

“Christ, Our Theme, For 2016”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

THE OFFICE OF PASTOR

Introduction: The office of the pastor is often misunderstood even by devout Christians, yet the office is one of the keys to understanding spiritual growth in the local church.

Ephesians 4:11 reads, “*And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.*”

Ephesians 4:12 reads, “*For the perfecting (maturing) of the saints...*”

Throughout the New Testament church epistles the office of pastor is revealed as a necessary office, and the pastor being God’s shepherd in the local church.

So many churches would be so much more blessed if they understood the role of a pastor.

Allow me to reveal three wonderful truths about the pastor.

FIRST: THE POSITION REVEALED.

EPHESIANS 4:11

By His Ordination – He is called out and set apart from others as the property of God, God’s servant and the church’s leader. *Titus 1:5*

By His Designation – Three terms for the same office:

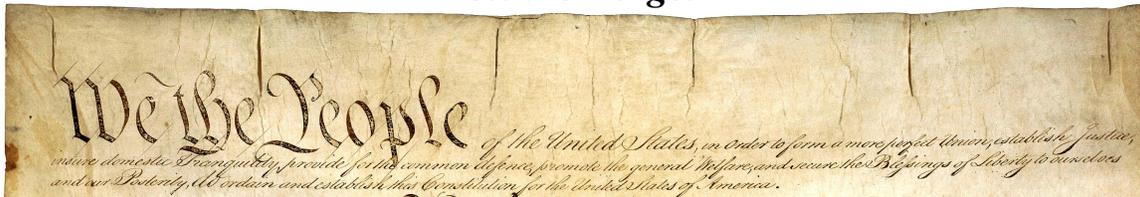
1. Bishop: means overseer – *I Timothy 3:1-7*
2. Elder: Means mature ruler – *Hebrews 13:7-17*
3. Pastor: means shepherd – *Ephesians 4:11*

By His Congregation – How he should be viewed.

1. He is not an employee, but a leader anointed and appointed.
2. He is not just another church member, but is placed into leadership.
3. He is not an ornament, but an implement to be used of God to plow, plant, prune and reap.

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Lest We Forget



What's the point of a national constitution? Ours was originally put together in Philadelphia in 1787, by 55 men who were concerned that the governments of the individual 13 states were doing a poor job securing the rights of the people, particularly quiet enjoyment of their property and engagement in trade and commerce. The result was a document creating a federal government with the power to create an orderly national economy that could promote commerce, but could also place some limits on misbehavior in the states. The mechanisms chosen to do this, however, also placed some limits on the federal government itself - again, to safeguard the rights of the American people. As U.S. schoolchildren used to learn, the two principal devices employed were separation of powers and federalism.

The Constitution, then, should be understood as a means of restraining the power of government in order to protect the rights of the people. Eighteenth-century Americans understood something we have all but forgotten: there is no greater danger to a republic like ours than the exercise of arbitrary power by government officials. As James Madison explained in the famous Federalist Paper No. 51, if men were angels no government would be necessary, but since they are not an important task of republican government is to protect the people from the government itself. The framers of the 10th Amendment, which provides that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people," were acting on Madison's insight, and making clear that our Constitution was supposed to be creating a federal government of limited and enumerated powers. Further, the primary lawmaking power in the United States was supposed to vest in the people themselves, acting through their state and local governments.

The framers understood that this limitation of the power of the federal government, pursuant to the principle that we now call "federalism," was one of the two best means of protecting the sacred rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness spoken of in our Declaration of Independence.

Heritage Highlanders August 2016 Schedule



<u>Saturday August 6</u> Cleanliness: Inwardly and Outwardly	1 Samuel 6:7	<u>Saturday August 20</u> Back to School!	2 Timothy 2:15
<u>Saturday August 13</u> Cooking: Healthy Snacks	Psalm 139:14	<u>Saturday August 27</u> Soulwinning	Romans 10:13

Special Chicken Salad

Sweet corn	2 bone-in whole chicken breasts, halved	1 1/2 tsp. coarsely chopped fresh oregano
bitter arugula	Extra-virgin olive oil	1/2 cup Whole Citrus Vinaigrette
salty Pecorino (<i>Michael Chiarello's simple combination is wonderfully satisfying</i>)	Salt and freshly ground pepper	1 1/2 oz. Pecorino cheese
	3 cups packed arugula	
	2 cups fresh corn kernels (3 ears)	

Prepare grill and let burn down to medium-hot coals. Brush chicken breast on both sides with olive oil; season well with salt and pepper. Grill over coals, skin side down, until well browned, about 2 minutes. Move to edge of grill, away from direct heat; cover grill loosely and cook, turning once or twice, until opaque throughout, about 20 minutes.

While chicken is cooking, make salad. Combine corn kernels, arugula, and oregano in a bowl. Add vinaigrette, toss and season with salt and pepper. With vegetable peeler, shave cheese onto salad. Toss lightly.

To serve, arrange chicken on plates and pile salad alongside. Serves 4.

SECOND: THE PURPOSE STATED.**ACTS 20:28-31**

1. To feed the flock.
2. To oversee the flock.
3. To protect the flock.
4. To, yes, fleece the flock – tithes and offerings come from the sheep.

THIRD: THE PROPER RESPECT.**I TIMOTHY 5:17-19**

1. Entreat him – talk respectfully – *I Timothy 5:1*
2. Pay him – *I Timothy 5:17* makes it plain that he should be paid according to his position. (Does he mean) more to you than a truck driver, police officer, college teacher? Look up the word “(double)”.
3. Defend him – *I Timothy 5:19*

Conclusion: The office of pastor is one of the most important discovered in the Word of God. God’s blessing is on those who execute the office faithfully and those who honor it Scripturally.

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 LONELY WOMAN BOUGHT A PARROT FOR COMPANIONSHIP. AFTER A WEEK, THE PARROT HASN'T UTTERED A WORD, SO THE WOMAN GOES BACK TO THE PET STORE AND BUYS IT A MIRROR. NOTHING.

THE NEXT WEEK, SHE BRINGS HOME A LITTLE LADDER. POLLY IS STILL INCOMMUNICADO, SO THE WEEK AFTER THAT, SHE GIVES IT A SWING, WHICH ELICITS NOT A PEEP. A WEEK LATER, SHE FINDS THE PARROT ON THE FLOOR OF ITS CAGE, DYING. SUMMONING UP ITS LAST BREATH, THE BIRD WHISPERS, "DON'T THEY HAVE ANY FOOD AT THAT PET STORE?"

A restaurant posts a sign that says “\$500 if we fail to fill your order.” A customer decides to put it to the test by ordering “elephant ears on rye.” The waitress writes down his order and walks to the kitchen. Seconds later, the chef storms out of the kitchen, goes to the customer’s table, and slams down five hundred-dollar bills.

“You got me,” he tells the customer. “But I want you to know that this is the first time in ten years we’ve been out of rye bread.”

I WAS TEACHING THE STORY OF LAZARUS TO MY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. "AFTER HIS DEATH, MANY PEOPLE GATHERED TO CONSOLE MARY AND MARTHA," I SAID. THEY TREATED LAZARUS'S BODY, WRAPPED HIM, AND LAID HIM IN THE TOMB. AFTER FOUR DAYS OF MOURNING, LAZARUS STOOD UP AND WALKED OUT OF THE TOMB. NOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK THOSE PEOPLE WERE THINKING THEN?" ONE OF MY STUDENTS SPOKE UP: "ALL THAT WORK FOR NOTHING."

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!



A YOUNG MAN AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE DECLARED THAT HE COULD OUTDO ANYONE IN A FEAT OF STRENGTH. AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES, AN OLDER WORKER HAD HAD ENOUGH. "WHY DON'T YOU PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS?" HE SAID. "I'LL BET A WEEK'S WAGES THAT I CAN HAUL SOMETHING IN A WHEELBARROW OVER TO THAT BUILDING THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WHEEL BACK." "YOU'RE ON, OLD MAN," THE YOUNG MAN REPLIED. THE OLD MAN REACHED OUT AND GRABBED THE WHEELBARROW BY THE HANDLES. THEN HE TURNED TO THE YOUNG MAN AND SAID, "ALL RIGHT. GET IN."

Wending his way through the office cubicles, my son Mike spotted one of his employees playing a video game on the computer.

"Why aren't you working?" Mike asked him.

The employee had an excellent excuse: "I didn't see you coming."

A CENSUS WORKER WALKED UP TO A WOMAN SITTING ON A PORCH.

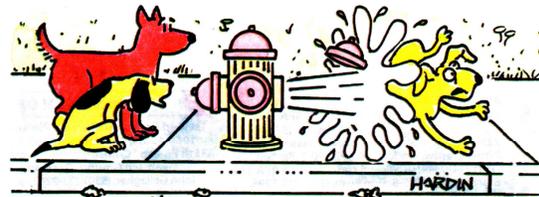
AFTER INTRODUCING HIMSELF, HE SAID, "HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?"

"FOUR," THE WOMAN ANSWERED. "MAY I HAVE THEIR NAMES?"

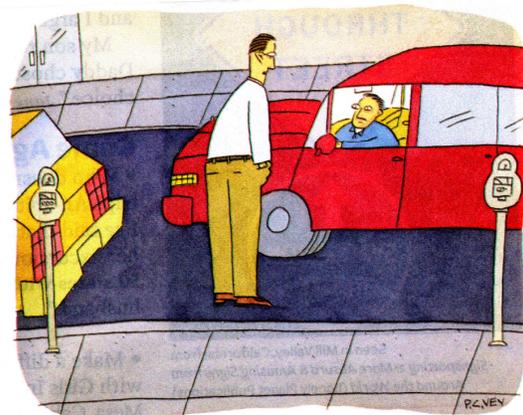
"EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE AND GEORGE."

"WHY DID YOU NAME YOUR FOURTH CHILD GEORGE?"

"WE DIDN'T WANT ANY MOE."



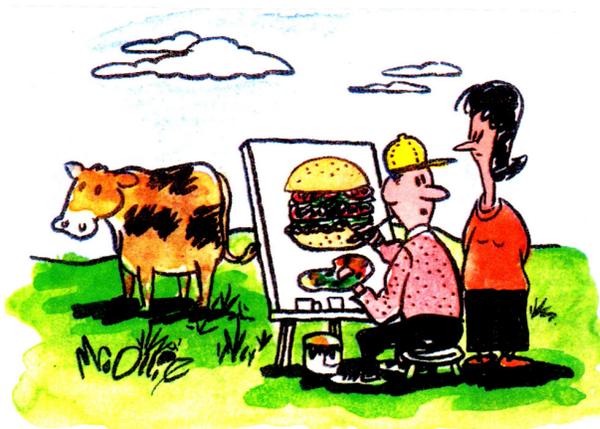
"WOW! I NEVER IMAGINED THEY COULD RETALIATE!"



"Sorry, I'm holding this space until I can find a bank to give me a car loan."

"Never argue with a fool. Onlookers may not be able to tell the difference."

Mark Twain



"I PAINT WHAT I SEE."

Describing The Ministries

Look! Up in the air! It's a bird; it's a plane; it's ... well, you might be surprised. Check these job descriptions to see where

The Pastor

- Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound.
- More powerful than a locomotive.
- Faster than a speeding bullet.
- Walks on water.
- Gives policies to God.

Choir Director

- Able to leap short buildings in a single bound.
- As powerful as a switch engine.
- Just as fast as a speeding bullet.
- Walks on water if the sea is calm.
- Talks with God.

Bus Director

- Clears a quonset hut.
- Loses races with a locomotive.
- Can fire a speeding bullet.
- Odorous.
- Occasionally addressed by God.

Junior Church Director

- Runs into small buildings.
- Recognizes locomotives two out of three times.
- Owns a squirt gun.
- Knows how to use the water fountain.
- Mumbles to himself, often.

Church Secretary

- Lifts buildings to walk under them.
- Kicks locomotives off the track.
- Catches speeding bullets with her teeth.
- Freezes water with a single glance.
- When God speaks, she says, "May I ask who's calling?"

Preach On

If you're preaching from the Bible,
If you're longing for revival, **Preach on!**

Preach on sin and condemnation.
Preach to sinners His salvation.
Preach to Christians consecration, **Preach on!**

If your sermon's from the Lord,
Never mind if some look bored, **Preach on!**

If the Devil looks down on it,
If the critics frown upon it,
Many souls depend upon it, **Preach on!**

If you step on someone's corns,
Take the bull right by the horns, **Preach on!**

Even though we may not like it,
Even though some try to fight it,
Where there's wrong, the Lord can right it,
Preach on!

Let not time be a restriction.
If a sinner's got conviction, **Preach on!**

Christ can save his soul from hell,
Cleanse his heart, and make him well.
Even if it's after twelve, **Preach on!**

From the Law to Revelation,
Christ for every situation, **Preach on!**

Even if your members doubt it,
And say they can do without it,
If you've talked to God about it, **Preach on!**

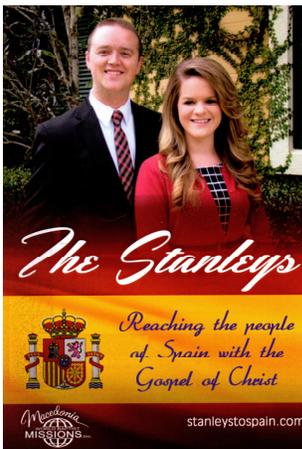
Think of Christ's own message clear,
There for all who wish to hear, **Preach on!**

All are sinners, they must know,
That His blood did freely flow,
And can wash them white as snow, **Preach on!**

In the Holy Spirit's power,
He'll reward you in His hour, **Preach on!**

Broken hearts and sins forgiven,
Blessing here so freely given,
And a crown up there in heaven, **Preach on!**

KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE. HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.



Mike & Beth Payton,
our missionaries to
Nicaragua

A TEENAGER WHO HAD JUST GOTTEN HER LEARNER'S PERMIT OFFERED TO DRIVE HER PARENTS TO CHURCH. AFTER A HAIR-RAISING RIDE, THEY REACHED THEIR DESTINATION.

THE MOTHER CLIMBED OUT OF THE CAR AND EXCLAIMED, "THANK YOU!"

"ANYTIME," HER DAUGHTER REPLIED.

"I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU," HER MOTHER SAID AS SHE SLAMMED THE DOOR. "I WAS TALKING TO GOD."

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Pentagon Adds Transgender Troops to Military

Transgender people will be allowed to serve openly in the U.S. military, the Pentagon announced [June 30]....

...Defense Secretary Ash Carter laid out a yearlong implementation plan declaring that “Americans who want to serve and can meet our standards should be afforded the opportunity to compete to do so.”...

...By October 1, transgender troops already serving should be able to receive medical care and begin formally changing their gender identifications in the Pentagon’s personnel system.

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: So here’s the scheme: a person who imagines himself or herself to be the opposite of his or her biological reality may enter the military, and the rest of us will pay the medical bills for ‘changing his/her gender identity.’

Does Transgender Bathroom Policy Enable Predators?

In the battle across the U.S. over providing transgender access to public restrooms, key groups are divided about the effects of such a policy.

Opponents of transgender access say it would increase sexual assaults and abuse, enabling predators to claim a specific, perceived gender identity to access bathrooms used by potential victims.

Proponents say such a policy is necessary to prevent discrimination against transgender individuals....

The debate continues as President Obama issued a directive... (May 13) advising public schools to allow students who identify as transgender to use bathrooms aligning with their perceived gender identity.

Diana Chandler for BAPTIST

First Transgender Candidates Nominated for National Office

Democrats in Utah and Colorado [have] nominated two transgender candidates, men depicting themselves as women, to represent their party in congressional races this fall.

Misty Snow received the nomination from the Democrats for one of Utah’s U.S. Senate seats, becoming the first transgender Senate candidate from a major party, the Miami Herald reports.

Another Misty, Misty Plowright, won the Democratic primary for a House seat in Colorado.

Lifesitenews.com

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

An efficiency expert concluded his lecture by advising people to not try his techniques at home.

“Why not?” an audience member asked.

“I watched my wife’s routine at breakfast for years,” the expert explained. “She made lots of trips to the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets, often carrying just one item at a time. ‘Honey,’ I suggested, ‘why don’t you try carrying several things at once?’”

“Did it save time?” someone else asked.

“Actually, yes. It used to take her 20 minutes to get breakfast ready. Now I do it in 7.”

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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