

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 1: Volunteer Needed!
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of September 3, 2017

Sunday School ----- 25
Sunday Morning Service ----- 33
Sunday Evening Service ----- 27
Wed. Eve. Service, 09/06/17 ----- 18

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of September 3, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,535.60
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ----- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 09/03/17: \$1,555.60

- Week of August 27, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 684.00
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ----- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 08/27/17: \$ 704.00

- Week of August 20, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 629.10
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ----- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 08/20/17: \$ 639.10

- 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

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 tithes (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



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* -

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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!**

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 Continue To Look At The Goals Of Humanism.

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THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

Thusfar we have looked at three of the 5 goals of humanism -

1. Humanists Want to Replace Religions Based on Supernatural Beliefs (Like Christianity) with a Religion Based Only on Natural Beliefs.

2. Humanists Want to Replace Biblical Ethics with Humanistic Ethics.

3. Humanists Want to Remove the Biblical Definitions of Family and Sexuality. Humanists want to replace the family as the basic unit of society with the autonomous individual. The family is not important to humanists. Rather, *“the preciousness and dignity of the individual person is a central humanist value.”* Humanists *“reject all religious, ideological, or moral codes that denigrate the individual.”* They believe in **“maximum individual autonomy”** (that is, individual self-rule). For humanists, *“the possibilities of individual freedom of choice ...should be increased.”* While humanists yet have much to accomplish before the autonomous individual can be said to have replaced the family as the basic unit in society, they have also accomplished much in achieving this goal.

This brings us to Goal #4 -

4. HUMANISTS WANT TO REPLACE OUR REPUBLICAN FORM OF REPRESENTATIVE SELF-GOVERNMENT WITH A DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT.

Before 1930, American textbooks always designated our nation as a **republic**. A republican form of government is one *“which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the body of the people and is administered by persons holding office with the consent of the governed.”* Now, however, it is common practice for school textbooks to designate our nation as a **democracy**.

While our government is not yet one of pure democracy, that’s the direction humanists wish all our institutions to go. Humanists say, *“We are committed to an open and democratic society. We must extend participatory democracy in its true sense to the economy, the school, the family, the workplace, and voluntary associations. Decision-making must be decentralized to include widespread involvement of people at all levels - social, political, and economic.”*

What humanists mean by “an open and democratic society” and by the phrase “participatory democracy in its true sense” is that everyone should have equal authority – no more and no less. When they say that “decision-making must be decentralized” in “the school, the family, the workplace, and voluntary associations,” they mean that in making decisions each student

should have **as much say** as a teacher, that each child should have as much authority as a parent, and that each employee should have as much input as does an employer. In the name of democracy, humanists want to destroy the authority delegated to specific individuals and to delegate that authority to groups.

The humanistic ideal of a democratic society has special implications for the areas of religion and economics. Regarding religion, since humanists believe that “the conditions of work, education, devotion and play should be humanized,” then there will be no divine or fixed standard to which all the people may appeal for making their decisions. Decisions must be made in keeping with the changing will of the people. That’s because people are said, by humanists, to be “more important than decalogues, rules, proscriptions, or regulations.” In essence, the ideal government of a nation, for humanists, is one where God is absent and where there is rule by men rather than rule by law.

More significantly, “because of their commitment to freedom, secular humanists believe in the principle of separation of church and state.” They believe that “the separation of church and state and the separation of ideology and state are imperatives.” What humanists **mean** by the separation of church and state, however, is not the same as what Christians mean.

Historically, Christians have meant by the separation of church and state that the federal government should not fund any particular denomination from tax revenues. What humanists mean, however, is that Christianity should not **influence** civil governments in either the content of governmental decisions, or in the process by which those decisions are made. Since no one wants a national denominational church, the separation of church and state, from a Christian perspective, is a non-issue. Then why do humanists keep applying to current events the issue about separation of church and state? Is it not because humanists want Christians to refrain from influencing public policies with Christian values?

In this, however, humanists are guilty of duplicity. While humanists do not want Christian ideology to influence civil governments, they want their own ideology to be the foundation of civil governments. Some humanists may falsely claim that humanism is not a religion, but no one can deny that humanism is an ideology. Moreover, all civil governments operate by ideological and religious principles. If our government therefore does not operate by principles of the Christian religion, then it will operate by principles of some anti-Christian religion.

Humanists have already achieved considerable success in separating Christian influence from the governance of society. There are now reports of literally thousands of cases of religious discrimination against Christians in America. Christians no longer enjoy religious freedom in America. Religious freedom for Christians has been reduced to religious toleration. And while religious toleration for Christians is still at a high level, it is being steadily reduced as local governments restrict churches with zoning ordinances, and state and federal government agencies

declare various church ministries (such as education, day-care services, etc.) to be secular, not religious, and therefore under civil rather than religious jurisdiction.

Regarding economics, **“humanists are firmly convinced . . . that a radical change in methods, controls, and motives must be instituted.”** They want to “democratize the economy and judge it by its responsiveness to human **needs**, testing results in terms of the common good.” Humanists say that “humane societies should evaluate economic systems . . . by whether or not they increase economic well-being for all individuals and groups, minimize poverty and hardship, increase the sum of human satisfaction, and enhance the quality of life.” In a world of humanism, “individuals should be encouraged to contribute to their own betterment. If unable, then **society** should provide means to satisfy their basic economic, health, and cultural needs, including, wherever resources make possible, a minimum guaranteed annual income.” For humanists, “. . . a socialized and cooperative economic order must be established to the end that the equitable distribution of the means of life be possible. The goal of humanism is a free and universal society in which people voluntarily and intelligently cooperate for the common good. Humanists demand a shared life in a shared world.”

The “radical change in methods, controls, and motives” desired by humanists has already been implemented in many ways. The insistence upon democratization of the economy has produced numerous government initiatives for old age pensions, social security, and other government redistribution programs that now operate through state and federal welfare agencies. These social welfare programs of our civil governments have some undeclared assumptions that are contrary to Biblical values. Chief among these is the governmental assumption that all citizens and property belong to the government. However, *“the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof” (Psalms 24:1; see also Psalms 50:10-12; Job 41:11).*

Acting as if they own everything, civil governments seemingly presume the right to **confiscate** through **taxation** whatever they will from property owners in order to give it to whomever they will. Under these governmental arrangements a man is not fully allowed his God-given responsibility to be a steward of all resources God has given to him. Moreover, an individual’s need and the *“equitable distribution of the means of life”* are the primary criteria used by civil governments to determine who shall benefit from its treasuries. Again, however, this is not God’s way. God’s way is for a man to work for whatever he receives (Genesis 3:19; II Thessalonians 3:10). God works (John 5:17) and he expects man to work (Ephesians 4:28; II Thessalonians 3:12).

Not everyone is able to work, therefore children, the elderly, and others should be provided for by their own families (1 Timothy 5:8). The poor should be assisted by compassionate and caring individuals (Luke 12:25-37; Matthew 25:31-46; 1 John 3:17; James 2:14-17). Laziness is forbidden (Proverbs 22:29; 24:3-27; 28:19). The humanists’ idea of enforced sharing of this world’s goods is contrary to Biblical principles.

Humanists want a democratic rather than a republican form of government because a democratic form of government is consistent with humanistic concepts regarding the nature of man and ethical values, whereas a republican form of government is consistent with biblical concepts regarding the nature of man and ethical values. The biblical concept of man is that all men sin (Romans 3:10, 23).

“Since no man is free from sin, then any man who has governmental authority over other men may become very evil in his rulership over them.” A republican form of government consists of numerous checks and balances against the potential evil which men may do through governmental power. Moreover, when men are expected to live by absolute values based upon God’s word, then men in a republican form of government may be self-governing. In a republican form of government, when men fail to live by absolute standards, they are then judged by those standards. These concepts demand human accountability locally. Hence, in a republican form of government, city and county governments are strong while state and national governments are weaker.

“On the other hand, the humanist concept of man is that man is basically good, and that therefore all men may be relied upon to do what is basically good.” Since it is supposed that man is basically good, then in a democratic form of government, it is thought that the best and wisest of men should rule over the rest of men. Moreover, since humanism contends that ethical and moral values are relative, situational, and autonomous, then a democratic form of government is one of men rather than of laws. These concepts result in the centralization of power. Hence, in a democratic form of government, the national government with its bureaucracies and agencies are the most powerful while weaker state and local county and city governments are restricted by national regulations.

Humanists have already done much to achieve their goal of changing our national form of government from a republic to a democracy. The republican form of national government is still in place, but its *effectiveness* has been greatly eroded. In many instances they have turned statesmen into demagogues, liberty into license, and progress into chaos. Even so, they have not yet been fully successful. If they should fully achieve this goal, it will be but for a passing moment because *“a democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can exist only until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largess out of the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits from the public treasury – with the result that democracy always collapses over a loose fiscal policy, always to be followed by dictatorship.”*

(more next week)

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