

"Honoring God, Our King, In 2017"



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"Old-Fashioned Sunday"

What's Missing?

INTRODUCTION: In *Mark 10:21*, when the rich young ruler came to Jesus wanting to know what to do to inherit eternal life, he gave a list of things he had done. Jesus then said, "**One thing thou lackest.**" Jesus was saying "There's still something missing." Even though we may be unaware of certain things missing in our life, we know that God sees us as we are. So, what we need to do, is see those things that are missing.

FIRST: PRIORITIES ARE MISSING IN MOST PEOPLE. MATTHEW 16:26

"For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Our Lord Jesus Christ urges all of us to realize how important it is to settle our eternity.

The soul is lost when we reject Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Jesus is the only way for us to receive eternal life. (*John 10:28*).

The sad truth is, that most prefer to win the world even if it drowns them in self-destruction.

SECOND: PERCEPTION IS MISSING IN MANY. MATTHEW 16:3

"...ye can discern the face of the sky; but ye cannot discern the signs of the times?"

The weather is used more than any other item to strike up a conversation, but try to bring up the Bible in conversation, even if it reveals current events and watch how quickly the subject is changed.

The unsaved person is missing everything that is spiritual. That's why the unsaved need to be born-again to understand truth. (*1 Corinthians 2:14*)

On the other hand, the person who is saved should be responsive to the Bible, and if he is not, there are clear reasons:

- Hindering the Holy Spirit.
- Resisting the Holy Spirit.
- Sin in their life.
- Just plain lazy.

One clear sign of the God of the Bible is the unbelievable changes in the lives of those that have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. It is obvious that Jesus Christ has transformed them.

God And Country

Since our leaders in power say God is not allowed in schools or in government buildings, let's go all the way with this:

We cannot pray to God, trust in God or post his Ten Commandments on a government building. Then I don't believe the government or its employees should participate in Easter and Christmas celebrations.

I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter. And on Sundays, too. After all, it's just another day.

The U.S Supreme Court must be in session on Good Friday, Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. After all, each is just another day.

The Senate and House of Representatives should not worry about getting home for Christmas and Easter breaks. After all, it's just another day.

Think of all the tax money we would save if our government offices worked on these days. This is not me or you saying this, it's our government.

Maybe our elected officials would stop giving in to the minority opinions, and once again listen to the majority who want God back into our life and our country.

Chuck Lallathin



"THEN IT'S SETTLED. SHE GETS THE HOUSE AND CARS, AND YOU GET A PARTICIPATION TROPHY."

God Wants Us To Be Free

There is another kind of prison,
This one has invisible bars.
The prison of drugs, alcohol and sex,

Leaves both physical and mental scars.
God is the keeper of our prisons,
Who wants to set us free,
When we heed His instructions,
There will be peace for you and me.

Remember Paul and Silas, how their bonds
Were broken beyond the prison gates;
When they began to praise our Heavenly Father,
It caused the prison walls to quake.

No one needs to be bound,
Whatever the case may be.
God is waiting with outstretched arms
To free those who want to be free.

There must be a willing mind to give up
The things which have us bound.
It's the gift God wants to give;
No greater peace can be found.

It Pays To Advertise

Did you know that there are 25 mountains in Colorado higher than Pike's Peak which few people can name?

A Clean Heart

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from inside.

But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out.

Sin, like the worm, begins in a heart and works out through a person's thoughts, words, and actions. For this reason, David once wrote, ***"Create in me a clean heart, O God."***

The Influence Of Attorneys

- Q: What do you call 25 skydiving lawyers?
A: Skeet.
Q: What do you call a lawyer gone bad?
A: Senator.
Q: What's the difference between a lawyer and an onion?
A: You cry when you cut up an onion.
Q: What do you call a lawyer with an IQ of 70?
A: Your Honor.
Q: What do you throw to a drowning lawyer?
A: His partners.
Q: How can you tell when a lawyer is lying?
A: His lips are moving.
Q: What do you have if three lawyers are buried up to their necks in cement?
A: Not enough cement.
Q: What's the difference between a lawyer and a vulture?
A: The lawyer gets frequent flyer miles.
Q: How does an attorney sleep?
A: First he lies on one side and then on the other.
Q: What's the difference between a lawyer and a leech?
A: When you die, a leech will stop sucking your blood and drop off.
Q: How do you get a group of lawyers to smile for a photo?
A: Just say, "Fees!"
Q: How many lawyers does it take to change a light bulb?
Q: Three. One to climb the ladder. One to shake it. And one to sue the ladder company.

There are two kinds of lawyers: those who know the law and those who know the judge.

In spite of all the evidence, man is missing the discernment to see the hand of God at work.

THIRD: PLAIN COMMON-SENSE IS MISSING IN SOME. MATTHEW 16: 9-12

There is such a lack of understanding today even among other Christians. Here in these verses, even disciples did not appear to grasp clear teachings from Christ Himself.

The average Christian today is so ignorant of the Bible it is ridiculous. It is a shame.

There are some professed Christians today that believe more of what a newspaper teaches than accept the clear-taught teachings of Scripture.

FOURTH: PREPARATION IS CERTAINLY MISSING. AMOS 4:12

"Prepare to Meet thy God"

If you were to die today, what would you be lacking in preparation? Would you awaken in the presence of God, or in an eternal Hell? The choice was always yours to make.

Conclusion: What would it take to get you to examine your relationship with God right now?

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)

A HUSBAND STEPPED ON ONE OF THOSE PENNY SCALES THAT TELL A PERSON'S WEIGHT AND FORTUNE. "LISTEN TO THIS," HE SAID TO HIS WIFE, SHOWING HER A SMALL, WHITE CARD.

"IT SAYS I'M ENERGETIC, BRIGHT, RESOURCEFUL, AND A GREAT LOVER."

"UH HUH," HIS WIFE NODDED. "LOOK, IT HAS YOUR WEIGHT WRONG, TOO."

OUR ARMY UNIT WAS OVERSEAS CONDUCTING MANEUVERS WITH THE MARINES. ON SHIFT ONE NIGHT, A MARINE ASKED MY SERGEANT WHERE HE WAS FROM. "I'M ORIGINALLY FROM CENTRAL AMERICA," SAID THE SERGEANT. "OH, YEAH?" ASKED THE MARINE. "KANSAS?"

Lest We Forget



Col. Bruce "Ol' Snake" Crandall is the bravest, craziest, funniest helicopter pilot I ever met in 43 years of going to war.

On Nov. 14, 1965, during the Vietnam War's Battle of Ia Drang, Snake and his wingman, Maj. Ed 'Too Tall to Fly' Freeman, led 16 slick Hueys into Landing Zone X-Ray again and again -hauling in 1st Battalion 7th Cavalry troops, hauling out their wounded, and hauling in resupplies of ammunition, water and medical supplies. When the LZ got so hot that Lt. Col. Hal Moore closed it, "Snake" and "Too Tall" just kept coming.

Both of them earned the Medals of Honor they received for their actions. Scores of the wounded are alive today because of their heroism. "Too Tall" Ed died in August 2008, breaking up a partnership and friendship that lasted half a century. "Snake" Crandall carries on the mission at 81, traveling the United States and war zones around the world, visiting our troops.

-Joseph L. Galloway, co-author with Harold Moore of "We Were Soldiers Once... and Young" and "We Are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam"

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 are hosting the Old-Fashioned, Real and Revisited, "I Love America" conference June 19th—20th, 2017.



Poor George Washington couldn't blame his troubles on the previous administration.

I Love America Conference

Monday, June 19th—Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

With highly decorated marine—Don Chitty
US Marine Corps



Tom Neal



Don Chitty

From the Battlefield to the Mission Field

Our special speaker this year for our "I Love America Conference" will be Dr. Don Chitty, missionary to the Navajo Indian Nation, the "Windtalkers."

As a young man, Don Chitty joined the United States Marine Corps. Before going to Vietnam, he trained with the Navy Seals and the Army Rangers. Promoted to Platoon Sergeant, he was sent to Vietnam and was part of the military's Black-Ops.

While in combat, he was wounded ten times in action. Besides ten Purple Hearts, he was awarded numerous other medals including the Presidential Citation and the Bronze Star.



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

"Apply As Directed"

Every month in our Christian school we memorize a passage of Scripture. This past month, our passage was Colossians 3:16-25.

Every summer as I prepare our Scripture memory list for the year, I pray and as the Holy Spirit to direct me as I plan and prepare this list. I am still continually amazed to see how God gives me so much of what I need, just at the time I need it, through these passages. As I read **Colossians 3:16**, **"Let the Word of Christ dwell in your richly in all wisdom..."** became a wonderful prescription for me.

Having worked in doctors' offices before, I was aware of how people treated their medication. Many times patients would not take their medication, or they would skip doses, or they would take it until they felt better and not completely take the prescribed amount. I thought about now often we treat God's Word in the same manner. We carry our Bible with us but we do not read it, or we read it now-and-then (skipping doses), or read it to make us feel better (just enough to say we did our duty!) - just putting on the 'topical ointment.' We don't really take the full prescription and let the Word of God dwell deep within us.

Recently, I have been reminded to "Believe God" and to really trust His Word. Trusting man will always bring disappointment, for we are human flesh, but trusting Jesus and His Word brings only joy. It does matter how we apply it. A topical, surface application will never do. We must let the Word of Christ dwell in us deeply!

Colossians 3:16, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts for the Lord."





Stumblingblocks

Nearly every week I receive phone calls from pastors having internal problems in their churches. The story is always the same; it never varies. When a pastor tells me he is having trouble in his church, I can write the script. For that matter, the script is already written.

Dr. Jack Hyles

Some man of prominence in the church is attempting to hurt the pastor, his ministry and his leadership. He is not satisfied with his own sin; he wants others to join him and so he places stumblingblocks in the path of the loyalty of others. Many sincere people have stumbled over these blocks and have been caused much grief in days to come.

This behavior is as old as mankind. Moses and Aaron faced the same thing that the sincere pastors face today.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Upcoming Events!



Sunday, April 23rd—Dr. Bob Gray from Longview, Texas. Used of God to build one of the most successful churches in America.



Friday, August 11th, 7:00 PM
Heritage Baptist Church
Annual Ladies Retreat.
Special Speaker: Mrs. Libby Robinson Myers of Waycross, GA



Tom Neal

June 19th—20th

I Love America Conference



Don Chitty

A YOUNG BOY, TIRED OF FOLLOWING RULES, ASKED, "DAD, WHEN WILL I BE OLD ENOUGH TO DO AS I PLEASE?" HIS FATHER ANSWERED, "I JUST DON'T KNOW, SON. NO MALE HAS EVER LIVED THAT LONG."



Heritage Highlanders March 2017 Schedule

Saturday March 4
Sewing

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday March 18
Attitudes

Proverbs 31:15

Saturday March 11
Growing In Christ

2 Peter 3:18

Saturday March 25
Soulwinning

John 3:16

EVER STOP TO WONDER...

- why a round pizza is delivered in a square box?
- why people go up in tall buildings and put money in binoculars to see things on the ground?
- why they sterilize a needle for a lethal injection? .
- why Tarzan doesn't have a beard?
- why someone believes you when you say there are 4 billion stars but has to check when you say the paint is wet?
- why "phonetically" is spelled with a "ph"?
- why banks charge a fee for "insufficient funds" when they know there isn't enough?

Man: Ma'am, haven't I seen your face somewhere else before?

School Teacher: Billy, you've got your shoes on the wrong feet

Lady: No, I don't think so. It has always been between my ears.

Billy: Ma'am, they're the only feet I have.

Wife: I was a fool when I married you.

Mother: Son, your face is so clean, but how did your hands get so dirty?

Husband: I don't doubt it, but I was too infatuated to notice it!

Son: Washing my face!

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

New Form of Perversion: "Transaging"

Seven children and 23 years of marriage couldn't stop Stefanknee Wolscht from leaving his family.

Now, six years later, the deep-voiced transgender Canadian—formerly known as "Paul"—says he's living as a six-year-old girl.

In a video published by the Daily Xtra, in partnership with the Trans-gender Project, Wolscht says he "can't deny I was married. I can't deny I have children."

But he also says that living as a six-year-old child, with the support of two older friends who act as his parents, is part of how he's "moved forward now."

"I've gone back to being a child. I don't want to be an adult right now," he says.

According to Wolscht, "I was trans" before meeting and marrying his wife, Maria. At 46, he decided to live as a woman—and Maria told him to "stop being trans or leave." So he left, starting hormone therapy in 2009.

After multiple attempts at suicide, losing a job, and being homeless, Wolscht says, "I have a mommy and a daddy—an adopted mommy and daddy—who are totally comfortable with me being a little girl."
—Lifesitenews.com

Magazine Ignoring Reality, Pushing Political Agenda

In a January 2017 special issue, [National Geographic] addresses what it called the "gender revolution" and features on its cover a young transgender boy who pretends to be a girl—in effect normalizing what is considered a mental disorder called "gender dysphoria." The editors explain that because "beliefs about gender are shifting rapidly and radically...we're exploring the subject...looking at it through the lens of science, social systems, and civilizations throughout history."

In response, the American Family Association...issued an Action Alert calling on people to sign a petition against the publication for "foist[ing] a lifeist lye... that the medical community identifies as unhealthy." The American College of Pediatricians has voiced similar concerns, stating that "a person's belief that he or she is something they are not is, at best, a sign of confused thinking."
—Onenewsnow.com

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

Food



Spring Program—2017
March 19th to May 14th

HORSES



Wow!

Games



Treasure Hunt

Fun

Hayrides



Kim Kline's Creamy Reuben Casserole

1 can (14 oz.) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
1-1/4 cups chopped cooked corned beef

1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
1 small onion, chopped
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese

1 garlic clove, minced
2 slices rye bread, cubed
2 tbsps. butter, melted

In a large bowl, combine the sauerkraut, corned beef, sour cream, onion and garlic. Transfer to a greased 11-in. x 7-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and bread; drizzle with butter.

Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until heated through.

Yield: 4 servings.

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 Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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