

# REMINDER

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***BE PLANNING NOW TO BRING SOMEONE TO HEAR -***

## **EVANGELIST MALCOM ELLIS**



**Sunday, January 31  
through  
Wednesday, February 3**



- Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching*
- Old-Fashioned Singing By Kent Buttram*
- Old-Fashioned Revival Services*

***PLAN NOW TO BE HERE!***

## Pastor's Corner

Todd W. White

### **The Great Falling Away: How Satan Is Preparing Mankind For The One- World Religion Of The Antichrist - A Personal Note**

For the past two weeks, I have been sharing with you some things that God has laid on my heart about the current condition of Christendom, the condition the church will be in immediately prior to the Rapture, and how Satan is preparing mankind for his one-world religion under the antichrist as found in the Book of The Revelation.

Even though I have been talking about this subject for many years both from the pulpit and in private conversation, I have never really sat down and put it in writing. That all changed two weeks ago when, after much prompting from some friends and a green light from the Lord, I actually started putting down - where people could read it - the thoughts and impressions I have about how Satan is nudging mankind towards a mindset that will enable the peoples of the world to accept (even embrace) the coming one-world religion that the Antichrist will establish during the Tribulation.

One day, these notes may be distilled and refined into a book, or, in the very least, placed on the internet as an electronic book, partially so that the people of the Church Age will not be able to say they weren't warned. However, the Lord seems to be speaking to my heart that the people who will most benefit from these words will not be those in our dispensation, but, rather, those who will accept the TRUE Christ as Saviour during the Tribulation time - I believe they will need these words to help them see what is going on around them, and why the world in which they will be living will be so eager to become part of the false religion of the Antichrist. My prayer is that these writings will encourage and in some way help them in their struggle to survive the terrible persecution they will have to undergo before Christ returns to end the reign of the false Christ.

May I also say that this has been an interesting two weeks for me, personally. Since I began writing these things down, Satan's attacks on me personally, on my family, and on our church have increased. This is not accidental, and certainly isn't coincidental. Now, while this is not the time nor place to go into all of that has happened, suffice to say that Satan would love to prevent these articles from continuing, because they will expose him and his plan for all to see. Though not a martyr, I do believe he resists those who attempt to reveal his cunning methods to the people of this world (see Eph. 4:14). That said, I take solace knowing that we have a loving God Who fights for us (Joshua 23:10), and we know that our lives are safely hidden in His hand (Col. 3:3 & John 10:29). Therefore, we do not nor will we fear, but keep our eyes focused on Him as we seek to do His will.

I do ask for your prayers and continued support during these days, and thank you in advance for them. ■

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

☛ **MOVIE VIEWERS DON'T WANT TO LEAVE IMAGINARY WORLD** - It is reported that some fans of the movie *Avatar* are experiencing potent withdrawal symptoms because they don't want to leave the film's imaginary world. *Avatar*, which is on track possibly to become the highest grossing film of all time, is a science fiction movie about a world called Pandora populated by a race of "humanoids" called Na'vi. Its powerful 3D graphics immerse the viewer in this fictional world where the peace-loving citizens commune with nature. The writers even developed a Na'vi language consisting of 1,000 words.

The fan forum site has received more than 1,000 posts pertaining to people experiencing obsessive thoughts about the film ("*Audiences Experience 'Avatar' Blues*," CNN, Jan. 11, 2010). One said, "*I can't force myself to think that it's just a movie, and to get over it.*"

Another, "*Ever since I went to see 'Avatar' I have been depressed. Watching the wonderful world of Pandora and all the Na'vi made me want to be one of them. I can't stop thinking about all the things that happened in the film and all of the tears and shivers I got from it. I even contemplate suicide thinking that if I do it I will be rebirthed in a world similar to Pandora.*"

The human imagination is a great spiritual battleground and must be guarded jealously. The Bible admonishes that we are to be "*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*" (II *Corinthians 10:5*).

The modern entertainment industry aims its heavy guns at man's imagination. Satanic-influenced entertainment creators (Ephesians 2:1-2) want to corrupt the imagination through sensuality and turn it from the living God through the creation of vain worlds. There is particular danger for believers in the genres of science fiction and horror, which are typically devoid of truth and reality. Pandora does not exist, but Heaven and Hell do. No one will ever be rebirthed into Pandora, but Jesus promised that men can be born again to eternal life through repentance and faith in Him and live forever in a place that is exceedingly more beautiful than any Hollywood script writer or graphics guru can ever imagine.

☛ **THE LABYRINTH: NEW AGE MYSTICISM** - The labyrinth continues to grow in popularity both in secular and "Christian" society. The labyrinth is a circular pattern with a path that winds its way to the center and that is used as a tool for prayer and meditation. The labyrinth was borrowed from paganism and "Christianized" by the Roman Catholic Church as



part of its desperate search for spirituality apart from the new birth and commitment to Scripture. Today it is a mystical tool for unity, both secular and “Christian.”

The modern resurgence of labyrinth practice has positioned them in Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Emerging, *even Baptist churches* (e.g., Millbrook Baptist in Raleigh, NC, and Weatherly Heights Baptist in Huntsville, Alabama). Lauren Artress, a priestess at Episcopalian Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and a major promoter of labyrinth, says the goal is “to facilitate the transformation of the Human Spirit.” Observe that Human Spirit is capitalized, testifying to the New Age view that man finds divinity within himself. Artress says that she discovered the labyrinth in 1991 through Jean Houston’s **Mystery School**, a New Age organization.

Recently Artress said that the labyrinth assists the individual in drawing wisdom from himself. “*We’re always told what to believe, what to do. We’re told. We’re told. We’re told. The labyrinth evokes our own deep intuitive wisdom about ourselves*” (“Ancient Labyrinths Enjoying a Resurgence,” The Denver Post, Jan. 9, 2010). Notice the rebellion toward absolutely authority that literally drips from the lips of this New Age Episcopalian priestess.

The Bible says man cannot find wisdom in himself because “*the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked*” (*Jeremiah 17:9*). The mystery of iniquity, which is the devil’s program to put the antichrist on the throne of this world, is operating at full steam today, but we must not forget that there is one who is restraining this program and will continue to restrain until he is taken out of the way (II Thessalonians 2:7-8). That One is the Holy Spirit, and the reason that Christ is waiting is the salvation of souls (II Peter 3:9).

☛ **THE EINSTEIN GULF** - The following is excerpted from John Baumgardner, Ph.D. in geophysics, chapter 24 of *In Six Days: Why Fifty Scientists Choose to Believe in Creation*:

“Einstein pointed to the nature and origin of symbolic information as one of the profound questions about the world as we know it. He could identify no means by which matter could bestow meaning to symbols. The clear implication is that symbolic information, or language, represents a category of reality distinct from matter and energy. Linguists today, therefore, speak of this gap between matter and meaning-bearing symbol sets as the ‘Einstein gulf.’

.. From whence, then, does linguistic information originate? In our human experience we immediately connect the language we create and process with our minds. But what is the ultimate nature of the human mind? If something as real as linguistic information has existence independent of matter and energy, from causal considerations it is not unreasonable to suspect that an entity capable of originating linguistic information is also ultimately non-material in its essential nature.

...The evolutionary assumption that the exceedingly complex linguistic structures which comprise the construction blueprints and operating manuals for all the complicated chemical nano-machinery and sophisticated feedback control mechanisms

in even the simplest living organism--that these structures must have a materialistic explanation--is fundamentally wrong. But how, then, does one account for symbolic language as the crucial ingredient from which all living organisms develop and function and manifest such amazing capabilities? The answer should be obvious: an intelligent Creator is unmistakably required.”

## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea:  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.*

*My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.*

*Because a sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.*

*Behold him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I am,  
The King of glory and of grace!*

*One in Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God!*

**NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK**

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars  
 Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars

6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford  
 Cradle Roll 2: Brian Crawford

Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White  
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White


**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

*Week of January 10, 2010*

Sunday School ----- 17  
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 31  
 Evening Service ----- 33  
 Wed. Eve. Service, 01/13/10 ----- 24


**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

*Week of January 10, 2009*

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----  \$ 568.00

**Total Received for Week of 01/10/10:** \$ 568.00

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed  
 to operate the church  
 EACH WEEK,**

**as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00 **

**FUND DRIVE REPORTS**

***We Are Suspending Our Specific  
 Fund Drives Until Our Regular  
 Weekly Offerings Come Back Up To  
 Where They Need To Be. Please  
 Give As Much As You Can To Help Us  
 Catch Up After The Extremely Low  
 Giving We Experienced This  
 Summer And Fall.***

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**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  
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