

Pastor & Mrs. C "Old-Fashioned Sunday"

FIRST: WE CAN KNOW CHRIST. **II TIMOTHY 1:12** 

Bible believing Christianity that teaches, "you can know."

Paul the apostle declared, "... for I know whom I have believed ..." He stood firm to all that would listen that he absolutely knew

his relationship with Jesus Christ.

In John 4:42, we discover what the men of Samaria believed after listening to the woman who met Christ at the well. "... and said unto the woman, now we believe, not  $\infty$  because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

# SECOND: WE CAN KNOW HIS CALL.

# JOHN 10:27

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"... he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them ..."

John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Those in the local New Testament church that have placed their faith in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ know His call because they hear His voice.

If you are in a church that teaches that the Word of God is the final authority for the practice of true Christianity, you be thankful! Why? Because that means you know who Christ is, and you follow his voice, which is the Word of God. You will never be deceived by cultists and false preachers.

#### THIRD: WE CAN KNOW OUR COURSE . If God knows our name and calls us, then that would mean He has a course for us to follow.

# Genesis 5:24, "... Enoch walked with God ..."

A walk always speaks of a direction and a plan.

The Lord Jesus is very concerned with His people and the direction they are traveling. He wants us to walk worthy of our calling.

God has given clear instructions on our course.

Romans 13:13, ... let us walk honestly ..."

I Corinthians 7:17, "... as the Lord has called ... so let him walk ..." Deuteronomy 2:7, "... he knoweth thy walking ..."

Galatians 5:16-25, "... walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Let's Make 29 20 OUR BEST YEAR EVER

I JOHN 1:7

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#### I AM AGAINST YOU



Jeremiah 23:31-32 says, "Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD."

On that same charismatic telecast, I saw men and women who were not married to each other holding hands around a circle, and each one of them were getting "words of knowledge." One lady said, "I have a word of knowledge from the Lord." No you don't, honey! God said that your word of knowledge is a false version of the Bible.

Dr. Jack Hvles

Nine times on that same telecast I heard men and women say, "I have a word of knowledge from the Lord." God said that He didn't send you, Mr. Charismatic Preacher. You did not see that 900-foot Jesus, and you didn't get that vision that you were going to die if you didn't

get that \$8 million. You used that to prey upon the minds of people to try to get their money! If you charismatic preachers can heal people, why do you build hospitals?

These prophets described in Jeremiah caused the destruction of Israel. They caused the 70-year captivity. These pastors caused the destruction of the temple and the destruction of the walls of their homes and the famine and the judgment of Almighty God. God called them liars and said they were like Sodom and Gomorrah. God said, "I am against you."

# A BANK IS A PLACE THAT WILL LEND YOU MONEY IF YOU CAN PROVE THAT YOU DON'T NEED IT.

#### Authority

What is wrong with America is lawlessness. Lawlessness is another word for sin. Satan himself is the lawless one, and all rebellion against authorities that God has put over us is wicked, and it comes from wicked hearts.

What is wrong with the draft card burners? You say they are revolutionaries. But revolution in that sense is sinful and wicked.

John R. Rice

You say about those who are engaged in these demonstrations and shooting of policemen and looting of stores and burning of cities, "They are underprivileged." That is not what is wrong. It is their wicked hearts going against God and against organized society.

We need in America a turning back to God, Rebellion is wicked. Rebellion in the home, rebellion against government, rebellion against society is wrong.

What does the Bible say about the home? Read Ephesians 5:21-24: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

HOW DID I KNOW MY NEW COWORKER WAS A VETERAN? WHEN I HEARD HIM DESCRIBE THE IMPENDING BIRTH OF HIS FIRST CHILD AS, "WHEN THE BABY HAS BOOTS ON THE GROUND."



Mrs. Francie Taylor

#### Eves

Play hide-and-seek with a toddler. He will crack you up with his antics! I can remember our daughter cover ing her eyes and saying, "You can't see me!" Confusing? Not to a toddler. He imagines that when he covers his eyes, it makes him disappear from view. Do we imagine the same thing?

Are we doing anything in our lives that we wouldn't want others to know about? Why is it that we forget that God knows? Shouldn't the fact that He knows be enough to deter us from wrongdoing?

Failing to acknowledge God's awareness of our choices is like covering our eyes and saying, "God, you can't see me."

It's backwards, and it's deluded.

God has eyes. In fact, He created all the senses, so He is the Originator fo them all. It is a daily exercise to remember some very important things about God and His abilities.

He knows our thoughts.

"For the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts." I Chr. 28:9

He knows our motives.

"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits." Prov. 16:2 He observes our choices.

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3 Our culture promotes a "you can't see me" way of living that is destructive. God can see us, and He is considering our daily decisions. What does He see when He watches the movie screen of your life?

AMOS 5:12

#### FOURTH: WE CAN KNOW OUR SINS CONSEQUENCES.

"For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins ..."

#### Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death."

The Christian must be aware of deceiving or denying his sin. Christianity is a religion of sinners saved by grace, but we must never use the doctrine of grace as a license to live in sin. Why? Sin always comes with a price.

If you were to ask me to describe the Christian life, I would say it is a life of love, forgiveness, and thankfulness. But then I would say it is a life of confession, repentance, and humiliation. Why? Because sin is a burden to everybody.

## FIFTH: WE CAN KNOW OF HIS COMING.

ACTS 1:11

"... why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner ..."

John 14:3, "... I will come again ..."

Never have so many things lined up to reveal the coming of Jesus Christ for His own as you can see today. Jesus is coming, but are you ready?

**Conclusion:** Dear reader, if you have discovered that you do not know your relationship with Christ, you do not know that you are saved and your sins are forgiven, then come to Christ today. Pray with me right now and receive Christ.

#### **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)

	Heritage Highlanders January 2020 Schedule			
	<u>Saturday January 4</u>	Romans 1:8	<u>Saturday January 18</u>	<u>Prov. 17:22</u>
	Putting God First		Attitudes	
	Saturday January 11	Phil. 4:13	<u>Saturday January 25</u>	<u>Prov. 26:1</u>
- Nor	All About Me		Snow Ice Cream	



Pastor Jerry Ross

The Jewish culture understood the need for a young man to learn a skilled trade. When a young man reached the age of twelve, he be came an apprentice to his father or another trusted male relative. Under said tutelage, he mastered a wage-earning skill. To this day, there is this saying in Jewish culture -- "He who fails to teach his son a trade, rears a thief." It is thievery to be able-bodied yet live off the government. The government generates no

<u>LEARN A SKILL</u> Genesis 46:34 Young men, I encouraged you to develop a work ethic. But if a young man learns to work, yet fails to develop a marketable skill, it will be difficult for him to earn a living. Your

money. It taxes those who work hard, taking from them the fruit of their labor. For that hard-earned money to be handed to a man who refuses to work, or who was foolish enough not to learn a trade, is criminal.

youthful strength must be harnessed and trained to perform a skilled trade.

Mastering money-saving, wage-earning skills starts with working beside your father around the home. This will teach you home maintenance, vehicle maintenance, and common sense. If your dad is working on something, jump in and help! Also, you should learn the basics of your father's trade, both by discussing it with him, and working with him when possible.

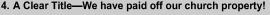
Look around your church and find men who have wage-earning skills. Seek out opportunities for summer employment. If they cannot afford to hire you, it would still be to your advantage to volunteer to help them. Your pay is the knowledge and skills you are gaining.

Set as your goal to master one wage-earning skill during your young man years. Even if this trade is not what you end up doing for the rest of your life, it will always give you something to fall back on.

A wage-earning skill will place you in a position to be able to one day provide for a family of your own. No young man has a right to ask a father for his daughter's hand in marriage, without first being in a position to financially provide for her. And no young man can claim biblical masculinity who does not provide his own way in this world.

# Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last fifteen (15) years in a row! Wow!
- 2. The buses are still rolling!
- 3. For our "Old-Time Religion" Conference.





#### <u>From Our Church</u> <u>Prayer List</u>

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

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



# "The wifi password is, "buysomethingorgetout."

# **Our Church Ministries**

- 8. Counseling Ministry
- 9. Grounds and Maintenance
- 10. Heritage Baptist Academy
- 11. Nursery
- 12. Boys Bible Club
- 13. Girls Highlander Club
- 14. Cleaning Ministry



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- 15. Teen Club
- 16. Junior Church
- 17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
- 18. Ushers
- 19. Altar Workers
- 20. Greeters



You've got tough questions, and you want answers. Or do you really want ... *candy?*"

This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody so Everybody blamed Somebody.



#### From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Be Still

As I sit here with pen in hand on Monday, December 30, 2019, I find myself wondering what the new year of 2020 will bring! Much has been said of how we need 20/20 vision. This is true in any year and day we live. How often our vision is blurred and clouded by life's daily situations. With all the "tech" gadgets at

our disposal we would think that we have more free time in our life, however too many times our days are just over-filled with things to do and places to go. This often leads us to losing sight of our Saviour, which in turn effects our family life, our work, and even the ministries we are involved in at church.

It should come as no surprise as to why God commands, "Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

Do you find yourself running through your daily devotions, and running through your day... day after day after day....? Please in 2020, Stop.....Focus....and know God better in 2020 than you did in 2019.

#### **Destroying Innocence**



Christians, we are at war! Satan wants to devastate and to destroy our churches, our homes, and our lives. He wants to steal the innocence of our children and to rob our marriages of joy. When a person gets saved, Satan has lost that person's soul; thus, his goal becomes destroying that Christian's service for God. He wants to drive the effective Christian into sin so that he becomes ineffective for the Lord. Because Satan is the expert at subtly accomplishing his goal, we must be vigilant to defend, to protect, and to strengthen ourselves against his evil ways.

Dr. Greg Neal

Any institution will only be as strong as its leaders are strong. Every marriage is only going to be as strong as the husband and wife are strong. As Christians who

desire a strong spiritual walk with God, our goals should be to dig into the Scriptures to learn and to put into practice the formula that God has given us to achieve this. Men should work toward strengthening themselves as better husbands and fathers; ladies should work toward strengthening themselves as better wives and mothers.

Just as the Bible gives example after example of the good and righteous to emulate, it also provides patterns of sin and evil of which to take note and to avoid at all cost! The story of the strange woman and the young man in Proverbs seven is a warning of evil and wickedness. This book studies the characteristics of each character, the pitfalls that led to destruction, and the Biblical prescription given to protect and to strengthen our lives and our testimonies for the Lord.

#### Lest We Forget



Born in West Germany to a military family, Emily Jazmin Tatum Perez understood from an early age what it meant to serve her country. Less than a month into her first semester at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, occurred. Shouldering the weight of history, these cadets would become known as the "Class of 9/11." In addition to being an exemplary student and talented athlete, Emily became the first female minority Cadet Command Sergeant Major in the history of the Academy.

Perez graduated from West Point in 2005 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the 204th Support Battalion, 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. During her first deployment to Iraq as a Medical Services Corps officer, Perez was killed in action on September 12, 2006.

Upon her death, Perez became the first graduate of the West Point "Class of 9/11" to die in combat and the first female graduate to die in the war in Iraq. Additionally, Perez became the first female African-American officer in the history of the Army to die in combat.

DON'T THINK OF ME AS THE BOSS. THINK OF ME AS A NAVIGATOR ON THE SEA OF CONFUSION.



Dr. Al Lacy

#### Not Until He Calls Matthew 26:52-53

When Judas led the multitude carrying swords and staves into the Garden of Gethsemane to betray Jesus into their hands, Peter whipped out a sword and whacked off a man's ear. Jesus quickly said to Peter,

"Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword will perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will give Me MORE THAN TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS?"

<sup>Cy</sup> Yes, in those last hours as He was rudely moved about like a pawn on a chessboard; while He suffered at the hands of Roman soldiers and even as He swung on the nails of

the cross - more than 78,000 mighty angels stood at the portals of Heaven. They eagerly waited for His beck and call. Their ears were attuned to earth's frequency. One word from Him and the massacre at the Little Big Horn would have looked like a parlor game compared to what would have happened. Those angels would have sent that whole mob to Hell in a river of blood with their boots on!

I can imagine, as they bound His hands in Gethsemane, the Legions of Heaven leaned over the celestial balcony and set themselves for speedy flight. When the Roman lash ripped open His back, Michael whipped out his sword and looking toward the Throne, said, "Father, I'm going after Him!"

"No!" the Father retorted. "Not unless He calls for you."

When they flung Him to His back and drove the cruel spikes through His hands and feet, the Legions of Heaven all whipped out their swords and shouted, "Let's go!"

"NO!" the voice roared from the Throne. "You are not to go unless He calls for you."

When the earth was enveloped in that Stygian midnight at noon and from the cross Jesus cried, "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" - Michael swung back Heaven's door and cried, "That's IT! I'm going!"

"NO, Michael!" thundered the Father's voice. "No! You cannot take one step earthward until He calls."

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

# University Purges Pledge of Allegiance for Not Being Inclusive

A vote to stop reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during meetings was cast by the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Student Senate - with twice as many voting to remove it than keep it--as the overwhelming majority insisted the patriotic tribute symbolizes an oppressive and discriminatory government that is noninclusive.

One student senator at the Michigan university, Dorian Thompson [a conservative], revealed that 22 voted to remove the Pledge, while only 10 opposed the measure and 10 abstained....

"The arguments to remove it were to create an inclusive environment, that it represented an oppressive government and that there are international students that we should be representing,"

#### EDUCATION CHAOS AND CRISIS

America's Schools' Bad Report Card

At the end of October, the federal Department of Education issued its National Assessment of Educational Progress Report. The news was predictable.

"Every American family needs to open the Nation's Report Card this year and think about what it means for their child and for our country's future," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said.... "The results are, frankly, devastating" (Jared Harris, westernjournal.com).

Dr. Bill Bennett, the former education secretary in the Reagan administration, appearing on Washington Watch (Family Research Council), said,

"We do worse in American history than we do in 29 or even those two [reading and math]. It's our worst subject. Our students do not know who they are as Americans." If there is history being taught, he explained, "it's left-wing, tendentious and politically correct. It's a terrible situation."..."This country is the begin greatest political story ever told....And although it's the greatest political story ever told, our children have not been told that story."

And this is just the academic failure. When you add in the social engineering, the philosophic brainwashing and the anti-God, anti America activity that is rampant, the situation is devastating and catastrophic. *SWORD PRESS SERVICE* 

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?



Dr. Bob Gray

Don't Waste Your Waste Acts 7:36

Because of the so-called waste in his life, Moses is in a position to help God's people, to encourage them, warn them, admonish them, advise them, and teach them. Moses now can say, "I have been here before, and it's tough, but you can take it, and you can make it."

Dear saint of God, step up to the plate, and do not waste your waste. Use it to help God's people! Use it to warn young people not to waste their years. When you see others headed in a direction you have been, wave a red flag and tell them not to make the same foolish mistakes you made.

Maybe you are not fortunate enough to have been reared in a good, solid Christian home, and you have tasted liquor or smoked dope. Maybe you have soiled your body, and you have sold your body to the devil. Please do not waste the waste. Somebody needs to stand up and warn the young people not to waste their lives in the first place. If it is too late for you, do not waste the waste!

Moses was punished for his sin for forty years, and we will be punished for our sins as well. However, Moses tells God's people that he made it, and they can make it too. He refuses to waste his waste! He tells them, "Yes, your feet can walk on the sand of the Jordan Hills. Yes, you can walk up and down the streets of Jerusalem, conquer Jericho, and enter into the Promised Land!"

"How can you be sure, Moses?"

He replies, "Because I took it, and so I know you can make it and you also can take it." Hey, Christian friend, do not waste your waste. What a waste to waste waste! You can help those who are where you were!

# **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 triume 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

<b>Baptist Beliefs</b>	<b>Baptist Heritage</b>
<ul> <li>Biblical Authority</li> <li>Autonomy of the Local Church</li> <li>P riesthood of ALL Believers</li> <li>T wo ordinances - Baptism &amp; Communion</li> <li>I mmersed Church Membership</li> <li>S oul-liberty</li> <li>T wo officers - Pastors and Deacons</li> <li>S eparation of Church and State</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ</li> <li>Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader</li> <li>Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote <i>Pilgrim's Progress</i></li> <li>Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist peator</li> <li>John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship</li> <li>Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year</li> </ul>

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