

“CHRIST— OUR THEME FOR 2016”



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“... If Ye Love Me ...”



Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

Introduction: *John 14:15* says, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” This year of 2016, our theme is, “Christ, Our Theme, For 2016.” This theme is to challenge the entire church to make Christ preminent in our lives. To do so means we have chosen and determined to go forward, and not backward, in the new year. Let's look at those things associated with going backward instead of going forward in our relationship with Christ.

FIRST: THE CAUSES OF GOING BACKWARD.

JEREMIAH 2:13

A. They did not value God's power.

Jeremiah 2:6, “Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt ...”

God had delivered them from Egypt, led them through the wilderness, provided their needs, protected them from their enemies, but they did not care.

B. They did not value God's Word.

Jeremiah 2:8, “... they that handle the law knew me not ...”

The very people that were to teach others were not right with God themselves. You see, quoting Scripture is not the same thing as trusting Christ.

C. They refused to admit that anything was wrong.

Jeremiah 2:23, “How canst thou say, I am not polluted ...”

Even though God told them in detail of their awful sins, they insisted they were right with God.

SECOND: THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOING BACKWARD.

JEREMIAH 2:19

A. They lost God's blessings.

Jeremiah 3:3, “Therefore the showers have been withholden...”

Backsliding clearly limits God's blessings in our lives.

B. They lost their sensitivity to sin.

Jeremiah 3:3, “... thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.”

God is teaching us that just like a prostitute eventually loses her guilt for what she is doing, God's people get used to the darkness of their sins, even believing it is light.

C. They lost God's guidance.

Jeremiah 3:4, “Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of

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Lest We Forget

When Ensign Jesse Brown, top, was shot down during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, Lt Tom Hudner, left, attempted an intentional crash-landing to try to save his friend.

As darkness stretched across the mountainside, the temperature plummeted. They watched as their squadron mates departed for the carrier, one by one, until the men on the ground were alone.

Brown was fading from his wounds, his eyelids becoming heavy. This can't be happening, Hudner thought. Brown's chin slumped to his chest but Hudner shook him awake. That's when Brown gave a final message to deliver to his wife: "Just tell Daisy how much I love her."

By the time the rescue helicopter flared onto the scene, Brown was gone. Exhausted and defeated, Hudner headed for the helicopter. But he couldn't leave without a word. He turned and shouted to his departed friend, "We'll be back for you." As the helicopter whisked Hudner to safety, he rode in silence. Not only had he lost a friend, but Brown had become the first black U.S. Naval fighter pilot to give his life in the Korea War.



Heritage Highlanders January 2016 Schedule

Saturday January 2

Attitudes

Psalm 139:14

Saturday January 9

Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday January 16

Snow: Cleanliness and Purity

Saturday January 23

Cooking : Soup and Sandwiches

Saturday January 30

Soulwinning

Psalm 51:7

Proverbs 31:14

John 3:16

HOW COULD YOU BE LATE FOR ANYTHING IN LONDON? THEY HAVE A HUGE CLOCK RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TOWN.

DEAR CHARLIE,

WE'VE BEEN NEIGHBORS FOR SIX TUMULTUOUS YEARS. WHEN YOU BORROWED MY SNOWBLOWER, YOU RETURNED IT IN PIECE: WHEN I WAS SICK, YOU BLASTED METALLICA. AND WHEN YOUR DOG DECORATED MY LAWN, YOU LAUGHED. I COULD GO ON, BUT I'M NOT ONE TO HOLD GRUDGES. SO I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE.

CORDIALLY, HARRY

A VISITOR TO A HUGE GOVERNMENT OFFICE ASKED HIS GUIDE, "HOW MANY PEOPLE WORK HERE?" "ABOUT ONE IN 10," THE GUIDE REPLIED.

HONESTLY, OFFICER, I WOULDN'T HAVE PULLED OVER HAD I KNOWN YOU WERE JUST GOING TO CRITICIZE ME.

A REPORTER ASKED THE PATRIOTS' COACH THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS IN SELECTING YOUNG PLAYERS.

"I HAVE A SYSTEM," THE COACH ANSWERED. "I TAKE ALL THE RECRUITS OUT INTO THE WOODS. WHEN I FIRE MY GUN, THEY ALL START RUNNING. THE ONES WHO RUN AROUND THE TREES BECOME MY GUARDS, AND THE ONES WHO RUN INTO THE TREES BECOME MY TACKLES."

The Welfare State

The government is my shepherd: I need not work. It alloweth me to lie down on a good job.

It leadeth me beside still factories;

It destroyed my initiative.

It leadeth me in the path of a parasite for politic's sake;

Yea, though I walk through the valley of laziness and deficit-spending,

I will fear no evil, for the government is with me.

It prepareth an economic Utopia for me, by

appropriating the earnings of my own

grandchildren.

It filleth my head with false security;

My inefficiency runneth over.

Surely the government should care for me all the

days of my life,

And I shall dwell in a fool's paradise forever.

Author Unknown.



"LEE, PARTY FOR ONE."

my youth?"

D. Their reputation was ruined.

Jeremiah 3:6, "... Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done?"

When Israel turned their back on God, their sins were noticed by others.

THIRD: THE CURE FROM GOING BACKWARD.

LUKE 13:3

The cure for backsliding must have the following ingredients:

A. Forsake your sins.

Jeremiah 3:12, "Return, thou backsliding Israel ..."

This repentance must involve the whole heart. Insincere repentance only results in greater judgment from God.

B. Admit your sins.

Jeremiah 3:13, "Only acknowledge thine iniquity ..."

One of the most difficult things to do is to get a backslider to admit just how bad his sin really is.

C. Place your self under the ministry of a man of God.

Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Conclusion: Each of us, even those called to preach God's Word, must place ourselves under the ministry of the Word of God. It is only as we learn and apply God's Word that we can begin to build a life that pleases God. Let us live to exalt Christ in this new year that He has so graciously allowed us to see.

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)

I THINK A LOT OF THE CONFLICT THAT HAPPENED IN THE WILD WEST COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD ARCHITECTS IN THOSE DAYS JUST MADE THEIR TOWNS BIG ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE.



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

Martha Syndrome

I sometimes think that the Martha of the Bible gets knocked a bit too much, causing us to pass over what the Lord actually said to her:

"And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41, 42.

Martha was not being chastised for serving but for failing to recognize what was most important at that time.

Martha was a hardworking woman, and from this passage of Scripture we get the impression that she had become consumed by her deep desire to make things just right. In other words, she was detail-oriented. After all, it was for the Lord Jesus Himself that she was "cumbered about much serving." I can only imagine the bird-sized butterflies in her stomach as she hosted that particular meal, which not only included Jesus but other important guests as well. But here's where Martha and I part ways. If I had a choice between sitting and listening to an honored guest (Jesus was teaching in person!) or bustling around in the kitchen trying to create the picture-perfect meal, I'd have been sitting on the floor next to Mary! The difference between these two women can be summed up in a word: priorities.

Are you so busy making things just right that you are failing to choose the 'good parts' in this life? For example, do you spend countless hours making your home look like a magazine photo, only to fail to invite folks over to fellowship in it? If this describes you, then you may be infected with a touch of the "Martha Syndrome." This is a condition where a woman overly focuses on the preparations and surroundings to the exclusion of the main event and its purpose. Misplaced priorities can lead any of us into this disabled condition.

We all need to be on guard against developing a case of Martha Syndrome! It can strike us both in and outside the home.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last ten (10) years in a row! An entire decade! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!



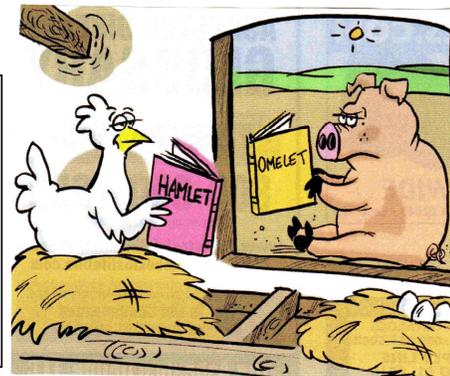
"SUSTAINED. PROSECUTION WILL REFRAIN FROM GOING 'DUN DUN DUNNNN...' DURING THE WITNESSES' TESTIMONY."

I'VE GIVEN UP SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE NEW YEAR AND AM TRYING TO MAKE FRIENDS OUTSIDE FACEBOOK WHILE APPLYING THE SAME PRINCIPLES. EVERY DAY, I WALK DOWN THE STREET AND TELL PASSERSBY WHAT I'VE EATEN, HOW I FEEL, WHAT I DID THE NIGHT BEFORE, AND WHAT I WILL DO TOMORROW. THEN I GIVE THEM PICTURES OF MY FAMILY, MY DOG, AND ME GARDENING. I ALSO LISTEN TO THEIR CONVERSATIONS AND TELL THEM I LOVE THEM. AND IT WORKS. I ALREADY HAVE THREE PEOPLE FOLLOWING ME— TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND A PSYCHIATRIST.

Three "Fifteens"

1. Take 15 minutes each day to listen to God talking to you.
2. Take 15 minutes each day to talk to God.
3. Take 15 minutes each day to talk to others about God.

Billy Sunday



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth WHAT STORY WILL YOUR LIFE TELL?

Your life is a story known and read of all men. So many times have I read about people famous and unknown that have just amazed me. My husband has often said, "Everyone's life is an amazing story."

When I read *II Corinthians 3:2*, "*Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men*", I am always convicted and reminded that someone is "reading" or

watching me!

Though you may not always like it, people do watch people. It is just part of our daily life that we interact with people that we see.

Remember, mom and dad, how that little child tried to imitate what you were doing? But that doesn't stop when they are little, it continues all through life. Remember the story of Jacob deceiving Isaac. Where did he learn to be deceitful....he learned it from Rebekah, his mom. (Genesis 27). This is only one example of how a child learns from parents, siblings from siblings, peers from peers. No man is an island. Everyone is influenced by someone.

The next time you think that what you do or say is no one's business remember someone is watching you. Look at how many times Jesus says, "Follow me". He is our example to follow. *Philippians 3:12*, "*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*"

We too must remember that someone is watching our example, as Paul reminds us in *Philippians 3:17*, "*Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.*" In this year of 2016, let's strive for Christ to be seen in all we do....and remember someone is watching.



Dr. Jack
Hyles

HURRY BACK

Introduction: A little while ago I left for a brief trip. Someone whom I love said "Hurry back." As I left I was moved and warmed by those two beautiful words. I was asked to "hurry back." This means several things:

1. Someone wants to be with me. I wonder how many people in the world tonight have no one who longs for their presence. Yet, there is someone who wants to be with me; how blessed am I!
2. Someone will be waiting for me when I return. Oh, the coldness of coming home to an empty house, the loneliness of having no one waiting upon returning. Millions have no one waiting for them tonight and they will return to loneliness. Thank you, God, that someone is waiting for me.
3. Someone wants me back soon. This compels me to do my job well but to hasten my return. I am wanted because I am loved. Someone wants me because of a desire to meet my needs. Someone wants me because my presence is enjoyed. 'Tis lonely traveling tonight. No one in the world knows exactly where I am, but someone waits for me, loves me, and bids me to "hurry back."

Conclusion: Thank You, Lord, that someone wants me back.

Now

If you have hard work to do, Do it now.
Today the skies are clear and blue,
Tomorrow clouds may come in view,
Yesterday is not for you; Do it now.

If you have a song to sing, Sing it now.
Let the notes of gladness ring
Clear as song of bird in Spring.
Let every day some music bring; Sing it now.

If you have kind words to say, Say them now.
Tomorrow may not come your way,
Do a kindness while you may,
Loved ones will not always stay; Say them now.

If you have a smile to show, Show it now.
Make hearts happy, roses grow,
Let the friends around you know
The love you have before they go; Show it now.

New Years' Resolve

Resolved, this year, whate'er the test
To do for Christ my very best.
In love—to honor and obey,
And now He leads me, day by day;
In faith—to trust; He holds my hand,
He'll guide me safe to Canaan's land.
To ever pure and humble be
And bear the cross He gives to me;
And not to think I've done my best
Until some souls have found sweet rest.

FOUR TEENS SKIPPED SCHOOL ONE MORNING. WHEN THEY SHOWED UP IN THE AFTERNOON, THEY CLAIMED THEIR CAR HAD HAD A FLAT TIRE.

"THAT'S FINE," THE TEACHER SAID. "BUT THERE WAS AN ORAL TEST THIS MORNING, SO TAKE OUT A PIECE OF PAPER. THE FIRST QUESTION IS, WHICH TIRE WAS FLAT?"

Proverbs Club Winter/Spring 2016 Schedule

Date	Lesson	Activity	Verse
January 10	Titus 2, Part 1	Snowball Craft	Titus 2:3-5
January 24	Titus 2, Part 2	Keeping a Clean Heart	Titus 2:3-5
February 7	Proverbs 31 Woman, Part 1	Crockpot Candy	Proverbs 31:10-31
February 21	Proverbs 31 Woman, Part 2	DIY Decorative bobby pins	Proverbs 31:10-31
March 6	The Woman Not to Be	DIY Lip Gloss	Proverbs 7
March 20	Sarah	Sewing	Genesis 16-18, Hebrews 11:1
April 10	Moses' Mother	Sewing	Exodus 1:22, 2:1-10, 6:20
April 25	Ruth	Sewing	Ruth
May 15	Hannah	Prayer Journal	1 Samuel 1:1-28; 2:1-21
May 29	Abigail	Picnic at the Park	1 Samuel 25

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

Gates Foundation Sinks Another \$120 Million Into Promoting Abortion and Population Control

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is tunneling more money into global programs promoting population control and abortion... The Gates Foundation promised to give an additional \$120 million to Family Planning 2020 programs that support “the rights of women and girls to decide when and how many children they want to have,” the news website AM Africa reported.

The Gates foundation has faced criticism in the past for giving money to programs that support abortion.

In 2014, after Melinda Gates claimed her foundation will not fund abortions, LiveAction reported that the foundation gave huge; donations to several abortion businesses.

LifeNews.com reported at the time, “According to the Gates Foundation grant database, the Foundation gave Planned Parenthood of America, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and Planned Parenthood of Western Washington about \$71 million from before 2009 through 2013.

Additionally, the Gates Foundation gave \$46.1 million to Marie Stopes International in 2012 alone. “Much of this giving is focused on Africa, Asia and Latin America, where abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, Marie Stopes and Ipas seek to overturn pro-life laws and sometimes even provide illicit abortion drugs.”

Unfair Facts of Fairfax

In Virginia's Fairfax County, parents were already worried about what schools were teaching. Now they're just as concerned about what they're hiding. In a story that's exploding across the state, locals have been outraged to learn that Fairfax's school board is so intent on hiding the truth about its controversial transgender policy that it's suing to keep the documents under wraps!

Judicial Watch broke the news...less than 24 hours before voters streamed into polling stations to pick the school board's members for the next term. The cover-up, part of an ongoing battle with conservatives, goes back to early summer when Judicial Watch filed a freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any communications about the board's radical “gender identity” policy-which it rushed through this spring over the objections of hundreds of angry parents.

Like so many “nondiscrimination” measures marching through U.S. schools, Fairfax's not only lets students and teachers use opposite sex bathrooms and locker rooms, but forces teachers to start incorporating “gender fluidity” curriculum in their classrooms.

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



Dr. Al Lacy

GOD'S HERITAGE

“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward . . . As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man: So are children of the youth . . . Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them. (Psalm 127:3-5a)

Children are an heritage of the Lord! The greatest joy that a young couple can know is to have the “fruit of the womb” come into their home. Certainly, each child is a responsibility . . . but mostly, he or she is a blessing. This marvelous, wonderful gift of procreation came from the mind and the hand of the Creator Himself. What young couple, standing with arms about each other, looking down into the crib of their new-born babe would not agree? Children are an heritage of the Lord!

Endless volumes could be written, telling of the happy moments that children have brought to homes, since time immemorial. When we read the story of the very first child born into this world . . . we can imagine the joy in that first mother's heart. Can you not see the happiness in Eve's face? Do you not see the light in her eyes and hear the lilt in her voice, when she exclaims, “I have gotten a man (man-child) from the Lord”? (Genesis 4:1). Notice that Eve was aware from whence her child had come. Even the name she gave him shows that she recognized him as a gift from God. “Cain” means “acquired”. Though Cain came from the natural procreation between she and her husband, Eve knew that he was acquired from the hand of the Creator.

So it is with all children. The happiness and joy that the little ones bring into a home are gifts from the generous God in Heaven. How empty the home that never knows the “pitter-patter” of little feet, the clapping of chubby little hands . . . and the happy laughter of children. How well I remember when our children were small. Often, when the times were hard and prospects grim, our burdens were lightened by the gay innocence of childhood and their humorous chatter.

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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