

**NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK**

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars  
 Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars  
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Rebekah White  
 Cradle Roll 2: Nathaniel White  
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kayla Avey  
 Cradle Roll 2: Shirley White

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

Week of April 8, 2012

Sunday School ----- 18  
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 41  
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 24  
 Wed. Eve., 04/11/12 Service ----- 23

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

Week of April 8, 2012

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 673.00  
 Total Received for Week of 04/08/12: \$ 673.00

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

**INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR APRIL 2012:**

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 273.08  
 Amount Received thusfar during April, 2012 ----- \$ 3.00  
 Amount Needed by May 5, 2012 - \$ 249.08

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**RYAN QUINNELLY'S CORRECT ADDRESS -**

Please write Ryan Quinnelly, who is in Basic Training right now in the National Guard. Letters, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc., are allowed, but NO food or drink :



**PFC Quinnelly, Ryan M**  
**RN#404 C Co 2nd Bn 47th Inf 192 Brigade**  
**5375 Hanson Dr Bldg 3245**  
**Fort Benning GA 31905-4934**

**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!*

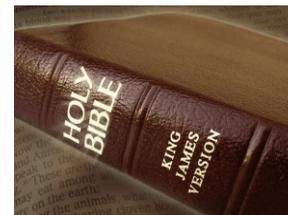
Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

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 ----- Outreach  
 Flowers ----- Shirley White

**REMINDER**



**A Tale of Three Cities:  
 Where the Bible Versions Began**

by the late Dr. David F. Reagan, Pastor  
 Antioch Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee  
*(continued from last week)*

**A** *Tale Of Three Cities* begins in the Roman Empire during the time of Christ. The three cities (Rome, Alexandria, and Antioch) were the three largest and most influential cities in the Roman Empire. Yet, to the Christian, their influence concerning Bible corruption and preservation is of much greater importance.

As capital of the Roman Empire and the empire's largest city, **ROME** ruled the ancient world. Rome emphasized form, legalism, and tradition. Through tradition, Rome became the center of Biblical addition. The Apocrypha is one example of how Rome added to scripture. From Italy, Rome dominated the theology and spiritual life of southern Europe and northern Africa.

**Alexandria, Egypt**, the second largest city, was the world capital for science, education, and scholarship. Great minds gravitated to Alexandria. This home town of Philo and Origen dominated the theology of surrounding Egypt and Palestine. As is the practice of modern scholarship, Alexandria subtracted from the Word of God. *The Alexandrian Text is still the basis of modern Bible corruptions.*

The third largest city of the empire was *Antioch of Syria*. Located in the East, Antioch dominated the regions of Syria and Asia minor, the lands of early apostolic work. Antioch was known for her luxury and cosmopolitan flavor, but also for a literal interpretation of scripture. Although belittled by the scholarship of today, the Syrian Text was the underlying basis for the King James Version of 1611.

These three cities were located in three important countries on three different continents. They represented the three major races. Why are they so important? How did these cities become so influential in the historical transmission of the Biblical Text? These questions and more are to be answered in the following text. **But never forget that God promised to preserve His Word.** Our greatest concern should never be to judge or criticize the Word, but to find it, then read it, study it, memorize it, obey it, teach it, preach it, and if necessary, die for it.

Thusfar, we've looked at Alexandria and Rome. This week, we will look at the city of

**Antioch**

Antioch was located in Syria on the Asian continent. The native inhabitants of Antioch descended from Shem, one of the sons of Noah, through Aram (Gen. 10:22). Please notice that God did not use the Japhethites of Europe or the Hamites of Africa to preserve His Word. He used the Shemites of Asia of whom Noah prophesied, **"Blessed be the Lord God of Shem" (Gen. 9:26)**. This scripture shows that God is going to use the Shemites throughout history in a special way. He established His chosen nation, the nation of Israel, through Abraham who was a descendent of Shem. He offered salvation to mankind through the Jews, for Christ declared, **"salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22)**. He also revealed Himself to mankind in the Bible which was written by Jews and given to Jews (Rom. 3:1-2). If God's chosen people, His offer of salvation, and His written Word all came through the children of Shem in accordance with the prophecy of Noah, why then would God not use the children of Shem to preserve His book? The Syrians of

*(continued inside)*

Antioch were the Shemites which God used to preserve His New Testament during the first centuries after it was written.

Antioch has a great influence in the area of Asia Minor as well as in Syria. These areas were the early locations of the greatest revivals and most extensive evangelism. Most of the New Testament books were either written or received in this part of the world. By His wonderful providence, God had placed Antioch in a special place of importance. Antioch became the early center for Bible-believing Christians and Bible preservation.

Much is revealed about a Bible teacher or Christian group by examining their approach in interpreting scripture. The same is true in the study of Rome, Alexandria, and Antioch. **Rome** took the approach of ecclesiastical interpretation. In other words, the past traditions of the church and church theologians determine the meaning of the passage. The approach of **Alexandria** was that of allegorical interpretation. Scripture was to be spiritualized by scholars in order to conform it to their philosophical beliefs. **Only Antioch took the literal approach to Biblical interpretation.** According to this approach, the Bible means what it says and says what it means. There is no need to change or manipulate scripture because the Word of God is already perfect. Now who do you want to copy your next Bible manuscript: the traditionalists from Rome, the scholars from Alexandria, or the literalists from Antioch?

### **Biblical Mention**

No matter how much we know about a place historically, the bottom line is still, “What saith the Scripture?” The city of Rome is mentioned nine times in the New Testament and is characterized as a place of persecution (II Tim. 1:15-17). Although only mentioned three times by name, Alexandria is clearly a place of false doctrine according to scripture (Acts 6:9; 18:24-26). But our greatest amount of Biblical information is reserved for the city of Antioch. It is mentioned by name **nineteen times** and has great importance for us today. In fact, the church at Antioch is the greatest example of Biblical Christianity in the entire New Testament.

The founding and early ministry of the church at Antioch are described in Acts 11:19-30. Acts 13:1-4 narrates the calling and sending of the first missionaries out of Antioch: Barnabas and Paul. From these two passages we learn seven basic characteristics of the church at Antioch. First, the church at Antioch was a preaching church (Acts 11:20,23). Second, it was a witnessing church (Acts 11:21,24). Third, it was a teaching church (Acts 11:26; 13:1). Fourth, the church at Antioch was a serving church: **“The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch” (Acts 11:26).** Fifth, it was a giving church (Acts 11:29-10). Sixth, it was a praying church (Acts 13:2-3). And seventh, the church at Antioch was a missionary church (Acts 13:3-4).

Being founded on these principles, the church at Antioch continued in its Biblical ministry for several centuries. Why

then should any one think it strange that God would use the influence of Antioch in the preservation of scripture? That is exactly what He did.

### **New Testament Preservation**

There are about 4,000 or 5,000 existing manuscripts of the New Testament. They have been classified according to their characteristic readings by various scholars and divided into families. Although all divisions of manuscripts are manmade and therefore subject to dispute, one of the most accepted divisions separates the manuscripts into three families. These families are called the **Western**, the **Alexandrian**, and the **Syrian**. The Western Text is related to Rome, the Alexandrian Text is related to Alexandria and the Syrian Text is related to Antioch. The Western and Alexandrian Texts are represented by a minority of manuscripts and corrupt the pure Word of God. The Syrian Text represents the great majority of manuscripts and, as a whole, preserves the pure Word of God. This pure text is still preserved for us today in the English of the King James Version.

Book after book has been written in the last hundred years on both sides of the issue of textual differences. **But the real question is whether God preserved His Word or not.** If He did, He could have used anyone in any way, although history definitely points to Antioch. If He did **not**, then our Bible is corrupted beyond repair, and we are left without any final authority for truth. We are left blind in a world blackened by sin and rebellion toward God. But we do have the pure and preserved words of God. Open up your King James Version and read, study, teach, and preach it. Its words are without error and without mistake. Therefore, we can proclaim its message without apology.■



The Word of God shall stand forever—Isaiah 40:8

## **NEW OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS**

□ **HARVARD’S ANTI-ISRAEL PROGRAM** - The following is excerpted from “Harvard’s Academic Pogrom,” FrontPageMag.com, Feb. 22, 2012:

“Harvard University is a school of rich tradition. And in a few days it will be restoring a great Harvard tradition dating back to the 1930’s: the tradition of hosting Nazis and violent anti-Semites on campus seeking the mass murder of Jews. Harvard is to hold a pseudo-academic conference devoted to calls for Israel’s extermination. This ‘academic conference’ will be little more than a genteel campus pogrom. Misnamed the ‘One State Conference,’ it will definitely not have any discussion of any ‘one-state solution’ under which all of Western ‘Palestine’ remains one single Jewish state, while ‘Palestinians’ unhappy about living there as a political minority move to one of the 22 Arab states. When the conference organizers and speakers talk about a ‘one-state solution,’ what they mean is a Rwanda solution, a final one, to the ‘Jewish Problem’ of the Middle East. They want Israel annihilated and replaced by a ‘bi-national’ state with an Islamist Arab majority in control. And it does not take a great imagination to understand just how Jews will fare under such a ‘solution.’

The ‘star’ of the Harvard pogrom will be Ilan Pappé, who is arguably the most thoroughly discredited pseudo-academic on the planet. Pappé is a notorious fabricator, someone who claims proudly that facts and truth are of no importance. ... Pappé is an expatriate Israeli who devoted one of his ‘books’ to his sons with the wish that they may grow up in a world without Israel. His own University of Exeter recently chastised him for his infamous habit of playing fast and loose with facts. ... While Pappé may be the most notorious fabricator at Harvard’s Destroy Israel Conference, he is hardly the only one. A close runner-up will be Stephen M. Walt, who - along with his sidekick John Mearsheimer - is best known for proliferating medieval ‘theories’ about a grand Jewish cabal plotting to control the world. Walt and Mearsheimer spin yarns about the imaginary power of the ‘Jewish lobby’ that sound very much like German propaganda from the 1930’s.”

□ **MT. EVEREST GROWING** - A new survey indicates that Mt. Everest has grown in height by 90 cm (35.43 inches) in nine years. The Himalayas were probably formed either during the massive global upheaval of the Flood or afterwards when the rock formations were still pliable and the water was violently resettling into “the deep” and the ocean basins. Today the Himalayas are heavily populated in many places at altitudes below 15,000 feet. About 30 million people live in Nepal, for example, and many more millions in Tibet, Pakistan, Bhutan, and the northern states of India. Bible prophecy indicates that the mountains will be leveled during a mighty earthquake that will shake the earth during the Great Tribulation (Revelation 16:18-20; Jeremiah 4:23-25).

□ **JOHN TALBOT’S MYSTICAL BRIDGE BUILDING** - CCM artist John Michael Talbot is filming a new video series featuring

the content of his itinerant conferences. The Roman Catholic musician travels nine months out of the year with the objective of renewing the “faith” of Catholics and building bridges between denominations (“John Michael Talbot Filming,” Christian Newswire, March 28, 2012). He does this through contemplative prayer practices, such as the breath prayer and the Jesus Prayer, Catholic liturgy, and contemporary folk rock music, all of which are forms of mysticism. ’

Talbot said that he delights to see Protestants who would never have darkened the doorstep of a Catholic church come to his concerts. He described the effect that his bridge building music has on people: “All of a sudden they say, ‘Hey, I feel very much at home here. That doesn’t mean necessarily I want to be a Roman Catholic, but I feel very much at home worshipping God with other people who are not that different from me’” (John Talbot, quoted in “Interfaith Album Strikes Sour Note,” Peter Smith, Religious News Service, Dec. 8, 1996). ’

The lyrics of many of Talbot’s songs are scriptural, and the music typically is soft rock ballad style, but those who dabble around with this type of thing are playing with fire. The spirit that led Talbot to join the Roman Catholic Church after his “conversion” and the spirit that led him to practice contemplative prayer and even Hindu yoga is **not** the Spirit of truth and therefore is not the Spirit of God. It is another spirit, which is exactly the spirit that permeates the field of contemporary worship music.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN! IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE**

## **2012 MEN’S ADVANCE**

**Friday, April 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
and Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The Men’s Advance has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the Men’s Advance is to impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community.

The meeting runs on a two-day format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 27, 2012, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 28. This year, we will again meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full smoked meat dinner Friday night, complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon. In addition to the Advance, a golf tournament is open to all attendees and precede the Advance earlier on Friday.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God’s Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men’s Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional “It Is Well With My Soul” finale. - **SIGN UP NOW IN THE FOYER!**