

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebarrt Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
Sun. Eve. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Ryan Quinnelly Cradle Roll 2: Piper Quinnelly
Wed. Eve. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 25, 2015

Sunday School -----	28
Sunday Morning Service -----	37
Sunday Evening Service -----	21
Wed. Eve. Service, 10/28/15 -----	22

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of October 25, 2015

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 288.00

Total Received for Week of 10/25/15: \$ 288.00

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 ----- \$ 85.00

Total STILL NEEDED to pay off: \$4,915.00**LISTEN TO -**

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

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY**REMINDER**

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A Call to Prayer

by Dr. R. G. Lee



ur world is a sick world—disillusioned, war-scarred, head-dizzy, body-weary, sin-smitten—a world in despair. Human philosophy is bankrupt. Nations, weary and wicked, walk on the edges of abysses. Men and women everywhere are bewildered and distracted by the problems and difficulties of life. Some leaders “loose wild tongues that hold not God in awe.”

When God's People Pray

There are so many problems that cannot be solved, so many dangers that cannot be averted, so many burdens that cannot be borne by human strength and wisdom, ingenuity and genius. What we need is what God can do. What God can do will be done for us when God's people pray. There is nothing so necessary in the lives of churches and individuals today as earnest, continued, importunate prayer.

It is the conviction of all who have proved the faithfulness of God that nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer when the basis of our beseeching is found within that sovereign will.

The needs of the world are so many and varied and complex. The evils that threaten to lead our greatest graces to the grave and leave the world no copy are so strong, defiant and daring. Apart from the right kind of prayer, there is little hope for us to achieve what God wants us to achieve.

Power Is Unleashed Through Prayer

Jesus said, “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” Andrew Murray said, “In relation to His people, God works only in answer to their prayer.” Jowett said, “I'd rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach.” Spurgeon said, “Cares are manifold; therefore let your prayers be manifold, for prayer is the sword that will cut the Gordian knot if it cannot be untied.”

By these words we learn that great is the law of intercession. Abraham interceded for wicked Sodom, Moses for wayward and complaining Israel, Samuel for the nation changing its form of government, Elijah for an apostate nation in disaster and for the Zarephath widow in poverty and sorrow, Paul for the church he founded, Jesus for the disciples He called.

Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray.

Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray—and when we take time, really pray.

Let us remember that Goodell said, “He who prays most, helps most”; that Pierson said, “Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer”; that Eugene Stock said, “He who faithfully prays at home does as much for foreign missions as the man on the field”; that the poet said, “The place where we can reach the store of hoarded gold and free it for our Lord, the place where God Himself descends and fights for us, is the place of prayer.”

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It Is Your Personal Privilege to Pray

You CAN pray. You may muzzle a man so that he cannot articulate a syllable, but you have not made it impossible for him to pray. You may cast a man into a dungeon and load his limbs with chains, keeping him from all manner of communication with his fellowmen, but you cannot keep him from having conversation with God.

And what is more, and better still, you cannot keep God from coming to the help of His people—to the help of His people against their foes—for God has promised to be, in our behalf, an enemy to our enemies. The door has never yet been forged, the dungeon never yet constructed, the adversary never yet so mighty that can exclude God from His people.

Prayer is the highest of all our privileges as followers of Jesus. Of that privilege no human power can deprive us. Let us prize it highly and prove it thoroughly in these serious days through which we are passing.

An Appeal for All of Us to Pray

Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight—all through the day. Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for our churches, that they may fill their God-appointed missions. Let us pray for our missionaries at home and in foreign lands. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word concern out of our Christian vocabulary.

Let us pray for nations in distress, for our own nation, for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders, for all hearts that they may hold no malice, for our tongues and pens, that we be not hurtfully critical.

Let prayer be our portion. Let prayer be our pastime. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice. Let us be found at the throne of grace, not only with holy boldness, but with serene confidence—knowing that God is faithful to perform that which He has promised and that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that in us worketh. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

TIM KELLER: REDEFINING SIN AND JUSTIFYING LOVE FOR THE POP CULTURE - The following is excerpted from "Redefining Sin" by E.S. Williams, www.newcalvinist.com:

In his book Every Good Endeavour (2012), Tim Keller, founder of The Gospel Coalition and prominent New Calvinist, expresses his disappointment that Christians are not more involved with popular culture. He writes: "Christians' reaction to popular culture in the last eighty years has been some form of disengagement... Why this disengagement with our culture? One reason is a "thin" or legalistic view of sin, where sin is seen as a

series of discrete acts of noncompliance with God's regulations. You pursue Christian growth largely by seeking environments where you are less likely to do these sinful actions. ... This view of sin comports with a lack of understanding of the thoroughness and richness of Christ's gracious work for us. ... If we have a thin view of sin, we will feel safe if we remove from our view anything that could tempt us to commit actions of overt sexual immorality, profanity, dishonesty, or violence" (Keller, Every Good Endeavor, pp. 192, 193).

... He says that Christians, who hold such a view of sin, are "legalists" who withdraw from the popular culture of the world in order to avoid situations that could tempt them to commit "thin sins", like overt acts of sexual immorality, profanity, dishonesty, or violence.

... Here we should note the biblical definition of sin. The Bible describes sin as breaking God's law (I John 3:4). It is also defined as rebellion against God (Deuteronomy 9:7), which separates the sinner from God (Isaiah 59:2). Sin is an offense to God's holy character, and all sin is primarily sin against God. ... Keller's assessment is completely wrong, for it is those who hold what he calls a "thin view" of sin who have been convicted of their sin and rebellion against God's holy law and understand that their only hope of salvation is God's grace revealed in the Cross of Christ. Hence their prayer: "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy Cross I cling". Born again Christians, who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and stand in God's grace for their salvation, are those who delight in God's moral law and seek to obey it with all their heart, and do all they can to comply with what Keller calls 'God's regulations'. [This is the true grace of God, Titus 2:11-15.]

... Keller's 'thick view' of sin encourages Christians to engage with worldly culture ... But Scripture makes no distinction between thick and thin sin. It teaches that sin comes from the lusts and desires of the human heart that is desperately wicked (James 1:14-15). Keller's classification of sin into thin and thick is entirely without scriptural authority and purely a figment of his foolish imagination; it is profoundly heretical, for it presents a false and misleading view of sin that downplays the wickedness of disobedience to God's moral law, suggesting that Christians should engage with the world in order to overcome what Keller calls "the compulsive drive of their heart to produce idols".

Scripture warns that friendship with the world is enmity with God (James 4:4). Christians must not conform to the pattern of the world (Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:11; I John 2:15-17). ... God commands his people to be separate from the things of the world (II Corinthians 6:17)."

TIM KELLER'S INFATUATION WITH CATHOLIC AUTHORS AND PRACTICES - Many of America's most popular "evangelical" preachers are infatuated with Catholicism, as we have frequently documented. Consider Tim Keller, pastor of the Redeemer megachurch in New York City, head of the Redeemer City to City church planting network, and co-founder

with D.A. Carson of The Gospel Coalition (council members include John Piper, Alistair Begg, Mark Dever, Moody Church pastor Erwin Lutzer, and Southern Baptists Russell Moore and Al Mohler).

Keller has a huge influence by his writings via books and blogs, his books reaching the top 10 of the New York Times bestseller list even in an apostate age. His love for Catholicism is evident in his book The Reason for God (2012), in which he quotes and refers to Catholic theologians and philosophers frequently, passionately, and non-critically. He includes Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox within his definition of true Christians. Referring to the Apostles, Nicene, Chalcedonian, and Athanasian creeds, he says, "For our purposes, I'll define Christianity as the body of believers who assent to these great ecumenical creeds" (p. 117).

In The Reason for God, Keller quotes Catholic philosopher Peter Kreeft, Catholic writer Mary Flannery O'Connor, Catholic mystic Simone Weil, Polish Catholic poet Czeslaw Milosz, and Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero, whose doctrine Keller calls "orthodox" (p. 66). He also quotes from Malcolm Muggeridge, J.R.R. Tolkien, and G.K. Chesterton. Not one of these people hold to the one true gospel of grace alone without works. All of them trust in baptism and Rome's sacraments for salvation.

Not surprisingly, Keller promotes Catholic contemplative prayer. In 2009, his church taught "The Way of the Monk," encouraging Catholic monastic practices such as lectio divinaria, centering prayer, "silence," the "prayer rope," and the spiritual exercises of Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. In his lecture series What Is Meditation? Keller promotes the contemplative prayer techniques of four Catholic "saints": Loyola, Francis de Sales, John of the Cross, and Teresa of Avila. He says, "The best things that have been written are by Catholics during the Counter Reformation. Great stuff!" This lecture series was promoted on The Gospel Coalition website.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DYING - The Church of England

is on a death spiral, with only 17% of British identifying as Anglican (down from 40% in 1983), while 49% identify as "no religious faith." The number of regular attendees at Anglican churches is extremely small. One in four Anglican parishes have fewer than 10 regular worshipers. The Church of England was never established on a Biblical foundation, and in the last half century it has killed itself with unbelief and liberalism.

In 1953, Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple said in Nature and God that "there is no such thing as revealed truth." In 1961, Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey said, "... heaven is

not a place for Christians only. ... I expect to see many present day atheists there" (London Daily Mail, Oct. 2, 1961). In 1982, Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie said he was an agnostic as to why Jesus suffered on the cross (Sunday Times Weekly Review, London, April 11, 1982). In 1984, David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham, described Christ's resurrection as "a conjuring trick with bones" (AP, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Oct. 28, 1984), and two years later, Jenkins called the God of the Bible "a cultic idol" (Ecumenical Press Service, July 16-21, 1986). In 1984, the Associated Press reported that only 20 of 31 Church of England bishops polled insisted that Christians must accept Jesus as both God and man. In 1994, it was reported by the Sunday Times (July 31) that at least 100 Anglican priests were atheists who did not believe in "an external, supernatural God."

In 1996, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey lashed out at "fundamentalists" who place the Bible "above and beyond human inquiry" (Christian News, Dec. 9, 1996). In 1997, a survey found that 31% of Anglican vicars in England do not believe in the virgin birth (Alliance Life, March 12, 1997). In 2002, Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, said Christians should pray to "God the Mother" (The Times, Nov. 3, 2002). On September 14, 2008, the Church of England officially apologized for rejecting Darwin's theory of evolution ("Church Makes 'Ludicrous' Apology," The Daily Mail, Sept. 13, 2008). On May 16, 2009, the bells of the Anglican Cathedral of Liverpool pealed out John Lennon's atheistic song "Imagine." ■

GOD'S INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY HOUSE



Thou preparest a table—Psalm 23:5