

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebart
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Sun. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of July 19, 2015

Sunday School ----- 22
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 35
 Sunday Evening Service ----- No Service
 Wed. Eve. Service, 07/22/15 ----- No Service

Week of July 26, 2015

Sunday School ----- 18
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 41
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 30
 Wed. Eve. Service, 07/29/15 ----- 24

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of July 19, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 804.00
 Monthly Missionary Offering for Dr. Waller ----- \$ 71.00
Total Received for Week of 07/19/15: \$ 875.00

Week of July 26, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 652.00
Total Received for Week of 07/26/15: \$ 652.00

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

AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER FUND -

Amount For Entire Project ----- \$5,000.00
 Amount Received So Far ----- \$ 0.00
Total STILL NEEDED: \$5,000.00

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...

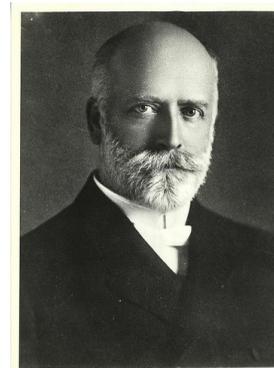
We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

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
 ----- Greeter
 Shayne Hooper, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Ella Allen ----- Outreach
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford



The Importance of Personal Soul Winning

By Dr. R. A. Torrey

"He first findeth his own brother Simon.... And he brought him to Jesus" (John 1:41,42).

The one who brought his brother to Jesus was Andrew. We are not told that Andrew ever preached a sermon. If he did, the Holy Spirit did not think it worth putting on record. But this brother whom he brought to Jesus preached a sermon that led three thousand people to Jesus in one day.

Where would Simon Peter's sermon have been if it had not been for Andrew's personal work? The most important kind of Christian work is personal work. We envy the men who stand on the platform and speak to great crowds, but God pays more attention to the man who sits down with a single soul.

A blind woman came to my office in Chicago and said, "You don't think my blindness will keep me from doing Christian work, do you?"

I replied, "On the contrary. It might be a great help. A great many people, seeing your blindness, will come and sit down with you; then you can talk with them about the Saviour."

"That is not what I mean. When a woman can talk to five or six hundred, she doesn't want to spend time talking to one."

I answered, "Your Master could talk to five thousand at once, for we have it on record; but He didn't think it beneath His dignity to talk to one at a time."

Have you ever thought of the tremendous power there is in personal, hand-to-hand work?

One day a man in Boston had in his Sunday school class a boy fresh from the country. This dull boy knew almost nothing about the Bible. He didn't even know where to look to find the Gospel of John. He was very much put out because the other boys were bright boys and knew their Bibles, while he was just a green country boy. But that Sunday school teacher had a heart full of love to Christ and perishing souls. One day he went down into the boot shop where that boy worked and asked him, "Would you like to be a Christian?" The boy had never been approached that way before. Nobody had ever spoken to him about his soul. He said, "Yes, I would like to be a Christian." And that Sunday school teacher explained what it meant to be a Christian, then said, "Let us pray." They knelt down in the back of that boot shop, and the boy became a Christian.

That boy was Dwight L. Moody.

If it had not been for Edward Kimball's faithful personal work, where would Dwight L. Moody and his great work throughout the world have been? Who knows who there is in that little class of yours? Who knows what your ignorant little ragged boy may become? Teacher, make up your mind that you will at least make an honest effort to lead everyone in your Sunday school class to Christ. This world could soon be evangelized by personal work.

Let us suppose there are two thousand people in this audience this morning. Suppose every one of you became a personal worker. And suppose, by your very best effort, you only succeeded in leading one to Christ in a year, and that one led one to Christ the next year, and so on. What would be the result? At the end of the year there would be 4,000; at the end of two years, 8,000; at the end of three years, 16,000; at the end of four years, 32,000; at the end of five years, 64,000; at the end of six years, 128,000; at the end of seven years, 256,000; and at the end of eight years your whole city would be won for Christ. At the end of thirty-five years every

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man, woman and child on the face of the earth would have heard the Gospel.

There is not one who cannot lead at least one to Christ this year. You can instruct everyone whom you lead to Christ to go out and be a soul winner. After you get hold of him, send him out, when converted, to lead another; and he bringing one, and that one bringing in another – you will soon touch the whole city.

I want to talk about the advantages of personal work.

The first advantage:

Anybody Can Do It

You cannot all preach. I am glad you can't. What an institution this world would be if we were all preachers! You cannot all sing like Charles Alexander. I am glad you can't, for if you could, he would be no curiosity; and you would not come to hear him sing and give me a chance to preach to you! You cannot all teach Sunday school classes. Some have an idea that any converted person can teach a Sunday school class. I don't believe it. I think we are making a great mistake in setting the unqualified to teaching.

But there is not a child of God who cannot do personal work! A mother with a large family knows she is not called to be a preacher (at least I hope she does); but she can do personal work better than anybody else in her home.

A lady came to me – she had five children – and said (I think she had been reading the life of Frances Willard), “I wish I could do some work like that for Christ.”

I said, “You can work for Christ among all the people you are surrounded by.”

I watched that woman. Every one of her children was brought to Christ – every one! Every maid who came to work in that home was dealt with about her soul. Every grocer's boy who came around to the door was dealt with about his soul. Every time she went out shopping, she made it a point to talk with the one behind the counter. And when, one dark day, death came into the home and took away a sweet little child, she did not forget to speak to the undertaker who came to do the last offices for the dead, about his soul. He told me that nothing had ever impressed him as that woman, in the midst of her sorrow, being interested in his soul.

An invalid can do personal work. I have a friend in New York City who has left a life of wealth and fashion to go out to work among the outcast. One day she got hold of a poor outcast girl. The girl didn't live much over a year after that lady had led her to Christ. My friend took her to her home to die. As Delia was dying, she wrote to her friends, some in Sing Sing Prison, some in the Tombs of New York City – all her friends were among the criminal class – about Christ. Those who were not behind prison bars she invited to come and see her.

My friend told me, “There was a constant procession up the stairway to the outcast – women and men who came to see Delia.

Before Delia died, one hundred of the most hopeless men and women in New York City she had led to Christ.”

That puts us to shame! Suppose God kindled a fire right here in your hearts and you received the anointing of the Spirit of Christ, and every one of you should start out to do personal work; you would not need any evangelist to come from abroad. We have come to stir you up to do it.

The second advantage:

You Can Do It in Any Place

You cannot preach in every place. You can preach in the churches two or three times a week; you can preach in the town hall occasionally; you can preach in the streets sometimes; but you cannot go down in the factories and preach often. You cannot go there and hold services, but you can go there and do personal work, if you press the point enough.

One man who came to our meetings in Liverpool from Hudson's dry soap factory was converted. Every once in awhile I get a letter telling me of meetings there in the factory. Now they conduct meetings outside the building. In Bradley's foundry a workman got a card announcing the meetings. He could not come, so he handed it over to the most wicked man in the shop. That man was grateful for the invitation and thought he would go. He did and was converted at the very first meeting. He went back and told his companions, resulting in a revival in the foundry.

A telegraph messenger was converted in Manchester. Before we were through, seventy messenger boys were converted there. There is not a hotel or a factory or a public house where you cannot do personal work.

The third advantage:

You Can Do It at Any Time

Certainly you cannot preach every hour of the day, but there is not an hour of the day or night when you cannot do personal work. You can go out on the streets at any time and find some poor wanderer.

When I lived in Minneapolis, I employed a woman missionary to go out on the streets to speak to the drunkards, to the outcast women, and to night workers. Some of the best conversions were among these people. She had been an outcast herself at one time; now she was leading others to Christ.

Soon after Mr. Moody was converted, he made up his mind that he would not let a day go by without speaking to someone about his soul. One night he came home late – it was nearly ten o'clock. He realized he hadn't spoken to any man that day. He thought, I guess I have lost my chance. But looking out he saw a man standing in the lamplight. He thought, “There's my chance.”

He hurried up to him and asked, “Are you a Christian?”

“It's none of your business. And if you were not sort of a preacher, I would knock you into the gutter.”

“Well,” Mr. Moody said, “I just wanted to lead you to Christ.”

The next day this same man went to a friend of Mr. Moody's and said, “That man Moody has zeal without knowledge. He spoke to me on the street last night. He asked me if I were a Christian. It was none of his business. If he had not been sort of a preacher, I would have knocked him down. He is doing more harm than good.” Moody's friend came to Moody and said, “Moody, it is all right to be in earnest; but you have zeal without knowledge. You are doing more harm than good.” (Let me say here, it is better to have zeal without knowledge than knowledge without zeal.)

Mr. Moody went away feeling rather cheap and crestfallen. A few weeks passed. One night the re was a pounding at his door. Moody got up and opened the door. There stood this very man he had witnessed to. He said, “Mr. Moody, I have not had a night's peace since you spoke to me that night under the lamp post. I have come to ask you to show me how to be a Christian.” Mr. Moody took him in and showed him the way of life, and he was saved. When the Civil War broke out, that man laid down his life for his country.

Another time the thought came to Moody after he was in bed, “You have not spoken to your man today.” But he argued with himself: “I am in bed. I can't get up and go out now.”

He could not rest, so he got up, dressed and opened the door. It was pouring rain. He thought, “There is no use going out on the street this awful night. Not a soul will be out in this pouring rain.” Just then he heard the patter of a man's feet. As he came close, Mr. Moody rushed out and said, “Can I have the shelter of your umbrella?”

“Certainly.”

“Have you a shelter in the time of storm?” – and he pointed the man to Jesus.

The fourth advantage:

It Reaches All Classes

In preaching, one has to be more or less general. In personal work, you have just one person to talk to, and you can hit the mark every time.

Henry Ward Beecher went out shooting with his father. He had often gone before, but he had never shot anything. Way down yonder was a squirrel. His father said, “Henry, do you see that squirrel?”

“Yes, Father.”

“Would you like to hit it?”

“Yes, Father; but I never hit anything in my life.”

“You lay the barrel of your gun across the top rail down here and look right down along the barrel. Henry, do you see the squirrel?”

“Yes, Father.”

“Well, pull the trigger.”

He pulled the trigger, and the squirrel fell at the first shot – the first thing he ever shot in his life. Why? Because it was the first thing he had ever aimed at.

That is the trouble with a good deal of our preaching: we aim at nothing and hit it every time. This is the advantage of personal work: we aim at one definite person. But in our preaching, as Mr. Moody used to say, “I speak to this lady on the front seat, and she passes it over her shoulder to the man back of her; he passes it to the woman back of him; she passes it to the man back of her. They keep passing it on till they pass it out the back door.”

We have a wonderful power of applying the good points of a sermon to somebody else. When it comes to personal work, there is nobody else to apply it to.

I try to be personal in my preaching; but be as personal as I can, I can still miss my mark.

A man came to my church one morning who had been talking about “the deeper life.” He had all the phraseology of the deepest Christian experience. He talked about being filled with the Spirit, yet cheated others in business. When I saw him coming in, I said to myself, “I am glad you have come. I will hit you this morning. I have a sermon just adapted to you.” While I was preaching, I looked right at him so he would know I meant him. He sat there beaming up at me. When the sermon was over, he came down to me rubbing his hands. He said, “Oh, Brother Torrey, I came eight miles to hear you this morning. I have so enjoyed it.”

That was just what I did not want to hear: I wanted to make him miserable. But I had him now face - to - face, and he didn't enjoy it.

That is the advantage of personal work. You can aim right square at the mark and hit it.

The minister can preach all he pleases, but when he looks you right in the eye, you know it means you. It aims right straight at the mark and hits it.

The fifth advantage:

It Is Effective

Personal work succeeds where every other kind of work fails. I don't care who the preacher is, how good a preacher he may be; one not affected by the sermon will be reached by some very ordinary person with the love of God and of souls in his heart.

Take Mr. Moody, for example. I think he was as good a preacher as I ever heard. I would rather hear Mr. Moody preach a sermon that I had heard a dozen times than to hear any other man preach a sermon I had never heard. But as good a preacher as Mr. Moody was, thousands would go out utterly unmoved by his message.

I have seen uneducated, very ordinary working people with the love of Christ and of souls in their hearts get hold of a person who had gone out of Mr. Moody's meeting utterly untouched and in ten or fifteen minutes lead him to the Lord.

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