

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll : Larry Byars
 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 October 8, 2017 -

Sunday School ----- 29
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 38
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 22
 Wed. Eve. Service, 10/11/17 ----- 20

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 8, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 996.00
 Building Fund ----- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 10/08/17: \$1,016.00

- Week of October 1, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,292.00
 Revival Off for Rodney Woodcock (includes jar in foyer) ----- \$ 790.00
Total Received for Week of 10/01/17: \$2,082.00

- Week of September 23, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 897.36
 Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 09/23/17: \$ 937.36

- Week of September 17, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 747.00
 Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 5.00
Total Received for Week of 09/17/17: \$ 652.00

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

NEEDED!



**DOORKEEPER
 FOR THE HOUSE
 OF GOD**

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
NEED VOLUNTEER!!!! ----- Greeter
 Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- 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"

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is used in a Gospel tract, the idea should be. What is repentance? It is a turning, a change of direction (1 Thess. 1:9). When I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, 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 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).

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David Cloud

9 PRIESTS AND SCHOLARS CHARGE POPE WITH HERESY - For the first time in 684 years, a pope has been charged with heresy. On August 11, Pope Francis was presented with “*A Filial Correction Concerning the Propagation of Heresies*,” which was signed on July 15 by 62 “clergy and lay scholars.” It accuses the pope of holding seven heretical positions on “marriage, the moral life, and the reception of the sacraments” (“Clergy and Lay Scholars Issue Filial Correction,” National Catholic Register, Sep. 23, 3017). The heresies include allowing some divorced or remarried Catholics to receive the eucharist and calling for the acceptance of “non-traditional lifestyles” (homosexuality). The document blames the influence of “modernism.” It also expresses concern that the pope has expressed “explicit and unprecedented praise” for Martin Luther.

This is the first “filial correction” to be issued since Pope John XXII was charged in 1333 for saying that those who “died in grace” do not see God face-to-face until the Last Judgment. We would agree that the pope is a heretic and it is high time he were charged with such. We would highlight the heresies of a sacramental gospel, baptismal regeneration, infant baptism, papal supremacy, the Catholic priesthood, prayers to and for the “saints,” indulgences, purgatory, Mariolatry, and a host of others.

9 OPRAH MAGAZINE SAYS GOD APPROVES OF ABORTION - The May issue of *Oprah* magazine, namesake of Oprah Winfrey, includes an article claiming that God is “in” abortions. The article is “*Parker’s Choice: How a doctor’s Christianity led him to perform abortions*” by Natalie Beach.

She quotes Willie Parker, MD, as follows: “Alleviating needless suffering is a Christian’s sacred responsibility. If God is in everything, and everyone, then God is as much in the woman making a decision to terminate a pregnancy as in her Bible.” Thus Parker holds to a panentheistic view of life, that God is in

everything and thus He is in a woman’s decision to kill her baby. This conforms to Oprah’s New Age views, but it would make God the author of evil and would produce utter fatalism. Oprah’s female fans need to think this through. If God is in you when you “terminate” your unborn child, then God is in the thief who steals your purse and the rapist who defiles your daughter and the murderer who takes your best friend’s life. If God is in everyone in the sense that He is in everyone’s decisions, that would mean that whatever man decides, is God’s will, which is nonsense.

For a Bible believer, the issue of abortion is not a complex one. Consider some clear Bible truths: First, God is in control of conception (Genesis 20:18; 29:31 30:22) and forms the child in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16). The Bible says children are the heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3). The child in the womb does not belong to the mother; it belongs to God. Second, the law of God demanded punishment if an unborn baby was harmed (Exodus 21:22-23). The injury or death of an unborn child was treated as a serious crime. Third, twenty times the Bible forbids the shedding of “innocent blood” (e.g., Deuteronomy 19:10-13; 2 Kings 21:16). This refers to killing a person without a just cause (1 Sam. 19:5). To put a murderer to death, for example, is a just cause, but to kill an innocent person is unjust. God hates those who shed innocent blood (Prov. 6:16-17). What person is more innocent than an unborn child?

9 YOM KIPPUR WAR 44 YEARS AGO - Israel’s Yom Kippur War began 44 years ago last week. On its highest holy day (the day of atonement), Israel was attacked by two massive armies, the Egyptian to the south and the Syrian to the north. These two Muslim nations were joined in a support role by Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Uganda, Cuba, Morocco, and Pakistan, with the Soviet Union providing planes, tanks, and armaments of all sorts, including thousands of high tech missiles targeting Israel’s air force. At the outset of the war, Syria’s 50,000 infantry, 600 artillery pieces, and 1,260 tanks were opposed by Israel’s 6,000 light infantry, 60 artillery pieces, and 160 tanks, while Egypt’s 100,000 soldiers and 1,700 tanks were opposed by Israel’s 450 soldiers and 290 tanks. In the first 24 hours of fighting, Israel lost 200 of those tanks.

On the third day of the war, Syria was within a hairs’ breadth of overrunning Israel. “[O]nly six Israeli tanks remained in action, defending a clear path into northern Israel. After the brigade’s tanks were down to their last few rounds, they began to pull back. However, right then, a force of some 15 tanks which had been scrambled together arrived. Although the group was, in fact, a scratch force of repaired tanks which had injured men among their crews, the Syrians believed that the Israeli reserves were now arriving, and began to retreat” (“Yom Kippur War: When the Nation of Israel Was Judged and Nearly Failed,” BreakingIsraelNews, Sep. 29, 2017).

After being caught by surprise and nearly overwhelmed, Israel rallied her forces and counterattacked, coming within 60 miles of Cairo and within shelling distance of Damascus, before a

cease-fire was arranged by the United Nations. Ezekiel 37 describes Israel’s return to the land in two stages, first in a spiritually-dead condition, followed by a spiritual rebirth (Eze. 37:7-10). The modern state of Israel is the first stage, and she is setting the stage for the fulfillment of the last week of Daniel’s Seventy Week prophecy (Da. 9:27) and the second coming of Christ.

9 A LINGERING MYTH OF EVOLUTION - The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 22, 2017: “Ernst Haeckel is famous for having produced diagrams of embryos, to show their similarity. His idea was that “ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny”. In other words, the developmental stages, through which an embryo goes (ontogeny), are a sort of recapitulation of the evolution of that organism (phylogeny).

I clearly remember being taught this, as an evidence of evolution, when I was in elementary school. As I remember which teacher taught this, I know that I must have learned this in 1971. Haeckel’s famous drawings were published in 1874, but almost immediately criticized. Haeckel’s theory has been known to be false since at least 1965 (Simpson and Beck, An Introduction to Biology, p. 241). His drawings were not just an error. The drawings were deliberately shaped, to support his recapitulation theory, even though the actual shapes of the embryos did not show such similarities.

Yet, when I became a schoolteacher in 1983, teaching at a government school in England, I was handed a science curriculum, which included this very concept, 20 years after it had been shown to be false, and twelve years after I had been taught it. In my office, I have a copy of a number of high school science textbooks. One of the best known Biology textbooks is that published by Prentice Hall. My edition was published in 2002, nearly 40 years after Haeckel’s ideas were debunked. Yet, this book includes that concept as one of the main evidences for Darwinian evolution (Miller and Levine, Biology, p 385). One is forced to conclude that evolutionists mislead themselves, because they desperately want evidence for their ideas, and the evidence is simply not there.”

9 ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY REFUSES TO SAY THAT “GAY SEX IS SIN” - (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2017, www.wayoflife.org fbn@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - In a recent interview, Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury refused to call homosexual sex a sin. The archbishop is head of the worldwide Anglican Church. GQ Magazine asked Welby, “Is gay sex sinful?” He replied, You know very well that is a question I can’t give a straight answer to.” When asked, further, “Why can’t you?” Welby replied, “Because I don’t do blanket condemnation and I haven’t got a good answer to the question” (“Archbishop Justin Welby,” GQ, October 2017). We recommend that the archbishop consult the Bible on the subject. The apostle Paul had no problem saying that homosexuality is sinful. In Romans 1:26-28, he calls it “vile affections,” “against nature,” “unseemly,” and “reprobate.”