

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 June 23, 2019*

Sunday School ----- 10  
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 14  
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 12  
 Wed. Evening Service, 06/26/19 ----- 10

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

*- Week of June 23, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 575.02  
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 45.00  
**Total Received for Week of 06/23/19:** \$ 620.02

*- Week of June 16, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 196.60  
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 26.00  
**Total Received for Week of 06/16/19:** \$ 222.60

*- Week of June 9, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 633.10  
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 68.97  
**Total Received for Week of 06/09/19:** \$ 702.07

*- Week of June 2, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,130.16  
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 68.00  
**Total Received for Week of 06/02/19:** \$ 1,198.16

*- Week of May 26, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 915.40  
 Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer ----- \$ 5.00  
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 106.00  
**Total Received for Week of 05/26/19:** \$ 1,026.40

**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  
**Volunteer Needed!** ----- Greeter  
 Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher  
 Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain ----- Outreach  
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian  
 Flowers ----- Shirley White



**AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR FUND**

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$ 4,800.00  
 Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 408.97  
**TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$4,391.03**  
*Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!*



*Our Lives, Our Fortunes,  
 Our Sacred Honor...*

by Paul Harvey

Americans, you remember the cherry tree story a long time after you forget the more earth-shaking, history-making episodes in the life of George Washington.

You've misplaced in your memory the details of Ben Franklin's statesmanship, but you remember his flying a kite.

Joyce Kilmer was a *great* military hero, but the only thing you personally recall about him . . . is his poetic tribute to trees.

Maybe of this last century, that which will be best remembered will not be its wars and it's space shots or its giants that lived and died. Maybe all that will survive to linger in the day-by-day vocabulary of generations yet unborn. . . will be a song about a Tennessee frontiersman or the incident at the window that night a speck of dust blew in and penicillin was discovered.

But for any Fourth of July, I, Paul Harvey, do hereby bequeath unto you something to remember.

You may not be able to quote one line from the Declaration of Independence at this moment; henceforth, you will always be able to quote at least one line.

It's in the last paragraph where you will recall, when I remind you, it says, "**We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.**"

You recognize those impressive words, but you don't understand the meaning of them until you

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*The Late Paul Harvey*

know **THE REST OF THE STORY**, so here goes -

In the Pennsylvania State House, that's now called Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the best men from each of the colonies sat down together. This was a fortunate hour in our nation's history, one of those rare occasions in the lives of men when we had greatness to spare.

These were men of means, well educated. Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Nine were farmers and owners of large plantations.

On June 11 a committee sat down to draw up a declaration of independence. We were going to tell our British fatherland, no more rule by redcoats! Below the dam of ruthless foreign rule, the stream of freedom was running shallow and muddy. We were lighting the fuse to dynamite that dam.

This pact, as Burke later put it, "was a partnership between the living and the dead and the yet unborn." There was no bigotry, no demagoguery in this group. All had shared hardships.

Jefferson finished a draft of the document in seventeen days. Congress adopted it in July. So much is familiar history.

*Now. . .*

King George III had denounced all rebels in America as traitors. Punishment for treason was hanging.

The names so familiar to you from the several signatures on that Declaration of Independence. . . the names were kept secret for six months. For each knew the full meaning of that magnificent last paragraph. . . in which his signature pledged his life, his fortune, and his sacred honor.

Fifty-six men placed their names beneath that pledge. Fifty-six men knew - when they signed - that they were risking everything.

They knew if they won this fight, the best they could hope for would be years of hardship in a struggling nation. If they lost, they'd face a hangman's rope.

But the signed. . . the pledge.

And they did pay the price.

That . . . is **THE REST OF THE STORY**.

Here is the documented fate of that gallant fifty-six.

**Carter Braxton** of Virginia, wealthy planter and trader; saw his ships swept from the seas. To pay his debts, he lost his home and all his properties and he died in rags.

**Thomas Lynch, Jr.**, who signed that pledge, was a third generation rice grower. Aristocrat. Large plantation owner. After he signed, his health failed. With his wife he set out for France to regain his failing health. Their ship never got to France, he was never heard from again.

**Thomas McKean** of Delaware was so harassed by the enemy that he was forced to move his family five times in five months.

He served in Congress without pay, his family in poverty and in hiding.

Vandals looted the properties of **Ellery** and **Clymer** and **Hall** and **Gwinnett** and **Walton** and **Heyward** and **Rutledge** and **Middleton**.

And **Thomas Nelson, Jr.** of Virginia raised two million dollars on his own signature to provision our allies . . . the French fleet. After the war, personally he paid back the loans, wiped out his entire estate. He was never reimbursed by his government.

And in the final battle for Yorktown, he, Nelson, urged General Washington to fire on his, Nelson's. . . own home, which was occupied by Cornwallis.

It was destroyed. He died bankrupt. Thomas Nelson, Jr., had pledged "**his life, his fortune, and his sacred honor.**"

The Hessians seized the home of **Francis Hopkinson** of New Jersey.

**Francis Lewis** had his home and everything destroyed, his wife imprisoned. She died within a few months.

**Richard Stockton**, who signed that Declaration, was captured and mistreated. His health broken to the extent that he died at 51. And his estate was pillaged.

**Thomas Heyward, Jr.**, was captured when Charleston fell.

**John Hart** was driven from his wife's bedside while she was dying. Their thirteen children fled in all directions for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves and returned home after the war to find his wife dead, his children gone, his properties gone; he died a few weeks later of exhaustion and a broken heart.

**Lewis Morris** saw his land destroyed, his family scattered.

**Philip Livingston** died within a few months of hardships of the war.

**John Hancock** - history remembers best due to a quirk of fate rather than anything he stood for. That great, sweeping signature, attesting to his vanity, towers over the others. One of the wealthiest men in New England, he stood outside Boston one terrible night of the war and said, "*Burn Boston, 'though it makes John Hancock a beggar, if the public good requires it.*"

He, too, lived up to the pledge.

Of the fifty-six, few were long to survive.

Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes. . . from Rhode Island to Charleston. . . sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy or burned. Two lost their sons in the army. One had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six died in the war from its hardships or from its more merciful bullets.

I don't know what impression you'd **had** had of these men who met that hot summer in Philadelphia, but I think it's important

that we remember this about them.

They were not poor men. They were not wild-eyed pirates. These were men of means, these were rich men, most of them, who enjoyed much ease and luxury in personal living.

Not hungry men. Prosperous men. Wealthy land owners, substantially secure in their prosperity.

But they considered *liberty* - and this is as much I shall say - they had learned that **LIBERTY** is so much more important than security - that they pledged their lives. . . their fortunes. . . and their sacred honor.

And they fulfilled their pledge. They paid the price.

**And freedom was born.** ÷

## **NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS**

**K PRESBYTERIAN DENOMINATION ORDAINS FIRST "NON-BINARY GENDER" MINISTER** - The Presbytery of James ordained "Jess Cook" to the Gospel ministry at the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia, on June 29. Jess Cook claims to be "non-binary," meaning that she identifies with **neither** the male nor female gender. This presbytery represents more than 100 churches and is one of the largest in the Presbyterian Church USA, and Cook will be the first non-binary person ever ordained by the denomination.

Cook will be ordained as a "Minister of Word and Sacrament."

An LGBT advocacy group named More Light Presbyterians, which is designed to influence the inclusion of LGBTQ people into the PCUSA, bragged on the decision, saying, "We rejoice that Jess' visibility as a non-binary faith leader has already made room for LGBTQIA+ people to see themselves as image-bearers of the divine."

Cook is a woman who is confused about her gender. She is native of East Texas and holds a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary, a Master of Fine Arts in Photography from the University of North Texas, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from Baylor University.

**K METHODIST CHURCH MORE LIBERAL THAN ALABAMA'S PUBLIC TELEVISION NETWORK** - First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, screened an episode of the children's show *Arthur* depicting a "same-sex wedding."

The same show was rejected by Alabama Public Television ("Alabama Methodist church to screen shunned 'Arthur' episode," AP, June 3, 2019). The mainstream Protestant denominations (e.g., Episcopal, United Methodist, Presbyterian Church USA, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) have been permeated with wicked theological liberalism since the turn of the twentieth century. The so-called "evangelicals" who remain in these denominations are openly and brazenly disobedient to God's Word, which says, "**Be not unequally yoked together with**

**unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Corinthians 6:14, 17, 18), and, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:5).**

**K 200 EX-LGBT MEN, WOMEN RALLY TO SHOW FREEDOM THEY'VE FOUND IN JESUS** - Ex-homosexual and ex-transgender men and women from around the country descended upon the Nation's Capital this weekend for the Second Annual "Freedom March" where they proclaimed the freedom they've found in abandoning homosexual and transgender practices. "Look at this! This is Amazing! They say we don't exist!" declared author and documentary producer M.J. Nixon, a march co-founder, as many gathered for a group picture. About 200 participated this year - a threefold increase over last year.

Former transwoman Jeffrey McCall kicked off the rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument, explaining that nobody here was forced to change. "It was the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of Jesus Christ that fell on all of us." One testimony after another from the racially diverse group of mostly millennials spoke about their personal conversion to Jesus and the freedom they have found from lives dominated by active homosexuality or gender dysphoria. A second Pulse Nightclub survivor [the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida, three years ago], Luis Ruiz, said that like many of the people participating in the March the reason why he was there is ultimately because he had a "mother and a father that never compromised the Gospel. They prayed and prayed and believed not in my situation, but in my destiny, my identity found in Christ Jesus." "It wasn't a gay to straight thing," said Ruiz, "It was a lost to saved thing. We were all born into sin, baby. Even though I might be tempted every day, I choose Jesus. He's the only man in my life. I chose Him over him." ÷

