

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
6:30 p.m. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed! Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
Wed. Evening Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of December 9, 2018

Sunday School -----	14
Sunday Morning Service -----	23
Sunday Evening Service -----	15
Wed. Eve. Service, 12/12/18 -----	11

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of December 9, 2018 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,345.16
Total Received for Week of 12/09/18: -----	\$ 1,345.16

- Week of December 2, 2018 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,075.09
Total Received for Week of 12/02/18: -----	\$ 1,075.09

- Week of November 25, 2018 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 622.00
Total Received for Week of 11/25/18: -----	\$ 622.00

- Week of November 18, 2018 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,015.26
Total Received for Week of 11/18/18: -----	\$ 2,015.26

- Week of November 11, 2018 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,171.68
Total Received for Week of 11/11/18: -----	\$ 1,171.68

- Week of November 4, 2018 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,567.14
Total Received for Week of 11/04/18: -----	\$ 1,567.14

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

LISTEN TO -

ABIDINGRADIO.COM

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
Volunteer Needed! -----	Greeter
Shayne Hooper, Larry Byars -----	S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars -----	Outreach
Bertha Segebart -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley White, Charity Crawford

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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**The Man and
the Birds**

by the late Paul Harvey

For many, many years, at 12:00 noon on Christmas Day wherever Paul Harvey's program was played on the radio, he would tell this story in such a dynamic way that it was sure to touch the heart of any person who listened to it. Here is a transcription of the script of that broadcast.

Unable to trace its proper parentage, I have designated this as My Christmas Story, of "**The Man and the Birds**".

Now, *you* know, "The" Christmas story - "God born a man in a manger", and all that, but it escapes some moderns. Mostly, I think, because they seek complex answers to their questions, and this one is so utterly simple. So, for the cynics and the skeptics and the unconvinced, I submit a modern parable -

Now the man to whom I'm going to introduce you was not a Scrooge - he was a kind, decent, mostly good man. Generous to his family, upright in his dealings with other men, but he just didn't believe all that incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim at Christmas time. It just didn't make sense, and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus story about God coming to earth as a man.

"I'm truly sorry to distress you", he told his wife, "but I'm not going with you to church this Christmas Eve", he said he'd feel like a hypocrite, that he'd much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. So - he stayed, and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier and then went back to his fireside chair and began to read his newspaper. Minutes later, he was startled by a thudding sound..... then another, and then another - - - sort of a thump or a thud. At first, he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window. But when he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter, had tried to fly through his large landscape window.

Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony - that would provide a warm shelter if he could direct the birds to it. Quickly, he put on a coat and goulashes, tramped through the deepening snow to the barn.

He opened the doors wide and turned on the light....but the birds did not come in. He figured **food** would entice them in, so he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow making a trail the yellow lighted, wide open door to the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them. He tried "shooing" them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms. Instead, they scattered in every direction *except* into the warm lighted barn.

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Then he realized that *they were afraid of him.*

"To them," he reasoned, *"I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could let them know that they can trust me - that I'm not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how?"* Because any move he made tended to frighten them, confuse them. They just *would not follow.* They would not be led, or "shooed" because they feared him.

"If only I could be a bird," he thought to himself *"and mingle with them and speak their language - THEN I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe warm. . . ."*

. . . . to the safe warm barn, but I would have to be one of them so they could see, and hear, and understand."



Christmas,

And he sank to his knees in the snow.....



THE DANGER OF INTERNET HERESY

by Evangelist David Cloud

The Internet is the greatest communication tool that has ever existed, and it has incalculable potential for broadcasting truth as well as error. U.S. President Trump has popularized the term "fake news," and he is right. The world is full of fake information, not only fake political information, but every other type of information. The Internet is a dream come true for flat earthers and health food quacks and disinformation campaigners and heretics of every stripe. While truth barely gets a hearing in this fallen world, error resonates widely.

The Bible tells God's people how to protect themselves in any age. Technology changes, but the principles of spiritual protection are the same. The most fundamental principle of protection is to be well grounded in God's Word ("skillful," Hebrews 5:12-15), to test everything by God's Word, and to avoid things that are false. This is set out in a nutshell in 2 Timothy 2:15-17. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the*

word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

Every fundamental principle of protection from heresy in the Internet age is found in this passage. Protection requires being a serious student of God's Word. You won't be able to discern error until you are well grounded in the truth. And protection requires shunning false teachers. Shunning is the opposite of reading their blogs and visiting their social media pages and watching their YouTube channels.

II Timothy 2:18 warns that false teaching has the power to "overthrow the faith." It is very dangerous. Further along in the same passage, we find that false teaching engenders questions and strifes (II Tim. 2:23). It destabilizes the Christian life.

A great many people have written to me after becoming confused by things they have read on the Internet. Typically, these are people who are not skillful in God's Word, but instead of spending their time studying the Bible by means of proper tools and staying with sound Bible teachers, they surf around the Internet and dabble with error and nuttiness and quackery.

The resources for becoming a skillful Bible student are available for those who are willing to invest sufficient time and energy. There is no easy path or shortcut. Beware of Internet heresy! ÷



TEACHER FIRED FOR NOT CALLING TRANSGENDER STUDENT BY "CORRECT" PRONOUN

A Virginia high school teacher was fired Thursday, December 6, 2018 for refusing to use a transgender student's new pronouns, a case believed to be the first of its kind in the state.

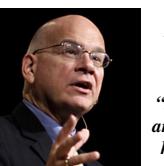
After a four-hour hearing, the West Point School Board voted 5-0 to terminate Peter Vlaming, a French teacher at West Point High School who resisted administrators' orders to use male pronouns to refer to a ninth-grade student who had undergone a gender transition. The board met in closed session for nearly an hour before the vote.

Vlaming, 47, who had taught at the school for almost seven years after spending more than a decade in France, told his superiors his Christian faith prevented him from using male pronouns for a student he saw as female. The student's family informed the school system of the transition over the summer. Vlaming said he had the student in class the year before when the student identified as female. Vlaming agreed to use the student's new, male name. But he tried to avoid using any pronouns--he or him, and she or her--when referring to the student.

Speaking in his own defense, Vlaming said he loves and respects all his students and had tried to reach a solution based on "mutual tolerance." That effort was rejected, he said, putting him

at risk of losing his job for having views held by "most of the world for most of human history." "That is not tolerance," Vlaming said. "That is coercion. . . I am being punished for what I haven't said." It's not clear if Vlaming's firing will lead to a wrongful-termination lawsuit. Vlaming said he was interested in pursuing a legal appeal, but he wanted to consult with his attorney before announcing further steps.

- Richmond Times-Dispatch, Dec. 6, 2018



Tim Keller Promotes Globalism at The "Gospel" Coalition

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:7).

Tim Keller, popular preacher, theologian, and author of several well-known books, including, *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith; Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God; The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism;* and *Making Sense of GOD: An Invitation to the Skeptical*, is a Marxist. That should come as no surprise to anyone who has the vaguest understanding of the economic and political philosophy or with the vaguest grasp of Keller's body of work. This is not conspiratorial, this is an assessment of Keller's own very explicit words and his extremely evident worldview. As a Marxist, Keller eschews nationalism, which is the bulwark and champion of personal freedom, civil rights, and individual liberties.

Globalism, as it is most commonly defined, is a rejection of the nation-state, or at the least, the subjection of the nation-state to international law and international governing bodies. Globalism is an aspiration of Marxism, which seeks to dismantle personal freedom as supported by national governments in the name of communitarian utilitarianism.

Tim Keller did an interview with the Gospel Coalition, the audio of which you can find at -

www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/tgc-podcast/tim-keller-nationalism-race-jonah-misunderstood-grace/

The grotesquely liberal *Relevant Magazine* lauded Keller's words and called it a "takedown of Nationalism."

Nationalism, although liberals have sought to redefine it over the course of the last two years, refers to the traditional belief in Western Civilization that personal individual liberty is best preserved by nation-states who have a vested interest in the freedom of their Citizenry. Far from representing some kind of latent ethnocentrism or racism, Nationalism simply recognizes that civil liberties must be protected by localized – and not international – governments. Anyone who cares about the rights, liberties, and equality of minorities should be a nationalist. Anyone who cares about individual religious liberty or freedom of speech, assembly, or petition should be a Nationalist.

For Keller, however, Nationalism is evil. The world must

operate internationally, not nationally. For Keller, the world's geopolitical design must undergo significant renovation.

Citing his new book, *The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy*, Keller claimed that "border security" isn't wrong per se (he is against border walls), but claimed that there must be "balance."

I do think most thoughtful, balanced Christians should feel somewhat uncomfortable in either political party. Christians need to recognize the danger of what they call xenophobia. I'm afraid of Christians getting too radicalized on either side.

Keller no doubt feels uncomfortable in either political party because he's a social conservative (barely), at least acknowledging the sinfulness of abortion, but a Marxist on economic and cultural issues.

In April of 2018, Keller met with a Marxist political braintrust at Wheaton College to discuss ways to keep evangelicals from voting Republican. In order for Keller's Democrat friends with their New York values to win their political battles, they don't need evangelicals to vote Democrat. They just need us not to vote.

"Jonah was putting his national interest over the spiritual good of the people of Ninevah. God cares about all races and all people, and in the end, His church will consist of people from every tribe, people and nation. We can't lift up one nation over other nations."

Of course, the story of Jonah is not about border security. It's not about Nationalism or Globalism. This is just part of the Social Gospel that is repeatedly eisegeted into every text that Keller handles.

In regards to missiology, Jonah stands out as the rare prophet who evangelized outside both the Northern or Southern Kingdom. He went to them. After all, that's what missions is really about.

We would encourage evangelicals to be like Jonah when it comes to missions, and take the Gospel into Mexico and Central America. We would also encourage evangelicals to be like Nehemiah when it comes to border security, and build a wall.

- Pulpit & Pen, 12/14/18

