

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: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: NEED VOLUNTEER!
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: NEED VOLUNTEER!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...*Week of January 15, 2017*

Sunday School -----	32
Sunday Morning Service -----	30
Sunday Evening Service -----	27
Wed. Eve., 01/18/17 Service -----	27

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...*Week of January 15, 2017*

Christmas Missionary Offering, Dr. Waller -----	\$ 550.00
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 900.25
Total Received for Week of 01/15/17:	\$ 1,450.25

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



**GIVE OUT A GOSPEL
TRACT THIS WEEK!**

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

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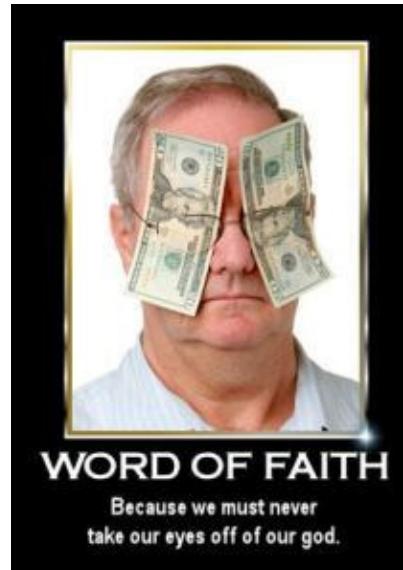
Word of Faith: A Trinity of Errors

by Jeff Hagan

One of the most sickening things to happen to Christianity is the infiltration of the **Word of Faith Movement**. Those that adhere to this “theology” follow the most extreme of heretical doctrines. Word of Faith preachers are commonly seen on TV and many have amassed a large group of followers. How people are so naive as to buy into their beliefs is beyond me. Generally speaking they teach that God wants his people to be healthy, wealthy, and happy all the time, and that if you say the right words (I mean literally speak in the correct “formula”), in faith, then God is obligated to deliver. God is approached as some sort of Cosmic Genie in a bottle.

The Word of Faith (WOF) movement is false and twists Scripture in order to support their erroneous views and to continue enriching the Word of Faith leaders themselves. Many of them live in mansions, wear expensive designer clothes, drive the most prestigious vehicles, and some even have private jets. The teachers rationalize their lavish, wasteful lifestyles as being “proof” that the Word of Faith teachings are true.

Word of Faith is not an actual denomination nor does it have a rigid set standard or doctrinal creed or statement. Beliefs differ somewhat from teacher to teacher, but the vast majority profess that children of God have a “right” to the good things in life.



All they have to do is believe and ask God correctly for what they want. Entire books have been written on the movement and the heresy and blasphemy taught within. I highly recommend Hank Hanegraaff's “Christianity In Crisis: 21st Century,” John MacArthur's “Charismatic Chaos” and “Strange Fire.” With this brief article, I have narrowed it down to three of their main errors, a “trinity” of errors if you will.

THE FIRST FALSE TEACHING: WORDS ARE ENCAPSULATED WITH POWER -

Literal words have actual power contained within them. That's why people often refer to them as “name it and claim it” or “blab it and grab it.” WOF teachers will quote a verse like Matthew 11:24, emphasizing only the belief aspect of it: **“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them”**.

The Bible, however, teaches that God's will determines the answer to our prayers:

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God” (Romans 8:26-27).

Since God is a loving heavenly Father He gives us what is BEST for us, and only He is truly able of knowing precisely what that is. Numerous faithful Christians have prayed for healing from illness, disease, or disability and have remained unhealed. The leaders of this movement blame this fact on the one seeking God and praying for healing. They will claim something must be “in the way” of their prayer; their faith is not “strong” enough; or some other lame excuse. It's ironic to note that many of those same Word of Faith preachers who claim healing is merely a prayer away are forced to wear eyeglasses, get cavities filled, and visit their doctors. It's both hypocritical and potentially harmful to teach such nonsense.

FALSE TEACHING NUMBER TWO: GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BE RICH -

Financial prosperity is a common thread among Word of Faith teachers, which has caused some to call their movement, or at least

this part of their movement, the “prosperity gospel” or the “health and wealth gospel.”

Adherents claim that God is not only willing, but He is eager and excited to shower His worshipers with money, health, job promotions, large homes, and brand new cars, quoting verses like Malachi 3:10 in an attempt to validate their belief:

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it”.

There is a huge problem with this though. Among other things, the Bible contains numerous passages WARNING against the pursuit of money instead of God, such as I Timothy 6:9-11:

“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. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness”.

Hebrews 13:5 warns us against always wanting more, which WOF clearly endorses:

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”.

Wealth is not a sign of favor from God. The idea is simply ridiculous even at first glance. Many drug dealers, corrupt businessmen, and pornographers are extremely wealthy. And on the other side of the coin, millions of hardworking, honest, earnest Christians are poor and left wanting.

FALSE TEACHING NUMBER THREE: WE ARE ALL LITTLE GODS -

I know, I know, you’re thinking there’s no way they can be this stupid. Well, they are. They teach that human beings are not only created in the image of God but literally are “little gods.” They teach that people are capable of controlling a “faith force,” reminiscent of Star Wars and “may the force be with you,” and have the power to actually bring their desires into being. They quote John 10:34 as their proof text:

“Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?”

This Word of Faith teaching is blatant idolatry, it’s straight forward blasphemy. For starters, Jesus was quoting Psalm 82, which referred to judges as “gods”; Jesus was stating that HE was above judges as the Son of God.

Some of them even take it a step further and say that God is a man. *In fact, Kenneth Copeland claims to have seen and spoke with God.* He even goes on to describe God by giving an

approximation of his height, weight, and hand width.

Christians believe there is only one God, in three Persons, the Trinity. Believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit but are in no way, shape, or form little gods. God is the Creator; humans are His creations. To attribute any type of divine power to humanity is explicitly unbiblical.*

*Article adapted from “3 Word of Faith Errors” by Jack Vazada on christianity.about.com.

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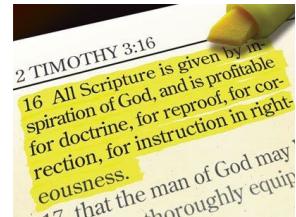
NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

K LESBIAN COUPLE TO PASTOR “BAPTIST” CHURCH

The following is excerpted from “Married lesbian couple,” The Washington Post, Jan. 9, 2017:

“Calvary Baptist Church, a progressive Baptist landmark in the heart of downtown Washington, has named a gay couple as co-pastors. Sally Sarratt and Maria Swearingen were presented to the congregation during worship services Jan. 8 and are set to begin their new jobs Feb. 26. A spokeswoman for the congregation said she didn’t know whether a gay couple leading a church was a first for Baptists. ‘We look for the best people in the world and that’s who they were,’ said Carol Blythe. ‘We’re very excited.’ The 155-year-old church severed ties with the Southern Baptist Convention in 2012: It was at loggerheads with the group on several issues, including the SBC’s stance against homosexuality. Calvary Baptist still affiliates with American Baptist Churches USA.”

K THE FOREIGN SPIRIT OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MUSIC - The hard-hitting multi-media presentation **The Foreign Spirit of Contemporary Worship Music** documents the frightful spiritual compromise, heresy, and apostasy that permeates the field of contemporary praise. Through extensive documentation, it proves that contemporary worship music is controlled by “another spirit” (II Cor. 11:4). It is the spirit of charismatism, the spirit of the “latter rain,” the spirit of Roman Catholicism and the one-world “church,” the spirit of the world that is condemned by I John 2:16, the spirit of homosexuality, and the spirit of the false god of *The Shack*. The presentation looks carefully at the origin of contemporary worship in the Jesus Movement of the 1970s, examining the lives and testimonies of some of the most influential people. Nearly 60 video clips and hundreds of photos are featured. The presentation is available as a free eVideo download from www.wayoflife.org. It is also available as part of the *Music for Good or Evil* video series.



ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2017 MEN'S ADVANCE



**Friday, April 28,
at 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday,
April 29,
8:00 a.m.
to 3:00 p.m.**

The Men's Advance has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the

Men's Advance is to impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community.

The meeting runs on a two-day format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 28, 2015, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 29. Again this year, we will again meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full smoked meat dinner Friday night, complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon. In addition to the Advance, a golf tournament is open to all attendees and precede the Advance earlier on Friday.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God's Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men's Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional “It Is Well With My Soul” finale.

- REGISTRATION STARTS THIS WEEK -

Don't Miss This!