

Fulfilling A Dream 20 2013

FROM THE DESK OF:

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Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned Sunday"

No Surrender, No Retreat

I am a history nut, and if I were not a God-called Pastor, my great desire would be to teach history.

This week, someone gave me a copy of the letter that William Travis wrote from the Alamo as he sized up the dire situation:

To the people of Texas, and all the people in the world, fellow citizens, and compatriots—I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Ana. I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise the garrison are to be put to the sword if the fort is taken. I have answered with a cannon shot and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat. Thus, I call on you in the name of liberty, and of patriotism, and everything dear to American character, to come to our aid with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor, and that of his country—
VICTORY OR DEATH.

In this letter William Barrett Travis was linked forever in the minds of others with a selfless devotion to duty and loyalty to a cause.

As I read his letter, I thought if only we, as Christians, would cry out, "Victory or Death." Most Christians never have victory because they are not willing to die to self.

Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

FIRST: THE POSSIBILITY OF VICTORY.

I JOHN 5:4

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Most professing Christians have never lived a life of spiritual victory. Their lives consist of continuous sinning, confessing, sinning, and confessing. Is this all that Christ has to offer? In **I John 5:4**, the apostle John is not speaking of victory after you get to Heaven, but victory right here in this old sinful world. If we cannot have spiritual victory in our life, then there is something seriously wrong.

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Jack & Beverly Hyles

My Opponent Does Not Have To Be My Enemy

When I was pulled out of the Southern Baptist Convention in Texas, within an hour after it happened, I got a call from Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. was the one who called, and he said, "Dr. Hyles, I've never asked anybody this before, but I would like to come and preach for you." It was the darkest hour of my life, and Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. called me. He wanted to identify himself with me. Then he said, "When are you coming to Bob Jones University again? The pulpit is open anytime you want to come." He identified himself with me.

Identification is a very important thing. To identify yourself with the right people and identify yourself with your friend is very important. Dr. Rice taught me this. He taught me not to let battles interfere with friendship. Let me give you a statement that he made that is classic. He said, "My opponent does not have to be my enemy." Did you hear what I said? My opponent does not have to be my enemy.

I wrote a fellow last week and said, "I am sorry. I do not believe it is best that I preach for you any more." I put on the bottom, "P.S. I am probably, outside your family, the best friend that you have." Dr. Rice taught me this.

I ORDERED A FOOT-LONG SANDWICH FROM A TAKE-OUT RESTAURANT AND ASKED THE CLERK TO CUT IT INTO FOURTHS. "I'M SORRY, I CAN'T," SHE SAID. "I ALREADY CUT IT IN HALF."



Heritage Highlanders August 2013 Schedule

Saturday August 3
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday August 24
Back to School!

II Timothy 2:15

Saturday August 10
Lesson: "Step by Step"

Proverbs 7

Saturday August 31
Soulwinning

I John 5:13

Saturday August 17
Field trip to Hale Farm and Village

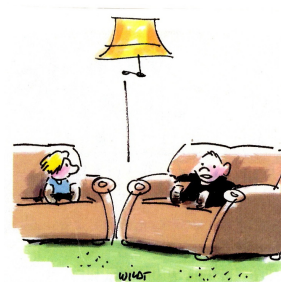
Zechariah 8:5



"Yes, the fish are biting."



"MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN. HAVE MAINTENANCE FIX THAT."



"MISCHIEF? MAYHEM? GENERAL SHENANIGANS? IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO CONSIDER ONE'S LEGACY."



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Examine Your Child-Training Motives

What are your goals in rearing your children? Is it so that you can be praised, or is it for the glory of God? Do you work hard with them on their school assignments so that your children will learn to work hard, or are you trying to win awards for them and for yourself? Do you get a thrill every time you hear that your child has received another accolade, or does it humble you and drive you to teach your child to deflect the credit and praise to the Lord?

When it comes to training children, our motives must be right. First, we are working to reproduce godly seed (**Mal. 2:15**). If we are training good children without a focus on godliness, we are missing a critical portion of the training. Goodness is beneficial, but godliness is a higher goal.

Second, we need to set a standard for godly living (**Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:6, 7**). Too many children have too little direction. What good does it do if a child knows the fifty states by rhyme but cannot discern right from wrong? Memory work should be committed to the memorizing of Scripture first, with all the other academic subjects following after the "principal thing."

SECOND: THE PROMISE OF VICTORY.

JOHN 10:10

"... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Jesus does not want us to have just a taste of or just a little bit of life but victory in our Christian life. **Romans 6:14**, *"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."* Listen! Listen! Our life is to be filled with victory through Christ.

THIRD: THE PRINCIPLE OF VICTORY.

ROMANS 1:17

"... The just shall live by faith."

Faith is the principle! Just as salvation is a gift, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."*

We do not deserve, nor can we earn salvation. It is totally by faith in the finished work of Christ. Victory also is by faith. We cannot gain it through our own strength. Victory is the work of the Saviour. What we need is to realize that victory is through Christ. Once we trust Him, then He does the rest. **"Faith Is The Victory."** *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Conclusion: I truly believe that victory is a daily relationship with Christ. Every single day, we should awaken with the intent to identify with Christ.

When Christ shed His blood on the old rugged Cross, that was substitution. He became our substitute for the penalty of our sin. Now receive Him as your personal saviour—that is identification. Identify yourself with Christ.

Illustration: Stop trying and let Christ. A young man was drowning. A friend's father saw the drowning boy and jumped in to rescue him. The boy kept splashing around as he was trying to stay above the water. The man said, "Trust me. Stop trying to swim. I will swim for you." If that boy had not listened, he would have drowned that day.

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)



Jarrod
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The Dangers Of Developing A Church With Conveniences

While the Bible does not directly talk about the use of cell phones, texting, emailing, and faxing, etc., that does not mean there is no danger in the use of these items. From experience I have seen how the continued use of these items, because of convenience, can start to cause problems in the church.

Ephesians 4:27 states *"Neither give place to the devil."* This means in all we do we should not create an environment that makes it easy for the devil to get a foothold.

With these modern conveniences we find ourselves having less face to face time, or at least voice to voice time, and what happens is we create an environment where we are not personable. When we use these conveniences we remove the emotions. This can cause answers to be given, or the wrong interpretations to occur, because of misunderstanding the way something is read. Then all of the sudden you see the devil's handy work continues to appear.

The lesson to be learned here is to beware of the use of these items just because they are convenient. Some things are not appropriate to be done over text, emails, etc. and they really should be discussed in person. Do not find yourself giving place to the devil by accident simply because you want everything to be convenient.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. In 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 we at Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved and baptized every—single—week. That makes seven years in a row!
2. The honor of being allowed to support the Victor Hernandez Family.

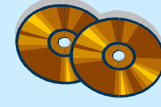


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AN EMPLOYEE ASKED HIS BOSS FOR A RAISE. "WELL," THE BOSS REPLIED, "DUE TO THE FLUCTUATIONAL PREDISPOSITION OF YOUR POSITION'S PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY AS JUXTAPOSED WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS, IT WOULD BE MONETARILY INJUDICIOUS TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREMENT."

"I DON'T GET IT," THE EMPLOYEE SAID. HIS BOSS REPLIED, "EXACTLY."

THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE A CAR CAN HAVE IS A REARVIEW MIRROR WITH A PATROL CAR IN IT.

OUR DRILL INSTRUCTOR WAS AT THE END OF HIS ROPE: AN AIRMAN'S INEPTITUDE WAS DRIVING HIM CRAZY. GETTING IN THE AIRMAN'S FACE, HE DEMANDED, "WHOEVER TOLD YOU TO JOIN THE AIR FORCE?!" SNAPPING TO ATTENTION, THE AIRMAN PROCLAIMED, "THE NAVY RECRUITER, SIR." JAMES HETLINGER, WEBB CITY, MO

IF IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE HERE TO HELP OTHERS, WHAT ARE THE OTHERS HERE FOR?



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

How To Have A Right Relationship With Your Pastor

The years I have spent as a Christian have taught me that my relationship with the pastor is important to my spiritual growth. I have been under the leadership of four pastors in my lifetime: Louis Farrell, Jack Caldwell, Jack Hyles, and last, but not least, my husband, Gerald Collingsworth.

How do we establish a right relationship with our pastor? This article, of course, assumes that the reader has trusted Christ as Saviour, for without this, there is no foundation from which to build. As you read the following points, I hope you will examine yourself and see if you have a right relationship with your pastor.

1. Have the Right Relationship with the Word of God.

Daily read it and obey it. A person disobedient and rebellious to the Word of God will certainly also rebel at the man of God who preaches it.

2. Have the Right Relationship in Prayer.

Prayer should be a daily, several times a day, even constant part of our lives as Christians. Your pastor should be somewhere at the top of your list. You should pray for God to give him wisdom, Holy Spirit power, boldness, and compassion as he preaches. I have also found that if I pray for the Lord to give the pastor the exact sermon I need to hear, and also to give me spiritual ears so that I am not offended at the preaching, that He always gives the pastor just what I needed to hear! Also, if you pray this prayer, you will come to church expectantly, for you will want to hear what God has given the preacher to give to you in his sermon.

3. Have the Right Relationship with Authority.

Realize that the pastor is the overseer, and he sees things more clearly and with an overall view. He looks for what is best for the whole church, not just one individual. Also, do not always expect to know or understand why the pastor has asked for something to be done in a certain manner, or why he reacts in a certain way. He knows certain facts that you many not, and he does not always have the time, nor the liberty, to "fill you in." As long as he is not asking you to do something sinful, you should obey. Do not always expect, or demand, to be "in the know."

4. Have the Right Relationship in Your Personal Walk with the Pastor.

Do not be too familiar with the pastor. Do not call him by his first name, or treat him in a familiar manner. Do not be looking for his imperfections. Imperfections are there in all of us. Give him the same courtesy you would want anyone to give you when your imperfections are showing. Respect his God-given position, and treat him as the man of God that he is.

Following these four points will go a long way in establishing a right relationship with any pastor, and as a Christian, faithful in church attendance, listening to the man of God preach, I want my relationship with my pastor to be right.



Dr. Bob Gray

Applaud Those Who are Getting the Job Done

One way to fight this green-eyed monster of jealousy is to applaud and appreciate those who are accomplishing something for God. If a good, solid church across town has a big day, then send a note of appreciation to the pastor.

I am not suggesting that we compromise at all on the King James Bible, the local independent Baptist church position, salvation, separation, or any other important doctrines. When a pastor begins to promote fewer standards and begins to get closer to the world, then he will answer to God. I am suggesting, however, that when someone who believes right and practices right is accomplishing great things for God, we are not to discount his work through our eyes of jealousy.

Now, if a pastor has a college, and he attempts to lure my young people to his college, then he has stepped into my backyard. When he affects those I pastor, I am responsible to stand up for what is right, but as long as he does not meddle with my church, I will leave him alone.

We can applaud and appreciate without compromising. There is no need to go on a campaign against someone unless he is luring those you pastor into a position of compromise. We must know the difference.

A HUNTING GUIDE TOLD HIS GROUP, "WE'RE LOST." "HOW CAN WE BE LOST?" SAID ONE HUNTER. "YOU SAID YOU WERE THE BEST GUIDE IN MAINE." "HE REPLIED, "I AM, BUT NOW WE'RE IN CANADA."



Dr. Al Lacy
with our
Pastor

Sound Doctrine

Since 1973, I have seen a sharp decline in independent Baptist churches in soulwinning, evangelism, godliness, separation, and zeal for the Word of God. I left the pastorate in 1972 to enter evangelism on a full-time basis and have been at it ever since. I have watched independent Baptist churches deteriorate from vibrant soul-winning lighthouses to dismal social clubs. I could easily list for you seventy-five to a hundred churches where I used to hold meetings on a regular basis, but I am no longer allowed in their pulpits. I have been flat told by many of the pastors, "We don't want your kind of preaching anymore. Our ministry is taking a different direction."

Though I am deeply saddened by this deterioration, I am not surprised by it. God warned us.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." (II Tim. 4:1).

And again . . .

"The time will come when THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (II Tim. 4:3-4).

When the man in the pulpit confuses the people in the pew by telling them, "all the versions are the Word of God, but I prefer the RSV, or the NASV, or the LB, or the NIV," or says, "I use the King James to preach from, but in my Bible study I also use the other versions," it is not long until the people in the pew will no longer endure sound doctrine.

Special Speakers For 2013



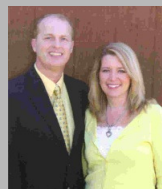
Dr. Tom Neal
June



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Dr. Bob Gray
July



Mrs. Kelli
Campbell
August



Dr. Greg Neal
October



Dr. Dean Miller
November

Some food for thought.....or..... **Seed From The Silo!**

Boy Scouts Waste No Time - March in Gay Pride Parade

The beginning of the end of BSA has begun. [The] weekend [of June 1], uniformed Boy Scouts and leaders touted their open homosexuality by taking to the streets in Salt Lake City, Utah, and marching in the state's largest Gay Pride Parade.

Although it violated current policy, a BSA spokesman said the national headquarters would not take any action against the Scouts. Instead, it will leave any discipline to the Great Salt Lake Council.

Just 10 days after the BSA voted to accept open and avowed "gay" Scouts, the Scout Oath and Law are already falling apart. The first to fall was the pledge to be "morally straight." By defiantly marching in the parade, the BSA has now, lost "trustworthy" and "obedient."

Immediately after the historic vote, activists were already screaming that the new policy doesn't go far enough, they have vowed to continue their bully tactics until homosexual adults are openly accepted.

You can expect the BSA will cave again...and soon. With more "pride" parades occurring across the nation, we expect to see more Scouts marching for additional changes.

American Family Association

McDonald's Stops Selling Halal McNuggets in Michigan

McDonald's announced [in June] it would no longer serve halal food [in] two of its restaurants in Dearborn, Michigan, a Detroit suburb where 41 percent of residents are of Arab ancestry.

The restaurants were the only two McDonald's in the country that had served halal food, which requires animals be slaughtered according to Islamic practices.

The decision followed a \$700,000 settlement between McDonald's and a customer, Ahmed Ahmed, who sued the franchise in 2011 alleging that the halal McChicken and halal Chicken McNuggets were not always prepared properly...

McDonald's said it was discontinuing the products to "focus on our national core menu."

Katie Little CNBC

Super Bowl Champ Turns Down Offer to Visit President at White House

Super Bowl champion Mark Birk is a man who stands on principle. And he's not afraid to share his personal convictions, even with the President of the United States.

Birk, who earned his Super Bowl ring earlier this year with the Baltimore Ravens, told radio station KFAN-FM that he decided to skip a meet and greet with President Obama over the President's support for Planned Parenthood.

"About five or six weeks ago, our president made a comment in a speech, and he said, 'God bless Planned Parenthood,'" Birk told the radio station. "Planned Parenthood performs about 330,000 abortions a year... I am active in the pro-life movement, and I just felt like I couldn't deal with that."

The football star said that while he has, "a great respect for the office of the President," he "couldn't endorse" the president's support for the country's top abortion organization "in any way."

What kind of seed are you sowing?

"THIS WEEK MARKS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WATERGATE HEARINGS. FOR THOSE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER, BACK THEN THE ADMINISTRATION HAD AN ENEMIES LIST. THEY WERE SPYING ON REPORTERS, AND THEY USED THE IRS TO HARASS GROUPS THEY DIDN'T LIKE. THANK GOD THOSE DAYS ARE GONE FOREVER."



Kim Kline's Melt In Your Mouth Meatloaf

2 eggs	1 tsp salt	1/4 cup ketchup
3/4 cup milk	1/2 tsp rubbed sage	2 tbsp brown sugar
2/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs	1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms	1 tsp ground mustard
2 tsp dried minced onion	1 1/2 pounds ground beef	1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Combine eggs, milk, bread crumbs, onion, salt, sage, and mushrooms in a large bowl. Crumble ground beef over mixture and stir well to combine. Shape into a round loaf; place in a 5-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on Low 5 to 6 hours. Whisk ketchup, brown sugar, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl; spoon sauce over meat loaf. Return to slow cooker and cook on low until heated through, about 15 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

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 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- 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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