

“May Christ Be Seen In 2014”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

The Man That Missed Thanksgiving

Introduction: In *Luke 12:16-21*, the Lord Jesus tells the story of a hard-working, healthy, and wealthy farmer. In every area of his life he appears to have been blessed, yet he never observed a time of thanksgiving. The strange thing about this man is what was said by our Lord concerning him. The Lord Jesus said, “*Thou fool.*” What a charge to be leveled against a man that had everything! What are we to see?

FIRST: THE COMMENDATION.

LUKE 12:16-19

It is obvious that this man was:

1. A hard worker. Even though the ground was very fertile, this man had to be busy with working the ground and planting the right crops to prosper.
2. A thinker. “*This will I do...*” This man did not just sit by and wait for something to happen. This man made things happen.
3. A planner for the future. “*Thou hast much goods laid up for many years.*” He had a plan and had the goal set to make sure his future was promising.

SECOND: THE CONVERSATION.

LUKE 12:17

“*And he thought within himself, saying, what shall I do?*”

This man talk to himself about everything: his life, property, goals in life. He talk to himself. I assure you that if you asked this man if he believed in God, he would've said, “Yes, I do.” Just like many pray to themselves and think they are praying to God.

Illustration: Luke 18:11 is such an example: “*The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself...*” Notice he prayed with himself, not with God.

THIRD: THE CHARGE.

LUKE 12:20

“*Thou fool.*”

This was one of the greatest insults that you could hurl at someone. The Word of God even cautions us about calling someone a fool, yet Jesus hurls this charge, “Thou fool,” boldly at this very successful man. Our Lord never got the idea from anything the farmer said about himself. Just the opposite—this farmer regarded himself as a very well-rounded man that was physically and mentally fit

The neighbors did not think of him as a fool. No! They admired him. They certainly never looked at this wealthy, hard-working, successful man and said, “What a foolish man.”

FOURTH: THE CONDEMNATION.

LUKE 12:20-21

“*But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night by soul shall be required of thee ...*”

Continued



Dr. Greg Neal

The Changing Of Our National Identity

Psalms 33:12 says, ***“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.”*** America was founded on Christian principles. America was founded on the Word of God. God's hand was on our nation. That is why we exist today. Something has happened in recent days. We have undergone an identity change. The U.S. currency that we have in our pockets or wallets says, "In God We Trust," but that is not what this nation practices. We have taken ourselves out from under the authority of Almighty God. It would be better suited for our nation to say, "One nation under whatever god you want to serve." Yes, we have undergone an obvious identity change.

We have gone from "In God We Trust" to a President who, I believe, is a Muslim. This President not only does not acknowledge God but also does not believe in the Almighty God. His religious beliefs make him an enemy to the God whom we say we serve. Yes, we have undergone an identity change. We have gone from our nation being founded by those who were seeking religious freedoms to a nation ruled by those who are taking away our religious freedoms. Our government is on the prowl looking to destroy religious freedoms.

A NEW DIET CALLS FOR EATING NOTHING BUT GARLIC AND ONIONS. EVERYONE STAYS SO FAR AWAY THAT FROM A DISTANCE YOU LOOK THINNER.

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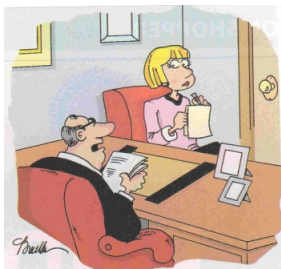
Audie Murphy

Lest We Forget—Giving Thanks For Our Veterans

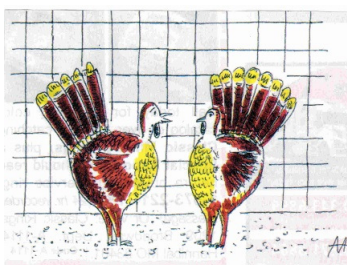
He was an unlikely hero. Born into a life of crushing poverty in Texas, Audie Murphy was so scrawny when he tried to enlist after Pearl Harbor that the Marine Corps and the paratroopers wouldn't take him. He joined the infantry. Even there, his officers suggested a non-combat role. Instead, Murphy became a front-line warrior and one of history's most decorated combat veterans. But he wasn't fearless. On the battlefield, "fear is right there beside you," he wrote.

Murphy was an everyman who found and lost himself in war. His Medal of Honor citation praised his "indomitable courage," but he paid a heavy price for his heroism. Even after he became a movie star, Murphy fought demons that the war had created within him for the rest of his life.

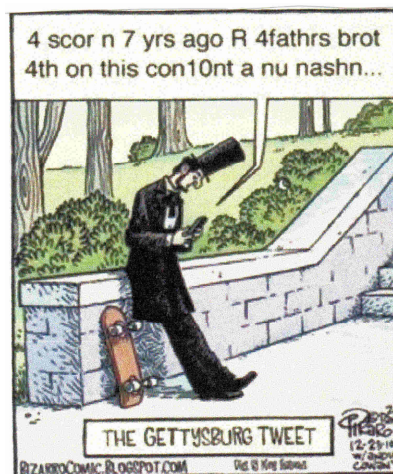
"Before the war, I'd get excited and enthused about a lot of things," he told John Huston, who directed him in "The Red Badge of Courage," "but not anymore." He suffered from nightmares, slept with a gun under his pillow and gambled recklessly. He titled his autobiography "To Hell and Back," but it seems a part of Murphy never returned from the hell of combat. Such are the sacrifices heroes make.



"Rita, I've seen several people smiling today. Find out what that's all about."



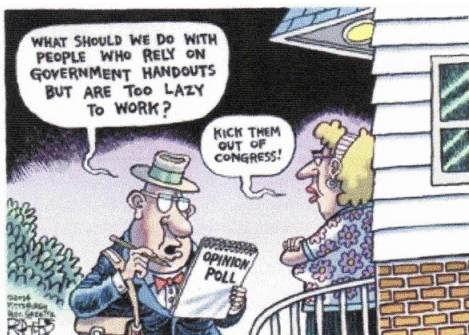
"I'm spending the holidays somewhere. I'm just not sure where."



IN A WINDOW OF A HOUSE ON A SUBURBAN STREET APPEARED A SIGN: "PIANO FOR SALE." A FEW HOURS LATER, A SIGN APPEARED IN A WINDOW OF THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR: "YAY!"



"BAD NEWS. ALL YOUR TESTS CAME BACK WITH YOU AS DELICIOUS."



and is not rich toward God.”

You cannot always tell what a person is like by just looking at their outward appearance or looking at how successful they are in whatever they do. No! A thousand times no! But you let me know what your thoughts are and I can tell you exactly what type of person you are. **Proverbs 23:7**, “... as he thinketh in his heart, so is he ...” Here our Lord is revealing the one person he should have been thinking about but not once does this man ever think about his relationship with God.

In **verse 18**, “my barns ... my fruits ... my goods ...” God was ignored, as though He did not exist at all. This man made all of his decisions without ever giving one thought to the will of God. The person that lives and enjoys all the blessings of God, but never include Him in their lives is a fool.

The man was confusing possession of property with ownership. Just because you are a hard worker and have a good mind to become successful does not mean you can exclude God. **Psalm 24:1**, “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

Conclusion: The real tragedy of the story is that this man, though unbelievably successful, was not saved. He died and entered into an eternal hell because he missed Thanksgiving. This man never one time look towards the God of all creation and said, “Thank you.” I do not mean that you can get to Heaven by observing Thanksgiving Day. I am saying that no one will ever be saved that does not look to Heaven and recognize the One that we are to be thankful to. Oh, listen! Recognize Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Give Him the credit He deserves. Don’t miss what Thanksgiving Day was always meant to be. Thanksgiving is to get you to recognize exactly who Jesus Christ claims to be. We owe Him everything.

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)

It's never right to do wrong in order to have a chance to do right.

Heritage Highlanders November 2014 Schedule				
	Saturday, November 1	<i>Proverbs 31:13</i>	Saturday, November 15	<i>Proverbs 31:17</i>
	Sewing with Mrs. Kubic		Thanksgiving Day Craft	
	Saturday, November 8	<i>Lev. 26:12</i>	Saturday, November 22	<i>Proverbs 31:14</i>
	Nature Scavenger Hunt		Baking With Pumpkin	
			Saturday, November 29	<i>John 3:16</i>
			Soulwinning	

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.



Jarrod Colingsworth
Choir Director

The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

“I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.” *Psalm 116:17*

The time of year has come when we take time out to remember to be thankful, or at least set time aside to celebrate thanksgiving. Today we have gotten so far away from the true meaning of thanksgiving that people do not associate thanksgiving with sacrifice, yet when we read the Scriptures we see that there needs to be a time that we offer to the Lord a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

When you sit back and think of previous years you have celebrated thanksgiving I wonder how many of you can remember times in which you made a sacrifice to the Lord in celebration of thanksgiving for all the things the Lord has done for you? Do you find yourself rather remembering times that you celebrated thanksgiving thinking that this was the time of year you have waited for; the time of year when you finally get off work and get to pig out on lots of food because you have worked hard all year and deserve it? You see we have this mind set that we deserve everything that is given to us and therefore we do not give to God the thanks he deserves for giving us so many things that we truly do not deserve. I challenge you this thanksgiving to find a way to sacrifice to God for the wonderful things he has done for you this year. I challenge you to give a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

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. This Year's Champions!

Chili



Lisa Kline
1st Place
Byron Cremeans
2nd Place

Turkey Shoot



Fathers' Division Mr. Jeremy Elliott
Sons' Division Mr. Jacob Spencer

Stew



Summer Oswald
1st Place
Melissa Frick
2nd Place

Cheesecake



Crystal Collingsworth
1st Place
Carolyn Tuck
2nd Place

Pie



Christie Kline
1st Place
Carolyn Tuck
2nd Place

Cake



Sheila Spencer
1st Place
Carolyn Tuck
2nd Place

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

If you ain't loyal, you ain't nothing. *MY FOOT FELL ASLEEP YESTERDAY. BUT I WASN'T EMBARRASSED UNTIL IT STARTED SNORING.*

Giving Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this day.
We give thanks for the food
Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it
And all the many blessings.
As we partake of this food
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as
You would have us do.
This we ask in the name of Christ.



Theodore Roosevelt

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming...”

“Never get into an urinating contest with a skunk.” T. R.



Dr. Jack Hyles

The Shepherd, The Sheep, And The Dirty Feet

Years ago, a lady visited our church on a Sunday morning. She came back again Sunday night. After the service, she asked one of our members, "Which one of those preachers is the pastor of this church—the guy who was loving and sweet on Sunday morning or the guy who was mean on Sunday night?"

Billy Sunday used to say, "You can't love flowers unless you hate weeds." You can't love health unless you hate germs. You can't love God unless you hate the Devil. You can't love right unless you hate wrong. These namby-pamby preachers who never preach against anything don't love anything; theirs is a synthetic, superficial type of love. Theirs is a love that says to their young people, "I love you," but doesn't warn them against rock music. I say, that's not love at all.

The word pastor means "shepherd." A pastor is the shepherd of the flock. When God scolded his men who were not doing what they should, He likened them unto a shepherd who was not doing what he should do with his flock. God is using this figure of speech in Ezekiel 34, but God has His men in mind and the way His men handled the people in their flock. Ezekiel 34:19 says, "And as for my flock [the people of God], they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet." That word fouled means "you have caused it to stink." He is saying to the men of God, "You are like a shepherd who has a flock of sheep, and you are corrupting their food by walking on it with your dirty feet. You are also corrupting their water by putting your stinking feet in the water." God is likening that to God's men who dabble wrongly with the Word of God, our bread and water.

The whole issue of Ezekiel 34:19 is the Word of God. God is saying to His men, "Leave the Book alone; keep your stinking feet off my words." The Word of God is the drinking water for God's people and the cleanser for God's people. I'd like to say to the publishers who publish the New International Version—"Keep your stinking feet off the Word of God! That's my drinking water."

THE CLEVELAND BROWNS HAD JUST FINISHED PRACTICE WHEN A LARGE TURKEY CAME STRUTTING ONTO THE FIELD. WHILE THE PLAYERS GAZED IN AMAZEMENT, THE TURKEY WALKED UP TO THE HEAD COACH AND DEMANDED A TRYOUT. EVERYONE STARED IN SILENCE AS THE TURKEY CAUGHT PASS AFTER PASS AND RAN RIGHT THROUGH THE DEFENSIVE LINE. WHEN THE TURKEY RETURNED TO THE SIDELINES, THE COACH SHOUTED, "YOU'RE TERRIFIC! SIGN UP FOR THE SEASON, AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A HUGE BONUS." "FORGET THE BONUS," THE TURKEY SAID. "DOES THE SEASON GO PAST THANKSGIVING DAY?"



Dear Bro. Collingsworth,
Words cannot express my gratitude to you, your family, and church for the wonderful weekend with you. You always make me feel so special and loved. Thank you for allowing me to preach to your church, the great accommodations, food, meals, and especially the fellowship with your family.

I am also thankful for the opportunity to have a conference with you. I will do my best to make you glad that you agreed to host it. You have a great church and you are a great pastor. I love you and value our friendship. If I can ever help you or your family, please let me know.

Your Friend,
Dr. Tom Neal

(Dr. Tom Neal is Pastor Emeritus of Berean Baptist Church in Fleming Island, Florida)

TWO WOMEN WERE TALKING AT A HIGH-SOCIETY PARTY. "MY ANCESTRY GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO ALEXANDER THE GREAT," ONE SAID. "HOW FAR BACK HAS YOUR LINE BEEN TRACED?"

"I'M NOT SURE," THE SECOND WOMAN REPLIED. "ALL OUR RECORDS WERE LOST IN THE FLOOD."

A YOUNG MAN WAS TRYING HARD TO IMPRESS A GIRL.

"I WAS CAPTAIN OF OUR BASKETBALL TEAM," HE SAID. "I DRIVE RACE CARS AND MOTORCYCLES. I'M A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST. WE'D HAVE FUN TOGETHER!"

"WOW," THE GIRL REPLIED. "DO YOU HAVE A GROUP PHOTO OF YOURSELF?"

Child Training



Mrs. Francie Taylor

What is greatly lacking today is proper training in character, daily courtesy and basic public behavior. If your child cannot be trusted to go to a grocery store without having a tantrum, you need to spend more time on the character trait of obedience. If your child lies to avoid consequences, several lessons in the importance of honesty are in order. If you repeatedly have to prod your young person to keep up with basic home chores, there is a lack of the character quality of initiative. If your elementary-aged child still doesn't greet people properly, practice at home until the courtesy becomes automatic. Where are the weaknesses in your child-training areas? Find them and zero in on those particular training areas until you see improvements.

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

STRANGE SAYINGS

We think now of its report on Olympic Gold Medal winner, David Wise (Free Style Skiing). NBC's Skyler Wilder reported that David was always smiling, "at the top of his sport," happily married, mature, the father of a two-year-old, attends church regularly, and has a desire to be a pastor some day. So what did Wilder call it? An "alternative lifestyle." I kid you not!

Molly Hemmingway responded in The Federalist: "Isn't it fascinating that NBC views a man taking care of his wife and daughter as an alternative lifestyle? ... If this is any indication of media views on normalcy, our society is pretty much doomed."

And Julie Dietrich wrote about the Mormon Wise: "... alternative lifestyle? Are you kidding me. How is having a wife and child alternative? The kid has character and class."

THE TRUTH ABOUT BENGHAZI!

And, just as most assumed all along, the anti-Muslim video was a false spin to save Mr. Obama's re-election chances. Unfortunately, it worked and we got stuck with him for an additional four years. The public-interest legal organization, Judicial Watch, after a long battle, was able to get the key papers showing the cover-up by the White House that caused Susan Rice to make all the Sunday talk shows with a false story blaming a little known video.

The email that did the damage was headed "Benghazi" and titled "Prep Call with Susan," giving her instruction about how to spin the story to save Mr. Obama's neck. Written by the president's chief foreign policy spokesman, Ben Rhodes, Rice was instructed that her mission was "to convey that the United States is doing everything that we can to protect our people and facilities abroad; [and] to underscore that these protests are rooted in an Internet video, not a broader failure of policy."

She followed the instructions to the letter, saying, for example on the ABC program, "In Cairo, as you know, a few hours earlier, there was a violent protest that was undertaken in reaction to this very offensive video that was disseminated."

And how was Susan's prevarication rewarded? She was promoted to the job of Obama's national security advisor. She did miss out as Hillary's successor as Secretary of State, however. Mr. Obama found someone worse (incredible as it seems) to take that job!

What kind of seed are you sowing?

A BOY WAS SITTING IN HIS GRANDMOTHER'S KITCHEN, WATCHING HER PREPARE THE THANKSGIVING MEAL. "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" HE ASKED. "OH, I'M JUST STUFFING THE TURKEY," SHE REPLIED. "COOL! ARE YOU GOING TO HANG IT NEXT TO THE DEER?"

A PET OWNER CALLED THE POLICE TO REPORT A LOST CAT. "SORRY, BUT THAT'S NOT OUR JOB," THE DEPUTY SAID. "YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND," THE CALLER PLEADED. "THIS IS A VERY INTELLIGENT CAT. HE CAN PRACTICALLY TALK." "YOU'D BETTER HANG UP. HE MIGHT BE TRYING TO CALL YOU NOW."



Kim Kline's Pumpkin Cheesecake

Crust

1 1/4 cup graham crackers & gingersnap crumbs
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spices
1/4 cup melted butter

Pumpkin cheesecake filling

2 packages 8 oz each room temperature cream cheese
1/3 cup granulated sugar
2 tsp. heavy cream

1 egg

1 cup canned or homemade pumpkin puree
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spices

Heat oven to 375°F.

In small bowl, mix the crumbs with the spices and the melted butter. With your fingers, press evenly on the bottom and the sides of a 9" round pan with removable bottom.

Refrigerate for 5-10 minutes.

In a mixing bowl add the cream cheese, 1/3 cup sugar and heavy cream. With the paddle attachment on, stir on low speed until fluffy. Add the egg and blend well. Reserve 2/3 cup of the cheese mixture.

Add the pumpkin puree, brown sugar and pumpkin pie spices to the remaining cheese mixture. Blend well.

Pour the pumpkin cheese mixture into the chilled crust. Spread evenly.

With a spoon, drop dollops of the reserved cream cheese mixture and make some swirls with a fork or knife.

Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes or until the center is set.

Turn the oven off, leave the door open and let the cheesecake to cool for at least 1 hour. Run a knife around the cheesecake for easy removal of the pan. Refrigerate for a couple of hours before slicing.

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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