

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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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 October 27, 2019

Sunday School ----- 16
Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
Wed. Evening Service, 10/30/19 ----- 8

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of October 27, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 150.25
Total Received for Week of 10/27/19: \$ 150.25

- Week of October 20, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 709.04
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 40.00
Total Received for Week of 10/20/19: \$ 749.04

- Week of October 13, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,133.13
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 117.09
Total Received for Week of 10/13/19: \$ 1,250.22

- Week of October 6, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,678.00
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 70.00
Total Received for Week of 10/06/19: \$ 1,748.00

- Week of September 29, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 305.02
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 11.00
Total Received for Week of 09/29/19: \$ 316.02

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



AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR FUND

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$ 4,800.00
Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 1,300.47
TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$ 3,499.53

Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!

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...

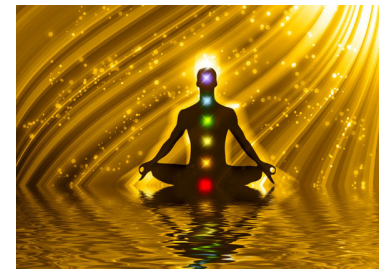
We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

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
Don Diehl ----- Greeter
Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher
Larry & Mary Byars, Don Diehl, Susan Strain ----- Outreach
Bertha Segebart ----- Custodian
Flowers ----- Shirley White



Contemplative Spirituality: Dancing with Demons

by Evangelist David Cloud

The Bible repeatedly warns about the danger of spiritual delusion and exhorts believers to be very careful. Consider the following:

‘ “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15).

‘ “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:4-5).

‘ “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect” (Matthew 24:24).

‘ “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him” (II Corinthians 11:3-4).

‘ “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works” (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

‘ “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Ephesians 4:14).

‘ “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Colossians 2:8).

‘ “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (I Thessalonians 5:6).

‘ “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (I Timothy 4:1).

‘ “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (II Timothy 3:13).

‘ “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (I Peter 5:8).

‘ “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (I John 4:1).

To be sober means to be in control of one’s mind, to be spiritually and mentally alert. It means to be on guard against danger. It is the opposite of emptying one’s mind and letting one’s imagination run wild and using a mantra to keep one’s thoughts at bay.

The Bible warns that demons transform themselves into angels of light (II Cor. 11:13-15). It warns of false christs and false spirits (Mat. 24:4-5; 2 Cor. 11:3-4).

When emergents see “Jesus” in their contemplations, how can they be certain that it is the Jesus of the Bible and not a false christ or a demonic delusion? The only way to be certain is by making the Bible the central authority and carefully testing everything by it, but mysticism does not provide such certainty.

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In Scripture, error is often referred to in terms of cunning deception. We are warned that wolves hide in sheep's clothing (Mat. 7:15). See Matthew 24:11, 24; II Corinthians 4:2; 11:13; Ephesians 4:14; Colossians 2:4, 8; II Thessalonians 2:9-10; and II Timothy 3:13.

In light of these warnings, we see the danger and folly of the contemplative practices.

Some of them, such as *Centering Prayer*, attempt to shut down the mind. The very title of the popular 14th century meditative book *The Cloud of Unknowing* refers to the practice of blotting out conscious thoughts in an attempt to enter into the depths of mindless meditation and transcendental communion with God.

"I urge you to dismiss every clever or subtle thought no matter how holy or valuable. Cover it with a thick cloud of forgetting because in this life only love can touch God as He is in Himself, never knowledge" (The Cloud of Unknowing, chapter 8).

The Cloud of Unknowing instructs the contemplative practitioner to choose a one-syllable word and to repeat it as a mantra to ***"beat down every kind of thought under the cloud of forgetting"*** (chapter 7, p. 56).

The practitioner is instructed NOT to focus his attention on the meaning of the word or to use "logic to examine or explain this word ... nor allow yourself to ponder its ramifications" (chapter 36, p. 94).

It also says, *"Have no fear of the evil one, for he will not dare come near you"* (chapter 34, p. 92).

Centering Prayer involves "moving beyond thinking into a place of utter stillness" (The Sacred Way, p. 71).

Note the following excerpts from Finding Grace at the Center by Basil Pennington and Thomas Keating, which emphasize the unthinking aspect of centering prayer:

"It is best when this word is wholly interior without a definite thought or actual sound" (p. 39).

"We are quite passive. We let it happen" (p. 39).

"As it goes beyond thought, beyond image, there is nothing left by which to judge it" (p. 43).

"By turning off the ordinary flow of thoughts ... one's world begins to change" (p. 48).

"Go on with this nothing, moved only by your love for God" (p. 49).

"The important thing is not to pay any attention to them [thoughts]. They are like the noise in the street..." (p. 51).

"Any thought will bring you out [of the deep waters of silence]" (p. 52).

"[Centering prayer] leads you to a silence beyond thought and words..." (p. 53).

"Firmly reject all clear ideas, however pious or delightful" (p. 54).

"As soon as you start to reflect, the experience is over" (p.

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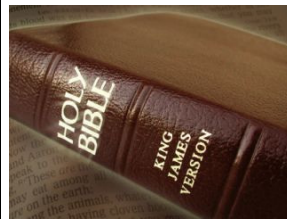
In light of the Bible's warnings about the great potential for spiritual deception and the necessity of constant sobermindedness, I cannot imagine a more dangerous spiritual practice than centering prayer.

When asked if it is possible for meditation to be "inviting the devil in," James Finley replies:

"Sometimes I will tell people who express that--well why not try it? Why not try to just quietly and sincerely and silently open your heart to God and see for yourself if you sense something dangerous or bad or dark. And you might discover that the opposite's the case" ("Experiencing God through Meditation: Interview with James Finley," Beliefnet.com).

This counsel is unbelievably dangerous and unscriptural. The Bible warns that the devil takes on the persona of an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14-16). The only way to discern the difference between true and false spirits is to be born again and walking in the Spirit and to carefully test them by the Bible. Catholic mystics such as **Finley, Thomas Merton, and William Johnston** don't do that and, in fact, don't know how to do that.

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BIBLE DOCTRINES AFFECTED BY THE MODERN VERSIONS

by Paul L. Freeman
(continued)

ADDITIONAL SAMPLINGS OF THE CHANGES FOUND IN THE MODERN VERSIONS:

9 KJV - "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom..." (I Cor. 2:4).

9 ***"man's wisdom"*** is changed to ***"wisdom."*** Paul did not reject wisdom in his teaching, he rejected MAN'S wisdom.

9 KJV - "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" (I Cor. 3:4).

9 ***"are ye not carnal?"*** is changed to ***"are ye not men?"*** It should be obvious that they were men, but the Bible truth to be taught was that in their divisions they were being controlled by fleshly (carnal) desires and not spiritual desires.

9 KJV - "...For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:" (I Cor. 5:7).

9 ***"for us"*** is omitted. This affects the vital doctrine of the substitutionary atonement of Christ. If Christ did not die for our sins then we are still under the wrath of God and without hope.

9 KJV - "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 5:7).

9 ***"and in your spirit which are God's"*** is omitted. The body gives us world consciousness and the spirit gives us God consciousness. We are to glorify God in our body by holy living and in our spirit by walking in fellowship with God. Verses 16 and 17 talk about both.

9 KJV - "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me" (I Cor. 11:24).

9 ***"take eat"*** is omitted along with ***"is broken."*** The symbolic bread was broken and given to the disciples with instruction to eat it. It typified his flesh which "is being broken for you" (literal Greek). Though not a bone of him was broken it is true that his flesh was broken in many places before he died on our behalf.

9 KJV - "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (I Cor. 11:29).

9 ***"unworthily"*** is dropped. The word gives the picture of a believer treating the Lord's Supper as a common meal, not reverencing the symbolic meaning and spiritual impact it is intended to make upon his soul and spirit. To remove this word is a very great doctrinal error. When you consider that sickness and death was the result of such unworthy participation, it is no light matter.

9 KJV - "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (I Cor. 11:29).

9 ***"not discerning the Lord's body"*** is changed to ***"if he does not judge the body rightly"*** (NASB). When we partake of the Lord's Supper we are to see through the elements to the Lord's body. As you think of the cost of your redemption there ought to be more holy living. The change brings absolute confusion concerning what body is meant, the Lord's or the believers. It is hallowed ground and the corrupters of God's Word have dared to tread upon it.

9 KJV - "The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven" (I Cor. 15:47).

9 ***"the Lord"*** is left out. God is contrasting Adam and Christ. To say that the second man is from heaven is not enough. There have been men from heaven who were angels. Here the man from heaven is the Lord. This is an attempt to do away with the Deity of Christ.

9 KJV - "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (I Cor. 15:49).

9 ***"we shall also bear the image of the heavenly"*** is changed to ***"we should bear the image of the heavenly."*** The first is a fact based upon the certainty of our eternal salvation in Christ. The second is an exhortation based upon the uncertainty of a salvation by works. The first is sound doctrine, the second is unsound doctrine.

- more next week



THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

This is a tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas who have been fearless and learned to use the computer.

The computer swallowed grandma.

Yes, honestly it's true!

*She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.*

It devoured her completely,

The thought just makes me squirm.

*She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.*

I've searched through the Recycle Bin

And files of every kind;

*I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.*

In desperation, I asked Google

My searches to refine.

*The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'*

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'

My Grandma you should see,

*Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!*

