

Fulfilling a Dream in 2013

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## What's Still Missing!

**INTRODUCTION:** In Mark 10:21, when the rich young ruler came to Jesus wanting to know what to do to inherit eternal life, he gave a list of things he had done. Jesus then said, *“One thing thou lackest.”* Jesus was saying, *“There's still something missing.”*

Even though we may be unaware of certain things missing in our life, we know that God sees us as we are. So, what we need to do, is see those things that are missing.

**FIRST: PRIORITIES ARE STILL MISSING IN MOST PEOPLE. MATTHEW 16:26**

*“For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”*

Our Lord Jesus Christ urges all of us to realize how important it is to settle our eternity. The soul is lost when we reject Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Jesus is the only way for us to receive eternal life. (*John 10:28*).

The sad truth is, that most prefer to win the world even if it drowns them in self-destruction.

**SECOND: PERCEPTION IS STILL MISSING IN MANY. MATTHEW 16:3**

*“...ye can discern the face of the sky; but ye cannot discern the signs of the times?”*

The weather is used more than any other item to strike up a conversation, but try to bring up the Bible in conversation, even if it reveals current events and watch how quickly the subject is changed.

The unsaved person is missing everything that is spiritual. That's why the unsaved need to be born-again to understand truth. (*I Corinthians 2:14*)

On the other hand, the person who is saved should be responsive to the Bible, and if he is not, there are clear reasons:

- Hindering the Holy Spirit.
- Resisting the Holy Spirit.
- Sin in their life.
- Just plain lazy.

**One clear sign of the God of the Bible is the unbelievable changes in the lives of those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. It is obvious that Jesus Christ has transformed them.**

In spite of all the evidence, man is missing the discernment to see the hand of God at work.

**THIRD: PLAIN COMMON-SENSE IS STILL MISSING IN SOME. MATTHEW 16: 9-12**

There is such a lack of understanding today even among other Christians. Here in these verses, even disciples did not appear to grasp clear teachings from Christ Himself.

The average Christian today is so ignorant of the Bible it is ridiculous. It is a shame.

There are some professed Christians today that believe more of what a newspaper teaches than

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## 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*

**It is always surprising how much deeper a hole is after one gets into it.**



### Kim Kline's Baked Potato Soup

3 bacon strips, diced  
 1 small onion, chopped  
 1 garlic clove, minced  
 3 tbsp. all-purpose flour  
 1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. dried basil  
 1/2 tsp. pepper  
 3 cups chicken broth  
 2 large potatoes, baked, peeled  
 and cubed (about 2 cups)

1 cup half-and-half cream  
 1/2 tsp. hot pepper sauce  
 Shredded Cheddar cheese  
 Minced fresh parsley

In a large saucepan, cook bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings. Set bacon aside. Saute onion and garlic in the drippings until tender. Stir in flour, salt, basil and pepper. Gradually add broth. Bring to boil; boil and stir for 2 minutes. Add the potatoes, cream and hot pepper sauce; heat through but do not boil. Garnish with bacon, cheese and parsley.

**Don't look so far into the future that you cannot see today.**



### Heritage Highlanders January 2013 Schedule

**Saturday January 5** *2 Corinthians 13:5*

Physically and Spiritually Fit

**Saturday January 12**

Cooking: Soup and Salad

*1 Samuel 9:23*

**Saturday January 19**

Modesty and Etiquette

**Saturday January 26**

Soul-winning and Snow Ice-cream!

*Psalms 139:14*

*Psalms 126:6*

**Opportunity isn't likely to knock at a person's door if bill collectors are standing there.**



*Dr. Bob Gray*

### Stay With It!

The president of IBM was asked the secret to his success. His reply was, "I lasted one day longer than the other guy." If a person could double his failure rate, he might discover what will work by understanding what will not work. Intellectual arrogance is a stumbling block. The know-it-all attitude will trap anyone and stall any growth.

Persistence builds character, and character helps a person handle success. Courage to willingly take calculated risks, to live with uncertainty, to not play it too safe, to build resistance to quitting, and to live with your heart in your throat are qualities a man of courage possesses.

Procrastination is a deadly habit for anyone. Unpleasant tasks are part of any project. The fear of failure, the act of passing the buck, and the emotion of dreading the work create a killer mindset. Dreading the work is worse than tackling the work. Breaking the second-mile barrier and knowing you can enter the second mile at will give birth to the confidence that you can do it again. The key is to get off dead center.

Robert Frost penned this axiom, "I have many promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep." JUST A THOUGHT!

accept the clear-taught teachings of Scripture.

#### FOURTH: PREPARATION IS STILL MISSING IN THE MAJORITY.

AMOS 4:12

##### *“Prepare to Meet thy God”*

If you were to die today, what preparations would you have made? Would you awaken in the presence of God, or in an eternal Hell? The choice is yours.

#### 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 man who had spent several years working in retail joined the police force. A few months later, a friend asked him how he liked his new job. "The pay is good and the hours are OK," he replied, "but what I really like is that the customer is always wrong."



Jarrod  
Collingsworth  
Choir Director

#### What Do You Want To Accomplish In 2013?

*“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13*

**Introduction:** The year 2012 will soon be coming to an end and the new year of 2013 is upon us. As we reflect on last year there are some great accomplishments I am sure we can all think of. I am sure there is some regrets we can think of, and I am sure there are some things we wish we had accomplished. The great thing about a new year is God has given us the ability to start fresh and anew. We now have a chance, a clean slate on which to accomplish what we want to accomplish. Those things we wished we would have accomplished in 2012 can be accomplished in 2013 if we want them to happen. In order to accomplish these things in 2013 we have to realize where we may have failed last year.

- 1. We Have No Vision.** *Proverbs 29:18* states, *“Where there is no vision the people perish:”* If you feel like your ministry is perishing or stagnate, you must ask yourself what your vision is. Many have a vision, but it is not clear. Some have a vision, but it does not match the pastor's vision. Some have a vision, but never share it with their pastor. A vision is the most important goal to start 2013. A vision is the foundation upon which everything is laid, that is why without it the people perish.
  - 2. We Fail To Be United In Our Vision.** Leadership and fellowship must communicate in order to get a united vision. A great leader will always have a vision for each ministry, but he must communicate that to everyone clearly in order for them to catch the vision. If the leader's vision is not being accomplished he needs to re-group and re-clarify his vision. Fellowship is not just a pawn. Many a great leader is the result of being a great follower. All followers should have a vision to accomplish what the leader wants, but sometimes the follower has a vision that they fail to share with the leader and that is just as dangerous. If God lays something on your heart and you do not act than you are guilty of not following God's leading.
  - 3. We Fail To Act On Our Vision Because We Serve A God.** One true way to realize your faith is not as strong as you think is to realize that you do not completely trust that God will help you accomplish the vision. Many a leader and many a follower never accomplish their vision because they think their vision is too big for God.
  - 4. Our Vision Fails Because We Trust God.** Many will never accomplish anything because they wait on God to accomplish it. Many a good Christian has it all backwards. They are sincere, they want to accomplish something, but they think God will do it all. They fail to realize that just like in life you have to chase after your vision. You have to go after it and not let anything stand in your way. You have to work for it just like they did when they walked around Jericho, or when they crossed the Red Sea. When God sees you giving it your all and trying your best he will be there to make sure it gets accomplished.
- Conclusion:** 2013 can bring many accomplishments. Our church and our lives can be completely transformed in one years' time, but it takes leaders and followers to get a vision and then unit together on that vision, and then chase after that vision letting nothing get in the way of what God wants us to accomplish.

# Something to 'CROW' about!

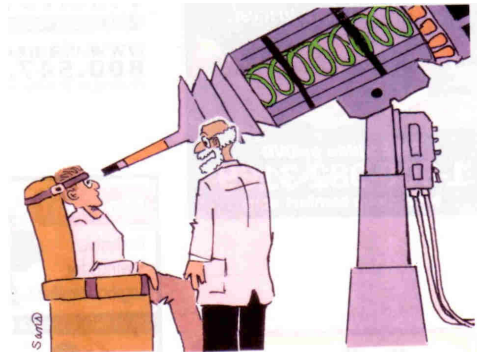
1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last seven (7) years in a row!
2. Past graduates of Heritage Baptist Academy performed for the church during our Christmas services. Even the pianist is a graduate.



**Graduates of Heritage Baptist Academy**



"And put your cell phones on vibrate."



"Brace yourself. This is old-school laser surgery."



Mrs. Francie  
Taylor

## Absentee Helpmeets

It is funny how we can make a to-do list for our husbands, but if they ask us for help on a project, we're too busy!

**Philippians 2:4 exhorts us: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."** If I were to paraphrase this for women today, it would read something like this: "Wife, you may have a schedule, but don't forget to put your husband in there somewhere!" What good is a helpmeet that is never available to help?

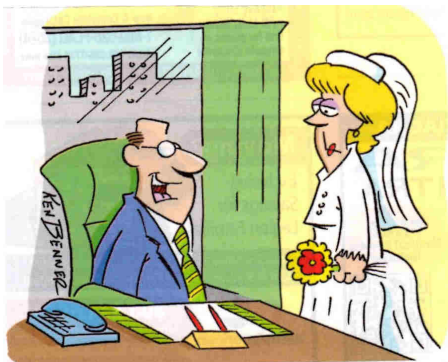
We are hearing a lot from the pulpit today about servant leadership. I am now proposing that we extend this concept to servant wifehood. A loving wife would want to serve her husband and be sensitive to his needs. We somehow got the mistaken notion that married life is all about meeting and fulfilling our needs rather than the needs of our husbands! Love for a husband would compel us to want to serve him and to be alert and sensitive to his needs. Does your husband have to invite you to help him, or are you on the lookout for times when he could use your assistance? If we're not going to help, who will?



## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



Joseph and Alison Collingsworth are moving to Ohio and joining the membership of the Heritage Baptist Church. Joseph and Alison are both graduates of Berean Baptist College of Fleming Island, Florida.



"Thanks for coming in on such short notice."



"My husband and I are thinking of moving to Canada to be closer to our prescriptions."

A woman visited a modern-art gallery. One painting was bright blue with vivid orange swirls, and the one hanging next to it was black with lime-green splotches.

The artist stood nearby, so as politely as she could, the woman said to him, "I'm sorry, but I just don't understand your paintings."

"I paint what I feel inside me," the artist replied.

"I see," the woman replied innocently. "Have you tried Alka-Seltzer?"

The local TV station's weather desk received a postcard: "I thought you would be interested to know that I just finished shoveling 3 feet of partly cloudy from my front steps."

### *At The End Of The Road*

On the bough of the rose  
is the prickling briar  
The delicate lily  
must live in the mire;  
The hues of the butterfly  
go at a breath;  
At the end of the road  
is the house of death.

Nay, nay; on the briar  
is the lovely rose;  
In the mire of the river  
the lily grows;  
The moth is as fair  
as the flower of the sod;  
At the end of the road  
is a door to God.

*Edwin Markham*

### Lest We Forget—The First Americans Killed In Vietnam

Spc. 4 James T. Davis  
Dec. 22, 1961



Assigned to the 3rd Radio Research Unit at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Davis was killed in a Viet Cong ambush near the old French garrison of Cau Xang. President Lyndon Johnson later called Davis "the first American to fall in the defense of our freedom in Vietnam," though historians clarify that he was the first battlefield fatality.

Lt. Col. Peter Dewey  
Sept. 26, 1945



Dewey led a seven-man Office of Strategic Services (OSS) team to search for missing U.S. pilots and to gather information on the situation in Vietnam after Japan's surrender.

In his last report, he wrote: "Cochinchina (South Vietnam) is burning; the French and British are finished here, and we ought to clear out of Southeast Asia." Dewey was gunned down on the way to the Saigon airport by Viet Minh (precursor to the Viet Cong) soldiers, who apparently mistook him for a French officer. His body was never recovered.

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

## **Ninety-Six Percent of Muslim Voters Voted!**

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)...released the results of an informal exit poll indicating that more than 85 percent of American Muslim voters picked President Obama in [the November 6] election.

95.5% of the Muslim voters said they went to the polls on November 6; 85.7% cast their ballots to re-elect President Obama; 4.4% of respondents said they voted for Mitt Romney.

## **Birth Rates in USA Hit New Low**

The U.S. government reported in October that births fell for the fourth year in a row in 2011. After hitting an all-time high of more than 4.3 million in 2007, fewer than 4 million births were counted last year—the lowest since 1998.

A falling birth rate is an issue of concern for the well-being of the nation. Our social engineers have orchestrated the butchery of over one million unborn babies every year since 1973. They have covered their tracks by allowing a flow of legal immigrants of approximately the same number. Mark my words—there's trouble afoot in every piece of this puzzle! *SWORD PRESS SERVICE*

What kind of seed are you sowing?

## **Another Church Bombing in Nigeria Kills Eleven People**

Suspected suicide bombers from Islamist group Boko Haram detonated two cars laden with explosives at a Protestant church during Sunday morning service [on November 25] killing at least 11 people and wounding 30 others....

A bus drove into the side of the St. Andrew Military Protestant Church...and exploded five minutes after a service had started....

About 10 minutes later, explosives inside a Toyota Camry were detonated outside the church. A military source who witnessed the attack said the second bomb was the most deadly, killing people who went to help the injured from the first blast....

Boko Haram, which translates as "Western education is sin"...has been targeting churches to create tensions between Muslims and Christians...to highlight its demand for the separation of the Muslim-majority north from the Christian-majority south and for the creation of an Islamic state....

The actual name of the group is **Jama'atul Alhul Sunnah Lidda'wati wal jihad**, which translates as "people for the propagation of the prophet's teachings and jihad."  
*ChristianPost.com*

**Aggressive drivers are the ones who try to get back at you after you cut them off.**

**The average taxpayer will be the first of America's natural resources to be exhausted.**



*Dr. Al Lacy*

## **The Subject Of Heaven**

On the subject of Heaven ... it seems a little strange to me, that so many "scientists" believe that there is intelligent life on Venus, Jupiter and Neptune, yet they cannot bring themselves to believe that there is a planet beyond the stars called "Heaven". Yes, you heard me right. I said "planet". Get this ghostly, ethereal, spooky, foggy idea of Heaven out of your mind. We will deal with this more thoroughly in the next chapter, but let me say right here that HEAVEN IS AS REAL AS FRENCH-FRIED POTATOES!

Heaven is REAL, Brother! The planet Heaven is just as real as the planet Earth!

Karl Marx, the infamous father of atheistic Communism, assailed true Christianity by saying that what we teach and believe about Heaven is just "the sigh of the oppressed creature in a heartless world." He said we invented Heaven as an "opium" to ease the pain of this cruel world.

Marx's pupil, Lenin, once wrote sarcastically, "Religion (meaning true Christianity) teaches those who toil in poverty all their lives to be resigned and patient in this world, and consoles them with the hope of reward in Heaven. Such teaching is a kind of spiritual intoxicant, in which the slaves of capital drown their humanity and blunt their desires for some sort of decent human existence."

It is easy to see that Mr. Lenin totally missed the Gospel message . . . and in his utter blindness, he thought Christians invented the idea of Heaven to "crutch" us through this life. I have to chuckle when he talks about "slaves" of capitalism. When has this world seen worse slavery than Communism? He calls Communism "decent human existence"???

# 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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