

**NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK**

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford  
Cradle Roll : Volunteer Needed!  
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White  
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!  
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White  
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday School ----- 33  
Sunday Morning Service ----- 38  
Sunday Evening Service ----- 26  
Wed. Eve. Service, 08/09/17 ----- 29

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of August 6, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,520.67  
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ----- \$ 19.00  
**Total Received for Week of 08/06/17: \$1,539.67**

- Week of July 30, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 825.90  
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 20.00  
**Total Received for Week of 07/30/17: \$ 845.90**

- Week of July 23, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 624.21  
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 20.00  
**Total Received for Week of 07/23/17: \$ 844.21**

- Week of July 16, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 806.70  
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 20.00  
**Total Received for Week of 07/16/17: \$ 826.70**

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

**LISTEN TO -**



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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  
**NEED VOLUNTEER!!!!** ----- Greeter  
Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- S.S. Teachers  
Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach  
Bertha Segebarrt ----- Custodian  
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

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**Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?**

by Pastor Todd W. White

**PROVERBS 29:2** says, "WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY, THE PEOPLE REJOICE: BUT WHEN THE WICKED BEARETH RULE, THE PEOPLE MOURN."

The Bible teaches that there are 2 pillars on which all civilization rests: **AUTHORITY** and **SUBMISSION**.

Now, when the wrong person gets in a place of authority, problems occur. This is *true in every* -

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**WE ARE IN A MESS IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THE WRONG PEOPLE ARE IN AUTHORITY!**

"Well," you say, "Who is in authority?"

**THE HUMANISTS!**

We like to blame our problems on the president, congress, politicians, etc., etc.

**K** In reality, it isn't the **structure**, **IT'S THE PHILOSOPHY THAT'S DESTROYING US!**

Ok, then what is Humanism? **HUMANISM IS A MAN-CENTERED PHILOSOPHY THAT ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF MAN AND THE WORLD INDEPENDENTLY OF GOD.**

You see, man's way of thinking is **CONTRARY** to God's. **ISAIAH 55:8** says, "**FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD.**"

*Apart from God, man thinks the opposite of God.*

*So - everything he thinks, says, or does without God will be contrary to the way God thinks, what God would have him say, and the way God would have him do.*

There are forces at work - **RIGHT NOW** - to destroy the American family and everything we hold dear in this country. *The sad thing is that most people - including Christians - are totally unaware of what is going on!* Oh, they know we have problems in our homes, schools, government, etc., but most people don't know where to place the blame.

**And there is no way to do anything about finding a solution until we understand where the problem lies!**

Most of the problems we have in this country are the result of **HUMANISM**.

**HUMANISM has taken over our -**

**9 Government.** This is a no-brainer - all you have to do is look at recent events in the political system to figure this one out.

**9 Educational System** (Parents - this is the reason you owe it to your children to either put your children in a good Christian

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*school, or homeschool them!)* Most parents - even Christians - the parents think that the school system today is the same as it was when they went to school. **WRONG!**

The public school system in this country is a mess!

Why? - Because we don't have many fine people working in them? **NO.**

The school systems are in trouble because of **HUMANISM!**

You see, the Humanists oversee and write the textbooks that are allowed in the classroom. The Humanists are in our Education Departments of our State Universities teaching our young men and women to be teachers.

The Humanists have as their goal the complete re-structuring of our entire society in this country, and the only way they can do it is to grow up generation after generation of people through the school systems who have been brainwashed into believing in such unscriptural nonsense as **SITUATIONAL ETHICS, VALUES CLARIFICATION, MULTICULTURALISM, PLURALISM, etc., etc., ad infinitum, ad nauseam.**

**HUMANISM also controls the MEDIA.** This is the reason why we have all this junk on TV, in newspapers, magazines, etc. - the Media is overrun with **HUMANISTS!** The reason why you can't get a straight, unbiased story for the most part regarding Christians and Christianity in this country is because **HUMANISM**, by and large, has taken over the media.

Humanism has infiltrated **EVERY PART** of life in this country - even the church - and it is destroying all that we hold dear. The sad thing is that, by and large, the Church of Jesus Christ is sitting on the sidelines in all of this ASLEEP, while the only answer to the problem lies totally in the Word of God!

**Humanism** is a real problem, and we're going to be looking at it during the next few weeks in the REMINDER. I hope when we're through those of you who right now think I'm some sort of a nut will be able to see with eyes that see what the Humanists are doing to our country, and take appropriate steps to protect our children and grandchildren from being poisoned by it.

Let's talk about -

## **THE GOALS OF HUMANISM**

Humanism is not coming. It's already here! It has already done much damage. It has already eaten far into the structures of our society. It kills unborn babies. It hurts youth with drugs. It dirties minds with profanity. It turns children against their parents. It robs families of their wealth. It severely damages and often destroys Christian families. If left alone, humanism will eat its way through the country until eventually it has destroyed all Christian homes and churches.

While Christians look with horror on these destructive trends, humanists actually believe their way of thinking will produce a better world. They say that **"[t]he next century can be and should be the humanistic century. Dramatic scientific,**

**technological, and ever-accelerating social and political changes crowd our awareness. We have virtually conquered the planet, explored the moon, overcome the natural limits of travel and communication; we stand at the dawn of a new age, ready to move farther into space and inhabit other planets. Using technology wisely, we can control our environment, conquer poverty, markedly reduce disease; extend our life-span, significantly modify our behavior, alter the course of human evolution and cultural development, unlock vast new powers, and provide human-kind with unparalleled opportunity for achieving an abundant and meaningful life."**

That sounds good, doesn't it? However, humanists cannot succeed in their quests because they leave God out of their plans. Humanists believe that men are capable of guiding and directing themselves. They know not that **"it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps"** (Jeremiah 10:23). They know not that **"there is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"** (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). They know not God's declaration that **"all who hate me love death"** (Proverbs 8:36.). They know not that Jesus is **"the way, the truth, and the life"** (John 14:6) or that Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

A society built on humanistic principles is a society which will destroy itself. Our society is not rapidly deteriorating. Much of this deterioration is because people have turned away from Christian principles and seek guidance from humanistic values.

Most Christians do not understand humanism, and therefore do not realize its dangers. Barely two or three out of 100 Christians have read any of the basic documents of humanism - Humanist Manifestos I and II, and A Secular Humanist Declaration. Have you read these documents? If not, you should! **Humanism is the number one modern philosophical enemy of Christianity.** We cannot effectively oppose it unless we understand its values, its goals, and its methods.

In order to understand the basic goals of humanism, we need to look only at its basic documents. That's because these documents were written for the express purpose of declaring the values and goals of humanism. Humanist **Paul Kurtz** underscored that fact when he wrote in the **Preface to Humanist Manifestos I and II** that these documents are intended **"... not as dogmas or credos..., but as the expression of a quest for values and goals that we can work for and that can help us to take new directions. Humanists are committed to building a world that is significant, not only for the individual's quest for meaning, but for the whole of humankind."** Moreover, the endorsers of Humanist Manifesto II invite others in all lands to join them **"in further developing and working for these goals."**

### **PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS -**

Our perception of humanist's objectives may be increased by making some preliminary observations about the subtleties of humanism. These observations may also help protect us against deception from humanist **language.** First, the language used by

humanist to express their goals seems intentionally low-key, and may sometimes also be appropriate for declaring Christian goals. This arouses minimal opposition. This technique may be illustrated by looking at two sentences in the thirteenth article of Humanist Manifesto I:

**"Religious humanism maintains that all associations and institutions exist for the fulfillment of human life. The intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of such associations and institutions with a view to the enhancement of human life is the purpose and program of humanism."**

Notice particularly the last sentence. However, let's reword it-without changing its meaning-so that the goal is more obvious. The sentence then might read, **"The purpose and program of humanism is the intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of [all] associations and institutions with a view of the enhancement of human life."** Notice: **"All associations and institutions"** includes homes, churches, schools, businesses, professions, governments, organizations, etc. Humanists want to transform, control, and direct them according to humanistic values and goals. Humanists want to convert the world to their way of thinking and acting. Does not the original wording minimize opposition?

Moreover, the language expressing goals of humanism may sometimes be appropriate also for declaring goals of Christianity. Should not the "purpose and program" of Christianity be to transform, control, and direct, "all associations and institutions?" Should not all associations and institutions operate by Christian values and goals? Is not Christianity applicable to all aspects of life - including all associations and institutions? **Of course!**

The point is - humanists have found themselves in a world dominated by Christian values and goals. They do not like Christian teaching and behavioral standards. They want a totally different philosophical standard to govern human thinking and behavior. **They are committed to eliminating Christianity.** That commitment is stated in these documents in a manner calculated to forcefully declare their goals yet to intentionally minimize their resistance.

A second preliminary observation is that vocabulary terms used by humanists sometimes have **special meanings.** When we are unaware of these special meanings, we may be inclined to agree with what they say. However, when we understand what humanists mean by certain terms, we will probably disagree with them. For example, humanists believe that **"the conditions of work, education, devotion, and play should be humanized."** What do humanists mean when they declare that these conditions should be "humanized?"

The answer comes from knowing what humanists believe about humanity. For them, human nature is very limited. **Humanists believe that man is only physical, not spiritual.** They believe that humans evolved rather than were created. They believe that man has no relationship to deity or to supernatural revelation, and

that therefore man needs no guidance apart from his own reason and intelligence. Therefore, to "humanize" the conditions of work, education, devotion, and play mean to remove from them any divine proscriptions regarding human conduct. For humanists, all conditions related to man should be determined only by human intelligence and reason. When we understand vocabulary terms in the same sense as humanists do, we then understand their goals more clearly.

A third and final preliminary observation is that humanism, by its very nature, consists not only of ideas but also of a specific method by which it operates. A **Secular Humanist Declaration** observes that **"secular humanism is not so much a specific morality as it is a method for the explanation and discovery of rational moral principles."** The method of humanism is the same as its message, namely, that God and Divine revelation must be eliminated from all ethical considerations. Humanism insists that man determine for himself what is right and what is wrong by his own critical thinking. Humanists want everyone to make decisions without considering God and to act as if there is no God. For humanists, God is not relevant. They want Christians also to think and act as though God is not relevant.

Next week, we'll look in detail at the Goals of Humanism. ÷



### **NOT ON SUNDAY NIGHT**

*I love the church that Jesus  
bought,  
And know that it is right;  
I go there Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night.  
I love to sing the songs of God,  
Such worship must be right;  
This I do on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.  
I love to hear the Gospel, too,  
It gives me pure delight;  
I hear it Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night.  
God bless our forward-moving church,  
And give it power and might;  
And let it march on Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night!*