

“Christ, Our Theme, For 2016”



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“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

ONE SUNDAY MORNING

Introduction: It always amazes me how that every year we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with rabbits that lay eggs, and eggs, painted like rainbows. No wonder the world embraces the followers of Islam when we teach such foolishness. We need to get rid of Santa and speak of the birth of Christ. We need to get rid of painted eggs, and miracle bunnies, and get back to the doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It was one Sunday morning 2000 years ago that Jesus Christ gave us a hope that is sure and steadfast. He did as He promised. Jesus not only shed His blood on the cross, but was buried in a tomb, then rose again from the dead. Without His resurrection, everything else would have been for nothing.

Luke 24:6–8, “He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake ... saying, the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful man, and be crucified, and the third day rise again ... and they remembered his words.”

FIRST: THE DECEPTION.

MATTHEW 27:63–64

“Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day ... “

It was never Christ that was trying to deceive the people, but rather those that rejected what the word of God said about Jesus.

John 18:20, “ ... I spake openly to the world ... I ever taught in the synagogue and in the temple ... in secret I have I said nothing ... “

Illustration: In *Genesis 4*, the sad decision of Cain to reject the blood of the lamb was not the worst thing that occurred, but rather how he built and raised an entire people that followed him to be deceived about the blood of Christ.

SECOND THE DEPRESSION OF THE DISCIPLES.

JOHN 20:11–18

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: ... Woman, why weepest thou? ... Because they have taken away my Lord ... “

When Jesus died, and His body placed in the tomb, and the tomb was sealed, the disciples were filled with doubt and confusion. They were now living with depression. Their hopes and dreams were dashed. They were looking at life through eyes filled with tears. Why was this depression so severe?

I Corinthians 19:19, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.” What is being said? If our hope is only here and now, then our hope has been pulled out from under us. The hope that we have in the resurrection is what makes the blood

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Your Clothes Say It For You

Deuteronomy 22:5

Recently I went to a meeting of Christians where demure Mennonite women in somber, floor-length dresses and “white caps sat next to women in pantsuits. Other women, carefully and tastefully dressed, sat by barefoot girls with bare midriffs, wearing blue jeans (one with the surprising words, “Smile, God loves you,” printed on the seat!) These women would have agreed that the Bible really is the Word of God. Why then were their standards of dress so very different?

Are there clear standards in the Word of God for the way we clothe ourselves? When our daughters complain at our standards for their skirt length, do we have any plain instruction from the Bible for them? Are women who wear slacks breaking God’s law? Are we accountable for the Scripture that commands women to wear their hair long? Does it really make any difference at ail to God about what a woman wears?

You have an opinion about all this. Is it based on the Bible? Are you willing to consider what the Scriptures say? Will you make a decision, not by what is convenient, not by what others are wearing, but simply by the Word of God?

The Bible tells us that if we are willing to do God’s will, we can know what God’s will is (John 7:17). You can know what God requires, if you are willing to do whatever He says.

God does have a standard for your appearance. If you are ready to find out what it is, then I invite you to join with me in this series of articles on, “Your Clothes Say It For You.”

A TRAVELER WAS AT THE AIRPORT, CHECKING IN AT THE GATE, WHEN AN AGENT ASKED HIM, ROUTINELY, “HAS ANYONE PUT ANYTHING IN YOUR BAGGAGE WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE?”

“IF IT WAS WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE, HOW WOULD I KNOW?” HE RESPONDED. THE AGENT SMILED AND SAID, “THAT’S WHY WE ASK.”

Lest We Forget

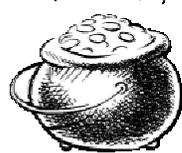


Both Army and Marines paying respect to their comrades that fell in battle.



“I KNOW YOU NEVER GET GRANDPA’S TEXTS, BUT I DON’T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HIM IT’S A REMOTE.”

Food



Treasure Hunt

Pray, Plan, Promote!

Spring Program—2016
March 13th to May 8th

Wow!

Games



Fun

HORSES



Hayrides

Invite everyone you know!

bought child of God so different.

What a great sacrifice that Christ offered upon the Cross. But what good does the Cross do for us if the tomb still contained the body of our Saviour?

THIRD: THE DECLARATION OF THE LORD.

LUKE 24:38-39

“... why are ye troubled? ... Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”

Hope has now been restored. There is now joy and excitement once again! Dear reader, I beg of you, do not die without hope.

Illustration: I love the story of Winston Churchill. When he realized his life was coming to a close, he planned his own funeral service. Churchill believed in the resurrection of the Lord and the coming again of Jesus Christ. On one side of the cathedral, at his funeral, taps was played to symbolize that life was now over. When it was ended, there was a pause, then a bugler on the other side play reveille, the military wake-up call. It was Churchill’s way of saying, “Good night for now, but it is good morning on the other side.” He believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

FOURTH: THE DECISION YOU MUST MAKE.

ROMANS 10:9

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

The decision you must make is to reach out by faith and receive Christ as your personal Saviour.

Oh, listen! The sign of Christianity is not the Cross, but an empty tomb. We serve a living, resurrected Saviour.

Conclusion: May I ask you two questions?

1. Have you trusted Christ as your personal Saviour?
2. Have you shared your faith with others?

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)

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



This year’s Special Guest Speaker for the Ladies Annual Retreat is Mrs. April Hernandez.

WHILE DRIVING DOWN A COUNTRY ROAD, A TRAVELER SAW A FARMER STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF A HUGE FIELD. HE PULLED OVER, WALKED OUT TO THE FARMER AND ASKED, “EXCUSE ME, BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING?” THE FARMER SAID, “TRYING TO WIN A NOBEL PRIZE.” “HOW?” THE MAN ASKED, PUZZLED. “WELL, I HEARD THEY GIVE THE NOBEL PRIZE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT STANDING IN THEIR FIELD.”



Kim Kline’s Colcannon

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| 2 1/2 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed | 1/2 small head cabbage, chopped | 1/2 cup milk |
| 4 slices bacon | 1 large onion, chopped | salt and pepper to taste |
| | | 1/4 cup butter, melted |

Place potatoes in a saucepan with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, until tender.

Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, reserving drippings, crumble and set aside. In the reserved drippings, saute the cabbage and onion until soft and translucent. Putting a lid on the pan helps the vegetables cook faster.

Drain the cooked potatoes, mash with milk and season with salt and pepper. Fold in the bacon, cabbage, and onions, then transfer the mixture to a large serving bowl. Make a well in the center, and pour in the melted butter. Serve immediately

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!



A FROG CALLED A PSYCHIC HOTLINE AND WAS TOLD, "YOU'RE GOING TO MEET A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO WILL WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU." "GREAT!" THE FROG EXCLAIMED. "WILL I MEET HER AT A PARTY OR SOMETHING?" "NO," THE PSYCHIC SAID. "NEXT SEMESTER IN HER BIOLOGY CLASS."

A WORKER WENT TO SEE HIS SUPERVISOR IN THE FRONT OFFICE ONE MORNING.

"BOSS," HE SAID, "WE'RE DOING SOME HEAVY HOUSECLEANING AT HOME TOMORROW, AND MY WIFE NEEDS ME TO HELP WITH THE ATTIC AND GARAGE, MOVING AND HAULING STUFF."

"WE'RE SHORT-HANDED. I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE DAY OFF." "THAT'S GREAT! I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU, SIR."



Heritage Highlanders March 2016 Schedule

Saturday March 5
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic
Saturday March 12
Housekeeping Hints

Proverbs 31:13
Hebrews 13:21

Saturday March 19
Soulwinning
Saturday March 26
Resurrection Rolls

Romans 10:9
Matthew 28:6



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Good Friends

Good friends don't lead their friends astray. Have you ever been on the receiving end of bad advice from someone you considered to be a friend? There are many ways a person can be led astray - from misleading information to total violation of Scripture. How can you tell if you have a friend with godly character? The test is a simple one: People of godly character will not give you counsel that is contrary to Scripture. Now, we have to allow for the fact that sometimes a friend may give incorrect instructions due to error or a lack of knowledge. A person who has known Christ as Saviour for years should, **"by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14).**

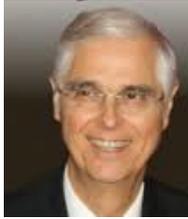
God has given us excellent guides through His Word—pastors, other skilled Christian counselors and wise Christian friends. We see examples in Scripture where counselors were used to fit various situations in life. Likewise, Scripture also shows what can happen when unwise counsel is given and then followed.

In the end of this sad story, Amnon chose to follow the incorrect counsel of this so-called friend, which tragically cost his sister's virginity and later, his own life.

Who has your ear when it comes to counsel? Is it a person who is skilled in the understanding of the Word? Taking the advice of a friend who uses her feelings rather than the Word of God as her guide could damage your life.

Look at a few things when considering counsel:

- Look at the lifestyle of the counselor. The person who claims to be a Christian while living like the world may not provide consistent counseling, and you may get your "ears tickled" with what you want to hear rather than what you need to hear.
- Take a very hard look at the counsel being given. If it is not Biblical, then you need to find another counselor.
- Godly peers of your own age group may be excellent counselors, but there is wisdom in asking someone who is farther along in life than you. Many of my counselors are ten to twenty years older than I, giving me an opportunity to glean from their experience.



The Dangers of Social Networking

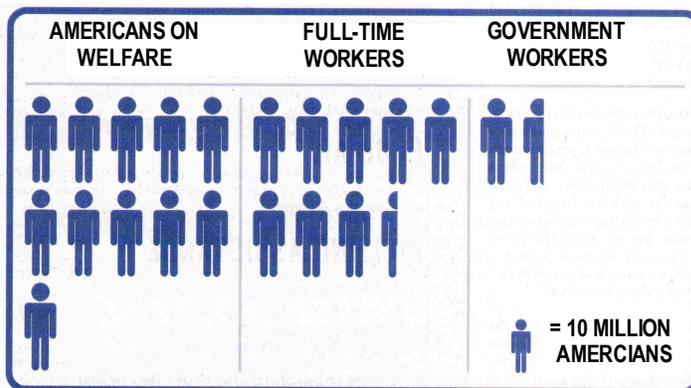
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A pastor had an eye opening experience in the early days of MySpace, before Facebook came along. A church member told him how to get onto the member's MySpace page and take a look. All looked okay on the surface, but as the pastor looked at the man's "friends" list, he saw potential problems. To check out his apprehensions, he clicked on one of the man's friends. It looked as though some of the friend's "friends" might be shady characters, so he clicked on one of them. On that second click, the pastor was shocked to see nudity and some filthy language. In other words, in just two clicks from his member's page, he found himself in some very ungodly territory.

Learn a parable of a friend's friends: Joe Christian's friend Bill asked him to take a ride with him, to visit Bill's friend. Upon arrival at Bill's friend's house, Joe asked, "Who lives here?" "Oh, no one you know," said Bill, "Just one of my friends. Think of him as a friend you haven't personally met yet." As they entered the house, Joe found himself in the midst of a pot-smoking party. "Who are these sinful people?" he asked. "Oh, just some of my friends," Bill said. "You'll like them once you get to know them."

Moral of the parable: One may not know the character of his friend's friends. One or two clicks may place a Christian into a dangerous situation: dangerous to his spiritual life and his fellowship with the Lord.

AMERICANS ON WELFARE VS. FULL-TIME WORKERS



*A TEACHER SAID TO HER CLASS,
"WHOEVER ANSWERS MY NEXT
QUESTION CAN GO HOME." JUST
THEN, A LUNCH BAG WHIZZED
PAST HER HEAD AND OUT THE
WINDOW.
"WHO THREW THAT?" SHE
DEMANDED.
"I DID," ONE BOY SAID. "BYE!"*

Americans Drinking Themselves to Death!

Two Major Liberal Newspapers Document the Tragedies of Alcohol

By DR. SHELTON SMITH

"Americans Drinking Themselves to Death!"

That's the headline! Just two days before Christmas 2015, the article from the Washington Post was reprinted in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Both of these big-city newspapers brandished the headline and then gave meticulous detail of this entrenched national tragedy. You will know, I think, that both the Post and the Inquirer are basically liberal papers. They are certainly not Christian. No one would accuse them of some fundamental Baptist bias or attack them as "Bible thumpers." But the article was forthright in its presentation of the facts. They report that "new federal data" shows death from "alcohol-induced causes" (that's disease and alcohol poisoning) last year (2014) was more than thirty thousand people."

If we include death from drunk driving and other accidents and homicide where drinking is a factor, the total "would be closer to ninety thousand."

A Georgia state trooper pulled over the driver of a pickup truck on Interstate 75. The trooper asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

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

U.S. Not Sold on ObamaCare

ObamaCare was supposed to give Americans more healthcare coverage. There's just one problem: no one wants it! That's the conclusion of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), which added to the law's heap of troubles with its latest projections. Turns out, even hefty fines can't persuade Americans to buy into the president's system, as millions opt not to enroll. After predicting business would top 20 million people, CBO broke the bad news that enrollment would miss the mark by a whopping 40 percent.

Adding to the government's woes, a huge slice—11 of the 13 million—will need government subsidies just to buy the insurance. And unfortunately for taxpayers, those subsidies don't come cheap. As the number-crunchers at CBO warned, "Subsidies and related spending are expected to increase by \$18 billion in 2016, reaching a total of \$56 billion." Still, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell insists the healthcare exchanges "have seen 'unprecedented demand' and 'steady progress signing up new customers.'"

But...the...numbers don't lie...Enrollment is lower now than it was in 2015. Only in liberal speak is that "progress"! And as several experts point out, fewer customers means higher costs. "For middle-class families, premium hikes this year have only made a further mockery of the Affordable Care Act's name."

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

Washington Enacts "First of Its Kind" Statewide Transgender Bathroom Policy

Washington's state government has created new rules making it illegal to prohibit transgender individuals from using public bathrooms, showers or changing areas designated for the opposite biological sex, making it one of the first states to attempt a statewide transgender bathroom policy.

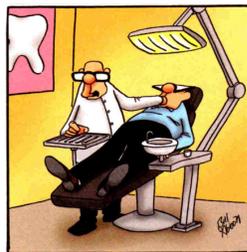
On the day after Christmas, Washington's Human Rights Commission clarified its human rights code by adding regulations for "gender segregated facilities" for businesses and entities with eight or more employees...

The policy adds that entities may not force a person to use facilities that are inconsistent with [his or her] gender identity and instructs the entities to direct any customers, guests or patrons who express concern about someone of the opposite biological sex using the facilities to a separate or gender neutral facility, if available.

*Samuel Smith for
 ChristianPost.com*



"DO YOU MIND IF I PUT YOU ON HOLD FOR A MINUTE? I HAVE A REALLY SHORT ATTENTION SPAN."



"NO, WE HAVEN'T STARTED YET. MY HAND IS COLD."

I changed my password to "incorrect," so that whenever I forget it the computer tells me, "Your password is incorrect."

A defendant isn't happy with how things are going in court, so he gives the judge a hard time.

Judge: "Where do you work?"

Defendant: "Here and there."

Judge: "What do you do for a living?"

Defendant: "This and that."

Judge: "Bailiff, take him away."

Defendant: "Wait, when will I get out?"

Judge: "Sooner or later."

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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