

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
Cradle Roll : 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 27, 2017

Sunday School ----- 29
Sunday Morning Service ----- 31
Sunday Evening Service ----- 27
Wed. Eve. Service, 08/30/17 ----- 25

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of August 27, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 684.00
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 08/27/17: \$ 704.00

- Week of August 20, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 629.10
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 10.00
Total Received for Week of 08/20/17: \$ 639.10

- Week of August 13, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,015.40
Love Offering for Bro. Ray Meier ----- \$ 532.00
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 08/13/17: \$1,587.40

- Week of August 6, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,520.67
Revival Offering for Bro. Rodney Woodcock ---- \$ 19.00
Total Received for Week of 08/06/17: \$1,539.67

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
NEED VOLUNTEER!!!! ----- Greeter
Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White -- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford



Cradle Roll

OUR VERY NEWEST -

Allie Jayne Rose White

Born to Seth and LeAnna White

September 1, 2017

8 pounds, 12 ounces



Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

by Pastor Todd W. White
(continued from last week)

PROVERBS 29:2 says, "WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY, THE PEOPLE REJOICE: BUT WHEN THE WICKED BEARETH RULE, THE PEOPLE MOURN."

The Bible teaches that there are 2 pillars on which all civilization rests: **AUTHORITY** and **SUBMISSION**.

Now, when the wrong person gets in a place of authority, problems occur. This is *true in every* -

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WE ARE IN A MESS IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THE WRONG PEOPLE ARE IN AUTHORITY!

"Well," you say, "Who is in authority?"

THE HUMANISTS!

We like to blame our problems on the president, congress, politicians, etc., etc.

K In reality, it isn't the **structure**, **IT'S THE PHILOSOPHY THAT'S DESTROYING US!**

HUMANISM IS A MAN-CENTERED PHILOSOPHY THAT ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF MAN AND THE WORLD INDEPENDENTLY OF GOD. Man's way of thinking is **CONTRARY** to God's. **ISAIAH 55:8** says, "**FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD.**"

Apart from God, man thinks the opposite of God. So - everything he thinks, says, or does without God will be contrary to the way God thinks, what God would have him say, and the way God would have him do.

There are forces at work - **RIGHT NOW** - to destroy the American family and everything we hold dear in this country. *The sad thing is that most people - including Christians - are totally unaware of what is going on!* Oh, they know we have problems in our homes, schools, government, etc., but most people don't know where to place the blame.

And there is no way to do anything about finding a solution until we understand where the problem lies!

Most of the problems we have in this country are the result of **HUMANISM**.

K HUMANISM has taken over -

9 Our Government 9 Our Educational System 9 The Media 9 The Political System

Now - Let's Continue To Look At The Goals Of Humanism.

(continued inside)

THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

Thusfar we have looked at two of the 5 goals of humanism -

1. Humanists want to replace religions based on supernatural beliefs (like Christianity) with a religion based only on natural beliefs. They believe *“that any religion that can hope to make a synthesizing and dynamic force for today must be shaped for the needs of this age. To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present.”* No less than eight of the fifteen articles of the first Humanist Manifesto explicitly describe the new religion of humanism.

2. Humanists want to replace biblical ethics with humanistic ethics. Although humanists recognize *“the central role of morality in human life,”* they mean by **morality** something entirely different than what Christians mean. Generally speaking, Christians believe that man needs guidance from God, and is ultimately accountable to God. Christians believe that God determines what is right and what is wrong, and that ethical values are revealed by God to man through scripture. Christians believe that all human conduct must be consistent with what God says is right. Since God is one (Mark 12:29, 32; I Cor. 8:4,6; Galatians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 1:17) then God gives but one universal standard. It is absolute and constant. God’s single ethical standard, when used as a social norm, produces moral conformity in society.

Now, Goal # 3 is -

3. HUMANISTS WANT TO REMOVE THE BIBLICAL DEFINITIONS OF FAMILY AND SEXUALITY.

Humanists want to replace the family as the basic unit of society with the autonomous individual. The family is not important to humanists. Rather, *“the preciousness and dignity of the individual person is a central humanist value.”* Humanists *“reject all religious, ideological, or moral codes that denigrate the individual.”* They believe in **“maximum individual autonomy”** (that is, individual self-rule). For humanists, *“the possibilities of individual freedom of choice ...should be increased.”*

Notice how placing the individual in the central role destroys the home and family. Here’s how -

K First, the demands of humanists for individual sexual rights, if fully implemented, would destroy the institution of marriage. Humanists believe **“individuals should be permitted to express their sexual proclivities and pursue their life-styles as they desire.”** They think that *“intolerant attitudes often cultivated by orthodox religion and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct.”* They believe that **“the right to birth control, abortion, and divorce should be recognized.”** They *“do not wish to prohibit by law or social sanction, sexual behavior between consenting adults.”* For humanists, marriage is generally insignificant. Humanists think marriage is only one

of many sexual arrangements of convenience. For humanists, non-married couples living together, as well as communal, homosexual and lesbian marriages, are equally as acceptable as are heterosexual marriages. This means that divorce must be readily available to married persons.

K Second, the demands of humanists for elimination of all discrimination based on sex, if fully implemented, would destroy the Biblical role of the sexes within marriage. Humanists **“are critical of sexism or sexual chauvinism.”** They *“believe in equal rights for both men and women to fulfill their unique careers and potentialities as they see fit, free of invidious discrimination.”* This means that husbands would not necessarily be heads of their families (Ephesians 5:23.), nor that wives would necessarily be “keepers (workers) at home”, as is true in Christianity.

K Third, the demands of humanists for individual rights in an open and democratic society, if fully implemented, would destroy parental authority and responsibility. Humanists are committed to extending *“participatory democracy in its true sense to...the family...”* This means they would give children authority equal to that of their parents in all family matters. Moreover, since humanists wish to eliminate all discrimination based on age, and since they wish all individuals, if unable to provide for themselves, to have society to provide for them **“means to satisfy their basic economic, health, and cultural needs, including whenever resources make possible, a minimum guaranteed annual income,”** then children would have the authority and the means to divorce their parents and leave home at whatever early age they may choose. Moreover, parents need not concern themselves with the moral education, discipline and training of children, inasmuch as that responsibility is assigned by humanists to public schools.

K Fourth, the demands of humanists for individual civil liberties, if fully implemented, would destroy the legal right of one member of the family to influence another family member’s personal decisions, ***even in matters of life and death.*** Humanists believe that *“to enhance freedom and dignity the individual must experience a full range of civil liberties in all societies.”* This **“includes a recognition of an individual’s right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right of suicide.”** This means, for example, that the civil liberties of a wife would prohibit her husband from making legal objections should she seek to abort his unborn child. It means that parents would have no legal right to object should a teen-age son or daughter seek professional medical assistance in committing suicide.

The success of humanism in replacing the family as the basic unit in society with the autonomous individual may be evaluated by recognizing what legislative and judicial actions have led to the deterioration of the family in America. The United States now has the highest divorce rate of any nation in the world. That’s because **“In the last ten to fifteen years about one-third of the states have enacted ‘no fault’ divorce laws, and most others have such grounds as ‘irreconcilable differences’ or ‘cruel and**

inhuman treatment’ which are often interpreted by the courts to mean essentially the same thing as no-fault divorce... no fault divorce means that neither partner has to prove that the other has broken the marriage contract in any way” (John Eidsmoe, The Christian Legal Advisor. Milford, MI: Mott Media, Inc. 1984, 89).

In the interest of eliminating from society distinct biblically authorized sex roles, humanists have promoted for many years the passage of an equal rights amendment. By 1973, it had passed both houses of Congress and was ratified by thirty state legislative bodies. Needing only eight more states to ratify it, it was well on its way to becoming a constitutional amendment. Had it not been for Phyllis Schlafly and her **Eagle Forum**, it would almost certainly be national law today. Having failed to obtain by one Constitutional amendment an all encompassing law against sexual discrimination, humanists are now seeking to achieve their desired objectives through legislative enactments such as “Parental Leave,” “Comparable Worth,” “Unisex Insurance,” and tax supported day-care centers.

Judicial authorities often deny parental authority and control over their own minor children. Parents no longer have legal authority over an unmarried minor daughter’s decision for an abortion. Because the court considers that minors have a legal right to privacy, contraceptives may be freely dispensed to minors. Minors can be counseled by pro-abortion groups, and, in some states, can even obtain an abortion without parental consent or knowledge. A father now has no legal authority over his unborn child in his wife’s womb. A minor child may choose, on the grounds of incompatibility, to become a ward of the court rather than continue living with parents. While humanists yet have much to accomplish before the autonomous individual can be said to have replaced the family as the basic unit in society, they have also accomplished much in achieving this goal.

(more next week)



NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

9 STUDY THE BIBLE WITH THE KING OF ROCK & ROLL - The Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., has published a new Bible reading plan for Psalms featuring notes from Elvis Presley’s personal Bible. Called **“Rockin’ Through the Psalms with the ‘King,’”** the plan is designed for the YouVersion Bible app.

That’s a great name for a Bible for the “me” generation, and no one represents that generation better than Elvis. As the “king of rock & roll,” he was one of the fathers of the music that has done more to destroy biblical morality in modern society than any other one thing. Journalist David Halberstam observed: *“In cultural terms, [Elvis’s] coming was nothing less than the start of a revolution”* (The Fifties). Elvis biographer Peter Harry Brown observed, *“Elvis Presley didn’t just represent a new type of music; he represented sexual liberation”* (Down at the End of Lonely Street, p. 55). Elvis Presley stood for everything rock & roll stands for: sexual license, rebellion against authority, self-fulfillment, moral debauchery, all glossed over with a thin veneer of humanistic spirituality.

In a television interview last week in memory of the 40th anniversary of Elvis’s death, his wife of six years, Priscilla, mentioned the multiple affairs that the rock & roll king had during their marriage. She said, *“Living a lifestyle of rock & roll is difficult, because it’s that old saying, you know, sex, drugs, and rock & roll. It is there.”* When the interviewer asked, *“He was living that life?”* Priscilla replied, *“They all did.”* In an interview with Mike Amor, she said, *“He wasn’t faithful.”* It was his unfaithfulness that destroyed their marriage.

As for Elvis’s testimony of faith in Christ and his love for Gospel music, the Bible says, ***“They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate”*** (Titus 1:16).

9 KILLING OFF DOWN SYNDROME BABIES - A report by CBS News On Assignment describes the disappearing of Down syndrome due to prenatal testing and abortion. Since the tests were introduced in Iceland in the early 2000s, *“the vast majority of women--close to 100 percent--who received a positive test for Down syndrome terminated their pregnancy”* (*“What kind of society do you want to live in?”* CBS News, Aug. 15, 2017).

Denmark has a “termination rate” for Down syndrome of 98%; France, 77%, and the United States, 67%. Helga Olafsdottir, a counselor at Landspítali University Hospital says, *“This is your life--you have the right to choose how your life will look like. We don’t look at abortion as a murder. We look at it as a thing that we ended. ... Life isn’t black and white. Life is grey.”* In fact,

God’s Word is black and white, and it says, ***“Thou shalt not kill”*** (Exodus 20:13). ÷

- PRAY FOR AMERICA -