

“Christ, Our Theme, For 2016”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

APRIL FOOLS

Introduction: To this day, the origin of April Fools’ Day is not certain. Yet in almost every country April Fools’ Day is a day of pranks and mischief.

In Ireland the tradition is that you give a very important letter to someone to be delivered. The person receiving the letter opens it and reads it to the deliverer. The words, “Send the fool further.”

In Scotland, April Fools’ Day is called ‘Huntigowk Day’ which means ‘hunt the gowk’ which means, “go catch a cuckoo.” As a matter of fact a common saying on April Fools is, “Dinna laugh, dinna smile. Hunt the gowk another mile.”

No place will you find as many references to fools as in the Bible. Allow me to share just a few.

FIRST: THE FAITH OF FOOLS.

PSALM 14:1

A fool’s faith is actually in himself. He, or she, is a God unto himself. The fool works, lives, and prays to himself that what he does is what life is all about.

In *Luke 12:16–21* we find the story of a hard-working successful man. This man had it all, yet on the very day he died, God spoke to him and said, “*Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.*” Why so harsh? Because this man used everything that God had provided to get rich, but not once did he ever take the time to think about where he was going when he died.

Psalms 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of God... “

How anyone can examine the sun, moon, and the stars, and come up with evolution is beyond my comprehension.

SECOND: THE FORESIGHT OF FOOLS.

PROVERBS 14:9

“Fools make a mock at sin.”

The word “mock” means to ridicule, laugh at, or imitate. That word “imitate” is interesting. I have had people mock me several times while I was presenting the Gospel. They would say, “I know, I know— For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. I’ve heard all that ‘God stuff’ before.”

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Herod And Easter

Dr. Al Lacy

Acts 12:3 makes it clear that Peter was arrested DURING the days of unleavened bread. Of Herod we read, **“And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (THEN were the days of unleavened bread.)”**

Now WHAT have we learned in Scripture about the TIMING of the Passover and the days of unleavened bread? Remember? The Passover ALWAYS was observed on April 14th. The days of unleavened bread ALWAYS started on the 15th and ran for SEVEN days. Peter, then, was arrested by Herod’s magistrates sometime between April 15th and the 21st, which were the **“days of unleavened bread.”** The passover HAD ALREADY PASSED!!! Yet we read, **“And when he [Herod] had apprehended him [Peter], he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending AFTER EASTER to bring him forth to the people (Acts 12:4),**

Herod was a heathen Roman. He worshipped the goddess Ishtar which is “Easter” in English. The pagan festival, honoring Ishtar, always took place the last few days of April. EASTER, then, was only a few days away! When Herod referred to “EASTER,” he had no reference WHATSOEVER to the Passover! Easter was a SEASON of several days. The Passover was ONE day. Herod’s plan was to execute Peter AFTER the heathen holiday, known as “Easter” was over. Again, I say, Herod’s use of the word “Easter” HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PASSOVER! Hence, the King James translators were RIGHT ON TARGET when they translated ‘pascha’ as ‘Easter’ in Acts 12:4!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HALLELUJAH! Ring the bells for the God of the King James Bible, and play a dirge for the Alexandrians and their puny little god who can’t seem to producer an inerrant, infallible inspired TRANSLATION!!!

CAN I TRUST MY BIBLE’S TRANSLATION? If you have an AV1611 King James Bible, you can!



Social Networking’s Negative Effect On Students

Dr. M. H. Tabb

A major disadvantage of using social networking websites is the fact that many students get addicted to them. The many hours spent on social networking could obviously be put to much better use on their academic work. Certainly, their grades could be greatly improved. Many students’ GPA is drastically lowered because of such addiction.

Furthermore, some people tend to use their social networking sites late into the night. Such activity can lead to many problems, including health issues. Loss of needed sleep can manifest itself in school problems, such as bad attitudes or the failure to do homework. It can also cause job-related problems, such as being habitually late for work or errors and accidents due to one’s lack of alertness.

Another potential problem is the fact that the more social networking done on one’s computer, the greater the possibility of falling prey to hackers. That could easily lead to such tragedies as identity theft or having one’s bank account cleaned out. Hackers can also launch all sorts of spam and virus attacks.

Most young people do not realize that whatever they post on a social network site can later be used against them. Their posts can create serious difficulties concerning employment. Or, things they posted can be used in court cases. What may be intended for the eyes of friends only can easily fall into the wrong hands.

The fool has no foresight. The fool never sees what is coming down the road for their children or their marriage.

Illustration: The modern day comedy shows are filled with sexual references. Many of them mock the drinking of alcohol. The sad truth is that “we reap what we sow.” Right now, drunkards are everywhere. We have more babies born out of marriage than ever before. We have an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases. What are the comedians doing? Making a joke out of these deadly sins that are ruining society.

THIRD: THE FATHERS OF FOOLS.

PROVERBS 17:21

“He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow, and the father of a fool hath no joy.”

Illustration: When I was a young boy, one of our next-door neighbors had a son that was very rebellious. He would sneak off and drink until he was drunk and then come home. One day, three young men made the mistake of asking him for a ride home. They did not know he had been drinking. He began to speed and lost control of the car. All three of those young men died that day. He survived, but all three of his passengers died. The young man’s father was never the same, for his drunken son just ruined everything his dad had spent his life building. I knew the family, and I watched as the father slowly died from a broken heart. He never smiled again.

FOURTH: THE FOOL OF ALL FOOLS.

MATTHEW 27:1-5

“Then Judas which had betrayed him ... went and hanged himself.”

Judas, just like untold thousands through the years, realized too late what others had tried to teach him about Jesus Christ and eternal life.

Illustration: II Samuel 3:33, “And the king lamented over Abner and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?”

Why did David ask such a question? Because Abner was literally standing at the entrance of one of the cities of refuge. One more step and he would have been safe. But he was sidetracked by Joab. He paused to speak to a sworn enemy. Joab walked up as a friend and stabbed Abner to death. Are you standing at the door, but not in?

John 10:9, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.”

The fool of all fools is the one to stand at the door of eternal life, yet does not enter.

Conclusion: Just because it is April, you do not have to be a fool. Why not take time to examine your faith today? Why not make sure that when this life is over you do not die as a fool?

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)



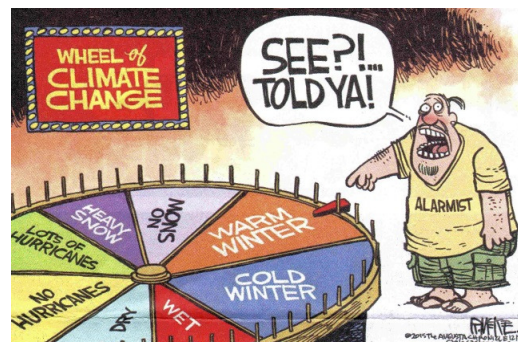
Prayer of Service

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (Acts 9:6)

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



This year’s Special Guest Speaker for the Ladies Annual Retreat is Mrs. April Hernandez.



Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last ten (10) years in a row! An entire decade! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!



I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY PHD IN ENGINEERING FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, BUT MY KIDS DON'T NECESSARILY SEE THAT AS WORK. AS WE WERE DRIVING PAST WALMART ONE DAY, MY SON SPOTTED A NOW HIRING SIGN AND SUGGESTED THAT I COULD GET A JOB THERE.

HOPING TO MAKE A POINT, I ASKED, "DO YOU THINK THEY'RE LOOKING FOR AN ENGINEER?"

"OH, SURE," HE SAID. "THEY'LL HIRE ANYBODY."

CHRISTOPHER FIELDS, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

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Dr. Tom Neal
Jacksonville, FL



Dr. Greg Neal
Jacksonville, FL



Dr. Terry Sellars
Ludowici, GA



Bro. Dan Cox
New Smyrna Beach, FL

A WOMAN NOTICED HER HUSBAND STANDING ON THE BATHROOM SCALE, SUCKING IN HIS STOMACH.

"HA! THAT'S NOT GOING TO HELP," SHE SAID.

"SURE, IT DOES," HE SAID. "IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN SEE THE NUMBERS."



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

Never Alone

I told a story a while ago about some young people from our bus ministry who got into severe trouble due to immorality. The young man was in my husband's Sunday school class, and I had the young lady in my class. These two were able to have some time alone, and they were intimate during that unsupervised time. A child was born, but not without a great deal of harm to the couple and almost to the baby as well.

You may have read the story about a young woman who put her newborn baby in the garbage, as it was widely reported in the national news. The young man ended up being charged as a sex offender due to a four-year difference in their ages. Even though the girlfriend testified that their relationship was "consensual," the law stated otherwise, and after being charged with such a serious crime, the young man lost his mind and took his own life.

It was horrible. It was shocking. And it was unnecessary.

Please recognize the risks and hazards of having your young people in unsupervised situations. I don't care if they are in the church building! There may be other people around, but in a great big building that may not be enough, Think this through. Have you ever heard of the back stairway? It's still considered the best place to steal a kiss! Please don't leave your children without a chaperone, It doesn't matter if they are age eight or eighteen. Be available at home during after-school hours or provide an acceptable substitute, and when you aren't with your young people, know where they are and with whom. This is a part of being a wise home builder.



Whose Team Are You On?

Even if you missed the first half of the old TV westerns, you knew who was who. The good guy wore white. He wore a white cowboy hat and rode a white horse. When he went to the saloon he always, to the bartender's astonishment, ordered a glass of milk.

You always knew who the villain was, too. He sported a black hat, twirled a black mustache, and rode a black horse.

Why did sophisticated TV viewers put up with such transparent type-casting? Because there is an elemental truth: what you wear speaks for you. Your appearance tells people whose team you are on.

When you go to a football game, you know who is on your team because he wears your team's uniform. In the same way, you daily wear a uniform. It tells people whose team you are on.

I would find it difficult to trust a banker with greasy long hair and who wore a denim shirt with a stained collar, even if my deposit was insured by the United States Government.

A doctor often knows when his woman patient is getting better when she starts caring again about her appearance.

We tend to think a waitress with bleached hair, skimpy skirt, and exposed bosom probably offers more than the noon lunch special.

We may err in our judgment of the outside. We may make a wrong decision about what the person is really like on the inside. Nevertheless, we do judge people by how they dress, and probably have some foundation for doing so.



Heritage Highlanders April 2016 Schedule

Saturday April 2
Growing in Christ

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday April 23
Laundry

Proverbs 31:14

Saturday April 9
Cooking: Measurements

Proverbs 31:31

Saturday April 30
Soulwinning

John 3:16

Saturday April 16
Baking

Proverbs 31:14



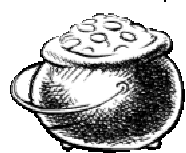
Congratulations to:

Miss Jessica Lynn Collingsworth

Who will be receiving her degree on Friday,
May 20th, at 7:00 PM from Berean Baptist College.

Well done, Jessica Lynn!

Food



Treasure Hunt

Pray, Plan, Promote!

Spring Program—2016
March 13th to May 8th

Wow!

Games



Fun

HORSES



Hayrides

Invite everyone you know!

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

Catholic University Investigated for Having Too Many Crosses Because It's Offensive to Muslims

Catholic University in Washington, D.C., is being investigated for offending Muslims because there are too many crosses on campus.

This situation might be rather humorous if it wasn't foretelling of things to come. American life, culture and the very foundation of both our government and the governments of the West are being shaken by the threat Islam poses to future generations.

A 60-page complaint was filed in the D.C. Human Rights office by a professor from George Washington University Law School. Professor John Banzhaf alleges the "excessive" amount of "Catholic imagery" at the school is offensive, creating a hostile environment for Muslim students.

Jennifer Meadows on sonsoflibertymedia.com

Military Leaders Call For Drafting Women

A few fierce congressional opponents of allowing women to serve in brutal ground combat jobs hoped to slow momentum toward full gender integration by highlighting for fellow lawmakers the next logical step: requiring all young women 18 to 26 to register for the draft.

The strategy failed. Within days of Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., and Rep. Ryan Zinke, R-Mont., introducing the Draft America's Daughters Act of 2016 (H.R. 4478), Army and Marine Corps leaders testified that female draft registration was indeed the next logical step after full gender integration.

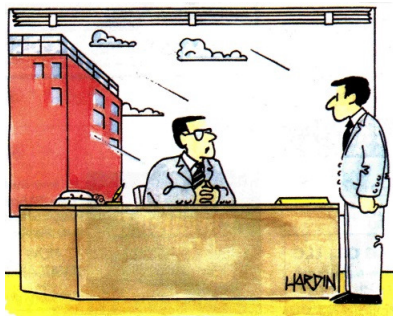
More surprisingly, they support the idea.

Women not only should be able to compete for any ground combat skill or unit previously closed to them, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 15, but all eligible young women "should register for the draft," like their male counterparts.

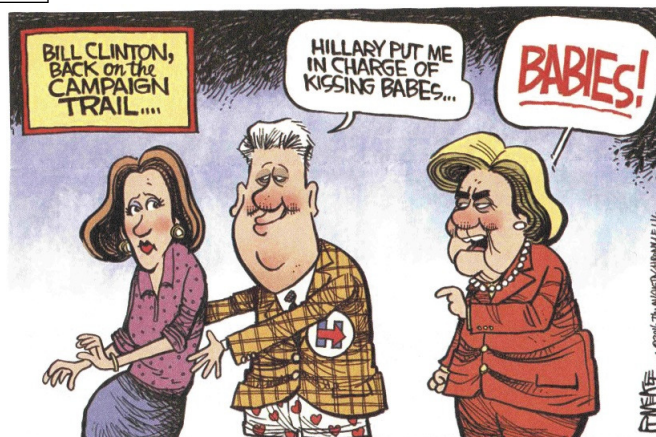
Milley also warned that full gender integration across skills would sustain readiness "if, and only if, we maintain and enforce rigorous combat-readiness standards, we remain a merits-based, results-oriented organization, and we apply no quotas and no pressure."

Gen. Robert Neller, commandant of the Marine Corps, wasn't as keen on gender integration of all ground combat skills, telling senators there are still many unknowns as far as implementation.

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?



"Lee, we are all just numbers here—but I'm a **BIG** number."



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

- 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 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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