

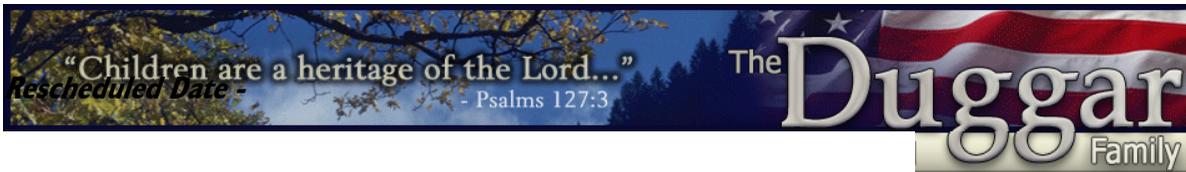
REMINDER

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WE WELCOME OUR SPECIAL GUESTS TODAY -



- Duggar-family Musicians Will Play and Sing For Our Morning Service!***
- Jim Bob & Michelle Will Be Speaking In The Morning Service!***
- Michelle Duggar To Give Devotional At Rebekah White's Baby Shower At 1:30 p.m.***

***Church-wide Fellowship Meal
Following The Morning Service!***

The Rewards For Faithfulness

Today, we are truly blessed to have as our guests in our morning service two of the dearest people in all the earth, Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar, and their precious children.

Many years ago, while living in Arkansas, it was my privilege to get to know Jim Bob and Michelle. Their sincerity and humility before God has always been the hallmark of their lives, both before they married, and every day since.

Upon a day, we were talking together. It was not long after they had married, and I, who had served as the sound engineer for that blessed event, was sharing some thoughts with them about the life that lay ahead for them. During the course of that conversation, your pastor strongly urged Jim Bob and Michelle to live a life for God and raise a family unto the Lord. I urged them not to follow the standards and practices of this lost world as they raised their family, but, rather, to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Then, the Lord laid it on my heart to share with them something I had never said before to a young couple, but have done so ever since - I told them that the greatest thing they could do as a young couple was to give their children to the Lord and ask *Him* when and how many children that *He* would have them to bring into this world. They looked at me with wide amazement - I can still see their faces this very hour - I am not sure, but it appeared to me that they had never heard anyone say anything like that before. They might have even thought I had lost my equilibrium.

Nonetheless, I repeated my statement and mentioned that, if they placed God first in their lives and life together, He would bless them and their family in ways they could never imagine possible.

Since that time, I have watched with great joy to see them put into practice the principles of the Word of God in their life together, and in the lives of their dear children. It is a humbling thing to think that God - in spite of our weakness and faults - uses those who are open to the moving of His Holy Spirit to minister to the hearts and lives of others whom He has placed in our path.

Since that time almost twenty-five years ago, Jim Bob and Michelle have diligently sought to serve the Lord faithfully and raise up a godly heritage of soldiers of the Cross who will, no doubt, do the same when they have families of their own. The mind staggers when one thinks of the impact for Christ that this one family has and will continue to have around the world - all because two young, loving Christians decided to do things God's way, not man's way, in their life together.

The Bible teaches that we do not get our rewards as soon as we

pass from this life - our rewards (the Bible calls them Crowns) will be presented to us later, after the end of the Church Age. The purpose of these rewards is not to have something boast of in Heaven, but, rather, they are for giving back to Christ as a love gift to Him for all that He has done for us, most notably His life, substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection as a propitiation for our sins. When that day comes, our dear Lord will receive innumerable gifts from Jim Bob and Michelle because their service to Him will not have ended at the point of their death - it will go on and on throughout time as we know it through the godly lives of their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, world without end.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

□ **THE MOST COMPLEX STRUCTURE IN THE UNIVERSE** - The following is from Creation Moments, (creationmoments.com):

“Whether you know it or not, you are the proud owner of the most complex arrangement of matter in the universe. I am speaking of your brain. Even though it weighs only three pounds, the brain's structure is so complex that it defies all explanation except to admit that a higher intelligence created it. The average brain has ten billion neurons and multiple billions of connections. It has been estimated that the brain is able to hold one million times more information than anyone could possibly learn in a lifetime. If true, this suggests that man was smarter in the past or meant to live much longer. Thanks to the brain, you can listen to someone talk and begin to put your reply together for him while your brain is also directing a number of other projects--like your heart beat, breathing, and blood chemistry--without your conscious attention. Your brain, through its extended sensory system, allows your finger to feel a vibration of less than eight-one-thousandths of an inch and lets you see 10 million different colors. The brain is so marvelously complex that even scientists who deny the soul and believe that the material stuff is all that exists have admitted that the brain leads them to wonder if there is not more to reality.”

□ **SASSING NOT ALLOWED** - The following is excerpted from [Training Your Children to Turn Out Right](#), a truly excellent book by David Sorenson (northstarministries.com)- “[Another] basic rule in our house was that disrespect, defiance, sassing or any other form of overt rebellion toward us as parents absolutely was not tolerated. Nothing would bring judgment more swiftly than for me to hear our children sassing their mother. They were taught ahead of time that defiance or disrespect was not allowed, period! ... I Samuel 15:23 says, *‘For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft...’* It is Satanic in its origins. And rebellion begins with a smart mouth. ... Children are born with a rebellious, sassy spirit, and the sooner it is nipped in the bud the better. ... One of our children would, at times, fight the spanking. She was informed that if she fought and resisted, whatever the original punishment was, it would be doubled. Now, that may seem harsh. However, it did not take too long for it to soak in that rebellion,

even during punishment, would not be allowed. ... As a result of dealing with it as soon as it raised its ugly head, it had pretty well been purged by the time the girls were of school age. ... Do not believe the foolishness that if you deal directly with rebellion, you will only cause a child to be more rebellious. Rebellion and defiance will grow like an ugly, malignant cancer. The earlier it is dealt with, the better. ... One might think that our home was a rigid, authoritarian, Spartan environment. To the contrary, it was a warm, fun, loving place; and one of the things that made it such a sweet place was that there was so little conflict."

WHEN JESUS CAME TO OUR TOWN

*When Jesus came to Golgotha
They hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet,
And made a Calvary;*

*They crowned Him with a crown of thorns,
Red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days,
And human flesh was cheap.*

*When Jesus came to our town,
They simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him,
They only let Him die;*

*For men had grown more tender,
And they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street,
And left Him in the rain.*

*Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them,
For they know not what they do,"
And still it rained the winter rain
That drenched Him through and through;*

*The crowds went home and left the streets
Without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall
And cried for Calvary.*

- G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

OUR ONLINE MEDIA MINISTRY IS POPULAR!



Each week, over 50 Gigabytes of audio is streamed or downloaded from our church's online library. Our pastor's verse-by-verse preaching/teaching through the Bible, plus recordings of other preachers, is surprisingly popular for one of a church our size. Currently, the majority of listeners appears to be from Russia, followed closely by Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Brazil, South

Africa, Indonesia, Seychelles, Thailand, Italy, and the Czech Republic.

Please pray for those who listen and study the Bible using this service of our church on the internet. And - visit it yourself sometime! The URL is:

www.southheightsbaptist.com/mediaministry.html

Attitudes on Serving

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (I Cor. 2:1-5).

If you've ever heard a gifted speaker deliver a message, you know how convincing the words can be. You find yourself hanging on every sentence, maybe even taking notes as fast as you can write. Somehow, the way he or she communicates makes the difference in how much you listen.

Maybe you feel inadequate talking about your faith in Christ because you are not a dynamic speaker. You hold back, even when a perfect opportunity presents itself, just because you are so self-conscious. Please remember - God never intended for you to rely on your own abilities as a witness! The apostle Paul wrote: *"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (v:1- 4).*

We know from other passages that Paul was an excellent public debater, but that is not his point here. He deliberately approached the Corinthians with an attitude of humble simplicity, in weakness, so that God would do the work through him.

Regardless of your abilities, God wants to pour His power into your life to enable you to do His work.

Eldon Degge offered this prayer in a study of I Timothy 3:1-13:

"Dear Father, Give in whatever measure you please the qualities of elders and deacons to all your people, even to me. Help me desire tasks that are a noble work to you. Help me to live above reproach, to be proper in my family relations, to be temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, sober, and gentle. Help me manage my affairs properly and command the respect of my family and outsiders. Help me serve you well in whatever capacity you allot, that I may gain a good standing and great confidence in my faith in Christ. Keep me from becoming puffed up or conceited. Don't let me fall into the condemnation of the devil. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly
 6:00 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Piper Martin
 Cradle Roll 2: Ryan Quinnelly
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of July 26, 2009

Sunday School ----- 20
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 25
 Wed. Eve. Service, 07/29/09 ----- 21

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of July 26, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,308.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 07/26/09: \$ 1,318.00

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

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

NEW HYMNAL FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 1,499.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 570.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 335.00



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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

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 Nathaniel & Rebekah White ----- Outreach
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