

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: Kristi Hooper
 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 22, 2018

Sunday School ----- 13
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 40
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 31
 Wed. Eve. Service, 04/25/18 ----- 29

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of April 22, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 962.95
Total Received for Week of 04/22/18: \$ 962.95

- 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

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, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebart ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
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MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

The modern state of Israel was established on May 14, 1948. It is a fulfillment of the ancient Ezekiel 37

prophecy of the Valley of Dry Bones, which teaches that Israel will return from her diaspora, which is described in terms of a valley of death, in two stages. In the first stage she will return in a spiritually dead condition (verses 7-10). Verse 8 says, **"... lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: BUT THERE WAS NO BREATH IN THEM."** This is exactly what Israel is today and where Israel is today prophetically.

Modern Israel is setting the stage for the fulfillment of the last stage of Daniel's prophecy of the 70 Weeks (Da. 9:24-27), which describes the entirety of God's dealings with Israel from the time of the Babylonian Captivity to the second coming of Christ. The prophecy is specifically said to pertain to Daniel's people, Israel, and it is specifically said to describe the finishing of Israel's transgression, the making of reconciliation for her iniquity, and the bringing in of everlasting righteousness, which will begin with Christ's return (verse 24). By this prophecy we know that one prophetic week of seven years remains of God's final dealings with Israel, and at the beginning of that week the Antichrist will arise and make a seven-year covenant with many in Israel; and half way through the seven years, he will break the covenant and desecrate the third temple and cause the renewed sacrifices to cease This will initiate the last half of the seven years, which is called the Great Tribulation in the New Testament (Matthew 24:15-22).

Modern Israel is setting the stage for these events. She is back in her own land, having partially returned from the nations. She is preparing for the building of the third temple. She is looking for a peace-making, temple-building Messiah, which is a perfect definition of the Antichrist at the beginning of his reign. Israel must return to the land in a spiritually unconverted condition for these things to happen, because a converted Israel would not receive a false christ.

The stage is set!

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David Cloud

9 LIBERTY COUNSEL WARNING: CALIFORNIA ABOUT TO BAN BIBLE SALES - The following is excerpted from "Liberty Counsel," WorldNetDaily, Apr. 27, 2018:

"Liberty Counsel, which defends religious and civil rights, Friday warned that the state of California effectively is about to ban the sale of Bibles. A bill in the legislature, approved 50-18 in an Assembly vote this week, would forbid counselors from telling a gender-confused male client that he is actually a man. The law would allow, however, a counselor to advise a male he should identify as a woman. The legislation, AB 2943, 'is so far reaching that it also prohibits printed materials and even books,' Liberty Counsel warned. An affirmative vote in the Democratic-controlled state Senate appears to be likely.

Liberty Counsel explained the bill 'would prevent so-called conversion therapy, sometimes called Sexual Orientation Change Efforts, and add it to the list of fraudulent schemes under the states' Consumer Legal Remedies Act.' The bill declares 'advertising, offering to engage in, or engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual' is fraudulent business practice. ... This bill would also make it unlawful for any person to sell books, including the Bible, counseling services, or anything else that directs people to trust in Jesus Christ to help them overcome unwanted same-sex attraction or gender confusion.'

Randy Thomasson, president of SaveCalifornia.com, a leading pro-family group, criticized the bill. 'How can any legislator voting for this call themselves pro-choice when they've voted to wipe out a person's own choice of a counselor?' Thomasson asked. 'How can any legislator voting for AB 2943 say they support religious freedom when they've just threatened church bookstores that sell self-help books about overcoming unwanted same-sex desires? AB 2943 is anti-free-speech, anti-religious-freedom, anti-free-choice, and has no place in a free society. This intolerant bill contains no exemption and no protection at all for religious entities.'

Mat Staver, Liberty Counsel's chief counsel, added: "The implications of California AB 2943 reach far beyond regulating the type of counseling offered by licensed therapists. This bill is unconstitutional as it substitutes the government for personal choice and is a shocking assault on free speech. 'Imagine a church not allowed to sell Christian books, or even Bibles, that help people overcome same-sex attractions. This bill will do the unimaginable if passed. If it does pass, we will immediately file suit.'

9 KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE - About 2,500 years ago, during the Persian Empire, an angel told the prophet Daniel, "**But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased**" (Daniel 12:4).

We are seeing a dramatic fulfillment of this in our day. Recent inventions and discoveries include the following: NASA's new X3 rocket thruster uses expelled plasma to generate thrust and can produce eight times the thrust of a chemical rocket and requires less propellant. It is still in the development and testing stage, but it is intended to take humans to Mars within the next 20 years ("NASA's New Ion Thruster Engine," ScienceAlert.com, Oct. 14, 2017).

In 2018, the engineers plan to test the engine by running it continuously for 100 hours. Israeli company CorNeat Vision is set to begin clinical trials for a synthetic cornea that could provide sight to millions of blind and visually impaired people ("Israeli company unveils revolutionary artificial cornea," Israel21c.org, Oct. 9, 2017). "Corneat KPro uses advanced cell technology to integrate artificial optics within resident ocular tissue. The implant is produced using nanoscale chemical engineering that stimulates cellular growth."

9 THE HYDROLOGICAL SYSTEM -

"When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures" (Jeremiah 10:13).

In describing God's power and wisdom, the Bible refers to the great hydrological system. (See also Job 38:25-30, 34-35 and Amos 5:8.) Jeremiah mentions "**the multitude of waters in the heavens**" (referring to the clouds which hold great volumes of water); "**the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth**" (referring to the condensation and evaporation and evapotranspiration processes where water is carried aloft from the earth); the "lightnings" (lightning is an essential part of the hydrological system, though only dimly understood by modern science; it is an element of the electrification of the cloud system whereby "the storm clouds are charged like giant capacitors in the sky"; lightning strikes the earth about 100 times per second; it contains up to one billion volts of electricity, can be five times hotter than the sun, and can travel at 200 million mph); "with rain" (referring to the return of water to the earth by precipitation), "the wind" (which controls the movement of the clouds and affects precipitation).

By the global hydrological cycle, water, which is essential for life, is purified and redistributed and replenished. At its heart is the mysterious and marvelous element of water itself, which is capable of changing states between liquid, vapor, and ice. Jeremiah says God is in control of these things.

"He uttereth ... he causeth ... he maketh .. he bringeth forth."

These processes are not "natural" in the sense of having evolved or having a life of their own. The Creator is not an absentee God. He upholds all things (Heb. 1:3). By Him all things consist (Col. 1:17).

9 MARIJUANA SMOKING LINKED TO HIGHER STROKE, HEART RISKS - The following is excerpted from "Pot

Smoking," Newsmax.com, Mar. 16, 2018:

"A major new study claims that smoking marijuana dramatically increases a person's risk of suffering a heart attack and other cardiovascular events. The study authors, along with top cardiologists across the country, are calling for more research into the use of medicinal and recreational cannabis in light of the startling new evidence.

Researchers found that over a 5-year period, regular users as young as in their early 30s were 4.6 times more likely to have a cardiac-related illness than those who did not smoke the drug. Scientists from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio presented their findings at the recent American College of Cardiology (ACC) conference held in Washington, D.C.

While most medical concerns over the use of cannabis have been linked to mental disorders and depression, researchers also discovered a link between marijuana use and increased risk of stroke and heart failure. 'Even when we corrected for known risk factors, we still found a higher rate of both stroke and heart failure in those patients using the drug,' says Dr. Aditi Kalla, a cardiologist at Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. 'That leads us to believe that there is something else going on besides just obesity and or diet-related cardiovascular side effects.'

Researchers found that marijuana use was independently associated with a 26 percent increased risk of stroke and a 10 percent increase in heart failure. Kalla noted that medical or recreational marijuana use is legal in more than half of U.S. States so a better understanding of its ill effects is needed. 'While the studies did not show a direct cause and effect between pot use and cardiovascular events, the statistics do present an association which means we need more studies,' Dr. Kevin Campbell, a Raleigh, North Carolina-based cardiologist tells Newsmax Health. 'We already know that smoking marijuana damages the lining of the lungs and can adversely affect the liver. We need to investigate the correlation between pot and heart disease especially now with the push to legalize the drug across the country.'

9 INSIGHTFUL 19TH-CENTURY WARNING OF APOSTASY - At the 1886 International Prophetic Conference in Chicago, Baptist Pastor A.J. Frost delivered the following insightful warning about apostasy. He wasn't a prophet; he was a man who believed the Word of God literally. The leavening of which he warned is almost complete.

"The final and well-nigh universal apostasy of Christendom is repeatedly foretold in the Scriptures. This dispensation like all that have preceded it will end in the most fearful apostasy this world has ever known to be immediately followed by the overwhelming judgments of God.

In the Laodicean age of the church we find indifference and lukewarmness; a most nauseating condition! ... At this stage nearly all Christendom will be leavened with false doctrine; it is already rapidly working. The nominal Christian world will be one vast mass of baptized profession; a corrupt, mysterious mixture,

a spiritual malformation, a masterpiece of Satan the corruption of the truth of God, and the destroyer of the souls of men, a trap, a snare, a stumbling block, the darkest moral blot in the universe of God! It is the corruption of the very best thing and therefore the worst kind of corruption. It is that thing which Satan has made of professing Christianity. It is worse by far than Judaism, worse by far than all the darkest forms of paganism, because it has had higher light and richer privileges, made the very highest profession and occupied the loftiest platform.

Finally it is that awful apostasy for which is reserved the very heaviest judgments of God, the most bitter dregs in the cup of His righteous wrath. Few persons realize what nominal Christendom is today and the inevitable doom which awaits it. But our Lord gave abundant warnings of the degeneracy of the professing church and the Spirit of God testified against early corruption and foretold the failure and abuses which shall ripen into complete apostasy and which shall call down the judgments of God on Christendom" (Prophetic Studies of the International Prophetic Conference, 1886, page 169).

9 DO BIRDS MAKE MUSIC? The following is from CreationMoments.com, February 27, 2018:

"The Bible speaks of bird calls as songs, as most of us do. However, evolutionary theory has led some scientists to say that we are merely assigning human meanings to the calls of birds. They say that the bird calls have nothing to do with real music. Ornithologists have known for some time that bird songs use the same musical scales as our music.

Decades ago it was noted that some of Beethoven's work could be heard from the European blackbird. The music was the same as the opening rondo of Beethoven's 'Violin Concert in D, Opus 61.' Since these birds pass their songs from generation to generation, Beethoven could have gotten the lilting music from the forefathers of today's European blackbird!

The songs of some species, like the song sparrow, follow the form of a sonata, beginning with a strong theme, then the theme is musically played with, and for a finish, the original theme is then repeated. Mozart had a starling as a pet. Once, having heard Mozart play his 'Piano Concerto in C Major,' the starling not only imitated it, but changed the sharps to flats! Mozart exclaimed, 'That was beautiful!' When the starling died, Mozart held an elaborate funeral for it. Eight days later he wrote 'A Musical Joke,' which contains the same elaborate structure found in starling song.

Do birds make true music, as the Bible says? Contrary to what some evolutionists say, Beethoven and Mozart certainly thought they did."

