

**FULL OF THE PROMISES OF SEPTEMBER 2013**

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

## Who Has Your Heart?

**Introduction:** I have repeatedly taught and begged people, especially young people, never to give your heart to anyone unless you are absolutely sure of the decision you are making. I have said, "Never, without thought, give your heart to someone." Why? Once a person gives his or her heart away to a boyfriend, girlfriend, some organization, or business, it is almost impossible to bring that person back to God.

Before you disagree, I want to remind you that I've been in the ministry for approximately 40 years and have seen this happen to hundreds of people.

Whoever, or whatever, has your heart reveals what you really are and what you believe.

**FIRST: THE WRONG FRIENDS WILL INFLUENCE YOUR HEART. II SAMUEL 13:3**

*"But Amnon had a friend..."*

That so-called friend helped Amnon rape a family member.

Through the years I have seen young people hang around the people they work with, then they start missing church. Why? They made the wrong kind of friendship. Instead of leading their new associates to Christ, they allowed their new associates to get them away from Christ.

**SECOND: THE WORLD WILL INFLUENCE YOUR HEART. I CORINTHIANS 15:33**

*"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."*

The world's system is designed to seduce and to lure young people away from purity and decency into an immoral hopen of filth.

The average TV show today is a cesspool of vulgarity, immorality, humanism, and all manner of perversion. We've come a long way from Roy Rogers and Dale Evans to Madonna, Lady Gag, and Miley Cyrus.

The world's music has now been accepted in our homes, our schools, and in our churches. Danger! Danger! Danger! Even though the Internet is a valuable tool, it's dangers are obvious. A child should never be left alone to discover what's on that Internet! I have received letter after letter from great men of God telling me how the filth on the Internet is ruining their young people.

**THIRD: THE WILY ONE WILL INFLUENCE YOUR HEART. EPHESIANS 6:11**

*"Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*

Continued



*Dr. Bob Gray*

### **Calling Sin by Name Is NOT Hate Speech!**

When I was a young boy I did not have to decide what I was sexually; rather, I had to decide whose I was spiritually. Once that was determined, Chastity was assumed. I presented my body to God, and He took me from there to being married to a woman. The only things that came out of the closets in my youth were my clothes or baseball bats and gloves. Today we make heroes out of men who “declare their sexuality” and goats out of men who declare their Saviour. Sin has been given precedence over righteousness.

Here is our decision regarding those who commit those acts described in Romans 1:27: They are sinners who must be saved, just like all other sinners who must be saved, in order to go to Heaven. Once homosexuals are saved, they are to become morally chaste, just like a man living in adultery or a couple living together outside marriage must change their lifestyle. They have allowed a desire to define their lifestyle, so they will have to go through the process that all sinners experience who have to give up a sin while God transforms them.

When Christians come toward Christ after salvation, God purges them so they will be conformed to the image of Christ. I cannot change homosexuals but God can, just like He changes all who come to Christ. I will not put a sign outside the church advertising that we are “gay friendly.” I hope everyone in town knows that we are “sinner friendly.” I will not recognize homosexuals as a demographic any more than I will make the adulterers a demographic.

An evangelical recently wrote an article on what churches need to do about the homosexual community. It was and is lunacy! First, stop thinking that it is our problem. Our problem is getting sinners to trust Christ and then pointing them to a chaste lifestyle. It is not advertising that a certain segment can come and feel accepted in their sin. We accept them as sinners in our services, but we cannot acknowledge their lifestyle as acceptable or viable.

So, the world wants to know if we are going to stop our gay bashing. I am not a ‘gay basher.’ I am, however a sin-hating preacher. I will call sin by name—at least the ones that have a name. Which actually this one does not, other than the Bible word ‘sodomy.’ God simply calls it unnatural. Perhaps we should just do what Paul did in the Book of Romans and tell what the sin is without the name.

I do not plan to damn souls to Hell by refusing to preach against sin. If they do not understand the awfulness of sin, how can they know their need for a Saviour? I have no choice but to call sin out. I must! My question is: When are they going to stop their chastity bashing?

Here is the answer to sin, which applies to all of us: Find God! He will direct your desires, but He will never violate His law. God will never give a man sexual desires for another man.

I refuse to play Satan’s game. I refuse to legitimize a sin as an alternative lifestyle and then respond by acknowledging their labels. We are losing our language and the definition of words to liberals.



**Turkey  
Shoot-off**

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Father & Son  
Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper**  
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM  
**Special Speaker: Dr. Greg Neal, 7:00 PM**



**Chili  
Cook-off**



*Dr. Al Lacy  
with our  
Pastor*

Recently I read an article by a Bible-corrector correcting the King James 1611 Bible. He said in his article: "Now I suspect that if God, in this day, opened up the heavens and spoke to us directly and said, 'This Book (the King James Bible) is the inerrant Word of God,' the debates would be over, and we would all believe it." And I say **BALONEY!!!** The debates would **NOT** be over, and everybody would **NOT** believe it!

The Bible-correctors would not sit still for it. They would have to stand before their classes and congregations and admit they have been wrong, ... and that would split their gall bladders! They could not play god any more and say, “The King James Bible is incorrect here ...” and “This is a poor rendering, here. The original says ...,” and “A better translation would be ...” and “This passage right here is a spurious one. It is not in the better manuscripts, etc.”

The debates would not be over because they would no longer be able to show poor ignoramuses how much smarter they are and would lose their position as a god to others.

'Wiles' means 'to trick, or to snare.' I could not tell you how many young people have laughed at me through the years when I told them that the devil was on their trail and that they were unaware. After the laughter, within days I saw them make decisions that took them out of church and away from God.

The devil does not get you to fall into sin, but rather influences you away slowly until you do not even realize how far you have gone. It is in your mind and in your heart a long time before it comes out in the open for people to see it.

**Conclusion:** As you have seen, once the heart is given away and the emotions are connected, it is almost impossible to turn the person around. We are to try, but the heart is the issue. It always has amazed me how Godly men like Samuel, David, and Josiah could be so devoted to God, and so surrendered in their heart, yet their kids went in the opposite direction. What happened? Their children gave their hearts to the wrong person.

Wake up while you have the opportunity! Give your heart to Christ. *Matthew 22:37*, "... **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...**" Listen! We should pray and do all we can to restore the prodigal, but just how many prodigals give their heart to the world and come back?

*Proverbs 23:26, "My son, give me thine heart."*

### 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.*

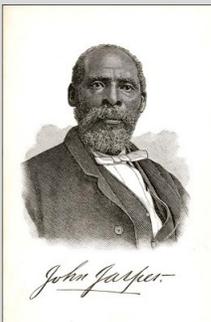
*Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)*



### Prayer of Service

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

**SEPTEMBER IS WHEN MILLIONS OF SHINING, HAPPY FACES TURN TOWARD SCHOOL. THEY BELONG TO PARENTS.**



John Jasper was born July 4, 1812, the youngest of 24 children. His parents were Tina and Philip Jasper. His mother prayed that her son, "Do nothing but sing de praises of Jesus." His father was a Baptist slave preacher who died two months before his son's birth.

John Jasper spent the first 25 years of his life as a slave on the Peachy Plantation near Williamsburg, Virginia. About 1837, he was sent to Richmond to work in Sam Hargrove's Tobacco Warehouse. His new master was a committed Christian who not only spoke to Jasper about his soul; he prayed for his conversion.

Jasper was converted July 25, 1839. He often told how he came to faith in Christ. "My sins was piled on me like mountains; my feet was sinking down in the regions of despair, and I felt that all of sinners, I was the worst. I thought that I would die right then, and with what I supposed was my last breath, I flung up to heaven a cry

for mercy..." Jasper was so overcome with joy that he could not refrain from shouting praises to the Lord. His owner, Sam Hargrove, came to see what all the commotion was about. Jasper related to him his conversion experience. Hargrove instructed Jasper to, "Tell everyone in the warehouse, and then go home and tell your family, and friends, and neighbors, and anyone who would listen, what God has done for you."

He was baptized in First African Baptist Church in Richmond and, on that same day, he preached a funeral sermon. He did so well that no one wanted to send a loved one to glory without a sermon by John Jasper. His fame as a preacher spread far and wide over the next 25 years. This slave would become the most popular black preacher in Virginia.

The Civil War brought John Jasper freedom and produced a dramatic change to his life and ministry. In 1867, 55-year-old John Jasper founded the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church with nine members. Every Sunday, the people of Richmond would observe John Jasper leading his congregation to the James River for a baptismal service. He once baptized 300 in two hours. At John Jasper's death in 1901, the church had over 2000 members. Amazingly, one third of the congregation was white. His last words were, "I have finished my work, I am waiting at the river, looking across for further orders."

# 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. The honor of having these wonderful speakers.



## Special Speakers For 2013



**Dr. Tom Neal**  
June  
23rd



**Dr. Bill  
McSpadden**  
June



**Dr. Bob Gray**  
July  
8th



**Mrs. Kelli  
Campbell**  
August



**Dr. Greg Neal**  
October  
12th



**Dr. Dean Miller**  
November  
3rd

## Proverbs Club 2013 Fall Schedule

Date	Theme	Verse	Lesson
September 8	Character & Your Appearance. <i>Trip to the thrift store.</i>	Deut. 22:5, Pro. 31:21	Shelley
September 22	Character & Purity. <i>Outdoor Activities</i>	Pro. 20:11, II Tim 2:22	Tammy
October 6	Character in Our Founders. <i>Picnic &amp; Nature Walk</i>	Pro. 22:28	Tammy
October 20	Character & Separation. <i>Pumpkin Craft</i>	Pro. 14:12	Shelley
November 3	Character - Sowing & Reaping. <i>Indian Corn</i>	Luke 12:16-21, Pro. 31:31	Shelley
November 17	Character & Thanksgiving. <i>Homemade Thank you notes</i>	I Thess. 5:16-19, Pro. 31:25	Yvonne
December 1	Character & Your Finances. <i>Mall Treasure Hunt</i>	Pro. 31:24, Luke 16:13	Tammy
December 15	Character & Christmas. <i>Christmas Party, Homemade gifts</i>	Luke 2:7-21	Yvonne
December 29	Character & the Wise Men. <i>Bible Search</i>	Pro. 3:5-6, Matt. 2:1-13	Tammy

Dear Bro. Collingsworth,

What can I say about the royal treatment bestowed upon me by you, your family, and great church! Thanks for a great room, meals, love offering, and every act of kindness. Most of all, thank you for the privilege of preaching and spending time with you.

The spirit in your church was great. Everything was done first class. I was very proud of Joe and Allison. Jarrod, his family, and of course Mrs. Collingsworth all manifest such a warm and encouraging spirit.

Thank you for being my friend, supporter, and for encouraging an old preacher. Please let me know if there is anything I can ever do for you or your family.

Your Friend,  
Dr. Tom Neal



Jack &  
Beverly Hyles

### Commenting on Lee Roberson

Dr. Rice, Dr. Roberson and I were in Phoenix, Arizona, together. This has been, probably, 30 years ago. You know Dr. Roberson is about the best looking guy in the world. If you think he is impressive looking now, you should have seen him when he was back in his 30's and 40's and 50's. He was just about as handsome a guy as any. So Dr. Rice, Dr. Roberson and I were there in Phoenix, Arizona, and everybody was taking about how good-looking Dr. Roberson was and how handsome he was. One night after the service, we went to a family's house for a fellowship refreshment time and we were talking. Everybody said, "Dr. Roberson, you look so good." One fellow said, "Dr. Roberson is about the best looking, most distinguished looking man I ever saw." They had a little daughter about five years old that loved Dr. Rice. She was upset because Dr. Roberson was getting all the attention. After a while, they kept bragging on him, bragging on him and bragging on him and she decided to say something. She said, "Well, let me tell you something. Dr. Rice is handsome too, all but his face."



### Heritage Highlanders September 2013 Schedule

**Saturday September 7**  
Honoring Grandparents  
**Saturday September 14**  
Cooking With Apples

*Philippians 1:3*  
*Numbers 28:2*

**Saturday September 21**  
Soul Winning  
**Saturday September 28**  
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

*John 3:16*  
*Psalms 100:4*

### Mexican Chicken Chili

4 dried ancho chiles wiped with a damp cloth	4 cups low sodium chicken broth	1/4 tsp. black pepper	1 can (15 oz.) no-salt-added pinto beans, rinsed, drained
2 cups boiling water	1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breasts	2 tbsp. olive oil	1 tbsp. fresh lime juice
1 onion, chopped	2 cloves garlic, chopped	1 lb. zucchini cut into 1/2 inch pieces (3 cups)	1/4 cup hulled pumpkin seeds, toasted
1 1/2 tsp. dried oregano		1/4 tsp. coarse sea salt	

In heatproof bowl, combine chiles and water. Let soak about 30 minutes. Reserve soaking liquid.

Bring broth to a simmer in 2 quart saucepan. Add chicken and simmer gently, covered, until chicken is just cooked through, about 15 minutes. Transfer chicken to bowl with slotted spoon and let cool. Shred. Reserve broth.

Stem and seeds chilies and transfer to blender. Add reserved soaking liquid, onion, garlic, oregano, and pepper. Puree until smooth.

In 5 quart pot, heat oil over medium heat until it simmers, then carefully add chili puree (it will splatter) and cook, stirring frequently until thickened, about 10 minutes. Add reserved broth, zucchini, and beans, and simmer covered until zucchini is tender, about 10 minutes.

Stir in chicken, salt, and lime, and simmer just until chicken is heated, about two minutes. Top each serving with a generous teaspoon of pumpkin seeds.

**MY SISTER GRABBED THE THERMOMETER FROM THE MEDICINE CABINET AND POPPED IT INTO HER MOUTH.**

**"UH, JULIE, THAT'S THE DOG'S THERMOMETER," SAID MY MOTHER.**

**JULIE SPIT OUT THE THERMOMETER. "EWWW, THAT WAS IN FITZIE'S MOUTH?!"**

**MOM HESITATED BEFORE REPLYING, "NOT EXACTLY."**

**JANET GALLO, FOXBORO, MASSACHUSETTS**

Let me tell you something! Once you get an old-fashioned leather-lunged, baptism by immersion, John the Baptist preaching, then you have a religion that will ruin you for this world.

A lady said to me the other day, "Dr. Laken, why don't you do some nice preaching?" I said, "Honey, if nice preaching would've saved this city, it would've been saved long ago."

You don't need some nice preaching. Did you ever notice in the Old Testament that the priest never got in trouble, but the prophets did? The prophets are the one who said, "**Thou art the man.**" A man today who is facing this howling world, as some of our brethren are, is going to get in trouble. Amen! I'll tell you what fundamentalists need, my friend. You need preachers getting a little backbone in you, and stand up and cry out against something. Oh, you'll say yes to someone else doing it, but you try it once.

Let me tell you something, my friend. What we need today is another John the Baptist that will go down into the Jordan valley with a pair of skin britches on, and a leather girdle around his loins, and his black mane hanging down his shoulders, preaching repentance until they come from the governor to the bootblack to hear him. We need another Nathan, who will put his finger under David's nose and say, "Thou art the man." Amen. You know what? I've done made up my mind— I'm not going to let any group or any individual tell me where I can go, or with whom I can go. I'll go where I want to go, and where I feel God wants me to go.

*B. R. Lakin*

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

## **Federal government releases guidebook for dealing with shooters in churches.**

The federal government has released a guidebook to help churches respond to shooters and other on-site emergencies as part of President Obama's executive actions to fight gun violence.

Titled, "A Guide For Developing High-Quality Emergency Operation Plans For Houses Of Worship," it offers suggestions and instructions apart from any laws or mandates.

The guide advises churches to develop plans of action and, in the event of an active shooter in the church, to have the congregation already trained to run, hide, or fight, depending on opportunity. No where does the document advise church members to arm themselves with guns or other weapons.

Jimmy Meeks, a preacher and Texas police officer who helps churches implement plans to protect worshippers, said the guidebook repeats information he and others have offered for years.

Violent deaths in churches have surpassed those in schools, say Meeks, who has tracked 433 such deaths.

"Since 1999 churches have surpassed schools ... about 100 people less have died in schools since 1999. Schools have actually gotten safer", Meeks said.

The federal panel's 32 page document for churches (downloadable at Whitehouse.gov) was released under the umbrella of FEMA following the congressional defeat of Obama's gun control initiatives.

While Meeks cautions church members not to arm themselves with guns without proper training and knowledge, state governments increasingly are passing laws allowing concealed weapons in houses of worship.

Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming have such laws with varied stipulations, including the possession of a proper permit, training, Church approval, and congregational awareness, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Additionally about 20 other states allow guns and churches because of right-to-carry laws but in legislation have not specifically focused on churches.

*Diana Chandler for Baptist Press.*

## **Get out of the Boy Scouts!**

Well, the Boy Scouts of America sold their soul to the devil, voting in May to allow openly sodomite youth to join with the normal boys and thereby permit the former to mess with the latter at meetings, and especially at camps. They made a big deal out of banning the perverts from leadership positions, but how are they really going to keep them out with the permissive position the organization has officially taken? And we predict it will only be a matter of time before sodomites are welcome in places of leadership. The vote, we are sad to say, was not even close: 61-39% in favor of the change.

Scouting's number one man, Wayne Brock, said at a press conference after the vote that, "... the decision had been made and now it is time to move forward and it is time to stand together." But how can good people "stand together" on an immoral matter that Almighty God calls "perversion" and "abomination"?

What kind of seed are you sowing?



"I ALWAYS GIVE 110% TO MY JOB—  
40% ON MONDAY, 30% ON  
TUESDAY, 20% ON WEDNESDAY, 15%  
ON THURSDAY AND 5% ON FRIDAY."



"I really wish you'd seen me  
before you became so curious."

MY NEIGHBOR, A POLICE OFFICER,  
PULLED SOMEONE OVER FOR  
TEXTING WHILE DRIVING, A BIG  
NO-NO IN OUR STATE.  
THE DRIVER WAS HAVING NONE  
OF IT. "I WAS NOT TEXTING!" SHE  
INSISTED INDIGNANTLY. "I WAS  
ON FACEBOOK."

BRENDA MORALES,  
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

Food



Treasure Hunt

**Fall Program—2013**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>**

Games



HORSES

Hayrides



# 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

**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 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- 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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