

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

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

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of August 5, 2018

Sunday School ----- 14
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 35
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 26
 Wed. Eve. Service, 08/15/18 ----- 26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 5, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 2,448.02
 Total Received for Week of 08/05/18: \$ 2,448.02

- Week of July 29, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 122.12
 Total Received for Week of 07/29/18: \$ 122.12

- Week of July 22, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 724.81
 Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer ----- \$ 639.76
 Total Received for Week of 07/22/18: \$ 1,364.57

- Week of July 15, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 949.13
 Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer ----- \$ 100.00
 Total Received for Week of 07/15/18: \$ 1,049.13

- Week of July 8, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,678.54
 Total Received for Week of 07/08/18: \$ 1,678.54

- Week of July 1, 2018 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 949.13
 Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer ----- \$ 100.00
 Total Received for Week of 07/01/18: \$ 1,049.13

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
 Shayne Hooper, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Dwayne English ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

NEEDED!



**GREETER
 FOR
 FRONT
 DOOR!**



Gerald Harris

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IS UNDERGOING A SEISMIC SHIFT

by Gerald Harris, Senior Editor
The Christian Index

Following the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans a host of conservative Baptists converged on the Café du Monde to celebrate another victory for the cause of biblical inerrancy.

Paige Patterson, writing in the Southwestern Journal of Theology, proclaimed, "The aroma of café au lait and powdered sugar-covered beignets was discernible several hundred feet from the famous coffee house.

"That night as the convention parliamentarian led the rejoicing conservatives in singing 'Victory in Jesus,' that coffee aroma was to conservatives the aroma of life unto life, but to scores of moderates who had tasted several years of defeat, it became the aroma of death unto death."

I have had over a month to process the events of the most recent Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas; and for me it was a Café du Monde experience. The only difference is that I felt like I smelled the aroma of death unto death – at least for the SBC I have known for a very long time.

The Southern Baptist Convention is not just changing; it has changed. Many will consider it a blessed conversion. Others will feel disenfranchised, marginalized, and excluded. This convention confirmed that my decision to retire at the end of this year is well-founded, because I feel like a voice crying in the wilderness.



Dr. R. G. Lee

I grew up listening to the sermons of R.G. Lee and W.A. Criswell. Those men of God preached with great conviction, emotion, and passion.

R. G. Lee, with his distinctive southern drawl, command of the English language, and masterful oratorical ability, declared, **"The Bible is a living Book. Book of the church militant is the Bible. Book of the church triumphant is the Bible. It's the Book our mothers stained with grateful tears, the Book our fathers touched with reverent hands, the Book that unrolls the panorama of creation, the Book that gives the lofty imagery of the prophets, the Book that gives the portrait of Christ, the Book that gives the philosophy of salvation."**

W.A. Criswell was no less eloquent, but perhaps more direct in confronting liberalism when he declared, **"There is some knot on a log, wart on a dill pickle who think that he's been to school and he knows more than God... We have professors who think theological hairsplitting will save the world. Not in a thousand years. It's a fervent heart and preaching for a verdict that saves the world."**

Southern Baptists were all about evangelism and missions for many years, but in the last decade it seems that we have changed our focus; and the decline in baptisms at home and abroad have been precipitous.

Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has explained, **"The true bad news is that when you put last year in the context of all previous years, it indicates the SBC is in the midst of a decline that shows no sign of either slowing down or turning around."**

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Dr. W. A. Criswell

The new emphases subtly infiltrating Southern Baptist life seem to be social justice, the social gospel, feminism, tolerance, and intolerance.

First, let us consider social justice. According to David C. Rose, social justice is a solution in search of a problem. I believe that we should show compassion for all people, but when social justice requires compromise on moral and spiritual issues it is desperately wrong.

Rose says, “*Social justice is both misguided and dangerous. It is misguided because it regards observed inequality as prima facie evidence of injustice because of insufficient understanding of how a free market economy actually works. It is dangerous because social justice advocates therefore attempt to solve a moral problem that doesn’t exist and, in so doing, reduce a society’s ability to solve moral problems that really do exist.*”

Second, consider the social gospel, which has surreptitiously found its way back into our denomination. The social gospel embraces ministries that provide help to the needy – clothes closets, food banks, and health-clinics – almost anything that would contribute to the welfare of society.

Churches should be engaged in these social ministries, but these ministries should not be the primary objective. Every social ministry or act of kindness should create a bridge to share the Gospel.

When I was pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia, I read Steve Sjogren’s book **Conspiracy of Kindness**. Sjogren gives his readers an almost unlimited list of unassuming acts of kindness that Christians can practice to communicate the love of Christ. I discovered that many of our folks were excited about giving out water on a hot summer day, painting house numbers on the edge of the sidewalk, shining people’s shoes for free in the mall, and even providing free gift wrapping for a department store at Christmas, but they never shared the Gospel.

Good deeds are important, but there are countless service organizations that help the public. Christians not only have the privilege of putting a man in a new suit, but putting a new man in a suit as a result of the change wrought by sharing the Gospel.

Third, Southern Baptists seem to be welcoming a feminist movement in the church. George Barna reports through his surveys that the majority of attendees in a typical church are women. He refers to women as “the backbone of the Christian congregations in America.” He also reports that 93 percent of the senior pastors in America are men.

However, does that mean that we should seek equality for women and ordain them as pastors? It has been rumored that one of America’s most notable Bible teachers, Beth Moore, should become the SBC president in 2020. If she did, she would be placed in a position of preaching the president’s sermon.

The Bible does not support the practice of women serving as pastors or teaching men (I Timothy 2: 12), but the intrinsic value and extreme giftedness of women have throughout history

fortified and enhanced the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church.

Fourth, the menacing worldly view of tolerance has raised its ugly head in Baptist churches. There was a time when lifestyles embodied in the LGBTQ community were universally condemned.

Today because of the normalizing of this deviate behavior in the media, the propagandizing of students in the schools, and the sensitivity training of corporate America we are getting too comfortable with sin and tolerant of aberrant lifestyles. The pulpit must not be silent in this day of tolerance lest our congregations become lukewarm. George Whitefield said, “Congregations are lifeless because dead men preach to them.” Adrian Rogers said, **“The sins we once hid in the back alleys, we now parade down Main Street.”**

Fifth, whereas tolerance abounds in some areas, intolerance abounds in others. It was good that we recognized our U.S. military and had a patriotic emphasis in the first session of our Convention in Dallas, but I could not believe the disrespect some messengers demonstrated regarding the invitation of Vice President Mike Pence to address our convention. Three motions were made to try to prevent him from speaking and when he did speak some walked out of the convention center obviously protesting his presence.

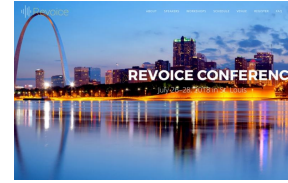
Have some Southern Baptists become like Jehovah Witnesses who refuse to salute the flag, do not rise in response to the playing of the national anthem, and often choose not to vote in elections?

The New Testament gives us some broad principles on how we are to respond to our government. Romans 13 declares that the origin and institution of government is something that God has ordained. I Timothy 2 reminds us that we are to pray for those who have authority over us. If God has established the government for our good and asked us to pray for those who rule over us; and we are fortunate enough to have a Christian as vice president is it right to protest his invitation to speak to SBC messengers?

In the late 1960s, W.A. Criswell predicted that Christianity would be virtually extinct by 2000. He believed it would happen because so many preachers had **“lost the conviction that the Bible is the Word of God.”**

Perhaps the Conservative Resurgence postponed what Criswell thought was inevitable. He said then and I believe he would say now, **“I believe it is time for every pastor and church member to call upon God to intervene on behalf of his church”–and I believe we need His intervention in the life of our Convention.** ÷

The Christian Index is the nation’s oldest continuously published religious newspaper, and was founded by legendary Baptist leader, Luther Rice.



WHAT IS THE “REVOICE” MOVEMENT, AND WHY SHOULD BIBLE-BELIEVING BAPTISTS STAY AWAY FROM IT?
by Pastor Todd W. White

In late July of this year, a group of like-minded people, all who profess to be Christians, convened in St. Louis for the “Revoice Conference.” The purpose of the Revoice movement is, according to their website, to supporting, encourage, and empower gay, lesbian, same-sex-attracted, and other LGBT Christians so they can flourish while observing the historic, Christian doctrine of marriage and sexuality.

Revoice represents a rapid advancement of new language on the issues of LGBTQ movement into Christianity. In its vision, beliefs statements, workshops and biographies of the speakers, the conference openly discussed and promoted the normalization of very radical pro homosexual terms and ideology. Examples of the new language include: “LGBT+ Christian,” “Queer Christian,” “Queer Visibility” (coming out as gay) in the Church,” “Gleaning the Virtues of Queer Culture, Literature, and Theory for the Church and the New Jerusalem at the End of Time,” “Sexual Minorities in the Church and in Ministry in the Church,” and “Making the Church Open to and a Safe Haven for the LGBT+ Community.

The issues involving conservative Evangelical churches and the Revoice conference are all the more pointed given the Human Rights Campaign’s renewed efforts to infiltrate Evangelical churches announced recently. Those HRC efforts have particular focus on the Southern Baptist Convention, which has been historically conservative on family, marriage and sexual ethics. Recently, the SBC’s Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) finally acknowledged such efforts by the HRC to infiltrate the SBC while also for the first time publicly addressing the presence of the largest LGBT activist organization after years of meeting WITH the HRC and others in private.

The SBC annual meeting in Dallas saw a timely and great opportunity to address the important issue of preserving ministry to people wanting out of the LGBT lifestyle by passing a RESOLUTION proposed by Dr. Robert Oscar Lopez of SWBTS. The Resolution never made its way out of committee for the Dallas SBC annual meeting. If Russell Moore of the ERLC had stood behind this resolution like he has done with others, such as the 2017 Alt-Right condemnation, this all-important issue of meaningful ministry to the LGBT community by Southern Baptist churches and ministries would not have been ignored.

If this and other extensions of this subversive and well-funded effort are not met and turned away from the gates of orthodox Christianity, the days of Institutionalized Christian denominations and churches are numbered in America and those believers who remain faithful to God’s Word will have no choice but to leave churches and denominations who embrace and allow it.

Significant infiltration has already occurred in all of the SBC Seminaries, plus those of denominations, as well



*Revoice Founder
Nate Collins*

The Founder of Revoice is Nate Collins who self identifies as a homosexual in a mixed orientation marriage, which means that he is married to a woman who is heterosexual, but he identifies as a homosexual. Collins holds a Degree from Moody Bible Institute, and a Master’s and Doctorate from **Dr. Albert Mohler’s** very conservative (in reputation at least) **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary** (SBTS) in Louisville KY. Collins was a New Testament Instructor at SBTS and a Garrett Fellow (grading

papers and counseling SBTS students on academics) and is currently an Adjunct Online Teaching partner for SBTS. He has traveled and represented SBTS as a scholar to the Evangelical Theological Society on his researched topics of Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Theory. Collins’ work of planning and incorporating REVOICE began as far back in, (at least) the Fall of 2017, while he was still teaching at Dr. Mohler’s SBTS. According to his bio, Collins spent at least 14 ½ years as a student and later as a teacher and self-identified homosexual (Side B) Christian. His father, Chip Collins, was Associate Dean at the undergraduate Boyce College, which is a feeder school for SBTS. In 2013, the father and son team – of son Nate (Student and NT instructor at SBTS) and father Chip (Boyce faculty at the time) – had a partnership ministry called “Aligned Grace” where they lectured as an “out” homosexual Christian Son and Father who represented the family who have chosen to affirm the son’s stand as a “Side B” homosexual. “Side B” is LGBT terminology for “Same Sex Attracted Christianity” which means espousing “Celibacy” or having a “Mixed Orientation Marriage” as “adherence to historic Christian Ethic.”

LOVEboldly was founded in 2011 in Kentucky and Nate Collins joined its board in 2013 while still working at SBTS for at least another 4 ½ – 5 years. LOVEboldly is endorsed by Emergent leader, Brian McLaren, Alan Chambers, and Julie Rodgers, the former Wheaton Chaplains office counselor who flipped from Side B to Side A – Fully Affirming homosexual behavior and marriage as a Christian – shortly after the SCOTUS/Obergefell decision. LOVEboldly has both “Side A” and “Side B” members and events and espouses an alliance for all LGBT+ Christians beyond the issues of Theology, Morality, Politics, or personal views on any similar, possibly divisive issues. The work of Regent University Psychologist, Mark Yarhouse, has played a key role in the development of the LGBT ideology of LOVEboldly / Revoice and even The Gospel Coalition (TGC) members, D. A. Carson, Tim Keller and **Albert Mohler, Russell Moore**, and the institutions and organizations which these leaders oversee.

- more next week