

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll : Larry Byars
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
 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 13, 2017

Sunday School ----- 26
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 38
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 36
 Wed. Eve. Service, 08/16/17 ----- 26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 13, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,015.40
 Love Offering for Bro. Ray Meier ----- \$ 532.00
 Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ----- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 08/13/17: \$1,587.40

- 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

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

say that it is wrong to update the language again after the fashion of the several updates it has undergone since 1611 is not reasonable. Having dealt extensively with people who speak English as a second or third language, I am very sympathetic to the very real antiquation problem in the King James Bible. At the same time, I am not going to trade an excellent Bible with a few problems due to old language for a Bible filled with error due to a corrupt text and/or a corrupt translation methodology (e.g., dynamic equivalency).

If "King James Only" defines one who believes that he has the authority to call those who disagree with him silly asses, morons, and jacklegs, and to treat them as if they were fools because they refuse to follow his (or her) peculiar views, or if it

defines one who threatens to sue those who challenge him (or her), I am not "King James Only." ÷

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*



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

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 Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
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Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

by Pastor Todd W. White
 (continued from last week)

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* -

* Nation * State * City * Workplace * Church * Home

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!**

HUMANISM IS A MAN-CENTERED PHILOSOPHY THAT ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF MAN AND THE WORLD INDEPENDENTLY OF GOD. 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**.

K HUMANISM has taken over -

9 Our Government 9 Our Educational System 9 The Media 9 The Political System

Now - Let's Look At The Goals Of Humanism.

(continued inside)

THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

1. Humanists want to replace religions based on supernatural beliefs (like Christianity) with a religion based only on natural beliefs. They believe “that any religion that can hope to make a synthesizing and dynamic force for today must be shaped for the needs of this age. To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present.” No less than eight of the fifteen articles of the first Humanist Manifesto explicitly describe the new religion of humanism.

The first manifesto affirms that “religious humanists regard the universe as self existing and not created.” Humanists assert “that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values.” They “insist that the way to determine the existence and value of any and all realities is by means of intelligent inquiry and by the assessment of their relation to human needs. Religion must formulate its hopes and plans in the light of the scientific spirit and method.” They are convinced that the time has passed for theism. Therefore, “religious institutions, their ritualistic forms, ecclesiastical methods, and communal activities must be reconstituted as rapidly as experience allows, in order to function effectively in the modern world.”

While the first Manifesto is plain spoken in its rejection of the supernatural, the second manifesto seems more hostile. It declares that “traditional dogmatic or authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual, or creed above human needs and experience do a disservice to the human species.” Humanists think that “promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful.” Traditional religions and other ideologies are said to be “obstacles to human progress.”

The new religion desired by humanists is intended as a foundation for social changes:

K “In place of the old attitudes involved in worship and prayer the humanist finds his religious emotions expressed in a heightened sense of personal life and in a cooperative effort to promote social well-being.”

K “Religious humanism considers” the goal of a man’s life “the complete realization of human personality” in the here and now. “This is the explanation of the humanist’s social passion.”

K “It follows that there will be no uniquely religious emotions and attitudes of the kind associated with belief in the supernatural.”

K “Believing that religion must work increasingly for joy in living, religious humanists aim to foster the creative in man and to encourage achievements that add to the satisfactions of life.”

K For humanists, “religion consists of those actions, purposes, and experiences which are humanly significant. Nothing human is alien to the religious. It includes labor, art,

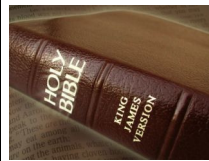
science, philosophy, love, friendship, recreation – all that is in its degree expressive of intelligently satisfying human living.”

K The religion of humanism therefore need not necessarily include formal worship assemblies. Even so, it is important to emphasize that the religion of humanism wishes not just to influence, nor even to dominate, but rather to control every aspect of human life. In so doing, it desires to remove God and all supernatural beliefs from all human affairs.

If humanists successfully implement this goal, then they will have eliminated the relevancy of God and all other supernatural beliefs from all human affairs. This has already been accomplished in the area of law. One of the most knowledgeable men in America about humanism, Rousas John Rushdoony, declares in his book Christianity and The State, that - *At present, law has been severed from God and is in essence atheistic; it presupposes a sovereign man, not the sovereign God. Churchmen, by their acceptance of contemporary, non-Biblical law, have given assent to atheism as the religion of society. The result has been the virtual disappearance of atheism as an organized movement, because our antinomian churches advocate precisely what atheism worked to introduce, the supplanting of theocratic Biblical law with humanistic statist law. Atheism in the 20th century has conquered church, state, and school. The atheistic vision of a social order stripped of God’s law has been realized.*

In the field of medicine, humanism is the cause for over a million and a half babies being aborted annually. It is now moving to legalize euthanasia, infanticide, and suicide. In education, humanism has legally removed Bible reading and prayer from public school classrooms. In field after field, little by little, humanists are implementing this goal as they seek to transform, control, and direct all associations and institutions.

(continued next week)



KING JAMES ONLY

by Evangelist David Cloud

There is a lot of debate and confusion surrounding the man-made term “King James Only.” It has been popularized in recent years by men who claim they are concerned about a dangerous and cultic view of the King James Bible. Rarely do they carefully define the term, though, and as a result a wide variety of Bible-believing men are given a nebulously-defined label.

The term “King James Only” was invented by those who oppose the defense of the King James Bible and its underlying original language texts. It was intended to be a term of approbation, and it is usually defined in terms of extremism.

I have been labeled “King James Only” because of my writings on the subject of Bible texts and versions. To set the record straight, let me explain what I believe. I know that this is also what a large number of other King James Bible defenders believe. **I WILL ACCEPT THE LABEL OF “KING JAMES ONLY” IF**

IT MEANS THE FOLLOWING: If “King James Only” defines one who believes that God has given infallible Scripture in the original Greek and Hebrew writings and that He has preserved that in the Hebrew Masoretic and Greek Received Text and that we have a beautiful translation of it in the English language in the Authorized Version, call me “King James Only.”

If “King James Only” defines one who believes modern textual criticism is heresy, call me “King James Only.” Prior to the Internet era, I spent hundreds of dollars to obtain the writings of the men who have been at the forefront of developing the theories underlying modern textual criticism, and I have read them. They are not dependable. They refuse to approach the Bible text from a position of faith in divine preservation. Most of them are out-and-out heretics, and I refuse to lean upon their scholarship. I am convinced they do not have the spiritual discernment necessary to know where the inspired, preserved Word of God is located today.

If “King James Only” defines one who believes that God has preserved the Scripture in its common use among apostolic churches through the fulfillment of the Great Commission and that He guided the Reformation editors and translators in their choice of the Received Text and that we don’t have to start all over today in an attempt to find the preserved text of Scripture, call me “King James Only.” The theories of modern textual criticism all revolve around the idea that the pure text of Scripture was not preserved in the Reformation text but that the Reformation editors, because of their alleged ignorance and or lack of resources, rejected the best text and chose, instead, an inferior one. In fact, modern textual criticism is predicated upon the theory that the best text of the New Testament (the Egyptian or Alexandrian) was rejected in the earliest centuries and was replaced with a corrupt recension that was created through the conflation of various manuscript readings (the Byzantine or Traditional text) and that the corrupt text became the dominant text throughout most of church history (for 1,500 years) until the best text was rediscovered in the 19th century. You are free to accept such views if it suits you. **I, for one, believe it is absolute nonsense.**

Similarly, if “King James Only” defines one who rejects the theory that the “preserved” Word of God was hidden away in the Pope’s library and in a weird Greek Orthodox monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai (a monastery which has a room full of the skulls of dead monks) for hundreds of years, call me “King James Only.”

If “King James Only” defines one who believes that it is necessary to have one biblical standard in a language as important as English and who believes that the multiplicity of competing versions has created confusion and has weakened the authority of the Word of God, call me “King James Only.”

ON THE OTHER HAND, I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE LABEL OF “KING JAMES ONLY” IF IT MEANS THE FOLLOWING: If “King James Only” defines one who believes that the KJV was given by inspiration, I am not “King James

Only.” The authority of the King James Bible is the product of preservation, not inspiration. The term “inspiration” refers to the original giving of the Scripture through holy men of old (II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20-21). At the same time, I agree with the Pulpit Commentary when it says, “We must guard against such narrow, mechanical views of inspiration as would confine it to the Hebrew and Greek words in which it was written, so that one who reads a good translation would not have ‘the words of the Lord.’” To say that the King James Bible is the inspired Word of God in the English language because it is an accurate translation of the preserved Hebrew and Greek is not the same as saying that it was given by inspiration.

If “King James Only” defines one who believes the English KJV is superior to the Hebrew and Greek texts upon which it was based, I am not “King James Only.” In fact, I believe such an idea is pure nonsense, as it would mean the pure and preserved Word of God did not exist before 1611.

If “King James Only” defines one who believes that the King James Bible is advanced revelation over the Hebrew and Greek texts that God gave through inspiration to holy men of old, I am not “King James Only.”

If “King James Only” defines one who believes that we do not need to study Greek and Hebrew today or that it is not important to use lexicons and dictionaries, I am not “King James Only.” God’s people should learn Greek and Hebrew, if possible, and use (with caution and wisdom) study tools. When the Bible says that “holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost,” we know that the words they spake were Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words. But foundational to the study of the biblical languages is a thorough understanding of the textual issue. We must study the right Greek and Hebrew, and we must also be careful of original language study tools, because many of them were produced from a rationalistic perspective and with great bias against the God-blessed Received Text.

If “King James Only” defines one who believes the preserved Word of God is available only perfectly in English, I am not “King James Only.” The Masoretic Hebrew Old Testament and Greek Received New Testament translated correctly into any language is the preserved Word of God in that language, whether it is German, Spanish, French, Korean, or Nepali.

If “King James Only” defines one who believes that translations in other languages should be based on English rather than (when possible) Greek and Hebrew, I am not “King James Only.”

If “King James Only” defines one who believes that a person can only be saved through the King James Bible, I am not “King James Only.” It is the gospel of Jesus Christ that is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16), and even a Bible that is textually corrupt contains the gospel.

If “King James Only” defines one who believes that the King James Bible’s antiquated language is holy or who believes the KJV could never again be updated, I am not “King James Only.” I doubt the KJV will ever be replaced in this apostate age, but to