

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
Sun. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
Cradle Roll 2: Seth White
Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebart
Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 4, 2015

Sunday School ----- 31
Sunday Morning Service ----- 40
Sunday Evening Service ----- 38
Wed. Eve. Service, 10/07/15 ----- 28

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of September 13, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 877.51
Auditorium Air Conditioner Fund ----- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 09/13/15: \$ 887.51

Week of September 20, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 295.25
Total Received for Week of 09/20/15: \$ 295.25

Week of September 27, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 622.15
Total Received for Week of 09/27/15: \$ 622.15

Week of October 4, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,718.00
Total Received for Week of 10/04/15: \$ 1,718.00

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

AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER FUND -

Amount For Entire Project ----- \$5,000.00
Amount Received So Far ----- \$ 35.00
Total STILL NEEDED to pay off: \$4,965.00

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

WITNESSING WITH GOSPEL TRACTS

Gospel tracts and pamphlets are very important tools in evangelism. The printing press was a wonderful gift from God and has been used greatly for the glory of Jesus Christ. The printed page can greatly multiply our efforts in the service of the Lord and tracts can oftentimes go places where we cannot go.

BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE MESSAGE -

The first consideration in the use of Gospel tracts is to be certain that the content is scriptural.

There are three problems with many gospel tracts:



1. **Many tracts do not contain a clear and biblical presentation of the Gospel.** Many refer to salvation in an unscriptural and confusing manner, such as "asking Jesus into my heart" or "giving my life to Christ." Salvation is not to give one's life to Christ, but is to trust the finished atonement of Christ. Nowhere in the New Testament do we see the Lord Jesus or the Apostles telling people to give their lives to Christ or to ask Jesus into their hearts. We need to follow the Bible very carefully in the terminology we use so that people are not confused and so they do not make false professions of faith.

2. **The second serious drawback is that most tracts do not deal with repentance.** Most don't even mention the word or even hint at the concept, yet the Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles preached repentance plainly and demanded it from those who would be saved. Salvation only comes by "**repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ**" (Acts 20:21). Any presentation of the gospel should include the fact that God "**now commandeth all men every where to repent**" (Acts 17:30). Whether or not the word "repentance" is used in a gospel tract, the idea should be. What is repentance? It is a turning, a change of direction (I Thess. 1:9). When I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I am turning my back to the old life.

3. **Another problem is that many simply do not give enough information.** Large numbers of people in North America today are as ignorant of the true God of the Bible and of the basics of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as any Hindu in darkest Asia. It is crucial that we begin with the basics with these people, and that we explain biblical terms thoroughly, otherwise, when they hear terms such as "saved," "believe," "Christ," "God," "sin," they won't have the proper idea of what we are talking about, and any "profession" they make will be empty.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN PASSING OUT TRACTS -

Giving out tracts is something every born again believer can do, young or old.

1. Remember that it is each believer's responsibility to give out the Gospel (see Mat. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15; Lk. 24:45-48; Acts 1:8; II Cor. 5:17-21; Phil. 2:16; II Tim. 4:5).
2. Remember that by giving out the gospel you are offering the greatest gift in the world. When we give out the gospel we are offering dead people life; we are offering poor people riches; we are offering sick people healing; we are offering lost people salvation.

3. It is wise to read the tracts first yourself before giving them out to others. This way you will know exactly what it says and you can refer to it when you talk to people. Also, by first reading tracts before giving them away you can see if the tract contains

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something that is not true or leaves out something important such as repentance.

4. Make a commitment to give out so many tracts each week.

5. Always be pleasant and polite. Remember that you are a complete stranger to the people you are approaching. Ask kindly, “May I give you something special to read?” or “I have some Good News for You” or “May I give you something that has been a blessing in my own life?” If they are busy ask them to put it in their pocket and read at home.

6. Keep in mind that the goal is not merely to give out tracts but to find opportunities to witness to people about the Lord Jesus Christ with the goal of leading them to salvation. Use the tracts to open the conversation, and when you find someone who is interested take the time to talk further with him and see if he or she is willing to meet again. We must remember that it is not enough to give out tracts; the objective is to see people come to Christ and baptized and discipled (Matt. 28:19-20).

7. Don't get upset or discouraged if someone says something against Jesus and the Bible or they mock you and what you are doing (see Mat. 5:11-12; Jn. 15:20; Lk. 9:26; Phil. 1:29).

8. Give out tracts to those who look like they might be interested and to those who don't. We cannot look upon the hearts of men and we cannot know who God might be dealing with. Jesus said preach the Gospel to every creature (see Mk. 16:15).

9. Be sure there is a name and address stamped on each tract so that if someone is interested they have a contact for further help. A Gospel correspondence course is a good way to follow up on tract distribution.

10. One of the most important things about tract distribution is faithfulness and persistence. Do the work faithfully (I Cor. 4:2).

11. Remember that our real enemy in tract distribution is Satan. Be sure you are spiritually prepared (Eph. 6:11-12). ■



***YOU can be a good witness...
.....Using Gospel Tracts!***

Gospel tracts can help you become the witness you've always wanted to be. We've all read Jesus' command, ***“Go ye into the all the world and preach the gospel to every living creature.”*** The problem is how to do it.

We all have jobs, or school, or families, or something that eats up our time. A river of people go by us every day, but how on earth can we obey Jesus and reach out to them? Chick (cartoon) tracts can help!

Ordinary Christians who are using Chick tracts can't get over how people love to get them, read them, and keep them. Look at what they are saying:

“...they pass around like hot cakes. I have to admit I'm thrilled with the actual mileage these little soul winners travel.”

“... people keep the books to re-read them and show them to others.”

“The kids as well as adults really read them.”

“... most people will read these, even if they have refused to look at all other gospel tracts.”

“... they were an aid to me coming to Christ.”

“But I've been told that tracts are a waste of time.”

Of course, the best thing to do is to sit down and discuss Jesus, one on one, with every person who has a shred of spiritual interest. There is just one problem . . . we don't know who they are! In order to find them, we've got to advertise.

Remember, not everyone is ready to think about the Lord at a given time. All too often, people have to go through some sort of personal crisis before they are ready to listen, and think about their soul. You can pass tracts around, all over the place, and you have a pretty good chance that some of them will end up in the hands of people who are ready to listen.

The Toughest Problem with Witnessing -

Years ago, Jack Chick was a new Christian who faced a problem. Whenever he would try to witness to someone (to obey the Lord's command) something would interrupt him. If he was in an office, the phone would ring. If he was in a home, the dog would bark, the kids would cry . . . it was always something! There had to be a way to reach people!

He found a way to make people listen!

Chick was a cartoonist. His entertaining cartoons were being printed in newspapers. He realized he knew a way to hold someone's attention in a way that was “interruption-proof.” He began drawing gospel cartoon tracts. They had stories that would grab the reader. The cartoons would make them chuckle. They were hooked! And then he would present the gospel. It really worked!

“I gave a man a Chick tract at a train station. Several hours later he rang our doorbell. After talking awhile, he got saved.”

“HI THERE! Was read by my son as a joke – scared him silly– he belongs to Jesus now.”

“A friend got saved due to THIS WAS YOUR LIFE. He had been a Satanist.”

“I found a Chick tract in the restroom in high school. I was saved from reading it.”

Chick found that he could give these to anyone and, if something interrupted their conversation, that tract would go into their pocket to be read later. Since the tract was full of cartoons, they didn't seem to want to throw it away!

Even Shy People Can Witness this Way!

If you find it difficult to witness because you are shy, don't feel like the you're the only one. Millions of Christians struggle with the same thing. Here is how one Christian expressed it so

well:

“I've been in the tract ministry for years and sure love to pass out your tracts. They have grabbing stories which cannot help but to be read. I put them everywhere because I'm too shy to talk to people. I am not very good with my words but I love everyone and don't want anyone to go to hell for eternity. I couldn't wish that on my worst enemy.”

Maybe this will happen to you -

“A lady came out of the ladies room in a fancy restaurant holding one of your tracts that I had just put in there, tears streaming down her face. Her makeup was a mess. I believe she was under conviction from the message in that tract.”

You just have to get started.

It's really fun, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are pleasing the Lord. Try it today!

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ ***MUSLIM JIHADISTS INTENDED TO CAPTURE EUROPE AND ALL OF “CHRISTENDOM”*** - The Muslim jihadists after Muhammad had the objective of conquering all of Europe and setting up a caliphate headquartered in Rome. Not knowing the difference between false and true Christianity, and not caring that there is a difference, they thought that by conquering Rome they would conquer “Christianity.” They attacked Europe almost simultaneously from the east and the west and were halted at the battle of Constantinople in 718 and at the Battle of Tours in 732. When the army of the sultanate of Cordoba invaded the territory of the Franks in 732, he “promised to stable their horses in St. Peter's at Rome” (Serge Trifkovic, *The Sword of the Prophet*, p. 96).

As they made their way north from Spain, the Muslims “burned churches and slaughtered the population” (Susan Bauer, *The History of the Medieval World*). They were stopped by Charles Martel (“Hammer”) and his army of Frank soldiers. In the East, when Mehmed II finally captured Constantinople in 1453, he took the title Kayser-i Rum (Caesar Romanus) and intended to conquer Rome. His army invaded Italy, but withdrew after his death in May 1481.

Mehmed's son Suleiman also took the title Caesar Romanus, but his advance into Europe was halted with a defeat at Vienna in 1529. The last major Islamic military invasion into Europe occurred in the 1680s and was again halted at Vienna when they were defeated by a Polish-German army.

Today Islam is conquering Europe by immigration, and there are no “Christian armies” to stop them. At the same time, we know that Islam will not conquer the world, because Bible prophecy presents quite another picture.

❑ ***LUTHERAN LESBIAN BISHOP CALLS FOR REMOVAL***

OF CROSSES - The Bishop of Stockholm has proposed a church in her diocese remove all signs of the cross and put down markings showing the direction to Mecca for the benefit of Muslim worshippers. Eva Brunne, who was made the world's first openly lesbian bishop by the church of Sweden in 2009, and has a young son with her “wife” and fellow lesbian priest Gunilla Linden, made the suggestion to make those of other faiths more welcome. ... The upper echelons of the Church of Sweden, much like other national churches across Europe, seem to be fully invested in the diversity mission. Back in February, a parish church in multicultural paradise Malmö declared it would be holding a service in solidarity with the local Muslim community as a protest against a march by anti-Islamisation movement PEGIDA in the city. ... As a major bottleneck into the region, with a single bridge and ferry route connecting the country to the rest of Europe, the arrival of these [Muslim] migrants has heralded an unprecedented level of criminality in the city, as explained to Breitbart London by a recently retired senior police officer last month. Describing the “no-go” zones that have sprung up around the city and calling for greater border controls to get criminal migration under control, Chief Superintendent Torsten Elofsson said: “Years ago you could go with two officers, no problem. Now you have to send four officers and two cars - if the fire brigade want to go, they have to take a police escort. They throw stones and try to stop the fireman from putting out fires.

❑ ***RATIONALISTS AND THEOLOGICAL LIBERALS INVENTED THE TOLERANT ISLAM MYTH*** - The popular myth that Islam is fundamentally a peaceful and tolerant religion that created a “golden age” of learning and science beginning in the eighth century was invented by prominent rationalists and theological modernists more than a hundred years ago.

Men such as Voltaire claimed that Europe fell into a dark age because of “Christianity” (Catholicism) and was rescued by an enlightened Islam. ***“In time, some scholars began to see almost all European science and learning as an Arab creation, or at least something that appeared only under the influence of the Arabs. This opinion took root in the nineteenth century, and by the early years of the twentieth century had become, in some quarters at least, part of received wisdom”*** (Emmet Scott, *Mohammed and Charlemagne Revisited*).

A prominent historian in 1919 said that “Spain, not Italy, was the cradle of the rebirth of Europe” (Robert Briffault, *The Making of Humanity*, p. 189). This has always been complete nonsense. A “Golden Age of Islam” in Baghdad was not because of Islam, but in spite of it. Tolerant, educational-minded Muslim caliphs are not the rule in history, but the extreme exception, and they were tolerant and educational-minded by not being strict followers of the Quran.

Further, most of the inventions that have been promoted as Muslim inventions were actually inventions of China, Persia, and India. ■