

“BUILDING ON OUR DREAM IN 2019”



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THE LOVE OF GOD



Introduction: The great love chapter is not I Corinthians 13, but II John chapter 4. I also want to remind you that the Apostle Paul was not known as the disciple of love, but the Apostle John was. Yes, the Apostle John put into written words, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Through the years I have heard the greatest of preachers preach on the love of God. I have heard the great John R. Rice, Jack Hyles, Curtis Hutson, and scores more, but not one touched the hem of the garment as to the subject of the love of God.

There is absolute proof that God loves us. Not only has God told us over and over in His word that He loves us, but He has demonstrated His love a thousand times over.

Allow me to reveal during this Valentine's Day month, the month of love, just a few observations concerning the love of God.

FIRST: THE PREMINENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

I JOHN 4:19

"...he first love us..."

The love of God has always preceded anyone's love for Him. God loved you before there was anything in you to love. We should have been seeking God to love Him, but instead He sought us to love.

Before I ever saw my need to be forgiven of my sins and be saved, God loved me.

Before I ever repented of my sin or exercised any faith in Christ, God loved me.

Before anyone ever opened their heart, before anyone ever accepted the finished work of Christ on the old rugged cross, God loved us.

By the way, no matter how young you were before you started loving God, His love came first. His love is preeminent.

SECOND: THE PERMANENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

JEREMIAH 31:3

"...I have loved thee with an everlasting love..."

In spite of all our shortcomings and sins, coldness of heart and often backsliding, God still loves us. He loved us when we were unlovable in order to make us lovable. Time and time again each of us has been unlovely and unclean, yet God still loved us.

We cannot and did not earn His love. We did not keep His love after we understood it by our own righteousness. He may not always be pleased with me, but He will always love me.

The love of God is without beginning and is without a pause. There is never a moment in time that God stops loving us. It is forever.

THIRD: THE PRECIOUSNESS OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

EPHESIANS 3:19

"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge..."

We should so desire now that we love God more than we have ever loved Him. We should love Him tomorrow more than we love Him today because of the knowledge we have gained



Dr. Tom Neal

What Should Break Our Hearts

Daniel 10:2 says, ***“In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.”***

I have not met anyone lately who has been mourning for three full weeks unless he was mourning the death of his dog, something that did not work out right, a friend who got mad at him, or something else that went wrong in his life. We have unsaved loved ones and we do not even shed a tear. We do not mourn. We have vile, wicked, sinful people destroying our country and its decency, and nobody gets alone with God to weep. When Nehemiah had been weeping over the city of God, his countenance was so changed that the king had to ask him what was wrong with him. It ought to break our hearts that people are going to Hell and our country is on a downward spiral into judgment. Nobody seems to care.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN...

THREE ELDERLY GENTLEMEN WERE TAKING A STROLL IN THE PARK. THE FIRST MAN SAID, "ISN'T IT WINDY?" THE SECOND MAN REPLIED, "I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S THURSDAY." THE THIRD MAN SAID, "ME TOO. LET'S GO GET SOME LEMONADE."



John Wayne's Grilled Texas Toast

Serving bread to kick off a meal is a no-brainer, but this Texas toast will exceed everyone's expectations. Cooked on the grill, coated with garlic butter and sprinkled with cheese, this toast will make plain ol' rolls seem like chopped liver.

2 sticks butter, softened	2 loaves white bread, cut	Shredded Monterey Jack
8 garlic cloves, pureed	into 1-inch thick slices	cheese, if desired
Salt and pepper, to taste		

1. Mix butter and garlic together in a bowl, adding salt and pepper to taste.
2. Brush both sides of the bread with the mixture and put the bread on the grill. Grill each side of bread for 1 to 2 minutes or until it turns a light golden brown.
3. Right before you pull bread from grill, add a pinch of cheese if you want. When it melts, move the toast to a plate and serve.

LAST NIGHT I DREAMED OF A BEAUTIFUL WALK ON A SANDY BEACH. THAT EXPLAINS THE FOOTPRINTS I FOUND IN THE LITTER BOX THIS MORNING.



Dr. Greg Neal

The Real Issue

For a person to ignore what the Almighty God says, he must think very highly of himself. If He is the Creator of the universe, the God of all, the Almighty God, who are we to think that we can ignore what He has said? A person must ask himself, "Who is my authority? Am I my own authority?" We have too many who come to churches and hear the Word of God preached, and then decide what part of the message they will heed. Let me help. Take this as unsolicited advice. Any time this Bible is preached, listen to all of it.

The Word of God is preached, and somebody says, "Well, I just don't know if I agree with that." If a person is watching Sports Center and if the announcer says that some other team is better than another, a person does not have to agree with that. If a person's mother-in-law is lecturing him, he does not have to agree with her. When the Word of God is preached, a person has but one choice. It really does not matter if he agrees with it or not! The issue is not whether we agree with God. The issue is whether we are going to obey Him and submit to Him.

We have too many in our world today to whom God has already spoken, and who say, "I just don't know if I agree with that." Why are we still debating abortion? Has not God already spoken? People say, "Well, we need to put it up before the Supreme Court." No! The Supreme Court does not have authority over God's authority. The Supreme Court had better make sure that it lines up with God and not that God lines up with it.

about Him, but we can never say that God loves us more today than He loved us yesterday.

God has always known everything that could be known about us, yet He loved me from the beginning. He cannot love me more, but He will never love me any less. Nor does He love you more than He loves me. You may love God more than I do, but He does not love you anymore than me. Oh how precious it is to be loved by God.

Conclusion: If we could only get a glimpse of the love of God, it would transform us. There was no reason in any of us that God should love us. But, if God could love me because of something I could have done, then I would have to keep doing whatever it was that caused God to love me, but the Bible says, "God is love." That means His very nature is to love. Yes, that means His very nature is to love us. How wonderful!

God does not love us because it is in our nature to be good, but God loves us because it is in Him to love. If God loved us because we are good, then when our goodness stopped, He would have to stop loving us. But God loves us because He is good, and His goodness will never change.

Will you trust Christ as your Saviour today? You may be at the lowest point you've ever been, but there is a God that loves you.

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)

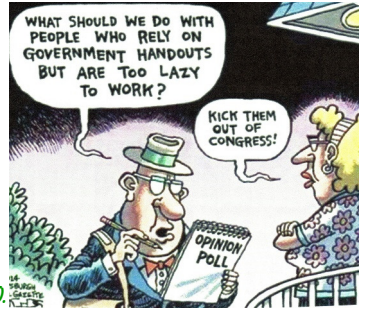
The Pastor's Life

The pastor's life is a mixture of many different things. He is a preacher, a teacher, an administrator, a counselor, an advisor, an author, an educator, a soul winner, a husband, a family man and what ever else a day may require.

A pastor's time is in demand. In order to be effective in his work, he must make a schedule and live by it.

The pastor's primary assignment is the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to fulfill that assignment, preparation time—for prayer, study, research and writing—is essential.

Dr. Shelton Smith



OF COURSE I SHOULD CLEAN MY WINDOWS. BUT PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT, TOO.

Just A Thought



Dr. Bob Gray

What is the sin or sins that haunt you? What is that thing you wish you had never done? What night would you like to live over again? What thing did you do that you wish you could take back? I have some good news for you; Jesus does cures today and tomorrow!

The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is a cleansing agent, according to God's Word. **1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."** The Book, the King James Bible, is also a cleansing agent. **John 15:3, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."**

The heart is the seat of emotions. The heart is deceitful and wicked, according to the Scriptures. It has no brain, and it merely embraces whatever the mind deposits into the heart. **Proverbs 23:7, "For as a he thinketh in his heart, so is he...."** Whatever a man deposits in his heart will make or break him.

In order to overcome whatever life throws at us, we must understand that within the natural realm of the scheme of things, we cannot cope. We became citizens of Heaven when we trusted Christ as payment for our sins. God became our Heavenly Father, and we are to abide by our Father's wishes so that we can live in the heavenlies while we are trapped in this flesh and in this world. We cannot afford to react in the natural world; we must act in the supernatural world. Someone grieves and rejoices at the same time, and those who watch, think something is wrong with that person. They say, "That is not natural." The truth is, they are right. It is not natural; it is supernatural!

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last fourteen (14) 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!
5. In 29 years, Heritage has never cancelled it's services—not Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or Wednesday Night—even in extreme circumstances.

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
8. John Grindel



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

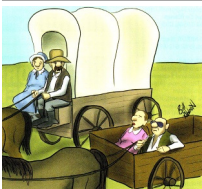
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Just For The Ladies
Friday, July 26th, 2019
7:00 PM
All Ladies Event with
Mrs. Francie Taylor

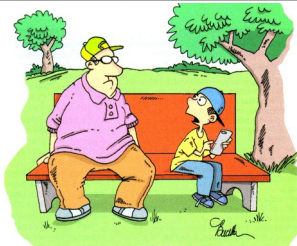


Upcoming Events

Feb 10th Valentines' Day Sunday.
Feb 17th Baby Dedication—Brooklyn
March 17th Spring Program starts with Dr Bob Gray
May 12th Last Day of Spring Program.
Mothers' Day
May 26th Memorial Day Service.
June 23rd-25th Old Time Religion Conference.
July 26th Francie Taylor, Ladies Meeting.



"Convertible. Must be nice."



"I don't know cursive, and you don't know emoji. I'd say that makes us even."



"Your rich, deceased uncle would like you to know he found a way to take it with him."

Seen on a tombstone: "I told you I was sick!"

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Brooklyn Olivia Collingsworth will be dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, February 17th at 11:00 AM

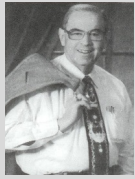


My boss told me, "Don't dress for the job you have. Dress for the job you want." When I showed up in Ghostbusters gear, he fired me.

The Dedication of:

Isa Belle Frick was a beautiful dedication service.





Dr. Jack Hyles

The Bible Defines a Church

I decided that what the New Testament church in Acts had scripturally was what I was going to have in my church. I believe that the First Baptist Church of Hammond is as near as is humanly possible to what the church in Jerusalem was 2,000 years ago. Why are we scattered abroad all over the Chicago area winning souls? Because the church in Jerusalem was scattered abroad everywhere. Why do we go from house to house knocking on doors? Because in *Acts 5:42* the Bible says, **“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”**

Dr. Curtis Hutson gave the best compliment to the First Baptist Church of Hammond when he said, “If God were writing the book of Acts today, He would write about the First Baptist Church of Hammond.” I believe that is the ultimate compliment.

Some say that there are different types of churches such as the soul-winning churches and deeper-life churches. No, we have a church and they do not. The Bible is a church’s charter to exist, and if the Bible is not the church’s final authority in practice and doctrine, then you are not a church. You may have the word “church” on the sign outside, but you are not a church.

A woman woke up with a start one morning. Her husband asked what was the matter, and she replied, “I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine’s Day. What do you think it means?”

“You’ll know tonight,” her husband said. That evening, he came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book titled “The Meaning of Dreams.”

Five Ways to Get Rid of Your Pastor

1. Sit up front, smile, and say “Amen” every time he says something good. He’ll preach himself to death.
2. Pat him on the back and tell him what good work he is doing in the church and community. He will work himself to death.
3. Increase your offering to the church. He will suffer from shock.
4. Tell him you’ve decided to join the visitation group and help win souls for the Lord. He will probably suffer a heart attack.
5. Get the whole church to band together and pray for him. He will get so efficient that some other church will hear about him and give him a call. That will take him off your hands.

Prayer for This Year

God give you faith this coming year
The faith that will not fail the keenest test,
That trusts and sings in midst of fire and storm
And dares rely upon His Word and rest.

God give you hope this coming year
The hope that through the darkness sees afar,
The purifying hope that fondly waits
The rising of the Bright and Morning Star.

God give you love this coming year
His own great love that burns out for the lost,
That intercedes and waits and suffers long,
That never fails nor stops to count the cost.

Margaret D. Armstrong

JUST BEFORE I WAS DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, I BROKE THE NEWS TO MY 8-YEAR-OLD SON. “I’M GOING TO BE AWAY FOR A LONG TIME,” I SAID. “I’M GOING TO IRAQ.”

“WHY?” HE ASKED. “DON’T YOU KNOW THERE’S A WAR GOING ON OVER THERE?”

THOMAS CIOPPA



Dr. Al Lacy

The Mysteries of God

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the MYSTERIES OF GOD.” (1 Cor. 4:1)

Agatha Christie, Dashiell Hammett, A. Conan Doyle, Mickey Spillane and Alfred Hitchcock have given the world many captivating mysteries. But all of their cultured skills, combined, fade into oblivion when compared to the MYSTERIES OF GOD.

The Bible truly could be classified in one sense as a mystery Book. The MYSTERIES OF GOD are found and many of them revealed in the Bible. It speaks of many others which will be revealed when we get to Heaven.

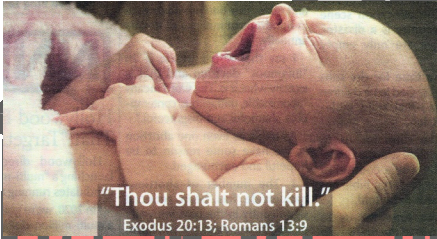
The secret things (mysteries) belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever. (*Deut. 29:29*)

One of my favorite radio programs as a boy was, “I Love a Mystery.” Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, this compelling half-hour kept my ears glued to the radio. I also enjoyed the mysteries of “Suspense,” “Inner Sanctum” and “The Shadow.” But no mysteries have ever so captured and thrilled me as the MYSTERIES OF GOD!

Among the mysteries of the Word of God, is the MYSTERY OF THE ANGELS. These strange creatures appear and reappear in mystical fashion from Genesis to Revelation. As we journey through the pages of Scripture, we see their shadows looming across our path. We see them eating earthly repast, leaving their footprints in the sand, protecting little children, guarding the saints of God, climbing ladders, ascending to Heaven in flame, fighting the devil and carrying saints to God’s Paradise.

We hear their voices proclaiming God’s triumphs, pronouncing woe upon Christ-rejecters, talking to Joseph of Nazareth in a dream and explaining to a young Jewish virgin that she will give birth to God’s Son. Again, we hear their voices telling of the coming of the first Baptist into the world, announcing to humble shepherds that God’s Son has been born and shouting glory to God around His lowly birthplace.

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



"Thou shalt not kill."

Exodus 20:13; Romans 13:9

Wisconsin Ordered to Pay Trans Employees \$780K for Not Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries

A federal jury in Wisconsin awarded two transgender state employees \$780,000...after the state refused to provide health insurance coverage for sex-reassignment surgeries and hormone therapy.

The damages were awarded to [a] University of Wisconsin School of Medicine researcher...and [a] UW graduate student...who were represented by the American Civil Liberties Union. The plaintiffs sued in federal court and their legal team claimed that rules that exclude state health coverage for sex transition surgeries and therapies that doctors have deemed "medically necessary" violate Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

Samuel Smith, christianpost.co

ACLJ Urges Supreme Court to Take Case to End Abortion Based on Sex, Race, Disability

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) has filed a friend-of-the-court brief pushing the Supreme Court to review an abortion case out of Indiana.

The case, *Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky* (PPINK), deals with two provisions of Indiana law that were overturned by the lower federal courts. Humane disposal of the remains of aborted babies is called for in one provision, while the second provision bans abortions that are based on the sex, race or disability of the unborn baby....

The state of Indiana is requesting that the Supreme Court hear the case.

Sarah Curlee, christianheadlines.com

Vaping Among Teens Alarming!

Researchers at the University of Michigan conducted a survey in almost 400 public and private schools to assess the prevalence of vaping among teens. In interviews with 44,482 students, approximately one-third of the students admit that they vaped at least once in the year past.

Vaping is often a gateway to tobacco smoking. Teens may start with vaping with the assumption that it is a safe substitute for tobacco. That assumption is a false premise. Federal officials find the usage level of vaping "alarming."

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

Heritage Highlanders February 2019 Schedule



Saturday February 2

Love and Friendship

Saturday February 9

Valentine's Day Love Notes

1 John 4:7-8

John 13:34

Saturday February 16

Presidents Day Lesson on our forefathers.

Saturday February 23

Soulwinning

Proverbs 1:5

John 3:16

I named my dog Threemiles. It sounds great to say I walk Threemiles twice a day.

Lest We Forget



Thomas W. Custer

Thomas W. Custer was the younger brother of George Armstrong Custer and the first to be a double recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He was only 16 when he joined the 21st Ohio Infantry.

During the Civil War on April 3, 1865, Custer charged a heavily defended Confederate strong point in which he killed several soldiers and personally captured the enemies' flag. Three days later he killed several enemy soldiers and captured three officers and 11 other soldiers. The flag bearer shot him in the face yet he got up, killed the flag bearer and captured his second enemy flag.

For both these actions he received, not one, but two Congressional Medals of Honor.

Thomas Custer was killed in battle along with his two brothers at the Little Bighorn, June 25, 1876.

From a private, he rose to the rank of captain at the time of his death.

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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