me hang on.”

The Bible says: **“Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the**

**wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again” (Proverbs 23:29-35).**

□ **THE GOOSE AND THE GANDER: HOW FEMINISM PAVED THE WAY FOR TRANSGENDERISM IN SPORTS** - For a man to pretend to be a woman and to compete in women’s sports is nutty, but it is a product of a society that has rejected the Word of God. Feminism says the woman can be a man. She can do whatever the man does and she must be allowed to do so. This is the philosophy that has put women into the front lines of the military. Deshauna Barber, 2016 Miss USA winner and a soldier in the U.S. Army, said, “We are just as tough as men. As a commander of my unit, I am powerful. I am dedicated. And it is important that we recognize that gender does not limit us in the United States Army ... It’s time to show that we as women are versatile, strong and can be anything we set our minds to.”

On the other hand, transgenderism claims that a man can be a woman. Why not? If the woman can be a man, why can’t a man compete in women’s sports? But now women are complaining. “It isn’t fair; it isn’t right.” This is the dilemma caused by exalting man’s thinking over God’s Word.

The Bible destroys all of this confusion at its root. It says God made man “male and female” (Genesis 1:27). It says the man and woman are created for unique roles in society. They are to compliment one another rather than compete with one another. That is the only right view of male and female. The Bible specifically says the man is stronger than the female (Proverbs 20:29; 1 Peter 3:7). This is obvious when men pretending to be women compete in women’s sports. It is obvious when women try to compete head to head with men in the military. The same reason there are no women in professional football or special forces is the reason why men should not compete in women’s sports.

□ **THE LATEST HOMOSEXUAL CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC ARTIST** - Singer/songwriter Grace Baldridge, who goes by the name *Semler*, announced on TikTok that she’s expecting a baby with her “wife” Elizabeth Capel (“Queer ‘Christian’ Artist Semler Announces,” JubileeCast, Nov. 1, 2023). Semler claims to be a non-binary lesbian, which, I suppose, is supposed to mean something. In the song “Faith,” which was number one this summer on iTunes Christian and Gospel chart, Semler complains that “my religion turned against me.” On learning of gaining the top spot, she tweeted, “I really can’t believe it. We got a queer artist to chart at #1 in Christian music during Pride month.” In 2022, Semler toured with the Christian rock band Relient K, winner of two Dove awards. The band posted the following on Twitter, “We are super stoked to announce that @gracebaldridge - Semler will be opening up all the shows on the Um Yeah Tour.” Semler replied, “Relient K is about to have a bunch of gays at their shows this spring now.”

□ **FIRST PRESIDENT OF FACEBOOK WARNED THAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE** - The following is excerpted from “The Terms of Service,” The American Conservative, May 9, 2022:

“[T]he social media platforms conditioning a generation to twitch for dopamine hits every time their smartphones buzz like rats in a lab know what they are doing. In 2017, Sean Parker, first president of Facebook and founder of Napster, explained that Facebook’s in-house experts had essentially figured out how to hack the minds of its users: ‘The thought process that went into building these applications, Facebook being the first of them... was all about: How do we consume as much of your time and conscious attention as possible? And that means that we need to sort of give you a little dopamine hit every once in awhile, because someone liked or commented on a photo or post or whatever. And that’s going to get you to contribute more content, and that’s going to get you...more likes and comments. It’s a social-validation feedback loop...exactly the sort of thing that a hacker like myself would come up with, because you’re exploiting a vulnerability in human psychology. The inventors, creators—it’s me, it’s Mark Zuckerberg, it’s Kevin Systrom on Instagram, it’s all of these people—understood this consciously. And we did it anyway.’”

□ **PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTESTERS GLUE THEIR HANDS TO 6TH AVENUE, DISRUPTING MACY’S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE** - Excited New Yorkers and tourists packed the Big Apple sidewalks Thursday for the 97th annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade — only for the festivities to grind to a halt when anti-Israel protestors glued their hands to the middle of 6th Avenue and covered themselves in fake blood.

The time-honored tradition kicked off on 77th and Central Park West at 8:30 a.m. to the boisterous cheers of bundled-up spectators waiting to catch a glimpse of classic balloons like Snoopy and Pikachu, as well as six new floats, including a Wonka-inspired chocolate float. However, the family fun was abruptly interrupted at 11 a.m. when several protesters – wearing white jumpsuits emblazoned with inflammatory slogans such as “colonialism,” “ethnic cleansing” and “fascism” – forced the parade to be temporarily halted.

The demonstrators marched down 6th Avenue grasping a large sign reading, “Liberation for Palestine and Planet” and shouting anti-Israel slogans. “Free Palestine! From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!” one of the protesters yelled, using a phrase widely accepted to be an antisemitic call to eradicate Israel.

Several then pretended to be dead on the ground while others walked around pouring fake blood over their heads – as a loud chorus of “boos” came from parade spectators.

The rowdy band of demonstrators then dramatically glued their hands to the asphalt. As NYPD officers tried to move the group, one of the protesters cried: “I’m glued down I can’t get up.”

“We need a cease-fire,” he screeched while still being unglued and carted away. “The Palestinians deserve the right to return to their ancestral land.”