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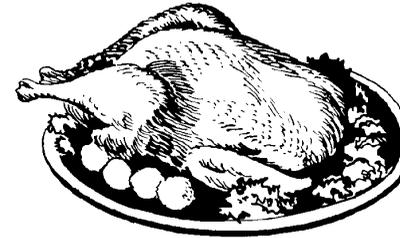
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PLAN NOW TO BE HERE ON SUNDAY, NOV. 23rd FOR OUR -

CHURCH FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Following the Morning Service



***Please Sign Up In The Foyer
To Let Us Know What You
Will Be Bringing.***

PLAN NOW TO BE HERE!

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.*

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Janet Bridges
Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarth
6:30 P.M. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
Cradle Roll 2: LeAnna White
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Rana Crawford

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of November 2, 2014

Sunday School ----- 16
Sunday Morning Service ----- 32
Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
Wed. Eve. Service, 11/05/14 ----- 30

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of November 2, 2014

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 792.23
Total Received for Week of 11/02/14: \$ 792.23

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



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 ----- Organist
Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
Shayne Hooper, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, Ella Allen ----- Outreach
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

LISTEN TO -

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The family of our dear sister in the Lord and member, Caryn Quinnelly, wishes to thank all of our church family for the prayers, love, kind deeds, and support you have given her and our family during her battle with cancer, loss of her husband, and recent homegoing.

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR OCT., 2014:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 329.66
Amount Received During Oct., 2014 ----- \$ 0.00
Amount **SHORT** for October, 2014: - \$ 329.66

- NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS -

☛ **SOUTHERN BAPTISTS JOINING THE ROMAN CATHOLIC POPE FOR A CONFERENCE ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY** - Southern Baptists **Rick Warren** and **Russell Moore** are scheduled to speak later this month in a Vatican conference on marriage and family life. Other speakers include Pope Francis, Catholic bishops and priests, plus Mormons, Jews, and Muslims.

The November 17-19 conference, “*An International Interreligious Colloquium on the Complementarity of Man and Woman*”, will feature about 30 speakers representing 14 religions. It is sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and other Catholic entities. Moore, who heads the SBC’s Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, says, “I am willing to go anywhere, when asked, to bear witness to what we as evangelical Protestants believe about marriage and the gospel, especially in times in which marriage is culturally imperiled” (“Russell Moore, Rick Warren to join Vatican conference,” ReligionNews.com, Nov. 3, 2014). This is humanistic thinking that flies in the face of the Bible’s commands to mark and avoid those who teach heresy. Examples are Romans 16:17-18; I Corinthians 15:33; II Corinthians 6:14-18; 11:1-4; II Timothy 3:5; and II John 8-11.

Even the most “conservative” of evangelicals have renounced biblical separation, participating in unscriptural alliances and supporting others who so participate. “*Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away*” (II Timothy 3:5).

☛ **BILL NYE TARGETS THE CHILDREN OF BIBLE BELIEVERS** - In his new book **Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation**, Bill Nye again targets the children of Bible believers. He says, “We’re all a product of the same evolutionary processes. Here’s hoping we can work together to bring the children of the creationists’ preachers’ flocks to a more enlightened, boundless way of thinking about the world around us” (p. 18).

Nye’s book **Undeniable** is filled with undeniable myths and lies, and Nye’s scoffing and willful ignorance proves that the Bible is true, for this was prophesied 2,000 years ago (II Peter 3:3-7). Nye blithely ignores the fact that if we were indeed “the product of evolutionary process,” life is without meaning and death is the end, so it would not matter what you believe, whether creationism or atheism. Nye’s targeting of the children of Bible-believing families and churches instructs us about the necessity today of properly disciplining our youth and preparing them to face the skepticism of our times.

“*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God*

the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (II Peter 3:3-7).

☛ **APPLE CEO SAYS HE IS PROUD TO BE GAY** - In a column last week, Apple CEO Tim Cook came out publicly as a homosexual. He said, “**While I have never denied my sexuality, I haven’t publicly acknowledged it either, until now. So let me be clear: I’m proud to be gay, and I consider being gay among the greatest gifts God has given me**” (“Tim Cook Speaks Up,” Bloomberg Businessweek, Oct. 30, 2014).

Cook mentioned Martin Luther King, Jr., and spoke of homosexual rights as a social-justice issue in the same league as equal rights for blacks. “**When I arrive in my office each morning, I’m greeted by framed photos of Dr. King and Robert F. Kennedy. I don’t pretend that writing this puts me in their league. All it does is allow me to look at those pictures and know that I’m doing my part, however small, to help others. We pave the sunlit path toward justice together, brick by brick. This is my brick.**”

We pray that Mr. Cook will be enlightened to see that his “sunlit path” is actually the path of darkness, that he will repent and trust Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour and be converted as some in the Roman city of Corinth were converted 2,000 years ago.

“*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God*” (I Cor. 6:9-11).

☛ **IS ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ CONSERVATIVE?** - Recently a preacher friend mentioned that he has been listening to some conservative evangelicals, including Anne Graham Lotz, and he observed, “This Anne lady should have been a man. She makes some very good points, better than her dad Billy and her brother Franklin. She even talks about sin, repentance, hell, demons, earnest prayer, revival, about Israel in a favourable light, etc. There are a very small group of evangelicals that seem good on a few things.” I replied that for years I have noticed that Franklin Graham and Anne can talk a good talk, sounding stronger than their dad, but they walk in the same disobedient footsteps.

I have seen this same thing on the part of evangelicals I have heard at various conferences and on visits to their churches. You can find yourself thinking that you are listening to a true Biblicalist who has a zeal for the truth, but then you realize that what they say and what they do are in great contradiction. Anne indicated to Kyra Phillips of CNN on April 8, 2005, that she believes that Pope John Paul II is in heaven. She applauded the pope’s efforts

“to bridge the gaps between Protestants and Catholics and Jews and Catholics” (CNN.com, transcripts). She said, “The wonderful thing, in Rome I’ve heard people say the Holy Father is in heaven and everybody is so confident that the pope is in heaven. And I think it’s because he was such a good man.”

This is in spite of the fact that the spiritually-blind pope held to a false gospel of salvation through Rome’s sacraments and devoted himself 100% to Mary. Anne represented her father at that pope’s funeral.

How could a true Bible believer praise Rome’s pope? It is great confusion. It has been said of Billy Graham that he is “Mr. Facing Both Ways,” and the same can be said of the entire Graham family, yea, the entire evangelical world. This is because they have renounced “separatism.” In 2005, Anne preached at a conference in Russia sponsored by the extremely modernistic Baptist World Alliance (BWA) (“Baptists Unveil New Strategy for Evangelism,” Assist News Service, Aug. 3, 2005). Denton Lotz, General Secretary of the BWA, is Anne’s brother-in-law. In 2007, she joined with Samuel Kobia, president of the wretchedly apostate World Council of Churches, in a conference in India. Kobia doesn’t preach the redemption of the soul through the blood of Christ; he preaches the redemption of society through socio-political work (“WCC Head Calls for Change in Famed Ecumenical Motto,” Christian Post, April 28, 2007). Like other conservative evangelicals, Anne Graham Lotz is acceptable to many Bible believers, even while subtly drawing them into fellowship with the one-world church. In truth, these are very dangerous people. Anyone who genuinely loves the truth will demonstrate the Psalmist’s hatred of error.

“*Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way*” (Psalm 119:128).

☛ **NORTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATES RESIGN RATHER THAN PERFORM SAME-SEX “MARRIAGES”** - At least six North Carolina magistrates have resigned rather than perform same-sex “marriages” as required after the state’s ban on the same was declared unconstitutional on October 10 by federal judges. Five of the magistrates are Baptists and one is Wesleyan.

Bill Stevenson of Gaston County says: “I prayed about it; I asked for wisdom. I think our hearts have been led away by the cares of the world, our desires, and ultimately, our intense arrogance--our hubris--against the Lord. We’ve rejected the prime authority of the Scriptures, something our Nation’s Founding Fathers, such as John Adams, knew better than to do. ... In both the Old and New Testaments, homosexuality is something the Lord does not approve of, and since He doesn’t, I could not put the sanction of the state on a relationship that runs afoul of scripture. ... The concern I have is that America just needs to repent of many sins, not just this sin” (“Judges Quit,” say no to same-sex marriages,” Christian Examiner, Oct. 29, 2014).

Gayle Myrick of Jackson County said: “I believe marriage was ordained by God to be between a man and a woman. For me to do what the state said I had to do, under penalty of law, I would have

to go against my convictions, and I was not willing to do that. I want to honor what the word says.”

Referring to the loss of salary (more than \$50,000 a year) and prestige, Gilbert Breedlove of Swain County said: “None of that matters when it goes against the Word of God specifically. The Lord did so much for us and He requires His people to stand on His Word, and live in faith, and that’s what we’re doing. I’m just standing in faith to declare this is what the Lord has said. It’s my way of honoring God.” Tommy Holland of Graham County said, “When the federal judges ruled that gay marriage was legal and North Carolina honors that, and part of a magistrate’s job is to perform marriage ceremonies, I knew I couldn’t honor that law. It’s against my belief. It’s against what the Bible says ... I was raised a Southern Baptist. God has always taken care of me” (“Four More North Carolina Judges Resign,” The Christian Post, Oct. 30, 2014).

In his resignation letter, John Kallam, Jr., of Rockingham County said that marrying gay couples “would desecrate a holy institution established by God Himself” (“NC magistrate resigns,” WCT112.com, ABC News, Oct. 27, 2014). Other magistrates have said that they will refuse to perform same-sex “marriages,” which will probably lead to their dismissal unless a law is passed to grant protection. Republican state senator Phil Berger has promised to draft such a bill. (A magistrate is a judicial officer who handles certain criminal and civil matters.) ■

