

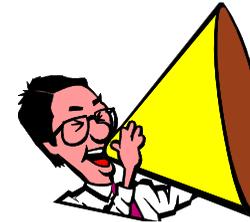
SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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PLANNOWTOBEHERE!

TO HEAR -

EVANGELIST Rodney Woodcock



**Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 11:00 a.m & 6:30 p.m.
& Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 16-18 at 7:00 p.m.**

**K Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching!
K Old-Fashioned Hymns Singing!**

**DON'T MISS A SINGLE SERVICE!
AND - BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

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 August 18, 2019

Sunday School ----- 18
Sunday Morning Service ----- 31
Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
Wed. Evening Service, 08/28/19 ----- 8

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 25, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 602.00
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 50.00
Total Received for Week of 08/25/19: \$ 652.00

- Week of August 18, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 59.00
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 08/18/19: \$ 69.00

- Week of August 11, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 990.00
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 70.00
Total Received for Week of 08/11/19: \$ 1,060.00

- Week of August 4, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,587.68
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 08/04/19: \$ 1,627.68

- Week of July 28, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 310.80
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 138.00
Total Received for Week of 07/28/19: \$ 448.80

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



AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR FUND

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$ 4,800.00
Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 1,007.38
TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$ 3,792.62

Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

K IMPORTANT RULING FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION BY THE U. S. EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT:

On August 24, 2019, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the constitutional order, limited the reach of expansive nondiscrimination laws, and protected a Christian couple from having to choose between their business and their conscience.

The facts of the case are simple. The plaintiffs, Carl and Angel Larsen, are videographers who create “commercials, short films, and live-event productions.” While they work with anyone of any race, sex, sexual orientation, or religion, they will not produce videos that advance viewpoints that violate their Christian beliefs. That includes videos that “ontradict biblical truth; promote sexual immorality; support the destruction of unborn children; promote racism or racial division; incite violence; degrade women; or promote any conception of marriage other than as a lifelong institution between one man and one woman.” The Larsens hoped to begin producing wedding videos, but Minnesota interpreted its human-rights act to require them to “produce both opposite-sex- and same-sex-wedding videos, or none at all.” Minnesota would also require them to produce videos that depicted “same- and opposite-sex weddings in an equally positive light.” This raised the possibility that a gay couple who didn’t like the subjective quality of a video the Larsens produced for them could seek state sanctions based on alleged sexual-orientation discrimination.

With the assistance of my friends and former colleagues at the Alliance Defending Freedom, the Larsens filed suit, claiming that Minnesota’s rule would compel them to speak in support of messages they oppose. The trial court ruled in favor of the state, and the Larsens appealed.

One of the key constitutional questions of our time is whether the First Amendment will retain its supremacy and potency even as nondiscrimination rules and regulations expand in scope and reach. In this case, the Eight Circuit answered with an emphatic “Yes,” and it did so through a majority opinion that provided a clear roadmap for future courts and future controversies.

Judge David Stras’s majority opinion begins with a simple, obvious, but crucial conclusion. The Larsens’s wedding videos are a “form of speech that is entitled to First Amendment protection.” ... To put it plainly, Minnesota was attempting to engage in one of the most intrusive state actions on the First Amendment. It was attempting to compel the Larsens to deliver a message they opposed. ... Judge Stras understands this reality quite clearly. “Even antidiscrimination laws, as critically important as they are,” he writes “must yield to the Constitution. And as compelling as the interest in preventing discriminatory conduct may be, speech is treated differently under the First Amendment.”

We can expect that Minnesota will appeal to the Supreme Court, and if the Court accepts review it will be difficult to see SCOTUS reversing the court of appeals. The case that wedding

videos represent protected speech is very strong, and once it’s deemed to be protected speech, the Court would have to contradict key prior precedents to overcome the Larsens’ rights of conscience and compel their speech as a condition of doing business.

One should always be cautious when projecting case outcomes, but the Eighth Circuit has laid the judicial foundation for a ruling that should, ultimately, reaffirm the primacy of the Constitution in American law.”

- David French, “A Federal Court Strikes a Powerful Blow for Freedom of Speech and Religious Freedom,” *National Review*, Aug. 24, 2019

K MARY QUANT - FASHION REVOLUTIONARY: Clothing is a language, and never has that been truer than today. Consider Mary Quant, the revolutionary British fashion designer of the Beatles era. This year, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London has a major exhibit on Quant, inventor of the miniskirt, hot pants, and a major popularizer of trousers on women. The focus of the exhibit is revolution: liberation from biblical morality, and breaking down the barriers between the sexes (unisex, androgyny).

There is no attempt to hide this. Quant put women in men’s attire: pants, ties, suit jackets, and short hair. One display, entitled “Boys Will Be Girls,” says that Quant “subverted menswear.” “Trousers are considered inappropriate for women [but] Quant wears them anywhere she wants.” Mary Quant knew that trousers on women in modern Western society is not an issue merely of comfort and freedom of movement.

The following are some other quotes from the exhibition signage: “using fashion to question hierarchies and gender rules,” “a rebellious approach to established gender norms,” “mocking religion,” “an independent style,” “self-expression,” “freedom.” “The miniskirt became an international symbol of women’s liberation.” “[Quant’s] provocative styles reflected increasingly relaxed attitudes in society towards sexuality in all its forms, reinforced legally by the decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1967.”

Quant also broke down barriers between ages, dressing women in girl’s fashions. She said, “I didn’t want to grow up.” The 1960s was a major changing of the times, and the moral revolution was driven by a technological revolution. It was the dawn of the era of color television, color printing, international mass marketing, and global merchandising empires.

Why were Quant’s fashions so popular? Why does a Quant exhibit at a major art museum draw thousands of eager visitors? She helped create the modern ME culture, the “lovers of their own selves” generation prophesied in II Timothy 3:2. The music, the fashion, the entertainment, the commerce, everything broadcasts the message, “*It’s your life; live as you please!*” and fallen man has loved that message ever since Mamma Eve believed the devil’s tale, “Ye shall be as gods.” It’s all a terrible lie. No one gives himself life. We own nothing; we are God’s creatures in God’s world. “**Behold, all souls are mine ... the soul that sinneth, it shall die**” (*Ezekiel 18:4*). “**Let us hear the**

conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*).

The Good News is that an atonement is available in Jesus Christ to fully satisfy my sin debt against God and I can be saved, but the Bad News is that if I die without Christ I will spend eternity settling an account with God that will never be settled.

K DEMOCRATS AT FOREFRONT OF PUSH TO ALLOW “ABORTION” AT TIME OF BIRTH: Several States across the United States have actively questioned whether a baby, born alive is a human being. **At what point, does life begin then?**

In January of 2019, Virginia Democrats dared to claim that a child, at the moment of birth could still be aborted. Again, according to House Bill 2491, which did not pass in Virginia, an abortion could be requested at the moment of dilation. Further, in New York, a similar piece of legislation did pass. Acting on what is acclaimed by Democrats to be for “Women’s Rights” the bill allows for a woman to abort her child at any point during pregnancy, including the moment of birth. In North Carolina, Pro-Life organizations are attempting to sway legislators to override the Democratic Governor’s veto of a measure they say would ensure newborns delivered after a failed abortion are cared for like any other baby.

The Republican-controlled Senate in North Carolina is planning to vote on Tuesday to override the veto and forward the legislation. To accomplish such, the action will require several Democrats and Republicans from the House and Senate to complete the override. The “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors” bill would further protect children who survive botched abortions. To support the bill, Pro-Life organizations included stories of children who were born alive after botched abortions and otherwise left to die. Legislatively, bills across the country from Democratic members of State’s respective Houses and Senate’s are working to pass legislation which calls into question, when does life actually begin. In response to abortion bills and the question of when does life actually begin, some Republicans are working on drafting legislation that could challenge all forms of abortion after a heartbeat is detected. Medically, a heartbeat determines the end of life, and some states are working to claim that, medically a heartbeat determines the beginning of life.

In the South, states across the board have passed legislation which makes abortion illegal after a heartbeat is detected. Further, a heartbeat can be identified as early as two weeks, rendering the majority of abortions illegal.

- “America, Are We Really Questioning If a Baby Deserves to Live?” - *Brown’s Newsletter*, May 2019

 “**Nearer, My God, to Thee**”: **The History and Lyrics**

Sarah Flower Adams was a British actress who received praise for her performance in an 1837 production of Shakespeare’s *Macbeth*. After health problems disrupted her

plans to continue with theater, she found comfort in writing poems and hymns.

Her most notable hymn, “*Nearer, My God, to Thee*,” came about in 1841 when Adam’s pastor was looking for a hymn for the following week’s sermon on Genesis 28:11-19, which is referred to by many as “Jacob’s ladder,” or “Jacob’s dream.”

Adams offered to write the hymn and completed it within a week to go along with the pastor’s sermon. The hymn was originally set to music written by her sister, Eliza Flower, but another hymn-tune called “BETHANY,” written by Lowell Mason in 1856, has become most widely recognized and is most familiar to listeners today.

Since the music and text were paired together, the hymn has been featured in many television shows and movies. Perhaps the most famous is 1997’s *Titanic*, in a scene that is said to mirror the actual event of the ship’s band playing “Nearer, My God, to Thee,” while the *Titanic* was sinking.

***Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!***

***E'en though it be a cross
that raiseth me.***

***Still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!***

***Though like the wanderer,
the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer,***

***my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!***

***There let the way appear,
steps unto heav'n;***

***All that thou sendest me,
in mercy giv'n;***

***Angels to beckon me, nearer,
my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!***