NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

| 10:50 a.m. Service | Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebarrt |
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| | Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed! |
| 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! |

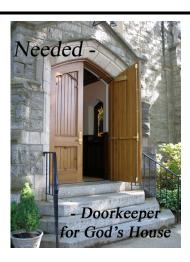
AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

| Week of March 25, 2018 | | | |
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| Sunday School11 | | | |
| Sunday Morning Service 31 | | | |
| Sunday Evening Service26 | | | |
| Wed. Eve. Service, 03/27/18 26 | | | |

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

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| - Week of March 25, 2018 - Undesignated Tithes & Offerings | - <u>\$</u> | 904.35 |
| Total Received for Week of 03/25/18: | Þ | 904.35 |
| - Week of March 18, 2018 - <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings | | 1,040.48 1, 040.48 |
| - Week of March 11, 2018 - <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings Total Received for Week of 03/11/18: | - <u>\$</u> | 736.00 736.00 |
| - Week of March 4, 2018 - <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings | | 2,608.11 2,608.11 |

Average amount of <u>Undesignated</u> 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 | Pianis |
| Lois Mae Floyd | Pianist/ Organis |
| Rana Crawfod | Greeter |
| Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, | LeAnna White S.S. Teachers |
| Larry & Mary Byars, | Outreach |
| Bertha Segebarrt | |
| Flowers Shir | ley White, Charity Crawford |
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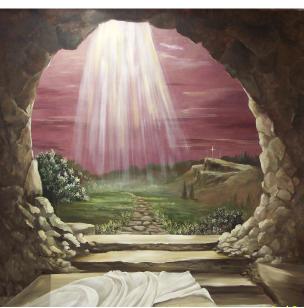
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WELCOME! JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL OBSERVANCE OF -

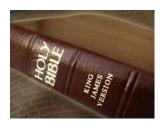
RESURRECTION



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THE LORD'S SUPPER





IS THE BIBLE GOD'S
INSPIRED, INFALLIBLE,
INERRANT, LIVING
WORD, HAS GOD
PRESERVED IT FOR US,
AND DOES I REALLY
MATTER?

by Pastor Todd W. White

his past week, I got into a discussion with a lady on the internet about the Bible. She believes in God, in Jesus, the crucifixion and His resurrection, but she does NOT believe the Bible is "the 100% infallible Word of God." She believes that it "was written by men, in a certain period of time", and that "they were writing according to their beliefs, customs, and traditions at that time."

Sadly, she is the product of what is going on in the modern church era. What she believes is **NOT** uncommon - it is the position of the vast majority of professing Christians in America today. This is what she has been taught, I am sure, in the churches she has attended. It is what is taught in most Sunday Schools in America today. It is what is taught from most of the pulpits in our land. It is what is taught in the Bible colleges and seminaries in America....it's a small miracle that she believes in God at all, let alone in Jesus Christ.

BUT <u>IS</u> SHE CORRECT - IS THE BIBLE FALLIBLE, WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN BY MEN, AND WERE THEY WRITING BASED UPON THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES, CULTURE, UNDERSTANDING, AND PREJUDICES?

Well, to listen to her and most other "mainline" denominations, that's all the Bible is - a collection of man-made fairy tales from whence we can draw a "moral". *But the TRUTH* is far from what she and they are saying! Here is what I shared with her -

First - the Bible was *penned*, not written, by men, and they were inspired by God. That means that God told them **exactly** what to say, and they wrote it down **exactly** the way He wanted it said. It was **not** an invention of the minds of the penmen. What they wrote was His absolutely perfect, infallible, inerrant, inspired Living Word.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (II Tim. 3:16)
"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man:
but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy
Ghost" (II Peter 1:21).

Second - if God inspired His Word (and He did), then it makes total sense that He would not only give to mankind His perfect Word, but that He would also **PRESERVE** it for us for all time! He would make it possible for people in EVERY era to have His Living Word in their hands!

"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever" (Psalm 12:6-7).

Third - IF the Bible is not the 100% infallible, inerrant,

Living Word of God, preserved by Him for us to this very hour, then <u>NONE</u> of it can be trusted! Not one syllable of it! And, if **THAT** is true, then there is no way to know if God exists, Jesus existed, or if there is even supposed to be such a thing as a church.

And, IF that position *IS* true, then, to be intellectually honest, then we need to walk away from any semblance of faith in God or in Christ, and stay home and watch television or go play golf on Sundays. IF those who, like this woman, believe that the Bible is a man-made book or, at best, the "original manuscripts" were inspired, infallible, and inerrant (but not subsequent copies or translations - most Baptist churches teach that these days) are correct, then NO ONE has ANY foundation on which build their faith! We have nothing, and I say it emphatically, absolutely *NOTHING*, on which to believe!

Without the inspired, infallible, inerrant, preserved, Living Word of God, we are without hope, and we are left with only one recourse - to believe that THIS life is as good as it gets, and this life is all there is!

However, if the Bible really IS God's infallible word, then it would behoove us to read it, believe it, and follow it!

Fourth - the idea that what they wrote was influenced by the culture, science, and other factors around them is **absolutely untrue!** In fact, everywhere the Bible speaks, **it is absolutely correct!** When it speaks on spiritual matters, **it is absolutely correct!** When it speaks on historical themes, **it is absolutely correct!** When it speaks on issues of science, **it is absolutely correct!** When it speaks on matters of archaeology, **it is absolutely correct!** When it speaks on matters dealing with medicine and health, **it is absolutely correct! The Bible is absolutely correct about everything written in it!**

For example, Moses was trained by the Egyptians in their finest schools of science. He was taught what their scientists agreed was the origin of man. The Egyptians were naive evolutionists - they believed that life evolved from the white worms that they saw on the banks of the Nile River when it flooded every year. Moses penned the first five books in the Bible, including the Book of Genesis. Now, IF God allowed the penmen of the Bible to be influenced when they wrote by their culture around them, the science of the day, the archaeology of the day, etc., THEN Moses would have written in Genesis EXACTLY what he was taught by the Egyptian scientists - that all life evolved from white worms! But, when I open my Bible, there's not a syllable of that in it! Instead, I read the 10 most comprehensive words in all of human literature - "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the Earth!"

There are countless other archaeological, historical, and scientific statements in the Bible that totally contradicted the best scientific beliefs at the time those men were writing, yet, today, we know that what those Bible writers wrote was *absolutely correct!* One very quick example of that is Isaiah - he wrote that the Earth was round (Isaiah 40:22), even though at that time it was untold centuries before the scientists understood that the

Earth was, in fact, round.

If the Bible isn't the infallible, inerrant, Living Word of God, preserved by Him for us to this very hour, we are doomed!

However, if the Bible **really** *IS* God's inspired, infallible, inerrant Living Word, and He has, truly, preserved it for us to this very hour, then it tells us the **truth** about our condition is before Him - we are lost in our sins. And, it tells us that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to pay that sin debt that we could never pay, and if we will place our faith and trust in Him and His finished

work on the Cross - not in a church, or a denomination, or a man - He will apply that forgiveness to our account and rescue us from our condition. And, we will further believe in and follow His Holy Word as our only rule of faith and practice.

Our eternity hinges on whether or not the Bible is God's inspired, infallible, inerrant Living Word preserved by Him for us - if it isn't, we're doomed, walking around in the dark like a blind man with no one to guide him. But, if it is, it is the only source of Light that we need!

ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE -

2018 MEN'S ADVANCE



Friday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 28, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Men's Advance has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the Men's Advance is to impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community.

The meeting runs on a two-day

format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 27, 2017, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 28. Again this year, we will again meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full smoked meat dinner Friday night, complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon. In addition to the Advance, a golf tournament is open to all attendees and precede the Advance earlier on Friday.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God's Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men's Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional "It Is Well With My Soul" finale.

DON'T MISS THIS!
REGISTER IN FOYER THIS WEEK!