

The Church needs the biblical rebel spirit of our founders injected back into the evangelical mix instead of this squishy, pusillanimous, ignoble and compliant Shinola that's currently cranking through our indolent pulpits and pews.

May God help the Church to lose its cowardly, effeminate bent in these critical days. Amen.

- Doug Giles is a pastor and internet writer from Aventura, Florida
This article, slightly edited, appeared in one of his recent internet blogs, and our Pastor felt it would be an encouragement and challenge for all Christians today, given the circumstances in which we live.

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 July 8, 2012

Sunday School ----- 16
Sunday Morning Service ----- 35
Sunday Evening Service ----- 29
Wednesday Evening Service, 06/11/12 ----- 23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of July 8, 2012

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,013.00
Insurance Fund ----- \$ 13.00
Total Received for Week of 07/08/12: \$ 1,026.00

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

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR JUNE 2012:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 273.08
Amount Received for July, 2012 ----- \$ 13.00
Amount Still Needed by 08/05/12 ----- \$ 260.08

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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

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
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The Current Cowardly Church Needs A Mega Dose Of The Rebel Spirit

by Doug Giles

"Whenever the ends of Government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress ineffectual, the People may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new Government; the doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind."

- Declaration of Rights, Maryland

Unlike America's original rebel Christians who dumped the Brits' taxed tea into Boston Harbor and told King George that he could just get over it, today's evangelicals, I believe - especially the dandy ministers who love to be loved - would have folded like one-ply toilet paper before British oppression. We're a timid tufted titmouse compared to our rowdy founding forefathers.

Here are four reasons why I believe today's evangelicals would have melted like little bon-bons during the American Revolution:

1. Some dainty saints of today think rebellion against tyrants is disobedience to God, when the converse is actually true. Yep, these stooges of the machine believe that God wants Christians to be the corralled cattle of corrupt politicians and policies. Indeed, a lot of pop evangelicals have become nicer than God. Our current craven "faithful" think it's sinful to say bad stuff about bad elected leadership. Many somehow think it's righteous to go in an unrighteous national direction. And we've got stacks of do-gooders who are turning the other cheek to political abuse and generational theft so fast that they make Shakira look arthritic.
2. A lot of evangelicals would rather live as government slaves than live and die as free men. Some do it out of sinful slothfulness, completely passive and thus complicit in the face of evil. Others do so because *they actually think* Christ was a Communist, and that government theft and wealth redistribution somehow fulfill the Sermon on the Mount. *D'oh!*
3. Others, especially in the ministry, won't say squat about our political squalor because it'll offend the emotional members of their congregation and thereby likely affect their weekly offerings, which, in turn, will cause them to lose their vacation home in Naples. Here we are - during one of the most crucial elections of our lifetime, and ministers don't (or won't) address these issues or show up at protests. Wow. Good luck at the Judgment Seat. I've been to many, many Tea Parties up and down the east coast of Florida and have only run into a handful of ministers. Where are you, *ladies*? Your absence and silence during America's demise is sinful!
4. Another thing that irks me is this end-of-the-world Rapture mentality that, supposedly, all of this bad stuff we're currently fielding as a nation is God's plan for the ages and that there's nothing we can do about it. I'm sure glad our predecessors didn't look at the gargantuan junk they were facing during times of oppression and upheaval and say, "Oh, well. The Rapture must be right around the corner." *No, what they did was think, work, pray and fight.* And guess what, end-of-the-world Christian? They yielded up this grand experiment in self-governance, that's what.