

"Honoring God, Our King, In 2017"



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"Old-Fashioned Sunday"

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John 6:66, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."

John 6:67, "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, will ye also go away?"

INTRODUCTION:

I believe with all my heart that the Bible teaches that there is a center of God's will for each and every child of God and that includes being in a certain place. Now, to walk out of the place of God's will is to bring certain consequences into the child of God's life.

FIRST: YOU WILL TAKE OTHERS OUT OF THE WILL OF GOD WITH YOU.

(RUTH 1:1-5)

When Elimelech decided to leave the will of God he took his wife and two sons with him. He died out of the will of God and his two sons died out of the will of God. His wife became bitter. (*Ruth 1:20*)

If you decide to leave God's will, the place He has for you, who will you influence out of God's will?

SECOND: YOU WILL MEET PEOPLE YOU WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO MEET.

(GEN. 34:1-25)

Jacob decided to live approximately 18 miles short of the perfect will of God for his life and his families. Because he chose to walk out of the will of God, his daughter was assaulted and his sons committed murder.

THIRD: YOU WILL DO THINGS YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO. (II SAMUEL

11:1-17)

When David was supposed to be in battle with his men, he decided to take a day off (or should I say a day out of God's will?) It led to an act of adultery and then murder.

FOURTH: YOU WILL BE WHERE YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE. (GEN. 12:8,

GEN. 13:4)

Abraham, without seeking God's counsel, decided to go and live in Egypt. While there, he met Hagar, who gave birth to a child that has murdered millions through the years in the name of their right to Canaan.

While in Egypt, a young nephew named Lot got a taste of life in Egypt. That life eventually led him to live in Sodom.

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How to contact your U.S. Senators and Congressmen

These are general mailing addresses at the Capitol along with Senate and House switchboard telephone numbers and a current toll free number.

U.S. SENATE Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-3121
Toll free: 800-361-5222

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Washington, DC 20515

Phone: 202-225-3121
Toll free: 800-361-5222

Address letters like this:

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
(Dear Senator _____:)

The Honorable _____
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
(Dear Representative _____:)

SUGGESTIONS WHEN CALLING OR WRITING

- Be polite and respectful - remember to treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Be accurate and concise - Handle the facts with integrity and brevity. Don't exaggerate or guess. If possible have a least one other person proofread your letter for content, style, grammar, spelling, etc.
- Be Biblical- It is appropriate to express a Biblical viewpoint, but don't be too lengthy. Avoid theological roadblocks by not naming a particular church or denomination.
- Be positive - Avoid writing from a "doom-and-gloom" perspective. Make an appeal, then trust God for the results.
- Be specific - Clearly state what action you want.

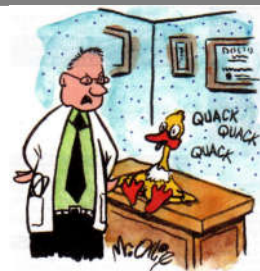


"AW! HOW CAN ANYONE STAY MAD LOOKING AT THOSE CUTE PUPPY-DOG EYES?"



"IT'S A DATING SITE THAT MATCHES YOU SOLELY ON THE THERMOSTAT SETTING."

IF YOU LIVE IN A HOUSE WITH TEENAGERS, DON'T ASK FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS. IT'S NOT FOR YOU.



"STOP SAYING THAT!"

Creamy Fettuccine Alfredo

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened	2 cups grated Parmesan cheese	1/8 tsp. salt
2 cups whipping cream	1 box (1 lb.) fettuccine	1/8 tsp. black pepper
		Fresh basil leaves

Place the butter in a large heatproof bowl. Using a wooden spoon or an electric mixer set on low speed, beat until smooth. Add the cream and Parmesan cheese. Stir until well blended; set aside.

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain well and immediately add the hot pasta to the butter mixture in the large bowl. Using two forks, toss the fettuccine in the butter mixture to coat well. Add the salt and pepper.

Divide the pasta between 4 serving plates. Quickly slice the basil into shreds to equal 1/4 cup. Sprinkle shredded basil over each serving. Serve immediately.

FIFTH: YOU WILL EXPECT WHAT YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO EXPECT. (2 PETER 2:22)

One of the saddest expectations is when people walk out of the will of God, they expect everyone to sympathize and understand their plight without the consequences. They believe they should be treated no different, after they become disloyal, after they spit on their pastor and their church. They want the same fellowship without any shame, without any confession.

The decisions you make are the decisions you will have to live with.

CONCLUSION:

Are you in the will of God for your life? Will your life honor God, our King, in 2017? Is this the year you stand, or walk?

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)

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

Edwin Burke

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Thomas Jefferson

The heart that feels that it does not feel is the softest of hearts.

C. H. Spurgeon

The nation today needs men who think in terms of service to their country and not in terms of their country's debt to them.

General Omar Bradley, 1948

It may be a game to you, but the devil takes it as a matter of life and death.

Dr. Gerald B. Collingsworth

WHEN I SEE LOVERS' NAMES CARVED IN A TREE, I DON'T THINK IT'S SWEET. I JUST THINK IT'S SURPRISING HOW MANY PEOPLE BRING A KNIFE ON A DATE.



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

Keepers at Home and Guardians At The Gate

"That they may teach the young women to be...keepers at home." Titus 2:4, 5.

When you read the words "keepers at home," do you imagine a woman doing her daily chores? My mind used to draw a picture of this 'keeper' as a maid-type woman, cooking, cleaning and washing the clothes; and I wasn't so sure that I wanted the job? I now realize that a 'keeper at home' does a lot more than laundry.

Although an understanding of Hebrew and Greek is not required to read our English-language King James Bible, it is fascinating to study the origins of words in Scripture; and I highly recommend it as an added part of in-depth Bible study. Case in point, when you look up the word "keepers" in the Strong's Concordance, you'll find that it relates to the word "guard" or one who keeps "watch." The common meanings of one who cares for the house and does domestic duties are also a part of this definition, but the word "keepers" has its origins in the meaning "to guard."

We know how to "keep" house. Even if we don't always do it well, we do know how. A wise woman will maintain order in her home, not only because it extends to other areas of life, but also because it is a testimony that we appreciate what God has given us. We know that good housekeeping matters, but not many women realize that it's also part of their job to be a guard.

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

A preacher had succeeded in putting an elderly man asleep with his sermon. Preaching for a decision, in the midst of his sermon, he shouted, "Those who want to go to hell, stand up!" The elderly man stood up, looked around, paused for a moment and said, "Preacher, I don't know what we're voting for, but it looks like you and I are the only ones for it."

A teacher asked, "If there are seven flies and I hit one with a ruler, how many are left?" One boy replied, "Just the squashed one."

A teacher asked his class, "If I laid four eggs over here, and four eggs over there, how many eggs would I have?"

One student responded, "I don't think you can do it, sir. But we'll count with you!"

WHATEVER YOU DO, ALWAYS GIVE 100 PERCENT. UNLESS YOU ARE DONATING BLOOD.

From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Teaching Children



Obviously there is a time for a child to be content with a toy rattle. However, too many put off training a child in spiritual things.

As soon as a child can sing nursery rhymes, they should be encouraged to sing hymns by parents pointing in the song book to the words being sung.

Children can be taught very early to bow their head and pray and recognize they are talking to God. The same can be said for reading the Bible. This is important long before the child can ever read.

The greatest opportunity for teaching is by example. Your daily walk with God will influence your child to a greater degree than just words alone.

Then there is teaching by exhortation. Give your child Biblical explanations and practical applications of truth. Teach your children about the things you have seen (*Ex. 10:2, Deu. 4:9*). Teach them about God's revelation of power in history (*Ps. 71:18, Ps. 145:4*).

Giving a child a clear understanding of truth and the reason as to why God does things will create in the child an awe, wonder, reverence, and adoration for God.



Dr. Al Lacy

“THE PASTOR”

“He (Jesus) gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some PASTORS AND TEACHERS.” (Ephesians 4:11)

Note that the word “some” is not found between “PASTORS” and “teachers.” The pastor is to be a teacher as well as a preacher. The verses that follow in *Ephesians 4* reveal that the pastor was given by the Lord to ground the saints doctrinally and nurture them into maturity. It is he who speaks unto the church the Word of God.

“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have SPOKEN unto you the WORD OF GOD.” (Heb. 13:7)

It is the pastor who speaks the Word of God to the people and who is responsible to God for watching over their souls.

“Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: FOR THEY WATCH FOR YOUR SOULS.” (Heb. 13:17)

God never appointed a “board” of elders or deacons to speak the Word of God. He never appointed a board of ANY kind to watch over the souls of the people

Let us back-track a moment and notice something else that was said in Hebrews 13:7 and 17.

“Remember them WHICH HAVE RULE OVER YOU.”

“Obey them that HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU.”

The pastor is the RULER in the church. Some church members will gnash on me with their teeth, foam at the mouth and throw themselves on the floor in a rage ... but IT’S THE TRUTH! The pastor is God’s RULER in the church. All right, hear it again:

“Let the elders (pastors) that RULE WELL be counted worthy of double honour.” (1 Tim. 5.17)

“We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you and ARE OVER YOU IN THE LORD and admonish you . . . to esteem them very highly. (1 Thess. 5:12-13)

God’s man in the church is the pastor. He is the one that RULES over you in the Lord. The pastor is the overseer. The overseer is the bishop. The bishop is the elder, and the elder is the pastor.

“The man who cannot be angry at evil lacks the enthusiasm for good.”

“Many a preacher has trained to take perfect aim but never hits the target because he doesn’t have the courage to pull the trigger.”

“It is hard to be a full-time pastor when you have a part-time congregation.”

“A Christian sees more on his knees than the philosopher on his tip-toes.”

School’s back in session! It’s time to ‘STUDY’ again!

It’s that time of year when all students, whether young or older, must mentally wrestle their brain back into activity after being lazy and resting for a period of time.

Every person has different abilities as well as disabilities, but sometimes, especially after being away from the rigors of school, our brain just doesn’t seem to ‘get’ what is being taught, and we know we should. We may have to work much harder on some things to grasp even the basics, until our brain and body begin to work together again. It’s hard work to study - but you can’t step up to the next level, until you complete the task set before you now.

Truth - God’s truth - is not learned or discovered; it is REVEALED! In Matthew 16:16, when Simon Peter answered Jesus, he said, *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”*, Jesus didn’t commend Peter for having studied hard or for possessing a great I.Q. Rather, the Lord said, in *Matthew 16:17*, *“Blessed art thou, Simon son Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.”*

God’s Word tells us He hides His truth from those who ‘think’ they are wise and intelligent, and reveals it to those who are ‘childlike’: pliable, teachable, someone who delights in being obedient due to ‘love’ rather than ‘duty’. We should never equate intellectual knowledge with getting to KNOW Jesus.

A supply officer asked a new recruit if his new uniform fit him.

“The jacket isn’t bad, sir,” the recruit replied, “but the trousers are a little loose around the armpits.”

Heritage Highlanders January 2017 Schedule



Saturday January 7

Putting God First

Saturday January 14

Snow Icecream

Saturday January 21

Attitudes

Saturday January 28

Soulwinning

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Restoring Modesty

Many of the problems we hear about today—sexual harassment, date rape, young women who suffer from eating disorders and report feeling a lack of control over their bodies—are all connected, I believe, to our culture's attack on modesty. Listen, first, to the words we use to describe intimacy: what was once called, "making love," and then, "having sex," is now, "hooking up," like airplanes refueling in flight.

Since the 1960's... men have grown to expect women to be casual about sex, and women for their part, don't feel they have the right to say "no." This has brought us all more misery than joy. On MTV I have seen a 27-year-old woman say she was "sort of glad" she had herpes, because now she has an "excuse to say 'no' to sex." For her, disease has replaced modesty as the justification for exercising free choice.

When I talk to college students, invariably one will say, "Well, if you want to be modest, be modest. If you want to be promiscuous, be promiscuous. We all have a choice,

and that's the wonderful thing about this society." But the culture, I tell them, cannot be neutral. Nor is it subtle in it's influence on behavior. In fact, culture works more like a Sherman tank. In the end, if it's not going to value modesty, it will value promiscuity and adultery, and all our lives and marriages will suffer.

The myth I want to touch on is that modesty is solely a concern for women. We are where we are today only in part because the feminine ideal has changed. The masculine ideal has followed suit. It was once looked on as manly to be faithful to one woman for life, and to be protective toward all women. Sadly, this is no longer the case, even among many men to whom modest women look as kindred spirits. Modern feminists are wrong to expect men to be gentlemen when they themselves are not ladies, but men who value "scoring" and then lament that there are no modest women around anymore—well, they are just as bad.

Wendy Shauts—A Return to Modesty

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Lest We Forget—General George S. Patton



Nearly 70 years after Gen. George S. Patton's death, he remains one of America's most popular military figures. Why? The answer is simple: Patton was a winner who knew how to convince his soldiers that they were winners too.

The Germans tested Patton's leadership early in his World War II command. He had taken over the U.S. Army's II Corps after its disastrous performance at the Battle of the Kasserine Pass in February 1943. He was in charge less than a month when the Deutsches Afrika Korps challenged his command at El Guettar. Patton's soldiers whipped the panzers, and it was the U.S. Army's first major victory against the German Army in Europe.

Patton's success continued. During the summer of 1943, leading the Seventh Army during the invasion of Sicily, his soldiers captured or killed more than 13,000 enemy soldiers while sustaining a fraction of those casualties in return. After Sicily, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Patton to lead the Third Army in northwest Europe.

On Aug. 1, 1944, Patton's Third Army rocketed out of Normandy and raced across France in record time, crippling the German Army. In late September, his divisions crushed the German Fifth Panzer Army at the Battle of Arracourt. In December, while the rest of the Allied armies reeled from the Battle of the Bulge, the Third Army was counterattacking. Asked how long it would take his soldiers to relieve Bastogne, Patton promised that his men would be ready to move in less than 48 hours. Senior leaders scoffed, but he proved them wrong, and his men relieved the 101st Airborne the day after Christmas.

Everywhere Patton went, he won. The men who served under him loved him, while his enemies respected and feared him. After the war, many German generals claimed he was the best Allied general. They were right.

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, I 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.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I 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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