

# 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 Segebarrt  
 Cradle Roll 2: **Volunteer Needed!**  
 Sun. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White  
 Cradle Roll 2: **Volunteer Needed!**  
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White  
 Cradle Roll 2: **Volunteer Needed!**

### AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of August 2, 2015

Sunday School ----- 16  
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 32  
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 29  
 Wed. Eve. Service, 08/05/15 ----- 22

### AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of August 2, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,550.00  
 Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 15.00  
**Total Received for Week of 08/02/15: \$ 1,565.00**

**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 ----- \$ 15.00  
**Total STILL NEEDED to pay off: \$4,985.00**

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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...

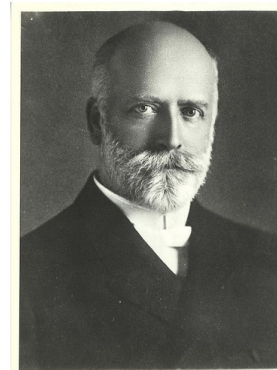
We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

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

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).*

*(continued from last week)*

*There is a Sixth Advantage Of Doing Personal Work:*

### It Meets the Specific Need of the Individual

After a man comes to Christ, he still may have difficulties and doubts, troubles and questions. He cannot ask them of the preacher. How often a man sits down in the audience and says to himself, I wish I could speak to that preacher alone. In this personal, hand-to-hand work, a man can ask all the questions he wants to, and you can meet his difficulties. I am getting letters from people all over the world who have difficulties. My father used to tell a story (he did not vouch for its truth) of a physician in the village who kept a certain jug. He took a little of every kind of medicine he had in his shop and put it in that jug, and then shook it up. When one came to him and he did not know just what his ailment was, he would give him a spoonful out of that jug, thinking, There is something in it that will meet his case anyhow.

We do that in our preaching. We take a little comfort and put it in the sermon, a little bit of conviction, a little bit to show the way of life, shake it all up and give it to the people. If I were going to be doctored, I would want the doctor to find out my specific need.

In personal work you give specific passages of Scripture for specific difficulties.

The seventh advantage:

### It Produces Abundant Results

In great services where the ministers may speak to 500 or 1,000 or 5,000, they do not produce as abundant results. Suppose a man were pastor of a church of a hundred members; suppose he were a very faithful minister, and as a result of his preaching there were added fifty to his church each year on confession of faith. That would be a pretty good record.

Now suppose that pastor said, "I am going to train my people to do personal work," and he trained his people to do personal work. Suppose only one-half of them would consent to do it. Suppose these fifty trained workers only succeeded in winning one a month apiece to Christ. **That would mean six hundred a year!**

Friends, some of us think we pay the minister to do personal work. You do nothing of the kind. Your minister is your leader, and you are supposed to work under his leadership. One reason why the church of which I am pastor always has a revival is that the people are trained to do personal work. We have had a revival ever since I have been pastor. There have been ten years of revival. There has never been a month that we have not received new members. We would not know what to make of it if there were a Sunday without conversions. I do not think there has been any day in the week of all this time - 3,650 days in all - that someone has not been won to Christ in or about the building.

The preacher who will preach in my absence will see conversions. In the Sunday school there will be conversions, as well as in the evening meeting tonight.

Why? Because our people believe in and do personal work. Every Sunday while I preach, I know the unsaved are right near

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someone in that church who knows how to lead a soul to Christ. Workers are in every section of the church. I like it in Chicago, because just as surely as somebody gets up and leaves, I know at least one person will speak to him that night. Someone will drop down the stairs behind the one leaving and perhaps follow him a block or two before he speaks to that one.

Go to the people and ask God to give you power. The Holy Spirit is for every one of us. I do thank God that the great gift of the Holy Ghost is for every saved person. ***“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”*** Just ask; then go out.

Of course, you need to know something about the Bible in order to do personal work, but you only need one or two texts to start with.

When Mr. Moody first came to New Haven, we thought we would go out and hear this strange, uneducated man. I was in the senior class in the theological department of the university, and was just about to take my B.D. degree. I knew more than I will ever know in my life again! We thought we would patronize Mr. Moody a little bit. He did not seem at all honored by our presence.

As we heard that untutored man, we thought, He may be uneducated, but he knows some things we don't. Some of us had sense enough to go to him and say, “Mr. Moody, we wish you would tell us how to do it.” He told us to come round early the next night and he would tell us.

We theologues went up to the meeting. He said a few words to us, gave us a few texts of Scripture, then said, “You go at it!”

The best way to learn how to do it is to do it. ***“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”***

If, however, you make a stupid blunder the first time, go at it again. But if you never start until you are sure you will not make a blunder, you will make the biggest blunder of your life.

Get alone with God first, and see if you are right with Him; put away every known sin out of your life, surrender absolutely to God, ask for the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and then pitch in. ■

*- Dr. R. A. Torrey R. A. Torrey (1856-1928) was a pastor, evangelist, teacher, and author. Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, he was educated in Yale University and Divinity School. After a period of skepticism he trusted in Jesus Christ as Saviour. Soon after he pastored in Ohio and then in Minnesota. In 1889, Dwight L. Moody called Torrey to Chicago to become the superintendent of the school which became known as the Moody Bible Institute. He also served as pastor of the Chicago Avenue Church, now the Moody Memorial Church, for twelve years. Between 1902-1906 Torrey and Charles Alexander conducted a very fruitful evangelistic outreach in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, India, China, Japan, Britain, Germany, Canada, and the USA. From 1912-1924 Torrey was dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles during which he pastored the Church of the Open Door. His remaining years involved holding Bible conferences, teaching at the Moody Bible Institute, and other endeavors.*

**COMING SUNDAY, SEPT. 6 -**



## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

Starting Sunday morning, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will starting two new Sunday School classes for children ages four through 12. Included in each class session will be music, games, Bible stories, crafts, take home crafts, and a Bible memory verse to work on during the following week. Each month, the children from the classes will present at least one memory verse to the congregation during the morning church service.

This is an excellent opportunity to present the Bible and the Gospel to our children - ***we encourage all of our parents to bring their children to Sunday School starting Sept. 6th!***

### **NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS**

● **HILLSONG NYC CHOIR LED BY AN “ENGAGED” HOMOSEXUAL** - According to the New York Times for October 17, 2014, a homosexual couple, Josh Canfield and Reed Kelly, sing in choirs at Hillsong New York City, and Canfield is a volunteer choir leader. Canfield and Kelly were billed as the “Broadway Boyfriends” on the reality show Survivor: San Juan del Sur.” In a December 16, 2014, interview with Playbill, Canfield described how that he “came out of the closet” at Hillsong. He also speaks of his “engagement” to Kelly. He said, “I became truthful with my church. I’m a part of Hillsong NYC. I’m one of their choir directors. I also sing on their Worship team. They’ve been amazing as well. Nothing has changed there now that I’m completely out and with Reed. He sings in the choir as well.”

After this was recently re-reported by a blog operated by Geoffrey Grider, Brian Houston of Hillsong Sydney issued a statement that that marriage is only for “heterosexual couples.” But in truth Hillsong is trying to face both ways on this issue, as so many others are. Last year the senior pastor of Hillsong NYC, Canfield and Kelly’s pastor, told CNN, “We have a lot of gay men and women in our church and I pray we always do” (“Hillsong New York Pastor Carl Lentz,” Christian Today, June 6, 2014). In the same interview, Laura Lentz, Carl’s wife and Hillsong NYC co-pastor, said, “It’s not our place to tell anyone how they should live, it’s--that’s their journey.” There’s where Hillsong really stands on moral issues, and Laura is brave enough to say so plainly. Carl Lentz said, “I am still waiting for someone to show me the quote where Jesus addressed it on the record in front of people.”

Perhaps I can help him out here. What Jesus did say in regard to homosexuality was three things. First, Jesus exalted the law of Moses as God’s holy law. ***“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.***

***For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:17-19).*** The law of Moses that Jesus exalted as God’s holy law says, ***“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination” (Leviticus 18:22).*** Second, Jesus limited marriage to one man and one woman as in the beginning of creation (Matthew 19:3-9). This completely destroys the biblical legitimacy of “same-sex marriage.” Third, Jesus said that His Spirit would lead the apostles into all truth (John 16:13). We find this canon of Spirit-taught truth in the New Testament Scriptures, where we find the strongest statement against homosexuality in the entire Bible in Romans 1:24-28.

To separate the authority of the Gospels from the authority of the Apostolic Epistles is rank heresy, for we are told that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God” (II Tim. 3:16-17). Obviously Jesus left no room for homosexual Christianity and “same sex marriage,” and His teaching on this was very public, Mr. Lentz.

The Hillsong churches are so “culturally relevant” that they are traitors to the truth of God’s Word, yet their music is influencing large numbers of Baptists and fundamentalists. When asked by a reporter why Hillsong is so successful, Brian Houston of Hillsong Sydney replied, ***“We are scratching people where they are itching”*** (“The Lord’s Profits,” Sydney Morning Herald, January 30, 2003). That is right out of II Timothy 4:3, which is a warning of apostasy. It describes people who itch for a new kind of Christianity, and it describes heaps of preachers who will scratch this illicit itch. ***“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”*** That describes Hillsong to a “T.”

● **T.D. JAKES COMES OUT FOR ‘GAY MARRIAGE’ AND ‘LGBT CHURCHES,’ SAYS POSITION IS ‘EVOLVING’** -

Megachurch leader and author **T.D. Jakes** says that homosexuals should attend congregations that affirm their lifestyle and that politics do not need to reflect biblical ethics, adding that his position on homosexuality is both “evolved and evolving.”

During an interview with the Huffington Post on Monday, Jakes was asked by a viewer if he believes that homosexuals and the black church can co-exist.

“Absolutely... I think it is going to be diverse from church to church. Every church has a different opinion on the issue and every gay person is different,” he replied. “And I think that to speak that the church—the black church, the white church or any kind of church you wanna call it—are all the same, is totally not true.”

When asked if his position on homosexuality has “evolved,” Jakes agreed that it has. “Evolved and evolving,” he replied. “I think that where I am is to better understand we, the church, bought into the myth that this is a Christian nation.”

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states must legalize same-sex “marriage,” igniting a battle between the Church and State over the issue. In his comments on Monday, Jakes advocated for the separation of Church and State, which would allow for “all types of people” to have whatever rights they desire despite biblical prohibitions. He said that politics don’t need to be based on Christianity.

“[O]nce you get past [thinking America is a Christian nation]... Once you begin to understand that democracy—that a republic actually—is designed to be an overarching system to protect our unique nuances, then we no longer look for public policy to reflect biblical ethics,” Jakes explained.

“If we can divide—or what you would call separation of Church and State—then we can dwell together more effectively because atheists, agnostics, Jews, all types of people, Muslims, pay into the government. The government then cannot reflect one particular view over another just because we’re the dominant group of religious people in [this] country because those numbers are changing every day,” he asserted. “We need a neutralized government that protects our right to disagree with one another and agree with one another.”

● **A STIFF DOSE OF SCRIPTURE, TAKEN WITH FAITH -**  
***“My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word” (Psalm 119:25).***

“There can be little doubt that the psalmist was in the grip of deep depression. He was flat on his face in the dust. He had come to the end of himself and his own resources. At this point our society would advise us to see a psychiatrist, seek professional help. ...

The psalmist makes a different suggestion. He says to the Lord, ***‘Quicken Thou me.’*** He was going to air his problems all right, but he was going to take them to the Lord. He was going to seek a counselor--the counsel of the Word of God. There are very few problems in this life that cannot be solved by a thorough-going, honest exposure of one’s life to the Scriptures. To do that is the greatest therapy in the world. The psalmist asked God to ‘quicken him,’ that is, to put new life into him.

What he needed was a stiff dose of Scripture, taken with a mixture of faith, every day. Try it. Read your Bible consistently. Say with Samuel, ***‘Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth.’*** The Bible is a book of people and principles. Sooner or later, God will confront us in the pages of His Book with the basic cause of our problem and with His inspired, infallible solution to that problem. The psalmist had discovered the best way of all to handle depression. But we must be prepared. The Bible will not hedge or redefine sin. It will put its finger unerringly on the sin question, frequently at the root of other problems of life” - *John Phillips*