

'Honoring God, Our King, In 2017'



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SUCCESSFUL PRAYER (LUKE 18:1-14)

Introduction: There is as much difference between the mere form of prayer and the spirit of prayer as there is between a dead body and a living one; the one is but the breathless skeleton of the other!

PRAYER: "I have so fixed the habit of prayer in my mind that I never lift a glass of water to my lips without asking God's blessing."
- Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

FIRST: MUST BE CONSIDERED A PRIVILEGE. ACTS 16:13

How hopeless our lives would be if we had no access to the ear of God. But, since we do have access to God, even this sin-blotched world may become to us a closet filled with the glory of God!

SECOND: MUST BE FAITHFULLY PRACTICED. PS. 55:17

"Men ought always to pray and not faint."

It is impossible to believe in God and not feel the need to pray. People may try to push it away, but the desire will be there. It is the Christian's lifeline. It is an absolute must in our relationship with Christ. We need to spend less time talking about people and more time talking to God!

THIRD: MUST BE URGENTLY PLED. LUKE 11:8

"Because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her."

If we really desire the things of God and believe He has the power to give things to us, then we should not be afraid to "trouble the Master" about them. If you can be satisfied without having definite answers to your prayers, the likelihood is that no answer from God will come your way. This particular passage of scripture used by the Lord Jesus is used to illustrate to us the importance of persistent prayer.

FOURTH: MUST BE GRACEFULLY PRESENTED. MATT. 8:8

In this chapter of Luke, we also see two men who went into the temple to pray. The Bible says that there were those who "trusted in themselves". Prayer is a mockery in the face of God when we come to Him bearing our own good merits. The fact is, the spirit of pride and self-sufficiency is at war against the spirit of prayer. The Pharisee 'said his prayers', but he did not really 'pray'!

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Dr. Al Lacy

The Great Counterfeiter

Introduction: In his second letter to the church at Corinth, Paul reminds us that Satan's way of doing things is no secret:

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES. (II Cor. 2:11)

God has exposed that dirty snake-in-the-grass from cover to cover in His Book. If you will study your Bible, you will not be ignorant of Satan's evil, subtle, wicked devices.

The Bible clearly exposes him as the ARCH-COUNTERFEITER OF THE UNIVERSE.

He will counterfeit everything God does, to the extreme lengths of his ability.

Allow me to briefly present three of his counterfeiting devices:

First: RELIGION IS A COUNTERFEIT OF SALVATION.

Did you ever notice that all of the religions have some segments of Truth? (See Galatians 1:6-9 and II Corinthians 11:4).

Second: SATAN HAS PUBLISHED COUNTERFEIT BIBLES

The market is flooded today with over one hundred versions of the "Scriptures." The general public (including multitudes of Christians) is so confused today, that they are not sure ANY "Bible" is the Word of God. Anyone with his brain glued into his head correctly can see the subtlety of Satan behind this. The English-speaking world has fared quite well with the King James Bible for nearly 400 years. God has sent great earthshaking revivals to this world through it and has saved countless multitudes with it. But now we are told that it is only a poor substandard translation and we have others that are "better" and "more accurate." POOEY. This is just the old counterfeiter at work.

Third: SATAN COUNTERFEITS THE TRIUNE GODHEAD

TRUE GODHEAD

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Matt. 28:19; I John 5:7

FALSE GODHEAD

Dragon

Antichrist

False Prophet

Rev. 12:9, 20:10

Conclusion: According to *II Corinthians 11:3-4*, the serpent offers up "another Jesus"... "another spirit"... "another gospel." Beware of counterfeits.

TWO SNAILS ARE CHATTING ON THE SIDEWALK. "I'LL HAVE TO CROSS THE ROAD," ONE SAYS.

"WELL, BE CAREFUL," THE OTHER ONE REPLIES. "THERE'S A BUS COMING IN AN HOUR."

Two years after my heart attack. I was teaching my college course when I suddenly felt some discomfort in my chest. I paused the class to pop my medication and quickly felt better. "Now, if I ever do have a heart attack," I told my students, "I will give extra credit to whoever gives me CPR."

A young woman told her mother, "I'm going out with Joe again tonight."

"Him again?" her mother replied. "If you like his attention so much, why don't you marry him?"

"Because I like his attentions."

AN ELDERLY PATIENT SAID TO HIS DOCTOR, "MY LEG ACHES."

"THAT'S JUST OLD AGE," THE DOCTOR REPLIED.

"WELL MY OTHER LEG IS THE SAME AGE, AND IT FEELS FINE!"

I like to get the most out of mystery novels. I always start in the middle—not only do I wonder how it'll end, I also wonder how it started.

I LOVE WHEN I LEAVE WORK EARLY TO SURPRISE MY WIFE AT HOME AND SHE GREETES ME WITH THOSE THREE VERY SPECIAL WORDS: "WERE YOU FIRED?"

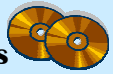
A YOUNG MAN SAID TO HIS GIRLFRIEND, "I HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH. WHILE WE'VE BEEN DATING, I'VE BEEN SECRETLY SEEING A PSYCHIATRIST."

"DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT," SHE REPLIED. "I'VE BEEN SEEING A LAWYER AND A CAR SALESMAN."

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Sunday, February 25th, 2018

FIFTH: MUST BE HONESTLY PRAYED.**MATT. 15:25**

In verse 13, one man cried out, **“God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”** The Pharisee was comparing himself to others in order to justify himself while the publican compared himself to the standards of a Holy God and then began to confess his sin.

SIXTH: MUST BE IN HOPE OF A PROMISE.**MATT. 7:7**

Notice in verse 8, **“I tell you that he will...”**

The prayer of the poor, friendless widow, and the prayer of the honest, searching publican, were ‘prevailing’ prayers. On the other hand, the prayer of the Pharisee only insulted God and ministered only to his own sinful pride. The way to rise in the estimation of a great and Holy God is to lower the estimation you have given to yourself!

CONCLUSION:

There is no substitute for successful prayer. Let us make known our requests to God.

The greatest men and women I have ever known had a habit of practicing prayer. But before you begin to pray, you ought to make sure you have the right to cry out, **“Our Father which art in Heaven...”** Remember, **“... ye must be born again.”**

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)

Be a Bell Ringer

Mrs. Francie
Taylor

Be merciful when someone is having a bad day. It’s such a kind thing to give people some room for error, and it’s likewise a good thing not to expect people to always have good days one hundred percent of the time. Often our expectations for others are so much higher than they are for us. We need to reevaluate that policy.

Has your husband ever gotten up on the “wrong side of the bed”? There really is a “wrong side”! Maybe you noticed that he came home from work preoccupied and went to bed with a lot on his mind. Then when he woke up the next day, things were still not quite right. That’s the time you do something nice like putting something extra, surprising and delicious in his lunch.

My Norman liked potato chips. Okay, maybe liked is not a strong enough word, but they were of his top ten favorite foods. I tried to limit how often we had chips for his health’s sake, and so that chips would still be a “treat” when he did have them.

One day I could just tell he had a lot on his mind. There were a lot of pressures at his company, so I decided to tuck his favorite chips in his lunch bag. Reduced fat, sea-salted Ruffles are one of his favorites (after trying many other reduced fat and baked varieties that tasted like salted disks of Styrofoam). It was just a small thing, but when he got to work, he called me and said, “The chip fairy was in my lunch bag!”

You know what makes your husband’s day and what rings his bell! Aim to be a “bell-ringer” when he’s having a hard time, and make this a practice for all family members. Don’t pick at people when they are already having a hard time.

Be quick to point out the good and slow to find the fault. Don’t we prefer that people treat us that way? Let’s do likewise, especially in the home. There will be things that are wrong, but try to find something good to point out. It builds up people.

Never be too proud to say, “I was wrong. Will you forgive me?” It is so kind to be the first one to admit when you are wrong. It builds up your home and reduces the strain of conflicts.

Now if you’re thinking, But what about when they are the ones who are wrong? just let God take care of other people and be accountable for your own behavior. One day, when you stand before God to give an account, He’s not going to ask you, “Were those thoughtless people in your home causing you to be so crabby?” Of course not. God will ask each of us to give an account for our own part in the matter. What do you want your account to sound like—a whole list of excuses and accusations?

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 hosted the Old-Fashioned, Real and Revisited, 'I Love America' conference June 19th—20th, 2017.



Fall Program—2017

September 17th to November 19th

HORSES

Food



Wow!

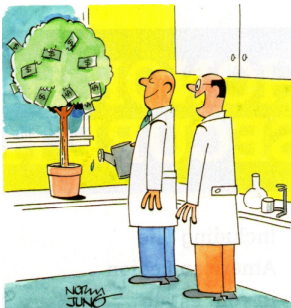
Games



Treasure Hunt

Fun

Hayrides



"BY JOVE, YOU'VE DONE IT!"

I SENT MY PICTURE TO THE LONELY HEARTS CLUB. THE REPLY SAID THEY WEREN'T THAT LONELY. - BOB HOPE

**If stupidity were a disability,
I know a few people that would
get a monthly check.**



"BUT WHAT IF THE GUINNESS PEOPLE AREN'T INTERESTED?"

I ASKED MY DAUGHTER IF SHE'D SEEN MY NEWSPAPER. SHE TOLD ME THAT NEWSPAPERS ARE OLD SCHOOL AND HANDED ME HER IPAD. THE FLY DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.

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

Lessons From a Ghost Town



There is something about a ghost town that captures the imagination. As you walk the streets, you can almost hear the echoes of the past. But the buildings stand empty as quiet reminders of life that is now gone. With every passing season more buildings collapse, more weeds grow, more animals take over the ruins where a thriving town used to be.

That ghost town is nature's testimony that once something has been emptied, death will follow unless the void is filled.

Some people are like ghost towns - hollow and empty. They are like empty shells without life inside. Void and empty needing to be filled.

Jesus spoke of a house that was emptied and cleaned, but not filled with life. Since the house was not filled with life, the devil filled it with evil spirits. This teaches us that it is not good enough to be void of wrong, but we must be filled with good things. The life lived without being filled with Jesus is a life that will eventually be filled with something or someone other than Jesus. Like the ghost town, if a person is not filled with life in Christ, there is nothing left but decay.



Dr. Greg Neal

Illustrating Discord

Here are two different reactions. Bill had been offended by something that took place in the church. At first, it seemed like a minor thing that would go away over time, but it did not. Instead, Bill became critical of various situations in the church he saw as “problems”. His attitude toward everything changed. He began to criticize the pastor and the programs of the church.

Mike, a friend, noticed the change in Bill’s attitude. For several weeks, he pondered what to do. Finally, he decided on a course of action. He met Bill for coffee and asked him if everything was okay. Bill began to unload the apple cart of “problems” he perceived in the church. Mike listened to Bill’s complaints.

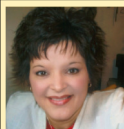
The two began to meet on a weekly basis until, soon, it was not Bill whose attitude was improving but Mike’s whose attitude was deteriorating. The two of them became more and more engaged in conversations regarding church “problems.” They did not respond as they once had to the preaching of the pastor or engage in the programs of the church.

Jim, a friend of both Bill and Mike, began to notice a change in both men’s spirits. He became concerned about them. After a Sunday night church service, he walked into a restaurant and noticed the two men sitting and talking. He decided to approach them. The first words out of his mouth were, “Well, wasn’t it a great day today? There were seventeen people saved and twelve baptized.” The two men looked at each other and then back to Jim. Before he knew it, they began spewing their criticisms toward the church at him. Quickly, he stopped them by saying, “Guys, the problem isn’t with the church. The problem is with you. I’m sorry, but I can’t listen to your bitter criticisms. Satan has deceived you both into thinking there is something wrong in the church; but what is wrong is in your own hearts.” Jim turned to walk away from his two friends. He was not about to become a casualty of these who were sowing discord.

It was not long until both Bill and Mike left the church and took several other families with them. The momentum in the church had been stalled by these discord sowers. Jim remained in the church and faithfully continued to serve the Lord there.

The mistake that Mike made was that, in an attempt to help Bill, he disobeyed a scriptural principle. ***“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.” (Romans 16:17-18)*** Jim, on the other hand, refused to listen to their criticisms, marking both men while keeping his distance from them.

Every Christian should learn a lesson from this story. It is one that repeats itself in some fashion in churches all across the country. Because discord sowers are critical of the program and of the pastor, they are manipulating the church. What they are doing is an abomination to God, and they should be avoided by God’s people.



Kim Kline’s Smashed Sweet Potatoes

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| 2 strips thick bacon | 1/4 cup olive oil | 4 ounces Cheddar cheese, |
| 3 large sweet potatoes, cut | Salt and pepper | grated |
| into quarters | 1/2 cup sour cream | Fresh chives |

Cook bacon until crispy, either in a skillet or baked in the oven. Once the bacon is crispy, let cool and chop into bits for topping. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut off the ends of the sweet potatoes, then cut them into quarters. Pour olive oil on a baking sheet and rub potatoes on both sides to coat.

Sprinkle potatoes with salt and pepper. Bake potato pieces for 25-30 minutes until they are fork tender. Then let cool briefly until you can handle them. Use a small plate to smash each potato down a bit. Return smashed potatoes to baking sheet. Bake smashed potatoes a second time for 10 minutes to crisp them up a bit. Remove potatoes from oven and top with sour cream, shredded cheese, crispy bacon bits, and fresh chives.

Heritage Highlanders November 2017 Schedule



Saturday November 4 ***Psalm 26:7***

Being Thankful

Saturday November 11 ***Eph. 2:8***

Soulwinning

Saturday November 18 ***Ps. 100:4***

Thanksgiving Craft

Saturday November 25 ***Pr. 31:14***

Baking

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Activists Want Climate Change Skeptics Charged With Crime

Calls to punish global warming skepticism as a criminal offense have surged in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, but it hasn't discouraged climate scientists like Judith Curry.

A retired Georgia Tech professor, she argued on her Climate Etc. website that Irma, which hit Florida as a Category 4 hurricane was fueled in large part by "very weak" wind shear and that the hurricane intensified despite Atlantic Ocean temperatures that weren't unusually warm.

That is the kind of talk that could get policymakers who heed her research hauled before the justice system, if some of those in the climate change movement have their way.

"Climate change denial should be a crime," declared the September 1 headline in the Outline. Mark Hertsgaard argued in a September 7 article in the Nation, titled "Climate Denialism Is Literally Killing Us," that "murder is murder" and "we should punish it as such."

The push to prosecute climate skeptics comes even though the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has concluded that it is "premature to conclude that human activities—and particularly greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming—have already had a detectable impact on Atlantic hurricane or tropical cyclone activity."

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

Evolutionary Scientist Admits Theory's Major Flaws

Gerd Müller, a highly regarded Austrian evolutionary theorist, recently gave a presentation, published in Interface Focus, in which he admitted Charles Darwin's theory largely avoids explaining how life originated and how complexity developed.

His presentation demonstrated that even the staunchest advocates of evolution are forced to admit the theory has many holes. The presentation was devastating "for anyone who wants to think that on the great questions of biological origins orthodox evolutionary theory has got it all figured out." Discovery Institute experts wrote on their organization's blog.

Even within evolutionary circles, Müller noted, a large number of scientists recognize that the standard theory of evolution needs to be revised or replaced altogether. "A rising number of publications argue for a major revision or even a replacement of the standard theory of evolution, indicating that this cannot be dismissed as a minority view but rather is a widespread feeling among scientists and philosophers alike."

-Julie Borg, WORLD NEWS SERVICE

A WOMAN ROLLED AN ELDERLY MAN IN A WHEELCHAIR INTO THE RECEPTION AREA OF A DOCTOR'S OFFICE AS SHE WENT TO THE FRONT DESK, THE MAN SAT THERE, ALONE AND SILENT. THEN A BOY CLIMBED OFF HIS MOTHER'S LAP AND WALKED OVER TO THE WHEELCHAIR. PLACING HIS HAND ON THE MAN'S, THE BOY SAID, "I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. MY MOM MAKES ME RIDE IN THE STROLLER TOO."

Chocolate Surprise Cookies

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened	1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract	1 1/2 tbsp. confectioners' sugar
1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar	1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour	3/4 tsp. unsweetened cocoa powder
	1/8 tsp. cinnamon	
	25 solid chocolate candies	

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine the butter and brown sugar in a medium bowl. Beat with an electric mixer set on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add the vanilla. Combine the flour and cinnamon in another medium bowl. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture. Mix well.

Shape the dough into twenty-five 1-inch balls. Flatten each ball into a 2-inch round. Place the rounds 1 inch apart on 2 ungreased baking sheets. Place 1 chocolate candy in the center of each round. Enclose the candy with the dough, making sure the candy is completely sealed in the dough. Bake until golden, about 15 minutes.

Combine the confectioners' sugar and cocoa in a small bowl. Sprinkle over the hot cookies. Cool the cookies on the baking sheets for 10 minutes, then transfer to wire racks to cool completely.

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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