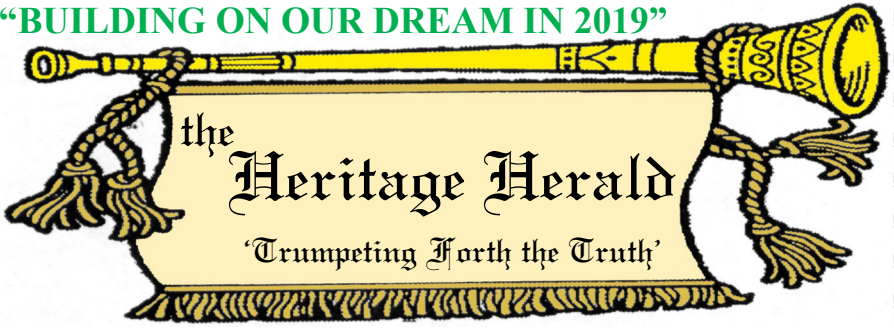


"BUILDING ON OUR DREAM IN 2019"



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The Local Church



Introduction: The church is the only institution that our Saviour Jesus Christ died for. Correct! He died for the church. He did not die for your house, your career, your vacation, or your hobby. He died for the church. Look closely:

Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it."

There are just a few things I desire you to consider in this message.

FIRST: CONSIDER THE CAUTION. ROMANS 16:17

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which caused divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them."

If the church you attend denies the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Jesus Christ, the Virgin birth, the blood atonement, the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, and yes, the doctrine of creationism, then it is not a true Bible believing church.

- Why? Why would you attend a church that denies the that Jesus is the only Saviour?
Why would you attend a church that embraces the world for its standards?
Why would you attend a church that never baptizes their converts?
Why would you attend a church that does not believe the Bible is the final authority?

Caution! Caution! Caution! Caution! Caution!

SECOND: CONSIDER THE CAUSE.

TITUS 1:5

"For this cause left I thee ... set in order the things that are wanting."

I. A PLACE TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE.

EPHESIANS 4:11-12

"And he gave some ... pastors and teachers ..."

God gave to the church pastors not only to lead them, but to give them the proper instructions in order to produce spiritual growth—to perfect and equip the believers not only to know God and His will but to actively serve Him.

II. A PLACE TO OBEY THE GREAT COMMISSION.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

III. A PLACE OF SERVICE.

TITUS 3:8

"They which believe in Christ might be careful to maintain good works."

The church provides both the training and the tools to serve Christ.

THIRD: CONSIDER THE COMPANY.

ACTS 2:41

1. Saved by grace. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
2. Submersed in water. **Acts 2:41**
3. Separated in lifestyle. **2 Corinthians 5:14-18**

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OUR BODYGUARDS

“The ANGEL OF THE LORD encampeth round, about them that fear Him and DELIVERETH THEM.” (Psalm 34:7)

“He shall give His ANGELS charge over thee, TO KEEP THEE IN ALL THY WAYS. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.” (Psalm 91:11-12)

Scripture makes it clear that saved people are encamped about by God’s angels. They are given charge over us to keep us in all of our ways. They are with us to guard and protect us. Even though we are unaware of their presence, they are always near. These wonderful celestial beings even protect us with their hands, lest we be injured or killed. I believe when we get to Heaven and meet the angels who were our personal bodyguards, they will tell us of the many times they delivered us from harm and danger ... times of which we were not aware.

This story came to my ears a short time ago of an intelligent and responsible Christian woman who was involved in a bad automobile collision. After the sound of screeching rubber, crumpling metal and shattering glass had died out in the air, she found herself helplessly pinned against the steering wheel. The pressure was unbearable. Suddenly, while a crowd was gathering, she looked beside her and someone was braced against the seat, feet against the dashboard, spreading them apart. The task would have demanded super-human strength.

Immediately, she felt the pressure relieved as the seat moved backward. As the woman found herself being helped from the car by a couple of people, she turned around to thank the person who had released her. No one was there. The someone had not been seen by any of the bystanders. Explanation? Sure.

John Wayne’s Brussel Sprouts and Bacon



4 strips thick-cut bacon 1 lb. Brussels sprouts
2 tbsp. butter Salt and pepper, to taste
1 small onion, chopped Garlic powder, to taste

1. Heat grill to medium-high. Throw bacon on the grates for 2 to 4 minutes or until crispy. Move bacon to a plate lined with a paper towel, then chop up the slices.
2. Melt butter in a skillet over high heat. Add onions and Brussels sprouts, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until sprouts are golden brown. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste. Toss bacon into pan and mix a bit more before serving.



After 29 years, we are still baptizing converts at Heritage Baptist Church.

My new girlfriend works at the zoo.
I think she’s a keeper.

A boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, “How many women can a man marry?”

“Sixteen,” the boy responded. “How do you know that?”

“Easy. All you have to do is add it up, like the preacher said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.”

Online Predators



Dr. M. H. Tabb

The internet has become a daily part of many young peoples’ lives. For some of them, it is their main place for socializing. It is where they “hang out with friends.” But, in their online activities, they often open themselves up to such dangers as “sexual solicitation, online harassment and bullying, and exposure to problematic and illegal content.”

Dateline NBC did a TV series entitled “To Catch A Predator,” dealing with the solicitation of children for child pornography or sex. It was discovered that it takes an average of twelve hours of online solicitation to lure a boy and seven days to lure a girl into making a physical contact with a predator.

We cannot underestimate the power of the internet over young people. Their immaturity, gullibility, and naïveté automatically place them in potential danger unless they are carefully supervised. A couple of true examples should clearly show that. A fifteen-year-old girl met a twenty-seven-year-old, married man over the internet. She is now under psychiatric care from the results of her meeting with the man. Another girl met a man over the internet and somehow arranged to fly out west to meet him in person. He abused her, and her life is now ruined. *Ecclesiastes 7:16-17* warns about the possibility of destroying oneself and dying before one’s time.

4. Soul winning in practice. **Acts 5:42, Acts 8:4**

By the way the #1 priority of the early church was that of fulfilling the Great Commission. God's last command, "Go," should be our first priority.

FOURTH: CONSIDER THE COMMAND.

HEBREWS 10:25

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is ... "

The local New Testament church was clearly ordained by God for His people. To disobey God in the matter of the local church is clearly a sinful act.

Before we take missing church lightly, it might be a good idea to consider these verses:

James 4:17, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

John 15:14, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Conclusion: To forsake the local New Testament church is not only rebellion against the will of God, but will always result in a ruined testimony. Therefore before you walk away from the local New Testament church you should take time to consider the caution, the cause, the company, and the command.

Will you pray with me?

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)

I WENT TO THE DOCTOR AND HE SAID, "YOU'VE GOT HYPOCHONDRIA." I SAID, "THAT TOO?!!!"

Heritage Highlanders March 2019 Schedule			
	<u>Saturday March 2</u>	Proverbs 31:13	<u>Saturday March 16</u>
	Spring Craft		Soulwinning
	<u>Saturday March 9</u>	II Peter 3:18	<u>Saturday March 23</u>
Growing in Christ		Cooking	
		<u>Saturday March 30</u>	I Timothy 2:9
		Modesty	

A WOMAN DEFENDING HERSELF AGAINST A CHARGE OF UNKINDNESS REMARKED, "I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T LIKE HER. I MERELY REMARKED THAT ALL THE POLISH SHE HAD WAS ON HER FINGERNAILS."



John R. Rice

Three Controversial Subjects

I Cor. 11:6,15 — Eph. 5:22 — I Tim. 2:12

Here are three controversial subjects: (1) Is it a sin for women to cut their hair? (2) Must a wife be subject to, obedient to her husband, ruled by him? (3) Does God ever call or consent for women to be preachers, pastors or evangelists?

The questions are controversial, so weak and fearful preachers avoid these questions. Indifferent Bible students laugh these questions away as of no importance. Many prefer to go by modern opinion without searching the Scriptures. Yet these questions are dealt with so specifically in the Bible and are given such importance that they reach to the very heart of what is wrong with individuals, homes and churches.

A very prominent preacher said to me once, "John, you are foolish to waste time on a subject like that. Women are not going to pay any attention to you about bobbed hair or the way they dress. You are wasting your breath." But that man was mistaken. There are still many good Christian women who want to do right and who are willing to follow the truth if preachers plainly show them the truth in the Bible. And I have proved it. Literally hundreds of women now have long hair as a result of hearing me teach and preach what God's Word says on that subject. Broken homes have been reunited as rebellious wives learned what God's Word has to say about a woman's submission to her husband and surrender to the will of God. Women have given up large mixed Bible classes, refusing to teach men after they learned that it was plainly forbidden in the Word of God.

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!

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



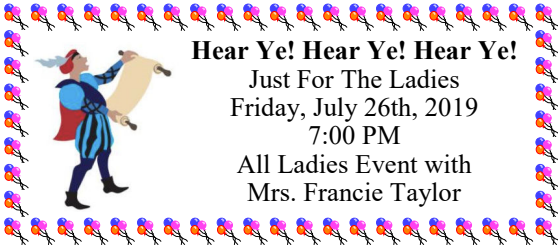
Our Church Ministries

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

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.



I READ THAT AN ARIZONA WOMAN SENT A MAN MORE THAN 159,000 TEXTS AFTER THEY WENT ON ONE DATE. WHEN ASKED WHY, THE WOMAN SAID, "WHY, DID HE ASK ABOUT ME?"

TURN

"Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you." Proverbs 1:23

I said it more than once: "Don't ever try to touch the curling iron. You will get burned, and it will hurt for a long time."

Our young son had a hard time processing that command. I could tell by the look on his little face that he was still considering giving that curling iron a quick touch, just to see for himself. Or to feel it for himself. The scream that came from the bathroom the day he finally got his way could be heard even with the windows closed. Our son had gone into the bathroom and grabbed the curling iron by the hot barrel. Never mind that I had the door closed and that he had been instructed

not to go into the bathroom. This wasn't a baby; this was a four-year-old. Curiosity, along with a healthy dose of stubbornness, won over obedience.

He was fortunate that the burns were only mild, but the big bandage on his little hand was a daily reminder of the cost of ignoring instructions.

Can you be corrected, or do you have to test to see if God is serious about what He said? "I can do this if I want to" has caused a lot of unnecessary pain.

When God says, "Don't go that way," turn around. When God says, "Turn," He is trying to provide another chance for us to reverse our course before we get hurt. Just as our son had a choice and could have left the curling iron alone, we have a choice to turn when we're being corrected.



Mrs. Francie Taylor

A Hammer



*Dr. Jack
Hyles*

Show me a church that does not believe the King James Bible, and I'll show you a church that is not as clean as a church that believes the King James Bible. Show me a church with a pastor who preaches the NIV, and I'll show you a church that is not as separated as that church should be.

In *Jeremiah 23:29*, the Word of God is called a hammer. **"Is not my word... like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces?"** That verse means that the Bible is a builder. How do you build a church? You build it on the Bible. The first Wednesday night that I was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, 40 people attended the service. I started with **Genesis 1:1** and began teaching the Word of God. I've had no Fall Programs, contests, or prizes to promote for Wednesday night crowds. I just announced that every Wednesday night I was going to teach the Bible. This Bible has built the largest Wednesday night crowd in the world. The Bible is the builder, and the churches that believe the King James Bible are the great, growing, soul-winning churches in the world today. Some of my Baptist friends, many about my age, now use the NIV. When they only believed and used the King James Bible, their churches were growing, and people were saved by the hundreds.

If you want to be clean, then get the Bible. If you want to build a church or a home or anything that is right and decent that will last, the Bible is the builder. It's the hammer. Would God give one generation a sledge hammer and another generation a tack hammer? Can a just God not be a respecter of persons? Every preacher whom I know who does not believe there is a perfect Bible, and who claims to preach the Gospel went off to college with a King James Bible. Some dirty professor tampered with him and shook his faith in the Book from which his pastor preached, from which his mama read to him, and the one that he had when he went to college. That preacher went to college with the King James Bible but came back with the NIV or ASV.

God would not give one generation a sledge hammer to build with but the next generation a tack hammer; otherwise, He is not a just God. God is duty bound to give me the same weapon He gave the New Testament Church. God is duty bound to give me the same cleanser He gave the New Testament Church. God is duty bound to give me the same builder He gave the New Testament Church.

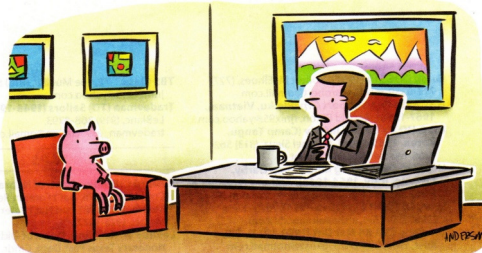
Celebrating 29 Years

Heritage Baptist Church honored Pastor and Mrs. Collingsworth for



29 years of faithful service.

It was noted that Pastor Collingsworth has only missed one church service in 29 years due to illness. The church property is totally paid for. The church has averaged 241 baptisms per year.



"ABSOLUTELY. WITH A NIP AND A TUCK, WE COULD GET YOU DOWN TO A CHINNY CHIN, OR MAYBE EVEN JUST A CHIN."

A District Attorney was having trouble with one of the witnesses, a rather pugnacious old man.

"Are you acquainted with any of the jurors?" he asked.

"More than half," the witness granted.

"Would you swear that you know more than half of them?"

The old man quickly glanced at the jury box, then drawled, "I'd swear that I know more than all of them put together."

Lest We Forget



*PRESIDENT
RONALD REAGAN*

Speaking Feb. 29, 1988, at the American Legion Washington Conference "I've often said that there is something unique about the American form of patriotism, the kind so gloriously on display here at the Legion. It is not an exclusive attachment; it is not jealous or chauvinistic. It's the affirmation of man's deepest desires for the rights and liberties given him by his Creator. American patriotism is, quite simply, the call to freedom, everywhere, for all peoples. And that's why the American flag is more than a national flag. It has been, throughout our history, the hope and encouragement of freedom-loving peoples everywhere."

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

California's New Governor and First Lady's Liberal Agenda

In a bid to promote gender equality, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the wife of newly elected California governor Gavin Newsom (D), has changed her Twitter bio to state that she is the "First Partner of California."

According to KABC-TV, Jennifer Newsom said that she thought that the title "first partner" was more inclusive than "first lady."

This move is part of a larger trend for Newsom. She is a longtime proponent of re-examining gender roles and has made two documentary films on that topic...

She's also the founder and CEO of the Representation Project, a group that focuses on "gender stereotypes and social injustices."...

Gavin Newsom has promised to use his position as governor to advance progressive policies and to do his best to counter the work of the Trump administration.

...He said during his inauguration speech, "The world is waiting on us. And we will seize the moment."

Mike Ciandella, theblaze.com

Forty-Foot Maryland Cross at the Crossroads

Five miles from the U.S. Supreme Court in suburban Maryland stands the 40-foot-tall "Peace Cross," a World War I memorial located on a small plot of land in the middle of a major three-way intersection. It is viewed by many thousands of visitors and passing drivers every day.

As reported on Christian NewsWire, the "Peace Cross" was built in 1925 as a tribute to local men who died during World War I. The Gold Star Mothers who designed the memorial in 1919 chose the shape to recall the crosses marking the countless American graves on the Western Front of that war. It was paid for by local families and businesses. It stands on a piece of land that has been owned since 1961 by a state commission.

The fate of the cross is about to be determined by the Supreme Court following a 2014 lawsuit filed by the American Humanist Association against Maryland officials. The lawsuit argues that the cross "discriminates against patriotic soldiers who are not Christian." The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals previously ruled that the cross violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. Now, the High Court will decide the case.

LIBERTY COUNSEL

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

A DUBLINER PROPOSED ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND GAVE HIS GIRLFRIEND A RING WITH A SYNTHETIC DIAMOND.

"YOU CHEAPSKATE!" SHE YELLED AT HIM. "THIS ISN'T EVEN REAL."

"I KNOW," HE REPLIED. "BUT IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK, I THOUGHT I'D BUY YOU A SHAM ROCK."



Dr. Bob Gray

Dating

Proverbs 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee."

A young man comes in for counseling. He has a list of things he is looking for in a wife. He wants a combination of Mother Teresa and Marilyn Monroe. He asks how he should choose a wife. I tell him to tear up the list and ask God to give him His choice, not the young man's choice. Think about this statement, "Use your head and your heart will follow!"

Before Mrs. Gray and I became serious in our pre-dating years, she asked me a question. She asked if I would still want her if she were an invalid like her mother? A good question and of course the answer was yes!

If you are a young man considering a young lady, you need to ask yourself several questions: Would you like to have a daughter like her? Would I want her as the mother for my children? Does she work hard? If she is a college student, does she receive many demerits? Is her room clean?

If you are a young lady considering a young man, you could ask yourself: Do I want my children to have a dad like him? Does he work hard? Does he receive many demerits? Is his room clean? Does he show up for work on time? How many jobs has he had? Has he ever been fired? Does he win souls? Does he have a ministry?

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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