

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
Cradle Roll : Volunteer Needed!
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 September 10, 2017

Sunday School ----- 8
Sunday Morning Service ----- 28
Sunday Evening Service ----- 22
Wed. Eve. Service, 09/13/17 ----- 21

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of September 10, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 654.05
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 09/10/17: \$ 674.05

- 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

**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.

(continued inside)

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THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

Thusfar we have looked at four 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.

4. Humanists Want to Replace Our Republican Form of Representative Self-government with a Democratic Socialist Government.

This week we look at Humanism's Goal # 5, which is -

5. HUMANISTS WANT TO REPLACE MULTI-NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS WITH A ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT. The ultimate goal of humanism is to build "a world that is significant." By that expression, humanists mean that the best option for humanity is "to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community in which all sectors of the human family can participate." Humanists "deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds." They "look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon *transnational* federal government." This requires that nations "reduce the level of military expenditure and turn these savings to peaceful and people-oriented uses." It also requires centralized "cooperative planning concerning the use of rapidly depleting resources."

Moreover, since the problems of economic growth and development are considered worldwide in scope, developed nations are said by humanists to have a moral obligation to provide "massive technical agricultural, medical, and economic assistance, including birth control techniques, to the developing portions of the globe." And since humanists generally consider technology to be a vital key to human progress and development, then humanists "would resist any moves to censor basic scientific research on moral, political, or social grounds." "Communication and transportation" must be expanded. "A world wide system of television and radio for information and education" must be developed that "diverse political, ideological and moral viewpoints" may be shared.

Humanists declare that since "we are responsible for what we are or will be," then we should work together for a humane

world. They believe that "...commitment to all humankind is the highest commitment of which we are capable; it transcends the narrow allegiances of church, state, party, class, or race in moving toward a wider vision of human potentiality. What more daring a goal for human kind that for each person to become, in ideal as well as practice, a citizen of a world community."

Although humanists are far from achieving this goal they have already put many systems into place for a one-world government. The United Nations charter is based upon the precepts of humanism. UNESCO, the World Health Organization, and other UN auxiliary organizations are all influential throughout the world. The International Court of Justice (commonly referred to as the World Court) is now functioning, although most nations abide by its judgments only whenever it suits their respective wills. Many countries now consider it standard practice to give foreign aid to other countries. Public demonstrations promoting peace, demilitarization, and the cutting of national defense budgets are also common.

In some ways, this goal of modern humanism is quite similar to a goal once held by some ancient humanists. The ancient humanists had said to one another, "Come, let us build a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (Genesis 11:4). As these ancient people left God out of their plans and efforts, so also do modern humanists who want to build a one-world government. And as those ancient humanists acted in pride to make a name for themselves, so also do modern humanists act in pride, thinking that by human reason and intelligence modern man can guide himself in the full development of his potential.

But just as God then confounded their languages and turned their tower "unto heaven" into a tower of Babel, so also will God confound these modern humanists and leave in rubble their attempts to build a one-world government. We may be sure of this because God casts down the haughty and lifts up the humble (see II Samuel 22:18; Proverbs 3:34; James 4:6; I Peter 5:5; Isaiah 10:33; Proverbs 16:18; 18:12; 22:4; Luke 14:11; 18:14).

CONCLUSION:

However much Christians may believe that humanism leads to destruction and that it will ultimately fail, humanists think otherwise. They "believe that it is possible to bring about a more humane world, one based upon the methods of reason and the principles of tolerance, compromise, and the negotiations of difference." They are confident that they can "initiate new directions for humankind." Their assessment is that "the true revolution is occurring and can continue in countless non-violent adjustments."

However much Christians may not wish to acknowledge it, "the influence of secular civil humanism in the West since the Enlightenment has generally followed an ascending course. Even in the United States, where religion remains a powerful social force, civil humanism is now probably the dominant

value system within the intellectual community. It thereby exerts strong influence over the entertainment and news industries and over the higher levels of the education system and the government bureaucracy. Leo Pfeffer, a distinguished authority on church-state relations, has written, 'Secular humanism [is] a cultural force which in many respects is stronger in the United States than any of the major religious groups or any alliance among them.'"

In view of the accelerating growth of humanism, it seems abundantly clear that professed Christians are not being the salt of the earth, the light of the world, and a leavening influence within society. Professed Christians are not exterminating the termites of humanism. The sad fact is that many professed Christians seem altogether unaware of the existence of humanism. Such Christians are therefore totally incapable of assessing the damages done by humanism. More significantly, such Christians are unable to oppose humanism.

If humanism is ever exterminated, and if our culture is ever to be firmly established upon Christian principles, then all who profess to be Christians must act immediately to implement Christian values within all civil governments and agencies, and also within all other institutions, organizations, and human associations. Unless the Christian religion comes to prevail over the religion of humanism in America, then we may expect that, as humanists more fully achieve their goals, this nation will continue on its downward path of moral degeneration.

As we look at the goals of humanism, and the degree to which they already have achieved their goals, we who profess to be Christians should be alarmed at the effectiveness with which humanists are achieving their objectives. If ever there has been a time in these United States for Christians to respond to shouts of alarm, this is that time. ÷

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

KEMERGING CHURCH PASTOR SAYS YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A CALLING, NOT RULES - Steven Furtick of Elevation Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, says that what this generation needs is not more rules to live by, but a calling to live for ("Charlotte Pastor," The Christian Post, Nov. 26, 2010). This is typical emerging church philosophy. In reality, what youth need is BOTH rules to live by and a call to real discipleship. In Scripture, discipleship involves keeping divine rules. The Lord Jesus instructed the churches to teach converts to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20), and those "all things" are found in the New Testament Scriptures. Consider the epistle of Ephesians. This epistle tells us that salvation is by God's grace without works, but it also contains three chapters packed with rules for believers to live by, rules that cover every aspect of life, private, family, and work. Addicted to the pop culture, this generation has rejected rules for a "me first" lifestyle and philosophy, and the emerging church is tickling itching ears with a lusty Christianity (II Timothy 4:3-4).

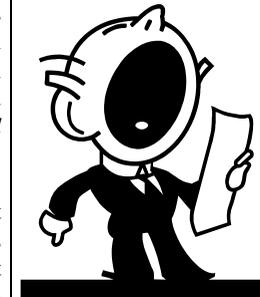
Assuming an upbeat emerging stance, Furtick claims that this is "the most driven, most opportunistic, most positioned generation in history to take the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world." In fact, this is a generation that typically lacks the self-sacrifice, discipline, and long-term commitment to accomplish such a task, but when a young person rejects his "generation," repenting of his love for the ungodly, vain pop culture, and becomes a true disciple of Christ, submitting himself to Christ's rule as expressed in Scripture, he can indeed help take the gospel of Christ to this needy world. This is the objective that every church should have for its young people. What we do agree with is that young people in Bible-believing churches don't need JUST rules, and they particularly don't need a focus on a mere list of shallow external standards divorced from training in genuine heart-level discipleship. The essence and fundamental of the Christian life is not rules; it is Christ Himself.

KFALSE CHRISTS TODAY - The Bible warns of the coming of false christs. A recent report in The Telegraph (London, England) describes seven "modern-day messiahs." These include Vissarion (Siberia) who has a following of 5-10,000 disciples in the Siberian forest; Jesus of Kitwe, a taxi driver in Zambia; Alvaro Theiss of Brazil, who calls himself Inri Christo, hears a voice in his head that he believes is God the Father, has mostly female disciples, and is transported around his compound on a really tacky rolling throne; Moses Hlongwane of South Africa; and David Shayler of England, a transvestite cross dresser.

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom ye have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him" (II Corinthians 11:4).

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24).

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time" (I John 2:18).



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OUR REVIVAL OCT. 1-4!!!**