

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Kayla Avey
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Piper Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Shirley White
 Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of May 28, 2012

Sunday School -----20
 Sunday Morning Service -----36
 Sunday Evening Service -----26
 Wed. Eve., 05/30/12 Service -----No Service This Week

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of May 20, 2012

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 887.00
 Total Received for Week of 05/28/12: \$ 887.00

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

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR MAY 2012:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 273.08
 Amount Received thusfar during May, 2012 ----- \$ 23.00
 Amount Still Needed by June 5 ----- \$ 250.08

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, Shayne Hooper ----- Outreach
 Flowers ----- Shirley White



Praying For The Lost

by the late Evangelist Manley Beasley

Praying for the lost is an area about which much is said but little is known or understood. In order to fully realize the biblical concept we must first have at least a basic knowledge of what real prayer itself involves.

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16).

First of all, prayer is three-dimensional in its effect. Not only does it affect God, but it also affects man and Satan. This is very basic for an understanding of how to pray for the lost. We can learn by simple observation. If I am praying for the lost, then certainly God is involved, for it is He to whom I am praying. Man is obviously involved by the fact that one man is doing the praying and one man is receiving the benefits of the prayer. And, finally I do not think anyone would argue the fact that Satan and his forces are doing everything they can to prevent the salvation of souls. An understanding of this truth helps us see that we may expect a response from God and possible interference from Satan before any actual fruit is born in the individual's life.

Prayer itself is in truth much more involved than just “talking to God.” Prayer may express itself in five distinct levels and every level is utilized in prayer for the lost.

Level One: Confession

First of all, prayer is confession and confession is agreeing with what God says about sin. If I see a sin in my life I must recognize it as sin by agreeing with God through confession and receive victory by turning away from it through repentance. This is a clearly defined level of prayer mentioned in Scripture.

Level Two: Petition

Another level of prayer may be identified as petition. Most of us are familiar with this aspect which is simply making a request of God. This level of prayer is usually rendered on the basis of a need or desire that is stimulated by the availability of God.

Level Three: Praise

A third level of prayer that is significant is giving praise or adoration to God. This type of prayer can only come from a recognition of God for Who He is and what He is doing. Praise may be a response to no other distinct revelation than the fact that “God is.”

Praise does not depend upon any greater revelation than this.

Level Four: Intercession

The fourth level of prayer is intercession. There are three distinct phases to this level if it is true intercession. There must be the
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recognition of a genuine need and the identification with the need. And last, a cooperation with God to meet that need, even to the point of sacrifice.

Level Five: Word of Faith

The fifth and final level of prayer is the “spoken word of faith.” This is beautifully defined in Mark 11:22-24 where it says: **“And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”** This indicates that man can get in a position where God wants him and can stand against any opposition. Not only can he stand, but he can withstand, confessing what he knows to be the will of God and as a result see the manifestation of God.

How Does it Work?

I asked the Lord to teach me how to pray for the lost and He gave me a classic experience right in my own family. Our second, Stephen, was taught the Word God just as our other three children, from the beginning of his life. He made a profession of faith when he was six. However, as he became a teenager it was obvious that he was rebellious and was enjoying worldly sins without God’s corrective chastisement. He was a problem at home, church and school. We found that he had a problem with dyslexia causing him much inner frustration. But we knew that a “new nature” could also take care of that!

There must be the recognition of a genuine need and the identification with the need. And last, a cooperation with God to meet that need, even to the point of sacrifice.

Finally, after much prayer, we came to the decision that we would pray definitely for him to be saved, even though he said he was a Christian. We went through the five levels of prayer discussed here. Then we asked God for a promise for him in the Word. Things got worse for several months, but we refused to doubt. God gloriously save him and within the year called him to preach. He is now in school training for the ministry.

How does an understanding of these five levels of prayer help you pray for the lost? If it takes all of these levels combined to fully comprise prayer then all must be utilized in order to correctly pray for the lost. Let us look at some brief examples of these principles.

Most of use have seen a Christian get right with God and as a result get saved in the very same service. It is obvious that confession is a powerful aspect of prayer. On the other hand, many of use have had only to ask God to save another’s soul and

before long have seen this salvation take place. We can certainly recognize the value of petition as a needed level of prayer.

At times, souls have come to know Jesus as a result of God’s people praising Him. Remember the jailer’s response to the praise of Paul and Silas at Philippi recorded in Acts 16:22-34? This is a powerful tool in the arsenal of prayer.

Possibly the only example needed to illustrate intercession for the lost is the sacrifice of intercessory death that our Lord Jesus Himself made. Surely this is all the motivation we need as Christians to enter into the discipline of intercession. The Bible tells us that even now Christ is involved in intercessions for us in Heaven.

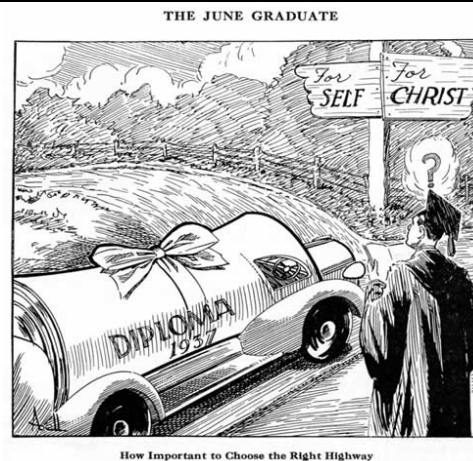
Many times when all other levels of prayer appear to bring no response, the simple but mighty principle of saying to that mountain, “Be thou removed,” results in victory. It would appear from the context that this area is particularly vital in “binding the strong man.” We must be willing to stand firm when we know what is the will of God.

Many people relate prayer only to petition, or at best intercession and petition, but prayer can involve much more than just these two levels, and we must be faithful to incorporate all that God has made available to us through prayer in order to see the lost world saved by the grace of God.

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplication, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

- I Timothy 2:1-4

Manley Beasley was a remarkable and powerful Southern Baptist evangelist who struggled for his last two decades of life with the pain and debilitation of multiple fatal illnesses. Throughout the difficulties, Beasley maintained his faith and said God was using his weaknesses for His greater glory. Beasley died in 1990 at age 58.



NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

FACEBOOK, APPLE, GOOGLE CENSORING CHRISTIAN SPEECH - The following is excerpted from “True Liberty in a New Media Age,” by Craig Parshall, National Religious Broadcasters, Sept. 15, 2011:

“The policies and practices of several major Internet-interactive ‘new media’ communications platforms and service providers were examined and evaluated in order to determine the risk of those entities committing anti-Christian viewpoint censorship. The companies reviewed were: Apple and its iTunes App Store; Facebook; MySpace; Google; Twitter; and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon. Our conclusion is that Christian ideas and other religious content face a clear and present danger of censorship on web-based communication platforms. ... Apple has twice removed applications that contained Christian content from its iTunes App Store. In both instances, Apple admitted that these apps were denied access because it considered the orthodox Christian viewpoints expressed in those applications to be ‘offensive.’ ... Of the 425,000 apps available on Apple’s iPhone, the only ones censored by Apple for expressing otherwise lawful viewpoints have been apps with Christian content. The search engine giant Google has committed past practices of anti-religious censorship. For content reasons, it refused to accept a pro-life advertisement from a Christian organization, an issue that prompted litigation in England. ... Also, in March of 2011, Google established new guidelines for its ‘Google for Non-Profits,’ a special web tool program, but specifically excluded churches and other faith groups, including organizations that take into consideration religion or sexual orientation in hiring practices. Facebook has partnered with gay rights advocates to halt content on its social networking site deemed to be ‘anti-homosexual,’ and it is participating in gay-awareness programs, all of which suggest that Christian content critical of homosexuality, same-sex marriage, or similar practices will be at risk of censorship.”

THIRD DAY JAMMING WITH ANTI-CHRIST KID ROCK - Jeff Royal sent the following information this week, which reminds us anew that Contemporary Praise Music is a bridge to the morally filthy, blasphemous world of secular rock and to the spiritually-dangerous world of end-time apostasy.

“CCM artists *Third Day* and *Need to Breathe* will be performing at BamaJam 2012 with the likes of Kid Rock and pot-smoking junkie Willie Nelson. I wonder if Third Day and NTB will jam with Kid Rock when he does the song, ‘Rock & Roll Jesus’? Here are the lyrics: ‘It’s a Rock revival/ Don’t need a suit/ Ya don’t need a Bible/ Get up and dance/ I’m gonna set you free yeah/ Testify/ It’s all sex, drugs, rock n roll/ A soul sensation that you can’t control/ And you can see I practice what I preach/ I’m your rock n roll Jesus/ Yes I am.’”

GROVER CLEVELAND’S AMERICA - Grover Cleveland was the 22nd and 24th president of the United States

(1885–1889 and 1893–1897). He was the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms and the only one to be married in the White House. The following quotes from a recent biography (Algeo Matthew’s *The President Is a Sick Man*) remind us of the dramatic differences between the America of Cleveland’s day and the America of our day.

“As president, Cleveland wielded his veto pen as ruthlessly as he had as mayor and governor. ... One bill would have given drought-stricken Texas farmers \$10,000 to purchase seed grain. ‘Federal aid in such cases encourages the expectation of paternal care on the part of the government and weakens the sturdiness of our national character,’ he wrote in his veto message, ‘while it prevents the indulgence among our people of that kindly sentiment and conduct which strengthens the bonds of a common brotherhood’” (p. 45).

“Grover was a baseball fan but never attended a game as president. ‘What do you imagine the American people would think of me if I wasted my time going to the ball game?’ he rhetorically asked the Chicago White Stockings star Cap Anson in 1885” (p. 98).

FASHION REBEL DIES - Vidal Sassoon, one of the kings of the fashion industry, died on May 9 at age 84. He was “a beauty pioneer akin to fashion rebels like Mary Quant [inventor of the mini skirt] ... putting women in sleek, wash-and-go wedges, bobs and other less-is-more crops” (“Vidal Sassoon,” USA Today, May 10, 2012). In 1993, Sasson told the Los Angeles Times, “Women were going back to work; they were assuming their own power. They didn’t have time to sit under the dryer anymore.” One of the movers and shakers of the cultural revolution of the 1960’s, Sasson said that though the Beatles were changing the world, “you can’t wear music, but you can wear your hair different.” Fashion is not a morally innocent thing. It is a language, and God’s people must not conform themselves to the course of this wicked world (Romans 12:2).

Three of the major fundamentals of the modern fashion industry are pride, sensuality (achieved particularly through skimpy and tight clothing), and unisexuality, all of which are condemned in 1 John 2:15-16 as part of the world that lies under God’s righteous judgment. As we have documented in the book *Dressing for the Lord*, many of the fashion kings are homosexuals, and there has been a brash attempt to break down the separation between the sexes, which is open rebellion to the Creator, who “made them male and female.” The apostle Paul taught that the distinction between the sexes is to be reflected even in the matter of hair length, with long hair being the woman’s glory, signifying her submission to authority, but with long hair on the man being shameful (1 Cor. 11:14-15). Vidal Sassoon’s influence extends even to Bible-believing churches.

