

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
Cradle Roll 2: Kayla Quinnelly
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Piper Quinnelly
Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
Cradle Roll 2: Kelsey Moreno

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of July 28, 2013

Sunday School ----- 10
Sunday Morning Service ----- 35
Sunday Evening Service ----- 20
Wed. Eve. Service, 07/31/13 ----- 17

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of July 28, 2013

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 794.00
Insurance Fund ----- \$ 150.00
Total Received for Week of 07/28/13: \$ 944.00

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



SEND A NOTE TO RYAN QUINNELLY IN AFGHANISTAN-

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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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How To Help Your Church

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“And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:21-25).

I believe that each of us realize what time it is spiritually. We live in days of apostasy. We are in the midst and witnessing the “falling away” of the end of the Church Age. People are leaving mainline churches to either remain seated at home or to join up with the worldly Neo-evangelical churches. I remember when the move was toward the Charismatics, but now, it is the Neo-evangelicals. I call them “Pop Up Churches.” All over this little town of Laurens, these churches just pop up. They start at the YMCA, Scarlet Cord, in homes, etc. People no longer are interested in the Old Paths or the Old Bible.

We are in the midst of Laodicea - never has there been the lukewarmness that we see today. Nothing either stirs or changes God's people. They seem satisfied just to sit and observe. They have need of nothing and are spiritually comfortable.

We are in the midst of the days of Noah and Lot - where sinfulness is open and acceptable. Separatists are now called “legalistic” or just plain “old-fashioned” and “out of touch with the times.” People no longer know how to blush. In the early days of my life, sin was kept hidden from the eye of the public, but it is no longer so. It's blatant, it's in the open, and it's everywhere.

We are in the midst of world turmoil, especially in the Middle East. The world is rapidly being set up for the Tribulation Period, with Israel becoming “Public Enemy Number One.” God's chosen nation; God's elect nation; God's beloved nation, is the focal point of all that is hated in the world.

The “day” is approaching! The Lord is coming and we are leaving! Beloved we live in the midnight hour!

☛ IF THE LOCAL CHURCH EVER NEEDED FOR ITS PEOPLE TO “STEP UP,” IT IS TODAY!

Not only is there the problem with people forsaking good churches, there is also a rampant *apathy* among the majority of God's people. We see what is happening but remain quietly on the sidelines. They are in church; they are good people; they are saved people; but they are no longer involved in the work and ministry of the local church.

There was once what was called the 85/15 rule: 85 percent of the people did nothing while 15 percent did everything. Today, in most churches, I would say it was more like the 90+/10- rule!

☛ **Every individual believer is important to the work of the local church!** I remember well the sign that pictured “Uncle Sam” pointing his finger and saying, “Uncle Sam needs you!” **Well, Christian, the local church needs you!** The Lord placed each of us in the body as it pleased Him and gave to each of us a gift that will edify or help the church.

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Ephesians 4:16 says, “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Notice he says, “*the whole body.*”

The body is to be complete: having **ALL** of its essential parts. This show the importance of **every** member! Without each of us, the body is incomplete.

Notice the phrase, “*fitly joined together.*” Not only is the body to be complete with all of its parts, each part is to be “fitly joined together.”

Take our physical body for instance: we would be in a world of hurt if our left foot was attached to our right elbow! Our body is fearfully and wonderfully made so that it can function both correctly and efficiently. So it is to be with the spiritual body, the church.

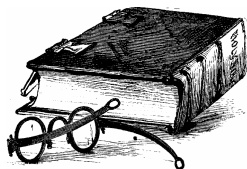
He also uses the word, “*together.*” This means that the **body corporate** is essential. We are individuals who have different lives outside of the local church, but we come together corporately for a purpose: the work of the Gospel.

He says that the church is “*compacted by that which every joint supplieth.*” Unification of the local church is of the utmost importance. Something compacted is the opposite of being loosely associated. **Our lives are to be closely knit together.** I have seen Indian bead work and the quality is seen in the tightness of the weaving. The strength of the church is the “tightness” or closeness of the people.

Then he mentions the “*effectual working in the measure of every part.*” The effectiveness of the body is contingent upon the working of every part. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link and the physical body needs every part to be pain free and working well. An Old Testament king, when he was old, was diseased in his feet. When the feet stop, the rest of the body is hampered.

Notice that we’re to be “*making increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*” I love my wife’s husband! I want my body to work as efficiently and pain free as it can. With the body of Christ, it is the edifying of itself in love. Love is one of the key ingredients: our love for one another covers a multitude of sins.

Notice also with me, in our text, that the emphasis is upon consideration, provoking to love and good works, and exhortation. We generally just use the “not forsaking” part of verse 25. There are so many ways that we can help our church so I will just name a few and you can fill in the blanks when the service is over.



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHURCH

1. You can help our church by being here faithfully. What a blessing when people are in their places! It encourages the body as a whole and empty places discourage the pastor, the people, and visitors who may be present that day.

2. You can help our church by being an encouragement to others, and exhorting one another. You will never know what a small word of encouragement means to those who are have a hard time.

3. You can help our church by tithing and giving to missions. Many a church today - big and small - is struggling, financially. Many pastors have to work outside jobs in order to be able to support their family. God’s people need to learn the principle of giving, and, when they do, God will honor His Word and take care of them as they give to Him and His work.

4. You can help our church by praying for each other daily. The greatest help that you and I can give is when we get upon our knees and pray for each other - our pastor, our fellow church members, and the people of our city that need Christ.

5. You can help our church by witnessing to and inviting the lost to come to Christ and by bringing them to church. Soul winning is the of the utmost importance. It takes all to reach all with the gospel through carrying tracts in your pockets or mailing them with bills to praying for and inviting sinners.

6. You can help our church by help keeping it looking good: both where you sit and when you see something that needs to be picked up for fixed. If you see paper on the floor, pick it up. Police your areas when you leave the church. Change a light bulb, help fix something that’s broken, etc. This is God’s church and it is your church - the world around us should see that we care for HIM by caring for His church.

7. You can help our church by going out of your way to make our visitors welcome. Visitors should leave our church with a sore right arm! Everyone is welcome here and everyone should be welcomed!

8. You can help our church by singing or sharing your musical talent in the services. **SING** when it’s time to sing! Don’t be shy, **SING!** Make a joyful noise, if that’s all you can do, but **SING!** Don’t make the music man beg you to sing out, **SING!** And, if you’re particularly talented in the area of music, get with your pastor or music man and offer to sing or play your instrument in church, either as a solo or as part of the music portion of the church service. When people visit your church, they should be pleasantly surprised at the Spirit-filled **SINGING!**

9. You can help our church by forgiving and forbearing one another in love. Be kind to one another, tender hearted, and forgiving one another even as Christ has forgiven you. Always remember - it takes two to fight!

10. You can help our church by cheering up your

pastor. Many of God’s men are discouraged in our day, and more are leaving the ministry than surrendering to it. Most are leaving because of the indifference and apathy that they see in the people God has called them to pastor. Love, appreciate, and be there for and with God’s man. And, for his sake and for yours, **BE ON TIME!** Perhaps nothing is more discouraging to a pastor that to see a building nearly empty when it’s time for church to start! Be on time, unless God Providentially hinders you, and, if you **MUST** be late, come in and sit near the **FRONT**, not the back!

Encourage your pastor by being here (and doing so on time), by singing in the song service, by being attentive when he’s preaching, and, most of all, by bringing people with you to church - friends, relatives, classmates, people you meet in town, people from work - **BRING THEM** and see if your pastor will not preach better because he’s not discouraged!

CONCLUSION: God placed each of you here for a reason; God placed each of you here because the church needs you; God placed each of you here to serve. Serving people are generally a blessing, not a burden.

SO LET’S GET TO IT!

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