

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**
 Cradle Roll 2: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**
 Sun. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**
 Cradle Roll 2: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**
 Wed. Wed. Eve. Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of January 17, 2016

Sunday School ----- 18
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 28
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 18
 No Service Wed. Eve. Service, 01/20/16

Week of January 24, 2016

Sunday School ----- 28
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 23
 Wed. Eve. Service, 01/27/16 ----- 17

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of January 17, 2016

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 700.25
 Auditorium A/C Fund ----- \$ 4,900.00
Total Received for Week of 01/17/16: \$ 943.36

Week of January 24, 2016

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 870.00
Total Received for Week of 01/24/16: \$ 870.00

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

PLUMBING REPAIR FUND -

Amount For Entire Project ----- \$6,606.99
 Amount Received So Far ----- \$ 495.00
Total STILL NEEDED to pay off: \$6,111.99

AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER FUND -

Amount For Entire Project ----- \$5,000.00
 Amount Received So Far ----- \$5,000.00
Total STILL NEEDED to pay off: \$ 0 !!!!

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 ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebart ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford



The Lord Is at Hand

by Vance Havner

It is interesting to note that some of the saints are beginning to awaken to the meaning of world events shaping up so perfectly according to Bible pattern. One of the leading papers of my own denomination has lately carded a full page article on the German-Russian confederacy in the light of the Word. In November there is to be held in New York City a great Prophetic conference with over a score of speakers from many different bodies of believers.

It would be unbelievable that so many Christians should be so indifferent to the signs of the times did we not know that such a fact itself is a sign of the times for in the last days scoffers shall arise. There are thousands of Christians in all our denominations to whom the great prophetic portions of the Scriptures are abandoned areas left to students of apocalyptic. It is amazing that Christians who claim to believe the Bible take almost a sneering attitude toward a subject that covers a tremendous

part of the Bible. Take out of the Bible all that deals with prophesy and it would look like a Polish town after bombardment. Yet prophecy is dismissed with a shrug of the shoulders as though it were the crossword puzzle section of the Bible, provided for those who seek that sort of entertainment.

We know that many have been discouraged from interest in these things by those who have misused the subject to build fancy theories of their own. But every major subject in the Bible has been so misused that we might as well abandon the doctrine of salvation on those grounds.

Just as in Luther's day, God called men back to the message of justification by faith and as, in Wesley's day He called them back to free grace and evangelism, so today I believe that the neglected doctrine which needs to be preached is the Lord's return. Some preach it unwisely and too many preach it not at all, that is the trouble. I believe that it is the lost note today and that some of our great church bodies need the vision of it with the changed perspective which it brings and the sense of urgency it generates to transform such bodies into great agencies of God for evangelism.

No Bible student can deny that the early Christians were not only ready for the Lord's return, they were expectant and that sense of expectancy colored all their activity. The epistles pulsate with that note. Today it has been lost in favor of the social gospel or world conversion. We are out to bring the whole world into the Kingdom of God, something which is not in the Bible, and we are farther from it today than when we started. Evangelizing the world is one thing and converting the world is another. We have gotten mixed up in our objectives.

If we read the signs at all we cannot fail to see that the Lord is at hand in the sense of His imminent return. And He is also at hand in that He is always with us, accessible to our call and standing by to help us. With such assurance we need to get busy redeeming these last hours of this age. No other incentive can take the place of God's incentive and He has given us the blessed hope to encourage us and stir us to action in His Name. Let us occupy till He come and live with that light in our eyes.

- Vance Havner, born in 1901 in the hills of North Carolina, started preaching at the age of 12 and pastored and preached for over 70 years. He wrote 38 published books. His preaching and writing style was witty and unique. He had a way of saying some very poignant things without offending others.



Ronnie Floyd, Pastor of Cross Church
Springdale, Arkansas
(formerly First Baptist Church)

Is Ronnie Floyd Trying to Unite the SBC with Mike Bickle’s IHOP?

Southern Baptist president, Ronnie Floyd, spoke at an IHOP event in Kansas City in December, 2015. While some of you may be picking your jaw up off the floor, or shaking your heads in disbelief, I am not at all that surprised about the partnership. After all, Ronnie Floyd, shares much in common both theologically, and eschatologically with Bickle and IHOP.

Ronnie Floyd’s 2015 Southern Baptist Convention was themed “***The Great Awakening***,” which carries with it the connotations of his prophecy of revival. In his manifesto, he exhorts Southern Baptists to “***Humbly Come Together Before God in Clear Agreement, Visible Union, and in Extraordinary Prayer for the Next Great Awakening and for the World to Be Reached for Christ***.” Ronnie Floyd already has very close ties with a “revival” ministry known as Life Action Ministries. At one point, Life Action urges leaders and pastors of all denominations to coalesce around Floyd’s edict.

Ronnie Floyd’s “plea” to Christians is as follows:

“There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God’s people. The time is now for us to come together before God in clear agreement, visible union, and in extraordinary prayer for the next Great Awakening and for the world to be reached for Christ.

“For the sake of our nation and the spiritually lost around the world, it is time to humble ourselves before God. For this, I plead with all Southern Baptist pastors, missionaries, laypersons, denominational leaders, churches, denominational entities, conventions, colleges and universities; from student to adult, regardless of age, vocation, or status.

“As we come to God in humility and repentance, entering into this special season of extraordinary prayer, we plead with God for spiritual revival personally, revival in the church, and

the next Great Awakening in the United States.

“...I am pleading with each of you to join in this spiritual movement to pray for the next Great Awakening so the Great Commission will escalate to its rightful priority and accelerate to its completion in our generation.”

So - it’s clear his purpose is to cross denominational lines and unite with other professing Christians at all costs. But just how far across those lines does he intend to take the Southern Baptist Convention?

Apparently all the way to IHOP.

A “revivalist” by the name of Malachi O’Brien, who pastors Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, also has close ties to Life Action Ministries, regularly speaks positively of IHOP. Malachi O’Brien was chosen by Ronnie Floyd to lead the 2015 Southern Baptist Committee on Committees for 2015 in the state of Missouri.

So what does IHOP have in common with Ronnie Floyd?

Or a Better Question, What Does Ronnie Floyd Have in Common with IHOP?

Mike Bickle, a former Kansas City pastor, founded the organization after he claimed a man named **Augustine** approached him, and “prophesied” to his congregation with astonishing accuracy about the state of his church. Bickle later claimed to receive an audible revelation from God that told him “*I am inviting you to raise up a work that will touch the ends of the earth. I have invited many people to do this thing and many people have said yes, but very few have done my will.*”

In 1990, Ronnie Floyd preached a sermon titled “*When Revival Comes.*” In this sermon, he claimed a direct revelation from God, and “prophesied” saying,

“I believe God is bringing and will bring our church into a state of spiritual revival. Ninetyfive percent of us are afraid to go into it because we do not know what is there or what may happen. God told me this week the following nine characteristics will be experienced by our fellowship. I do not share positionally today, but practically. I want to encourage you to step on over into revival.

***Outpouring of God’s Spirit on you
Open confession of sin and unbelievable transparency of God’s people***

***Opinions of man will fade to the awesomeness of God’s Word
Obsessive desire to pray***

***Observe a radical obedience to God
Overflowing well of praise to the Lord***

Overt Reaction of Satan

Ordinary people will experience extraordinary events

Overwhelming response to the Gospel of Jesus.”

So as you can see, Floyd’s obsession with prophesying a charismatic revival spans multiple decades, and is eerily similar to the Mike Bickle’s claimed prophecy. Further, IHOP’s website states that it “was founded by Mike Bickle and twenty full-time

“intercessory missionaries,” who cried out to God in prayer with worship for thirteen hours each day.” Today, IHOP’s “intercessory missionaries” are required to commit themselves to at least 50 hours a week of intercessory prayer, including at least 4 hours a day, 6 days a week in the intercessory prayer room.

Similarly, Floyd is exhorting Southern Baptists to a nearly identical mission. Floyd says,

“The church must rise up in extraordinary prayer and urgent action. We must take desperate steps forward spiritually during these desperate times in which we live. With urgency in this hour, knowing the Lord could return at anytime, it is incumbent on us to rise up together now as His Church. Therefore, I am pleading with our Southern Baptist Family to come together in clear agreement, visible union, and extraordinary prayer for the next Great Awakening and for the world to be reached for Christ.

“...Surely we can embrace with clear agreement that spiritual revival personally, spiritual revival in the church, and spiritual awakening in the nation are all needed so we can accelerate our pace in reaching the world for Christ. Certainly we can deny ourselves, defer our own preferences, and visibly unite in extraordinary prayer...”

Further, he asks Southern Baptist pastors to:

“Challenge your church to pause at either sunset on Saturday evening or sunrise on Sunday morning, to pray for three minutes for the anointing of God to come on their pastor as he preaches God’s Word and the anointing of God’s power to come upon the worship services of their church. Prayerfully, these 180 seconds of focused prayer will soon begin a true 180-degree change in our churches.”

With the similar focus on compulsory prayer with mystical undertones, it’s no wonder Floyd and Bickle are so attractive to each other. They practically claim the same, unbiblical theology. Further, both Bickle and Floyd teach the same unbiblical concept of first fruits (storehouse) tithing, misapplying Malachi 3:10 to back up their claims. The desperate dependence on and call for money by both Floyd, and Bickle, seems to be the driving force behind their ministries.

The Bible says that the love of money is the root of all evil (I Tim 6:10). But this love of money, and call to embrace a mystical, charismatic, entertaining form of “worship” in the church to bring about a supposed and similar prophecy of revival between these two men seems to be the common ground between them.

Since Floyd’s prophecy has taken precedence over expository preaching and proclamation of the Word of God, similar to IHOP, and with Floyd’s betrayal of the church by partnering with them at their event, one can only ascertain that Floyd genuinely believes in the mission of IHOP, and intends to unite the Southern Baptist Convention with them.

- Jeff Maples, Psalm12Outreach.com

□ SECULAR REPORTER UNDERSTANDS THE MOTIVATION FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY

In a recent report in a magazine that epitomizes the cutting edge of the Western pop culture, the writer explains the motivation for contemporary Christianity. “Hip” pastors aren’t fooling the world for a minute. Here is what the reporter said about Hillsong New York City: “***I was witnessing the logical conclusion of an evolutionary convergence between coolness and Christianity that began at the dawn of the millennium, when progressive-minded Christians, terrified of a faithless future, desperately rended their garments and replaced them with skinny jeans and flannel shirts and piercings in the cartilage of their ears, in a very ostentatious effort to be more modern and more relatable.***” She nailed it. Cool Christianity is about trying to be acceptable to the world, but hip pastors aren’t trend-setters; they are pathetic followers of whatever the world happens to be wearing/hearing/doing. If an “old-fashioned,” pre-21st century, dinosaur “fundamentalist” Christian happens into a cool mega-church, he or she is the one who is really dressed differently, the one really going against the stream, the one really marching to a different tune, the one not being conformed to peer pressure. The uber-cool female reporter for GQ understands exactly what that crowd is up to. They aren’t fooling anyone but themselves, if that. Cool Christianity is not about truth; it’s about being accepted by this generation and it’s about love for the sensuality of the world. Cool and Christ are contradictory masters, and you can’t love both.

□ SECULAR REPORTER DESCRIBES THE POWER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MUSIC: HOT-BREATHED AND SEXY

While researching Hillsong New York City, a reporter for GQ magazine experienced the power of Hillsong’s worship music. Taffy Brodesser-Akner described the experience as follows: “***The music of Hillsong is a catalog of Selena Gomez-grade ballads, with melodies that all resemble one another, pleasingly, like spa music. ... Lyrically, it’s a hymn, and yet the singing is hot-breathed and sexy-close into microphones. It made my body feel confused.***” What the reporter experienced is the confusion of combining the holy with the sensual. By its lyrics and music, rock music, has, from its inception, promoted rebellion to God’s “strict” path of holiness. More than any other one societal influence, rock has promoted selfishness, stirred up rebellion, broken up homes, created alienation, encouraged moral relativism. The GQ reporter unknowingly wrote one of the most candid and accurate descriptions of contemporary worship music that I have ever read. “Hot-breathed and sexy” has nothing to do with biblical Christianity, and the fact that CCM can be described as making someone’s “body feel confused” is an irrefutable witness to the fact that it is not holy.

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Heb.13:4).

- Evangelist David W. Cloud