

FROM THE DESK OF:

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THE DANGERS OF MISSING CHURCH

<u>Introduction</u>: It is so tragic when a church's own membership begins to excuse themselves from the services.

And did you notice who it was, and did you notice when it was that this person missed church?

It was Thomas – known as doubting Thomas.

It was Sunday night, not Sunday morning. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week..."

It was a service to which Jesus, in person, showed up. "...came Jesus and

Sunday"
stood in the midst..."

"Old-Fashioned

Since He chose to be AWOL on Sunday night, then what did he miss?

FIRST: HE MISSED SEEING THE SAVIOUR.

JOHN 20:20

Because he was not there when he should have been, he did not see Jesus. What if during the next church service, Jesus wanted to reveal Himself to you in a new and life-changing way? Would you be here? If not, why would you not be here? What is more important? Job, television show, ball game, or just laziness?

Illustration: It was over 40 years ago, during a Sunday evening church service, that I yielded my life to Christ and placed my life into His. To this day, I am amazed how my life has changed for the better. Why? Christ showed up that Sunday night just to get me. Tears are filling my eyes just remembering.

SECOND: HE MISSED HEARING THE SCRIPTURES.

JOHN 20:2

Nothing will bring assurance, joy and peace to your life like hearing then yielding to the Word of God.

Jesus said, three times in this passage, "Peace be unto you." Even though Thomas was already saved, peace and assurance of your relationship with Christ comes from the hearing of God's Word.

Notice: Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Notice: Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..."

Why the provoking not to forsake the assembly?

Peace, joy, happiness, assurance, fulfillment, encouragement are all connected to being where the Scriptures are preached.

THIRD: HE MISSED THE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT . JOHN 20:22

"Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

The Bible says, "...he breathed on them..." Think of how close they were to Jesus for Him to breathe on them. Their hearts must have been so stirred and so warmed by the closeness of Christ, but Thomas was not there.

It may be that you were once active in church. It may be that there was a time that you were on fire for God. But, little by little, you have allowed yourself to slip back. You now find yourself in strange places. You do not have the fellowship you once had. Don't deceive yourself. You know something is wrong.

Dr. Tom Neal

The Key

It has been said that prayer is the key that locks and unlocks Heaven's door. Heaven is the source of God's blessings. If you call on God, He will issue forth those great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Prayer is the key that opens all of His blessings to you.

A key is an instrument to move the bolt of a lock which causes it lock or unlock. The word key may also be defined as "a term to solve or explain some problem, condition, on situation." A lock only functions with the use of a matching key, and the key that opens one door will not open other doors.

Heaven is spoken of as a place having windows, doors, and gates. Prevailing prayer, coupled with faith, is the right key to open Heaven's doors and release

the blessings of God. Many things come to pass as we pray, yet many things have not come to pass because of missed opportunities to pray. When we get to Heaven, we will find that we missed many blessings simply because we did not ask God for them. We will also find that many things we thought we had accomplished by our own power were only fulfilled as a result of answered prayer. Prayer and faith form a key that opens the doors and windows of Heaven.

REFUSING TO GO TO THE GYM COUNTS AS RESISTANCE TRAINING. RIGHT?



1 lb Lean Ground Beef 1 Onion, diced 3 large Carrots, chopped large 4 medium Potatoes, chopped large

1 packet Onion Soup Mix 1 Bay Leaf 1 1/2 tsp. Italian Seasoning 2 tsp. Garlic Powder (or 3 cloves garlic, minced) 1 tsp. Salt 1/2 tsp. Pepper

Hamburger Soup

1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce 14 oz. can Diced Tomatoes

(with juice) 6 oz. can Tomato Paste 3 cups Frozen Mixed Vegetables

Turn the pot on to the Sauté setting. Add the ground beef and the onions. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the meat is cooked. Don't break up the meat completely, as some bigger chunks are nice in the soup.

Add the chopped carrots and potatoes, beef broth, onion soup mix, bay leaf, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Stir.

Dump the can of diced tomatoes and tomato paste on top and do not stir.

Close the lid and set the steam release knob to the Sealing position. Cancel the Sauté setting. Press the Pressure Cook/Manual button or dial and then the + or - button or dial to select 7 minutes. Make sure it is set to High pressure. It will take several minutes to come to pressure.

When the cooking cycle is finished, let the pot sit undisturbed for 15 minutes (15 minute natural release). Then carefully, in short bursts at first, release the remaining steam manually, by turning the steam release knob to the Venting position.

Stir the soup well to incorporate the tomato paste.

Then stir in the frozen vegetables and let sit for a few minutes before serving. The veggies will cook in the heat of the hot soup.



John R. Rice

A Stubborn Will

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 al ready, 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, be cause 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."

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 stub born, rebellious will of yours. You know you ought to love Him. You plan some day that you will love Him. But you still want your own way. I remind you that that sin of rebellion against Christ is the thing that made Satan fall from Heaven, and is the same sin that lands every poor, doomed soul into Hell.

FOURTH: HE MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY OF FAITHFUL SERVICE. JOHN 20:24

"But Thomas, once of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them..."

Oh listen? When you are faithful in service to God it speaks volumes to both believers and unbelievers. Your testimony is worth its weight in gold.

Illustration: In all the years you have known this pastor, you have only known me to miss one church service and that was because of extreme sickness.

What will your testimony be? Will it be, "Well done thou good and faithful servant"?

Conclusion: When you become unfaithful you miss all that is worthwhile in this life.

May I ask you a question, "Who signed your pass?" When I was serving my country, the United States of America, I received an honorable discharge. That discharge was honorable because of faithful service. The one thing you were supposed to know is that you were to be where you were supposed to be every time you were supposed to be there. There was an exception, if you had a signed pass from your commanding officer allowing you to be absent. Christian, church member, do you see the dangers of missing church?

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)

Mind Benders

SHOT #1 "An impeachment of a president is an undoing of a national election.'

Rep. Jerry Nadler (D. NY-10) in 1998 about impeaching the President.

CHASER #1 "Impeachment is an imperative not because he's going to be removed from office. The Senate won't do that. But because we have to vindicate the Constitution.'

Rep. Jerry Nadler (D, NY-10), 9/16/2019.

SHOT #2 "The President of the United States does not serve at the pleasure of the legislature, does not serve at the pleasure of Joe Biden, does not serve at the pleasure of Henry Hyde, does not serve at the pleasure of the Congress, as the prime minister does in a parliamentary system. He is elected duly by the people of the United States of America." Former Vice President Joe Biden (D) in 1998 arguing against impeaching Bill Clinton.

CHASER #2 "Congress must pursue the facts and quickly take action to hold Donald Trump accountable."

Former Vice President Joe Biden (D), 9/25/2019.



Heritage Highlanders February 2019 Schedule

I John 4:7-8 Saturday February 1 Love and Friendship Saturday February 8 John 13:34 Valentine's Day Love Notes

Saturday February 15 Proverbs 1:5 Presidents Day-Abraham Lincoln Saturday February 22 John 3:16 Soulwinning Saturday February 29 Psalm 9:10 Leap of Faith!





after the Morning Service.

CHURCHINTHEBARN COM

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.
- 4. A Clear Title—We have paid off our church property!



From Our Church Praver List

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

Our Church Ministries

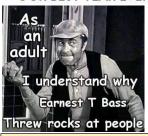
- 1. Fishermens' Club
- 2. Phoster Club
- 3. Bus Ministry
- 4. Sunday School 5. Welcome Wagon
- 6. Bookstore
- 7. Music Ministry

- 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
- 21. Pulpiteer Productions

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OUR BEST YEAR EVER



CHESS IS THE ONLY GAME IN THE WORLD, WHICH REFLECTS THE STATUS OF THE HUSBAND.

THE POOR KING CAN TAKE ONLY ONE STEP AT A TIME..., WHILE THE MIGHTY QUEEN CAN DO WHATEVER SHE LIKES.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Sunday, Feb. 2nd 7:00 PM



Israel James Frick Old-Time Dedication Service

A PANHANDLER ASKS A PASSERBY, "HOW ABOUT A QUARTER, MISTER?" "DON'T YOU KNOW PANHANDLING IS ILLEGAL HERE?" THE MAN REPLIES. "I'M NOT PANHANDLING. I'M PRACTICING MY HOBBY—COIN COLLECTING." THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SHORT AND LONG INCOME-TAX FORMS IS SIMPLE. IF YOU USE THE SHORT FORM. THE GOVERNMENT GETS YOUR MONEY.

From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth



IF YOU USE THE LONG FORM, YOUR ACCOUNTANT GETS YOUR MONEY. Cherish The Moment

"Cherish The Moment" is a beautiful song we often sing at baby dedications. No matter how often I hear the words, I am reminded to cherish the moments I have with my children. Babies grow too quickly into toddlers and teenagers and adults. We need to cherish the moments God has given us. But may I ask the children, teenagers and young adults: Are you cherishing the moments spent with your parents? How can you best do this?

- 1. Think on your parents. Think about the good things they do for you. (Feed you, clothe you, wash your clothes, worry about you...)
- 2. Realize the many responsibilities and burdens your parents may carry. Be an encourager to them by having a good spirit.
- 3. Find pleasure in the little things you do together.
- 4. Be openly thankful and loving each day.
- 5. Remember that no matter how old you are or how independent you may be, you always need your

Realize that each day you have brings you closer to being apart. So cherish the moments you spend with Dad & Mom.



Dr. Greg Neal

Panic

Ruth 1:5, "... there was a famine... A certain man ... went to sojourn ..."

We are in a panic today, but there is no prayer. Many Christians are going to make decisions that will alter their futures and the futures of their families all because they panic in a tough situation instead of going to the One Who controls everything and Who has the answer to everything. There is no prayer in the life of the Christian who runs. I do not believe Elimelech was a bad man. I believe he was a good man. At the end of the first chapter of Ruth, Naomi talks about the change that was made in her life. She came back a much different person than when she left. What happens to good Christian people is that when they come to a spiritual crossroads, they run instead of doing the hard thing. They run instead

of depending on the Bible to dictate what their next course of action should be. Instead of panicking during tough times and hard times, we should pray more than we have ever prayed. Prayer should be our top priority and concern. We should be praying instead of panicking.

Panicking is much easier than depending and waiting on the Lord. Most Christians are looking for the easy way out instead of waiting on the Lord, trusting the Lord, and seeking the will of God through prayer. We panic in our Christian lives. We say, "Oh, I guess this church thing isn't going to work out like I thought it would. I just can't wait anymore. I've got to do something now. I have to decide now."

Lest We Forget



IWO JIMA AT 75

U.S. Marines invaded Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945, after months of naval and air bombardment. Japanese defenders were dug into bunkers deep within the island's volcanic rocks. Approximately 70,000 U.S. Marines and 18,000 Japanese soldiers took part in the battle. In 36 days of fighting, nearly 7,000 Marines were killed. Another 20,000 were wounded. Marines captured 216 Japanese soldiers; the rest were killed in action. The island was declared

secured March 16, 1945. The battle ranks among the bloodiest in Marine Corps history.

After the battle, Iwo Jima served as an emergency landing site for more than 2,200 B-29 bombers, saving the lives of 24,000 U.S. airmen. Securing Iwo Jima prepared the way for the last and largest battle in the Pacific: the invasion of Okinawa. Twenty-seven Medals of Honor were awarded for action on Iwo Jima - more than any other battle in U.S. history.



Can I Trust My Bible?

My reader will remember the exciting story of young David killing the massive Philistine, Goliath the Gittite. The Bible tells how David brought the big dude down with a stone from his sling, then ...

David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and SLEW HIM, and cut of his head therewith (1 Sam. 17:51).

New dear reader, let me ask you ... WHO killed Goliath the Gittite? You say, "David

Dr. Al Lacy

Correct! Now let me show you something about italics in the King James Bible by letting you read something from the New International perversion. "In another battle with the Philistines at Gob, Elhanan, son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, who

had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod" (II Sam. 21:19). How do you like that? The NIV says ELHANAN killed Goliath the Gittite! Yet in I Samuel 17:51, the NIV says, "David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the

scabbard. After he killed him, he cut of his head with the sword." The NIV "bible" has a glaring CONTRADICTION! First, it says DAVID killed Goliath, then it says

ELHANAN killed Goliath. One can easily conclude then that the Holy Spirit had nothing to do with translating the NIV.

We have already seen in *I Samuel 17:51* in the REAL Bible that DAVID killed Goliath the Gittite. Now watch really close as we look at II Samuel 21:19 in the REAL Bible. It says, "And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam." Did you pick up on the italics? The REAL Bible tells us by interpolated words that Elhanan killed the BROTHER of Goliath the Gittite. The Alexandrian NIV translators have made a CONTRADICTION by saying in one passage that DAVID killed Goliath, then in another passage, saying ELHANAN killed Goliath.

The KING JAMES translators, however, were being led by the Holy Spirit when they translated and CORRECTLY put in italics that Elhanan killed THE BROTHER OF Goliath. This ties with Scripture, for we read, And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam (I Chron. 20:5).

Looks to me like the Almighty God has EVERY WORD exactly as He wants it in the King James Bible ... all 810,697 of them ... INCLUDING the italicized ones! Better leave them alone.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silol

Planned Parenthood Will Open Abortion Referral Clinics in Fifty Schools

At Taxpayer Expense California is pushing abortion on younger and younger students at taxpayers' expense.

Though California already has far more abortion facilities than any other state in the country and very few limits on abortion, abortion activists apparently want more. First, they passed a law mandating that every public college campus provide abortions.

Now, they are opening 50 abortion referral clinics in the second largest school district in the country, the Los Angeles Unified School District...

Within the next three years, Planned Parenthood plans to open 50 clinics in Los Angeles County high schools. Without a parent's knowledge or consent, students will be allowed to go to these clinics during school hours for birth control, STI testing/treatment and so called "pregnancy counseling," according to the report.

Though the in-school clinics will not provide abortions, they will promote them and refer students to one of Planned Parenthood's many abortion facilities—again, without parents' knowledge or consent...

Los Angeles County has allocated \$10 million in taxpayer [money] and Planned Parenthood has budgeted an additional \$6 million (also quite possibly taxpayer [money]) to start the program, the report states.

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Liberty Counsel Reports on Pasco County (Florida) School's Insane Agenda

This is the upside-down world LGBT forces are imposing on America. They are trying to force you and me to accept deviant lifestyles as "normal" and gender identity as "fluid."...

The radical sexual agenda is threatening our children and any teacher or parent who dares to stand for godly values. In the Pasco County (Florida) public schools, a male middle-school teacher was asked to supervise a gender-confused girl who had been given full access to disrobe and even shower in the boys' locker room.

Administrators tried to force the male teacher to directly supervise and observe the girl who is called a "transgendered" boy-while she was showering naked in the boys' open shower. He refused. According to the teacher, the school district lawyer warned him: "You know this might cost you your job. Your teacher certificate might be taken from you, to where you can no longer teach." The girl has since moved to another school. While at the Pasco County school, she remained free to enter the boys' locker room and the boys' showers at any time, while the teacher faced ridicule and possible discipline....

Mixing a middle-school girl with boys her age inside a locker room-while forcing the teacher to stand by to watch and supervise is clinical insanity...

It gets worse. Earlier, a former transportation manager for that same Pasco County school system, William Napolitano, was sentenced to life in prison for abusing minors. So severe were his crimes that the judge who oversees such cases gave the absolute maximum sentence because William had "descended to depths of depravity that are hard to fathom and that he's a constant threat to society."

When William was caught, the Pasco district went into full damage control. They told reporters that William "had never shown any signs of deviant behavior." In fact, that's a lie. One then-assistant principal in Pasco County traded child pornography with William out of his own personal stash.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

WHY IS THE PERSON WHO INVESTS YOUR MONEY CALLED A BROKER? WHY DID THE PIONEERS CROSS THE COUNTRY IN COVERED WAGONS? THEY DIDN'T WANT TO WAIT 40 YEARS FOR A TRAIN.



Dr. Bob Grav

LEADING A SOUL TO CHRIST

There is nothing more exciting for a Christian than to lead someone to the Lord. Influencing someone's eternal destination is the thrill of a lifetime. If this is true, why is it that many well-meaning Christians never lead a soul to Christ? Many sincere Christians witness, but few ever lead a soul to Christ. Why? I am convinced the reason is that many Christians do not know how to win souls. They do not know where to start or where to finish. My goal, in the following pages, is to simplify soul winning by defining preparation and presentation techniques that will, when applied, result in more fruitful soul winning.

Let me start by saying that soul winning is not a gift that only a few chosen Christians possess. For a Christian, soul winning should be as natural as breathing. Dear Christian friend, soul winning is not a gift or an option. It is a command for every child of God. Dr.

Curtis Hutson used to say, "The only alternative to soul winning is disobedience to God." Soul winning is not a thing of the past. It was presented in the past, but it was also meant to be practiced in the present. God's plan for evangelizing the world is still the same as it was when Jesus walked the earth: personal soul winning.

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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