

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Charity Crawford
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
Cradle Roll 2: Rebekah White
Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
Cradle Roll 2: Andrea Hooper

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of September 22, 2013

Sunday School ----- 11
Sunday Morning Service ----- 31
Sunday Evening Service ----- 32
Wed. Eve. Service, 09/25/13 ----- 26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of September 22, 2013

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 904.00
Total Received for Week of 09/22/13: \$ 904.00

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

The Family of Nathaniel White ...



*- wishes to express their
deepest love and
gratitude to our church
family for their prayers,
assistance, and love
during his recent
passing.*

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR SEPT., 2013:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 329.66
Amount Received thusfar for Sept., 2013 ----- \$ 0.00
Amount STILL NEEDED by 10/05/13 = \$ 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
Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
Shayne Hooper, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
Dwayne English, Shayne Hooper ----- Outreach
Flowers ----- Shirley White

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

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When Night Falls

by Anabel Gillham

But none saith, "Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night?" - Job 35:10

Wesley, our brave dog, and I walk around our circle during the day and have no fear at all--unless we meet a great big dog! It's relaxing; fun; and good exercise for both of us. I would

not walk around our circle during the night with or without Wesley, my constant companion. I'd love to do that, but this isn't something women do with utter abandonment. (I told mu husband Bill just the other day that I resent it that a man can walk in the dark but a woman can't--safely, at least.) Oh, I love the night time--the stillness, the quiet chirping of the birds going to bed, the crickets serenading, the lightning bugs having fun turning on and off, the moon and the wonder of the numberless stars and some times a haunting song from a bird making the night lovely. Yes, night is fascinating--magical, but men choose to do their evil in the darkness (John 3:19).

Night doesn't have a good reputation in the Bible either. I love John 1:4-5: **"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not"** (the darkness can never extinguish it). John 3:19 says, **"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."** Even our favorite Psalm 23 gives darkness a bad name: **"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."**

When we are going through severe problems, coping with illness, devastation, death, or depression, we feel enveloped by shadows and we say we are going through a **"dark time in my life"**--night has hidden the beauty of the day. But God gives us a promise--a wonderful promise: **"...the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me..." (Psalm 42:8)**. As you read that, do you see that to hear His song in the night we must be in the night--go through the night?

We must remember: **He loves us**. He has given Himself to us - **for us!** He never intended for us to walk by ourselves in the darkness, He longs to go through the darkness with us and face it **for us!** He will never, never leave us or forsake us! He is with us every second of the day and He doesn't go to bed when night falls, He is still with us!

Lord, I feel so all alone when the darkness of life covers me--but I'm not alone, am I, Lord? And, if I listen carefully and open my heart to hear, You have a song for me. Thank You, Lord, that when night comes You are still with me--meeting the darkness for me--holding my hand as we walk together. Yes, how I thank You and praise You for Your constant presence, Your strength, and Your never-failing love. We will sing together in this darkness....

**"And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day,
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away."**

Anabel Gillham spent decades teaching in many contexts through Lifetime Guarantee Ministries. She taught countless others how to have a genuine intimate faith and a sound marriage. She shared from her heart about living from the heart. She passed away November 7, 2010. Her legacy and influence are timeless and priceless.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ **CHRISTIANS MASSACRED BY MUSLIM TERRORISTS IN PAKISTAN** - The following is excerpted from *“Christians protest church attack,”* Bangkok Post, Sept. 24, 2013:

“The death toll from a double suicide bombing on a church in Pakistan rose to 81 yesterday, as Christians protested across the country to demand better protection for their community. The attack on the All Saints church in the northwestern city of Peshawar after a service on Sunday, claimed by a Taliban faction, is believed to be the deadliest ever to target Pakistan’s small Christian minority. The death toll had risen to 81, including 37 women. A total of 131 people were wounded. Paul Bhatti, the president of the All Pakistan Minorities Alliance ... said, ‘Terrorists are targeting everyone; they are beasts. The time has come for Pakistan to take action against them.’ ... The 400 or so worshippers were exchanging greetings after the service when the bombers struck, littering the church with blood, body parts and pages from the Bible.”

□ **BIBLES CALLED “WORSE THAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS”** - The following is from WorldNetDaily, Sept. 10, 2013:

“A video apparently made by Islamic rebels in Syria shows a large collection of confiscated Bibles and biblical materials, such as the Book of John, that it describes as *“more dangerous than chemical weapons.”* The video appeared yesterday, just as reports from Syria said Islamic rebels fighting President Bashar al-Assad’s army were ‘liberating’ villages and forcing Christians there to convert to Islam or die. Christians reportedly were being abducted and executed, although there were conflicting reports.

The new video of the confiscated Bibles was posted by Eretz Zen, who describes himself as a secular Syrian who opposes ‘having my country turned into a Taliban-like state.’ The video shows stacks of Arabic language Bibles and other books. A sign is posted with the warning: ‘O nation of Muhammad, wake up. For there are things even more dangerous than chemical weapons. Beware the Christianization campaigns.’ According to the Eretz Zen site, the footage was taken Sept. 3 in the Syrian town of Jarablus on the Turkish border.

The London Daily Mail reported Christians in the village of Maaloula claimed Syrian rebels ordered them to convert to Islam on pain of death. The report said opposition forces, including some linked to al-Qaida, gained control of the area. One Maaloula resident, according to the Daily Mail, said the rebels shouted ‘Allahu Akbar,’ or ‘Allah is supreme,’ when they attacked the Christian homes and churches shortly after moving into the area. One Christian said that he saw the militants grabbing five villagers and threatening them and saying, ‘Either you convert to Islam, or you will be beheaded.’”

□ **FORMER SPECIAL FORCES COMMANDER: NOW IT’S DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL FOR CHRISTIANS** - The following report is excerpted from the September 20, 2013

edition of CNSNews:

“Many commanders in the Department of Defense are violating the religious rights of service members, forcing them to be quiet about their moral opposition to homosexuality and gay marriage, for instance, and, in effect, imposing a Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell policy on Christians, said Lt. Gen. (Ret.) William ‘Jerry’ Boykin, the former commander of the U.S. Special Forces Command.

In an interview with CNSNews.com, Gen. Boykin said, ‘... it’s a real turnabout where you, at one time, had to come out of the closet to admit you’re homosexual, and now you have to come out of the closet to admit that you’re a Christian. There was a meeting in San Antonio yesterday [Sept. 17] where 80 members from Lackland Air Force base came and talked about the persecution they are under at Lackland Air Force Base,’ said the general. ‘That’s significant. And now, you’re an open Christian at your own peril in many places, under many of the commanders in the military today and that’s a major change, a major paradigm shift in our society.... They’re trying to force Christians underground so that our faith and our values do not impact the public sector. So that’s what you’re seeing unfold today,’ said Boykin, who was one of the original members of Delta Force...

A September 2013 report from the Family Research Council, *A Clear and Present Danger: The Threat to Religious Liberty in the Military*, details numerous cases of religious persecution in the U.S. military that have occurred over the last few years. Some of the cases involve banning Bibles; ordering soldiers to keep their Bibles out of sight; punishment for expressing opposition to a gay ‘marriage’ at the Cadet Chapel at West Point; and prosecuting a sergeant who refused to punish an instructor who expressed moral opposition to same-sex ‘marriage.’”

□ **POPE SAYS SINCERE ATHEISTS WILL GO TO HEAVEN** - In an open letter to a newspaper editor, Pope Francis says that sincere atheists will be accepted by God.

Writing to Eugenio Scalfari, founder of La Repubblica, the pope said: *“You ask me if the God of the Christians forgives those who don’t believe and who don’t seek the faith. I start by saying--and this is the fundamental thing--that God’s mercy has no limits if you go to him with a sincere and contrite heart. The issue for those who do not believe in God is to obey their conscience”* (“Pope to Atheists: See You Upstairs,” National Post, Canada, Sept. 12, 2013).

This statement made big news, but there is nothing here that evangelicals have not been saying for decades. In fact, this is yet another way in which Roman Catholics and evangelicals are “coming together.” It is another aspect of the building of the end-time, one-world “church.”

The book More Than One Way, published in 1996 by Zondervan, offered “four views on salvation in a pluralistic world,” and three of those views offer hope for those who do not personally trust in Jesus Christ. In his 2011 book Love Wins, “evangelical” Rob Bell taught that atheists can be saved without

being born again. Richard Mouw, President of Fuller Theological Seminary, told USA Today that “Rob Bell’s **Love Wins** is a fine book and that I basically agree with his theology” (“The Orthodoxy of Rob Bell,” Christian Post, Mar. 20, 2011).

For decades Billy Graham has been saying that it is possible for someone to be saved without personal faith in Jesus Christ, and there has been no outcry from evangelicalism, including from Graham’s own denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention. In an interview with McCall’s magazine, January 1978, entitled *“I Can’t Play God Any More,”* Graham said: *“I used to believe that pagans in far-off countries were lost--were going to hell--if they did not have the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached to them. I no longer believe that. ... I believe that there are other ways of recognizing the existence of God--through nature, for instance--and plenty of other opportunities, therefore, of saying ‘yes’ to God.”* Graham repeated this sentiment in interviews in 1985, 1993, and 1997.



Ira D. Sankey
1840-1908

THE STORY OF GOSPEL HYMNS

by Ira D. Sankey

MUST I GO, AND EMPTY-HANDED?

Words by C. C. Luther
Music by George C. Stebbins

“Must I go, and empty-handed? Thus my dear Redeemer meet?”

During a series of evangelistic meetings the Rev. A. G. Upham referred in his sermon to a young man who, dying after only a month of Christian service, said to a friend, *“No, I am not afraid; Jesus saves me now. But oh! must I go, and empty-handed?”*

The incident made a strong impression upon the Rev. C. C. Luther—for whom Mr. Upham was preaching—and in a few minutes the words of this hymn had arranged themselves in Mr. Luther’s mind. A few days later he handed them to Mr. Stebbins, who composed the beautiful tune to which they are sung.

About fifteen years ago a man who was living a reckless, godless life, went to a Sunday morning service in a mission hall in Essex, England. This hymn was used in the service, and as the third verse was rendered,

*“Oh, the years of sinning wasted,
Could I but recall them now.
I would give them to my Saviour,
To His will I’d gladly bow...”*

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

Words by Anonymous
Music by A. J. Gordon

“My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine, For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.”

An Episcopal Bishop of Michigan once related the following incident to a large audience in one of the Rev. E. P. Hammond’s meetings in St. Louis:

“A young, talented and tender-hearted actress was passing along the street of a large city. Seeing a pale, sick girl lying upon a couch just within the half-open door of a beautiful dwelling, she entered, with the thought that by her vivacity and pleasant conversation she might cheer the young invalid. The sick girl was a devoted Christian, and her words, her patience, her submission and heaven-lit countenance, so demonstrated the spirit of her faith that the actress was led to give some earnest thought to the claims of Christianity, and was thoroughly converted, and became a true follower of Christ. She told her father, the leader of the theater troupe, of her conversion, and of her desire to abandon the stage, stating that she could not live a consistent Christian life and follow the life of an actress. Her father was astonished beyond measure, and told his daughter that their living would be lost to them and their business ruined, if she persisted in her resolution. Loving her father dearly, she was shaken somewhat in her purpose, and partially consented to fill the published engagement to be met in a few days. She was the star of the troupe, and a general favorite.

Every preparation was made for the play in which she was to appear. The evening came and the father rejoiced that he had won back his daughter, and that their living was not to be lost. The hour arrived; a large audience had assembled. The curtain rose, and the young actress stepped forward firmly amid the applause of the multitude. But an unwonted light beamed from her beautiful face. Amid the breathless silence of the audience she repeated:

*‘My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.’*

This was all. Through Christ she had conquered, and, leaving her audience in tears, she retired from the stage, never to appear upon it again. Through her influence her father was converted, and through their united evangelistic labors many were led to God.”

This selection was sung by a thousand voices at “the funeral of the Scotch missionary hero, Robert Annan, who was drowned in the bay of Dundee while attempting to rescue a drowning child, in 1867. Under the hymn “Eternity,” previously mentioned in this book, more will be found concerning Robert Annan.