

**NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK**

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!  
 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 January 20, 2019*

Sunday School ----- 8  
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 23  
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 22  
 Wed. Eve. Service, 01/23/19 ----- 16

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

*- Week of January 20, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 400.90  
**Total Received for Week of 01/20/19:** \$ 400.90

*- Week of January 13, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,700.27  
**Total Received for Week of 01/13/19:** \$ 1,700.27

*- Week of January 6, 2019 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,244.81  
**Total Received for Week of 01/06/19:** \$ 1,244.81

*- Week of December 30, 2018 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 38.45  
**Total Received for Week of 12/30/18:** \$ 38.45

*- Week of December 23, 2018 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,536.75  
 Love offering, pastor's family ----- \$ 125.00  
**Total Received for Week of 12/25/18:** \$ 1,661.75

*- Week of December 16, 2018 -*

**Undesignated** Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 312.00  
**Total Received for Week of 12/16/18:** \$ 312.00

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

**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**

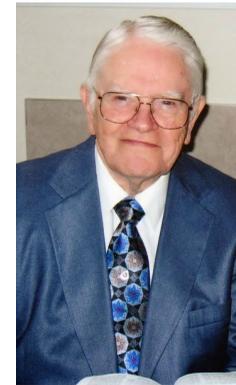
Todd W. White ----- Pastor  
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist  
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist  
**Volunteer Needed!** ----- Greeter  
 Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher  
 Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain ----- Outreach  
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian  
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

**SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY**  
**REMINDER**

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**Dr. Robert L. Sumner**  
 1922-2016

**"37 Seconds To Eternity!"**

by the late Dr. Robert L. Sumner  
 1922-2016

A total of 19 people settled in their seats, fastened their seatbelts, and probably didn't give a second thought to the two pilots up in the cockpit. Still early in the morning on January 8th, 2003, U.S. Airways flight 5481, which had originated in Lynchburg (VA), was about to take off for Greenville-Spartanburg (SC) from the Charlotte-Douglas (NC) International Airport. The weather was nearly perfect for flying: visibility was clear and the winds a mere 8 mph.

At approximately 9 a.m., Pilot Katie Leslie, with thousands of hours experience in the air, received clearance from the tower and her Beech 1900D twin-engine turboprop roared down the runway and its nose pointed toward the heavens, starting the brief 80-mile, 30-minute flight. Alas, that green light turned into a red light of permanent disaster. Thirty-seconds into flight the normal 7-degree rise jumped to an abnormal 52 degrees and the plane went into a stall, then took a nosedive into the corner of its own hanger, instantly turned into a ball of fire - and all 21 aboard were hurled instantly into eternity.

Even more tragic, not a one of those 21 had any idea 30 or 40 seconds earlier that he or she was about to die. Who was ready (and immediately entered Heaven), and who was not (and immediately entered Hell), is not ours to say. God keeps the books and His records have never shown an error. Justice prevailed with each of the 21, whatever it was.

By the way, one man is alive today because he missed his connection; his seat was empty when 5481 took off. Do you suppose he screamed at the time, like most do when they miss a flight and are told they must wait for the next one? As soon as he learned what happened you may be sure his despair turned to rejoicing - although that doesn't necessarily mean he praised the Lord.

We haven't heard that one passenger was a Liberty representative on his way to speak at BJU, but who knows? All things are possible, but we seriously doubt that one.

Our question now is: **What if it were YOU? Where would YOU be right now? Do you have your "reservations" in Heaven (I Peter 1:3-4), based on the finished work of Christ?**

This story broke when I was online making reservation to fly from Dallas to Denver and back (via Houston) while traveling on a 2-month preaching mission from Florida to Southern California. Did it cause me to cancel my plan and my plane reservations? Of course not! I have the "reservations" Peter was talking about and how I cash them in is of no importance to me. ÷



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## **POPE SEES CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AS KEY FORCE IN ECUMENISM**

In June, 2017 Pope Francis called for a “renewal” of the Renewal at a Pentecost Eve ceremony. And he challenged the 60,000 people in the Circus Maximus to work resolutely for Christian unity.

Praising, singing in tongues, dancing and proclaiming that “Jesus is Lord”, over 60,000 people from 120 countries celebrated the Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal movement in Rome’s vast Circus Maximus on the evening of Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Founded 50 years ago, the movement now claims 120 million followers and appears to have lost none of the ardor of its early days.

With his arms raised, Pope Francis invoked “a new effusion of the Spirit” over the “charismatics” at the Pentecost Eve ceremony on Saturday evening. Highlighting the ecumenical origins of the movement,

### **The Urgency of Christian Unity**

“Christian unity is now more urgent than ever” and needs to “be accomplished in prayer and action for the weakest”, the pope said. Cirled by representatives of Protestant churches and adopting the vigorous style of evangelical preachers, he urged them “to advance together, work together, love each other”.

The pope, who, as archbishop of Buenos Aires used to pray regularly with several Argentine Pentecostal pastors who became friends, personally monitored the organization of the Jubilee, placing the accent on Christian unity.

It was the pope who insisted that representatives of other Christian confessions be invited, particularly Pentecostals.

This was particularly unexpected since the latter have until recently been regarded as the least ecumenical Protestants, indeed very hostile to Rome.

It was also Pope Francis who decided that the Pentecost vigil would not take place in St. Peter’s Square but at a more ecumenical location. This was the Circus Maximus, theater of the first Christian martyrs, “our common ancestors”, as the pope described them speaking to Pastor Giovanni Traettino, president of the Church of Reconciliation.

“The vocation of the effusion of the Spirit is not just to awaken but also to reconcile Christians, to overcome their divisions and to build unity among them,” the Pentecostal pastor added, echoing the pope.

### **Two Temptations to Avoid**

In his homily before 60,000 people in St Peter’s Square on the

following Sunday morning, the pope also emphasized that Christian unity needs to avoid two temptations, namely seeking diversity without unity and seeking unity without diversity.

The former occurs “when we create coalitions and parties when we harden positions that exclude”, or when we choose “to belong to this or that group over belonging to the Church”, and place “being left or right wing Christians before belonging to Jesus”.

The second transforms unity into “uniformity, an obligation to do everything together and the same way and to always think the same”.

Genuine unity, the pope said, is more like a “reconciled diversity”.

### **Don’t Get Bogged Down**

“We must not get bogged down over understandings and theological dialogue that would pervert ecumenism,” warned Laurent Landete, moderator general of the Emmanuel Community. Even though the group had not been particularly involved in ecumenism until recently, it invited several evangelical pastors to Rome.

“Ecumenism invites us instead to move forward in unity through fraternal life,” Landete noted.

“Fifty years ago in a very cerebral context, the priority was the renewal of prayer, sensitivity, love of Church teaching, a direct proclamation of the faith,” he continued.

“Now we have a solid enough backbone to move to a new stage. Not withdrawing into a closed in identity but going deeper in relationships, in encounters, in friendship with those who seem so different to us.” ÷

### **CALIFORNIA CHURCH PROTESTED FOR A SIGN SAYING HOMOSEXUALITY IS A SIN**

Protesters demonstrated against a church in northern California, demanding its pastor remove a church marquee message they believe is hateful toward the LGBT community. The marquee message, posted by Trinity Bible Presbyterian Church pastor Justin Hoke, reads “Bruce Jenner is still a man. Homosexuality is still sin. The culture may change. The Bible does not.”

The sign angered LGBT citizens of Siskiyou County, who gathered outside the church Sunday to demand the pastor take the message down and keep such beliefs within the church’s walls. Hoke, however, contended the sign was not hateful and that it expressed Biblical teaching about gender and sexuality. “...that’s very offensive to call that sign hateful,” Hoke said. “There is no hate at all in that sign.” “People are getting upset because we’re saying this is wrong, it’s always been wrong, it still is wrong according to our God,” Hoke added. ... Hoke said, in light of the protests, he plans to keep the sign up until the demonstrations stop. Kalayjian and other lead protesters accepted the challenge, however, saying they would protest outside the church every Sunday until the pastor removes the message.

Pastor Hoke resigned the pastorate of Trinity Bible Presbyterian after members of the church threatened to leave. He said, “As of today, I am no longer the pastor of Trinity Bible Presbyterian Church. ... it was determined that it would be in the best interest of the local body for us to part ways. I would like to add this, I did not want to leave, I did not quit, and I was willing to stay.” He turned down offers of financial support, saying he didn’t want to “use this 5 minutes of fame as a chance to capitalize on the sympathy and good will of others.” He added, “The Lord has taken care of my needs. Please pray that God would open more doors for me to preach the gospel, that is all I want or need.”

*- from “California Church Enrages LGBT Community,” The Stream, Jan. 7, 2019*

### **ABORTION THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH WORLDWIDE**

The leading cause of death in 2018 around the world was abortions, according to LifeNews. The news site and data site Worldometers reported that 42 million abortions took place in the world in 2018. Officially, the 42 million abortions are not included in the total death count worldwide, which was 59 million for last year. With abortions counted, the death toll is 101 million from 2018, according to CBN News.

Pro-life supporters are pushing President Donald Trump to defund Planned Parenthood. During his presidential campaign, he vowed to defund the organization. “It’s very simple. Abortion is not health care,” Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life, told CBN News last year in an interview. “Planned Parenthood is not an institution where women go to get a flu shot or a check-up. Planned Parenthood is an institution where women go when they feel like they have no other choice. When they have to choose to pay someone to kill the very life they helped to create.”

*- from “Abortion Kills 42 million,” Christian Headlines, Jan. 2, 2019*

### **MISSOURI SOUTHERN BAPTISTS STAND UP FOR HERESY, SHAME JESUS**

In as simple terms as I can put it, the Missouri Baptist Convention and one of its two educational institutions, Southwest Missouri Baptist University (SBU), have shamed their Lord and Savior. Trustees of both institutions should be ashamed, should be under church discipline, and be brought to public reproach.

The facts in the matter are clear - Southwest Baptist University fired a professor for objecting to heresy. With indisputable audio evidence, the fired professor, Dr. Clint Bass, compiled a dossier on several other professors teaching – explicitly – annihilationism (that hell is not eternal conscious torment), inclusivism (that you can go to Heaven without faith in Jesus),

and purgatory. When President Eric Turner discovered Bass’ concerns, he fired Bass to cover up the investigation that was prompted by concerned Missouri Baptists.

Then, when a petition was launched by Bible-believing Baptists to rehire the professor, they installed a kangaroo court to exonerate themselves in the post, Southwest Baptist University Forms Kangaroo Court to Exonerate Heretical Professors.

The Southern Baptist trustee system is built upon trust (as you would expect). Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the theological integrity of Southern Baptist institutions. In the case of SBU and the MBC, the trustees have altogether approved of heresy and supported the wicked actions of a corrupt institutional president.

SBU gave press releases that vaguely reported the committee’s decision to affirm the firing of professor Bass but (absurdly) committed to adhering to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. It adds insult to injury.

The statement said, “We want to reassure Missouri Baptists that our board stands for the same core Biblical values that we all believe and share. We are all committed Missouri Baptists.”

The evidence provided by Bass was clear. Dr. Rodney Reeves is on audio teaching these heretical doctrines. The trustees should be ashamed for lying to Missouri Baptists.

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