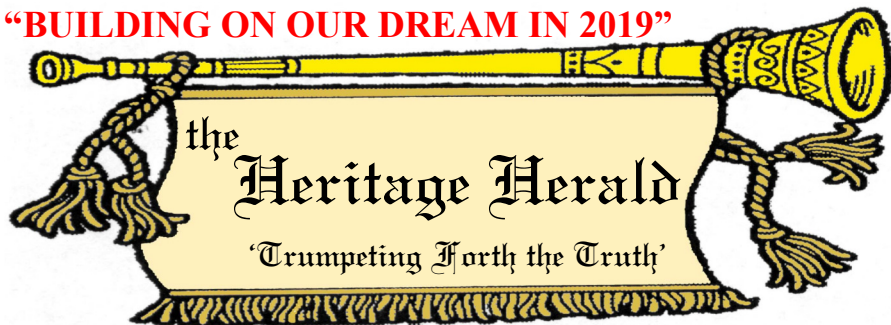


"BUILDING ON OUR DREAM IN 2019"



DECEMBER 2019

FROM THE DESK OF:

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Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned
Sunday"

THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Introduction: Christmas is so very unique. It is so unique because it has its own spirit. It has its own smells, and it has its own sounds. As a matter of fact, I have never met any child of God that was not influenced by the sounds of Christmas.

Let us examine just a few sounds of Christmas that can change a person's life for the better.

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king."

FIRST: THE SOUND OF SALVATION.

LUKE 2:11

A. It is only through Christ that God can speak the truth that sets us free from guilt forever. *Hebrews 1:1-2; John 14:6*

B. To a sinner, who knows that he is lost, it is the most welcome sound to hear the truth that Jesus saves. *1 Timothy 1:15*

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

SECOND: THE SOUND OF SEPARATION.

MATTHEW 2:12-16

A. We are exhorted to be a separated people. *Romans 12:1-2*

B. The people of God have always been commanded of the Lord to be a separated people. *II Corinthians 6:17; 7:1*

Illustration: Clear distinction and difference between the wise men and Herod.

• God is a jealous God and wants perfect love and complete devotion. *Mark 12:29-30*

• God is holy and wants His children to be holy. *1 Peter 1:15-16*

"... they departed into their own country another way."

THIRD: THE SOUND OF SERVICE.

LUKE 2:17-20

Only separated people can really serve God. God always calls His own to service, in His own time, according to His own purpose.

A. The Lord spoke to Samuel when he was very young and called him to service. *I Samuel 3:10-21*

B. The Lord called Isaiah to a definite surrender to a very difficult task. *Isaiah 6:8-10*

C. God called Paul in a very unusual way to a task that stirred the world in his day. *Acts 9:1-6 an Acts 26:14-20*

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad...concerning the child." Luke 2:17

FOURTH: THE SOUND OF THE SECOND COMING.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

The sound of the coming of Jesus Christ is our true hope. Jesus is coming again.

Our blessed Saviour promised that He would return for the saved. *John 14:2-3*

There is nothing that will inspire Christians to live holy lives as much as a firm belief in the imminent coming of the Son of God. *I John 3:3.*

"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner..."

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

Gruesome Discovery of 2,200 Aborted Babies in Abortionist's Home

Attorneys General in the states of Illinois and Indiana say they will investigate the gruesome discovery of over 2,200 preserved aborted babies found in the home of abortionist Ulrich Klopfer after he died [in September].

Police say 2,246 medically preserved remains of aborted babies were found on the property of Klopfer's home. Klopfer died on September 3rd and on September 12 the Will County (Illinois) Coroner's Office received a call from an attorney representing his family. They reported finding fetal remains among Klopfer's personal property and requested proper removal ...

Now, the attorneys general of Illinois and Indiana say they will launch a probe.

lifeneews.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Where were the liberal networks on this?

Apparently asleep, since there was almost no coverage of it.

Islamic Propaganda in America's Schools

A pro-Israel activist is fed up with Islamic indoctrination in America's public schools and has taken her fight to Washington, D.C.

Laurie Cardoza-Moore...went to Capitol Hill to meet with key members of Congress to educate them on the crisis she argues the nation is facing with the education of its children."

Cardoza-Moore says in too many cases, lawmakers are "totally in the dark" on propaganda she says is "being peddled" to America's schoolchildren with the support of the federal government. "We have indoctrinated our children with anti-Semitic, anti American and anti-Judeo-Christian pro-Islamic content," she tells OneNewsNow. "We are teaching our children how to convert to Islam by praying the Shahada prayer. We have third-grade spelling lists with the word Shahada on that..."

That particular program is known as "Access Islam." "How [can] a program as insidious as (that)...be allowed to be taught in the same classrooms where Judaism is not recognized in curriculum as a world religion and Bibles are not allowed?" she asks.

Cardoza-Moore is calling for the House and Senate Education Committees to conduct hearings on instructional materials ...

Curriculum conveying an anti-American bias, she adds, has "infiltrated" the nation's classrooms; "and this is only the tip of the iceberg," she warns.

Chad Groening,

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

WHAT SONG DO YOU SING AT A SNOWMAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY? "FREEZE A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW."

PEOPLE IN SLEEPING BAGS ARE THE SOFT TACOS OF THE BEAR WORLD.



John R. Rice

THERE WERE NO WOMEN PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, BIBLE TEACHERS, OR PREACHERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TIMES

We have considered the plain commands of the Bible for bidding women to preach. Now I call your attention to the fact that these commands were everywhere obeyed in New Testament churches. In not a single New Testament church was any woman allowed to be pastor or evangelist or Bible teacher. In not a single New Testament church was there a woman preacher. There were twelve original apostles, their names were given, but there was not a woman among them. Sermons are given in the New Testament, as preached by a number of preachers, but never a sermon is mentioned as having been preached by any woman.

All the words used for preachers in the Bible are masculine words. Elder is a masculine word. Bishop is a masculine word. Those mentioned as teachers in the New Testament were men. The masculine pronoun is used through out the qualifications of a bishop in **I Timothy 3:1-7**. He must be the husband of one wife (only one). In that short passage referring to bishops or pastors, he is used five times; his, three times; a man, twice; husband, one time. The Bible makes no allowance for any bishop except those that are men. Check and count those words in the first seven verses of **I Timothy 3**.

Many godly women are mentioned in the New Testament. Let no one deceive you about the women of the New Testament. They were often as well trained, as devout, as well instructed as the men. Consider the faith (doctrine) of Lois and Eunice, the grandmother and mother of Timothy (**II Timothy 1:5**). Consider the remarkable spiritual insight given to Mary, the mother of Jesus, how she pondered the things in her heart, even before the birth of the Saviour. To her the angel had appeared, telling her wonderful facts about the coming Saviour (**Luke 1:28-38**). Mary was a spiritual girl, even filled with the Holy Spirit, as you see from her praises to God in the presence of Elizabeth, in **Luke 1:46-55**. Mary went with Jesus most of the time. What a wonderfully developed Christian she must have been! And yet Mary never preached, never taught men, never took any official position in any church.

FIFTH: THE SOUND OF THE SEASON.**LUKE 2:14**

The sound that you will hear everywhere during the month of December will be the sounds of Christmas. These sounds speak of the birth of our precious Saviour and the gifts He has given to us.

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Conclusion: There is no season like the season of Christmas. The season is so special and beautiful in all its sounds.

- ♦ *It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old.*
- ♦ *Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king.*
- ♦ *I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play.*

Yes, it's true! There is no season like Christmas, and its sounds can soften even the coldest hearts. May I say, "I wish you a merry Christmas."

"Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from Heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia, Christ the Saviour is born!"

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 had wanted to earn a doctoral degree for decades and finally saw an opportunity to do so. When my mother heard about it, she said, "Why? You'll be 50 years old when you complete it!" My dad shot back, "She would be 50 years old anyway. Let's help the kid get her education!" Thanks to Dad, I've had a very rewarding career as a university professor.

KAREN CLEMONS Belton, Texas



**THERE ARE MANY THEORIES ON WHY HUMANS EVEN NEED TO SLEEP,
BUT I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S TO CHARGE OUR PHONES.**



Pastor Jerry
Ross

Young men should be trained in proper communication.

1 Samuel 25:5-9, "And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name: And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast. And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. Ask thy young men, and they will show thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David. And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased."

King David needed to get a message to Nabal. He assigned the responsibility of the communication to ten young men. David could have gone himself, but I believe that King David took this opportunity to teach ten young men how to respectfully converse and accurately convey an important message.

Notice the break down of the communication.

"... greet him in my name." They were to be clear that the communication be properly identified as coming from King David. They came as representatives of the king.

"And thus shall ye say to him ..." David gives them a word for word message. As a young man, when you are trusted to communicate a message from one authority to another, you should be careful to listen to the exact wording of the communication. The ability to accurately convey an assigned message is essential.

"Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast." Notice the time taken to properly and respectfully address an elder. Any communication should be preceded by kind words and well wishes. David was teaching his young men an important lesson: as a young man, you should always take the time to show respect and kindness to another man.

"And now I have heard that thou hast shearers ... Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David." The rest of the communication is then given. Notice the tone of respect. It is a humble request, not a demand. David sent through these ten young men a well-worded, respectful request that assumed nothing; but instead placed himself and his young men as servants to Nabal, allowing Nabal to decide the extent of generosity offered.

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 Prayer List

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Ed Hosey
3. Sheila Spencer
4. Anita Miller
5. Michelle Lemons
6. Kevin McClain
7. Harold Cooper
8. Linda Sigstad
9. Carolyn Grindel

Christmas Greetings from Friends and Missionaries



Dr. Tom Neal



Dr. Terry Sellars



Dr. Bob Gray



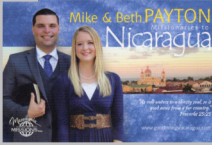
Dr. Greg Neal



Jason
and
Jessica
Stanley



Mike
and
Beth
Payton



"OF COURSE MY ASSETS ARE
FROZEN. WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?"



Hudson
Thomas
Myers was
born 11/21/19
at 8:33. 5 lbs.,
10 oz., 18
inches.
This photo
placed here
by a proud
grandfather.

**WHEN I WAS LEARNING TO DRIVE, MY DAD, COMPLETELY
SERIOUS, SAID TO ME, "ALWAYS WEAVE A LITTLE, AND ALL
THE OTHER CARS WILL STAY AWAY FROM YOU."**



Heritage Highlanders December 2019 Schedule

Saturday December 7

Christmas Craft

Pr. 31:13

Saturday December 21

Christmas Caroling

Psalms 100:2

Saturday December 14

Christmas Craft

Genesis 18:6

Saturday December 28

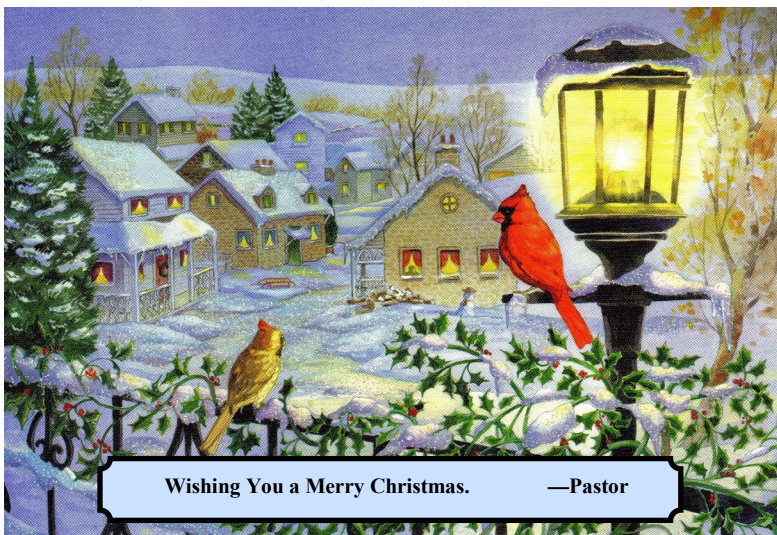
Giving

II Cor. 9:7



From our Pastor's Wife... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth An Old Fashioned Christmas

I'm so glad to be called old fashioned. I believe in a one and only old fashioned Saviour (Jesus Christ). I believe in the old fashioned Bible, the old King James Bible. I believe in an old fashioned independent, fundamental Bible-believing Baptist Church. I believe in old fashioned dress standards and behavior; where ladies still dress like ladies and men still dress like men. Where ladies are still gracious, honorable and submissive in their spirit and where men are leaders in the home and in society. I believe in an old fashioned, a family with one mom and one dad. I believe in an old fashioned Christmas where Jesus is still the reason for the season, where Christ is not crossed out of the word Christmas. Where the Word of God is opened first on Christmas morning as Dad reads the story of Jesus' birth and then the family prays and gives thanks to Jesus, for He is still the one that makes it possible for us to enjoy all the presents and food we share as we celebrate His birthday! I am so glad to be called old-fashioned. I am so glad for an old-fashioned Christmas!!!



Wishing You a Merry Christmas.

—Pastor

Blueberry Dessert Bars

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter	3 cups all-purpose flour	3 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar	2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats	3 tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 cup granulated sugar	1 tsp. kosher salt	3 tbsp. instant tapioca
1 large egg, room temperature	1 tsp. baking powder	
2 tsp. pure vanilla extract	1/4 cup granulated sugar	

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray, or brush with butter.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, or in a large bowl using an electric hand mixer, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar. Add the egg and vanilla and combine. Stir in the flour, oats, salt, and baking powder until incorporated. In a medium bowl, stir together the blueberries, lemon juice, sugar, and tapioca and set aside.

Press half of the crumble mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan. Spread the blueberry mixture evenly over the crust. Gently crumble the remaining crust mixture over the blueberries. Bake for 45-50 minutes, until lightly golden brown. Cool completely before cutting into bars.



Dr. Al Lacy

Gabriel And Christmas

"And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am GABRIEL, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee and to shew thee these glad tidings." (Luke 1:5, 7, 11-13, 18-19)

Think of it. Gabriel had the privilege of giving the good news that there were going to be BAPTISTS in the world!

It was also Gabriel's sweet task to reveal to Mary of Nazareth that she had been chosen of God to be the mother of God's Son.

"The angel GABRIEL was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:26-30, 35)

What a privilege was Gabriel's - to bear the message to Mary that she would bear God's Son, bringing the Saviour into the world! It is also my conviction, that though he is not named in the passage, it was Gabriel who also took the message of Mary's virgin birth to Joseph in Matthew chapter one. I believe it was also Gabriel who bore the message to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born. The identical term is used for each of these instances as when he went to Zacharias and identified himself as Gabriel, *"angel of the Lord."*

Since Gabriel seems to always be in on so much happy good news, I wonder if the supposition on the part of so many Bible students, that he will be the one to blow the trumpet at the Rapture, is not true. I believe it is. Somehow, that happy task just seems to fit Gabriel.



Dr. Jack
Hyles

To Pervert Is To Change

Revelation 22:18-19

The Devil attacks the Bible by adding to, taking away, diminishing, and stealing the Words of God. The Book of Mormon and the Catholic Bible add to the words of God. The Reader's Digest Condensed Version takes away from the words of God. The children's Bibles and the NIV diminish the words of God. The publishers who say, "We'll give you a Bible that's easier to understand," are giving us another bible on which they can make a profit. The RSV is a bible that takes away and diminishes the Words of God.

The Devil perverts or changes the words of the Lord. *Jeremiah 23:35, 36, "Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God..."* That word, perverted, means "to change" the words. What is a perversion? A man having sex with a man is a perversion because that is not natural. When a person changes the Words of God, it is a perversion. The NIV, the New King James, and the New Scofield all change the Words of God. They pervert the Words of God, and they are of the Devil.

Christmas Reminders

May the Christmas presents remind you of God's greatest gift: His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas candles remind you of Him Who is the Light of the world.

May the Christmas tree remind you of another tree on which He died for you.

May the Christmas cheer remind you of Him Who said, "Be of good cheer."

May the Christmas feast remind you of Him Who is the Bread of life.

May the Christmas snow remind you of the cleansing power of Christ.

May the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas carols remind you of His glad tidings which we are to proclaim to all men.

May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ our King.

Lest We Forget



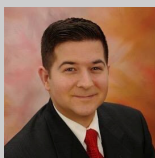
'We Will Not Back Down'

I just read the excerpt from former Army Staff Sgt. and Medal of Honor recipient David Bellavia's speech (September). I would encourage all to look up the entire ceremony, along with the speech, on YouTube. He should run for office. He is an incredible leader and speaker.

The speech by David Bellavia is one of the most powerful, moving and heartfelt I have read. It eloquently captures the nobility, strength and courage of all who wear a U.S. military uniform. His observation that

"there is no political affiliation on our dog tags" is particularly relevant considering our nation's current partisan divide.

Bellavia's speech should be reprinted and given to every Washington politician.



Jarrod
Collingsworth
Choir Director

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Luke 2:8-17

In Luke chapter 2, we read of the birth of Christ and we find in this story many wonderful things, but this season I want to discuss the shepherds in field. Many over look them, and that is understandable, but there is a wonderful story to be told and an example to follow.

In these short few verses we read of shepherds who were where they needed to be when they needed to be there. If the shepherds had not been faithful that night to be in the field with the sheep they would have missed the proclamation from the angels, they would have missed the opportunity to see Jesus in a manger.

They probably would have even missed their opportunity to be listed in the scriptures.

We also read of shepherds who would investigate the truth. We see that shepherds were told of Jesus in a manger, but like most today they did not say they were too busy to investigate. These shepherds stopped what they were doing and went and saw where Jesus laid in a manger.

We also read that the shepherds did the most important thing that night. They took the message of Christ's birth and proclaimed it abroad. They did not hold these truths in their hearts, but shared it with others. They were responsible for starting the fire that proclaimed the birth of Christ.

Will you be faithful like the shepherds this Christmas season? Will you make sure it is Christ's birth that is proclaimed? Will you help others understand that Jesus is the Reason for the Season?

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 Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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