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Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned Sunday"

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Introduction: To me one of the most touching stories in the Word of God is the story of the man who lived in the graveyard in the country of the Gadarenes. If there was an impossible conversion, then this should have been the one. Yet, once coming to Jesus, his life was totally transformed.

Luke 8:35, "Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus and found the man out of whom the

devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid."

FIRST: CONSIDER THE DESIRE OF THE MAN.

MARK 5:18

"...prayed him that he might be with him..."

The man who was made well had the right desire. Once he realized Who Jesus was and how his life was now made whole, then all he wanted to do was follow and be with the One Who made him whole. But Jesus said, "No! I want you to help others to know me. That is the way you can reveal your appreciation to me."

Too many times people have come to Jesus and spent their time wanting more of His favor instead of telling their friends what Christ has done for them.

This man had been a devil-enslaved fearful, abandoned person. What he wanted was to naturally go and be with Jesus. What was the reaction of Jesus? He told this one-time demon possessed man, if he really wanted to show gratitude, then go tell his friends what He had done for him.

SECOND: CONSIDER THE DEPTH OF THE SAVIOUR'S LOVE.

MARK 5:17

The people of the area wanted Jesus to leave. "...They began to pray him to depart out of their coasts..."

The people of the area rejected Jesus and asked Him to leave. Jesus did not reject them. He wanted them to understand and be saved.

The average church member today sits upon cushioned pews in an air-conditioned building, desiring to hear more truth without even one time remembering why they were there or how they got there. It was coming to Jesus.

Surely the one who came to us and gave us salvation freely wants to offer that

God, Bless America!

The Declaration of Independence begins:

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them...

General Douglas MacArthur:

Our need for patriotic fervor and religious devotion was never more impelling. There can be no compromise with atheistic communism—no halfway in the preservation of freedom and religion. It must be all or nothing.

Benjamin Franklin:

I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings that "except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.

Francis Scott Key:

*Blest with victory and peace,
may the Heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made
and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must,
when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto,
"In God Is Our Trust."*

Our National Hymn:

*Our fathers' God! to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.*

In 1630 the colonists in the New England Federation signed this Compact:

We have all come into these parts of America with one and the same end; namely, to advance the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

IF YOU LIVE AS THOUGH THE WORLD OWES YOU A LIVING, SOME POOR TAXPAYER IS MAKING IT POSSIBLE.



Sweet Potato Delights (My Husband's Favorite!)

6 medium sweet potatoes,	1/2 cup packed brown sugar	2 tbsp. butter
peeled and cut into 1-in. chunks	1/2 cup corn syrup	1/2 to 1 tsp. salt
	1/4 cup milk	1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Place sweet potatoes in a Dutch oven; cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until crisp-tender.

Drain and transfer to a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 325° for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil; pour over sweet potatoes. Bake 10-15 minutes longer or until glazed, basting frequently. Yield: 10 servings.

MERE MAN IS NEVER ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHY THE LESS A WOMAN WEARS, THE MORE IT COSTS.

The Hawkeye



Fred H. Becker etched his name into history twice - on football fields in his native Iowa, and then in France during World War I, where he made the ultimate sacrifice.

Becker was born Nov. 6, 1895, in Waterloo, Iowa. He first gained attention playing sandlot football on dusty, makeshift fields around the Midwestern city. In those rough-and-tumble games, he carved out a reputation that would serve him well and make him known as a fighter.

Acclaimed as the finest football player in East High's short history, Becker moved on to the University of Iowa. The team finished just 4-3 for the 1916 season, but Becker was selected as a lineman for the All-Western Conference team. He also won a spot on the All-American first team.

Like most college students, Becker was aware of the tensions engulfing the globe during the late fall and winter of 1916, up until the United States officially entered World War I; he left school and enlisted on March 16, 1917. Becker undertook infantry training at Fort Snelling and was commissioned a second lieutenant, then went abroad.

A story in the Waterloo newspaper told of the impression he made on others: "During his course of training at Fort Snelling and since his transfer to active duty in France, he has won the praise of the officers with whom he was associated. He was absolutely fearless on the football field and carried this same spirit into his duties on the battlefield."

On July 18, 1918, during the Battle of Chateau-Thierry, Becker fought with the Marine Corps' 5th Regiment. His platoon pinned down by an enemy machine gun nest, Becker moved forward and took it out. The exact details are lost, but according to information sent from service officials, his action was crucial in "preventing the death or injury of many men in his command."

salvation to our friends.

But listen, if we are to help our friends get up out of the mire of sin, we shall have to go and introduce them to the One that saved us.

THIRD: CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCE THIS MAN MADE.

MARK 4:20

"...he departed, and began to publish...how great things Jesus had done for him..."

How did the demoniac respond to the command of the Saviour? He did exactly what the Lord Jesus told him to do. That is obedience!

Question: How real is our faith? How much do our friends know about it? How much do they see and hear from our words and deeds? What impression have we made on others? We publish our faith, or lack of faith, by the very testimony we give.

Conclusion: Just what was the result of this man's obedience to the command of the Saviour? *"...and all men did marvel..."*

If the message of grace is to reach those we claim as friends, we must not wait for someone else to go and tell. We must accept it as a personal charge. His charge to us: *"Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."*

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 MAN FELL OUT OF A 10-STORY WINDOW. HE HIT WITH A THUD, A CROWD GATHERED.

A WITNESS RUSHED OVER AND SAID TO HIM, "WHAT'S HAPPENED?"

"I DUNNO," HE SAID, STANDING UP AND DUSTING HIMSELF OFF, "I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF."



Dr. Bob Gray

A Broken Heart

Proverbs 15:13, A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."

Proverbs 17:22, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

The psalmist said, ***"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."*** It is not a sin to have a broken heart. It is a sin, however, to have a broken spirit! I have had a broken heart, and so have you, if you have lived any length of time at all and experienced life. Someone has said, "He who preaches to broken hearts will never want for a congregation." God is nigh unto you and me today if we have a broken heart.

Behind all of the laughter are broken hearts. I knew the dear people in the two churches I pastored for thirty-three years all together. I knew their broken hearts. Mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and grandparents all shared their broken hearts with me. If you have a broken heart, know that God is nigh unto you.

Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." This means you are the object of his special care.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last thirteen (13) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. For our "Old-Time Religion" Conference.
4. A Clear Title—We have paid off our church property!

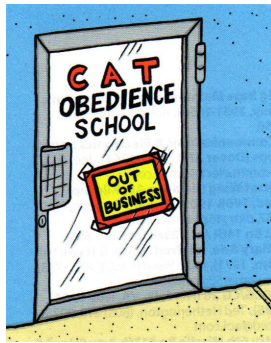


Miss Cassidy Brooke Kline
Has Graduated With Honors

THE WINGED BEATS OF A GNAT HAVE BEEN TIMED AT 2,216 PER SECOND. IT'S A WONDER HE DOESN'T FAN HIMSELF TO DEATH.



*"YOU SURE HE'S A
WORKING DOG?"*



A Morning Prayer

Each morning, waking up, I say,
"I'll place my hand in God's today,"
Knowing He'll walk close by my side,
My every wandering step to guide.
He'll lead me with tender care
When paths darken and I despair;
No need for me to understand
If I keep tight hold to His hand.

Mildred C. Johnson

PATRICK HENRY

That old patriot of long ago
Whose words affected this country so—
"Give me liberty, or give me death,"
Meant what he said with his every breath.
For studying history the best I can,
I find that Pat was a married man!

CARL B. IKE

When you think of the cost of weddings
For parents of daughters today,
Isn't it quite a laugh to hear
Dad "gave the bride away?"

-Jean Conder Soule.

LITTLE WHITE LIE

Each statement that my wife may make
Has truth and frankness in it.
But this one I'm inclined to doubt:
"I'll only be a minute."—V. M. Ross

PLUS DUSTPAN!

He swept his sweetie off her feet
Their wedding sure was grand.
And now he goes through married life
The broom still in his hand!

F. G. Kernan.

Police Officer: "Do you know why there
were fewer wrecks in the horse and
buggy days?"

Driver: "Certainly. The driver did not
have to depend on his own intelligence."

Lawyers are the
only people who
can write a 10,000
word document
and call it a
"brief."

I threw a boomerang
a few years ago.
Now I live in
constant fear.

*IN THIS DAY AND AGE MEN WHO DIE WITH THEIR BOOTS
ON USUALLY HAVE ONE OF THEM ON THE ACCELERATOR.*



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

Integrity

Our children are force-fed innuendo, crude jokes and other assorted forms of crassness at such an early age that they are beginning to think it's normal. It's not normal; it's just common. We should never confuse common with normal.

This is a great time for integrity. Instead of trying to lower our levels, we should model what integrity looks and sounds like so that those coming up behind us still have examples of uprightness.

The lack of integrity today is leading to an increase in headstrong stubbornness, which is leading people away from the Lord. Is it possible that we're spending too much time trying to get people to follow our set list of rules, while failing to see that the are longing to see how God makes a difference in our lives? Are we honestly magnifying the Lord?

Integrity guides us to follow the Lord, but a lack of integrity leads us away from him. It is still possible for moral excellence and spiritual innocence to exist. We need the Word of God to guide our choices. Then the Word of God will determine our direction in life.

"The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them." Proverbs 11:3.



Dr. Al Lacy

Angels

When my wife gave birth to our son Jeff, she almost died. The doctors had to force an early birth because she was suffering from extreme toxemia. At one point during the delivery, the doctors thought they were losing her. I have asked Joni to put the incident in her own words. Before I give them to you, let me say this. Joni is one of the most stable persons I know. She is not given to hysteria. She is anything but erratic. We are not “charismatics.” We do not hold with these so-called “visions” that are predominant with that crowd. I believe she saw exactly what she says she saw. Here it is in her own words:

During the eighth month of my pregnancy with our second child, the doctors informed me that due to severe complications they would have to deliver our baby about five weeks before term. As any woman would be in this situation, I was a little apprehensive. However, I knew that my life then, as always, was in the hands of the Lord. I trusted it to Him.

With a peace in my heart that only the Lord can give, I rode the cart into the delivery room late in the afternoon. I had no idea what a long night was in store for me; nor of the sweet victory the Lord would show me in the darkest hours of that night.

Due to the nature of the complications, I was not allowed any type of anesthetic; so I was awake through the entire delivery. It was a long and difficult one. As the night wore on, I felt my strength and very life begin to slip away. I really felt that it was time for me to leave this world and enter my eternal Home.

Just as I felt I could fight for life no longer, I opened my eyes and there beside my bed stood a young man in glittering white. He had dark hair and the most pleasant countenance. I knew it was an angel. He was extending his hand toward me. He was so close and so real, I could have reached out and touched him. But at that moment, when I would have reached out for him, he drew his hand back. I knew then, that he had not come to take me Home, but to bring me comfort and to let me know that everything was all right. Within moments our son was born and my angel left.

That was November 23, 1954 — but it is as clear in my mind's eye today as it was then. Even as I write this for my husband's book, my eyes fill with tears at the memory of that precious experience and the love the Lord showed by sending His messenger to me.

Now that I have been so close to death, I can see why it holds no fear for a Christian. When the Lord is ready to call His own children home, He just sends His angel to take our hand and lead us across.

Jo Ann Lacy

IT TAKES A LOT OF PLUCK FOR A WOMAN TO KEEP HER EYEBROWS IN SHAPE.

PRETZEL CRUSTED BURGERS

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| 2 lbs. ground lean chuck | 3/4 tsp garlic powder |
| 2 eggs | 1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce |
| 1 small onion, chopped | 2 cups finely crushed pretzels |
| 1/2 tsp pepper | (use food mill or blender to |
| 1 tsp salt | prepare crumbs) |

Combine chuck, eggs, onion, pepper, salt, garlic powder, tomato sauce, and 1 cup of the pretzel crumbs. Mix well and shape into patties about 3/4-inch thick. Roll patties in remaining crumbs.

Grill 6 inches above gray coals until brown and crusted on both sides. Serve on toasted hamburger buns with desired condiments.

A STRANGE THING ABOUT BLUNT PEOPLE—THEY USUALLY COME TO THE POINT FIRST.

Lest We Forget



Billy Collingsworth,
US Army Special Forces.
Brother of our Pastor.



David Thomas,
US Marine Corps.
Father of Vida Collingsworth.



Ken Crowe,
US Air Corps.
Husband of Peggy Crowe.



Eric Campfield,
US Navy.
Father of Eve Oswald.

We have lost these for a short period of time. For now, let us remember what they have meant to us.



Symbol Of The Fallen

In the aftermath of WWI, and because the red poppy flourished on the battlefields of Europe, the red poppy has become the official flower to signify that you give respect and honor to the fallen.

Wear a poppy to honor the fallen soldier.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

President Signs Faith-Based Initiative

President Donald Trump signed an executive order...to create a new faith-based initiative ensuring the government's cooperation with religious communities.

Trump unveiled the Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative in a Rose Garden ceremony ... according to Religion News Service ...

The initiative will advise the administration on opportunities to partner with faith-based organizations and communities to address poverty. It will also alert the administration to any ways in which current policies breach religious liberty and make recommendations on how to rectify those breaches.

—Joshua Gill, bizpacreview.com

Major League Baseball to Host LGBT Pride Night With Gay "Kiss Cams"

In June, 23 of 30 Major League Baseball teams will host LGBT Pride Night to coincide with LGBT Pride Month.

Gay people will be shown on "kiss cams." Massive rainbow flags will be displayed. Rainbow-themed baseball merchandise will be for sale.

Homosexuals and transgenders will throw out first pitches before games. Young kids will be exposed to the sin of homosexuality.

"Society has slipped to the point that we now celebrate the sin of homosexuality in America," states 4 Winds USA president Steve McConkey. "Sports should not be used to further the LGBT agenda. Maybe we should celebrate other sins on other game days. I would suggest that families and individuals stay away from LGBT events sponsored by sports teams."

—christiannewswire.ccsend.com

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

Flags Can Fly All Day

In the article about Francis Scott Key, you stated: "Every Boy Scout knows that the American flag should be displayed outdoors only from sunrise to sunset." Under a recent ruling by Congress, it is now permissible to fly the flag 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing it is an all-weather flag and properly lighted. I think this is very appropriate, since it was after night that Key penned "The Star Spangled Banner." There are five flags here in Olney that fly day and night under proper lighting, and it is a beautiful sight.

—Walter L. Ryan, Commander, V. F. W., Olney, IL

Our Church Ministries

1. Fishermens' Club
2. Phoster Club
3. Bus Ministry
4. Sunday School
5. Welcome Wagon
6. Bookstore
7. Music Ministry
8. Counseling Ministry
9. Grounds and Maintenance
10. Heritage Baptist Academy
11. Nursery
12. Boys Bible Club
13. Girls Highlander Club
14. Cleaning Ministry
15. Teen Club
16. Junior Church
17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
18. Ushers
19. Altar Workers
20. Greeters

Lest We Forget



Butch O'Hare was America's first flying ace of World War II. On February 20, 1942, he spotted a formation of Japanese bombers preparing to attack the carrier USS Lexington in the waters off New

Guinea. Diving into their midst, he shot down six of them single-handedly, saving the ship and the lives of thousands aboard. This action won him the Congressional Medal of Honor. Butch died in combat the following year. In 1949 the citizens of Chicago honored Butch O'Hare by naming their airport after him.

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, 1 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.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 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 Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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