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RECOGNIZING THE WOLVES



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Introduction: We are to be aware of the existence and abundance of false preachers. Our Lord Jesus Christ describes them as “wolves.” They are also described as being dressed in “sheep’s clothing.” *Matthew 7:15*, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.” *Acts 20:28-30*, “...after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in...”

Now that we have established their existence we need to know how to recognize them. Remember, they are disguised.

FIRST: THE DECEPTION THEY PRACTICE.

II PETER 2:3

“and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you.”

1. Feigned—to fabricate, to make it up, or fake it.
2. Merchandise—to sell, to exchange, to market you.

What this is saying is that wolves in sheep’s clothing merely use their made up words to get you to follow them and they may use you to gain profit.

Illustration: For this bulletin I deliberately watched several television preachers. I saw the pretense of the Word of knowledge. I saw the hitting of people in the head and watched them fall backward. Then I watched the promise of getting money if you would sow money to these same preachers as they made merchandise of their religion and their followers. What a sham!

SECOND: THE DOCTRINES THEY TEACH.

I TIMOTHY 4:1

“...giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils...”

Notice. *Romans 10:17*, “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them.”

I did not say that; God’s Word says that.

Illustration: A man said to me when I was out soul winning, “You Baptists! All you do is talk about doctrine. Don’t you know that there is more to religion than doctrine?” I said, “Yes! But everything I believe is based upon a Bible doctrine.”

- Salvation by grace. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- Baptism by immersion. *Acts 3:8*
- The Local New Testament Church. *Ephesians 5:25, Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 16:18*
- The Word of God. *II Peter 1:23*

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Dr. M. H. Tabb

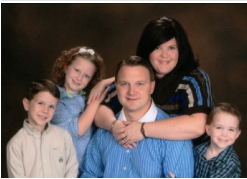
Online Predators

The FBI says that “predators are everywhere online.” They work incessantly to track children online. They do not stand out, but are like everyone else. They are “mostly male, although we are seeing an alarming trend of female predators. Male predators are often married with children.” They may well be a professional, upstanding person in the community, but leading a deviant lifestyle through the internet.”

It cannot be stressed enough that parents need to pay close attention to their children’s online activities, taking preventative measures to protect their children from online predators. No parent wants his child to become a victim.

Here are a few FBI statistics that parents should be aware of:

- More than 500,000 predators are online everyday.
- Children twelve to fifteen years old are susceptible to being groomed and manipulated by offenders online.
- FBI statistics show that more than 50% of victims of online sexual exploitation are twelve to fifteen years old.
- Eighty-nine percent of all sexual advances toward our children take place in internet chat rooms and through instant messaging.
- In 27% of exploitation incidents, predators asked kids for sexual photographs of themselves.
- Four percent of kids get “aggressive,” sexual solicitations that include attempts to contact them offline.



The Mark Montgomery Family will be with us October 10th-11th, 2018 at 7:30 each night.



Precious Memories

On July 31, 2015, Heritage Baptist Church had the honor of hosting the wedding of Elizabeth Robinson and Andrew Myers. What a fine young couple!

THE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOGS AND CATS IS THAT DOGS HAVE OWNERS AND CATS HAVE STAFF.



Heritage Highlanders August 2018 Schedule

Saturday August 4

Lesson on Attitudes

Saturday August 11

Cleanliness: Inwardly and Outwardly

Phil. 2:14

1 Samuel 16:7

Saturday August 18

Cooking: Healthy Snacks

Saturday August 25

Back To School

Psalm 139:14

2 Tim. 2:15

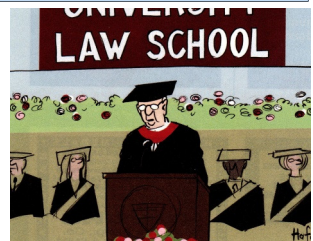
A man tried to sell his dog to a neighbor. “This is a talking dog,” he said, “and he’s yours for \$5.”

“I don’t believe you,” the neighbor replied. “There’s no such thing as a talking dog.”

Just then, the dog looked up dolefully and said, “Please buy me, sir. This man has been cruel to me. He never takes me for a walk, he buys me the cheapest dog food and he makes me sleep in the garage. He doesn’t realize what a special dog I am. I swam the Atlantic two years ago, and I went to the North Pole the year before that.”

“Wow!” the neighbor exclaimed. “You were right! This dog can talk! So why are you selling him so cheap?”

The owner replied, “Because I’m sick of his lies.”



**“FUTURE BARRISTAS...
EXCUSE ME, BARRISTERS...”**

Fall Program—2018

September 16th to November 18th

HORSES

Food



Treasure Hunt

Wow!

Games



Fun



Hayrides

- Marriage. *Matthew 19:5*

Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine..."

I have met people who claim to be Christian that say they believe there is more than one way. I have met Christians who have told me not to criticize other religions, and not call them heretics. Yet the Bible plainly states, "*Contend for the faith.*" *Jude 3.*

THIRD: THE DIRECTION THEY TRAVEL.

II TIMOTHY 3:5-6

Notice: "*Led away.*"

When you listen to the wrong teachers, and when you follow the wrong people and when you associate with the wrong crowd, then you will become like them. Why? Because it is a scientific certainty that whoever you associate with will eventually have an effect on your life.

Proverbs 27:19, "As in water, face answereth to face, so the hand of man to man."

FOURTH: THE DUTY OF EVERY CHILD OF GOD.

II TIMOTHY 2:15

The best safe-guard against false preachers and religions has always been the careful study of God's Word. It is the neglect of God's Word that allows so many to fall prey to false preachers and false religions.

The plain truth is that most that profess Christ are so busy in the world that they forget the Word.

Conclusion: You that are reading this article, bear in mind these warnings.

The false preachers, the wolf in sheep's clothing, those that he or she has influenced with false doctrine work deliberately to make you part of their merchandise.

May I say that there is a clear difference between error and truth, but God leaves the choice to you to discover the difference.

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)



Mrs. Francie Taylor

The Heart

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23

When I was in college, I met a group of people who were worldly-wise. They loved to party, drink, stay out late, and do whatever they pleased. I had never lived like this, as I grew up in a very conservative home. My dad had passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack during our elementary years, and my widowed mom was very serious about her role as the single parent of four young ladies.

As I look back at it now, I honestly wonder how my mom stayed sane.

A young person can do so many things to ruin his life, and most any one of these can be done in sixty seconds or less. The new "friends" I so easily embraced were floundering and flailing their way through life, pretending to know what they were doing while actually making up the rules as they went along. I knew that something was wrong. Like so many friend groups, this one had a pecking order, and I was definitely not the leader of this pack. My heart was unguarded, and my life was on a destructive path.

As time went on, my heart began to ache—not physically but spiritually. God never meant for us to live outside His protective and loving boundaries; so if we try it, we're going to hurt and get hurt. It was during this time that I really started wondering if there was something better.

After college, I took a job with a Christian-owned company that provided exercise facilities for men and women, but in separate workout areas. It was during my job interview at this company that I was introduced to not just something more but to Someone greater—Christ. I trusted Christ as my Saviour during the job interview.

After salvation, I was immediately given a Bible and began to study five psalms and one chapter of Proverbs each day. This habit unfolded what it meant to 'keep the heart.' A heart keeper is a guard of sorts, protecting this most vital organ from spiritual harm. An unguarded heart is open to attack and so many confusing assaults.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last thirteen (13) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. For our "Old-Time Religion" Conference.
4. A Clear Title—We have paid off our church property!



Miss Cassidy Brooke Kline Is Headed For College.

From Our Church Prayer List

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Ed Hosey
3. Paul Snyder
4. Anita Miller
5. Michelle Lemons
6. Kevin McClain
7. Harold Cooper

I like to tell my co-workers, "Don't even talk to me until I have my coffee." And then I never get coffee.

What America Should Be

A picture window let America be
Where the outside world,
Looking in will see,
A family grouped
In liberty's light,
Inviting them in
To share freedom's right.

Ethel P. Travis



"Some of his Facebook friends are contesting the will."



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Heritage Baptist
Academy
Classes Begin
August 24th, 9:00 AM

Traveling through the Midwest, I stopped at an Ohio welcome center to pick up a state map. I found plenty of travel brochures but no maps. Then I spotted two employees and asked whether they had any. "Sure," said the first guy. "I'll get you one." As he walked to the back, the second guy explained, "We keep them in the storage room. If we leave them out on the counter, people just come in and take them."



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth PREPARING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Getting your child ready for the next school year is not just needed for the child, but for the entire family. The Bible tells us that a three fold cord is not easily broken. Those three folds are the home, the church, and the school. Success for your child involves all three. Too many people expect that the church alone will make their child spiritual, or the school will give them a good education, not realizing that the involvement in all three are needed.

I would like to share some important key factors that will help students and families for the school year.

1. Daily family devotions are important. Pray for, and with your child, especially before they leave for school.
2. Have a positive attitude about school and learning. Any negative attitude or conversation about school comes from somewhere. Learning and studying can be fun, but if you start off negative minded you have already built up roadblocks that are major hindrances to learning.
3. Schedule is especially important during the school year. Going to bed, getting up, homework time, play time, daily duties should be scheduled.
4. Look at your child's work. Have younger children, or even older children (who may be struggling in a subject) read aloud. Put the tablets up and do some good old fashioned math flash cards.
5. Set goals and expectations. Praise diligence and going the extra mile in your child's work and study habits. Do not belittle or compare a child to their sibling or someone else their age. Remember they are an individual, uniquely created by God!
6. Prepare for the next day by getting clothes, lunches, school notes signed that evening. Don't wait till morning. Check your school supplies and double check homework to make sure everything is ready and in it's proper place. Don't expect that it's done, inspect to make sure it is done.

Just as repetition is the key to all learning, your daily repetition in your preparation will keep the school year running smoothly.



Dr. Tom Neal

Prayer

Praying, Bible reading, and doing God's work feeds, strengthens, and builds up the inner man. The reason some people are strong is that they have a spiritual life of spending time in prayer, reading their Bible, and doing the work of God. These areas will strengthen the inner man. Failing to do these things leads to spiritual impoverishment, making our inner man weak. Our faith becomes weak, our life becomes weak, and our spiritual strength becomes weak. We become spiritual defeatists when we do not feed that inner man. A strong Christian starts with having a prayer life. When you see a weak Christian, you are looking at someone who does not pray.

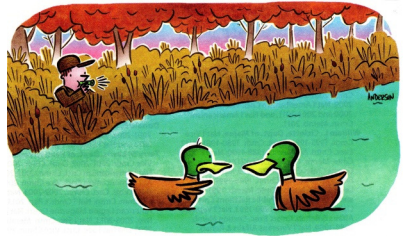
Fanny Crosby that dear blind Gospel hymn writer, expressed the joy of communing with God when she wrote these words:

*O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with friend!*



"LEE, THIS IS GOBBLEDYGOOK. I ASKED FOR MUMBO-JUMBO."

While tallying up a customer's groceries, I sang along with the music playing over the PA system. Suddenly the customer, a sweet elderly woman, asked. "What did you do with the money?" "What money?" I asked. "The money your parents gave you for singing lessons."



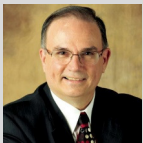
"HOLD ON. I HAVE TO TAKE THIS."

When my local barista handed me my change, one coin stood out. "Look at that. You rarely get one of these old wheat pennies nowadays." I said, tapping the sheaf-of-wheat design. I handed her the penny.

Turning it over and over in her hand, she said. "You know, I always thought they were made of copper."

Linda Neukrug, Walnut Creek, California

How To Respond To Allegations



Dr. Shelton Smith

We are all saddened (or should be) when a brother or a sister in the faith is caught up in sin.

If a crime has been alleged, we must report it promptly to the authorities and cooperate fully with them.

Accusers should always be taken seriously and given whatever help a victim would need.

Allegations must be addressed without fail, but the accused should not be judged guilty without substantive evidence.

All cases of accusation are laden with hurt and heartache. Real people with real hurts have real needs. In our efforts to help the accuser and the accused, we too sometimes get hurt. That's just a part of the ministry. We can't shield ourselves from the realities of the tragic situations.

Honesty and integrity are the backbone and the bedrock of all that we do. However sad the day, whatever the day may bring and whoever is involved, as Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Christians, we must step up, bear the load and do our best to do right.

As events unfold before us, let's be prayerful with our words, let's be scriptural in our actions, let's be Christian in our attitudes, let's be firm in our resolve, let's be gentle in our dealings with others, let's remember our testimony before a lost world and let's not lose heart in the process.

May God bless you with wisdom and discernment as you face the world and serve the Saviour.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

At Graduation, No Tassel Without Tussle Over Faith

There's power in the name of Jesus and the administrators of West Prairie High School must know it. Hours before Valedictorian Sam Blackledge was scheduled to give his graduation speech, he was called into the principal's office. And it wasn't to congratulate him on the personal testimony he'd included.

...Sam told Fox News's Todd Starnes, "They told me that if I took out Christ I could say everything else." There's just one problem, he pointed out. Without Christ, not much about the speech mattered. Sam fought to keep the text, explaining that his relationship with Jesus is what impacted his life. The principal didn't budge, insisting that it wasn't "appropriate for the setting." Sam offered to start his speech with a disclaimer, and the answer was the same: no.

...School officials should remember that students retain their constitutional rights to freedom of expression from the schoolhouse gates all the way through the graduation ceremony," First Liberty's Jeremy Dys argued.

Unlike a lot of the graduation dust-ups, West Prairie took direct aim at the name of Jesus. To them, that's what's offensive. *ffc.org*

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

Professor Alan Dershowitz Exposes the ACLU: "A Partisan, Hard-Left" Group That Doesn't Care About Civil Liberties

Harvard professor and legal scholar Alan Dershowitz slammed the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) on Fox & Friends [April 16] for neglecting the fight for civil liberties and bowing to a political agenda...

Dershowitz said the ACLU has an extreme liberal bias and has forgotten its original mission of fighting for the rights of all Americans.

"It is absolutely political," he concluded. "It's a partisan hard-left political organization which no longer cares about the civil liberties of all Americans. It is agenda driven, money driven and anti-Trump driven."

— *Nice Givas, bizpacreview.com*

Test Scores "Dismal"

The results of the 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) give us ample reason to refocus our attention and redouble efforts to make education work for all learners at all levels. NAEP, also known as the "Nation's Report Card," is the gold standard of assessments. It measures students on all the core subjects-not in comparison with other students, like many tests, but in comparison with what students should know and be able to do.

The most recent scores on reading, math and writing, released [in April], are dismal. Fewer than half of students are rated "proficient" in each of these subjects. The only significant change since 2015 is a one-point increase in eighth-grade reading. Otherwise, we look a lot like we did in 2011. *Jeanne Allen,*

NOTHING RUINS A FRIDAY MORE THAN REALIZING IT'S ACTUALLY TUESDAY.

Our Church Ministries

1. Fishermens' Club
2. Phoster Club
3. Bus Ministry
4. Sunday School
5. Welcome Wagon
6. Bookstore
7. Music Ministry
8. Counseling Ministry
9. Grounds and Maintenance
10. Heritage Baptist Academy
11. Nursery
12. Boys Bible Club
13. Girls Highlander Club
14. Cleaning Ministry
15. Teen Club
16. Junior Church
17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
18. Ushers
19. Altar Workers
20. Greeters

Lest We Forget



Andree Borrel

In 1940, Winston Churchill began a top secret service organization. It was called the Special Services Executive Agency, or (SOE). One of the first to join was a beautiful young lady by the name of Andree Borrel. After taking extensive training, Andree was the first woman ever to parachute behind enemy lines in occupied France.

This courageous young woman accomplished assignment after assignment against the German forces until she was captured and executed by the Germans.

Today, she is a legend. She was awarded some of the highest honors at war's end, and now at the place of her execution is a memorial dedicated to her memory.

After the war, France awarded Miss Borrel the Croix de Guerre for her bravery and sacrifice.

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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