

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday School ----- 13
Sunday Morning Service ----- 32
Sunday Evening Service ----- 27
Wed. Eve. Service, 04/18/18 ----- 30

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of April 15, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,068.19
Total Received for Week of 04/15/18: \$ 1,068.19

- Week of April 8, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,457.35
Total Received for Week of 04/08/18: \$ 1,437.35

- Week of April 1, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,401.42
Total Received for Week of 04/01/18: \$ 1,401.42

- Week of March 25, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 904.35
Total Received for Week of 03/25/18: \$ 904.35

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

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
Rana Crawford ----- Greeter
Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
Bertha Segebart ----- Custodian
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

ATTENTION ALL MEN! GET READY TO HEAD TO ATTEND THE - 2018 MEN'S ADVANCE



**Friday, April 27,
at 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday,
April 28,
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, 2017, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 28. Again 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.

***DON'T MISS THIS!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP & GO!***





Wanted: An Old-fashioned Church

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm looking for a good Christian church. I don't want to sing songs off a wall, the same five notes, over and over and over and over again while I am lightheaded from standing so long. There's a record of the hymns of God's people that spans 2000 years. **Why are we so arrogant as to think we don't need those wonderful songs any longer?** Have we gone through more suffering, more affliction, more pain for Jesus than those who wrote these enduring hymns? Does a semi-secular song writer in Nashville with a multi-million dollar music contract have more to say to us about God and the Christian life than the 17th-century hymn writer who lost four children and his wife during the 30 years War?

I don't want to have my eardrums bashed in by the three kids in the "worship band" who can't be bothered to bathe, shave, dress or comb their hair on Sunday morning. If it's **really** all about the God that Scripture describes as ineffably holy, shouldn't that be reflected in attitude and dress for those who serve in church music?

I don't want a vampy "praise and worship" leader who is flaunting her (or his) wares at every male (or female, as the case may be) within view as she (he) does her (his) worship moves on "stage". If we are to worship God in spirit and in truth, as Scripture tell us, than what's all the flesh about? **Can we no longer discern the difference?**

I don't want to see people in beach attire with their backsides peeping out of their shorts because they think that God isn't worth their best efforts at dressing. "God doesn't care about clothes, only man", they say. But the **real** reason is that it's just plain easier to cruise into church in jeans or whatever is still lying on the floor from the night before. Dressing up for worship of the Lord would cost them something, however little, and they don't want to pay it.

I also don't want to see all the variations on lovers' back rubs where Chuck and Sue take turns massaging each other's neck and shoulders during the sermon so everyone behind them is completely distracted. Behavior affects other people. Are Christians so self-absorbed that they never think about the people behind them trying to hear the message?

I don't want to hear announcements during "worship" about the youth group pizza blast and laser tag event next Tuesday night, the need for grills for the upcoming church fun-fest or jokes about how Bill burned the wieners last summer at the church picnic. Why can this not be put at the end after our

"worship" is completed?

I don't want Christian karaoke for "special music". Screeching females trying to imitate their favorite pop stars belong at the local bar, not a house of prayer.

Let me tell you what I looking for in corporate worship of believers:

K I'm looking for a spirit of reverence among God's people, a sense that we have come to join in with the company of angels, archangels, and the church triumphant who gather before God's throne in that never ending heavenly worship.

K I'm looking for a service that is founded upon and completely focused on God and His Word. I want to begin the worship with an entrance Psalm, to be reminded that in worship we enter Heaven's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. I want to hear the name of God invoked at the beginning, opening the worship in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, without which Spirit, we worship in vain.

K I need to confess my sins, receive the comforting assurance that God has forgiven me, and I want to corporately confess my faith with my fellows believers. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD...

K I need to sing of God's holiness, His attributes and His greatness through the hymns of the faith that have been handed down through the ages from the pens and the lips of those who have gone before us. Why? Because God is truly **"Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes"**. Because God is **"Holy, Holy Holy,"** our Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Because it is right and fitting that our souls should praise the King of Heaven. He is worthy of all our praise because He is **"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"**. To discard this canon of music of Christ's church down through time is to turn our backs on our family in the faith. In 21st Century America, we truly do not know better than they.

K I need to hear the Scriptures read out loud as much of it as possible. Three Scripture lessons are hardly enough. How often has a passage of Scripture read out spoken to my heart about something? Why is Scripture so often limited to the text of a message, if it's there at all now? The Old Testament Lesson. The New Testament Lesson. The Gospel Lesson. I need all the lessons that God's Holy Word can provide.

K I need to hear the Scriptures preached from a man of God, who is a man of prayer and personal holiness and who takes seriously his office of under-shepherd. Why do I want preaching? Because faith comes by hearing, the Bible says, and hearing by God's Word. I need conviction of the Holy Spirit in my own heart and life. I want to be reminded who God is and my duty before Him. I don't want a pastor who spews vulgarities and crude talk to show how "real" he is, or who feeds on Hollywood so that the only thing that comes out of his mouth is foolishness

in his pathetic attempts at cultural relevance. God's Word is eternally relevant. I can tell where the pastor gets his life food from. It always, always shows. Any pastor who is not a man of the Word and of prayer is no pastor at all.

K I want a pastor who prays for his sheep, who understands that we are in a spiritual battle, and that Satan hates us and will do anything he can to try to take our faith from us. I want elders who lead by example with their families. No family is ever perfect. That's why we need the forgiveness of our Savior daily. But elders should be leading lives that are Christ-honoring in their marriages and in their leadership and training of their children. When the children of an elder are worldly and carnal and disrespectful, it is plain that they are not keeping their homes in order. This kind of leadership no church needs because how will the members learn how to run their own homes and families if no godly example is in view? We are sheep. We need leaders.

K I want a time of serious prayer in church, seeking God for His help and wisdom in these dark times, for the needs of the congregation and for the witness of the fellowship in the community. As we kneel, we're reminded of our utter helplessness without the Lord.

K I want a benediction at the end of the worship, where the pastor tells us to go in peace, because we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, have been forgiven for our sins, and have the joyful assurance that God is with us and will take care of us.

This kind of old-fashioned church might meet in a rented room, a home, a gymnasium, a new, modern building, a vine-covered, old brick traditional church, a little white frame building or anywhere else. It is not the location that matters, it is the content and focus of the worship, and the heart of the leaders of the church.

K Outside of the corporate worship, I want a church that believes in evangelism and outreach. Doctrinal clubs that sit smugly complacent are actually mausoleums. Who wants to worship in a tomb? There is a world out there that needs the message of the Gospel. It is our responsibility to take it to them, and churches should facilitate and train members for this critical mission. Truly saved believers have a burning heart to share it with others. I want to be part of a church that has this burning heart. I want to be part of a church where the young people are not just going on mission trips because they get to have fun in cool places, but because they get to share with those who have never heard the truth that Jesus saves. Social work is fine, but the Gospel message of Jesus must be heard loud and clear in the midst of it.

If you know of such a church in my area, would you please contact me at the earliest convenience. I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

A Christian

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03/06/08

Only One Life

*It matters so little
How much you may own,
The places you've been
or the people you've known.
For it all comes to nothing
when placed at His feet.
It's nothing to Jesus,
- just memories to keep.
You may take all the treasures
From far away lands.
Take all the riches
you can hold in your hands.
And take all the pleasures
that money can buy,
But what will you have,
- when it's your time o die?
Only one life!
- so soon it will pass!
Only what's done
for Christ will last!
Only one chance to do His will!
So give to Jesus all your days,
it's the only life that pays,
When you recall -
You have but one life!
The days pass so swiftly,
the months come and go.
The years melt away,
like new fallen snow.
Spring turns to summer,
summer to fall.
Autumn brings winter,
then death comes to call.
Only one life!
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