

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
 Cradle Roll 2: Brian Crawford
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebarrt
 Cradle Roll 2: Janet Bridges
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
 Cradle Roll 2: Kelsey Moreno

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of February 3, 2013

Sunday School ----- 25
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 40
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 31
 Wed. Eve., 02/06/13 Service ----- 14

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of February 3, 2013

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 956.00
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 214.00
Total Received for Week of 02/03/13: \$ 1,170.00

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

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INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR FEB, 2013:

Monthly Requirement (premium went up for 2013) -- \$ 329.66
 Amount Received thusfar during Feb., 2013 ----- \$ 110.92
Amount Still Needed by 03/05/13 = \$ 218.74

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
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
 Shayne Hooper, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
 Dwayne English, Shayne Hooper ----- Outreach
 Flowers ----- Shirley White

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Dr. Joe Henry Hankins
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OLD-TIME RELIGION

by Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

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"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:6-12).

When I speak of "old-time religion" I do not mean religion in the common acceptance of the term, but I refer to salvation - genuine, old-fashioned, Holy Spirit regeneration. In the thinking of the average person religion and salvation are synonymous terms. But nothing was ever farther from the truth. There is a vast gulf between the two. A person may be ever so religious and know nothing of salvation. The fact is that more people are going to Hell the religious route than any other. Multitudes of people think that because they have adopted the Christian philosophy of life, accepted the Bible as being or "containing" the Word of God, accepted as being true the fact that JESUS CHRIST is the Son of GOD, and believe in the principles and tenets of the Christian faith, - that they are saved.

You can cultivate religion, teach its precepts and fundamental truths, train a person in its ceremonials, rituals and tenets, but you cannot cultivate one into salvation.

Someone has said, "Man is incurably religious." This is a fact of human nature. Therefore, it is quite easy to take a child and teach him any religion, pagan or Christian. It is also very easy to incite religious emotions by certain types of music, rituals and religious ceremonies.

Many people imagine that they are saved because they "feel religious" under the influence of this kind of environment, forgetting that feelings of reverence, worship, or ecstasy can easily be stirred in an unsaved heart. There is no doubt that the Buddhist, the Mohammedan, the Confucianist, or any other pagan has the same feelings when going through his religious ceremonies of worship and prayers. But who, knowing anything about the Bible teaching of salvation, would even intimate that these are saved? They are religious but lost, and many of them even more devoutly religious than many who call themselves Christians.

Oh, how we need to distinguish in our thinking between religion and salvation! There is no doubt that there are multiplied million of people in the churches of the world who have never known or experienced real salvation.

Religious But Lost

JESUS said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."

In other words, not everyone who professes to be a Christian is really saved. He even goes so far in this statement as to say: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you" (Matthew 7:22,23).

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Can you imagine anything more tragic than a person going through life living a religious life and doing religious works, thinking all the time that because of these he is saved and finally hearing the Lord say, **“I never knew you.”** Religious but lost!

As an example of what I mean by religious but lost, I cite the Jews.

Paul said of them: **“My heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God”** (Romans 10:1-3). You see from this that a **“zeal of God”** and an earnest effort to live right (**“establish their own righteousness”**) are not salvation.

Another example in the Bible is Cornelius.

GOD says of him that he was **“a devout [deeply religious] man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway”** (Acts 10:2). It was further stated of him by his servants that he was **“a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews”** (Acts 10:22).

Let us analyze these statements from the Word of GOD about this man.

GOD says he was **“a devout man,”** or deeply, sincerely, consistently religious; a man who feared God with all his house (not only feared GOD himself but by his example and precept taught his whole household (children and servants) to fear GOD; a man who **“prayed to God alway,”** and who was liberal with his means toward helping the less fortunate; a man who had compassion upon human suffering and **“gave much alms to the people.”** His servants said he was **“a just man”** or a man who was fair in all his dealings with his fellow man and treated everybody right.

I know multitudes of people who are depending on these very things for salvation. Not only that, but they imagine they are wonderful Christians because of them.

But was Cornelius a saved man? Let the Word of GOD settle it. While Cornelius was praying one day an angel appeared unto him and said, **“Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved”** (Acts 11:13, 14).

I once asked a woman about her soul’s salvation and her reply was, **“I’m not a member of the same church as you, but I think if you are a member of any church and live up to it you will get to Heaven.”**

I said, **“Lady, I may shock you when I say it, but you can be a member of any church and live up to the required standards of all of them and die and go to Hell. You could easily be the best, most faithful and most consistent member any church has and still be unsaved.”**

What Is This Old-Time Religion?

1. It Is a Revealed Plan of Salvation.

Paul says, **“I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ”** (Galatians 1:11, 12).

This is very evident from the very content of the Gospel and is especially clear when compared with any or all of the ethnic religions of the world. These are the highest product of the mind of the natural man. When you have read all their sacred writings you feel like saying with Paul, **“Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?”** (I Corinthians 1:20). No human mind has ever yet conceived of anything that even begins to compare with GOD’s plan of salvation through the atonement of CHRIST on the cross. Truly, **“the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God”** (I Corinthians 1:18).

We hear and read a great deal of nonsense today about the need of a new gospel for a new age, about the world having outgrown the old-fashioned ideas of religion. The Holy Spirit knew that the time would come when men would **“turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned unto fables,”** so He had Paul to write, **“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed”** (Galatians 1:8, 9).

No, my friends, we don’t need a new message for a new age. We need a new generation of preachers who will stand up and preach the old-time Gospel; who will tell men-in spite of the philosophies of men, modern psychology and the babblings of modernistic preachers - that the Word of GOD says they are sinners, doomed and damned for Hell, without GOD and without hope in the world; and call them to repentance and faith in the shed blood of JESUS CHRIST as GOD’s only and all-sufficient remedy for sin. As long as there is sin in the world men need to hear the old, old story!

2. This Old-time Religion Is Salvation by Grace.

“I marvel,” said Paul, **“that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ”** (Galatians 1:6).

Paul here clearly indicates that any deviation whatever from a plan of salvation by pure grace is a perversion of the Gospel of CHRIST. And his calling for a curse upon even an angel from Heaven who would dare to pervert this Gospel most certainly means that a perverted gospel has no power in it to save. The natural pride of the human heart has always caused man to want to be his own saviour, or at least to do something to help save himself.

The natural man has always hated a Gospel of salvation by pure grace. This was first evidenced in **“the way of Cain,”** and is continued to this day in man’s additions to the way of grace in the form of works and human merit, ordinances, rituals, church membership, et cetera. Even multitudes who claim to preach salvation by grace add good works as a condition of “keeping saved.”

Yet the Scriptures say, **“By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”** (Ephesians 2:8,9). But man is so loath to confess himself a helpless, lost sinner, ruined and undone, and to come as a beggar to a throne of grace that he will go to any extent to add something to GOD’s way of grace that will cater to and pacify the flesh.

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☛ **FORMER IRANIAN DIPLOMAT WARNS ISRAEL THAT IRAN WILL USE THE NUCLEAR BOMB** - The following is excerpted from **“Ex-Iranian diplomat warns Israel,”** *The Times of Israel, Jan. 25, 2013:*

“In an interview with Israel’s Channel 2 TV, Mohammad Reza Heydari, the former Iranian consul in Oslo who resigned and obtained political asylum there three years ago, said that ‘if Iran is given more time, it will acquire the knowledge necessary to build a nuclear bomb within a year.’ Asked whether it would use the bomb against Israel, he said: ‘If Iran gets to the point where it has an atomic bomb, it will certainly use it, against Israel or any other [enemy] country.’

Heydari—who defected soon after he was asked to identify his son in photos taken during the protests that followed the 2009 vote in which Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was reelected--said the regime in Tehran was aiming to develop two or three bombs. It saw nuclear weapons as “insurance” to guarantee its survival.

Regime leaders ‘believe that when they acquire a nuclear bomb, [others] will start to behave toward them as they do toward North Korea,’ said Heydari. ... ‘They are busying themselves with ideological preparations for the arrival of the hidden Imam and are preparing the ground for that in a practical way; for this purpose, they are willing to spill much blood and destroy many countries.’ ... He was posted as consul to Norway in 2008. In 2010, he resigned and has stayed in Oslo since, in a location strictly guarded by the Norwegian authorities. During the interview, Heydari claimed that five other Iranian diplomats--in Brussels, London, Geneva, Milan and Paris--had defected recently.”

☛ **THE CLOSE LINK BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM** - The following by Don Jasmin is from *The Fundamentalist Digest, February-March 2013:*

“The organization known as ‘The Socialist International’ [TSI] has been a mixture of one-world slanted Communists and global

oriented Socialists since its origin in 1864. Karl Marx, Communism’s founder, was its first ‘honorary secretary.’ While communists and socialists have internally squabbled over its control since its founding, both factions have always sought the same ‘common goal’: a ‘socialistic world government.’

In another related article, this writer summarizes some of the goals and activities of the 20th International Socialist Congress [ISC] This article, however, discloses the close links of the ISC and left-wing members of the U. S. Congress. ‘In our country, the principal affiliate of the Socialist International is the Democratic Socialists of America [DSA].’ According to a reliable report, the ‘DSA boasts of working hand -in-glove with the Congressional Progressive Caucus [CPC], whose recent list of members shows 78 Democrats and one Independent...’

‘In a 2010 report to the Communist Party USA’s National convention, Party official David Bell called the Congressional Progressive Caucus “our allies in Congress.” Current Progressive Caucus co-chairs are Congressmen Keith Ellison [a committed Muslim] of MN and Raul Grijalva of AZ.

One of the [CPA’s] vice-chairs is newly elected [lesbian] Tammy Baldwin of WI.’ While all the CPC members swear allegiance to the U. S. Constitution, they all ‘support increasing socialism here at home, and are consistent backers of UN empowerment--both key goals in the drive for world government sought by communists and socialists.’

Norman Thomas, six time Socialist Party Presidential candidate, said, ‘The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism. But, under the name of liberalism, they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day American will be a socialist nation, without knowing it happened.’ In 1944, Thomas stated, ‘I no longer need to run as a presidential Candidate for the Socialist Party; the Democrat Party has adopted our platform.’”

☛ **THE DESTRUCTIVE RESULTS OF SOCIALISM** - The following is excerpted from **“Obama’s America Looks Like Detroit,”** *Terrence Jeffrey, The Detroit News, Dec. 15, 2012:*

“Detroit is the reduction ad absurdum of President Obama’s economic policies. What happened to Detroit? It is achieving socialism in one city. Traditional two-parent families and the productive taxpaying citizens they produce have fled. In 1950, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Detroit had 1.9 million people and was the fifth largest city in the nation.

By 2000, its population had dropped to 951,000; by 2010 to 714,000 and by 2011, to 707,000. What has happened to the people who remain? The Census Bureau estimates there are 563,055 people age 16 or older in the city who could potentially work and be part of the labor force. But only 54.3% of these--or 306,000--actually do. The 258,000 people in Detroit who neither work nor seek work outnumber the 224,846 residents who have jobs. And of those who work, 34,500--or 15.3% work for the government. Thus this city that boasted 1.9 million residents in 1950 has only 190,346 private-sector workers today.” ■