

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!
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
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 27, 2019

Sunday School ----- 13
Sunday Morning Service ----- 37
Sunday Evening Service ----- 13
Wed. Eve. Service, 01/30/19 ----- 0

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of January 27, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 517.20
Total Received for Week of 01/27/19: \$ 517.20

- Week of January 20, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 400.90
Total Received for Week of 01/20/19: \$ 400.90

- Week of January 13, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,700.27
Total Received for Week of 01/13/19: \$ 1,700.27

- Week of January 6, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,244.81
Total Received for Week of 01/06/19: \$ 1,244.81

- Week of December 30, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 38.45
Total Received for Week of 12/30/18: \$ 38.45

- Week of December 23, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,536.75
Love offering, pastor's family ----- \$ 125.00
Total Received for Week of 12/25/18: \$ 1,661.75

**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
Volunteer Needed! ----- Greeter
Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain ----- Outreach
Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
Flowers ----- Shirley White



**Dr. R. B. Ouellette, Pastor
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12 Reasons Every Christian Should Win Souls

The Importance of Soulwinning

by Dr. R. B. Ouellette

Sometimes people wonder why I emphasize soulwinning so much. An evangelist once preached at our church and asked how many of our folks went soulwinning on a regular basis. When approximately half of the evening crowd raised their hands, he said, "Look at that amazing sight!" Another evangelist said to me that it would be ridiculous to preach on soulwinning at our church because so many people already went. But suppose about half of the army showed up when it was time to fight? Suppose about half of the football team was there for the opening kickoff?

Suppose that half of the work force came at their appointed time on a given day? We would not think that was a success. It is possible for us to be better than average in the area of soulwinning but to still be far below normal.

1. BECAUSE GOD COMMANDS IT

Soulwinning is not an option. It is not a spiritual gift. It is not a church growth program. It is a clear, unequivocal, unavoidable command of God.

2. BECAUSE THERE IS A HELL

Psalm 9:17 still says, "**The wicked shall be turned into Hell and all the nations that forget God.**" Revelation 21:8 still says those without Christ will have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.

Many years ago when I was an assistant pastor, two sisters, Rita and Penny Shire, attended a youth activity. The older sister, Rita, trusted Christ. I went to visit Penny, a seventh grader, in her home the next week. Her mother allowed me to visit with her and did not interfere as I presented the Gospel to her. When it came time, however, for Penny to make a decision for Christ, her mother interrupted and said, "She's not old enough." I explained that I wasn't asking Penny to be baptized or join the church. I told Mrs. Shire that I had been saved as a young boy at the age of four. Nonetheless, Mrs. Shire adamantly insisted, "She's not old enough." I asked the mother if it would be permissible for Penny to get saved when she came to church sometime. Strangely, she agreed. Penny came many times after that. I always gave an invitation and always looked her way. She never raised her hand.

I had been at First Baptist of Bridgeport just a few weeks when one of the former youth workers from the church where I had been an assistant pastor, called and said, "Penny Shire has been in a terrible accident." A young man driving a Chevrolet Vega had deliberately pulled in front of the truck that Penny and her father were riding in (he left a suicide note). The gas tank on the truck exploded. Mr. Shire was killed instantly and Penny was in a coma at Hurley Hospital in Flint, horribly burned. I drove up to see her when I heard the news. I would not have recognized her had I not been told who was in the bed.

Knowing that sometimes, people can hear when they are in a coma, I gave her the Gospel one more time. I explained that she did not need to be in church to be saved and did not need to be able to speak aloud; that she could tell Christ from her heart that she was trusting Him as her Saviour. I asked if she could wiggle a finger or raise an eyebrow. She made no sign. To this day I do not know whether or not she is in Heaven or in Hell. I hope that sometime she trusted Christ. I would hate to be her mother at the judgment seat. But then all of us deal with people every day who will spend eternity in Heaven or in Hell. We know the answer. We must tell them.

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3. BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW TO ESCAPE HELL

Imagine a man having a cure for cancer and keeping the news to himself. Imagine seeing someone about to be run over by a car and not trying to warn him. How much worse it is for those of us who know the only escape from eternal damnation to keep it from those desperately in need of this truth.

4. BECAUSE SOULWINNING IS THE DECENT THING TO DO

I Corinthians 15:34 says: “Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” I once heard of a preacher who, along with his family, befriended an elderly lady. She became a kind of a grandmother to his children and was included in family gatherings. After a while, their friendship had advanced so far that he felt awkward about giving her the Gospel; wished he had done it sooner, but did not know exactly how to broach the subject. Years went by. One day the preacher was under such deep conviction that he went over to the lady’s house and clearly explained the Gospel. She was very quiet when he ended. She said, “Are you telling me that you believe that if I died right now, I’d go to Hell because I’ve never trusted Christ?”

“Yes ma’am,” he replied. “That’s what the Bible says.”

“And you’ve believed this all the time you’ve known me?” He again replied in the affirmative. “Get out of my house,” she said. “You’re not my friend. I don’t ever want to see you again.”

I hate to say it, but the lady is right. It is not friendship or any other kind of decent behavior to withhold the Gospel from those who need it.

5. BECAUSE THERE IS A HEAVEN

What a wonderful blessing it will be to be reunited with loved ones for eternity. What a privilege it will be for us to see those living forever in Heaven, to whom we have given the Gospel of Christ.

6. BECAUSE IT GLORIFIES GOD

John 15:8 says: “*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*” There are those who say that our prime motivation is not to win people to Christ but to glorify God. I do not disagree with them, but I must remind them that the Bible clearly says God is glorified when we bring forth much fruit.

7. BECAUSE IT ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS

When I win people to Christ, bring them to church, or share their testimonies with others, believers are encouraged and uplifted. Iron sharpens iron and my testimony encourages others to do the same.

8. BECAUSE IT PERPETUATES TRUTH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

The Lord Jesus tells us that believers are like wheat and unbelievers are like tares. Wheat must be planted every season.

It never regenerates itself. Weeds grow automatically. It takes nothing for wrong to prevail and evil to predominate. It takes great effort for righteousness to be perpetuated.

9. BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATES THE POWER OF GOD

I spent my last year of high school at Bob Jones Academy in order to get out of school a year early. One December evening, I went with the Academy soulwinning bus to Spartanburg, South Carolina. It was a cold night. No one seemed to want to listen to us present the Gospel to them. My partner, Oddver Cuevas, ran out of tracts and said, “I’m going into this drugstore to warm up.” I had a few more tracts, which I passed out and then joined him in the drugstore. I discovered that he had engaged the proprietor of the drugstore, a man named George Vassey, in conversation. George Vassey was twisting Oddver into a theological pretzel.

Since I was raised in a preacher’s home and considered my knowledge of the Bible at age 16 to be almost limitless, I violated a rule of two-by-two soulwinning and interrupted the conversation. Sure enough, in no time at all, there were two theological pretzels twisting on the drugstore floor. George Vassey knew verses I had never heard of. He quoted things from the book of Mormon, the Koran and other sources with which I was totally unfamiliar. I left discouraged. I thought as a young man, “I’m not going to do this again until I know more about it. I’m going to study every religion; have an answer to every question; and then I’ll go back out.”

I went home for Christmas vacation, came back and did not go soulwinning the next Friday evening. When the bus returned, I heard Oddver Cuevas running down the hall, hollering my name. He burst into my room and said, “George Vassey got saved! I went by the drugstore and he said as a result of our visit, he trusted Christ. He has stopped selling dirty magazines in his drugstore, and he says he wants to take part of the building that’s not being used and turn it into a rescue mission!” Why did George Vassey get saved? Because of our theological expertise? Because of our unanswerable arguments? Because of our persuasive speech? No. George Vassey got saved because the Spirit of God worked in his heart.

10. BECAUSE IT IS A TIMELESS PRINCIPLE

Even a casual reading of the Word of God will convince you that it has always been right for people who know God to tell people who don’t know God about God. Remember, it is an Old Testament verse that says, “He that winneth souls is wise.”

II. BECAUSE WE MUST FACE JESUS AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

“*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*” *II Corinthians 5:10–11* (emphasis mine)

12. BECAUSE OUR HANDS WILL BE STAINED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE LOST WE DON’T TELL

“*When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him no warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand*” (*Ezekiel 3:18*).

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

‘ **NEW YORK GOVERNOR CELEBRATES NEW ABORTION LAW THAT ALLOWS THE MURDER OF BABIES UP UNTIL BIRTH** - On Tuesday, January 29, 2019, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, delighted that the New York legislature passed the Reproductive Health Act which would allow mothers to kill (pardon me, abort) their babies up until birth, celebrated this legalized murder by ordering that the spire at One World Trade Center, the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, the Kosciuszko Bridge and the Alfred E. Smith Building in Albany all be lit in pink on Tuesday night.

Cuomo chortled, “The Reproductive Health Act is a historic victory for New Yorkers and for our progressive values. In the face of a federal government intent on rolling back Roe v. Wade and women’s reproductive rights, I promised that we would enact this critical legislation within the first 30 days of the new session--and we got it done. I am directing that New York’s landmarks be lit in pink to celebrate this achievement and shine a bright light forward for the rest of the nation to follow.”

Cuomo has been a long-standing champion of murdering the unborn and contemptuous of those people who are pro-life, saying they had “no place in the state of New York.”

- The Daily Wire, Jan. 23, 2019

‘ **GOOGLE CENSORING “ABORTION” RESULTS FOR YOUTUBE VIDEOS** - Google, which owns YouTube, censors the search results for “abortion” so that hard-hitting anti-abortion videos no longer appear in the top ten.

“[A]n internal discussion thread leaked to Breitbart News reveals Google regularly intervenes in search results on its YouTube video platform--including a recent intervention that pushed pro-life videos out of the top ten search results for ‘abortion.’ The term ‘abortion’ was added to a ‘blacklist’ file for ‘controversial YouTube queries,’ which contains a list of search terms that the company considers sensitive” (“The Smoking Gun: Google manipulated search results,” Breitbart, Jan. 16, 2019). The videos were not removed, but they were made to appear lower in the list of results so that they would be seen by fewer people.

A Google spokesperson admitted to the Daily Mail that this was done, but claimed that the videos in question contained “misinformation” or “graphic content.” “YouTube failed to explain how congressional testimony from Dr. Antony Levatino, a gynecologist and former abortion doctor--also disappeared from

the top ten results--could be ‘misinformation.’

But perhaps the most obvious contradiction to YouTube’s comment is ‘Abortion: My Experience,’ a video that according to the Slate report, previously featured at around ninth in the search results. The video is a woman’s personal story of being pressured into an abortion by an allegedly abusive partner, and subsequently regretting the decision. The video doesn’t feature any graphic images. As it’s a personal story, it can’t be accused of ‘misinformation,’ either.

It seems disappearing the stories of women who don’t have the correct abortion experience is now YouTube’s policy” (“YouTube admits it meddled with search results,” Breitbart, Jan. 17, 2019).

‘ **GOOGLE EMPLOYEES PROTEST USE OF WORD “FAMILY” TO REFER TO CHILDREN** - The morally-perverted viewpoint of a large number of Google employees was evident in an event that occurred in March 2017 when the use of the term “family friendly” by a Google executive in a weekly company-wide presentation caused an uproar.

The term “family” was used in the context of discussing a product aimed at children. A Google employee stormed out of the meeting in protest and later ranted in an internal communication thread that linking “family” to children is “offensive, inappropriate, homophobic, and wrong.” He said, “This is a diminishing and disrespectful way to speak. ... The use of ‘family’ as a synonym for ‘with children’ has a long-standing association with deeply homophobic organizations” (“Disrespectful: Google Employees Melt Down Over the Word ‘Family,’” The Daily Caller, Jan. 16, 2019).

About 100 other Google employees agreed with this anti-traditional family diatribe. One said, “As a straight person in a relationship, I find the term ‘family’ offensive because it excludes me and my boyfriend, having no children of our own.” Another said, “My family consists of me and several other trans feminine folks, some of whom I’m dating. We’re all supportive of each other and eventually aspire to live together. Just because we aren’t a heterosexual couple with 2.5 kids, a white picket fence, and a dog doesn’t mean we’re not a family.” Another said that “using ‘family’ to mean ‘people with kids’ is also annoying to me as a straight-cis-woman who doesn’t have or want kids. My husband, my parents, and my pets are my family.”

Google vice president Parni Diwanji apologized for using “family” in the traditional way and asked for help from employees on how the company could use language more inclusively and less offensively. He pleaded with his liberal-minded employees, “Please help us get to a better state. Teach us how to talk about it in inclusive way, if you feel like we are not doing it well.” It is sad and frightful that the great power of the world’s premier search engine is in the hands of such people.