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Twelve for Twelve

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## No Better Place To Be

Introduction: When the disciples were with Jesus they said, "... it is good for us to be here." (Mark 9:5). What they were saying was that no matter where a person lives, attends church, etc. what makes all the difference in the entire world is the presence of Jesus Christ. Wherever we may be, that place can be transformed into a place of joy and usefulness if Christ is there.

Let me give you a few thoughts on the presence of Jesus Christ:

**FIRST: THE BETTER PLACE TO BE WILL BE WHERE JESUS IS. MARK 9:5**

When we are where we are supposed to be, the center of God's will for our life, there is a sense of safety and security. There is a sense of not only being nearer to God, but even a sense of being closer to others in fellowship with our Saviour.

**SECOND: THE BETTER PLACE TO BE WILL BE ABOVE THE LOWER THINGS OF THIS LIFE. EPH. 1:13**

The child of God is seated "in the heavenlies". That means that the child of God has a different view than the world has. The child of God can see greater distances and can see how things are going to turn out.

Illustration: I could not tell you how many people I have warned through the years about their condition and the direction they were traveling. I warned them in love, but they could not see it coming, then it happened.

**THIRD: THE BETTER PLACE TO BE WILL BE WHERE GOD IS REVEALED. MATTHEW 17:1-8**

Peter, James and John were present at the Mount of Transfiguration. Because they were there, they had three things occur in their life:

1. Their perception was changed.
2. Their hearts were prepared.
3. Their desire to perform was greater.

**FOURTH: THE BETTER PLACE WILL BE WHERE YOU CAN SHARE CHRIST. ACTS 17:11**

Paul had just left a community that was very unreceptive of the Gospel, but in Berea, they were ready to hear and examine and so many believed.

Wherever Christ leads you is certainly a better place.

Illustration: In Acts 8, the evangelist, Phillip, was taken from a great revival to witness to one man, but that one man took the Gospel back to Egypt.



## Why I Love Heritage Baptist Church

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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 summer! I will miss you all very much!



## **Kim Kline's Holiday Brunch Casserole**

4 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes	1/2 pound bacon strips, cooked and crumbled	1 cup biscuit/baking mix
1 pound bulk pork sausage, cooked and drained	1 medium green pepper, chopped	1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups 2% milk	2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese	4 eggs
	1 green onion, chopped	

In a large bowl, combine the hash browns, sausage, bacon, green pepper, 1 cup cheese and onion. Transfer to a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. In another bowl, whisk the biscuit mix, salt, eggs and milk; pour over the top. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 30-35 minutes or a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting.



## **Heritage Highlanders November 2012 Schedule**

**Saturday December 1**

Christmas Craft: Snowman Ornament

**Saturday December 8**

Baking: Sugar Cookies

**Saturday December 15**

Christmas Party!

Proverbs 31:13

Genesis 19:3

Proverbs 18:24

**Saturday December 22**

Christmas Caroling

**Saturday December 29**

Cooking: New Years Appetizers!

Pro. 31:14



Dr. Bob Gray

## **Regard For The Past**

Ecclesiastes 3:15, "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

The abortion battle, gun control battle, and capital punishment battle have come about because we have not learned from the past. The battle to nationalize businesses, the battle to balance the national budget, and the battle over states' rights are based on whether we have learned from the past. Will we let the liberals and modernists, who have no regard for history or God's Word, lead us down a primrose lane?

The battle over the rights of homosexuals can be summed up as the past versus the present.

The shack-up problem in America is brought about by the past

verses the present. In the past, America did not have "queer-rights campaigns." This is a doctrine of the present, not the past.

The whole Bible issue in America is wrapped up in the past versus the present. Shall we use the Bible of the past, or shall we use the bibles of the present? The financial problems in America today can be described as the past versus the present. Our home problems and child discipline are caused by the past versus the present. In the past, we spanked the child for misbehaving. In the present, a group of liberal welfare workers and liberal educators think they know more than God does; but they are really living in the present and ignoring the past.

God is telling America that He requires the past over the present. He requires the past! God is not doing a new thing He is doing an old thing. God is telling us that He requires the Bible of the past, the morals of the past, the home of the past, the manners of the past, the principles of the past, the churches of the past, the philosophy of the past, the standards of the past, the character of the past, the work ethic of the past, the music of the past, and the personal responsibility of the past.

**FIFTH: THE BETTER PLACE WILL PRODUCE FAITH.**

**2 PETER 3:18**

I have often been asked, "How do you decide on what church to join when moving into a community?" My answer, "Go where you can grow." I do not mean just any church. I mean a church where God's Word is preached with power. Do not make your decision based on the teen ministry, choir, nice nursery, or activities. Go where God's Word is everything.

**Conclusion:** The better place to be is where He will speak to your heart. It will be a place where you will be given opportunity to understand and yield to His will for your life. May we this day seek to be in *"the better place"*.

**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)*



*"GOOD NEWS, GENERAL . ONLY THE FIRST ROW IS REAL. THE REST ARE COMPUTER GENERATED."*

*"Aren't you happy the NFL strike is over? Those replacement referees were so bad, they thought the Green Bay Packers were a Wisconsin moving company."*



*"SIR, WE ALL CHIPPED IN AND GOT YOU A MONTH LONG TRIP ABROAD FOR CHRISTMAS."*

*THE YOUNG FATHER TOOK A SEAT ON THE BUS NEXT TO AN ELDERLY MAN AND PLOPPED HIS ONE-YEAR-OLD ON HIS LAP, JUST AS THE LITTLE BOY BEGAN TO CRY AND FIDGET.*

*"THAT CHILD IS SPOILED, ISN'T HE?" THE OLD MAN REMARKED.*

*"NO," SAID THE DAD. "THEY ALL SMELL THIS WAY." ROBERT HOWE, SUN CITY, ARIZONA*

**WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE MESSAGE**

Luke 2:8-17



Jarrod Collingsworth  
Choir Director

In Luke chapter 2 we read of the birth of Christ and we find in this story many wonderful things. but this season I want to discuss the shepherds in field. Many over look them, and that is understandable, but there is a wonderful story to be told and an example to follow.

In these short few verses we read of shepherds who were where they needed to be when they needed to be there. If the shepherds had not been faithful that night to be in the field with the sheep they would have missed the proclamation from the angels, they would have missed the opportunity to see Jesus in a manger. They probably would have even missed their opportunity to be listed in the scriptures.

We also read of shepherds who would investigate the truth. We see that shepherds were told of Jesus in a manger, but like most today they did not say they were too busy to investigate. These shepherds stopped what they were doing and went and saw where Jesus laid in a manger.

We also read that the shepherds did the most important thing that night. They took the message of Christ's birth and proclaimed it abroad. They did not hold these truths in their hearts, but shared it with others. They were responsible for starting the fire that proclaimed the birth of Christ.

Will you be faithful like the shepherds this Christmas season? Will you make sure it is Christ's birth that is proclaimed? Will you help others understand that Jesus is the Reason for the Season?

# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. In 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 we at Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved and baptized every—single—week. That makes 6 years in a row!
2. Our Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper turned out great in spite of a storm that God held off until we finished the shoot!



## Upcoming Events 2013!



**Dr. Tom Neal**

President  
Berean Baptist College  
Fleming Island, Florida  
*June 2013*



**Dr. Bob Gray**

Longview Baptist Temple  
Longview, Texas  
*July 2013*



**Mrs. Kelli Campbell**

Ladies Retreat  
Treasured Trials  
Ministries  
*August 2013*



**Dr. Greg Neal**

Pastor  
Berean Baptist Church  
Fleming Island, Florida  
*October 2013*



A group of pregnant women and their husbands attended a prenatal class. The instructor emphasized the importance of staying healthy during pregnancy.

"Ladies, exercise is good for you," she said. "Walking is quite beneficial. And gentlemen, it wouldn't kill you to walk with her."

One man piped up, "Is it OK if she carries a golf bag while she's walking?"

*"I'm feeling Claus-trophobic."*



### From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth WHERE CAN JESUS BE FOUND?

As Thanksgiving has past and the Christmas season is here I have wondered where Jesus will be found in people's lives this year. Will He be found in the star at the top of the tree that reminds you of His birth in Bethlehem? Will Jesus be found in the Christmas songs that you sing? Will He be found in the Christmas cards that you send? Will He be found in the packages under the tree that remind us of the gift of salvation that Jesus gave when He freely shed His blood on the Cross and gave His life for us so that our sin debt was paid?

And after Christmas where will He be found then? Will you wrap Him up and put Him away only to take Him out again next year for Christmas?

If you are reading this and are not sure of where you are going when you die, would you consider trusting Christ as your Saviour? He will then, not be a seasonal remembrance, but a daily Friend. You will know the true meaning of Christmas. You will know that salvation is the free gift for all those that receive Christ as their Saviour.



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 other academic subjects following after the "principal thing."

### Scenes from Heritage Baptist Academy—A Model School



*I ASKED MY SHRINK TO SHOW ME ONE POSITIVE RESULT FROM ALL MY VISITS. HE SHOWED ME HIS NEW PORSCHE.*



#### Apple Crisp

##### Filling

- 4 large apples, such as Granny Smith
- 2 tbsp. firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

##### Topping

- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup rolled oats
- 3 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 stick butter

1. Preheat oven to 425°F Grease a 2-quart baking dish.
2. For the topping, place the flour, rolled oats, granulated sugar and butter in a large bowl. Mix well.
3. For the filling, peel, core and slice the apples. Layer the apple slices in the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle the brown sugar and cinnamon over the apple slices. Sprinkle the topping mixture over the top.
4. Bake until the apples have softened and the crumble is lightly golden, 20-25 minutes. Serve warm.

**WHERE DO THE REST OF US GO?**

ATTENTION

**Toilet ONLY**

for  
**DISABLED  
ELDERLY  
PREGNANT  
CHILDREN**

THANK YOU for shopping with us!!!

*A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKED ONE OF HER STUDENTS WHAT HE PLANNED TO GIVE HIS YOUNGER BROTHER FOR CHRISTMAS.*

*"I DON'T KNOW," THE LITTLE BOY REPLIED. "I GAVE HIM CHICKEN POX LAST YEAR."*

### But Where Is Jesus?

It's Christmas time the people say:  
The signs proclaim—the stores portray  
Glittering trees and ornaments rare—  
Scurrying shoppers everywhere.  
Laden counters with toys abound  
Children's eyes so large and round.  
Happy faces and greetings gay:  
Laughter and mirth along the way—

#### But where is Jesus?

"Why it's His birthday, don't you know?"  
Says a smiling face 'mid falling snow.  
"He was born in Bethlehem long, long ago.  
So we give gifts to those we know—  
To our children dear both far and near.  
"To friend and kin we spread our cheer."  
But I bowed my head with a heavy heart,  
Thought to those we love we do our part—

#### But where is Jesus?

It's Christmas time, God's Word declares.  
The Saviour came to answer our prayers.  
He came to those who loved Him not,  
To save their souls from sin's dread blot.  
He came to give to those in need,  
And for the outcast His soul did bleed.  
Though the earth abounds with need today  
We ignore the needy along the way—

#### But where is Jesus?

We've gifts for John and Mary and Sue:  
We've love for them and encouragement, too.  
And this, my friends, we ought to do.  
But where is our gift for the Saviour true?  
The gift He wants is loving deeds,  
A ready response to a lost world's needs,  
Not wrapped in tissue with ribbons bright  
But embodied in flesh aglow with love's light.

#### But where is Jesus?

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

## Three more states legalize same-sex marriage

Voters in Washington, Maryland, and Maine approved measures allowing same sex marriage in the national election held November 6, while Minnesota voters rejected a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage. Six other states (New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont) and the District of Columbia have allowed same-sex marriage based on legislation or court rulings, but Washington, Maryland, and Maine are the first to approve the measures by public vote.

## Oxford University Amends Dress Code for Transgender Students

England's Oxford University has decided to change its strict academic dress code to accommodate transgender students—meaning that males will be allowed to attend classes wearing skirts and women can wear a suit and tie. "The regulations have been amended to remove any reference to gender in response to concerns raised by Oxford University Student Union that the existing regulations did not serve the interests of transgender students," the university said. *ChristianPost.com*

What kind of seed are you sowing?

## A World Gone Insane— Office Depot \$1-Million Donation Spreading Homosexual Agenda to Kids!

Office Depot is guaranteeing \$1 million to help indoctrinate your children that they are born "gay."

Office Depot announced it is teaming up with recording artist Lady Gaga to push the homosexual agenda in public schools by encouraging our children to believe "gay" people are "Born This Way."

To help spread the message, Office Depot and Gaga's Born This Way Foundation have created several special limited-edition products for back-to-school this year. Office Depot is donating twenty-five percent of the sale of each item back to the promotion of homosexuality, with a guaranteed payout of \$1 million.

The truth is [that] there is zero credible evidence that people are born "gay." Homosexuality is a poor and dangerous choice and has been proven to lead to a litany of health hazards to not only the individuals but also society as a whole.

Office Depot is attempting to attract children to it by the deceiving title, "Empowering Youth." That is horribly irresponsible and will ultimately lead children to a higher chance of becoming victims to alcohol and drug abuse, depression and even suicide. *American Family Association*

I was visiting my son the other night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.  
"Dad, this is the 21st century," he said. "I don't waste money on newspapers. But if you like, you can borrow my iPad."  
I can tell you this: That spider never knew what hit him.



*Dr. Al Lacy*

## Every Jot And Tittle

I read a story once about an incident that took place back in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Telegraph was the best means of sending a message if speed was needed. A transatlantic cable had been laid between the United States and Europe in order to expedite communications between people on the two continents.

A woman whose husband was well-off financially took a vacation to Europe alone. While there, she telegraphed her husband, asking permission to purchase a very expensive item. You may recall that no punctuation was used in telegrams. The husband received the wire and promptly went to the telegraph office to send his wife a reply. He wrote it down thus: "NO. EXPENSE TOO GREAT."

Without punctuation, the message arrived in Europe looking like this: "NO EXPENSE TOO GREAT" The woman bought the item. When she returned home with it, her husband became very angry, and the telegraph company had their hands full with an irate customer. It was this incident that caused all telegraphers to use the word "STOP" between sentences ... so that such a thing could not happen again. This incident demonstrates how strategic and important it is that little things in a written message be carefully watched over to the most minute detail. How much MORE important is this principle when applied to the WORDS of Almighty God to His creatures on earth!

# 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

**B**iblical Authority  
**A**utonomy of the Local Church  
**P**riesthood of ALL Believers  
**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion  
**I**mmersed Church Membership  
**S**oul-liberty  
**T**wo officers - Pastors and Deacons  
**S**eparation 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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