

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
Cradle Roll 2: Shirley White
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
Cradle Roll 2: Kelsey Moreno
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of February 17, 2013

Sunday School ----- 20
Sunday Morning Service ----- 41
Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
(no Wednesday Service last week)

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of February 17, 2013

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,347.00
Total Received for Week of 02/17/13: \$ 1,347.00

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 ----- \$ 180.92
Amount Still Needed by 03/05/13 = \$ 148.74

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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OLD-TIME RELIGION

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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).

The Old-Time Religion Centers In A PERSON -

Salvation is in a Person - not in works, not in character or morality, not in a church or church membership, not in the externals of religion; but in a Person; and that Person is JESUS CHRIST. Paul said, "I know whom . . ." "Get it; the word is not *"what."* Salvation is not in a *"what."* **"I know whom I have believed [trusted], and am persuaded [fully convinced] that he is able to keep that which I have committed [entrusted] unto him against that day."**

Notice he did NOT say, "I know what I have done," or "what kind of life I have lived," but simply, *"whom I have trusted."* I sat by the bedside of a man in a hospital one day, trying to lead him to CHRIST. I explained that Paul told his experience of salvation in one brief sentence, in these few words:

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." I said, "Listen to the word *'whom'* first - a Person. Paul said, **'I know whom I have trusted.'** He had trusted JESUS CHRIST, a Person, the Son of God, as his personal Saviour, his sin-bearer. Then he committed or entrusted something to Him. He had entrusted his soul and its destiny for time and eternity to Him." And I said, "That is his experience. That is his testimony." And I said to the unsaved man, "Do you see it?"

"Yes, I see it," said he. "Paul meant that he had put his trust in JESUS CHRIST as his personal Saviour, and had handed his soul over to CHRIST."

I said, "You are an unsaved man, but I have never heard a theologian give a better exposition of that text of Scripture than you have given."

He replied, "You mean I was an unsaved man. But I am not now. For the minute that light flashed into my soul, I trusted Him, I accepted Him, and I turned myself over to Him, and I am not an unsaved man any long. I am saved!"

This Old-Time Religion Rests Upon Three Great Facts:

1. *The first is the atonement of JESUS CHRIST.*

"He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Corinthians 5:21). He took my place; He bore my sin; He paid the penalty for my sin, the wages of which was death. My

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sin fell upon Him; the judgment of God was upon Him. **“He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all”** (Isaiah 53:5, 6).

The modernist would tell us that we are to be saved by imitating the beautiful life of Christ. But if you tell me that that is my only hope of salvation, I will tell you that you have not offered me any hope of salvation; for when I look at that marvelous life, I tell you frankly I can't live like that.

- the man who sentenced Him to death and turned Him over to be crucified testified: **“I find no fault in him.”**

- Pilate's wife came and said, **“Have thou nothing to do with that just man.”**

- Judas, who sold Him for thirty pieces of silver, said, **“I have betrayed innocent blood.”**

He was such a man that He could stand in the presence of His bitterest enemies and say, **“Which of you convinceth me of sin?”**

Not a sin, not a stain, not a fault, not a shortcoming! He never made a mistake. He never said nor did the wrong thing, nor had the wrong attitude.

And you tell me that I must imitate that life in order to be saved? I will tell you, as I look into my poor sinful heart, that you have not held out to me any hope of salvation. Instead, you have thrust me into the very depths of eternal despair; for try as much as I will to live like that (how I would love to!) I cannot, and there is no hope, if that is the way of salvation.

But if you tell me:

***There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains,***

- then my poor heart cries out, Lead me to that fountain.

That is what I need. Oh, I need something that will make me clean, that will rid my conscience of the burden of sin; something that will bring me again into reconciliation and peace with God. Thank God, He has promised that when I am washed in the blood of Christ He will put my sins behind His back and will remember them against me no more forever! He has said, **“The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** Oh, that is what I need!

2. The second fact upon which the old-time religion rests is the RESURRECTION OF CHRIST -

Oh, that grave could not hold Him! He is not a dead Christ. We do not worship a Christ on a crucifix. We worship a Christ who is living today; One who burst asunder the bonds of death and brought out with Him the keys of death and Hell. He is living

now at the right hand of God. God the Father said, **“Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.”**

This is why Paul said, **“He must reign, till he has put all enemies under his feet.”**

Oh, praise God, He is a living, conquering Christ. And the risen Christ is my hope of victory along the journey of life after I am saved. So many preach only half the Gospel. The first half is that Christ died for our sins, that He bore our sins on the cross and in that atonement made satisfaction for our sins, satisfying God's justice and holiness. God can now be just, and the **“justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”** But that is only half of the Gospel. The other half is this: **“He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”** He lives! He lives! He lives in me! That is salvation! Not in works, not in character, not in religion, but **“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”**

I have heard many a person say, “I would like to be a Christian, but if I were to be a Christian I would want to know that I could hold out.”

I want to tell you, my friends, you cannot do it, and nobody in the world could do it if it were not for the fact that Christ lives and when you are saved He comes into your heart to live there. Then we can say with Paul, **‘It is no longer I that live, but Christ that liveth in me.’** And, praise the Lord, **“Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”**

The victory is in trusting in His power, trusting in His divine leadership, trusting in His work in us to break the power of sin.

3. The third great fact is the intercession of Christ.

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make



intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25). **“Uttermost”** means in every battle; it means every step of the way, in every trial and every temptation; it means until I am safe in Glory.

That is why Paul said, **“He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”** What day, Paul? That day of all days; that day when the heavens shall be rolled together like a scroll and elements shall melt with fervent heat. He, the living CHRIST, is able to keep against that day; that day when the angel shall stand with one foot on the land and one on the sea and declare there should be time no longer. The living Christ is able to keep against that day.

Isn't it great to be a Christian! Isn't that a glorious salvation! I did not do the saving; I just did the letting. I just received. Faith is an empty hand that is held out to receive. That is all.

Eternal life is a gift that is offered; and it is held in a nail-scarred hand. **“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”**

When a gift is offered, the receiver -

- does not have to beg for it;
- does not have to merit it;
- does not have to purchase it;
- does not have to work for it
- he just holds out the empty hand of faith and receives it.

That is all that stands between any soul and salvation - just to receive it.

- God is able.
- Christ has died.
- Christ has paid the full penalty of sin.
- He has done everything necessary to save every soul on earth.
- He does not need your help.
- He is able to do it.
- God is satisfied with His finished work.
- God is reconciled with a lost world; and
- God is now saying, **“Receive”**; **“As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”** (John 1:12).

People stumble over the simplicity of it. In the pride of the human heart we want to help do it and so we pervert the Gospel of His grace and mix in our works.

This Old-Time Religion Satisfies!

It satisfies every longing of the human heart.

A dear girl came to me recently who had been taken into the church without having had an experience of grace. She had been disturbed for years. Her soul had been torn asunder; she had been wondering and groping in darkness. When she saw the simplicity of the plan of salvation in Christ, she said, “I reckon I have been

trying to make it too hard for myself.”

“No,” I said, “the Devil has been trying to deceive you and make you think it is hard.”

Then that dear girl said these words, “With all my heart I am opening the door for Jesus.” She left that room all but shouting happy, saying, “Oh, such peace! Such peace! Such peace!”

He satisfies: nothing else does. **“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

“It Will Do When I Am Dying”

It will not only give you that peace and satisfaction in life; make you happy every step of the way; put a new song in your soul; send you down the road of life rejoicing, but when you come to the end and lay your head on the dying pillow, there will be victory and glory even then.

I was called to the home of a little mother who was dying of tuberculosis. She had been on the bed more than three years, simply wasting away. One Sunday morning they called for me, saying, “Can you come? Delta is dying, and she wants you here.” When I walked into her room she was so weak she could hardly speak. When she saw me she smiled and said, “Brother Hankins, I am so glad you came. I wanted you to see how a Christian can die, so that you can tell others.”

She had two little girls, one seven and one ten. She called them to her bedside.

The little seven-year-old girl sat down on the bed beside her mother. The mother put an arm around each of them, drew them close to her, kissed them and bade them good-by. Tears were gleaming in her eyes, and the dying woman's mother, who was beside the bed, took a handkerchief and wiped them away.

As she did there broke a smile on that dying face and the glory of another world lighted it. I got a little peep right into Heaven when she looked into her mother's face and said, “Mother, in just a few minutes God will wipe away the last tear that will ever be in these eyes.” And then she said, “Babies, don't cry: Mother has had a hard time. It has been a hard struggle. But it is over and I am going to be with Jesus. Good-by. Jesus has come and I am going with Him.” And again, the glory of another world lighted her face.

I saw what they saw when Stephen died. And she fell asleep like a baby in a mother's arms.

Genuine salvation is something that will take you through every trial of life and make you happy every step of the way. You cannot drive the sunshine away, for the Sunshine in the soul will make a rainbow in the cloud and shed glory on every step of the way. And when you come to the end it will be a triumphant end, with glory and victory as you go out to meet your Lord and be forever with Him.

That is ***OLD-TIME RELIGION.***