

REMINDER

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***BE SURE AND BRING SOMEONE NEXT
SUNDAY TO HEAR -***

EVANGELIST MALCOM ELLIS



**NEXT Sunday, April 12 in both services
and
Monday - Wednesday Evenings @ 7 o'clock**



- Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching*
- Old-Fashioned Singing By Kent Buttram*
- Old-Fashioned Revival Services*
- Dinner-On-The-Grounds Following The
Sunday Morning Service*

***Old-Fashioned Revival Services Are Almost
A Thing Of The Past - Don't Miss Your
Opportunity To Be A Part Of One!***

Nursery Provided For Children Ages Three And Younger At All Services.



Faithfulness

I have wonderful friend who is now a Youth Pastor in Georgia. I met him when he was a young fellow when we both lived in Arkansas. I taught him tuba lessons before his dad went to be a pastor in Texas. Until recently, I had lost contact with him, and often wondered how he turned out. His dad quit the ministry when this young man was a teenager. Often, when this happens, the children quit and give up on God, also.

But not this young man.

He's "stayed by the stuff", even though his dad has not, and I am so grateful to God that he has. Now a Youth Pastor, he has the opportunity to influence new generations of young Christians, teaching them what he and I were both taught by our Pastor in Arkansas, Cliff Palmer. I used to wonder if, when I am an old man, if there would be anyone left out in the churches teaching and preaching the Word as we were taught and I try to do. So many of the young men who came through the ministry of that pastor have strayed off into the "modern" way of doing things. The same is true of so many that came through the ministry of my other Pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell - precious few are holding fast to that which is good, and, instead, are grasping at the shadows of a vibrant Christianity long since past.

As a result, as I said, I've often wondered if there would be any other "hold outs" when I am in my 80's.

Now I know there will be at least one younger fellow out there making sure that someone passes the torch on to the next generation, and that at least one of them does the same thing, and that the process will continue until Christ returns for us in the clouds.

It's not often that I take space in our Reminder to "wax eloquent" about how things used to be, and I hope you don't mind that I've done so this week. It's just that the life and testimony of this young man has given me a glimmer of hope for the future, and reassured me that God, indeed, never allows His Word to return unto Him void. May we all be faithful to the end, knowing that God has others we may know nothing about who are true to Him and His Word, and are holding forth the Light of the World to the dark corner of it in which they live, work, and minister.

If you know someone who is in the work of the Lord, be it as a church member, Sunday School, Bus, or Nursery worker, as a pastor, evangelist, or musician, and encourage them to "keep on keepin' on" for Christ and His Church.

"...be thou faithful unto death..."

- Revelation 2:10

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David Cloud

□ **AUTHOR OF THE SHACK DENIES SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT & HELL FIRE** - In an interview on March 13 with Kendall Adams of KAYP radio, William Young, author of The Shack, denied substitutionary atonement and hell fire, two cardinal doctrines of the biblical Christian faith. When asked, "I take it that you wouldn't agree that the cross was a place of punishment for sin," Young replied, "**No. I don't; I [don't hold] a penal substitution point of view.**" Young also said, "**I don't think that hell is physical fire and that kind of stuff and it is not an issue of separation from God.**" The Shack is very popular among emerging-type churches, but it presents a false god.

□ **CHRISTIAN ROCK HASN'T WORKED** - From the inception of "Christian" rock in the 1970's, we have been told that it is needed in order to "reach the youth." It is THE music of ecumenical evangelism. Now we learn from the latest Barna Poll that less than one-half of one percent of youth in America aged 18-23 have a "biblical worldview." The poll defined this as such things as believing that absolute moral truth exists, that the Bible is completely accurate in all of the principles it teaches, and that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life. Those are pathetically basic truths, so say the least, but the number of young people in America that believe them is infinitesimal. How can that be with all of the ecumenical evangelism programs and all of the churches broadcasting Christian rock?

The fact is that there is no spiritual power in Christian rock. Romans 12:2 forbids us to be conformed to the world, and God is never pleased with disobedience to His Word. The Bible says that the Christian race must be run according to the divine rule or there is no reward. "**And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully**" (II Tim. 2:5). Even sincere disobedience is displeasing to God. When Uzzah steadied the cart holding the ark, God struck him dead (I Sam. 6:6-7). It appears from the record that Uzzah was sincerely trying to assist in the service of God, but God did not accept it because it was not done according to His Word.

□ **MUSLIMS ATTACK "CHRISTIANS ON FACEBOOK" WEB SITE** - Todd Snider, whose pro-Israel site on Facebook was hacked and destroyed by Hezbollah supporters, is not alone; Facebook Jihad is breaking out all over. The group Christians On Facebook has become the latest target of attack for hackers who are posting pro-Islam messages. At 11:15am CDT on March 12, 2009, the group's name was changed to 'La ilaha illallahu Muhammadur Rasulullah,' which means 'There is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.' Since then the name has changed no fewer than ten times. The Christians on Facebook group itself has over 327,000 members from all variations of the Christian faith. This channel or group hack appears to have been designed to replace the fundamental tenants of Christianity with those of Islam.

SURVIVING FINANCIALLY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

We are living in interesting times, with uncertainty in the financial markets, high unemployment, government bailouts, and all of the mixed signals from our government in Washington, D.C. Here in our church, we have not been isolated from these events. We know those who are having a tough time making ends meet. Many of are looking at their investment portfolios as they continue to decline in value wondering what will happen next.

As you have probably noticed, the giving at our church has been affected as well. So far in 2009, our giving has been much lower than it was even six months ago. Because of this, it is important that we focus on being better stewards than ever before. Your Finance Committee and your Pastor assure you that every expenditure is being reviewed to make sure that it is absolutely necessary, and that we do not waste the Lord's money. We appreciate that these are not normal times, and we are reacting accordingly.

As a congregation, we ask that you continue to pray to seek God's guidance to what He would have you to do reference your tithes and offerings as we continue through the remainder of 2009. God asks us as Christians is to be faithful. As can be seen throughout the Bible, God does His best work in difficult times, when His people have been faithful.

We're grateful that we have no overhanging debt to service. Several years ago, our Pastor led the church to pay off all of it's outstanding debt, taught us to stay that way, and we have. Now, we're seeing the wisdom of what the Bible says when it says -

"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another..."

- Romans 13:8

Still, our operating costs must be paid. In addition, our congregation voted last Fall to take responsibility for the utilities for the parsonage so our Pastor would be relieved of that burden. The amount required for this to be possible amounts to an additional \$8.00 per person per week, which is well within our ability.

Therefore, we want to encourage all of our people to remain faithful to the Lord - faithful in Bible reading and prayer, faithful in witnessing, faithful in church attendance, and, of course, faithful in their giving of tithes and offerings. Though some Christians, when facing difficult financial times, find themselves holding off on their giving for fear of what might happen, let us all bear in mind that doing so is the straightest route to financial disaster. Faithfulness to God, on the other hand, always leads to God's blessing, as stated in Malachi 3:10, where the Lord says:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."



OUR MEDIA MINISTRY CONTINUES TO GROW!

Our church website, www.southheightsbaptist.com, is provided at no cost to us by a wonderful man who owns his own computer consulting business and serves as a Minister of Music in a church in Rochester, New York.

Some time ago, a friend of our Pastor's, who attends a large Baptist church in suburban Atlanta, Georgia, suggested to him that he might want to consider putting his verse-by-verse preaching/teaching through the Bible on the church website.

At first, our Pastor felt uncomfortable at the idea, because he didn't want to come across as, as he puts it, "grandstanding." However, after talking one day with one of our shut-in families, he realized that, since they have internet capabilities, they could listen to the messages that they miss because they cannot be with the rest of the church family the very day that the rest of the people heard them! After talking with the family, who expressed great delight at the idea, the Lord laid it on his heart to go ahead and put these Bible studies on the church website.

The man in Rochester, New York graciously helped the Pastor get everything set up, and it is now operational.

Thusfar, the following verse-by-verse Bible studies, taught by our Pastor, are available online for download or can be listened to in streaming audio:

*** Daniel * Amos * Romans * I Corinthians * Revelation
* Ephesians (all-through current)**

Each Sunday morning, our Pastor receives a note from the computers that provide our website, telling him, among other things, how many people visited the church website each week. It also states where those who visit the website are from, and what files are the most popular.

At this time, outside of the United States, the largest number of visitors to our church website come from RUSSIA! That's right - RUSSIA! Not only that, but it appears they are listening to our audio messages, because THE NUMBER ONE Bible studies being listened to and downloaded are the ones where our Pastor is preaching through the ***Book of the Revelation!*** Also popular are the studies from Ephesians and I Corinthians. Each week, approximately 96 Gigabytes of audio is downloaded or streamed from our website - please pray that God will move in the lives of those who listen to these studies.

In addition, we've added messages by Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. J. Harold Smith, Evangelist Malcom Ellis, and George Gardiner, who's messages on the Charismatic Movement are a MUST LISTEN for every serious student of the Bible!

Please visit our Media Ministry page of the church website soon, and tell others about it, too!

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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

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

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of March 29, 2009

Sunday School (snow) -----	00
Sunday Morning Service -----	26
Evening Service -----	29
Wed. Eve. Service, 04/01/09 -----	22

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of March 29, 2009

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$	1,264.00
Love Off'g, Malcome Ellis (we're saving up) -----	\$	50.00
New Hymnals Fund -----	\$	10.00
New Piano Fund -----	\$	10.00
Parsonage Renovation Fund -----	\$	20.00

Total Received for Week of 03/29/09: \$ 1,354.00

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: \$ 1,220.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 570.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 324.00



BE SURE AND SIGN UP FOR OUR CHURCH-WIDE DINNER FOR NEXT SUNDAY TODAY!

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