

Fulfilling A Dream In **DECEMBER 2013**

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Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned Sunday"



The Preacher's Priority



INTRODUCTION: Through the years I have had the privilege to visit hundreds of churches and the honor of preaching in a few of them. In even a fewer number of them, God has allowed this country preacher the honor of preaching with such men as Jack Hyles and Curtis Hutson, and shared the pulpit with preachers such as Lester Roloff, Tom Malone, Lee Roberson, and Dr. Al Lacy.

There is something tragic happening all over this country today. That tragedy is that preaching is playing second fiddle to singing and special programs. Not only that, but the real tragedy is that it is coming from within the churches.

Illustration: I know a church in the Northwest that, "... *hast a name that thou livest and art dead.*" They have a large attendance, an amazing choir, and an unbelievable orchestra. Yet the preacher gets up, opens his Bible, and says nothing worth hearing. But this is everywhere. **Oh, listen to me!** If there was anything that I understood after my salvation, it was that **the first duty of a preacher was to preach!**

Shelling the corn, peeling the bark, shearing the sheep, barn-stomping, hell-fire and brimstone preaching may be just ranting and raving to a backslider or a lost person, but to those that are saved and growing it is Spiritual food for developing Spiritual muscle.

FIRST: TO PREACH WHAT?

I Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word..." Before you can preach the Word, you need to find out which Bible is the Word. Why don't you just choose the old King James Bible that has been tested and proven through the years to be the Word of God.

Illustration: The last generation fell for all the new versions of the Bible. The NIV was supposed to be the best and most accurate. What is strange about that is that the NIV contains 5,000 deliberate changes and has made nothing clearer. Now the favorite new version is the New King James Version, and this fact reveals the lies and deceit behind changing God's Word. If the NIV was supposedly more accurate than the old King James Bible, then why would someone switch from the NIV to the New King James Version? The New King James Version is almost identical to the old King James Bible and it's miles from the NIV.

SECOND: TO PREACH WHEN?

I Timothy 4:2, "... in season, out of season..." This means that a preacher should

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Dr. Al
Lacy
with our
Pastor

Quit Correcting The Bible

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Author of the Bible. He is also the one and only Saviour. While He was on this earth, He occupied Himself chiefly with the exposition of Scripture. He made it plain that the DOCTRINES of Scripture were the only and final AUTHORITY for truth concerning life, death, eternity, Heaven, Hell, forgiveness for sins, and salvation from the wrath of God.

When He referred to the Scripture, He ALWAYS referred to a Book that the people that He taught could HOLD IN THEIR HANDS. Once more I remind you that Jesus NEVER referred to the "original manuscripts," and He NEVER corrected the Aramaic TRANSLATION that He held in His hands. BEWARE OF MEN (and women) WHO CLAIM TO BE SENT FROM GOD WHO REFER YOU TO THE "ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS" WHICH THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN, AND WHO MAKE THEMSELVES THE AUTHORITY BY "CORRECTING" THE WONDERFUL OLD TIME-TESTED, GOD-BREATHED, HEAVEN-BLESSED, INERRANT, INFALLIBLE, INSPIRED AV1611 KING JAMES BIBLE!!!



Vida Collingsworths' Sour Cream Chocolate Cake

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	1 stick butter, softened	2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup boiling water	8 oz. sour cream	1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups sugar	1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract	5 egg whites
	1 tsp. baking soda	2 16 oz. cans chocolate frosting

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 9-inch round cake pans.
 Combine the cocoa powder and boiling water in a bowl and stir until the cocoa is dissolved, about 30 seconds.
 Combine the sugar and butter in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until light and fluffy, 1-2 minutes. Add the cocoa mixture and mix for 1 minute longer. Beat in the sour cream, vanilla and baking soda. Add the flour and salt. Mix for 1 minute more.
 Beat the egg whites in a medium bowl until stiff peaks form, 2-3 minutes. Fold into the batter.
 Spoon the batter into the prepared cake pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of a cake comes out clean, 25-28 minutes. Transfer to wire racks to cool. Cut each cake layer into 2 even layers for 4 layers total. Spread the frosting between the layers and over the top and side of the cooled cake.

Open On Christmas Day!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

*Wednesday, December 25th, at 7:30 PM
Heritage Baptist Church will still be open!*



Why would any fundamental, Bible-believing church be closed on Christmas just because it falls on a Wednesday? Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ!



Jack Hyles

Prayer And Dr. Ford Porter

Dr. Ford Porter prayed every morning at 4:00 for two or three hours. Dr. Rice prayed every morning. He had a list of 400 preachers or more. Every time I prayed with him, he prayed for all 400 by name. Really, I got a little tired. He just kept on and kept on, but he always prayed for those 400 by name.

Dr. Ford Porter prayed. I don't care where it was. By the way, he prayed all the time. He'd stop in the middle of a street and have prayer with cars coming. He'd say, "Brother Hyles, let's pray." I'd say, "You pray. I'll watch." The prayingest man I ever knew was Ford Porter. He would stop anywhere and pray. If you ever heard him pray, you heard him say these words and he would start crying. He'd say, "Dear God, I ought to be in Hell." One night he was praying right before I preached. He said, "Oh, God, I ought to be in Hell." He said, "I would have been if it hadn't been for Your grace." He started singing to God "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me." It was his favorite. I stayed in Dr. Ford Porter's home one day and night. As a matter of fact, it was a two-day conference and I stayed in his home. I get up at 5:45 a.m. or 6:00 a.m. That's me. I'm not a late sleeper. I'm not an early riser. In those days, I was getting up at 5:45 every day. At 4:00 in the morning somebody shook me. I looked up and there was Dr. Porter. He was shaking me on the shoulder. He said, "Wake up! Wake up!"
I said, "What for?"
He said, "If you stay here, you pray here!"

preach at any given opportunity. But if a preacher will not preach in Sunday School, nor Sunday morning, nor Sunday night, nor during the mid-week service, then I seriously doubt that same preacher will preach, "... *in season, out of season...*"

THIRD: TO PREACH HOW?

I Timothy 4:2, "... reprove, rebuke and exhort..."

"Reprove" - This word speaks of using the Word of God to convince the hearer. The listener will either be convicted about what is being said, convinced about the need to do something, or conned into doing nothing.

"Rebuke" - This word means "to censor." We, as preachers, are to use the Word of God in a way that those listening will begin to censor their lives,

- ⇒ Ladies should dress like ladies, and men should dress like men.
- ⇒ Porn is still porn, and drugs are still drugs.
- ⇒ The truth is still the truth, and a lie is still a lie.

"Exhort" - This word speaks of motivation, of propelling listeners forward.

I've heard some of the greatest motivational sermons ever preached from the mouths of God's servants, but those exhortations are only 1/3 of the command given by God to his preachers.

Question: How many 'reproving' and 'rebuking' sermons have you heard lately? For a balanced diet of sermons, shouldn't you get 2/3 'reproving' and 'rebuking' sermons and 1/3 'exhorting' sermons? Is this not correct?

Conclusion: *II Timothy 2:15* says, "... *rightly dividing the word of truth.*"

If we rightly divide the Word of truth, can we change the word in the Bible? No! (*Rev. 22:19*)

If we rightly divide the Word of truth, can women be pastors? No! (see *I Timothy 3:1-2*)

If we rightly divide the Word of truth, can we bypass the counsel from the pastors? No! (*Hebrews 13:17*)

If we rightly divide the Word of truth, can a pastor counsel with another pastor's church members? (see *Hebrews 13:17*)

The phrase, "**rightly divide**," means, "to follow a pattern," or, "to properly divide." This means we must follow the pattern already given to us by the example given to us in God's Word. Question: Are you "properly dividing God's Word?"

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

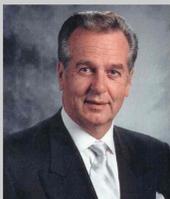
"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (*Acts 9:6*)

MIKE WENT INTO WORK AN HOUR LATE, HIS FACE SCRATCHED AND BRUISED, HIS GLASSES BENT.

"WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?" HIS BOSS ASKED.

"I FELL DOWN TWO FLIGHTS OF STAIRS." MIKE SAID.

HIS BOSS WAS AGHAST. "THAT TOOK YOU A WHOLE HOUR?"



Dean Miller, Sr.

The Great Communicator

"In my opinion, Dr. Jack Hyles' ability to communicate truth is second only to the Lord Himself, of Whom it was said in *John 7:46*, "**Never man spake like this man.**" Whether he spoke from the pulpit, from print, or person to person. Dr. Hyles was a master in communication. Either by illustrations, or deep theological truths from Scripture, the result was always the same—motivating his hearers to action! Dr. Hyles' ability to communicate in the power of the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the legacy of his ministry."

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last seven (7) years in a row!
2. The buses are still rolling!



3. For allowing these wonderful speakers to be with us in 2013.



Dr. Tom Neal



Dr. Bill McSpadden



Dr. Bob Gray



Mrs. Kelli Campbell



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Dean Miller



"NOT A CREATURE WAS TWEETING, NOR CLICKING A MOUSE."

A little asked her mother, "Where did humans come from?" The mother thought for a minute and replied, "Well, honey, God made Adam and Eve, and they had children, and that's where we all began."

Two days later, the girl asked her father the same question. He answered, "The human race evolved from apes over millions of years."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mommy, you told me that God created people, but Daddy says they came from apes."

"Well, dear, it's very simple. I told you about my side of the family, and Daddy told you about his."

If you don't think too good, then don't think too much.

Ted Williams



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Sound-Minded Friendship

Have you ever had someone get mad at you without a cause? Have you ever been accused of neglecting someone that you didn't even realize was keeping a score on your time spent together? Have you ever been confused about the status of a friendship?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then you probably have a good idea of how difficult it is to be a true friend today. Friendship is sorely misunderstood, as many have mistakenly come up with definitions of a friend that do not line up with Scripture.

Proverbs 27:17 gives us this friendship pattern:

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

In Proverbs 17:17, we find additional characteristics of a biblical friend:

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

So what do we have in these verses? First, we have friendship as a tool for keeping us spiritually sharp. Next, we have friendship that provides an enduring love. Finally, we have friendship that walks with us through adversity. Nowhere in these verses do we find that friendship is a scorecard. Friendship is a gift meant to be given and received, not taken and demanded.

Our young people have often heard their youth pastors tell them how important it is for them to choose the right friends. Unfortunately, many adults have failed to recognize the ongoing importance of being selective in friendships. There are some relationships that are truly unproductive at best and downright destructive at worst. Since friends can influence us at any age, we all need to be mindful of the friends that we choose, no matter what our age.



The Translators' Treachery—Part II

Jeremiah 23:30 "Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour."

Dr. Mickey Carter

There has never been another group of translators ever gathered together that approached a Bible translation like the translators for the King James Version. There are anonymous groups of translators who worked on these other versions. For example, there was a man on the Revised Standard Version's translating committee who was an unsaved Jew, who did not believe at all in the deity of Christ. The members of the New International Version's (NIV) translating committee were kept secret, and their names were not released until years after the NIV came out. For some time, it was very difficult to find out who the translators were.

Bible perverters will one day stand before God in judgment for stealing the Word of God from the common man. Stealing the Word of God can come in so many different ways. In the Soviet Union, it was done at the point of a gun; the common people were not allowed to have the Bible. That may not be as bad as it is here in America, where it gets changed and then "lost in the crowd." It is more dangerous to change the label on poison than to have it rightly identified. That is what the new versions are doing.

How Not to Get Hired

Going in for a job interview? Don't mess it up with questions like these from real candidates:

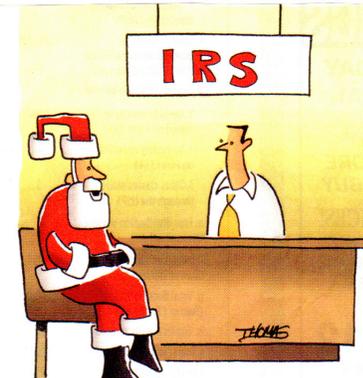
- "Can my husband finish the test for me?"
- "Would you consider going on a date with me?"
- "Can I place my desk near the cafeteria?"
- "Do I have to be at work every day?"

From a study by the staffing firm OfficeTeam

Basic flying rules

Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees, and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

Source: propilots.org



"I GIVE AWAY FREE TOYS. IF ANYTHING, YOU OWE ME MONEY."

"I'D LIVE WITHIN MY INCOME, BUT IT'S SUCH A POOR NEIGHBORHOOD."

PEOPLE IN SLEEPING BAGS ARE THE SOFT TACOS OF THE BEAR WORLD.

THEY MAKE CAT FOOD OUT OF COW, FISH, TURKEY, CHICKEN & LAMB MEAT—BUT NOT MOUSE MEAT, WHICH IS PROBABLY WHAT ALL CATS WANT.

Heritage Highlanders December 2013 Schedule



Saturday December 7
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic. Christmas Ornaments

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday December 21
Christmas Party!!

Proverbs 18:24

Saturday December 14
Baking Christmas Cookies

Genesis 19:3

Saturday December 28
Lesson On Faithful Bible Reading

II Peter 3:18

A MOTHER ASKED HER SON, "WHY DON'T YOU RUN DOWN THE STREET AND SEE HOW OLD MRS. SMITH IS THIS MORNING?"

THE BOY RETURNED A FEW MINUTES LATER AND REPORTED, "MRS. SMITH SAYS HER AGE IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS."

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

Fourteen Thousand Christians Reportedly Martyred Annually

Gospel for Asia is reporting that more than 14,000 people around the world annually are martyred for their faith. The number includes only reported cases....

The persecution of Christians takes both physical and mental forms. Many are beaten or deprived [of] food to the point of starvation. Others suffer misunderstanding or mental torture. Parents have turned children out of their homes, and schools have refused to allow students to return, all because of claiming the name of Jesus. Houses are burned, clothes are destroyed, and many are ultimately killed.

...In September 2013, innocent worshipers at a historic church in Pakistan scrambled for safety as two suicide bombers left 81 dead and 140 injured.

In the India state of Idisha in 2008, more than 500 Christians were killed, and some 50,000 were driven into the jungles. More than 4,000 Christian homes were destroyed, and dozens of churches were ransacked or burned out. These believers faced these attacks all because they had turned to Christ. Many lost everything they owned.

Christian Newswire

What kind of seed are you sowing?

Bibles and Booze: congregations Across America Attempting to Attract New Members With Beer

A new report released by NPR outlines that a number of congregations across America are now using beer as a way to attract new members.

The effort is an experiment in finding methods that will appeal to those who otherwise would not set foot in a church. Some beer-based gatherings are held right in the church building, and others are hosted at the local pub.

One of the locations highlighted in the report is Fort Worth, Texas, where Church-in-a-pub, sponsored by "Pastor" Phil Heinze of Calvary Lutheran Church, is held each week at the local bar....

Approximately 30-40 people meet for the weekly gathering, which includes Bible readings, fellowship and communion-all over pizza and beer at Zio Carlo pub.

The Regional Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recently recognized Church-in-a-pub as a synodically authorized worshiping community. In 2014, another area "pastor" plans to expand the concept throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

...The First Christian Church of Portland, Oregon hosts a monthly "beer and hymns" night at the church building, where congregants get together to sing hymns, talk and drink beer....

The Wall Street Journal covered a similar story earlier this year in highlighting the new trend, introducing its readers to a Saturday night gathering held by Pastor Matt Bistayi, who started Valley Church in Allendale, Michigan.

"My name is Darin," the music director announced to those present. "And I like me a 30-pack of Busch Light!"

The group, which holds to the motto, "What Would Jesus Brew?" then began to applaud.

For some congregations, instead of beer, cigars are offered to potential members. As previously reported, Eric Van Seyoe of St Thomas Lutheran Church in Rocky River, Ohio calls his gathering the "Smokin' Bible Study."

Heather Clark for Christiannews



Dr. Tom Neal

When To Have A Contentious Spirit

When someone tries to tell me that Hell is not real or that men and women do not die and go to Hell and burn forever, I am supposed to keep believing that Hell is a real place. When a man comes along and says there is no place like Hell, I am supposed to be upset. Hell is a real place where the screams of the damned are heard.

I do not believe in the universal church or the invisible church. I believe in the doctrine of the local church. We should not fall prey to the ideas that have been propagated by the universal church or by the electronic church. Neither of these institutions are churches. There is only one church, the local New Testament church. I ought to fret myself about that doctrine.

I ought to fret myself about the Word of God. I still believe we have a Bible, the King James Bible. God has preserved His Word. I do not care what the college professors say or how much they make fun of us fundamentalists! I am going to get a contentious spirit when somebody questions the Bible. I am going to question the man's motives, his beliefs, and his purpose if he be not true to the precious Word of God. I am saying that it is time for Bible-believing fundamentalists to once again start contending for the faith. I am talking about Oliver Greene's fundamentalism. I am talking about Lester Roloff's fundamentalism, John Rice's fundamentalism, and Jack Hyles's fundamentalism. It is time we get a contentious spirit about fundamentalism. It is time we say, "I am going to contend for the faith." All of us are responsible to contend for the faith.

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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