

**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 April 16, 2017*

Sunday School -----27  
Sunday Morning Service -----41  
Sunday Evening Service -----26  
Wed. Eve. Service, 04/19/17 ----- 17

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

*Week of April 16, 2017*

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,048.01  
Total Received for Week of 04/16/17: \$ 1,048.01

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



**GIVE OUT A GOSPEL  
TRACT THIS WEEK!**

**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  
Rayna Crawford ----- Greeter  
Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- 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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**ATTENTION ALL MEN! IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND THE -  
2017 MEN'S ADVANCE**



***THIS Friday, April 28,  
at 7:00 p.m.  
and Saturday,  
April 29,  
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 28, 2017, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 29. 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!***



## **BIBLICAL SHALLOWNESS IN THE CHURCHES**

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

**T**here is a frightful lack of biblical knowledge among members of the average independent baptist church, in my experience. Many pastors have admitted to me that

the majority of their people are not serious Bible students.

It is impossible to understand the Bible properly and grow in understanding of it effectively without training in such things as principles of interpretation, Bible history and geography, Bible culture, and theology or Bible doctrine, yet most members of Independent Baptist churches are grossly lacking in such things.

Most are like a church member I talked with recently who told me that his Bible reading is “hit and miss” and that he had no Bible dictionary, concordance, or commentary, had never learned to use such tools, and knew little to nothing about the principles of Bible interpretation. Another church member recently told me that his daily Bible study consists of reading a couple of verses.

It is typical for church members not even to look at their Bibles during the preaching. Few come to the services to obtain serious Bible education and to capture practical truth they can use in their lives and ministries.

In many independent baptist churches, people can attend faithfully for years without learning the Bible well. The Sunday School lessons and preaching are biblically shallow, and the people are not taught to study the Bible for themselves.

Visiting speakers tell great motivational stories but the biblical content of the preaching is weak, typically.

People don’t grow strong in God’s Word under such a ministry. The Bible is to be preached with reproof and exhortation, but also “with doctrine” (II Timothy 4:2).

No wonder so many churches change direction so easily when the pastor changes. They aren’t properly grounded in Scripture. They are dependent on a man rather than the Spirit of God and the Word of God. They are man-centered rather than Christ-centered.

And the problem begins with the pastors.

In the Pastoral Epistles, we see that every preacher is to be a serious Bible student. Paul taught Timothy to be nourished up in good doctrine (I Tim. 4:6), to give attendance to reading and to doctrine (I Tim. 4:13), to take heed unto doctrine (I Tim. 4:16). He taught Timothy that it is the elder who labors in the word and doctrine who is worthy of double honor (I Tim. 5:17). Too many pastors want the double honor of this verse without paying the price of laboring in the Word of God.

Paul reminded Timothy that he had been educated among

many witnesses and exhorted him to pass this same biblical education along to others (II Tim. 2:2). He exhorted him to study to show himself approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Timothy 2:15). He taught him to be “apt to teach,” which requires much learning (II Tim. 2:24). He taught him that the Scripture is for doctrine (II Tim. 3:16). He taught him to preach God’s Word with doctrine (II Tim. 4:2).

Paul showed Timothy the example of having a passion for study in prison even when he was old and knew that he would soon face martyrdom (II Tim. 4:13)!

Paul taught Timothy that the qualified pastor is a man who has “been taught” so well that he is capable of protecting the congregation from whatever error the devil throws at it (Titus 1:9-16). This requires a lot of teaching and a lot of study.

Christ instructed us not only to preach the gospel to every creature, but also to disciple the converts so thoroughly that we teach them to observe all things whatsoever He has taught us (Mat. 28:19-20). See also Acts 20:27, where Paul taught the whole counsel of God. That refers to the complete canon of Scripture. That is a lot of Bible education. It requires the teaching of history and geography and prophecy and a thousand other things.

Many independent baptist preachers are not too far behind the Primitive Baptists described in *The Man Who Moved a Mountain*, a biography of Virginia preacher Robert Childress. They actually gloried in their ignorance. One preacher shouted, “Praises be to God that I am ignorant. I’d only praise him more if I were ignoranter” (p. 22). Hearing such things as a child, Childress recalled thinking to himself, “Did God hate learning?” (p. 22).

I have found that the most difficult place to sell serious Bible study books and associated materials is at the average independent baptist preachers’ meeting.

A pastor friend who has been in the ministry for many decades wrote the following to me in 2014:

“I asked a missionary what books he had read lately that were a blessing, and he replied that all he reads is a magazine on running. I fear that independent baptists may be the illiterati of the 20th and 21st centuries. And the present addiction to iPhones and social media only makes it worse. John Nordman, who worked with Hyles years ago at Hyles Anderson, led the Bible college in Brisbane for some years until the pastor’s son did a Schaap on some kids there and the wheels fell off. He sent me their college prospectus one year hoping to get some of our kids, and I wrote him back and asked him why there was not a course on theology. I later found out that Hyles Anderson never allowed theology to be taught because Jack Hyles thought it would turn their students into Calvinists. Some years ago I started asking preachers questions when we sat around talking or when we drove down the road. Questions on what doctrine was especially precious to them at that moment, or what book of the Bible they love the most this week, or what good book they are reading, or which one has helped them grow the most, or what authors are

the most challenging to them spiritually, or what they think about this or that verse (and I pick the hardest ones to ask about). If they are driving, I take my Bible and read to them some passage I am meditating on and ask them to explain them to me. Most of them are out of their depth within ten seconds. Some stare at me with open mouth and shake their head. The Presbyterian pastors I know are the most adept at discussing solid Bible doctrine. Most of the independent baptist pastors have never read anything deeper than John R. Rice or Curtis Hutson. We had a missionary here this weekend who tells great stories, but doesn’t know ANY solid Bible doctrine.”

This preacher said further:

“There is abysmal ignorance concerning the doctrine of Christ, concerning the doctrines of justification, sanctification, and glorification. One of our major problems is that expository preaching is not politically correct in fundamental churches. For a pastor to preach through a book of the Bible is a rare thing. Most of the men I know don’t do that because it doesn’t draw big crowds and they like fireworks in the pulpit or fairy tales.”

Another man commented:

“I agree about the importance of the study of Bible prophecy. Unfortunately, fundamental Baptist preachers seem very reluctant to delve into prophecy. I think it might be because most preachers have not studied much beyond the first three chapters of Revelation. I don’t think I have ever heard a really solid message from an IFB preacher from the mountain of OT prophecies with momentous future fulfillment. They don’t seem to know what they are missing.”

A large percentage of the independent baptist preaching I have personally heard over the past 43 years has been motivational pabulum (baby food) with no serious exegesis of Scripture and little spiritual depth. **[Pastor’s Note: The same problem exists in Southern Baptist, Missionary Baptist, and Freewill Baptist churches as well!]**

Churches that aren’t serious Bible education institutions are building on the sand, and they won’t stand for long in today’s spiritual climate. ÷

### **NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS**

#### **‘ GREAT BARRIER REEF NOT DYING -**

The following is excerpted from James Delingpole, **“Only Gullible Fools,”** Breitbart, Apr. 10, 2017:

“The Great Barrier Reef is dead. ... Well, at least it is if you believe the left-wing media such as the *Guardian*, which claims today that the reef is at “terminal stage” because of damage allegedly caused by “climate change”. Lots of eco loons have been rending their garments and throwing their (recyclable, organic, gluten-free) toys out of the pram in horror at this hideous disaster. But it’s OK.

As I keep trying to explain to anyone who’ll listen - and obviously, also, to annoy the greenies - is that the Great Barrier Reef isn’t in the remotest danger. Yes, it has experienced bleaching, but this is normal - especially in dramatic El Ninos

like the one we’ve just had - and there is no reason to suspect that the GBR won’t recover.

Nor is there any particular reason to blame man’s selfishness, greed, and refusal to amend his lifestyle for the temporary damage the reef has suffered.

Even if we’d done as the greenies want and bombed our economies into the dark ages, replaced all cars with bicycles and retired to caves illuminated by tallow candles - even then, the GBR would be in exactly the same condition as it is now because El Ninos are a natural phenomenon not a man-made one.

**‘ CRM - PSYCHIATRIC VOODOO -** CRM (Comprehensive Resource Model) is a new therapy for PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) that was invented by Lisa Schwarz and has gained popularity and influence over the past several years.

She has taught the therapy to more than 1,500 therapists around the world. CRM fuses “elements of psychology, spirituality, neurobiology and shamanic “power animals”” (“Breaking Through,” *Newsweek*, Apr. 7 2017).

The therapist seeks to “rewire the emotional brain,” which is “the primitive, instinct-driven parts of the brain near the top of the spine ... [the] deeper, preverbal regions.” The term “preverbal” refers to man’s mythical evolutionary journey from the animal world. Techniques draw heavily from New Age positive imagining.

A “power animal” is created in the imagination to watch over the patient and to accompany him or her “through the darkest tunnels of their past.”

“Earth breathing” consists of imagining energy being drawn up from the earth’s core through the sole of one’s foot.

“Fire breathing” mentally releases anger by breathing out smoke and flames like a dragon.

“Toning” consists of dissolving “long-buried distress” by making a prolonged, high-pitched sound.

Humanistic psychiatry has delved into the occult since the days of Carl Jung, who explored Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, astrology, Gnosticism, alchemy, dream interpretation, mandala symbolism, Theosophy, Greek mythology, and more. He amassed one of the largest collections of spiritualistic writings found on the European continent (Jeffrey Santinover, *The Empty Self*, p. 28). In the pursuit of communion with spirits and a pantheistic “all pervading power,” Jung used a wide variety of mystical practices, including the divination methods of **I Ching**, idol worship, horoscopic calculations, meditation, communion with spirits, clairvoyance, séances, and dream interpretation. Jung’s book *Septem Sermones* (The Seven Sermons to the Dead) was dictated from spirits. ÷



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