

"Honoring God, Our King, In 2017"



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Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned Sunday"

Are You Growing Spiritually?

Introduction: If I were to approach each of you that are reading this church newsletter, and I were to ask you, "Are you growing spiritually?", what would your reply be? I mean, your honest reply? Over the years, this pastor has led hundreds and hundreds of people to Christ. The tragedy is that I can think of only a few dozen that are actually serving the Lord. I just want to praise God for being allowed by God, to have the privilege of influencing others to receive Christ, and for those that are saved, to live for Him. Some have been saved, others have received assurance of their salvation

and followed in believers' baptism by immersion.

As an Associate Pastor in Gadsden, Alabama, I had the privilege of leading such fine folks to Christ like Bob Brackett, Mitchell Lowdy, Dean Copeland, Rita Day, Rachael Maize, Michelle Elliot, and several other precious people.

As a pastor in Grand Island, Nebraska, my wife and I had the privilege of seeing Marine Sgt. Johnny Burgess and his entire family receive Christ as their Saviour and follow in believers' baptism. Max Boersen and three of his children, Len Boguslaw, Jr, and his entire clan had their lives transformed; Jennifer Campos, Justin Saylor, Norm Whitten, and many, many more.

All of this I have said in order to come back to my original point: "Are you growing spiritually?"

FIRST: THE COMPARISON THAT GOD MAKES.

I PETER 2:2

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

God compares a new Christian with a newborn baby. You always feed a new baby 'sincere', or pure, milk. That's why you had better make sure you feed your family the right kind of food.

Question: Would you try feeding a two month old baby a steak? Of course not! The baby must grow and develop first.

SECOND: THE CONCERN WE SHOULD HAVE.

I COR. 3:2

"I have fed you with milk, and not with meat. "

Here was a church full of saved people. They had been saved for several years, but were still sucking on the bottle and whining about every little thing. Would you not be concerned if you had a child four years old, yet could not walk? It would be obvious to everyone that the child had a definite problem. Then, how long have you been saved? Are you still on the bottle?

THIRD: THE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF GROWTH.

HEBREWS 5:1-14

"For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

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Same Thing Just More of It

Dr. Jack Hyles pastored The Grange Hall Baptist Church in Marshall, Texas for some years and the church grew to its largest attendance.

After going to pastor The First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana and being there for several years, Dr. Hyles invited one of his former deacons, Brother Wood Armstrong to visit First Baptist. After a Sunday morning service with the room full of people and an invitation where several were saved and baptized, Dr. Hyles asked Brother Armstrong what he thought of the service.

He answered, "Same thing, Preacher, just a lots more of it."

II Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

I LOVE SUNDAY

I love Sunday because it is the Lord's day, A day that should be loved in every way.

My bus kids are a blessing to me.

Whenever I look at them, they give one glee.

I love the book that is opened on bus and Sunday school.

The words that are given to me are a jewel.

When the preacher preaches from the pulpit I can't wait to tell others about it.

The Christians that go to shine the light

Brings joy and happy tears is a sight.

And what is joy you may ask

Tis to serve God, that is the task.

My bus kids, the Bible, my preacher, the Gospel.

To love all of these is a sight to marvel.

And now these words I say to thee

The world behind me, the cross before me.

And with my dying breathe I can surely say

Today is the Lord's day. I love Sunday.

David Alzate

"We NEED Each Other..."

During a hike in the woods, a troop of Boy Scouts came across an abandoned railroad track. Each, in turn, tried walking the rails, but eventually lost his balance and tumbled off.

Suddenly, two of the boys, after considerable whispering, stated that they could both walk the entire length of the track without falling off. Challenged to make good their boast, the two boys jumped up on opposite rails, extended their arms to balance each other, and walked the entire section of track with no difficulty whatsoever.

This is an important principle of life. There really are no "self-made men." Made in the image of God, we are so constituted that we thrive on partnership, companionship, and fellowship. We do things better, we produce more, and we live happier by helping one another. The person who lends a helping hand discovers that he benefits himself as he helps the other. When we don't support one another, our lives begin to get off track.

Philippians 3:2, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

Dead things don't grow because they're not alive! Are you still growing?

Go to God in prayer daily. (*John 15:7*)

Read God's Word faithfully. (*Acts 17:11*)

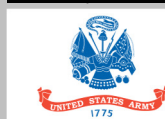
Obey God consistently. (*John 14:21*)

Witness for Christ with your words & deeds. (*Matt. 4:19*)

Trust God for every detail of your life. (*1 Peter 5:7*)

Hinder not the Holy Spirit from controlling and empowering your life. (*Gal 5:16-17*)

We Pray For And Support Our Troops



Lest We Forget—World War I



Henry Johnson, a black soldier with the 369th infantry Regiment (the "Harlem Hellfighters"), was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2015.

Opha May Johnson was the first woman to enlist in the Marine Corps and a charter member of Belleau Wood American Legion Post 3 in Washington, D.C.



On June 6, 1918, nearly **1,100 Marines** were killed or wounded on the first day of the Battle of Belleau Wood.

The Corps' tenacity led the French to rename the wood Bois de la Brigade de Marine, or "Wood of the Marine Brigade."

26,000 Americans died in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the deadliest battle in U.S. history.

A. A growing Christian will feed himself. **Psalm 1:3**

Have you ever watched a baby go from being fed to feeding themselves? In no time, they have the bottle in one hand and a toy in the other, and can scratch the dog with their toes.

B. A growing Christian responds correctly to trials. **James 1:2-4**

Trials are God's way of teaching us. Children go through "growing pains." We must have trials to be what God wants us to be. I have seen hundreds of people go through a trial and then quit God. You just failed the test, my friend, and sooner or later, you will have to take the test again.

C. A growing Christian is working in the ministry. **Ephesians 4:11-12**

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry..."

Notice, **"the work of the ministry"**. You will not show me a growing Christian who is not involved in the local church ministry.

FOURTH: THE CARE THAT WE MUST RESPECT. PHILIPPIANS 4:6

I saw a pastor's son at a Bible conference not long ago. He is a big, masculine, young man, and a fine Christian, yet, the last time I saw that boy, he was four years old, and was walking around with a live toad/frog in his mouth. That boy had tremendously changed. Why??

A. Proper diet. **Jeremiah 15:16**, **"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."**

This is my life's verse, **"Thy words were found and I did eat them..."**. Many sick Christians are eating from the NIV, or, 'Good News for Modern Man', not health food from the old King James Bible.

B. Proper rest. **Mark 6:31**, **"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while..."**

Jesus, Himself, spoke to the disciples about proper rest.

C. Proper exercise. **I Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 5:13-14**, **"Exercise thyself unto godliness..."**

This would include regular prayer, Bible study, soul-winning, regular tithing, and faithful church-attendance. These all need to become spiritual habits.

Conclusion: Are you growing spiritually? Have you ever wondered how the giant redwoods of California get moisture into their leaves? It's not pushed up from below, it's drawn from above.

By the way, dead things do not grow. What does that mean? It's simple: If you're not growing, then you are already dead, or you're dying.

John 3:3, **"... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

Reader, would you consider praying with me?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)



Mrs. Libby
Robinson
Myers

Why I Love Heritage Baptist Church

Sunday, February 23, 1992 was the first time I entered Heritage Baptist Church. Since then, this place has been a blessing to me in more ways than I could even number. The people here have taught me so many great things, by precept and by practice. I have been provided with love, constant encouragement to be better, and a safe haven from the world. I am so grateful for the sacrifice and the influence of all the members of this great church, and especially that of Preacher and Mrs. Collingsworth. I thank my God upon every remembrance of this place. I love Heritage Baptist Church with all of my heart, and I want more of it. The potential of this church often amazes me. So, please do not stop growing, please do not stop working, and please do not take Heritage Baptist Church for granted.

I do not know what the Lord has for me in the future, but I do know that the lessons I have learned from the preaching and the people of this church will stay with me and help me for the rest of my life.

Thank you, Heritage Baptist Church members for everything you have done for me and for giving me a wonderful life, filled with sweet memories.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last eleven (11) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. We are hosting the Old-Fashioned, Real and Revisited, "I Love America" conference June 19th—20th, 2017.



Poor George Washington couldn't blame his troubles on the previous administration.

I Love America Conference

Monday, June 19th—Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

With highly decorated marine—Don Chitty
US Marine Corps



Tom Neal



Don Chitty

From the Battlefield to the Mission Field



Our special speaker this year for our "I Love America Conference" will be Dr. Don Chitty, missionary to the Navajo Indian Nation, the "Windtalkers." As a young man, Don Chitty joined the United States Marine Corps. Before going to Vietnam, he trained with the Navy Seals and the Army Rangers. Promoted to Platoon Sergeant, he was sent to Vietnam and was part of the military's Black-Ops.

While in combat, he was wounded ten times in action. Besides ten Purple Hearts, he was awarded numerous other medals including the Presidential Citation and the Bronze Star.

"FACEBOOK IS TESTING A NEW GROUP PHONE CALL FEATURE THAT WILL LET YOU TALK ON THE PHONE WITH UP TO 50 FRIENDS AT ONCE. IF YOU WANT TO TRY IT, YOU GO TO FACEBOOK, YOU CLICK ON 'FEATURES,' AND THEN SELECT 'LIVING NIGHTMARE.'"



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth His Love Endures ... Forever.

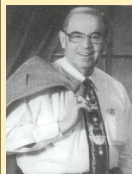
Luke 4:18

It does not take us long as we visit with friends and relatives, or even upon meeting perfect strangers, that behind a smiling face may be someone who is carrying a heavy, heavy heart.

Oftentimes, people look to comfort their broken hearts with alcohol and drugs. This balm may bring momentary comfort and relief, only to leave you even far more devastated.

Some may look for comfort in a relationship with a friend, family member, husband or wife. These relationships may be good and wonderful in themselves, but they are made of human, fallible flesh, and in this we can find no lasting comfort. However, there is one who never fails; one who never leaves you or forsakes you; one who understands your thoughts afar off. He is one who can bind up the broken hearted.

Do not be one who says I will lock my heart away, not to be hurt again today, but rather carry 'heart insurance', and when the heartbreaks come, go to Jesus who can and will, if you ask him, bind up our broken hearts.



Dr. Jack Hyles

Jack Hyles On Prayer

The Apostles on many occasions heard Jesus preach; yet they never asked Him, "Lord, teach us to preach." They heard Him teach, but there is no record of their saying, "Lord, teach us to teach." They saw Him heal the sick, but there is no record of their asking Him, "Lord, teach us to heal." They saw Him raise the dead, still the waves, calm the storm, open blind eyes, unstop deaf ears and cast out demons, but there's no record of them ever asking Him to teach them how to do these things. But when they heard Him pray, felt His compassion, saw His tears and witnessed the answers to His prayers, they said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

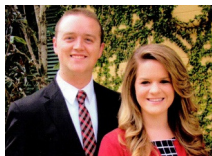
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Upcoming Events!



Sunday, April 23rd—Dr. Bob Gray from Longview, Texas. Used of God to build one of the most successful churches in America.



Friday, August 11th, 7:00 PM Heritage Baptist Church Annual Ladies Retreat. Special Speaker: Mrs. Libby Robinson Myers of Waycross, GA



Jason & Jessica Stanley Missionaries to Spain April 16, 2017

Please Pray for Me

Please pray for me, my friends!
I need your prayers,
For there are burdens pressing hard,
And many cares;
Pray, too, that Christ will make of me
The Christian that I ought to be!

Do pray for me, my friend,
At morning hour,
That I may not be overcome
By Satan's power;
That, 'mid the whirl and maze of "things"
My soul may drink of hidden springs.

Cease not to pray for me,
Though sundered far.
Come, meet me at the mercy seat
From where you are;
Nor time nor distance can divide
Our hearts that in His love abide!

Thus, praying each for each,
That will come true
Of which our Lord and Master spake—
"If two of you"—(Matt 18:19).
No purer joy may friendship share
Than in the fellowship of prayer!

Herald of His Coming

Roasted Chicken

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| 3 bell peppers, deseeded and cut into quarters | 1 red onion, sliced | 1/8 tsp. black pepper |
| 2 medium zucchini, cut into chunks | 1 tbsp. olive oil | 1 whole chicken (3lb.5oz.) |
| 6 oz. new potatoes, parboiled | 2 tbsp. butter | 1 tsp. dried rosemary |
| flat-leaf parsley sprigs, to garnish | 1 tsp. dried sage | 1 onion, peeled |
| | 1 clove garlic, crushed | 2 cups chicken broth |

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a small bowl, combine butter, sage, garlic and pepper. Carefully loosen the skin from the chicken breast, being careful not to tear it. Spread half of the herb mixture under the skin; rub the rest on top. Sprinkle with rosemary. Place onion in chicken cavity and tie legs together with kitchen string. Place the chicken on a rack in a roasting pan and pour broth into pan. Cover pan with foil and roast for 1 hour. Uncover chicken and roast until juices run clear when meat is pierced, about 40 minutes longer. Transfer to a serving dish. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. Meanwhile, place the parboiled new potatoes, peppers, zucchini and onion slices on a separate baking tray. Drizzle with the oil and then roast for 35-40 minutes until cooked and crisp around the edges. Arrange around the chicken, along with the parsley, to serve.



Heritage Highlanders April 2017 Schedule

Saturday April 1

Having the Right Spirit

Saturday April 8

Basic Sewing

Proverbs 15:13

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday April 15

Resurrection Rolls

Saturday April 22

Growing In Christ

Saturday April 29

Soulwinning

Luke 24:6-7

Luke 2:40

John 3:16

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Eat right to fight arthritis



There is no magic diet that can cure arthritis, but as long as you're realistic about your goals, good eating habits can help ease your symptoms. The Cleveland Clinic offers these diet tips for those with arthritis:

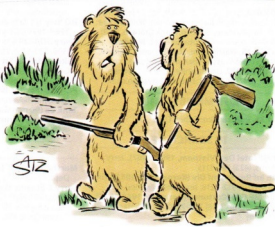
- **Omega-3 fatty acids have shown an anti-inflammatory effect, and less inflammation often means fewer arthritis flare-ups.** Good sources include wild salmon and other freshwater fish, flaxseed and olive oil. On the other hand, limit intake of omega-6 fatty acids, which are common in red meat and vegetable oils such as corn and sunflower oil.
- **There's some evidence that people with osteoarthritis who take vitamin D supplements experience less pain.** Small clinical studies and larger observational data on knee pain in osteoarthritis seem to back up these anecdotes. "If your levels are low, you can add more vitamin D through fortified dairy products, eggs, fatty fish and a few other sources," the clinic states. "But it's not abundant in food, and we often recommend supplements."
- **Vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts have anti-inflammatory properties.** In addition, cherries, blueberries and strawberries contain anthocyanins, which are shown to fight inflammation. And foods high in vitamin C - including bell peppers, citrus fruits and mangoes - can help, as long-term vitamin C intake "appears to have a protective effect against rheumatoid arthritis."



Private Manning put American lives at risk. Manning was convicted of 20 out of 22 charges. Releasing this prisoner sends precisely the wrong message to all Americans who are entrusted to keep our national secrets secret.

American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt, on President Barack Obama's decision to commute the sentence of Army Pvt. Bradley Manning, later Chelsea Manning, who was convicted of violating the U.S. Espionage Act. The former soldier was serving 35 years at Fort Leavenworth for leaking a video to WikiLeaks. Schmidt also expressed concern about Obama's pardon of retired Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright, who pled guilty last October to making false statements to federal investigators after being accused of leaking top-secret information. "Would he have been treated the same if he were a sergeant?" Schmidt asked.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

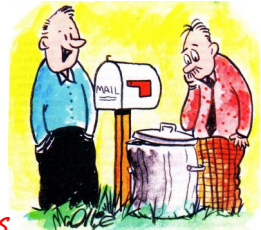


"I KIND OF MISS THE THRILL OF THE CHASE."

A pickpocket was in court for petty theft. The judge declared, "Sir, you are hereby fined \$100."

The lawyer stood up and said, "Your honor, my client has only \$75 on him at this time. If you'd allow him a few minutes in the crowd..."

MY FRIEND THINKS HE IS SMART. HE TOLD ME AN ONION IS THE ONLY FOOD THAT MAKES A PERSON CRY. SO I THREW A COCONUT AT HIS FACE.



"MOVING IT HERE WAS A REAL TIME SAVER."

Food



Treasure Hunt

Spring Program—2017
March 19th to May 14th

Wow!

Games



Fun

HORSES



Hayrides

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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