

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll : Larry Byars
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of November 12, 2017 -

Sunday School ----- 17
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 19
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 16
 Wed. Eve. Service, 11/15/17 ----- 19

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of November 12, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 841.32
Total Received for Week of 11/12/17: \$ 841.32

- Week of November 5, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,130.70
 Building Fund ----- \$ 20.00
Total Received for Week of 11/05/17: \$1,150.70

- Week of October 29, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$1,194.65
 Building Fund ----- \$ 48.00
Total Received for Week of 10/29/17: \$1,242.65

- Week of October 22, 2017 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 275.00
Total Received for Week of 10/22/17: \$ 275.00

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

NEEDED!



**DOORKEEPER
 FOR THE HOUSE
 OF GOD**

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 Segebarrt ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY
REMINDER

Volume XXIII

November 19, 2017

Number 41

AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK

“. . .to keep our families secure, communities safe, and America free. . .”

“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His Apostles. . . This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government.”

- Noah Webster, History of the United States, 1832, public school textbook



The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? *The New World.*

Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty.

For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of "Land!" was heard.

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the **“Mayflower Compact”** - America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

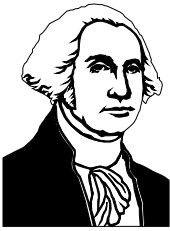
The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to reading as found celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

Pilgrim Edward Winslow described the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in these words:

“Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling [bird hunting] so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as... served the company almost a week... Many of the Indians [came] amongst us and... their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet BY THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE... FAR FROM WANT.”

In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first **Day of Thanksgiving to God** under its new constitution. That same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which President

(continued inside)



Washington was a member, announced that the first Thursday in November would become its regular day for giving thanks, "unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities." Yet, despite these early national proclamations, official Thanksgiving observances usually occurred only at the State level.

Much of the credit for the adoption of a later ANNUAL national Thanksgiving Day may be attributed to Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, the editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*. For thirty years, she promoted the idea of a national **Thanksgiving Day**, contacting President after President until President Abraham Lincoln responded in 1863 by setting aside the last Thursday of November as a national **Day of Thanksgiving**. Over the next seventy-five years, Presidents followed Lincoln's precedent, annually declaring a national Thanksgiving Day. Then, in 1941, Congress permanently established the last Thursday of each November as a national holiday.

Lincoln's original 1863 **Thanksgiving Proclamation** came - spiritually speaking - at a pivotal point in his life. During the first week of July of that year, the *Battle of Gettysburg* occurred, resulting in the loss of some 60,000 American lives. Four months later in November, Lincoln delivered his famous "*Gettysburg Address*."



It was while Lincoln was walking among the thousands of graves there at Gettysburg that he committed his life to Christ. As he explained to a friend:

"When I left Springfield [to assume the Presidency] I asked the people to pray for me. I was not a Christian. When I buried my son, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ."

As Americans celebrate Thanksgiving each year, we hope they will retain the original gratefulness to God displayed by the Pilgrims and many other founding fathers, and remember that it is to those early and courageous Pilgrims that they owe not only the traditional Thanksgiving holiday but also the concepts of self-government, the "hard-work" ethic, self-reliant communities, and devout religious faith.

Are YOU thankful to God?

- David Barton, WallBuilders Ministries

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

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

K SPOUTING THE BILL NYE LINE - A homeschooling group in Canada has been criticized for inviting creationist Ken Ham to speak at an upcoming program. After the Alberta Home Education Association (AHEA) announced its invitation of Mr. Ham as one of three keynote speakers for its April 2018 convention, an anti-creationism activist has loudly denounced the group as "anti-science" ("Top U.S. creationist's invitation," www.cbc.ca, Nov. 8, 2017). The activist, who says that he rejected creationism after studying "the facts," calls Mr. Ham a "science denier" because he denies evolution. The activist wants to spare children from "being kind of behind in life" by following "backwards teachings," which is the view popularized by Bill Nye.

We find it interesting that evolution would be equated with science, and we would ask to be shown the scientifically proven facts for the following evolutionary claims: That everything came from nothing; that the nothing that existed before everything wasn't actually nothing; that a well-ordered universe arose from disorder; that life sprang from non-life; that mind-bogglingly complex things such as the living cell and the human brain came about by the processes of natural selection and genetic mutation. We would like for someone to explain the scientifically proven basis for believing that design points to a designer in the realm of human life, but not in the realm of biology. And we would like to be shown why it is considered scientific to shut down inquiry and allow only one position to be heard.

K PRAYER AT THE RIVER JABBOK - A couple of years ago, I (Evangelist David Cloud) stood at the Jabbok River in Jordan not far from Israel's border and considered Jacob's experience there 3,700 years ago. It was at the river Jabbok that Jacob wrestled with the angel of the Lord all night (Ge. 32:22-30). Compare Hosea 12:4--"**He had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him.**" Jacob knew that "the man" in this scene was the Lord (Ge. 32:30). He knew that he was wrestling with God. The Bible says that Jacob saw God face to face. Jacob was supplicating with God (Ho. 12:4). It was the wrestling of prayer. It is a lesson of getting hold of God for blessing and help. Jacob refused to let the Lord go unless He blessed Him (Ge. 32:26). Unlike his brother Esau, Jacob valued spiritual things. He wanted God's help and blessing. Though a schemer by nature, Jacob looked to God in his trouble. This is also the example of persistence in prayer. Jacob refused to let go. Compare Luke 18:1. It is a picture of asking and continuing to ask, seeking and continuing to seek, knocking and continuing to knock (Mt. 7:7). This is the lesson of fervency in prayer. Jacob wept (Ho. 12:4). He was not just talking with God; he was wrestling with God; he was holding on to God. Compare Jas. 5:16. This is also a lesson about God's amazing character. God allowed Jacob to wrestle with him all night. Can man really wrestle with the omnipotent God? Only if God allows it, but God has humbled Himself to relate with man as Man. This is the

mystery of the incarnation. A man can wrestle with God in prayer and can "prevail" if he does so in faith and in accordance with God's will. It was at Jabbok that God changed Jacob's name to Israel, meaning "having power with God" (Ge. 32:27-28). By nature, Jacob was a schemer, sinful and weak and self-centered, but he was a man of faith and prayer and that is what made him Israel.

K BLIND LUCK SMARTER THAN TOP PROGRAMMERS - New research has discovered that fruit flies have an "incredibly smart method to categorize smells which lets them recognize differences with a very fine level of accuracy" ("Patterns in Fruit Fly Brains Could Soon Power Your Netflix Recommendations," Science Alert, Nov. 11, 2017). The research was done by a team from the University of California San Diego (UCSD) and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. Fruit flies are able to identify and categorize odors and associated behaviors (e.g., good to eat, must avoid) with great precision. Its brain has 2,000 neurons that "give each smell a distinct ID," but only the top 5 percent of those are stored so that the fly can quickly sort through a great number of odors and associations. It turns out that this method is more effective than that which is currently used by services like Netflix and Spotify and YouTube to power their retrieval systems (e.g., labeling and sorting movies). "In a series of tests on three standard datasets commonly used by computer scientists, the fly method significantly outperformed basic locality-sensitive hashing." Saket Navlakha of Salk says, "Pieces of this approach had been used in the past by computer scientists, but evolution put it together in a very unique way" (Ibid., Science Alert). Evolution put it together? Evolution put together a brilliant algorithm in the the brain of a fruit fly? This "evolution" thing must be very God-like. Natural selection and mutations couldn't possibly explain such a thing.

SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE KJV & THE ESV

by Scott G. MacLeod

This is only a short comparison of many that could be shown.

EXAMPLE #1: John 7:8-10

KJV:

(v.8) Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for My time is not yet full come. (v.9) When He had said these words unto them, He abode still in Galilee. (v.10) But when His brethren were gone up, then went He also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

ESV:

(v.8) You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come. (v.9) After saying this, He remained in Galilee. (v.10) But after His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He also went up, not publicly but in private.

COMMENT - It is amazing the different that one word can make! By removing the word "yet" in verse 7, the Lord Jesus Christ is turned into a liar! By leaving the word "yet" in the verse, the Lord Jesus Christ was going up to the feast but, in His own time and

not theirs! The Textual Scholars tell us that the ESV is based upon better Manuscript evidence...in my opinion...anything that turns my Lord into a liar...they/it are lying.

EXAMPLE #2: Titus 1:2

KJV:

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

ESV:

In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began

The reading of the KJV is to be preferred; I want a God that cannot lie not a God who never lies. The KJV is making a very strong point that it is impossible for God to lie whereas the ESV is only telling us half the truth. It is true that God never lies, but the reason is due to the fact that He cannot lie! The KJV addresses the root, whereas, the ESV addresses the fruit.

- continued next week

REAL THANKSGIVING



**"When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay."**

