

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Dorothy Marrs
 Cradle Roll 2: LeAnna White
 Sun. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Piper Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Ryan Quinnelly
 Wed. Wed. Eve. Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Seth White
 Cradle Roll 2: Shirley White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of April 3, 2016

Sunday School ----- 19
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 26
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 20
 Wed. Eve. Service, 04/06/16 ----- 20

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of April 3, 2016

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 816.00
 Total Received for Week of 04/03/16: \$ 816.00

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

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PLUMBING REPAIR FUND -

Amount For Entire Project ----- \$6,606.99
 Amount Received So Far ----- \$ 867.00
Total STILL NEEDED to pay off: \$5,739.99

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
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
 ----- Greeter
 Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarrt ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

REMINDER

Why I Am A Baptist

by the late Dr. Noel Smith

Baptists are a people. They have a historical identity. They have a historical image. Their continuity is the longest of any Christian group on earth. Their doctrines, principles, and practices are rooted in the apostolic age. I am not a Pharasaical sectarian, but I don't confuse Baptists with the Reformers. The Reformers wanted to reform the Roman Catholic Church; the Baptists were against the Roman Catholic Church, because it was not a New Testament church.

Protestantism originated in the Reformation. Protestantism is "protest-ism." That's a Negative. Negativism has within it the seed of its own disintegration. The Baptists were **not** reformers. They were not protestors. They were positive. Freedom of conscience is not a Reformation doctrine; **it is a Baptist doctrine**. Religious liberty is not a Reformation doctrine; **it is a Baptist doctrine**. Believer's baptism is not a Reformation doctrine; **it is a Baptist doctrine**. Baptism of the believer by immersion in water, symbolizing the believer's death, burial and resurrection with Christ is not a Reformation doctrine; **it is a Baptist doctrine**. The local, visible, autonomous assembly, with Christ as its only head and the Bible as its sole rule of faith and practice, is not a Reformation doctrine; **it is a Baptist doctrine**. Worldwide missions are not a Reformation doctrine; **it is a Baptist doctrine**. The Reformers had no missionary vision and no missionary spirit. For almost two hundred years after the Reformers, the Reformation churches felt no burden to implement the Great Commission.

What kind of world would the Western world have been had Protestantism became its master? Who but the Baptist kept Protestantism from becoming master? The general attitude today is that the truth is determined by the passing of time; that there aren't eternal, abiding truths. "You can't turn the clock back. Time invalidates all truth. Time invalidates one set of truth and fastens another set upon us." Baptist history repudiates this philosophy of fatalism. Baptists today are believing, teaching, preaching, and practicing the truths that they believed, taught, preached, and practiced two thousand years ago. It gives me a feeling of stability to reflect that I, as a Baptist, am in the stream of this long continuity of faith and practice. The Baptist people are a great continuity...a great essence...a great dignity. The world has never needed them more than it needs them today. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ ***U.K. PRISON CHAPLAIN FIRED FOR QUOTING BIBLE*** - The following is excerpted from “Christian Prison Chaplain,” Christianity Today, Mar. 17, 2016:

“A prison chaplain who was accused of reading ‘homophobic’ Bible verses to prisoners has lost his claim for unfair dismissal. The Rev. Barry Trayhorn, a Pentecostal minister, said he was discriminated against when he was reprimanded for the Bible verses he read to prisoners at HMP Littlehey where he worked as a gardener and led services in the chapel as a volunteer. He said the passages were about God’s love and he had wanted to explain the concept of forgiveness to the prisoners. In one service he read [read I Cor. 6:9-11] which condemns homosexual behaviour. He was given a final warning by prison authorities who found he had breached equality laws.

Trayhorn claimed he had been forced out of his paid job as a gardener as a result. The Christian Legal Centre backed him in his constructive dismissal case. The tribunal found he spoke in an ‘insensitive’ way which failed to have regard for the special nature of the congregation in the prison. ... Trayhorn said, ‘This decision has two very worrying consequences: Firstly, the tribunal has effectively said that inmates will no longer be able to listen to sermons preached from the Bible which could change their behaviour for the better, as they become Christians and God transforms their lives. Secondly, this case is a warning shot to church leaders across the land that the ever growing political correctness will soon be hitting pulpits and if congregations do not like what they hear about sexuality, complaints will be made.’”

□ ***PLASTIC FRUIT CHRISTIANITY AND IT’S ADJUSTABLE JESUS*** - The following is excerpted from Matt Walsh, “If Your Church Makes Christianity ‘Cool’ and Comfortable, You Should Find a New Church,” Dec. 17, 2015:

“The preview for [Rich Wilkerson’s] new reality show intersperses clips of Pastor Rich cavorting on the beach with his scantily clad wife with footage of him shouting self-help clichés. [Wilkinson is the pastor of a church in Miami and officiated at the wedding of Kim Kardashian and blasphemous rapper Kayne West who calls himself God.] ... At one point, Rich reveals to the viewing audience his insightful pastoral motto: ‘I don’t think people are interested in a bunch of religion--like, yo, tell me what I can and can’t do--but I think people are interested in a relationship with a higher power.’ In the article, he explains that the Gospel does not demand ‘behavior modification.’ ...

These days, churches increasingly cater to Christians who hate Christianity but still want to be ‘spiritual.’ ... They want the appearance of the dish but none of the ingredients whatsoever. What they end up with, then, is a meal similar to the kind my 2-year-old daughter serves after she’s ‘made dinner’ in her Fisher-Price kitchenette: a colorful plate filled with plastic fruit and imagination. I think the phrase ‘personal relationship with

Jesus’ (or ‘a higher power,’ as Pastor Rich so fashionably put it) has been especially useful to the practitioners of Plastic Fruit Christianity. ...

When many people speak of a Personal Jesus, what they really desire is an Adjustable Jesus. They want to be disciples on their own terms; to calibrate their religion to a more relaxing, luxurious setting; to throw out the difficult, challenging aspects of Belief and put something customized and convenient in its place. When these folks say ‘my personal relationship with Jesus,’ all that really registers is the ‘my.’”

□ ***HILLARY CLINTON COMMUNING WITH DEVILS*** - The following is excerpted from “Hillary Clinton” by Mark Ellis, blog.godreports.com, Mar. 21, 2016:

“In late 1994, President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, invited a group of popular self-help authors to Camp David to help them find answers after the Democrat’s devastating loss to the Republicans in the 1994 congressional elections. ... One was Jean Houston, co-director of the Foundation for Mind Research, which studies psychic experience and altered and expanded consciousness. ... ‘Houston believed that her personal archetypal predecessor was Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom. She conducted extensive dialogues with Athena on her computer that she called ‘docking with one’s angel.’ Houston wore an ancient Hellenistic coin of Athena set in a medallion around her neck all the time.’

On her visit to the White House in early April 1995, Houston proposed that Hillary dig deeper for her connections to Mrs. Roosevelt. ... Hillary sat back in her seat and closed her eyes. ‘You’re walking down a hall,’ Houston said, ‘and there’s Mrs. Roosevelt. Now let’s describe her.’ Hillary proceeded to describe what she saw. Houston instructed Mrs. Clinton to go to Eleanor and speak to her ... Hillary entered into a long discourse directed toward the former first lady. Houston asked the first lady to further open up herself to Mrs. Roosevelt, borrowing a technique ‘practiced by Machiavelli’ ... Bob Woodward says this session with Houston--which some labeled a séance--lasted an hour.

Another well-known psychic, Marianne Williamson, participated in some of the sessions, according to Eric Barger....She spent the night in the White House when the Clintons were there and went up to the rooftop solarium for the séances, he says. In 1994 Esquire magazine reported that Hillary Clinton was a devotee of Williamson, that Williamson was spending nights in the Lincoln bedroom, and the pair were staying up late exploring how to heal America.

Paul Kengor, author of God and Hillary Clinton, says Hillary was involved in ‘clairaudient channeling,’ which ‘involves relaxing oneself in either a fully conscious or mildly altered state of consciousness and then listening to one’s inner-self.’”

□ ***THE CLINTON’S PASTOR IN WASHINGTON D.C.*** - The following is excerpted from “Hillary Clinton” by Mark Ellis, blog.godreports.com, Mar. 21, 2016: “Another one of Hillary’s

major spiritual influences during her time in the White House was Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, the pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington D.C., which the Clintons attended. In 1995 the Daily News quoted Rev. Wogaman saying, ‘The Scriptures, like the Washington Post, contain both truth and error.’

He also said, ‘The government, not the church, is the answer for the poor,’ and, ‘Drug abuse, murder, unethical business practices, family breakup and homelessness were created by unrestrained laissez-faire capitalism.’

In 1986, Rev. Wogaman called for ‘revenue sharing on a world scale.’ He also taught that God is both he and she and talked about one-world government and building a world religion. ‘They put the homosexual couples in the front row of the church,’ Eric Barger notes. ‘That was pretty provocative over 20 years ago.’”

□ ***OWNERS OF CHRISTIAN BED AND BREAKFAST GIVEN ONEROUS PUNISHMENT FOR REFUSAL TO HOST HOMOSEXUAL CIVIL UNION*** - The following is excerpted from “Illinois Bed and Breakfast,” ChristianNews.net, Mar. 30, 2016:

“The owners of a bed and breakfast in Illinois have been ordered to pay \$80,000 after they declined to host a civil union ceremony for two homosexual men on the premises, and have been mandated to facilitate a celebration for the men at their facility within one year.

In 2011, Todd Wathen contacted TimberCreek via email to inquire if the bed and breakfast would be hosting civil union ceremonies after Illinois approved the unions that year via the ‘Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act.’ Jim Walder replied that the facility had no such plans, and advised Wathen that ‘homosexuality is immoral and unnatural,’ and that ‘it’s not too late to change your behavior.’ Three days later, Wathen filed a discrimination complaint with the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois (ACLU) also soon became involved and sought emotional damages for Wathen and his partner, Mark. Now, Michael Robinson, an administrative law judge appointed by the Commission, has ordered Walder to pay \$30,000 in damages to the men (\$15,000 each), as well as \$50,000 in attorney’s fees and more than \$1,200 in costs. Robinson also mandated that Walder follow the Illinois Human Rights Act by not declining further events, and that he additionally host Wathen’s celebration at the bed and breakfast within one year. The two men held a ceremony in their yard in 2011 after being declined; they did not seek other facilities as alternatives.

In a statement issued to the Ford County Record, Walder has stated that he cannot comply with the order. “To be absolutely clear, we cannot host a same-sex wedding even though fines and penalties have been imposed by the Illinois Human Rights Commission,” he said. “Our policy will not be changing.”

WONDER WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN?

Someday we'll stand before our Lord, and He will look at us and say,

“My child, what did you do, with the life I've given you? The promises you were to claim, the power you had in My own Name?”

And I will have no crowns to lay before the feet of my dear Lord.

The gifts and knowledge that were mine, why didn't I redeem the time? The love He had for me was abundant and so free!

And then I'll meet Him face to face - I'll want to praise Him for His grace - and I will have no crowns to lay before the feet of my dear Lord.

How sad - no crowns to show my dear Lord.

We'll say, “Oh Lord! We had no time - no money, no talents, or gifts Divine!” And He will say, my child - you had everything in Me!

Wonder what could have been, if we'd have given all to Him? Wonder what he would do, if only to Him we'd be true? Wonder what we would see, if we from sin would be set free? Wonder what miracles we'd see?

And oh! How He fills every need of my life, He wants to give me joy in my trials and my strife.

He wants to give more, so much more than I can know, but He's waiting to reap, until I sow. . .

Wonder what could have been, if we'd have given all to Him? Wonder what he would do, if only to Him we'd be true? Wonder what we would see, if we from sin would be set free? Wonder what miracles we'd see?

What will I hear my Master say?

When I stand before Him on that Judgement Day?

Will I hear Him say, "Well Done" for the things I've said and done?

What will I hear my Master say?

If I trust in good things I can do, I will find out then that they are all worthless, too.

When the fire removes the dross, will my life reveal the Cross? If I trust in good things I can do?

If I let Him live His life through me, I will live in confidence, and dignity. And to Him my hands I'll raise - as I sing my Saviour's praise, if I let him live His life through me.

And to Him my hands I'll raise - as I sing my Saviour's praise - and I will share my Saviour's love, through Eternity.

- Robert & Anita Wagoner