

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

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

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday School ----- 23
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 31
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 29
 Wed. Eve., 08/12/16 Service ----- 26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of August 21, 2016

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 991.00
 Total Received for Week of 08/21/16: \$ 991.00

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

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

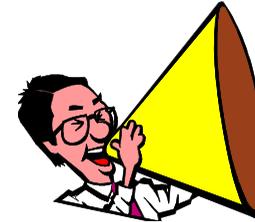
Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
 ----- Greeter
 Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"My Guardian Angel had a busy day today, but we had FUN!"

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER

EVANGELIST
 Rodney Woodcock



**He will be preaching Today @ 11:00 a.m & 6:30 p.m.
 & Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 29-31 at 7:00 p.m.**

- K **Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching**
- K **Old-Fashioned Singing**

**BE SURE AND BE HERE FOR EVERY SERVICE!
 AND - BRING A FRIEND!!!!**



Evangelist Gypsy Smith
1860 - 1947

THE MODEL CHURCH

by Gypsy Smith

“And when they had prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together”

- Acts 4:31

Here you will find an account of the model church - the Church as Jesus would have it be. Note for a moment the characteristics of that Church:

“And when they had prayed the place was shaken . . .”

These people knew how to pray. That is evident. Their Church was in truth the House of Prayer. There was great unity within that Church. They were *“of one heart and one soul.”* They were concentrated as well as consecrated. They gave of their substance freely. They were generous souls within that Church. There was great grace there also.

And surely there was great power -

“And with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.”

Note the five great fundamentals which go to make up the model Church of Jesus Christ:

Prayer.

Unity.

Generosity.

Grace.

and Power.

If you want your Church to come up to the Apostolic standard, it must possess all these characteristics.

In the model Church, the people will love to pray. They will love that more than anything else. They would rather go to a prayer meeting than to a place of entertainment. When the Church of God uses the Apostolic standard, it will be a praying church; that will be its chief characteristic. **These people prayed!** When they prayed, something happened. Some of us would be surprised if anything striking happened as a result of our prayers. But, you see, I am speaking of the Apostolic Church; the sort of Church you say you would like to have in your locality. I am speaking, not of a Church which had grown conventional and cold, but of a conspicuous, outstanding, convincing, converting Church.

The Place Of Prayer

Do men and women enter Sunday after Sunday and say, *“I am*

in the place of Prayer - there is the quickening atmosphere of Prayer all about me.”? Do they realize that the spirit of unity exists there? Are they conscious of the generosity, the grace, and the power of those whose names are on the Church Roll, and who worship there Sunday after Sunday?

I want to tell you something else you would be doing, if you were like the members of the first Apostolic Church -

You would come to Church every Sunday morning a little earlier in order to meet in prayer with your minister, and that would have a mighty effect upon the day's services, upon the preacher and upon the congregation.

Another thing you would do is watch carefully the spiritual life of the Church, guard it at every point, stimulate it by prayer and by godly conversation and see to it that nothing is allowed to enter the Church to pollute the spiritual atmosphere or to smother the promptings of the Holy Spirit. There will be no converting power within your Church, no building-up and strengthening of Christian graces of character, if the spiritual atmosphere is violated.

You must see to it that all its windows are open to the winds of Heaven, that the breath of God may have full play.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

K FOLLOWING MARY'S INSTRUCTIONS, CATHOLICS SMASH ROCKS FOR GOOD LUCK - The following is excerpted from “Thousands of Catholics smash rocks,” ChristianToday.com, Aug. 17, 2016:

“Every year, in the third week of August, Bolivian Catholics meet on the outskirts of La Paz, a cultural centre in the west of the country. There, they collect river rocks and try to break them. The rite is performed to call for blessings as part of the festival of the Virgin of Urkupiña. Legend has it that Virgin Mary appeared to a shepherd girl to instruct her to take rocks from this dried river that miraculously turned into silver when she reached home, pulling her family out of poverty. Pilgrims strike rocks to try to similarly improve their fortunes. When a rock is easily split, they believe their wish will be soon fulfilled. If they have more difficulty striking and splitting the rock, it will take more time. ‘You can ask for a house, a car, all your wishes are fulfilled,’ said believer Ricardo Tarqui. ‘I broke the rock with a second blow and in a third attempt. I have been able to buy a house and also a car.’ Lots of other activities take place as part of the festival, including a huge parade and a central Mass.”

K ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL TEACHERS INSTRUCTED NOT TO CALL STUDENTS BOYS AND GIRLS - The following is excerpted from “Teachers at school directed to stop addressing students as ‘boys and girls,’” KOB-TV, Albuquerque, New Mexico, KOB4.com, Aug. 19, 2016:

“Teachers at Carlos Rey Elementary School are in a tough situation after their assistant principal told them to stop calling their students ‘boys and girls.’ It seems the school administrators

decided to take the new transgender bathroom policy for Albuquerque Public Schools a step further. This appears to be the first example of something that started as a bathroom issue now expanding into daily life in the classroom.

A letter sent to teachers at Carlos Rey this month titled **‘Gender Identity Procedural Directive’** states teachers can no longer refer to their students as boys and girls starting this month, telling them to eliminate gender in their classrooms. ... Adrien Lawyer with the Transgender Resource Center believes the assistant principal was actually trying to do the right thing. *‘What the principal was trying to say is let’s think about how we address students and all of the gendered language that we use all day every day and whether or not we really have to do that,’* he said.

Lawyer said that kind of policy would have taken a lot of the daily suffering out of his childhood, growing up as a girl who knew in his heart he was a boy.

The District (presumably due to the public backlash) said this was a complete mistake on the assistant principal’s part and that she was immediately addressing the overreach. APS said nowhere in their transgender policy does it say to not call students boys and girls. Sources at the school, however, tell KOB they were told to continue with that policy.”

K OBAMA’S TRANSGENDER EDICT - The following is excerpted from “Transgender edict: You will be made to comply,” OneNewsNow.com, Aug. 18, 2016:

“The Obama administration has announced it is imposing its transgender bathroom policy on thousands of federal buildings across the country. NBC News reports the notice has been issued today in the Federal Register.

According to the notice, ‘federal agencies occupying space under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the GSA [General Services Administration] must allow individuals to use restroom facilities and related areas consistent with their gender identity.’ The rule applies to federal courthouses and offices of government agencies such as the Social Service Administration and the Department of Veteran Affairs. It doesn’t apply to the U.S. Capitol or to national parks because they aren’t under GSA control. The federal notice also states: ‘... [T]he self-identification of gender identity by any individual is sufficient to establish which restroom or other single-sex facilities should be used.’

The NBC report also notes that the administration’s edict states that the requirement to provide equal access cannot be met by requiring transgender employees and visitors to use single-user washrooms.”

Southern Baptist Convention Allowing Women in the Pulpits?

I’m not sure what’s so difficult to understand about this passage. I didn’t write it. The Apostle Paul wrote it. Historically, Southern Baptists believe that all Scripture is God-breathed (see

II Tim 3:16) - that is, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So if you have a problem with it, take it up with the Creator.

Though the Baptist Faith & Message, a statement of faith that Southern Baptists have historically agreed upon, affirms the biblical role of men and women in the church, it is non-binding on the individual churches. In fact, the only requirement to be recognized as a Southern Baptist is to send them a few bucks every now and then.

Yet, the convention recently booted a Southern Baptist church for officiating a gay “wedding.” Apparently, they found this sinful enough to take action, even though there is no written, binding prohibition against it. So the convention CAN remove your church if they find your church operating in an unbiblical manner. **BUT** - how much money are they losing by giving the boot to a small church? The SBC can save face, while sacrificing nothing, by removing a small congregation who contributes a relatively small amount to the organization.

Enter Elevation Church

Elevation Church, misled by Steven Furtick, is a multisite SBC megachurch with thousands of members. Elevation Church rakes in millions of dollars per year. Elevation Church is a major player on both the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, and the NC Baptist Association’s bottom line.

We can overlook a little bit of sin... After all, it’s not as bad as officiating a gay wedding,right?

“But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence” – I Tim 2:12 (emphasis mine)

Holly Furtick, Steven’s wife, with her histrionic performance of pastoral theatrics this past weekend, took to the pulpit - **wait, there is no pulpit** - too the STAGE to teach twist Scripture, and lead people to a rightful misunderstanding of God’s Word.

I suppose she gets a pass, though, since they don’t actually qualify as a church. But hey, as long as they’re sending in the dough, and lining the pockets of the Convention elites, we can turn a blind eye to a little leaven—after all, the good outweighs the bad.

“Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.”

- Revelation 2:20.

- Jeff Maples, Pulpit & Pen.

BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU TO EVERY SERVICE TO HEAR EVANGELIST RODNEY WOODCOCK THIS WEEK!