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THE OLD-TIME RELIGION

Introduction: For the past several years we have had the honor of having an Old-Time Religion Conference here at Heritage Baptist Church. It is scheduled in the latter part of June between Father's Day and the Fourth of July. Why? Because the old-time religion has always been associated with old-fashioned homes with Godly fathers and a desire for freedom. Nothing has led to the destruction of our society more than broken homes without a father and the loss of freedom due to alcohol and drug use. The old-time religion gets us to take a good look at what a home and church should be. Allow me to share a few thoughts on the old time religion.

FIRST: A RELIGION OF FAITH.

ROMANS 10:13

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The faith that I am speaking of is not some imaginary belief based upon feelings, but a solid faith based upon God's Word.

A man told me after I had witnessed to him, "Oh yes, I am a Christian. I have always been a Christian, but I do not believe the Bible, nor do I believe in an organized Church."

Saving faith is based upon God's Word. Without faith in the Word of God, your faith is foolish.

- 1. Jesus is the Word. *John 1:1. John 1:14*
- 2. The New Birth must come through the Word. *II Peter 1:23*

By the way, saving faith is believing God's Word to the degree that you will do what it says. May I remind you that you only believe that which moves you to an action.

SECOND: A RELIGION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

JOSHUA 24:15

"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

While out visiting I ran across a man that went to a Mormon church and his wife went to a Baptist Church. Think of how foolish this is.

Matthew 12:25, "... every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."

Acts 16:31, "... and thy house."

The old-time religion is for all of your family, not just you.

THIRD: A RELIGION THAT GOD FAVORS.

JEREMIAH 6:16

"Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way ..."

I am so sick and tired of megachurches with their pastors sitting on bar stools with their shirts open to reveal their hairy chest and swaying to rock and roll music filled with Jesus words and saying this is the old-time religion. How foolish!

God has always favored the old-time religion, never a modern version that is twisted beyond all recognition of holiness.

FOURTH: A RELIGION THAT REMOVES THE FILTH.

NEHEMIAH 4:10

"... there is much rubbish so that we are not able to build ..."

When the Hebrews went back from captivity to rebuild Jerusalem, the first thing they noticed was all the rubbish. What did they do? They cleared it away.



Dr. Tom Neal

Praver

During a frustrating period of my life, I asked myself, "If God answers prayer, why are things in such a mess?" I arrived at what I thought was a very logical conclusion; I know that God answers prayer. Consequently, I concluded that the problem was on my end and that I was not really praying as I should. I am afraid that a vast majority of Christians have become too ritualistic in every area of their spiritual lives. If we are going to have a national revival or even personal one, it is going to take more than preaching, soulwinning, and the latest idea on church building and leadership. It is going to take a sincere humility and realness as we go before God Himself and empty ourselves in prayer. History has

shown us that if there is no earnest, heartfelt prayer that loses all concept of time and cost, there will be no revival. Churches will become a facade, and the cost to sinners and our families will be unfathomable.

During my lifetime, I have had the privilege of praying with great men of prayer such as Hyman Appleman, R.G. Lee, J. Harold Smith, Lee Roberson, John Rice, Jack Hyles, and many other saints of God. As I reflect on these men and their dedication to a true life of prayer, I become convicted of my own ineffective prayer life. Therefore, my desire in these messages is to motivate myself to have a real and effective prayer life and to help others to be bold enough to enter the throne room of our Heavenly Father with earnest petitions that would bring an answer from Heaven.



Saturday June 1 Listening to God Saturday June 8 Fruit of the Spirit

Heritage Highlanders June 2019 Schedule

John 8:47

Galatians 5:25

Saturday June 15 Honoring Dads Saturday June 22 Prayer Saturday June 29 Soulwinning

Ephesians 6:1

Matthew 7:7

Romans 10:13



"I haven't decided if I'm staunchly in favor or staunchly opposed. But rest assured, however I vote. it will be staunchly."

Congratulations To Our 2019 Graduates!



Jonathan



Evelyn



Christie



Korban

Berezne

Watson Kline Collingsworth Our Heritage Baptist Academy Graduation Service will be on Sunday, June 9th at 7:00 PM



THE OTHER DINOSAURS COULDN'T STAND THE THESAURUS.

I was brushing my teeth when my squad leader barged in. He was holding a toothbrush, which he used to scrub under the rim of a toilet.

What are you doing?" I asked. "Hazing the new guy," he said. "You do know that he could get ill from the bacteria on the toilet." His reply: "You didn't."



Watch out, America! Baby Myers is coming soon. Pray for a safe and healthy arrival.

Lest We Forget

Remembering Normandy Members of the 82nd Airborne Division listen as retired Army Col. Bob



Piper, a World War II veteran, describes the battle that took place in St. Mère-Église. In 1984, the soldiers traveled to Normandy to participate in activities marking the 40th anniversary of D-Day. Later, a veteran from the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Bill Sullivan, told us that his most significant moment came in England when Gavin stood on a jeep hood to address the 505th and said, "I will not send you to Normandy. I will lead you there."

Before you will ever build for God, the rubbish must go. Don't tell me you are growing in grace and in the knowledge of a holy God, but you have a smoke in one hand and a beer in the other, and you've got a potty mouth just to prove you're worth hearing. Rubbish!! Rubbish!!

<u>Illustration</u>: I was listening to B. R. Lakin preaching and he told of meeting a man who had spittle on his lips. He asked him, "Mr. Lakin, I love to chew tobacco. In Heaven, can I chew?" Dr. Lakin said, "You might be able to chew in Heaven, but I'm afraid you will have to go to Hell to spit."

FIFTH: A RELIGION THAT FIGHTS.

JUDE 3

"... ye should earnestly contend for the faith ..."

Notice that it says, "contend for the faith." So! What does the faith consist of?

- 1. The doctrine of Creationism—fight for it! Genesis 1:1
- 2. The doctrine of the inspired Word of God—fight for it! II Peter 3:16
- 3. The doctrine of the Virgin Birth—fight for it! *Matthew 1:27*
- 4. The doctrine of a sinless Christ—fight for it! *II Corinthians 5:21*
- 5. The doctrine of Grace—fight for it! *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- 6. The doctrine of the Blood—fight for it! *Ephesians 1:7*, *Revelation 1:5*
- 7. The doctrine of the local New Testament Church—fight for it! *Colossians 1:18*

What I am trying to convey to you is that, if it is in the Bible, fight for it!

<u>Conclusion:</u> The old-time religion is endless because it is eternal. I could spend a lifetime and not cover the hem of the garment of the old-time religion. It is so deep that it is endless in description, yet so simple that a child can grasp it.

Allow me to close with this wonderful truth: The old-time religion has one main goal: to get you saved. Before you start trying to figure everything out, you need to confirm that you are actually saved. Right now, would you be willing to pray with me?

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 family friend was working at a gym on a naval base. To use the equipment, service members had to sign in with their name and rank. One time, an older gentleman wrote his rank as "R.A." Suspicious, our friend said, "Ahem you look a little old to be a Radioman's Assistant."

The gentleman smiled slightly before explaining, "That's 'Rear Admiral."



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Confess

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Proverbs 28:13

Are we real, or are we pretending to be Christians? If we're real, we have nothing to hide; but if we're just putting on a pre-packed show based on fine training, one day we're going to forget to act the part.

When people have a tremendous moral failure in their lives, it wasn't born the same day it happened. A process was going on behind the scenes leading up to the big "fall"; and in many cases, the process took place over several months, if not years.

It's easy to present an image to people, leading them to believe that we're virtually flawless. Admiration is one of the easiest prizes to earn; but while we may be able to fool others, God

has never been tricked by any charade. In fact, our lives are like movies on a large screen, visible to God at any time. "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3).

Too bad God can't give us a sneak preview of that movie screen. He sees the beginning, middle and end result of our choices and decisions. We don't have that kind of vision. In fact, sometimes we're not even thinking about consequences or end results. We're just thinking of ourselves.

The best policy for transgression is confession. When we're swift and honest, the consequences may be swifter in coming, but so is the resolution. But if we're secretive and deceitful, we're taking the long route to embarrassment and humiliation.

Do you have something to hide? If you want to escape the torture chamber of guilt, abandon the cover-up efforts and confess to those who need to know. It may be a painful experience, but getting caught in a lie is far more painful, and tremendously destructive.

People have a greater tendency to be merciful and understanding to those who can readily admit their wrongs than to those who simply run out of options in the midst of dishonest double-lives.

Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last fourteen (14) 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!



From Our Church Praver List

- 1. Judy Kurpan
- 2. Ed Hosey
- 3. Paul Snyder
- 4. Anita Miller
- 5 Michelle Lemons 6. Kevin McClain
- 7. Harold Cooper
- 8 Ruth Robinson



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Just For The Ladies Friday, July 26th, 2019 7:00 PM All Ladies Event with

Mrs. Francie Taylor

Upcoming Events

March 17th Spring Program starts with Dr Bob

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May 12th Last Day of Spring Program.

Mothers' Day

May 26th Memorial Day Service. June 23rd-25th Old Time Religion Conference. July 26th

Francie Taylor, Ladies Meeting.



WE JUST GOT A FAX AT WORK. WE DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD A FAX MACHINE. THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT JUST STARED AT IT, I POKED IT WITH A STICK.

Our Church Ministries

- 1. Fishermens' Club
- 2. Phoster Club
- 3. Bus Ministry
- 4. Sunday School
- 5. Welcome Wagon
- 6. Bookstore
- Music Ministry
- 8. Counseling Ministry
- 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



Pastor Jerry Ross

A Young Man Should Seek Counsel From His Elders, Not His Peers. I Kings 12:8, "But he (Rehoboam) forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: ...

Rehoboam was the son of King Solomon. Upon the death of his father, Rehoboam inherited his father's throne, but sadly, not his father's wisdom. He had access to much of that wisdom through both his father's writings and his father's peers. The "old men" who had served with Solomon tried to give him sound and sage advice. This young king forsook their counsel and turned his ears to his peers. These young men possessed no greater wisdom than

Rehoboam—they were his contemporaries and thus they simply mirrored his knowledge and experience. Yet he chose to follow their untested advice. As a result, a nation was plunged into civil war.

Il Kings 6:17, "And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

This young man, who was a servant to Elisha, learned that the older, godly man could see things that he was not yet able to see. One of the reasons that a young man should seek counsel from older, more experienced men is that they have a perspective he has not been afforded. Their spiritual, experienced eyes can see what youthfulness cannot.

One of the downfalls of young men in our society is that they have developed a foolish dedication and arrogant loyalty to their peers.

America Has A Great Sin Problem.



In *Proverbs 14:34* the Bible tells us, "*Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*" America was exalted above the rest of the world because the American people served God and were obedient to God. This nation was founded on principles that God had established; but as Scripture reminds us, sin is a reproach. Sin is a downfall to any people. America is not so superior to the rest of the world that God will not judge her. America is not so superior to every other society that has ever existed that God will ignore what He has written in Scripture and not judge her. Yes, America has a great sin problem.

Dr. Greg Neal

I have heard stories from older generations about how it used to be in America. Everybody has heard these stories when he or she was a child. Aunts, uncles, and

grandparents would say, "Well, it used to be this way or that way." Now that I am a little bit older, I can appreciate some of those things. Even though America has had her problems, and sin has always been prevalent, we used to live in a day when God was at least respected and honored; but sin changes that.

God and sin cannot sit on the same throne because God condemns sin. When we live lives of sin, we are not just sinning against ourselves; we are sinning against an Almighty and righteous God. In our nation, it can be said that we are lovers of pleasure. We are not lovers of God.

I was ushering at the University of Delaware graduation when I noticed a harried-looking woman carrying an infant.

"Can I help you?" I asked.

"I can't believe there's no baby changing station in the ladies' room," she said.

"That's odd," I said. "There's one in the men's room."

"Good," she said, thrusting her baby at me. "You change him."

Alfred Nai Wilmington, DE



Cameron Giovanelli, President

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Coming Soon! North Florida Baptist College

Cameron Giovanelli was born on June 29, 1977. He was saved on September 20, 1990, while living in Rohnert Park, CA. In 1994, he surrendered to preach while attending a youth conference in Santa Clara, California. Following his graduation, he attended Golden State



Baptist College where he met his wife, Sarah, and they both graduated in 2000. After graduating from Bible college, Cameron Giovanelli served as a youth pastor for several years in Napa, CA; as an associate pastor in Manteca, California; and then, as a pastor in the fall of 2003. He pastored a growing church on the east coast for eleven years

before accepting a position at his alma mater as the president. In 2018, he and his family moved to Jacksonville, Florida, and began serving as an assistant pastor at the Immanuel Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Greg Neal. Now, with the announcement of North Florida Baptist College, Cameron Giovanelli has been asked and has accepted the role of president.

Cameron and Sarah Giovanelli have three children. Together, the Giovanelli family has seen the Lord work in remarkable ways, and they are excited about this next phase of their ministry life. Cameron Giovanelli is a seasoned servant and soldier of the cross, and it is with great excitement that North Florida Baptist College has called him to lead in the training of the next generation of church leaders.





Pastor's Fellowship Tuesday June 25th after the Morning Service

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Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silol



Everything Starts With A Picture

I am glad to see the Army going back to the "pinks and greens" as a uniform (April). I was in the last senior ROTC class that issued them, and we looked great. When I was called to active duty a year later, the green uniform had replaced them. Frankly, I thought we looked like bus drivers. I wore that uniform for nine years and never changed my opinion. Congratulations to Sgt. Major of the Army Daniel A. Dailey for pushing for a return to a military-looking uniform.

David S. Seitz, Glen Rock, PA

For the first time in at least 40 years, the Army is making a good uniform decision with the return of a classic uniform. The only way the Army can surpass it is to reinstate khakis, the best uniform it ever had.

Daniel A. Peck, Greenfield, IN

I was extremely pleased to read the article about the Army bringing back the uniform that my father and uncle so proudly wore during their service in World War II. A great uniform and tribute. Now if the Air Force would bring back the uniform I proudly wore.

Thomas E. Curling, Riner, VA

Warnings Issued About Deadly, Disturbing Transgender Danger

A former transgender activist and a mother whose daughter identifies as transgender spoke out against the danger of pushing or encouraging transgenderism in children.

The two spoke at [an April 2] panel discussion at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. The panel...addressed the issues that come along with assisting children with a transition.

Walt Heyer, the trans activist who recently announced that the media and doctors misled him to believe that the answer to gender dysphoria was a transition, warned of the dangers to children of encouraging early transitions.

"We are manufacturing transgender kids," Heyer later added. "We are manufacturing their depression, their anxiety, and have turned it into a huge industry that people are profiting from after kids lives are completely torn apart."

'Elaine', who requested to be anonymous, said that she is speaking out against transgenderism to help children parents and family members.

"Parents are doing everything they can to help their kids lead happy, healthy, and fulfilling lives, yet when parents seek out experts for help, they receive a one-size-fits-all narrative that has no basis in science, common sense, or compassion."

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

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It's Just Rebellion

One day every knee shall bow to Christ and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, we are told (*Phil. 2:10, 11*). That must be sometime. Why not let it be before your soul is damned and lost forever?

John 3:18 tells us that, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." And then we have an explanation of why every soul that ever goes to Hell does so. It is given in the following verses, John 3:19-21, which say,

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

John R. Rice

If you are not a Christian, then the only reason is that in your heart you love your sins and you will not surrender your will to Christ. You will not say to the Lord Jesus as Paul did on the road to Damascus, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

You can be saved today if you will. The Scripture says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). Jesus promised that, "... him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). It is not the head that keeps you away from God. It is that stubborn, rebellious will of yours.

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,

Over mountain or plain or sea;

I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,

I'll be what you want me to be."

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 premillenial 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
- I mmersed Church Membership
- **S** oul-liberty
- Two 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 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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