

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarrrt
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Nathaniel White
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of February 10, 2013

Sunday School ----- 24
Sunday Morning Service ----- 32
Sunday Evening Service ----- 28
Wed. Eve., 02/13/13 Service ----- 21

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of February 10, 2013

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,546.00
Insurance Fund ----- \$ 75.00
Total Received for Week of 02/10/13: \$ 1,621.00

**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 ----- \$ 185.92
Amount Still Needed by 03/05/13 = \$ 143.74

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

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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Dr. Joe Henry Hankins
1889-1967

OLD-TIME RELIGION

by Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

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(continued from last week)

"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).

What Is This Old-Time Religion?

Last week, we saw that -

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).

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).

This week, let's look at the question -

BUT WHAT IS GRACE?

Someone has said, "Grace is unmerited favor."

It is that and more. It is the favor of God extended where there is no merit - in the complete absence of merit. Grace is the only possible way salvation could be made available to all mankind. It means that there is no condition attached to salvation that cannot be met by any man, anywhere.

In the fourth chapter, Paul is arguing salvation by grace. He uses Abraham's salvation as an example and states that **"Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."** He climaxes his argument by saying, **"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed"** (Romans 4:16). That most assuredly means that no man will ever find himself in a position or possible circumstance in which he could not be saved if he wanted to.

Imagine a man on a submarine ten thousand miles from land. The submarine is torpedoed and goes to the bottom, never to rise again. This man finds that he is the only one left alive of the crew. He is lost and knows it. He wants to be saved. There is a Bible on the table. He picks it up and turns to the third chapter of John. Can that man be saved? If not, then the promise is not **"sure to all the seed."** But, thank God, he can be saved just as the thief on the cross was saved. That is grace. There is but one thing in all the

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universe that can keep you from being saved, my lost friend, and that is your own will. Jesus said, ***"Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."***

My life, my character, my morality and my works have absolutely nothing to do with salvation.

But I want to tell you, if I really have salvation it is going to have everything to do with the kind of life I live. It is the other way around. My character, my morality, my works do not produce salvation. But genuine, Holy Spirit-wrought regeneration in the human heart produces a new creature in CHRIST JESUS, gives us a new nature, gives us new longings, new hopes, new aspirations, new loves.

"If any man be in Christ," says the Scripture, "he is a new creature [or a new creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

Sam Jones used to say, "You can raise a pig in the parlor, and something will change, but it won't be the pig." I don't care what you do with him - perfume him, curl his hair, marcel it, tie a pink ribbon around his neck, and feed him from your table - you will never do that hog any good unless you change his nature. And that is what God proposes to do in salvation - change man's heart.

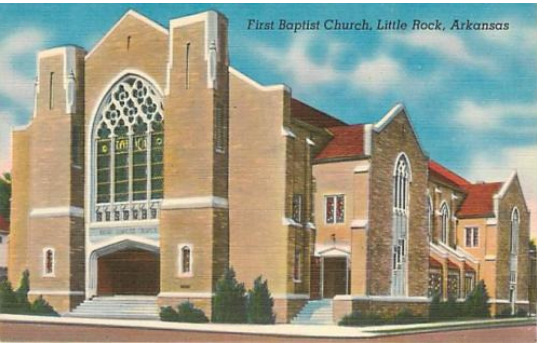
If a person is in the church unsaved, that person will always love the world because those that are of the world love their own. JESUS said, ***"Because ye are not of the world . . . therefore the world hateth you."***

You can do all you please to the unregenerated human heart: you can educate it, cultivate it, refine it, teach it religion, bring it into the church; but until it is regenerated nothing will do it any good. The fact forever remains, ***"That which is born of the flesh is flesh."***

The mistake that people make is in the conception that in salvation God is dealing primarily with man's sins, with what man has done, whereas God goes deeper than that and gets to the taproot of the thing. God, in salvation, is dealing primarily with what man is and proposes to change what he does by first changing what he is. Hence the words of JESUS to the Pharisees: ***"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also" (Matthew 23:25,26).***

No man can ever merit salvation.

Everyone of us has sinned, willfully sinned, turned our backs on God, gone away from God, rebelled against God, hardened our hearts against God knowingly and willfully, and everyone deserves to go to Hell. We have nothing to commend us to God. We talk about human character and human morals. Suppose we had the character and morals of the best and finest there is on earth; would that commend us to God? The Scriptures say, ***"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).***



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When Dr. Hankins was Pastor***

Just take a look into your life. There is plenty of sin and slime and filth in the very best of us - sin in thought, sin in motive, sin in word, sin in deed, sin in impulses. Oh, what a foul brood there is in every human heart! Then look at the perfect holiness of God and see what you look like in God's presence, and you will realize that you need something you cannot do for yourself.

God is so holy that ***"even . . . the stars are not pure in his sight."*** The Scriptures tell us that He is too holy to look on sin. God is so holy that when a man like Moses asked if he might see God's face, God said, ***"There shall no man see me, and live."***

The best that God could do to answer Moses' request was to hide him in the cleft of the rock, cover him with his hand and pass by and let him see the afterglow of His glory. Moses was one of the holiest men who ever walked this earth, one of the holiest servants of God who ever lived. Yet God had to say to Moses, ***"If you looked on my face, you would perish."*** Why? Because sinful flesh still is the tabernacle of the redeemed soul, and sin and holiness cannot come face to face lest sin be destroyed.

That is the reason JESUS said, ***"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*** Note the language. He did not say, "He will not"; He said, ***"He cannot."***

If there were some way you could put an unregenerated person into Heaven, the minute he came into the presence of God's holiness he would perish.

3. Old-Time Religion Is Heartfelt Religion

Millions of people go through life hoping to be saved, trying to be saved, hanging onto something, not knowing whether they are saved or not.

You can be saved and know it; for this Bible salvation, this old-time religion is heartfelt religion. Listen to the Word of God: ***I John 5:10: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself."***

Galatians 4:6 says: ***"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."***

Romans 8:15 & 16 say: ***"For ye have not received the spirit***

of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. And the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God ."

When you are saved you not only have the witness of the Spirit, but salvation itself is a definite experience. Being Born Again is a very definite experience.

Job could say in the midst of the wreck of everything he had, "I know that my redeemer liveth." How did he know? By a personal experience.

Paul could say, "I know whom I have believed." How do you know, Paul? "I have had a personal experience."

Do you KNOW that YOU are saved?

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

✚ ***PERSECUTION INCREASES IN CHINA*** - The following is excerpted from ***"Christian Persecution," Christian Post, Feb. 6, 2013:***"

"ChinaAid, a Texas-based Christian non-profit organization that monitors religious freedom in China, said in its 2012 annual report on Monday that the Chinese government continues its uptick of persecution against Christians in the country for the seventh consecutive year. The report examines 132 persecution cases involving 4,919 people, finding that persecution incidences rose 41.9 percent from 2011. Additionally, the number of people sentenced in cases relating to religious persecution jumped 125 percent in 2012 compared to 2011, according to the group's finding.

'If the Chinese government had its druthers, religion would not be practiced at all within its borders,' the organization stated on its website in response to the results of its 2012 persecution report. 'Beijing fears a higher authority, and it's also horrified by any group that is able to organize, particularly around an ideology or belief,' it added. ... According to the ChinaAid the report , methods for suppressing Christianity in China include 'forcibly banning and sealing up churches, pressuring churches to join the official Three-Self church system, detaining church leaders and sending them to labor camps on the pretext of "suspicion of organizing and using a cult to undermine law enforcement," and strictly restricting the spread of the Christian faith among students.'"

✚ ***DOOMSDAY PREPPERS*** - "Doomsday Preppers", a television show on the National Geographic Channel that began airing in 2012, depicts the real-life stories of people who are preparing for a socio-economic cataclysm. The number of people who fall into this category is increasing, and the program is the highest-rated one in the network's history.

There is an American Preppers Network, and the building and stocking of survival shelters is a growing industry. Vivos is planning a nationwide system of underground shelters in various sizes built to support from 10 to 2,000 adults for one to five

years. The shelters are co-opts which are owned by a group of people who are promised access in case of emergency. (Good luck on that!) Developer Larry Hall is constructing survivalist condos in abandoned missile silos in Kansas, and so far buyers have paid \$7 million.

Atlas Survival Shelters, designed to be buried 3.5 feet underground, are available for \$10,000 per person. At BePrepared.com, you can buy everything you need for survival, including a year's supply of MRE (meals ready to eat) for \$4,200. At Safer America stores you can stock up on gas masks and biohazard suits.

There is no doubt that we live in troublesome times as describe in Bible prophecy. The same Book that prophesied of Christ's first coming, including the details of His crucifixion, prophesy of His second coming. It will be preceded by a period of time that Jesus called the Great Tribulation, a time far more destructive than any the world has ever witnessed, but it cannot be survived in an underground shelter.

The Bible says the Antichrist will rule for seven years with conditions growing progressively worse, longer than any shelter stockpile will last. No one will be able to buy or sell without his mark. The Antichrist is no ordinary man. He will be supported by Satan and his hoards of demons. A far better solution is to put one's faith in Jesus Christ and be washed in His blood and serve in His great harvest field while you wait for the imminent Rapture.

It's not time to hide in a hole; it's time to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. The reason why Christ has not yet returned is His love for souls (II Peter 3:9). The Rapture of New Testament believers is not a fictional scenario; it is the promise of a God who cannot lie: ***"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief" (I Thess. 5:4).***

