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THE OLD-TIME RELIGION

Introduction: I am so thankful for all those wonderful men of God of the past and the men of God of the present for their stand on the old-time religion. Why? Because it works. I have said hundreds of times over the years that one of the main differences that can be clearly seen is that the old-time religion applied, works!

This pastor has been to hundreds of conferences through the years, and some promote themselves as the old-time religion or church like it used to be. But, what I find is nothing but a watered down version and a lot of hype, drums, and contemporary music.

Just what reveals the old-time religion?

FIRST: THE PERSON BEING EXALTED.

JOHN 16:13-14

The old-time religion has always exalted the Saviour. The One Who died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day.

The old-time religion did not spend its time promoting money making enterprises, and talking about how God will make you rich if you send a television preacher some money. No! No! No! A thousand times no! It is about the Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord! *John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Romans 10:9.*

SECOND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

JOHN 16:7-8

In every situation and in every miracle revealed in the Word of God, you will find the convicting and powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

Convicting of what? *"...sin, and of righteousness and of judgment..."*

I remember many years ago attending a pastor's school in Hammond, Indiana with Jack Hyles. Thousands were in attendance and Dr. Curtis Hutson was preaching the message. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so evident that the air felt heavy and thick. I asked Mrs. C, that's what everyone calls my wife, "Am I imagining this?" Vida said, "No! I feel it too."

THIRD: THE PRESENTATION OF CLEAR BIBLE DOCTRINE.

ACTS 2:41-42

1. Salvation by grace—*Ephesians 2:8-9*
2. The Final Authority of God's Word—*Galatians 1:8-9, and Psalm 12:6-7, John 5:24*
3. Baptism by Immersion—*Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 2:41, Acts 8:36-38*
4. The Local New Testament Church—*Acts 8:1, Acts 13:1, Acts 20:17, Revelation 2-3*
5. Personal Soul Winning—*Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 8:4, Acts 20:20*
6. The Way of Salvation—*John 10:9, John 14:6, Acts 4:12*
7. Faith—*Romans 10:17, Galatians 2:16*
8. The Doctrine of Creation—*Genesis 1:1, Colossians 2:16*
Point to Make: Very few preachers will say this, but let me make it absolutely clear: Anyone who believes in evolution is Lost! Lost! Lost! Dumber than the mess they say we spawned from.
9. The Coming Again of Christ—*John 14:1-3, I Thessalonians 4:13-17*
10. The Reign of Christ—*Revelation 20:4-6*

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Dr. Bob Gray

Communicating Standards

This is an area that causes many church problems. Why is it that we love to talk more about the consequences, rather than the blessings of living a holy and consecrated life?

Standards ought to be the delight of the people of God.

I have noticed that the people who complain the loudest about standards are NOT the ones who are living them. It is usually the ones who used to live them, but now they are disgruntled about everything. Standards are just the thing they vent towards. Women do not mind being modest when they are serving the Lord, but when they quit serving the Lord they gripe and moan and call us legalists.

I see men all over this country who listen too much, to those who are living in the bitterness against standards, instead of recognizing that those who are living the standards, are rarely troubled by them. They are the ones enjoying the benefits. My daughters were seldom propositioned by shady men because my daughters were modest and did not look like they were "for sale." Stop berating the lack of standards and start showing the good side of them. Do not lose your standards because of the ones who lost their joy. Keep standards for the sake of those who have their joy and delight in being separated from the world.

The men and women who work on Wall Street are proud to be wearing the clothes of a successful business person. They see the advantages of wearing a business suit or a nice dress, because they want to look professional. They have been sold on the benefits.



Praise the Lord! On our Pastor's 28th anniversary, we paid off our entire church loan. We are debt free!!!



Our Church Ministries

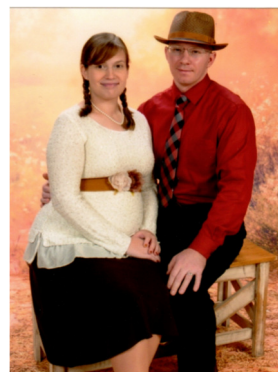
1. Fishermens' Club
2. Phoster Club
3. Bus Ministry
4. Sunday School
5. Welcome Wagon
6. Bookstore
7. Music Ministry
8. Counseling Ministry
9. Grounds and Maintenance
10. Heritage Baptist Academy
11. Nursery
12. Boys Bible Club
13. Girls Highlander Club
14. Cleaning Ministry
15. Teen Club
16. Junior Church
17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
18. Ushers
19. Altar Workers
20. Greeters

If you need time alone, try cleaning the house.

Expecting New Arrivals



Jarrod and Crystal
Collingsworth



Nick and Melissa Frick

Kim Kline's Fresh Strawberry Upside Down Cake



- 2 cups crushed fresh strawberries
- 18 oz. package yellow cake mix, batter
- 6 oz. package strawberry flavored Jell-O mix prepared as directed on package
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees.

Spread crushed strawberries on the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking pan. Evenly sprinkle strawberries with the dry gelatin powder, and top with mini marshmallows.

Prepare the cake mix as directed on the package, and pour on top of the marshmallows. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 to 50 minutes. Cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Run a knife around the pan to loosen the sides, and turn the cake out onto a serving tray. Store cake in the refrigerator.

11. The Judgment to Come—*II Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:11-15, Matthew 25:32*. Whether it be the individual nations, Christians or the lost sinner, all must give account.

FOURTH: THE PERSONAL APPLICATION OF SCRIPTURAL STANDARDS. JAMES 1:19-26

What a mess I see everywhere I go. It is heart-breaking. Two verses stand out when I think of, not the world, but professing Christians, those who say that they trust Christ.

Genesis 6:5 "...every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually..."

Judges 17:6 "...every man did that which was right in his own eyes..."

What do I see?

Men professing Christ that rarely come to church. *Hebrews 10:25*

Women wearing mini skirts, and clothing that reveals their breasts and thighs. *Leviticus 18:16-23*

Teenage girls and boys with hardly anything left to the imagination. *I Thessalonians 2:9-10*

Professing Christians drinking alcohol and finding nothing wrong with swimming together.

I Corinthians 15:33, Proverbs 20:1, Proverbs 23:29-35

I Corinthians 6:9-11, "...nor drunkards..." and, "*such were some of you...*"

Conclusion: Don't miss what I am about to say, if you don't have the old-time religion, then you do not have a religion that is either salt or light.

Question: If you believe the Bible, like so many say they do, then why do you so rebel and reject what the Bible is actually saying?

Are you for real? Are you sure?

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)

"We ask for no reward except a nation's thanks."



Delano Billy Collingsworth

A year ago, President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, establishing March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This new recognition is just one part of a historic trend.

Across the nation, Americans are united in their desire to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families. VA estimates that we are losing as many as 382 Vietnam veterans a day, so we must act now. We have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of every one of the 7 million living Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans, and each of their families. Reaching out to them with a sincere "thank you for your service and sacrifice" is a strong start.

This initiative is the main focus of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, a national 50th-anniversary remembrance authorized by Congress, established under the secretary of defense and launched by President Barack Obama in May 2012. This tremendous effort to show our thanks to Vietnam veterans and their families includes all U.S. veterans who served between Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, and their families.

While we acknowledge the distinction between veterans who served in country, in theater and or were stationed elsewhere during this period, we honor all who served. They are known to us simply as "Vietnam veterans." To quote retired Army Col. Albert Nahas, a Vietnam War veteran, "We had no expectations but to serve where duty called us. We asked for no reward except a nation's thanks."



Sgt. Don Chitty



The Tet Offensive

"If the media had covered the Battle of the Bulge the same way they did Tet (January), they'd have had Americans believing Ike was about to surrender to Alfred Jodl!"

Al Shumard, Winter Haven, FL

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last thirteen (13) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. They are back! Dr. Bob Gray, Dr. Tom Neal & Dr. Greg Neal will be here on June 24th—26th.



MY FATHER AND TEENAGE SON WERE DRIVING ALONG THE HAIR-RAISING MOUNTAIN ROADS OF MONTANA. AFTER A WHILE, MY SON OFFERED TO TAKE THE WHEEL SO MY FATHER COULD NAP. "NO, THANKS," SAID DAD. "I'M MORE AWAKE WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING."

Old-Time Religion Conference



Dr.
Tom Neal



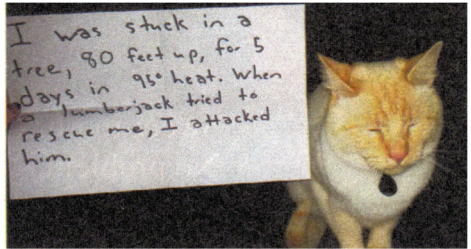
Dr.
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June 24th—June 26th

<u>Sunday, June 24th</u>	11:00 AM 7:00 PM
<u>Monday, June 25th</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Tuesday June 26th</u>	10:00 AM 11:00 AM
<u>Pastors' Luncheon</u>	12:00 PM
<u>Tuesday Evening</u>	7:00 PM



From Our Church Prayer List

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| 1. Judy Kurpan | 5. Michelle Lemons |
| 2. Ed Hosey | 6. Kevin McClain |
| 3. Paul Snyder | 7. Harold Cooper |
| 4. Anita Miller | |

"WHENEVER I WAS about to do something foolish or dangerous— or something, I suppose, that simply displeased my father—he would say, 'Don't let a little fear and common sense stop you.'"



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

*Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Francie Taylor will be with our Ladies
July 26, 2019 at Heritage Baptist Church*

Sister Friends

Do you have a couple of hours to spare once in a while? I have found that regardless of how tremendously busy I am, there is still an importance to booking dates with sister-friends. If we're going to help keep each other spiritually sharp and on track, we need to be willing to invest some time in purposeful fellowship.

Have a Coffee Date

My motto is, "no Java, no hava good day." I love a cup of coffee, especially when it's shared with friends!

There is so much that can be discussed over a cup of coffee. Recently at a coffee shop in our neighborhood, several ladies from our couples' Sunday school class got together. We each ordered our favorite beverage; then we ordered an entire platter of mixed bakery items! We cut the items into bite-sized pieces and passed the platter around the table. It was extremely fun!

Mixed in with all this sampling was a generous dose of questions and answers. Since everyone in the group had young children in their home except me, the ladies had many things to discuss. We used this time to cover some good parenting principles and to encourage a few hearts while we were at it. All this took place in the span of two hours in a coffee shop.



Dr. Greg Neal

Coming Back Empty

Ruth 1:21

In Ruth 1:21, it says, "I went out full and the LORD hath brought me home again empty. The Lord shows Who is dealing with Naomi. Praise the Lord! Right in the middle of that verse it says, the (LORD brought her home again). Remember, when we are away from God, there is nothing more that He wants than to bring us home again to Him. That is why He will scourge us, trouble us, and deal with us because He wants us to be brought home again to Him. Notice she says, "I went out full, but I came home empty." The second truth is that we come back much differently than we go out. Verse 1 states that Elimelech and his family left for Moab because there was a famine. They did not want their cupboards to be empty; yet, when Naomi comes back from Moab, she is empty. She finds the people of God, whom she left, full. Verse 1 says that there was a famine and they went to Moab because Moab was not having a famine; but she came back from Moab empty. We come back much differently than we go out. Praise the Lord! We can come back. Praise the Lord! God will always take His children back, but we are going to come back much differently than we went out.

I think sometimes young people look at Verse 1 and see that as their verse of victory. They are leaving God's people for Moab, leaving the rules of mom, dad, and the church. Finally they have the freedom to make their own decisions and do their own thing. Remember, Scripture says that when we go to Moab, we are going to come back much differently than when we went out. We can go out full of joy and come back empty. We can go out full of peace and come back empty. We can go out full of decency, purity, and a testimony pleasing to the Lord and come back empty. We can come back much differently than we go out.

"MARK ZUCKERBERG ANNOUNCED THAT HE'S TAKING A LEAVE FROM FACEBOOK TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIS DAUGHTERS. LIKE EVERYONE WHO SAYS THEY'RE LEAVING FACEBOOK, HE'LL COME BACK EVERY HOUR TO SEE HOW MANY LIKES HIS ANNOUNCEMENT GOT."

Spring Program—2018
March 18th to May 13th

HORSES

Food



Treasure Hunt

Wow!

Games



Fun



Hayrides



Dr. Tom Neal

Contend For The Faith

When someone tries to tell me that Hell is not real or that men and women do not die and go to Hell and burn forever, I am supposed to keep believing that Hell is a real place. When a man comes along and says there is no place like Hell, I am supposed to be upset. Hell is a real place where the screams of the damned are heard.

I do not believe in the universal church or the invisible church. I believe in the doctrine of the local church. We should not fall prey to the ideas that have been propagated by the universal church or by the electronic church. Neither of these institutions are churches. There is only one church, the local New Testament church. I ought to fret myself about that doctrine.

I ought to fret myself about the Word of God. I still believe we have a Bible, the King James Bible. God has preserved His Word. I do not care what the college professors say or how much they make fun of us fundamentalists! I am going to get a contentious spirit when somebody questions the Bible. I am going to question the man's motives, his beliefs, and his purpose if he is not true to the precious Word of God.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Seniors and Pets

BY STEPHANIE BOUCHARD

After caring for his aging mother in his home for seven years, Army veteran Jim Hutcheson, 76, of West Peoria, Ill., felt the loss of companionship when she moved into an assisted living facility.

So he adopted an 8-pound middle-aged Chihuahua he named Peanut.

"He's got big eyes and long ears, and he just loves to snuggle," Hutcheson says. "He usually lies on an afghan in the chair next to me, but then he'll raise up, and he'll look at me like, 'Can I come over and sit with you?' All I have to do is kind of nod and he jumps out of his chair and onto my lap."

Research evidence varies that having a pet is good for seniors, but the prevailing wisdom is that animal companions benefit people of all ages.

Some studies suggest that having pets lowers Cortisol, the "stress" hormone, and increases levels of serotonin, the "feel good" hormone. That in turn lowers one's heart rate, blood pressure and stress levels, and diminishes depression and feelings of loneliness.

Pet owners also may reap the benefits of additional exercise and social interaction. For example, dog owners can take regular walks, visiting with other people along the way. Those with felines can toss balls to their cats.

Other studies indicate that having pets does not slow down age-related declines like reduced mobility, and the loss or illness of a well-loved pet can cause or deepen depression and loneliness and increase stress. Costs of veterinary care can also be a burden to those with limited incomes.

For Hutcheson and thousands of others, though, no evidence is needed to tell them what they know from their own experience: the benefits of having pets can't be quantified. "It's just nice to have somebody to come home to," he says.

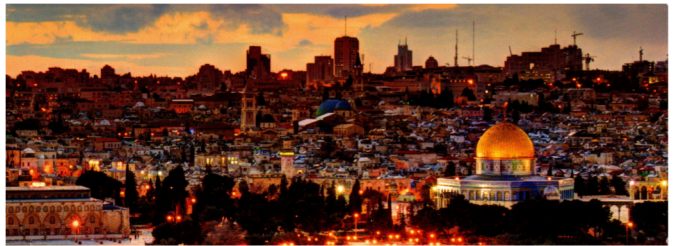
While Hutcheson recommends welcoming a pet into your life, he and animal experts say that adopting a pet shouldn't be taken lightly.

The National Council for Aging Care suggests that seniors consider their income, activity levels and health to determine what kind of pet is best. Make a pros-and-cons list.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?



"ALL OPTIONS ARE ON THE TABLE. THAT INCLUDES DEFRIENDING ON FACEBOOK."



Modern Jerusalem at Sunset!

Matthew 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."



Heritage Highlanders March 2018 Schedule

Saturday March 3

Spring Craft

Saturday March 10

Growing in Christ

Proverbs 31:13

II Peter 3:18

Saturday March 17

Irish Cooking

Saturday March 24

Soulwinning

Saturday March 31

Resurrection Rolls

Proverbs 31:15

I John 5:13

John 20:31

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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