

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars
6:30 P.M. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Hannah Dietrich
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
Cradle Roll 2: Charity Crawford

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of August 10, 2014

Sunday School ----- 16
Sunday Morning Service ----- 40
Sunday Evening Service ----- 24
Wed. Eve. Service, 08/13/14 ----- 31

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of August 10, 2014

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,335.15
Total Received for Week of 08/10/14: \$ 1,335.15

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

LISTEN TO -



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INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2014:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 329.66
Amount Received thusfar during Aug., 2014 ----- \$ 0.00
Amount STILL NEEDED BY 09/05/14: \$ 329.66

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 ----- Organist
Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
Shayne Hooper, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford ----- Outreach
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

REMINDER

JOIN OUR MEN AND LADIES STUDY GROUPS AS THEY LEARN ABOUT -



'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.'

- Ephesians 6:12

EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO LEARN THE PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE!

THOSE WHO ATTEND WILL FIND OUT:

- WHO THEIR ENEMY REALLY IS
- HOW TO RESIST THE DEVIL AND CAUSE HIM TO FLEE
- HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELF AND THEIR FAMILY FROM SPIRITUAL ATTACK
- HOW TO RECOGNIZE A SPIRITUAL ATTACK, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT
- HOW TO FIGHT BACK
- THE WEAPONS OF OUR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

OUR MEN'S STUDY IS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30

OUR LADIES ARE STUDYING THIS MATERIAL

AT 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



“MY SON, MY SON, ABSALOM”

“And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!” - II Samuel 18:33

Of course, there was no excuse for the behavior of Absalom. There are many things about which one can speculate, but that’s all it would be. For some reason, Absalom hated and resented his father. He sought to take the kingdom from him, and shame him by committing adultery with his father’s wives.

Absalom may have been angered by his father’s neglect. It is difficult to run a kingdom and have time for one’s family. But, none of us need excuses to rebel against our parents. We always justify our actions. David may have been at fault, but Absalom was guilty and still responsible.

However, our concern is not with the behavior of Absalom; it is with the grief of a father. David was grieving for Absalom long before Joab killed him. And so it is; every parent who has had a rebellious son or daughter can understand David’s cry. And, if that child dies in rebellion, the heart ache is just so much greater.

We are quick to pass judgment on others when tragedy strikes them, and many times suggest that the parents or the child had it coming. That may be true, but that should never be our response. We need to learn to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. Christianity is a religion of the heart as well as of the head.

All of us can read the story and hear David’s cry. But, only a few can read it and identify with it. Nothing hurts like a broken, crushed heart. Thus, we too learn to cry with David “...*O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!*”

Our own family failures, personal sins, and gratitude for God’s forgiveness, ought to put us in a frame of mind that not only hears David, but holds his hand as we climb the stairs with him.

- Ken Blue

Death is swallowed
up in Victory.
I COR. 15. 54.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

• **CREATIONIST SCIENTIST FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FOR DISCRIMINATORY FIRING** - The following is excerpted from “Scientist Sues,” The Christian Post, July 27, 2014:

“A scientist has filed a lawsuit against the California State University, Northridge saying he was terminated from his job due to his religious views after he discovered soft tissue on a triceratops fossil which supported his creationist view.

Mark Armitage, a former scientist at CSUN in Los Angeles, was terminated after he discovered supposedly the largest triceratops horn ever unearthed at the Hell Creek Formation excavation site in Montana, according to attorney Brad Dacus of Pacific Justice Institute, who’s filed the lawsuit. ‘Since some creationists, like [Armitage], believe that the triceratops bones are only 4,000 years old at most, [Armitage’s] work vindicated his view that these dinosaurs roamed the planet relatively recently,’ states the complaint filed against the CSUN board of trustees in Los Angeles Superior Court, according to CBS News.

The scientist’s findings, which indicate that dinosaurs roamed the earth only thousands of years in the past rather than going extinct 60 million years ago, were published in July 2013 in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. ‘Terminating an employee because of their religious views is completely inappropriate and illegal,’ Dacus said in a statement. ‘But doing so in an attempt to silence scientific speech at a public university is even more alarming. This should be a wakeup call and warning to the entire world of academia.’ Armitage is a published scientist of over 30 years.

Soon after the soft tissue discovery, a university official challenged the motives of Armitage, by shouting at him, ‘We are not going to tolerate your religion in this department!’ according to court documents.”

• **BAKER WHO REFUSED TO MAKE “SUPPORT GAY MARRIAGE” CAKE SAYS FAMILY STAYING TRUE TO BELIEFS** - The following is excerpted from “Baker Who Refused,” Christian Headlines, July 22, 2014:

“Daniel McArthur, manager of the Christian bakery that refused to make a ‘Support Gay Marriage’ cake, is speaking out about his family’s commitment to their beliefs. Ashers Baking Company of Northern Ireland recently declined an order to make a cake featuring Bert and Ernie and the slogan in favor of gay marriage; the family-owned business is facing legal action for the decision they made based on their religious principles. In an interview with the Daily Mail, McArthur said that the decision was not intended to cause distress, but to follow what their faith says is says. ‘We are not discriminating against gay people. Our church’s definition of marriage is clear: It’s a covenant between a man and a woman, a 6,000-year-old tradition, which is ordained by God. Sexual activity outside marriage is a sin.’

According to McArthur, the family talked about the decision

and its potential effects before they declined the order. It was a matter of ‘what our conscience told us against the risk our response might get some public attention,’ he said. As the lawsuit progresses, McArthur says that the family is staying true to their beliefs. ‘We pray that God will give us the strength to fight this.’”

• **“ISLAMOPHOBIA” THOUGHT CRIMES AT BERKELEY** - The following is excerpted from FrontPage.com, by Rima Greene and Cinnamon Stillwell, June 4, 2014:

“What’s an ‘Islamophobia’--promoting academic to do when there simply aren’t enough hate crimes to sustain the mythical narrative that Muslim-Americans are persecuted for their religion? The Islamophobia Research & Documentation Project (IRDP) at the University of California, Berkeley’s Center for Race & Gender came up with a brilliant idea for this spring’s Fifth Annual International Islamophobia Conference: they invented a thought crime called ‘latent Islamophobia.’

According to the conference description and ‘inspired by [the late Columbia professor] Edward Said’s work on Orientalism,’ ‘Islamophobia’ can be broken into two categories: latent and manifest: ‘Latent Islamophobia is founded upon an unquestionable certitude that Muslims trend towards despotism and away from progress. They are constructed and judged in terms of, and in comparison to, the West, so it is always the Other, the conquerable, and the inferior.’ Manifest Islamophobia ‘is what is spoken and acted upon.’

Near Eastern studies lecturer, IRDP director, and conference convener Hatem Bazian supported this blatant effort to condemn thought, as he promised in his opening remarks that this effort would eventually be a ‘field [and] a distinct area of study’ called ‘Islamophobia studies.’” Other presentations at the Islamophobia Conference included “Gender, Sexuality, Class and Colonialism in Transnational Latent and Manifest Islamophobia” and “Latent and Manifest Islamophobia in Indian Occupied Kashmir: Queerphilic Imperialism and Hindu-homonationalism.”

• **CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSICIANS CALL GOD “OUR MOTHER”** - CCM musicians Michael Gungor and Nichole Nordeman are members of The Liturgies, “a collective of creators working together to make thoughtful liturgical work.” Both names were listed on The Liturgies web site under “Who” when I did this research on June 7, 2014.

One of The Liturgies is “God Our Mother,” which includes the following words: “To know only the Father God would be like seeing the bright, dazzling sun, but never the stars spreading across the sky like so much fairy dust. God our Mother, reaching out to us with those hands--mother hands, strong and coursing with love, binding up wounds and soothing scrapes, holding us together, holding us safe. God our Mother, feeding us, nourishing us, giving us what we need to grow and thrive, taking care of us in big and small ways, seeing us, knitting us back together with love and grace when we’ve been broken. God our Mother, believing in us” (See Website). The goal of The Liturgies is to create an “apophatic meditation” that enables the practitioner to

“experience a connection with God.” The lyrics are accompanied by New Age-style music that is potentially trance inducing. The Liturgies are associated with contemplative prayer practices that come from Roman Catholic monasticism. The objective is to find God “beyond human language.”

This is blind mysticism and is a recipe for spiritual disaster. The “god” that is encountered beyond the language of Scripture is an idol.

• **CHRISTIAN ROCK STAR, THEOLOGIAN VICKY BEECHING COMES OUT AS LESBIAN; SAYS ‘I FEEL CERTAIN GOD LOVES ME JUST THE WAY I AM’** - Vicky Beeching, 35, one of the biggest names in Christian music in the U.S. and the U.K. revealed Wednesday that she is a lesbian and proclaimed “*I feel certain God loves me just the way I am.*”

“It’s taken all my courage, and all these years, for me to finally do this interview,” she noted in a post on her Facebook page that includes a link to an interview published in The Independent Wednesday.

“I am gay,” Beeching revealed in the interview that has sparked and international discussion online.

“What Jesus taught was a radical message of welcome and inclusion and love. I feel certain God loves me just the way I am, and I have a huge sense of calling to communicate that to young people. When I think of myself at 13, sobbing into that carpet, I just want to help anyone in that situation to not have to go through what I did, to show that instead, you can be yourself - a person of integrity,” the rock star who is also a theologian and media commentator noted.

Beeching who is famous for songs like “Great is Your Glory” and “Deliver,” in which she declares that God can break any chain, said she has gone through exorcisms and prayers of absolution to cure her of her same-sex attraction but confessed that she is still attracted to females and it had been that way since she was 12. “Realizing that I was attracted to them was a horrible feeling,” she said “I was so embarrassed and ashamed. It became more and more of a struggle because I couldn’t tell anyone.”

Her attraction for women, however, never left and as her career as a Christian artist bloomed she faced even more of a dilemma in a culture that doesn’t espouse homosexuality. “I would find myself at these events that were anti-equal-marriage rallies, but I was only booked to sing so there was no way I could say anything. If I had, I would have got kicked out,” she said.

She said she came out to her parents at Easter this year: “I was terrified but they reacted really well. They said, ‘We’re so sorry that you had to go through this alone.’”

“It’s a picture of what is possible. Even when you don’t agree, love can supersede everything,” she said. “The church’s teaching was the reason that I lived in so much shame and isolation and pain for all those years. But rather than abandon it and say it’s broken, I want to be part of the change,” she explained.

- excerpted from christianpost.com