

## "Striving To Stay Clean In 2015"



FROM THE DESK OF:

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*Pastor & Mrs. C*  
*"Old-Fashioned Sunday"*

### Faithfulness Is Your Best

**Introduction:** Mrs. Collingsworth and I just arrived at our 25th anniversary as Pastor and First Lady of the Heritage Baptist Church in Mogadore Village, Ohio. It has been a journey mixed with both bitter and sweet. The interesting thing about this is that I have been told that the best chocolate in the world is a mixture of bitter and sweet.

Some of my heartbreaking memories have to do with deaths in our family. My wife's dad passed away, and I watched Vida die a little inside. Then my dad passed away, and just recently, my wife's mom passed away. Yes, truly bittersweet. Trying to hold back tears just thinking about some of the heartaches over the past few years.

Last year, 2014, I almost lost Mrs. C. She had hip replacement surgery and it was totally successful, but then a blood transfusion went bad. Her heartbeat became rapid, her kidneys began to shut down, and her lungs became infected. What was to be a four day journey became a three-month nightmare. My wife almost died. I wept for several days.

Thank you, preachers everywhere, pastors and friends that prayed for Mrs. C. I was never so frightened as I was while thinking about losing Vida.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

#### **FIRST: THE BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED.**

**LUKE 16:10**

When I was a student at Hyles-Anderson College, Dr. Evans had Dr. Lee Roberson preach, not only for the chapel services, but for the church education class, which was one of my favorite classes. In one of those classes, Dr. Roberson said, "Young people, the most important trait of a Christian is faithfulness. The key," he said, "is in that word 'faithfulness'. If I were to have my church members to be anything, I would want them to be faithful." He went on to say, "You may not be the best soul winner in the church, or the best singer, or the best Sunday school teacher, or the best deacon, but you can be faithful." Wow! By the way, before Dr. Roberson went to be with the Lord, he preached at Heritage Baptist Church twice. What an honor.

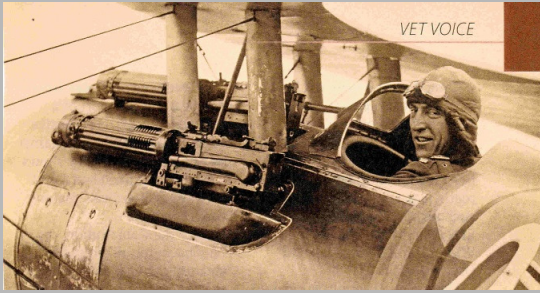
#### **SECOND: THE BEST ENCOURAGEMENT EVER OFFERED.**

**PROVERBS 25:13**

In 25 years, and in some of the worst weather I have ever seen, Heritage Baptist Church has not closed its doors one time! That's right, in 25 years the doors remained open for Sunday school, Sunday morning, Sunday night, and our midweek service. Twenty five

*Continued*

## Lest We Forget



Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was one of our most decorated soldiers of WWI. He was from Columbus, Ohio and was a co-founder of the Indianapolis 500.

*I'M GOING THROUGH MY SECOND CHILDHOOD  
RIGHT NOW. IT'S MY FOURTH TIME THROUGH.*

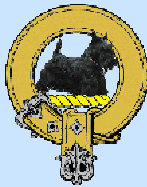
*WHEN FILLING OUT AN APPLICATION,  
WHERE IT SAYS "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY,  
NOTIFY," I ALWAYS WRITE "DOCTOR."*

## The Military's Oldest Medal



The Purple Heart was originally called the Badge of Military Merit when George Washington created it in 1782. Only three documented awards were given before it fell into disuse. In 1932, Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur revived it. The medal was redesigned as a purple heart with a bronze border encircling a portrait of George Washington. MacArthur awarded it to soldiers who were wounded in action and to the families of those who died in combat. To date, nearly two million members of the U.S. armed forces have received medals.

Our good friend, Don Chitty, Sr., was awarded 10 Purple Hearts.



### **Heritage Highlanders March 2015 Schedule**

**Saturday March 7**

Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

Proverbs 31:13

**Saturday March 14**

Lesson on Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31

**Saturday March 21**

Cooking Lessons

Proverbs 31:14

**Saturday March 28**

Soulwinning

John 3:16



Mrs. Francie  
Taylor

## Married To A Nabal

It's one thing to obey a man who is godly, a great leader, loving, kind, thoughtful and a generous provider for his wife and family. It's another matter entirely when the man is carnal, insensitive, cold, inattentive, too busy, stingy and mean on top of it all. There was a woman in the Bible who had a husband who had an ugly disposition. The wife's name was Abigail, and her husband's name was Nabal. The Bible itself tells us that the meaning of this man's name was "dolt" or "fool" (I Sam. 25:25). If you are not familiar with this story, go to I Samuel 25:2-42 for a fascinating true story of a disagreeable man married to a wise and beautiful woman. I am convinced that God allowed that story to be told in Scripture so that women who married Nabals in this life would find hope and

would carry on in the face of lengthy adversity.

Let's look at some characteristics of Nabal:

1. He was "churlish" (vs. 3). The word "churlish" only appears once in the Bible, and it was used as a description of Nabal's personality. Strong's Concordance defines this word in the following way: "severe, cruel, grievous, hard hearted, impudent, obstinate, rough, stiff and stubborn"!
2. He was "evil in his doings" (vs. 3). Nabal was a wicked man, and it doesn't seem from Scripture that he was at all ashamed of it. It is difficult for a fool to see his own folly.
3. He was reckless and spoke harshly (vss. 10, 11). When David sent his men to ask for some small token in exchange for protecting Nabal's sheep and shepherds, Nabal responded hastily by insulting David and even insinuating that David and his men were runaway slaves!
4. He was a drunkard (vs. 36). Nabal had a feast during which he drank himself into a drunken stupor. He was merry while he was intoxicated, but "when the wine was gone out of Nabal" (vs. 37), it was time to face reality.
5. Ultimately, Nabal's wicked lifestyle cost him his life (vss. 37, 38). Nabal had lived an evil life for so long that it finally caught up with him. His own harshness ended up dealing him a fatal blow.

Does any of this sound familiar? Does it describe the man that you married?

**Conclusion:** Next month, we will deal with how Abigail made it work.

years without one closure! Praise the Lord!

Let me also mention about our faithful members. In 25 years, every week without fail, soul winning and visitation occurred.

May I also say that in 25 years someone has been saved, led to the Lord, every single week. One of my prayers is that Heritage Baptist Church will always be faithful to be a witness for Christ.

Great history has always been made by faithful followers of Christ.

*Illustration:* Fanny Crosby was made blind by someone putting the wrong substance in her eyes. She, as a blind songwriter, influenced thousands by her faithful witness. On her tombstone are these words: **She hath done what she could.**

William Carey spent seven years in India before baptizing his first convert. Though it appeared his work for the Lord was little, today there are thousands in India being saved because of the seeds sown by William Carey.

### **THIRD: THE BEST COUNSEL THAT I HAVE EVER GIVEN.**

### **REVELATION 2:10**

"Be faithful!" Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., used to say, "Do right till the stars fall." No matter what circumstances come into your life, be faithful. God did not call us to greatness, or success, but he did call us to be faithful.

So many offer excuses as to why they cannot be faithful. "I can't because I am too busy, not qualified, no talent, not smart, can't talk well."

*Illustration:* A plaque on the wall behind the desk of my old 1st Sergeant from my army days read, "An excuse measures zero meters." I believe he was saying the sentiment of God.

**Conclusion:** I have always said that the best explanation of faithfulness is: Being where you are supposed to be, doing what you are supposed to do, every time you are supposed to do it. Sounds like the perfect will of God to me. Let's be faithful!

### **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)*



*Dr. Al Lacy*

### **"Hath God Said?"**

Satan's very first attack on the human race was to question WHAT GOD SAID! We are not ignorant of his devices. The old snake-in-the-grass is STILL putting a question mark over the Word of God! The sad thing is that so many religious people AND saved people cannot see the devil at work in this controversy over the King James Bible and the false "bibles" today. Satan has so many "scholars," "theologians," college professors, Sunday School teachers, pastors, missionaries, evangelists and "laymen" duped with the idea that there is no perfect Word of God today in any language! He is STILL at it! "Hath GOD said?"

God said He would preserve EVERY WORD of His Word FOREVER!

"The WORDS of the Lord are pure WORDS: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt KEEP THEM, O Lord, thou shalt PRESERVE THEM from this generation FOR EVER" (Psalm 12:6-7).

Yet as we shall see in the next chapter, we have leading "fundamentalist" pastors, professors, evangelists, and educators who are telling us that there has been no perfect, infallible, inerrant, inspired Word of God since the "original manuscripts" got old, cracked, peeled, crumbled, and finally disintegrated with age. They flat say that we DO NOT HAVE God's words today in ANY LANGUAGE.

Yea, hath God said He would KEEP and PRESERVE His words FOREVER? A blind bat without a seeing-eye dog could catch on to who is behind this false teaching!



# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last nine (9) years in a row!
2. The buses are still rolling!



3. The great meetings we have scheduled for 2015.



**Dr. Bob Gray**  
March, 2015



**Dr. Tom Neal**  
June 21, 2015



**Sounds of the Faith**  
To be announced



**Mrs. Francie Taylor**  
August, 2015  
Just For Women



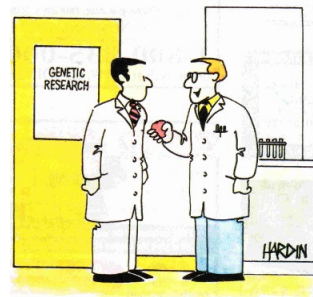
**Dr. Dean Miller, Sr.**  
October, 2015



**"What's B.C.? Before Computers?"**

**THE PENTAGON ANNOUNCED THAT ITS FIGHT AGAINST ISIS WILL BE CALLED OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. THEY CAME UP WITH THAT NAME USING OPERATION RANDOM THESAURUS.**

**"GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINATIONS WERE ANNOUNCED, BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE UPSET THAT 'THE WALKING DEAD' AND 'MODERN FAMILY' WERE SNUBBED. IT'S OK. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ACTION GRANTING THEM ALL A PATH TO NOMINATION."**



**"REMOVE THE FUR AND CLAWS AND THESE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED APPLES TASTE JUST FINE."**



## From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth TIME MARCHES ON

As I was contemplating what to write for the March Heritage Herald, I gazed out the window to see the ground was blanketed with snow and it didn't look like it was going away any time soon. According to the calendar, Spring is just a few weeks away. Though I wish it were here today, I know that in God's time that warmer weather will surely arrive.

Recently my mother passed away and I said my earthly goodbyes to her. She was 91 years old. I was saddened by my loss, but I rejoiced that several months before she had made a decision to trust Christ as her Saviour. Though she is not physically with me now I know that in time we will be together, in Heaven, forever. We will make up for the time we were apart.

Time is an interesting commodity. We all have it. We all are given 24 hours in each day. We can't freeze it or store it up for no matter what we do time marches on!

Remember that old saying, "Time waits for no man." We need to put God's Word into practice and remember that we are to be "Redeeming the time for the days are evil." Ephesians 5:16

As we enter into the month of March may we be reminded that time marches on. Let us strive to use our time wisely, walking with the Lord, praying, sharing Christ with others, and doing our best to honor and please Him everyday.



### Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Sunday, March 15th, Dr. Bob Gray

10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Come hear this anointed preacher.

Dr. Bob Gray Sr. pastored for 33 years and has been an ordained Baptist preacher for 42 years. For 29 of those years he served as preacher and pastor of the Longview Baptist Temple of Longview, TX. The church grew from a low of 159 to averaging 2,041. The bus ministry had 42 buses and operated 10 Sunday school bus routes.

Dr. Gray and his wife, Lee Ann, have been married for 48 years. They have four children with ten grandchildren and one great-grandson. As of this writing, Dr. Gray has authored 33 books.

Visit him on the Web at [www.solvechurchproblems.com](http://www.solvechurchproblems.com)

### THE COLLINGSWORTH'S



### 25th Anniversary AS PASTOR AND FIRST LADY

### HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH FEBRUARY 15, 2015



In February of 1990, on Valentine's Day, Pastor and Mrs. Collingsworth followed God's call to pastor Heritage Baptist Church in Mogadore, Ohio. Through the years, we have seen their faith tested and tried. While Satan wanted them to fail, we saw the true meaning of "Victory In Jesus." We are thankful for their example of unwavering dedication to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Today, we celebrate them for their 25 years of service as our pastor and first lady.

#### *Faithfulness*

I know of nothing which I would choose to have as the subject of my ambition for life than to be kept faithful to my God till death, still to be a soul winner, still to be a true herald of the cross, and testify the name of Jesus to the last hour.

Charles Spurgeon

**HE'S SUCH A SLOW READER. BY THE TIME HE FINISHES A MURDER MYSTERY, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME; THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS RUN OUT.**

### London Spice Steak

*Lean flank steak gets an Indonesian flavor from grilling with a coating of brown sugar and a few spices.*

1 1/2 tbsp firmly packed light brown sugar	2 tsp olive oil	1/2 tsp black pepper
4 cloves garlic, minced	1 1/2 tsp chili powder	1 (3-pound) flank steak
2 1/2 tsp ground coriander	1/2 tsp ground ginger	
	1/2 tsp salt	

1. Preheat grill to medium heat. Place the grill rack 8 inches from the heat.
2. Combine the brown sugar, coriander, garlic, olive oil, chili powder, ginger, salt and black pepper in a small bowl. Mix well.
3. Rub the brown sugar mixture on both sides of the steak. Place the steak on the grill and grill for 16 minutes, or until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center reads 160°F, turning once.
4. Cut the steak diagonally across the grain into 1/4-inch slices and serve.

### Scenes from Heritage Baptist Academy—A Model School



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

**America—Reprobate!**

**Pakistan Local Government Destroyed  
Thirteen Christian Families' Homes**

Thirteen Christian families in a small village located in the Punjab province of Pakistan are now homeless after the local municipal government demolished their homes because the families refused to work for no pay and become bonded laborers.

Members of the Christian families, who all worked at a local brick kiln in the village of Samundri, refused to continue working unless they received fair compensation for their labor. Pakistan Christian Post reports that the village's municipal government carried out the destruction of their homes...after being pressured to do so by the "influential" Muslims who owned the brick kiln operation....

With about 72 Christian families living in the majority Muslim village, all the Christian families in the town are forced to live in a segregated corner of the town because "they may not be mixed with the people of the majority religion."

Professor Anjum James Paul, chairman of the Pakistan Minorities Teachers Association, chastised the municipality for destroying the Christian homes. He said these families are now living without shelter and now have to cope with the cold winter nights.

"Shame on such elements who destroy the peace of mind and properties of the marginalized Christian community," Paul told the Pakistan Christian Post...

...In November, all the Christians in the Punjabi village of Sahiwal were forced to flee their homes after receiving threats the town's Muslims after one of the town's Christian men married a Muslim woman. With about 97 percent of Pakistan's population being Muslim the accusations made by Muslim people against religious minorities go a long way in the court of public opinion and the Pakistani court of law. Hundreds of religious minorities are killed, imprisoned or executed just because they have been accused, not proven guilty, of blasphemy.

In November, a Pakistani Christian couple was beaten, tortured and incinerated by a mob of over 1,500 people in the village of Kot Rodha Kishan all because they were accused of burning the pages from the Koran.

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

**WHILE ON MANEUVERS IN THE MOJAVE, OUR CONVOY GOT LOST, SO OUR LIEUTENANT HAD TO RADIO FOR HELP. "ARE YOU NEAR ANY LANDMARKS THAT MIGHT HELP US LOCATE YOU?" THE BASE OPERATOR ASKED HIM. "YES," SAID THE LIEUTENANT. "WE ARE DIRECTLY UNDER THE MOON." JESSE JOE WINGO, GAYLORD, MICHIGAN**



**Kim Kline's Chicken and Broccoli Stir Fry**

1 lb boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch pieces	2 tsp finely chopped ginger	2 tsp sugar
1 cup chicken broth	2 garlic cloves, finely chopped	2 cups broccoli flowerets
	3 tbsp soy sauce	2 tsp cornstarch

*Spray nonstick skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Add chicken, garlic and ginger. Fry 2 to 3 minutes or until chicken is brown*

*Add 3/4 cup of the broth, the soy sauce and sugar. Cover and cook over medium heat 5 minutes, stirring twice.*

*Add broccoli. Cover and cook about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink in center and broccoli are crisp-tender.*

*Mix cornstarch with remaining 1/4 cup broth; stir into chicken mixture. Cook, stirring frequently, until sauce is thickened. Serve over white rice.*



# 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

**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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