

“May Christ Be Seen In 2014”



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“Old-Fashioned Sunday”



The Quiet Man



Introduction: One of the most fascinating characters in the Bible is Joseph. Very little is said of, “The Quiet Man,” but volumes could be preached about him. Notice *Matthew 1:18-25*, “*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example...*” What an amazing man! Let us take a look at the man that has remained, “The Quiet Man.”

FIRST: HE WAS A HUMBLE MAN.

I PETER 5:6

Two thousand years ago in a small town in Israel God used a man named Joseph to accomplish what God believed no other man could do. The job was to be the earthly stepfather, the guardian, if you will, of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here we find that he was not rich or well known, yet God gave this man the great task of raising the only Begotten Son of God. This meant that this home was to be a Godly home. This home was to be a home of steel and velvet, grace and truth.

I want to give you a challenge. This man was mentioned time and time again in the Word of God, but there is something that you will not find: You will not find Joseph saying one word. Truly, he was, “The Quiet Man.”

SECOND: HE WAS A HURTING MAN.

MATTHEW 1:20-21

“*Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary to wife: For that which is conceived within her is of the Holy Ghost.*”

Joseph was hurting for two reasons:

He knew the child was not his.

He knew what Mary was facing if this came out.

The Bible says “*espoused.*” What does this mean?

In a Jewish wedding during the time of Joseph and Mary, a marriage involved two stages. There was the “betrothal” and the “wedding ceremony.” The betrothal was what we consider an engagement, but with a difference. To be engaged served as a testing time, a probation if you will. It gave the groom time to prepare the home for his bride. There was to be no sexual immorality during the betrothal time. There were three things that could break the bond during the betrothal: incest, homosexuality, or adultery. Unlike today, adultery was considered a very wicked crime. If charges were proved, a man and woman could be stoned to death.

No matter how much he was hurting, and no matter how much he believed that his future hopes and dreams were ruined, this hurting man did not want Mary harmed. Notice *Matthew 1:19*, “... was minded to put her away privily.”

We Need Christmas
To remind us that being holy is
not being distant from the
world, but being different
in the world.

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A Christmas Poem

Suppose it were your birthday
And all your friends would come
And gather round your fireplace
There in your happy home.

They come with smiles and gladness,
And bring their presents, too.
But when they start to share them,
There's not a one for you.

They give them to each other,
A grand and costly lot.
But for the guest of honor,
They somehow just forgot.

You say such things don't happen,
Nor should it ever be;
It seems too crude and cruel,
For folks like you and me.

But friend, have you considered
Just this is what men do?
Not, of course, to humans,
But of our Lord, 'tis true.

We celebrate His birthday
With all our pomp and style;
But give to one another
And grieve Him all the while.

'Tis Christ we claim to honor
At this glad Christmastime;
Don't spend on friends the dollars
And give Him just a dime.

To give to one another
Indeed is very nice;
But best of all to Jesus,
For Him let's sacrifice.

His cause too long has suffered
By thoughtless, selfish men.
Let's bring to Christ the firstfruits,
And give our best to Him.

Fred D. Jarvis



Kim Kline's Stick Of Butter Rice

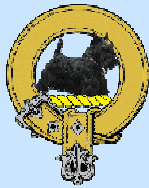
1 cup uncooked white rice (NOT instant) 1 (10 oz) can of Beef Broth
1 (10 oz) can of Condensed French Onion Soup 1/2 cup of butter, sliced

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a 9x9 inch baking dish combine rice, soup and broth. Cut butter into slices and place on top of the mixture. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove cover and bake 30 minutes more.

This can be doubled or tripled to feed more. Optional: small can of drained mushrooms can be added as well.

A DOG WENT INTO A WESTERN UNION OFFICE, TOOK OUT A BLANK FORM AND WROTE, "WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF."

THE CLERK STUDIED THE FORM AND SAID, "THERE ARE ONLY NINE WOOF'S HERE. YOU COULD SEND TEN FOR THE SAME PRICE." "BUT THAT WOULD BE SILLY," THE DOG REPLIED.



Heritage Highlanders December 2014 Schedule

<u>Saturday December 6</u>	Proverbs 31:13	<u>Saturday December 20</u>	Psalms 95:1
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic		Christmas Caroling	
<u>Saturday December 13</u>	Proverbs 31:14	<u>Saturday December 29</u>	Pro. 25:28
Baking Christmas Cookies		Patterns For Living: Attitude & Self Control	



Mrs. Francie Taylor

The Graciousness Of Discretion

A woman lacking in discretion can be described in the following ways: unrefined, brash, boisterous, immodest, tactless, lacking in foresight, reckless and self-indulgent.

To contrast it even more, let's use everyday situations:

- A discreet woman keeps her voice and emotions under control, avoiding clamorous behavior that might draw unnecessary attention to herself.
- An indiscreet woman is raucous and likes lots of attention. She does and says things that will put her in the limelight.
- A discreet woman avoids murmuring or complaining, taking her ideas and suggestions through the proper channels.
- An indiscreet woman is a self-appointed critic. She tends to bellyache and whine behind the backs of those in authority but pretends to agree with them when she's in their presence.
- A discreet woman guards her tongue and measures her words. She also speaks less and listens more. She does not need to have the last word!
- An indiscreet woman wags her tongue like a dog's tail and doesn't care whether or not her words hurt. Her indiscretion also leads her to keep talking long after she should have stopped.
- A discreet woman will dress modestly by scriptural conviction (I Tim. 2:9,10) to please God and to avoid any appearance of evil (I Thess. 5:22).
- An indiscreet woman dresses to please herself and to get attention. The emphasis tends toward showing more skin, wearing form-fitting clothing and following other sensuous fashion trends.

Are you discreet? If your life tends more toward indiscretion, then it is time to pray and yield some areas of your life to the Lord. Being discreet is not a hardship; it is a wonderful, fulfilling freedom to be the kind of woman God designed you and me to be! Discretion is humble, meek, admirable and God honoring.

THIRD: HE WAS AN HONORABLE MAN, A MAN'S MAN.**ROMANS 13:7**

The word honorable means several things, but basically it means, "worthy of honor, respect, and bringing honor to." Joseph was not only worthy of honor, but he acted in such a way that he has taught others the proper way to bring honor to the role of man. Just how did he revealed that he was a man's man?

1. Even with doubts, he remained a gentle man.

This has become so rare today. For instance, I know of at least four times in the past ten years that a man has lost his temper and murdered his girlfriend because of unfaithfulness. I do not understand why a man claims to love a woman, but then kills her. The hurting, the pain, yes, but not to harm her. Joseph truly loved Mary and he thought of what was going to happen to her in this situation. What a man!

2. He got his answers from the messenger of God, not the opinions of man.

"But while he thought..." Joseph was told by the angel of the Lord, "*Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife.*" He obeyed! In every instance when God instructed Joseph to do something, he obeyed. *Matthew 2:13* and *Matthew 2:19* and *Matthew 2:22.*

3. He was a man that understood self control.

Real men are men of self-control. They rule their spirit instead of their spirit ruling them. *Proverbs 29:28*, "*He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city ... without walls.*"

4. He was a man with a job.

I Tim. 5:8, "*If any man provide not for his own ... is worse than an infidel.*"

Matthew 13:55, "*Is not this the Carpenter's son?*"

The carpenter was one of the most needed professions of the day. It was hard work, and put bread on the table, and clothes on the backs of the family. Yes, what a man!

Conclusion: This may seem to be a strange Christmas article to close 2014, but I believe it is a very needed reminder of the qualities and characteristics of a man's man, The Quiet Man.

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*)

A FATHER ASKED HIS LITTLE GIRL WHAT SHE WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS. SHE TOLD HIM THAT WHAT SHE WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE WAS A BABY BROTHER. THE NEXT WINTER, AS THAT BABY BROTHER COOED AND BABBLED IN THE NEXT ROOM, THE GIRL'S FATHER ASKED HER WHAT SHE WANTED THIS YEAR.

"WELL," SHE SAID, "IF IT'S NOT TOO UNCOMFORTABLE FOR MOMMY, I'D LIKE A PONY."

A TOMCAT COURTING A POTENTIAL GIRLFRIEND SAID, "BABY, I'D DIE FOR YOU."

"YOU WOULD?" THE OTHER CAT REPLIED WISTFULLY. "HOW MANY TIMES?"



Jarrod
Collingsworth
Choir Director

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Luke 2:8-17

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 overlook 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. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last eight (8) years in a row!
2. The buses are still rolling!



3. The great meetings we have scheduled for 2015.



Dr. Bob Gray
March, 2015



Dr. Tom Neal
June, 2015



Sounds of the Faith
June 21, 2015



Mrs. Francie Taylor
August, 2015
Just For Women



Dr. Dean Miller, Sr.
October, 2015

From The Presidents



Ronald Reagan

When asked whether he was nervous during a television debate with Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan replied, "Not at all. I've been on stage with John Wayne."



Thomas Jefferson

A MINOR OMISSION
Jefferson left behind specific instructions for the design of his tombstone. On it, he insisted, should be inscribed:

HERE WAS BURIED
THOMAS JEFFERSON

AUTHOR OF THE DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
OF THE STATUTE OF VIRGINIA FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & FATHER OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Notice anything missing? Our third president didn't think his two terms as chief executive were worth mentioning. Makes you wonder, doesn't it?



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.

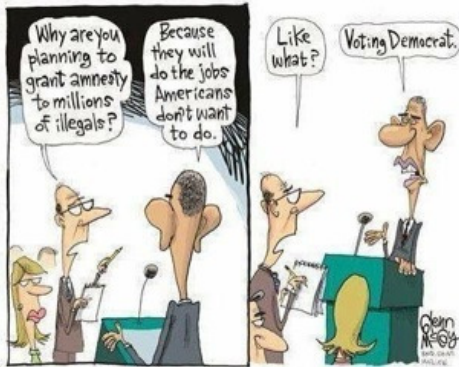


Jack Hyles

Hoodwinked

Follow me carefully. The only time the word, "bride," is mentioned before Revelation 18 is in John 3:29, which has nothing to do at all with the church. In Revelation 18 the rapture has already taken place. In Revelation 18 we have already been to the marriage of the Lamb. You're not a bride until you get married, so we're not a bride now. All believers are not a bride now. Is anybody here engaged to get married? Well, if you're engaged to get married, are you a bride? No, you're not a bride until the wedding. So all believers will not become a bride until the wedding, and the wedding takes place in the air after the rapture.

I make an issue out of this because we Baptists are being hoodwinked by these non-denominational people concerning the doctrine of the local New Testament church. All believers now do not form the bride and will not form the bride until the rapture, as in Revelation 18:23, and that's in the air after the rapture. Revelation 21 is in the air after the rapture. Revelation 22:17 is in the air after the rapture. So all believers will not become the church until the rapture, and all believers will not become the bride until the rapture. So we are not to say now that we are the bride of Christ. Now I dare you to disprove that.



CONVERSATION BETWEEN ADAM AND EVE MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT AT TIMES. THEY HAD NOBODY TO TALK ABOUT.

SANTA CLAUS GOES DOWN SO MANY CHIMNEYS THAT I HEAR HE'S THINKING OF GETTING A YEARLY FLUE SHOT.

A judge asked a defendant, "Have I seen you before?" "You have, your honor," the defendant replied. "I gave your daughter singing lessons." "Oh, that's right. I sentence you to thirty years hard labor."



"I'M TERRIBLE WITH NAMES. MINE IS EITHER BRADLEY OR MIKE."

"MANY OF THE LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS TO THE LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE UN CLIMATE SUMMIT. THEY SAID IT WAS ARGUABLY THE MOST HIGH-PROFILE, SIGNIFICANT MEETING THAT WILL IN NO WAY CHANGE ANYTHING AT ALL."

CHRISTMAS IS SPECIAL, ALL RIGHT. WHAT OTHER TIME OF YEAR DO YOU SIT IN FRONT OF A DEAD TREE AND EAT CANDY OUT OF YOUR SOCKS?

THE WEATHER BUREAU ISN'T TAKING CHANCES. ITS LATEST PREDICTION IS "SLIGHTLY CLOUDY WITH DRIFTS UP TO 3 FEET."

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.
Though 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?



The Preacher's Favorite

Filling

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

Topping

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

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

BLACK COP SHOOTS AND KILLS "UNARMED" WHITE YOUTH!

No, we are not mixed up in trying to talk about Ferguson, Missouri, on August 9, where white officer Darren Wilson shot and killed unarmed black 18-year-old Michael Brown - who weighed nearly 300 pounds and stood at 6'4" - and whose blood contained marijuana evidence; he had also just robbed a convenience store, physically manhandling the manager (all on film). That was the place the police chief refused to name the shooter/officer for several days.

No, we are talking about the incident where, outside a convenience store just two days later on August 11, the black officer in Salt Lake City shot unarmed 20-year-old (barely out of his teens) white Dillon Taylor.

Oh, you didn't know about this case happening what might be called "hours apart" from the Ferguson one?

There is probably a reason - several, in fact.

For one thing, neither Al Sharpton nor Jesse Jackson (who called Brown's shooting "a racially-based state execution") rushed to Salt Lake City to get in front of cameras and demand justice for the young white Taylor.

President Obama didn't stop playing golf long enough to cry out for justice for Taylor and five minutes later be back on the next tee.

There was no marching or rioting or shootings in Salt Lake City protesting the killing of the white Taylor like there was for about 10 days for the black Brown in Ferguson.

Governor Gary Richard Herbert of Utah, a Republican, did not rush to microphones and demand "justice" for the dead before the facts were in, as did Governor Jeremiah Wilson "Jay" Nixon, a Democrat, in Missouri.

No one or no group demanded Congress introduce a bill to be known as the "Dillon Taylor's Law," demanding stricter controls on police, as the radical international "Anonymous" group did demanding the enactment of a "Mike Brown's Law."

The United States Department of Justice didn't announce it was going to investigate the Taylor shooting.

The U.S. DOJ didn't order its own autopsy after two others, one by a nationally recognized coroner, had been already completed.

The U.S. DOJ head, Eric Holder, didn't fly to Salt Lake City to discuss the case after 40 of his FBI agents had been going door-to-door in the convenience store neighborhood trying to get eyewitness evidence. Holder said, The shooting incident in Ferguson ... deserves a fulsome review. In addition to the local investigation already underway, FBI agents from the St. Louis field office, working together with attorneys from the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney's Office, have opened a concurrent, federal inquiry."

The U.S. DOJ head Holder didn't personally go to the home of the victim's family and talk to them, consoling them and others crying for blood, as he did at the shooting in Missouri.

In fact, in Salt Lake City the media didn't even say the shooter was black; they just reported that he was "non-white."

Young Taylor was not a bona fide member of "the Bloods gang," as was Brown (seen flashing Bloods' signs in several photos), meaning he couldn't command the media respect like Brown could. Nor was Taylor's funeral featured on national television, as was Brown's.

And it didn't seem to be important to anyone that Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank refused to identify the officer firing the fatal shots. He said the officer's identity would be released at the "appropriate" time, adding it might be days, weeks or months. Seemingly, that didn't bother anyone in Utah or anywhere else.

So why the disparity over the two incidents? If you are so simple-minded that you don't know, I'll explain it to you. You see, children, a black cop shooting a white youth is not that unusual. I'm tempted to say it happens in Chicago and the District of Columbia all the time. But a white cop shooting a black youth is much rarer.

Now you know: it's a racial thing! *Associated Press*

Ten Reasons To Leave Booze Out Of Christmas

1. Have you ever known a man to lose his job because he drank too little?
2. Have you ever known of a doctor who told his patients that their chances would be better if they would start drinking?
3. Have you ever known of an employer who picked men for responsible positions because they drank constantly?
4. Have you ever heard a wife say: "My husband would be the best husband in the world if he would start drinking"?
5. What insurance company offers reduced rates to drinkers?
6. Did you ever hear of an alcoholic, when he began drinking, to say: "It will happen to me"?
7. Did you ever hear of coach who encouraged his men to drink before a game?
8. Have you ever heard of children who complain because their daddy never came home drunk?
9. Have you ever heard of parents encouraging their daughter to become a barmaid so as to be come popular and successful?
10. Did you ever hear of a drunk who boasted: "I can take a drink or let it alone," who ever did leave it alone?

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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