

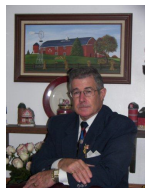
Honoring God, Our King, In 2017



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CHRISTMAS

Introduction: I love Christmas, the stories, the music, the gifts, the food, and the wonderful spirit of Christmas.

When I was a little boy of 10 years old, I remember being the one assigned to go out on my dad's farm and cut down the Christmas tree. It was my turn, and I wanted to get the best tree ever. None satisfied me until I looked up. Way up at the top of a pine tree was the most beautiful tree I had ever seen! I climbed up and cut the top 8 feet from that giant tree and

dragged it home. I was so proud of that Christmas tree. Christmas! What a special time of the year!

With all that said, what is Christmas really about?

FIRST: THE PRE-EXISTENT SAVIOUR.

MICAH 5:2

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Bethlehem is a small town that is approximately 5 miles south of Jerusalem. It means, "House of bread." It was there that the Bread of life, Jesus Christ, chose to be born. There were no doctors, no medicine. Just the stench and smell of a stable, and the company of simple animals. How fitting for the Saviour to come in to this environment because of the filth of this old sinful world.

SECOND: THE PROMISES OF THE SCRIPTURES.

MATT. 1:18-25

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord..."

He arrived as the Saviour. *I Timothy 1:15 "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."*

He arrived as the Sovereign. *John 18:37 "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world..."*

Jesus Christ came not only as the Saviour but as the King of kings.

Nothing reveals how true and accurate the Bible prophecy is like what is revealed at the birth of Jesus Christ.

THIRD: THE PRESENT OFFERED TO THE SINNER.

JOHN 10:28

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish..."

Continued



Wishing You a Merry Christmas. —Pastor

WHAT DO YOU CALL A KID WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SANTA? A REBEL WITHOUT A CLAUS.

Dear Pastor Collingsworth,

I am writing to let you know how much I enjoyed being in your services on Veterans' Day weekend. I was so touched by your sermons and by your love for God and country. I really appreciated the gifts you gave me, but what meant the most to me was the book you gave to me on wounded warriors. I have enclosed the official flag flown over Al Taqaddam Air Base during the Iraq War. This flag was flown during many mortar and rocket attacks on our base. In appreciation for the care and love you and your church have shown for those who have served, I would like to donate this flag to your church and school. This flag belonged to the 3664th Company. We had our share of injuries, but God brought us home.

May God Bless you,

Searls, Joshua A CW2, Iraq War veteran

MY SIX-YEAR-OLD WAS PLAYING WITH HIS TOY SOLDIERS, USING A DIFFERENT VOICE FOR EACH ONE.

SOLDIER NO. 1: I HAVE A BAZOOKA, AND I MAKE A BIG BOOM.

SOLDIER NO. 2: I HAVE A PISTOL THAT GOES BANG.

SOLDIER NO. 3: I HAVE A SWIFFER, AND I CAN MAKE YOUR HOUSE REALLY CLEAN.

THAT LAST SOLDIER CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. ON FURTHER EXAMINATION, I DISCOVERED THAT SOLDIER NO. 3 WAS HOLDING A MINE DETECTOR.

DONNA LAWRENCE, ALBIA, IOWA

But Where Is Jesus?

It's Christmas time the people say:
The signs proclaim-the stores portray
Glittering trees and ornaments rare-
Scurrying shoppers everywhere.
Laden counters with toys abound
Children's eyes so large and round.
Happy faces and greetings gay;
Laughter and mirth along the way-

But where is Jesus?

"Why it's His birthday, don't you know?"
Says a smiling face 'mid falling snow.
"He was born in Bethlehem long, long ago.
So we give gifts to those we know-
To our children dear both far and near,
To friend and kin we spread our cheer."
But I bowed my head with a heavy heart,
Though to those we love we do our part-

But where is Jesus?

It's Christmas time, God's Word declares.
The Saviour came to answer our prayers.
He came to those who loved Him not.
To save their souls from sin's dread blot.
He came to give to those in need,
And for the outcast His soul did bleed.
Though the earth abounds with need today
We ignore the needy along the way-

But where is Jesus?

We've gifts for John and Mary and Sue;
We've love for them and encouragement, too.
And this, my friends, we ought to do.
But where is our gift for the Saviour true?
The gift He wants is loving deeds,
A ready response to a lost world's needs.
Not wrapped in tissue with ribbons bright
But embodied in flesh aglow with love's light.

But where is Jesus?

The only payment that God would accept for man's sin was the shed blood of His only begotten Son. His name: Jesus.

The tiny lovely hands of that precious baby in Bethlehem's manger would eventually be pierced by nails on the old rugged cross. Those tender little feet would one day feel the sting of the nail as it was driven.

Yes, we celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas time. But there would be no joy, no reason to celebrate, if He had not paid our sin debt in full and then rise from the dead and re-enter Heaven.

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

John 3:16 "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."

Conclusion: God has revealed his plan to the entire world, but multitudes will miss the true meaning of Christmas because they are too concerned about all the decorations without remembering the reason for the season.

Orville and Wilbur Wright got their first flying machine off the ground in the month of December. They had accomplished what no other had accomplished. They were so joyful that they sent a telegram to their sister. It read, "We have actually flown 120 feet! We will be home for Christmas."

Realizing how important this was, their sister took the message to the local newspaper. The editor wrote in the paper, "The Wright brothers say they will be home for Christmas."

He, like millions, missed the real message. They had flown a plane! The world celebrates today, yet still misses the message of Christmas. Every Christmas I feel like Ebenezer Scrooge when he awakened and realized, "It's Christmas and I did not miss it!"

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)



Kim Kline's Cranberry Stuffing

1 lb bulk pork sausage	1 package (7 oz.) herb-	2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 cup chopped celery	seasoned stuffing croutons	1 to 1-1/2 cups chicken broth
2 tbsp. minced fresh parsley	3/4 cup fresh cranberries,	
1/4 cup chopped onions	halved	

In a skillet, cook sausage, celery and onion until sausage is done and vegetables are tender. Drain excess fat. In a large mixing bowl, combine the meat mixture with remaining ingredients and enough broth to hold mixture together. Shape into 8-10 balls. Place in a greased shallow baking dish. Bake at 325 for 30 minutes. 8-10 servings.

**A CLASSMATE AND I WERE WALKING PAST A POSTER IN OUR SCHOOL HALLWAY. IT FEATURED A PHOTO OF EINSTEIN WITH THE WORDS: EVEN EINSTEIN READ BOOKS.
MY FRIEND WAS AMAZED: "I DIDN'T KNOW EINSTEIN'S FIRST NAME WAS EVAN."**



Heritage Highlanders December 2017 Schedule

Saturday December 2

Lessons On Giving

Saturday December 9

Christmas Craft

II Cor. 9:7

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday December 16

Christmas Cookies

Saturday December 23

Christmas Caroling

Saturday December 30

Soulwinning

Genesis 18:6

Psalms 100:2

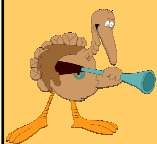
Romans 6:23

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last eleven (11) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. We hosted the Old-Fashioned, Real and Revisited, 'I Love America' conference June 19th—20th, 2017.



Top Gun



Byron Cremeans

Winners of the Twenty Third Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot

Second Place



Lee Robinson



THE OFFICE HOLIDAY PARTY IS A GREAT CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH PEOPLE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN FOR 20 MINUTES.

Wishing Us A Very Merry Christmas



Dr. Tom Neal

Dr. Greg Neal

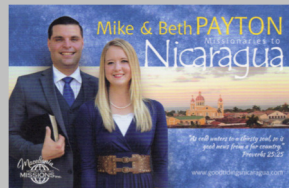


Dr. Terry Sellars

Dr. Bob Gray



Jason and
Jessica
Stanley



Mike and Beth Payton



From our Pastor's Wife... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth An Old Fashioned Christmas

I'm so glad to be called old fashioned. I believe in a one and only old fashioned Saviour (Jesus Christ). I believe in the old fashioned Bible, the old King James Bible. I believe in an old fashioned independent, fundamental Bible-believing Baptist Church. I believe in old fashioned dress standards and behavior; where ladies still dress like ladies and men still dress like men.

Where ladies are still gracious, honorable and submissive in their spirit and where men are leaders in the home and in society. I believe in an old fashioned, a family with one mom and one dad. I believe in an old fashioned Christmas where Jesus is still the reason for the season, where Christ is not crossed out of the word Christmas. Where the Word of God is opened first on Christmas morning as Dad reads the story of Jesus' birth and then the family prays and gives thanks to Jesus, for He is still the one that makes it possible for us to enjoy all the presents and food we share as we celebrate His birthday! I am so glad to be called old-fashioned. I am so glad for an old-fashioned Christmas!!!



Dr. Al Lacy

Myths About Angels

Some of the most popular myths about angels are seen quite often in comic strips or joke books. You will see cartoons which depict some person who was “good” on earth, who died and is now seen in Heaven as an angel. He is sitting on a white cloud with a halo over his head and wings sticking out of his back. While he strums a harp with a stupid look on his simple face, he makes wisecracks to a female angel.

There are several things wrong with these myths:

First: Nobody goes to Heaven because they are good.

People go to Heaven because they admit they are NOT good, repent of their sins, chuck their religion down the drain (where it belongs!) and receive Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour. (See Luke 13:3, 1 Thess. 1:9, John 1:12).

Second: Human beings who die and go to Heaven DO NOT BECOME ANGELS.

You would be surprised how many people I find in Bible-believing BAPTIST churches who think they are going to become angels in Heaven. Their total ignorance on this subject is appalling!

Third: Angels do not sit around Heaven on clouds.

There is nothing in Scripture to even hint at such a thing. We are never told that Heaven even has any clouds.

Fourth: There are no female angels.

Angels were often mistaken for MEN, but never for WOMEN. The angels have masculine names. When described with a singular pronoun, it is always “he.” The Bible narrative, itself, calls them “MEN” many times. (See Gen. 18:2; 19:1; Mark 16:5, for example).

Though a great deal of mystery surrounds these fascinating heavenly beings, God has revealed much about them in His Word. To a great degree, He has lifted the curtain that enfolded the mystery of the angels.

Since you and I who are saved will be spending eternity with the angels, I believe it is vastly important that we learn all we can of these heavenly beings now, in preparation for eternity. Not only that, but we are surrounded by them at this very moment. They are vitally interested in US. If they are interested in US, we certainly should be interested in THEM!

They can learn of us by watching and listening. We can learn of them ONLY by studying the Word of God. To coin a phrase from Paul — I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren — concerning these celestial beings called ANGELS.

SIXTH GRADE TEACHER: WHAT ARE THE HARMFUL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF OIL ON FISH?

STUDENT: WHEN MY MOM OPENED A CAN OF SARDINES LAST NIGHT, IT WAS FULL OF OIL AND ALL THE SARDINES WERE DEAD.



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

A Gracious Woman

Proverbs 11:16 “A gracious woman retaineth honour...”

A gracious woman would not make thoughtless observations about a person’s physical appearance.

A gracious woman is genuinely caring, gentle, pleasant and as precious as she is rare. Her beauty is not merely on the outside; it radiates from a life spent in the Word and prayer.

Just as Moses had a “shine” to his face after spending time alone with God on Mount Sinai, a Christian lady who spends time with God has a particular shine to her countenance and a tender, compassionate manner about her.

Take a look at this Gracious Woman Checklist and see how you fare:

A gracious woman is kind. Friendly and understanding are attributes which make up a kind and gracious woman.

A gracious woman is considerate. A gracious woman considers the feelings of others before she speaks. She gives thought to how her words or actions might be perceived by others, being extra careful when handling a difficult situation. This woman is thoughtful enough to remember birthdays and other special events in other people’s lives.

A gracious woman is pleasant. She is enjoyable to be around, not obnoxious or disagreeable. A gracious woman works at ‘ruling her spirit’ (Prov. 16:32 and 25:28) so she can remain consistently calm even in the midst of strife. An even temper is one of the pleasing trademarks of the gracious woman.

A gracious woman is valuable. Our homes, ministries, and workplaces benefit from the presence of the gracious woman. She understands that life is not all about her, but rather, it is about being of assistance to others.

This type of woman is of great worth because she is in short supply. Due to her selflessness, a gracious woman is often honored and appreciated. Contrary to those who view life as a race to win only for themselves, a gracious woman goes through life earning the trust of many people because of her beloved nature and her desire to benefit others.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Air Force Punishes Colonel Who Refused to Affirm Gay Marriage

The Air Force has punished a highly decorated and respected colonel after he refused to affirm publicly the same-sex spouse of a retiring subordinate.

Colonel Leland Bohannon, who was on the verge of being promoted to a one-star general, was suspended from command, and orders were handed down recommending he not be promoted.

"His career is likely over, and he will likely have to retire as a colonel instead of as a general," First Liberty Institute attorney Michael Berry [said]....

"This sends a clear message: if you do not have the politically correct viewpoint, you are not welcome in the military," Berry said. "The military is no longer a place of diversity and inclusion if you are a person who holds to a traditional belief on marriage."

—Todd Starnes, foxnews.com

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

"Sale of Baby Parts" Too Much for Twitter, Quickly Reverses Itself

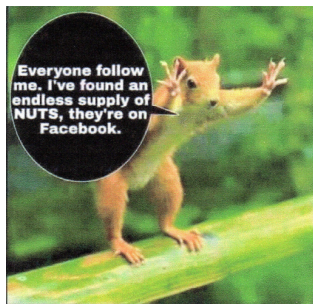
In an October 10 report (USA Today) we learned "U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn's online video announcing her campaign for U.S. Senate has been blocked in any Twitter advertisements after the social media company objected to a line that refers to the lawmaker's stopping the 'sale of baby body parts.'

"...A representative from Twitter informed her campaign that the line 'had been deemed an inflammatory statement that is likely to evoke a strong negative reaction.'" (Joey Garrison and Dave Boucher)

So let's get the reasoning here. The message I get from this is: The liberals can't take it. They have to censor the opposition and silence their critics. And did you pick up on the worst of it? Twitter is fearful that such "an inflammatory statement...is likely to evoke a strong negative reaction." In other words, the left-wing abortion crowd may do something crazy; they may get violent.

Pretty disgusting!

But after a public backlash, Twitter reversed itself in just 24 hours. They felt pressure and corrected themselves.



Look Who's Getting Married!

My friend struck up a conversation with a stranger. When the stranger asked where she was from, my friend replied, "Iowa." "Where?" "Iowa. I-owe-uh." "Oh. Where I'm from, we pronounce it 'Oh-hi-oh.'"

H. ELAINE PARSONS,
Midland, Michigan



"Reindeer, schmeindeer!"



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FAIRHAVEN
BAPTIST COLLEGE ENSEMBLE

Sunday, February 25th, 2018

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, 1 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.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 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 Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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