

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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WE WELCOME OUR VERY SPECIAL GUEST TODAY -



Eric Barger

ERIC BARGER

of
Take A Stand Ministries

Saved in his early 30's from a life of sin, Eric Barger has been called by God to help Christians and churches understand the attacks on Christianity coming from so many sides in our world today.

His ministry provides biblically-based help on topics such as -

- The New Age Movement The Cults The Occult
- The Emergent Church Bible Prophecy
- Current Events Spiritual Warfare
- Christian Apologetics

- ☛ Bro. Eric will be sharing his testimony of how God saved him this morning about how God rescued him by Christ's saving power!
- ☛ Tonight at 6:00 p.m., he will be presenting a very important study on The Emergent Church. **EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE!**

**PLAN NOW TO BE HERE
FOR BOTH SERVICES!**

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
 Larry Mathews, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
 Jeannie Knight, Nathaniel & Rebekah White ----- Outreach
 Jamie Davis ----- Sound Technician

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Steve Geroux
 Cradle Roll 2: Merri Geroux
 Floater: Justin Geroux

6:00 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Brian Crawford
 Cradle Roll 2: Charity Crawford
 Floater: Andrea Hooper

Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Shirley White
 Floater: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday School ----- 24
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 37
 Evening Service ----- 22
 Wed. Eve. Service, 02/18/09 ----- 28

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of February 15, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,084.45
 Love Off'g, Malcome Ellis (we're saving up) ----- \$ 70.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 40.00
 Parsonage Renovation Fund ----- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 02/15/09: \$ 1,234.45

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

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

NEW HYMNAL FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 1,160.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 560.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 304.00

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**DON'T FORGET - EVANGELIST
MALCOM ELLIS WILL BE HERE 4/8-12!**

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

* **EMERGING CHURCH ON THE MARCH AT THE NATIONAL PASTORS CONFERENCE** - In February 2009, Brian Snider and I covered the 2009 National Pastor's Convention with media credentials. Attended by 1,500 pastors and Christian leaders, the conference was sponsored by Zondervan and InterVarsity Press and featured influential voices such as Leighton Ford, Bill Hybels, Brian McLaren, and Rob Bell. It represents what is being called the emerging church, and it is all about change. Society is changing, so the churches must change, and these publishers are major change agents.

Their objective is to move traditional Bible churches into the new emerging model. They have many tactics, and they are willing to be patient. In his 2008 book Finding Our Way Again, Brian McLaren described the plan to infiltrate churches and Christian institutions that are currently rejecting the emerging church. **They are targeting our grandchildren.** The Christian book publishing industry is a lot like the Christian music industry. Doctrine does not matter and there are a lot of rock stars being made through the use of slick marketing materials, but when you strip away the slick packaging and cool marketing gimmicks, what you find is the continual disintegration of evangelicalism as it is pulled further and further into the emergent church movement.

The attendees represented a bewildering range of views, including Methodist, United Church of Christ, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Pentecostal. The speaker lineup included an agnostic Jew (A.J. Jacobs), a Roman Catholic

priest (Emmanuel Katongole), and a man who depicts God as a woman (William Young). The first half hour of every general session started out with a 30-minute comedy routine by a stand-up comic, some of it pretty crude. One comedian, Michael, Jr., did a mocking send up of people who were oversaved, or those who were zealous for the Lord. One of the standards for being oversaved was that you were not willing to laugh at off-color jokes. The apostasy of this day is astonishing, when you consider the wickedness that faces our nation and world on every hand and then you have a gathering of Christian leaders beginning their meeting with stand-up comedy; surely the Lord is at hand. The comedy routines were followed by rock concerts.

On display at this meeting was the blending that has been at the heart of the evangelical movement since the early days of Billy Graham. Old school evangelicals like Leighton Ford, Grahams brother-in-law, were on hand, and on the far left were men like Brian McLaren who are willing to reject the doctrines of the infallibility of Scripture, substitutionary atonement, and an eternal fiery hell. There seem to be no limits as to how far Christian book publishers will go in being agents of change and moving churches away from the Bible into dangerous and uncharted waters.

* **THE SHACK PROMOTED AT THE NATIONAL PASTORS CONFERENCE** - At the National Pastors Conference in San Diego, William Young, author of The Shack, was a featured speaker. He had his own break-out session and was interviewed in one of the general sessions by Andy Crouch, senior editor of Christianity Today. It was said that 57% of the attendees had read The Shack, and Young was enthusiastically received.

The Shack is a fictional account of a man who is bitter against God for allowing his youngest daughter to be murdered and who returns to the scene of the murder, an old shack in the woods, to have a life-changing encounter. The God that he encounters, though, is not the God of the Bible. Young depicts the triune God as a young Asian woman named Sarayu (supposedly the Holy Spirit), an oriental carpenter who loves to have a good time (supposedly Jesus), and an older black woman named Elousia (supposedly God the Father). God the Father is also depicted as a guy with a ponytail and a goatee.

Young's god is the god of the emerging church. He is cool, loves rock & roll, is non-judgmental, does not exercise wrath toward sin, does not send unbelievers to an eternal fiery hell, does not require the new birth, puts no obligations on people, doesn't like traditional Bible churches, does not accept the Bible as the infallible Word of God, and does not mind if the early chapters of the Bible are interpreted as myth.

Note the following quotes from Young's god: **"I dont need to punish people for sin. Sin is its own punishment, devouring you from the inside. Its not my purpose to punish it..."** (The Shack, p. 120). Contrast this with Isaiah 13:11.

"Those who love me come from every system that exists. They were Buddhists or Mormons, Baptists or Muslims ... and many who are not part of any Sunday morning or religious institutions. ... I have no desire to make them Christian" (p. 182). Contrast with Acts 4:12; 26:28. The Shack's god is suspiciously similar to the one described in the books of the more liberal branch of the emerging church. Young's god also has a strong kinship to the New Age god promoted by Oprah Winfrey. The Shack is another building stone of the end-times Tower of Babel.

* **GOOGLE IS WATCHING YOU** - The following is excerpted from Google's G1 Phone Makes It Easy to Track Surfing Habits, USA Today, Feb. 8, 2009: "The new Google phone, dubbed the G1, has been touted as a working man's smartphone--a cheap, Web-friendly wireless device that can make life easier for millions of consumers. The G1, as it turns out, also stands to make life a whole lot easier for Google--by making it a snap to track your movements on the mobile Web and send you ads as it does on the desktop. The device, sold exclusively by T-Mobile, gives Google access to your e-mail, instant messages, contact lists, Web-search history and geographic location. By keeping tabs on your mobile life, Google can quickly figure out what sort of ads to send your way, and when. 'It's like a walking surveillance device,' says Jeffrey Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy, a consumer watchdog group. 'It's never been easier to get information on the run. Smart devices such as the G1 and Apple iPhone let you put the Internet in your pocket and go--down the block or across the country.'

Once data have been collected and warehoused, you lose control of it forever and there's no way to get rid of it. You can't see what's been collected or have it expunged. It's Googled for as long as it wants to hold onto it. ■

*Oh, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.*

*O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear Thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, Thou hast promised
to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.*

*O let me see Thy footprints,
and in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.*

- John E. Bode

BE PLANNING NOW TO BRING SOMEONE TO HEAR -

EVANGELIST MALCOM ELLIS

Wednesday April 8 - Sunday, April 12



- Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching**
- Old-Fashioned Singing**
- Old-Fashioned Revival Services**



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