

12. Pray much for your tract distribution, both before and after: for those who read that their hearts may receive the Word of God, and for yourself as you go bearing the Good News. - copied

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Kayla Quinnelly
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Piper Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Ryan Quiennelly
 Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
 Cradle Roll 2: Kelsey Moreno

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of December 30, 2012

Sunday School ----- 12
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 27
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 20
 Wed. Eve., 01/02/13 Service ----- 20

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of December 30, 2012

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 747.00
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 103.00
Total Received for Week of 12/30/12: \$ 850.00
Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

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INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR DEC., 2012:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 273.08
 Amount Received thusfar in Dec., 2012 ----- \$ 263.00
Amount Still Needed by 01/05/13 = - \$ 10.08

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.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful To Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
 Shayne Hooper, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
 Dwayne English, Shayne Hooper ----- Outreach
 Flowers ----- Shirley White

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

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Others May - But You Cannot

If God has called you to be really like Christ in all your spirit, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility and put on you such demands of obedience, that He will not allow you to follow other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Others can brag on themselves, and their work, on their success, on their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

The Lord will let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hid away in obscurity because He wants to produce some choice fragrant fruit for His glory, which can be produced only in the shade.

Others will be allowed to succeed in making money, but it is likely God will keep you poor because he wants you to have something far better than gold and that is a helpless dependence on Him; that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day - out of an unseen treasury.

God will let others be great, but He will keep you small. He will let others do a great work for Him and get credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He will let others get the credit for the work you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when He comes.

The Holy Spirit will put strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over.

So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do what He pleases with His own, and He will not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle you in His dealing with you. He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and let other people say and do many things that you cannot do or say.

Settle it forever, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that others are not dealt with.

Now, when you are so possessed with the Living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this particular personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven.

I HELPED MY CHURCH!

- **I HELPED MY CHURCH! I was THERE.** I knew my friend the pastor would be there - so I was there! My presence helped. I was one more. That cheered the pastor mightily. I need him, and he needs me, too. When I joined the church, I promised to be there - I didn't join the church to stay away from it. So I helped my church. **I was there!**
- **I HELPED MY CHURCH! I prayed for my church.** I never have wanted much for myself - except strength - but I want every blessing and grace and health and power for my church. "For her my prayers ascend." I pray for my church as naturally, as normally as I do for my dearest loved ones, because my church is one of my dearest loved ones. To forget my church would be to forget everything lovely. I helped my church by praying for it.
- **I HELPED MY CHURCH! I was the hand and the voice of my church in the homes of those who had forgotten or neglected the most important thing on earth.** I went to them, not with a brilliant sermon or convincing argument, but with love and compassion. I witnessed for my Lord. I went as a friend to friends and found the door already opened for me in the longing and loneliness of the people who had been left out until I came. I helped not only a home that needed God and the church, but I helped myself. I wouldn't take anything for the joy I have found.
- **I HELPED MY CHURCH! I paid my way.** I did not let others pay my way any more than I permit them to buy my hat or feed my children. I pay my bills - my taxes - my upkeep. But I pay my way at my church, too. A manly, ample, competent sum must be my investment in my church. I should not wish to know that I had not paid my way!

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Ten Ways To Help Your Pastor, Your Church, and Yourself

by Ron Hood

1. **Treat him with the proper respect.** Treat him the same way you would a doctor, a lawyer, or a politician. A pastor's role is more important than all of these professional roles because he is God's appointed leader for you and your family. Therefore esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake (I Thess. 5:12-13).
2. **Follow your pastor as he follows Christ (I Cor. 11:1, Heb. 13:7).** Never blindly follow anyone but always follow the man of God who is following Jesus Christ as set forth in the Word of God (Phil. 3:17-21).
3. **Pray for him often (see Eph. 6:18-20; II Thess. 3:1-2).** You know how much opposition you receive from the world, the flesh, and the devil: your pastor receives even more, therefore, pray for him!
4. **Obey him as he admonishes you and teaches you the Word of God (see I Thess. 5:12 and Heb. 13:17).** These verses teach that you should submit, obey, and follow.
5. **Do not speak against or listen to any gossip or slander about your pastor.** I Tim. 5:19 reads, "Against an elder receive not an accusation...", and Eph. 4:29 reads, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth...". Prov. 6:16-19 teaches that God hates for us to hurt people with words. Listening to gossip and slander is just as much a sin as speaking it.
6. **Support him financially so he can keep his mind on the work of the ministry (see I Tim. 5:17, 18 and Phil. 4:10-19).** The ministry of the Word of God is twice as important as just making a living. If a man cannot properly care for his family, he will be distracted from the ministry. It costs your pastor just as much to live as it does you, and in some cases more because of the additional transportation and the way he is expected to dress.
7. **Encourage your pastor.** Tell him when he has helped you. Eph. 4:29 teaches that we should speak that which edifies. You minister grace to your pastor when you tell him how he has helped you. He will be a more effective, dedicated servant of God if you give him some feedback on his ministry to you (see Prov. 3:27). It will also be very encouraging if you tell your Sunday School teacher, husband, or wife, and children how they have helped or been a blessing to you. Praise doesn't cost - it pays great dividends - in the home, in the church, in the school, and on the job.
8. **Be patient and understanding with your pastor, his spouse, and his children.** Do not expect your pastor or his family to be perfect - they are human. John 1:5, and James 5:17 teach that a man of God has the same human weaknesses and temptations that we all face.
9. **Stay busy serving the Lord.** This will bless your life and be a tremendous encouragement to your pastor. You have a spiritual gift, so use it. John 13:17 teaches, "If ye know these things,

happy are ye if ye do them." Happiness doesn't come from knowing what is right, happiness comes from doing what is right. Therefore, serve the Lord.

10. Be a blessing to your pastor, your family, and all who know you by being a soul winner. People all around us are lost in sin, dying and going to hell. Do all in your power to win them to Jesus Christ. Tell them what Christ has done for you and what He can do for them. Reflect on what your salvation means to you and then realize that those who are lost in sin need the same joy, peace, assurance, and hope that you have.

WITNESSING WITH GOSPEL TRACTS

Gospel tracts and pamphlets are very important tools in evangelism. The printing press was a wonderful gift from God and has been used greatly for the glory of Jesus Christ. The printed page can greatly multiply our efforts in the service of the Lord and tracts can oftentimes go places where we cannot go.

BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE MESSAGE -

The first consideration in the use of Gospel tracts is to be certain that the content is scriptural.

There are three problems with many gospel tracts:

1. **Many tracts do not contain a clear and biblical presentation of the Gospel.** Many refer to salvation in an unscriptural and confusing manner, such as "asking Jesus into my heart" or "giving my life to Christ." Salvation is not to give one's life to Christ, but is to trust the finished atonement of Christ. Nowhere in the New Testament do we see the Lord Jesus or the Apostles telling people to give their lives to Christ or to ask Jesus into their hearts. We need to follow the Bible very carefully in the terminology we use so that people are not confused and so they do not make false professions of faith.

2. **The second serious drawback is that most tracts do not deal with repentance.** Most don't even mention the word or even hint at the concept, yet the Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles preached repentance plainly and demanded it from those who would be saved. Salvation only comes by "**repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ**" (Acts 20:21). Any presentation of the gospel should include the fact that God "**now commandeth all men every where to repent**" (Acts 17:30). Whether or not the word "repentance" is used in a gospel tract, the idea should be. What is repentance? It is a turning, a change of direction (I Thess. 1:9). When I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I am turning my back to the old life.

3. **Another problem is that many simply do not give enough information.** Large numbers of people in North America today are as ignorant of the true God of the Bible and of the basics of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as any Hindu in darkest Asia. It is crucial that we begin with the basics with these people, and that we explain biblical terms thoroughly, otherwise, when they hear terms such as "saved," "believe," "Christ," "God," "sin," they won't have the proper idea of what we are talking about, and any

"profession" they make will be empty.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

WHEN PASSING OUT TRACTS -

Giving out tracts is something every born again believer can do, young or old.

1. Remember that it is each believer's responsibility to give out the Gospel (see Mat. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15; Lk. 24:45-48; Acts 1:8; II Cor. 5:17-21; Phil. 2:16; II Tim. 4:5).

2. Remember that by giving out the gospel you are offering the greatest gift in the world. When we give out the gospel we are offering dead people life; we are offering poor people riches; we are offering sick people healing; we are offering lost people salvation.

3. It is wise to read the tracts first yourself before giving them out to others. This way you will know exactly what it says and you can refer to it when you talk to people. Also, by first reading tracts before giving them away you can see if the tract contains something that is not true or leaves out something important such as repentance.

4. Make a commitment to give out so many tracts each week.

5. Always be pleasant and polite. Remember that you are a complete stranger to the people you are approaching. Ask kindly, "May I give you something special to read?" or "I have some Good News for You" or "May I give you something that has been a blessing in my own life?" If they are busy ask them to put it in their pocket and read at home.

6. Keep in mind that the goal is not merely to give out tracts but to find opportunities to witness to people about the Lord Jesus Christ with the goal of leading them to salvation. Use the tracts to open the conversation, and when you find someone who is interested take the time to talk further with him and see if he or she is willing to meet again. We must remember that it is not enough to give out tracts; the objective is to see people come to Christ and baptized and discipled (Matt. 28:19-20).

7. Don't get upset or discouraged if someone says something against Jesus and the Bible or they mock you and what you are doing (see Mat. 5:11-12; Jn. 15:20; Lk. 9:26; Phil. 1:29).

8. Give out tracts to those who look like they might be interested and to those who don't. We cannot look upon the hearts of men and we cannot know who God might be dealing with. Jesus said preach the Gospel to every creature (see Mk. 16:15).

9. Be sure there is a name and address stamped on each tract so that if someone is interested they have a contact for further help. A Gospel correspondence course is a good way to follow up on tract distribution.

10. One of the most important things about tract distribution is faithfulness and persistence. Do the work faithfully (I Cor. 4:2).

11. Remember that our real enemy in tract distribution is Satan. Be sure you are spiritually prepared (Eph. 6:11-12).