

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll : Larry Byars
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of January 14, 2018 -

Sunday School ----- 19
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 35
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
 Wed. Eve. Service, 01/17/18 ----- 19

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of January 14, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,072.05
 Building Fund ----- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 01/14/18: \$ 1,092.05

- Week of January 7, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,398.36
 Christmas Missionary Offering, Dr. Greg Waller - \$ 80.00
Total Received for Week of 01/07/18: \$ 1,478.36

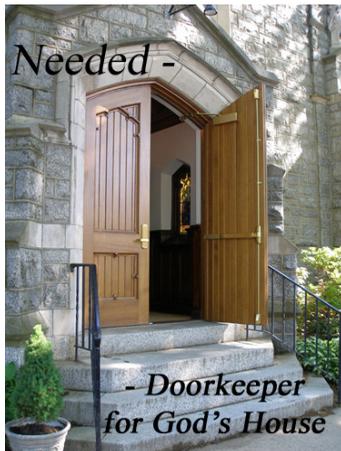
- Week of December 31, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 966.55
Total Received for Week of 12/31/17: \$ 966.55

- Week of December 24, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 706.00
Total Received for Week of 12/24/17: \$ 706.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



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.*



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
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
NEED VOLUNTEER!!!! ----- Greeter
 Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebart ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

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Dr. John R. Rice
 (1895-1980)

At The Last

by Dr. John R. Rice

Note: This is the second installment of this message. Last week Dr. Rice wrote about the end result of the use of alcohol. This week, we present the part of the larger message dealing with immorality and ill-gotten money.

K The harlot woman:

“But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell” (Proverbs 5:4, 5).

II. The End of Sex Sin -

Proverbs 5:3 - 5 well portrays the deceitfulness of sin and the bitter end of it!

“For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.”

The Bible recognizes the fascination of a fallen woman. Her lips **“drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil.”** The woman who goes into sin may be young and beautiful. Her smile is friendly, her lips are soft, her body stirs the blood. Is not sex desire a natural desire, after all?

But before you go into sin, remember - it has to end somewhere! And here is the way a fallen woman ends: **“Her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.”**

The same warning is repeated in Proverbs 7:25-27:

“Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.”

How fair is God's warning! The fallen woman has cast down many wounded. Many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to Hell! And the bitter experience of millions proves that the Word of God is true.

There is always an attraction about forbidden fruit. That is part of the sinful, perverted, fallen nature of wicked mankind. Proverbs 9:17 says about the fallen woman and about the forbidden pleasures: **“Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”** That is a quote from the mouth of the fallen woman; but God answers back in verse 18, **“But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.”**

Sinner, before you try the lips of the harlot, before you enjoy her embrace, remember that **“her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.”** Remember that **“her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.”** Remember that **“her guests are in the depths of hell.”**

In Fort Worth, Texas a man called me to come see him in his hotel room. “I am about to go to Hell!” he said. It was eleven o'clock at night, but I went.

I found him half-dressed with a pint of liquor beside him and a gun under his pillow. Lust had brought the ruin of everything dear. He had wasted on evil women the inheritance left him by his father.

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He had broken the heart of the beautiful girl who married him; now she had left him. He had lost his job over drink and wicked women. Now his body was possessed by a horrible disease so that the family physician refused him the privilege of a good-bye kiss for his own six-year-old boy whom he could see no more! So he made one last date with a harlot to meet him at midnight, planned to drink the booze, then blow out his brains!

Does any sensible man want to come to such an end? What a fool a man is to trifle with sin before checking on how it will end! Sex sin ends in broken hearts, ruined homes, defiled bodies, a curse on children yet unborn, in premature death, then in Hell!

Years ago my wife and I went to a hospital to visit a girl only fifteen years old. She came from a good family. In the hospital we talked with her. She had an attractive face and form and beautiful red hair. She was bitter, disillusioned, hopeless.

As we waited in the hospital room, the nurse brought the fifteen-year-old her little illegitimate baby to nurse. At once she put a towel over her face. She had sworn she would never see it. She hated the baby, the brand, mark, proof and outcome of her sin.

Does any girl want to turn out like this? Dear girl, if you knew that *that* was at the end of the road, would you go into sin? Would you dally with temptation in necking and petting, the lewd movie, the indecencies permitted on the dance floor? Would you?

If you knew it would end with an illegitimate baby, a broken heart, a ruined name and the wreck of your hopes for a happy marriage and a happy home, would you go on and trifle with sex sin?

In Jesus' name, consider how it will end before you go on in such sin. Remember that the Bible says, ***“Her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.”***

III. The End of Ill-Gotten Money

Everyone needs money. Money buys food, necessary clothing, shelter. With money people educate their children, support the work of God, care for the poor. Everybody needs money.

Yet, strangely enough, money is the greatest temptation, the source of the most prevalent sin. First Timothy 6:8–10 says:

“And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

We should be content with food and raiment. Covetousness is a great sin. People who want to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and lead people to Hell.

The love of money is the root of all evil. Those who are covetous err from the faith, find themselves backslidden and pierce themselves through with many sorrows.

Every kind of sin may be committed by one who is

covetous. For love of money, a man will steal. For love of money, a man will sell liquor that damns people, body and soul. For love of money, a girl will sell her body and virtue. For love of money, Lot moved down into Sodom, leading to his own moral breakdown and to the eternal damnation of his children. Covetousness is a terrible sin.

Reader, you had better see where covetousness ends before you let this sin enslave your soul, before you make moneymaking first in your life.

Jeremiah 17:11 says, ***“As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.”***

The man who gets riches, and not by right, will die and leave them, ***“and at his end shall be a fool.”***

“Easy come, easy go” is a proverb about making money. So is, “A fool and his money are soon parted.” The man who makes money wrongfully cannot keep it. It proves a curse while he has it. And after all, he dies and leaves it. ***“And at his end shall be a fool.”***

Covetousness is wrong, even if one makes money honestly. The gambler, the confidence man, the cheat, may get money wrongfully and lose it more quickly. But even the man who earns money honestly, if he hoards it, multiplies it, depends upon it, if he loves it, finds that he becomes the slave of money. Moneymaking itself is a very poor aim in life. ***“But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition,”*** says I Timothy 6:9. Some who coveted after money ***“have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows,”*** says the next verse.

Before you set about to make much money or to put moneymaking as a ranking motive in life, very carefully consider the terrible disappointments, the enslavement and the price one must pay.

I saw a great mansion standing on a half city block in one of the principal cities of America. It was built of the most expensive brick. The floors were the finest hardwood. The doors were solid mahogany, three inches thick! The walls were covered with beautiful tapestry.

There was an elaborate and expensive bath for every bedroom. Even the servants' quarters were a seven-room mansion.

The building, I understand, cost some \$250,000 (1950 price). The lot itself was worth many thousands of dollars. Yet I was surprised to find that the man who dreamed it, built it and lived in it, sold it for \$30,000. His wife died. His daughter married a drunken profligate. Then the poor man with a broken heart wanted to get out of the place that reminded him of the happiness which had fled.

The one who puts money first in his life, ***“at his end shall be a fool.”***

In Luke 12:16–34, Jesus tells of a man who was a fine farmer, thrifty, intelligent, progressive. His crops turned out so well that he had to tear down his old barns and build greater. He stored up enough goods to last him many years, and said, ***“Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”***

But God said to him, ***“Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”*** Jesus added, ***“So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”***

Before you set your heart on money, remember that it cannot buy happiness nor health nor love nor Heaven. How poor is the man who has money but doesn't have peace. How poor is the man who is rich in this world's goods, then goes to Hell!

Before you set out to enjoy prosperity and have your heart upon things of this world, remember that at the end you are likely to be a fool in God's sight. O reader, look where the road ends before you start to travel it!

- more next week

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

K SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTOR WINS AZUSA AWARD- Southern Baptist pastor William Dwight McKissic, Sr., has been awarded the annual William Seymour Award for 2018. The award is named for the pastor of the so-called Azusa Street Revival of 1906 that is typically credited as the birth of Pentecostalism. The award is to be presented in April at the Azusafest celebration that will feature “a prophetic conference” with “Apostles” Ron and Tyda Harvey. If McKissic actually accepts this award, it will demonstrate either grave ignorance or apostasy.

Azusa was a heretical, nutty stew! The services were characterized by confusion, contrary to the clear teaching of Scripture: dancing, jumping, falling, trances, spirit slaying, gibberish “tongues,” jerking, shaking, hysteria, animal noises, “holy laughter,” “spiritual muteness,” etc. The seekers would be “seized with a strange spell and commence a gibberish of sounds.” ***“At times men would fall all over the house, like an army slain on the battle field...”*** (Larry Martin, The Life and Ministry of William J. Seymour, p. 179). There was no order of service, and usually no one was leading. People sang out at the same time but ***“with completely different syllables, rhythms, and melodies”*** (Ted Olsen, “American Pentecost,” Christian History, Issue 58, 1998). ***“Whoever was anointed with the message would stand and deliver it. It might be a man, woman, or child”*** (Martin, p. 186). At times the meetings would become so rowdy that the police were called. One man shook so violently under Seymour's ministry that an ambulance was called. When the man who was shaking told the doctor, ***“Don't touch me, this is the power of God,”*** the doctor wisely replied, ***“If that is the power of God it is giving you a devil of a shaking”*** (Martin, p. 306). Seymour claimed that physical healing is guaranteed in Christ's atonement and taught the people to cry out to God and demand “the baptism of the Holy Ghost and divine healing” (Synan, The

Holiness-Pentecostal Tradition, p. 99). But Seymour died at age fifty-two, and before his death he was described as “worn, tired, and decrepit” (John Matthews, Speaking in Tongues, 1925, p. 14). That doesn't sound like divine healing to me! In truth, the poor man's life and death reflected the same unscriptural confusion that reigned in his services. No wonder G. Campbell Morgan called Azusa Street “the last vomit of Satan.”

K MUSLIM SCHOLAR QUOTES THE QURAN SAYING THAT GOD GAVE THE LAND TO ISRAEL - The following is excerpted from “The Quran Says That Allah Gave the Land of Israel to the Jews,” Shaykh Prof. Abdul Hadi Palazzi, the secretary general of the Italian Muslim Assembly and the Khalifah of the Qadiri Sufi Order in Europe.

“The Qur'an recognizes the Land of Israel as the heritage of the Jews and it explains that, before the Last Judgment, Jews will return to dwell there. This prophecy has already been fulfilled. ... Viewing the Jewish return to Israel as a Western invasion and Zionists as recent colonizers is new. It has no basis in authentic Islamic faith. ... Such a false transformation of Islam was in fact made by the late Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini. He is the one person most responsible, both morally and materially, for the repeated Arab defeats in their conflict with the Jews in Israel. Husseni not only incited Arabs against Jews. He also encouraged the torture and murder of all Arabs who correctly understood that Arab cooperation with Jews was a precious opportunity for the development of the Land of Israel. Husseini ended his woeful life by putting his perverted religious teachings at the service of the evil and pagan Nazis. ... After Husseini came Jamal al-Din 'Abd al-Nasser. Nasser based his policy on Pan-Arabism, hatred and contempt for Jews, and an alliance with the atheistic Soviet Union. Nasser's terrible choices were critical factors in maintaining Arab backwardness. ... Both the Jewish and Islamic Scriptures teach that God, through His chosen servant Moses, decided to free the offspring of Jacob from slavery in Egypt and to constitute them as heirs of the Promised Land. ... The Qur'an relates the words by which Moses ordered the Israelites to conquer the Land: ‘And [remember] when Moses said to his people: O my people, call in remembrance the favour of God unto you, when he produced prophets among you, made you kings, and gave to you what He had not given to any other among the peoples. O my people, enter the Holy Land which God has assigned unto you, and turn not back ignominiously, for then will ye be overthrown, to your own ruin.’ [Qur'an 5:20-21] Moreover--and those who try to use Islam as a weapon against Israel always conveniently ignore this point--the Holy Qur'an explicitly refers to the return of the Jews to the Land of Israel before the Last Judgment, where it says: ‘And thereafter We [Allah] said to the Children of Israel: Dwell securely in the Promised Land. And when the last warning will come to pass, we will gather you together in a mingled crowd.’ [Qur'an 17:104] Therefore, from an Islamic point of view, there is NO fundamental reason which prohibits Muslims from recognizing Israel as a friendly State.”