

“Striving To Stay Clean In 2015”



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“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

The Opportunities of a New Year

Introduction: The year 2014 has passed and we now have gone into the new year of 2015. Just as 2014 gave us opportunities we can certainly believe that 2015 will be filled with opportunities. In *Luke 19:41-44*, we find Christ weeping over the city of Jerusalem. Why was Christ weeping? Because they had missed the opportunity that God had given them.

“*And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it.*” With the new year upon us, we still must understand the

need of recognizing and grabbing hold of the opportunities presented to us.

FIRST: THE URGENCY OF OPPORTUNITY.

MARK 10:46-52

In *Mark 10:46*, “*And they came to Jericho...*,” we find that this was the last time Jesus passed through this city. If blind Bartimaeus would not have continued to cry out, “*Thou son of David, have mercy on me,*” he would not have received his sight, nor would he have had his sins forgiven.

When Christ is offered to you, please do not put off the opportunity given. Jerusalem was being given a final opportunity to receive their King, but in a short time, they would scream, “*Crucify him.*”

SECOND: THE USEFULNESS OF OPPORTUNITY.

LUKE 19:5

Opportunities that God gives us will always be useful because of what is offered.

To the lost— Salvation is offered.

To the saved— Service is offered

The Saviour’s presence is offered.

The privilege of sharing the Gospel is offered.

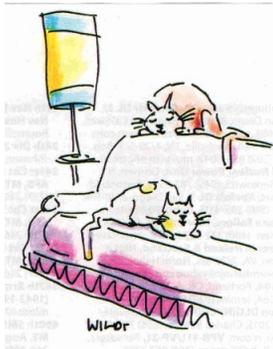
“*Zacchaeus, make hast, and come down; for today I must abide in thy house.*”

Matthew 11:28, “*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*”

Illustration: Saul of Tarsus was doing everything in his power to crush the influence of Jesus Christ, but then in Acts 9, he was given an opportunity to trust Christ. That man, Saul, became Paul the Apostle.

Zacchaeus had a similar experience. When Christ came by, he made sure to reach out and grasp the opportunity.

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"I used to be curious, but the Internet has answered a lot of my questions."

WHENEVER THE HENPECKED HUSBAND TRIED TO GET A WORD IN EDGewise DURING A FAMILY ARGUMENT, THE WIFE WOULD SHOUT HIM DOWN. ONE DAY, PLEADING TO BE HEARD, HE WAVED HIS ARMS ABOVE HIS HEAD.

"LET'S HAVE NONE OF YOUR ARM WAVING," SHE SHOUTED. "IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, JUST SHUT UP!"

A FARMER OVERHEARD A FLOCK OF CHICKENS IN HIS BARNYARD JUST AS A FOOTBALL FLEW OVER THE FENCE AND LANDED IN THEIR MIDST.

THE BARNYARD ROOSTER WADDLED OVER, STUDIED IT, THEN SAID, "I'M NOT COMPLAINING, GIRLS, BUT LOOK AT THE WORK THEY'RE TURNING OUT NEXT DOOR."

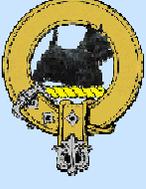
THE PARSON PAYING CALLS IN HIS PARISH KNOCKED AT THE DOOR OF A FAMILY IN HIS CONGREGATION. A WOMAN'S VOICE CALLED OUT:

"IS THAT YOU, ANGEL?"

"NO," CAME THE MINISTER'S REPLY, "BUT I AM FROM THE SAME DEPARTMENT."

A POLITICIAN WOKE UP AFTER SURGERY AND ASKED THE NURSES, "WHY ARE ALL THE BLINDS DRAWN?"

"WELL," ONE OF THE NURSES REPLIED. "THERE'S JUST A BIG FIRE ACROSS THE STREET. WE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO WAKE UP AND THINK THE OPERATION HAD BEEN A FAILURE."

Heritage Highlanders January 2015 Schedule				
	<u>Saturday January 3</u>	Psalm 139:14	<u>Saturday January 24</u>	Proverbs 31:14
	Attitudes towards yourself		Cooking: Soup and Salad	
	<u>Saturday January 10</u>	Proverbs 31:13	<u>Saturday January 31</u>	John 3:16
	Sewing with Mrs. Kubic		Soulwinning	
	<u>Saturday January 17</u>	Ruth 3:3		
	Pattern for living: Cleanliness			

"MANY OF THE LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS TO THE LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE U.N. CLIMATE SUMMIT. THEY SAY THIS WAS ARGUABLY THE MOST HIGH-PROFILE, SIGNIFICANT MEETING THAT WILL IN NO WAY CHANGE ANYTHING WHATSOEVER."

Lest We Forget

Continental Congress July 8, 1776, for the first time read the Declaration of Independence publicly, as the famous "Liberty Bell" was rung. Congress then established a three-man committee, consisting of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, for the purpose of designing a great seal for the United States.

Benjamin Franklin's suggestions for a seal and motto, characterizing the spirit of this new nation, were:

Moses lifting up his wand, and dividing the Red Sea, and Pharaoh in his chariot overwhelmed with the waters. This motto: "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

Thomas Jefferson proposed:

The children of Israel in the wilderness, led by a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.

THIRD: THE ULTIMATE DANGER OF OPPORTUNITY.

LUKE 19:42-43

That danger is to know you have it but you choose to ignore it. The ultimate danger is the judgment of God.

“For the days shall come upon thee...”

I have noticed three main reasons for opportunities missed:

1. Too distracted by the practice of sin.
2. Too busy to be bothered by the eternal.
3. Too lazy to find out if there is an opportunity.

We must take time to examine the opportunities that God has offered us before it is too late.

“Now is the accepted time...now is the day of salvation.” II Corinthians 6:2.

Conclusion: I could also add to the list, “Too discouraged.” Many of a wonderful opportunity has been missed by those too discouraged to see any light at the end of the tunnel.

Illustration: The other day I read of the strangest court-martial in recorded military history. The man being court-martialed was not carrying information to the enemy. The soldier was not disloyal to America. What was the charge against him in World War II? He was charged as a discourager. That’s right. He was so critical of everything and everyone in his company that he was discouraging the troops all the time. He was found guilty and sentenced to one year in a military prison. The charge, “using words that weakened the nation with a critical attitude.”

Luke 11:52, “Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.”

What will you do with the opportunities given you in the new year?

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 WIFE RETURNING FROM A FISHING TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND WAS TELLING HER TROUBLES TO A NEIGHBOR. “I DID EVERYTHING ALL WRONG AGAIN TODAY,” SHE SAID. “I TALKED TOO LOUD, I USED THE WRONG BAIT, I REELED IN TOO SOON, AND I CAUGHT MORE FISH THAN HE DID.”

My Preacher

My pastor shapes his sermons
From A to final Z
In clear and forthright language
And aims them straight at me.
And when he gets to preaching,
I look around to see
If there might be another
Deserving more than me.
But every soul looks saintly;
Their hearts to Heaven turn,
While I, in my conviction,
Can only sit and squirm.
You know, I often wonder
If I should miss a day,
Would he without his target
Have anything to say?

—Copied



*“The repair shop called.
Your car is ready.”*



*“It’s T-Ball. How do you
get traded in T-Ball?”*

A DINER AT AN EXORBITANTLY EXPENSIVE RESTAURANT ASKED THE WAITER, “WHAT’S THE CATCH OF THE DAY?” “YOU ARE,” THE WAITER REPLIED.

MY DOG THINKS HE REALLY IS MAN’S BEST FRIEND. HE KEEPS TRYING TO BORROW MONEY FROM ME.

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

THEY CALL IT A FAMILY TREE BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK LONG ENOUGH YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND SOME SAP IN IT.



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Dangerous Beauties

The Bible invests a great deal of space warning men about a dangerous category of women called "strange women." Now it is my belief that these women must have been attractive, but I can't prove that. I can only say with Scriptural authority that their allure was powerful and that they knew how to look, what to say and what to do to draw a man into the net. Let's look at three basic categories of these "strange women":

1. The Adulteress. This woman is married or will take a married man from his wife. She knows how to say the right thing to flatter a man, and she has a feminine mystique that is very seductive. This woman is described in *Proverbs 5:3-6*, and we would be wise to warn our sons to beware of this type of woman! We must also pray for the protection of our husbands against the snares of the strange woman, as she could be sitting in the next cubicle at his workplace! This woman is very strategic in her goal of trapping a married man, and she is without moral compass.

2. The Evil Woman. This woman is very similar to the adulteress (they can actually be interchangeable), and she too uses flattery as a tool. We must never underestimate the power of the tongue when it comes to either drawing or repulsing a man! Although we cannot be held accountable for a man's wandering from the nest and into the arms of another woman, we certainly can do our best not to push him there! Many a man yearns for a kind and encouraging word from his wife. Imagine a starving man. Stale bread will taste good to someone who hasn't eaten in days. So it is with flattery to the ears of a loved-starved man. If he doesn't hear it from his wife, the enemy will insert the evil woman to trap him like an insect in a spider web of flattery. The evil woman has the advantage of beauty (vs. 25), and she also knows how to use her eyes to snare a man. She is stimulating, suggestive and always on the prowl (vs. 26).

3. The Harlot. This woman is easier to spot, because her clothing betrays her and her speech is "loud" (*Proverbs 7:11*). This type of woman is not as much of a threat to a man who stays busy and is in the right place, especially in His walk with the Lord. The harlot has a special area that she works, and a godly man would not likely cross her path. The Bible describes this woman as one who hunts for men on the streets (vs. 12). This woman is a prostitute and is very bold about it. She is only dangerous to those who are seeking her company. A man has to be morally unstable to want the company of a harlot. Still, we wives need to be sure that we are not providing a breeding ground for discontent in our men by being frequently angry or contentious. Harlots dwell in the "wilderness" of life, and a man who lives with an angry and contentious woman can be driven to that very same wilderness (*Proverbs 21:19*).



Jack Hyles

On Being Human

R. G. Lee told me this story. He and his wife were on vacation. They were out in the country on a Sunday morning, and they saw a little white country church like we have all over the land. They pulled into church, not knowing anybody there. The preacher there didn't know that the great Dr. R. G. Lee was there. Would you believe it? He preached the sermon "Payday Someday." He had memorized the sermon and preached it word-for-word with Dr. and Mrs. Lee sitting right there in the audience and the preacher didn't know it. Dr. Lee, being human, as you may have to be someday, was infuriated and angry. I mean he was just furious. He got in the car and drove away. He didn't even shake hands with the preacher because he was so mad. (Maybe somebody gets mad at you and you think that ought to be a capital punishment offence.) Dr. Lee didn't speak for a while. He was just boiling. He told me that he said to Mrs. Lee, "I can't believe that young man would do that. That is plagiarism at its worst." She said, "What do you mean, sweetheart?" He said, "Well, you know what he did. He preached my sermon word-for-word, 'Payday Someday.'" Mrs. Lee said, "Yes, and it's the best I ever heard it."

MY HUSBAND IS INFANTRY, AND HE SAID SOME WONDERFUL THINGS TO CONVINCE ME TO MARRY HIM:

- *THE CLOSETS COULD ALL BE MINE SINCE HE WEARS THE SAME THING EVERY DAY.*
- *I COULD HAVE AS MANY BABIES AS I WANT BECAUSE GIVING BIRTH IS FREE.*
- *HE WOULD NEVER GET ON MY NERVES, BECAUSE HE WOULD ALWAYS BE GONE.*

MOLLIE GROSS

AN EDUCATION CAN GET YOU WHAT REALLY MATTERS IN LIFE: AN ASSIGNED PARKING SPACE.

A YOUNG MOTHER WAS RIDING ON THE TRAIN WITH HER BABY BOY CRADLED IN HER ARMS. A MAN ACROSS THE AISLE LEANED OVER TO SAY, "I MUST TELL YOU THAT THE CHILD OF YOURS IS JUST ABOUT THE UGLIEST BABY I'VE EVER SEEN." THE OUTRAGED MOTHER COMPLAINED TO THE CONDUCTOR, WHO DID HIS BEST TO SOOTHE HER. "WE AIM TO PLEASE ON THIS RAILROAD," HE CONCLUDED, "SO I WANT YOU TO IGNORE THIS MAN AND MOVE TO A SEAT IN THE PULLMAN CAR AHEAD WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS. AND BY THE WAY, HERE'S A BANANA FOR YOUR LITTLE MONKEY."



Mrs. Collingsworth's Cinnamon Muffins

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| 1 cup all-purpose flour | 1 egg | CRUMB TOPPING: |
| 1/3 cup sugar | 1/3 cup milk | 4 tsp. all-purpose flour |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | 1/4 cup butter, melted | 2 tsp. sugar |
| 1/4 tsp. salt | 1-1/4 tsp. instant espresso powder | Pinch ground cinnamon |
| 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon | | 2 tsp. cold butter |

In a small bowl, combine the first five ingredients. Whisk the egg, milk, butter and espresso powder until espresso powder is dissolved. Stir into the dry ingredients just until moistened. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full.

For topping, combine the flour, sugar and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle about 1 tsp. over each muffin. Bake at 400° for 18-20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack. Serve warm. Yield: 6 muffins.

IT'S SO COLD THAT COWS ARE GIVING OUT THEIR MILK BY THE SCOOP.

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

Maryland School Board Purges Christmas From Schedule

Christmas has officially been cancelled in Montgomery County, Maryland, thanks to some not-so-wise men in charge of the local schedule. [On November 11] the board voted to wipe the calendar of all religious holidays, regardless of how widely celebrated they may be. Christmas, Easter...and others were all part of the , politically correct casualties that sanitized special dates after a push from the district's Muslim community. Instead of Christmas vacation, students will have "winter break," and any other significant dates will just be marked "no school for students and teachers."

ISIS Female Slave Price for Christian, Yazidi Girls: \$172

A regulatory price list recently released by the Islamic State leadership shows that ISIS militants are selling captured Christian and Yazidi girls, as young as one to nine years old, as sex slaves and charging nearly three to four times the amount that they would charge for a grown woman.

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

School Shooting Used As Excuse To Restrict Homeschooling

The Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, created by Governor Dannel P. Malloy in the aftermath of the school shooting in Newton, CT, claims that the Sandy Hook massacre occurred because Adam Lanza was homeschooled and his emotional problems went undetected. The commission recommends that homeschool students undergo mandatory mental health examinations to determine if they have emotional problems.

Dee Black with the Home School Legal Defense Association says Lanza was really a public school student studying at home. Although Lanza's mother pulled him out of the classroom, he earned a degree from Newtown High School, an option not available to any homeschooled student.

"When you look at the instances where we've had these tragedies in other public schools, they've always been committed by public school students. And in fact we know that Adam Lanza was at least somewhat a product of the public school system" the attorney says.

Black says reports that Lanza was homeschooled presented an opportunity for homeschool opponents to try to place restrictions on homeschooling.

Per the commission's plan, homeschool students identified as having emotional or behavioral problems would be required to follow an education plan approved by the public school district. If subsequent progress reports showed inadequate results, the right to homeschool would be denied.

PHIL—CHEERFULLY: "I AM ALWAYS BREAKING INTO SONG."

WILL: "YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BREAK IN IF YOU HAD THE RIGHT KEY."



Dr. Al Lacy

The Devil's Angles

One thing you've got to say for the devil ... he IS persistent. Not being easily discouraged, he tries every angle. He takes God's only begotten Son up on top of a high mountain. In essence, he says, "Look, Jesus. Do You see all those kingdoms out there in the world? Now, I know Your Father has promised to give them all to You. But in order to get them, You will have to walk the Via Dolorosa. You will have to be crucified and die first. Before You can have the crown by Your Father's plan, You will first have to endure the cross. But, hey, Man, I've got a better way! I'm the god of THIS WORLD, You know (II Corinthians 4:4). Those kingdoms out

there belong to me! Tell you what, Jesus, I can save You all that pain, suffering, and bleeding. You can take a shortcut, here.

"If You will do one little teensy-weensy thing for me, I'll give You all those kingdoms right now! You won't have to wait, and You won't have to suffer! My way is a whole lot better than Your Father's! All You have to do is drop to Your knees and worship me. That's all You have to do, Man! Now, what would be so difficult about that? How about it?"

Jesus looks at him askance and replies, "You seem to have overlooked something, devil."

"Yeah? What's that?"

"The Scripture, 'Thou shalt worship the LORD thy God and Him only shalt thou serve.'"

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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