

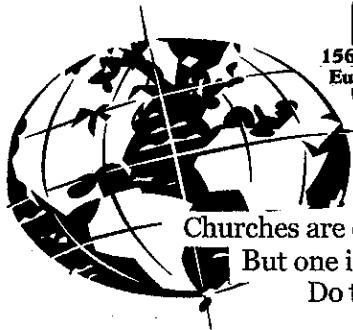
# Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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## The Great 'Commission'

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel" - Mark 16:15

Churches are evaluated in many ways - some 'tests' are reasonable and sound, some Biblical, some not.

But one issue that is often overlooked and missed concerns a church's missions' program

Do they try to reach the world by helping to support missions and missionaries ?

Do they take the Lord's 'Great Commission' seriously ?

Is there a burden and concerted effort to reach the world with the gospel?

How much of the church's finances goes towards foreign missions?

How often do missionaries visit ? How much are missions spoken of and talked-up ?

Is your church fulfilling the 'Great Commission' ?

Matthew 24:14, 28:19,20; Psalm 2:8, 96:3; Acts 26:18

"Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders  
among all people." - Psalm 96:3

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations"  
- Matthew 28:19

## Seven Considerations for Christian Choices

1. Does it *violate* any part of Scripture? *I Thess 5:21-22*
  2. Does it *weaken* my testimony as a Christian? *II Thess 1:11-12*
  3. Can I *ask* God's blessing on it? *I Corinthians 10:31*
  4. Is it a *stumbling* block for someone else? *Romans 14:21*
  5. Does it *harm* me physically? *I Corinthians 6:19*
  6. Does it *edify* me spiritually? *I Corinthians 10:23*
  7. Does it *advance* the cause of Christ? *Colossians 1:10*
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## Serious & Solemn

"There is no situation into which man can be placed more solemn than that of making known the terms on which GOD is willing to bestow favour on apostate man." - copied

## Words or Pictures Written or Seen

"God did *not* draw pictures on the tablets ( *Ten Commandments on Sinai* ) that He gave to Moses. His continual command to him and to His other prophets was to WRITE DOWN HIS INSTRUCTIONS. Visual imagery was at the heart of pagan worship used by people whose lives centered around idols; the chief product being unbridled superstition. The same was true of the medieval Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, who fed their followers images rather than teaching them to read and write (as the Jews had done successfully from the time of Abraham). Even today, superstition continues to be rampant within those visually oriented religious systems."  
- *The Berean Call*, Dec 2008

## PARDON MY POLITICS

... Imagine a world without the U.S.A.!? Well, we're beginning to see that !

## A Compliment ?

What was said to a Pastor ...  
"Every sermon you preach is better than the next one."



"The Church that lives simply for itself is bound to die a spiritual death and sink into stagnancy and corruption. We can never thank God enough for giving us not only a whole Gospel to believe, but a whole world to give it to." - A.B. Simpson

## Real Meaning of Salvation

present deliverance from sin  
... restoration ... recovery  
... renewal ...

"By salvation, I mean *not* barely according to the vulgar (popular; common) notion of deliverance from hell or going to heaven, but a *present deliverance from sin*, and a *restoration* of the soul to its primitive health its original purity a *recovery* of the divine nature the *renewal of our souls* after the image of God in righteousness and true holiness in justice, mercy and truth."

- John Wesley

"Many people want a Saviour from hell, but not a Saviour from sin."

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm



SEPTEMBER 23/24,

## Annual Missions' Weekend

— Quotes —

"Troubled people trouble people."

"Every country has the government it deserves."

"The devil would rather run the church than destroy it."

"God sends a Prophet before He sends a Saviour."

"Whatever you have to give up to accept Christ is worth it!"

"If God took time to create beauty, how can we be too busy to appreciate it?"

Using 'worldly' ways to get people into church turns the church into the 'world'."

## LABOR DAY

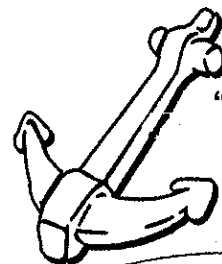
"Most people work just hard enough not to get fired, and get paid just enough not to quit!"

"The best time to start thinking about your retirement is before the boss does."

"There is a problem when those who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living."

## A Good Start!

"Gentlemen, I have lived a long time and am convinced that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I move that prayer imploring the assistance of Heaven be held every morning before we proceed to business."  
( Benjamin Franklin )



"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul."  
- Hebrews 6:19

TEMPTATION IS the appeal of the emotions to control the will in opposition to the TRUTH.

"I the LORD speak righteousness,  
I declare things that are right."

- Isaiah 45:19 b

## Zeal for TRUTH

"Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way", Psalm 119:128.

I have long observed that those who don't have zeal for truth *don't understand zeal for truth*. A zeal for truth is missing from modern evangelicalism. They say they love the truth, but they don't hate every false way and don't understand those who do. The spirit of *Psalm 119:128* is glaringly absent. The dividing of doctrine into 'essentials' and 'non-essentials' is evidence of this. They confuse *zeal* with *arrogance*, *Phariseism*, and a selfish 'agenda.'

Now we are witnessing a rapidly growing number of fundamental Baptists with the same inability to understand *zeal* for the truth since this has disappeared from their lives and ministries. They divide truth into *essentials* and *non-essentials*, and whatever zeal for the truth they might have is directed only toward the *essential*.

They don't get worked up over much of anything other than reproving the reprovers. If the brethren err in 'non-essential' matters, they keep quiet. They want to keep things 'positive.' They don't want to disrupt the 'unity'."

- Friday Church News Notes, July 29, 2016

### EXPECTATIONS

"How many of us spend our time expecting that we will be something we are not. Oh, the time is coming when I am going to be so-and-so. But it never will come; the time is always NOW ... We long for some thing that is not and shut our eyes to the thing that is." OC

### LACK OF INTEREST

"The characteristic of young men and women today is an affected tiredness of everything, nothing interests them." OC

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10



THIS & THAT  
From HERE & THERE

### Rock Music

Secular writings about rock music frequently refer to rock rhythms as 'dirty', 'sexy', 'vulgar', 'sensual', titillating', 'flirtatious', 'violent', 'driving', etc. ... music is not a neutral thing. Music, even without words, is a language."- copied

### Doctrinal Change on 'Repentance'

"In the 1980s, Jack Hyles and Curtis Hutson changed the historic Baptist definition of *Repentance*."

### NEW TESTAMENT & the Ten Commandments

"The very Commandments given to Moses on Sinai are repeated in the New Testament." (Rom 13:9; Eph 6:2,3, etc.)

### Knife Attacks

"German Officials estimate 60 knife attacks per day ... 21,000 in 2022; ... in France ... more than 120 people are victims of knife crimes each day." - The European Conservative



## Sodom and Gomorrha

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." (Jude 1:7)

These cities provide two stern examples of God's judgmental wrath. Their sin had reached such an intensity and had become so widespread that the entire region suffered the "vengeance of eternal fire." Just like the awful misuse of human sexual potential distorted by the angelic beings cited in the previous verse, these cities had become so perverted that God's longsuffering and mercy had ended.

"But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly" (Genesis 13:13). Whatever they were involved with had become so heinous and so completely a distortion of everything God created man for that God appears to have reached the limit of human vocabulary to describe it. Their character (wickedness) and their deeds (sins) were "too much" for God.

Two classifications are listed. The first, fornication, is cited nearly 100 times in the Old Testament and is referred to over a dozen times in the New—always as a condemnation of sexual behavior outside of the intimate relations of husband and wife. The other classification is going after "strange flesh." Genesis 19 makes it perfectly clear that this "exceedingly" awful sin was homosexual perversion.

For these sins—especially the homosexual cravings—God rained down "brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven" (Genesis 19:24). The Scripture is precisely clear: Vengeance belongs to God (Romans 12:19), and He made Himself absolutely clear about His view of widespread fornication and homosexual behavior. This example is a sobering warning for those societies who promote such lifestyles. HMM III

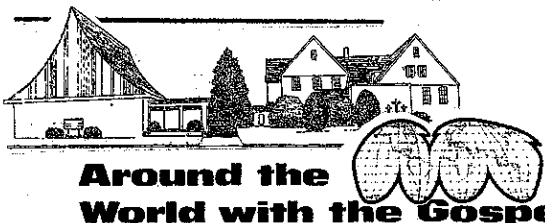
- 'Days of Praise', Mar/Apr/May 2019, Apr 2

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Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Services ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Services ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Studies ..... 7:00 p.m.



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## ABSOLUTES & CIVILITY

"At a gathering of seminary professors, one teacher reported that at his school the most damaging charge one student can lodge against another is that the person is being *judgmental*." He found this pattern very upsetting.

'You can't get a good argument going in class anymore,' he said. 'As soon as somebody takes a stand on any important issue, someone else says that the person is being *judgmental*. And that's it. End of discussion.'

Being civil doesn't mean that we cannot criticize what goes on around us. Civility doesn't require us to approve of what other people believe and do. It is one thing to insist that other people have the right to express their basic convictions; it is another thing to say that they are right in doing so.

Civility requires us to live by the first of these principles. But it does *not* commit us to the second formula. To say that all beliefs and values deserve to be treated as if they were on a par is to endorse relativism—a perspective that is *incompatible* with Christian faith and practice.

Christian civility does *not* mean refusing to make judgments about what is good and true. For one thing, it really isn't possible to be completely nonjudgmental. Even telling someone else that she is being judgmental is a rather judgmental thing to do!" —Richard J. Mouw, *'Uncommon Decency'*