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Pastor & Mrs. C "Old-Fashioned Sunday"

## A PORTRAIT IN TRANSFORMATION

Introduction: We are not to try and serve Christ in order to receive His mercies, but rather because we have them. Just like the fact that you do not need to be baptized in order to be saved, but because you have already been saved.

Every person reading this article is either a conformer to the world, or one that has been transformed into a dedicated child of God. Which one are you?

#### FIRST: WE SHOULD BE PERSONALLY CLEANSED. JOHN 14:6

Someone else's salvation will not do for you. It is to be personally received as a gift through Jesus Christ.

I Cor. 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you except ye be reprobates?"

Notice the word faith. There are many different faiths out there, but only one will save you. There are many professors sitting on church pews, but I fear that many are not possessors of Jesus Christ.

Notice Romans 12:1, "... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy ..."

If you are not saved, it's impossible to present your body for the use and glorification of God.

The most important decision you will ever make is to trust Christ as your personal Saviour. But listen! Make sure that you know that you know. I John 5:13

### SECOND: WE SHOULD BE PHYSICALLY CLEAN.

**HEBREWS 11:22** 

This verse instructs us that our bodies should be washed with pure water. Filth is a mark of the person who has turned away from God. *Psalm 14:3*.

- At least one daily bath or shower is necessary to maintaining clean bodies, Fatigue, food wastes and heat cause poisons to come through the pores onto the skin; we become dirty on the outside just from normal body functions. Added to this dirt is, of course, the dirt that we accumulate from the normal activities of daily life. Application of deodorant is necessary!
- Many times a day the hands need to be washed. There are germs and dirt in the air and on objects. These germs could cause our bodies to become sick and also to cause others to become ill. One of the instructions which a doctor gives when there is illness within the family is: Wash your hands
- Give attention to fingernails. It is a known fact that dirt harbors germs. Dirty fingernails could also ruin the testimony of a person who is witnessing to one who cannot concentrate upon the presentation of the plan of salvation because of being repelled by the dirty fingernails of the soul winner. (This could be said about any phase of cleanliness or good appearance where the soul winner is lacking.)
- The face should be cleansed more than once a day. People who have skin problems are taught by doctors that it is important to keep the skin clean.
- The teeth should be cleaned at least twice a day. Food left between teeth decays. This decay contains germs that eat at the teeth and form cavities. Thought should always be given to having a mouth that does not smell bad and offend other people.
- clean handkerchief or tissues should be carried always. This is an important item to aid in

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### God Has A Big Hand



Dr. Greg Neal

A few years ago, we were on family vacation. We were in the mountains of Tennessee in a cabin that we had rented. There was a loft area where my three girls were staying. My wife and I had a room down below. One night, about ten o'clock, a storm rolled in. There was thunder and lightening. The cabin was all glass, and we could see everything that was happening. Of course, having four women in my life, it was quite dramatic in there. We could feel the wind blowing. It was one of those windstorms where we could hear the wind howling. While we could feel the wind, hear the wind blowing, see the lightening, and hear the thunder, up in the loft my three children had somehow found the same bed. The youngest, Addy, was about three years old. The oldest, Alyssa, was trying to console her the best she could. She said, "Addy, it is going to be okay. Right now God has His

hand on our cabin." No doubt Alyssa had heard the statement before referring to other situations in life signifying God has control; however, Addy's three-year-old mind had not heard nor was able to register the meaning of the phrase, "God has His hand on our cabin." Addy's simple response was, "God sure does have a big hand." In her mind, she had pictured God reaching His hand from Heaven, and His hand was big enough to cover our whole cabin. She was right! God sure does have a big hand! No matter what storm we find ourselves in, God has a big hand. No matter how strong that wind is, God has a big hand. No matter how high the waves are, how high the boat is tossing and shaking in the wind, no matter how loud the thunder is or how bright the lightning is, or whether or not we know if we will make it, God has a big hand.



"SO, TELL ME ABOUT A TIME YOU FETCHED."



"THIS IS A CROSSWORD I'M WORKING ON."



I was flying from Montgomery, Alabama, to Columbus, Ohio, with my year-old baby. It was Christmas, and my then-husband was deployed in the Middle East. I was tired and depressed-just a mess. The flight got delayed due to snow, then canceled. Sitting around the gate and waiting for an update, I got to chatting with a guy who was in the Army and headed home to see his little girl. Then came the announcements: A bunch of people got seats for the next flight, but not me. My tired daughter was crying and I was barely keeping it together when the airline rep called my name and gave me a ticket. That Army guy gave up his seat for me. I insisted he take the ticket and see his family. He refused, saying, "Any military husband would do the same for my wife."

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# Lest We Forget

# New Carrier To Honor Pearl Harbor Hero



The Navy has announced that the next aircraft carrier in line for production, CVN 81, will be named Doris Miller, in honor of World War II hero Doris "Dorie" Miller. It will be the first aircraft carrier named for an African American and an enlisted sailor, according to the Navy. During the attack on Pearl Harbor, Miller was on duty on board USS West Virginia. He was below decks when the first torpedo hit Doris Miller U.S. Navy the ship but was then, as the Navy recounts, "ordered to the bridge, where he helped carry the ship's mortally wounded

captain to safety. Miller then loaded and fired an anti-aircraft machine gun - a weapon that, as an African American in a segregated military, he had not been trained to operate."

Even after the order to abandon ship was announced, Miller stayed behind "to help evacuate ship-mates and save the lives of sailors in the burning water," the Navy adds.

For his bravery and heroism, Miller became the first African American to be awarded the Navy Cross. The decoration was pinned on Miller by Adm. Chester Nimitz, who noted, "This marks the first time in this conflict that such high tribute has been made in the Pacific Fleet to a member of his race, and I'm sure that the future will see others similarly honored for brave acts."

Tragically, Miller was killed nearly two years after Pearl Harbor, when the USS Liscome Bay was sunk in battle, off the Gilbert Islands.

"Dorie Miller stood for everything that is good about our nation," Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Modly said. "His story deserves to be remembered and repeated wherever our people continue to stand the watch today."

This will be the second warship named after Miller. The Navy commissioned USS Miller, a destroyer escort, in June 1973. CVN 81 will be a Ford-class supercarrier, manned by a crew of 4,359 sailors and armed with more than 75 warplanes.

personal cleanliness.

### THIRD: WE SHOULD BE PROPERLY CLOTHED.

MARK 5:15

The story of the man from whom Jesus cast many devils ends with the man being in his right mind and clothed.

- Our clothing should adequately and properly cover our bodies. Certain styles of clothing definitely mark the wicked person. *Proverbs 7:10* tells us that a harlot is recognizable by her clothing. The style that marked her as such was that which revealed her thigh. Girls and women should know that bad style and fit of clothing cause men to have evil thoughts toward them. By the same token, boys and men should wear properly-fitting clothing
- Our clothing should be appropriate to the person. Girls and women should wear their own kind of clothing and boys and men should wear men's and boy's clothing. The Bible definitely commands this. *Deuteronomy 22:5. Romans 1:26-32* shows us what can happen as a result of some women wanting to act and dress like men and some men wanting to act and dress like women, Terrible sex acts as well as aggressive women and sissy men are resulting. Someone has said, "Clothes do not make the man, but they influence his manners."
- Our clothing should be appropriate to the occasion. Extra fancy dress is no more appropriate in school or
  at a football game than a plaid shirt is at a formal dinner. Our clothing certainly need not be expensive; it
  should fit well, be neat and clean and appropriate to the occasion.

**CONCLUSION:** When we look at our outward appearance, does it match what we as Christians ought to be on the inside? Does our cleanliness, our style of dress and hair reveal the same testimony which we give concerning the presence of Christ in our lives? We need to give consideration to these characteristics constantly. Do we have good character concerning appearance and being physically clean?

## **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**

Proverbs 31:13

Proverbs 31:15

'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)



Saturday March 7
Spring Craft
Saturday March 14
Irish Cooking

Heritage Highlanders March 2020 Schedule

Saturday March 21 Growing In Christ Saturday March 28 | I Peter 3:18 | | John 5:13

Soulwinning

Mrs. Francie Taylor

# Strengthen Your Marriage With the Tool of Submission

"Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."—Eph. 5:24.

Submission is an essential building block. The Bible instructs the wives to submit, but it does not say a thing about whether or not we believe that the man deserves that we submit to him. God never put any qualifications or conditions within this instruction. We may want to try the excuse that the "husband is not godly enough" or "he's not being the spiritual leader of our home," but the Scripture says to be subject to our husbands "in every thing."

In *I Peter 3:6*, we're told that Sarah, in the Old Testament, called her husband "lord." This was the same husband who took her from her homeland to a strange land with no forwarding address! Sarah had a wild ride as a wife. We may have our struggles, but

most of us are not in Sarah's shoes.

Sarah was on foot or on horseback or whatever else this man decided upon. She went through the wilderness with her husband, Abraham; she didn't even know where they were. Imagine that! Imagine waking up tomorrow morning and hearing your husband say, "Well, Honey, we're going on a journey."

"Where are we going?" "I don't know. But let's go, woman!"

And she called him "lord"; that is, she submitted. We need to be sweet about submission, ladies, and it

needs to be done on the spot. Our husbands should not have to negotiate a deal with us to get us to submit.

And we need to keep our "yeah, but" arguments to ourselves. We might have a better idea, or so we

think. But the leader still needs us to submit.

How do you speak to your husband? Do you speak to him like he's an authority? Or have you developed a relationship where you talk to him any way you want to? I want you to remember that in front of a holy God, you are either submitting to authority or you are being very disrespectful.

# 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 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
- 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

- 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

# Lets Make





Spring Program—2020





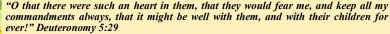
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## **OUR BEST YEAR EVER**

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

A Plea For The Children

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This verse should most certainly be the prayer of every mother for her children. I have been blessed to be the mother of three children (and several in Heaven). Each of my children look like they are related to one another, but they are each uniquely different.

This in itself reminds me of God's awesome creation. Even identical twins have their own individual differences no matter how minor they may seem. Just think of nature itself, for example snowflakes and flowers. Each snowflake and each flower are unique.

As parents we should pray continually for our children to be saved and to have a heart to serve the Lord who created them and gave them life. We should pray for God's mercy and grace to be bestowed upon them and our family. Daily ask God for wisdom in teaching and instructing your children. As a teacher (and mom) I know that teaching needs to be structured to reach the individual's academic level. As a mother I learned that I couldn't always use the same teaching method with each child. What reached one, may not reach the other. So we need God's wisdom, patience, mercy and grace each and every day!

Parents, realize the decisions you make today have eternal consequences. Recently I have read of two separate incidents in two separate states where people were tragically murdered. In each case these people were at one time in church. The pastor who knew the family in one incident said they had dropped by the wayside and hadn't been in church for several years. In the other situation the mom had influenced her family out of church. Did she look down the road to consider that her influence to pull her family out of church could lead her child down the path to murder? I don't think so.

We need to teach our children to ask the Lord to direct their thoughts, their steps and everything they do each and every day. They learn not just by what we say, but also by what we do. Does your talk match up with your walk? Are we setting a Godly example?

The decisions we make to do right or wrong will affect those we know and love now and in the future. Let's consider the children and remember that **Deuteronomy 5:29** is a promise given to us from God!



Dr. Tom Neal

### The Need of Prayer

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.



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John R. Rice

### The Word Settles It

Some people say, "Women must be called of God to, preach because some of them have done much good." But Christians are never to judge by appearances when they contradict the Word of God. God's Word plainly teaches that sometimes God tests His people, whether they will obey Him by letting wicked things apparently succeed. For example, *Deuteronomy 13:14*. gives us clear warning on this subject. It says:

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, say ing, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for

the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him."

Here God tells us that He allows false prophets and dreamers to give a sign or wonder, and allows the sign or wonder foretold really to come to pass. But He expressly commands that if the signs come to pass, "Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." So, no doubt, God has allowed disobedience to prosper temporarily and outwardly for a time so that His people would be proved as to whether they really loved the Lord, "with all their heart and with all their soul." People who go by appearances and what seems to them to be blessed of God, ignoring God's plain Word, do not love God with all their hearts and all their souls.

This is an old, old theory advanced by Satan that it is all right to do evil just so good comes of it. And the Lord gives the plain rule for every Christian to follow in such cases. Where the Lord has seemed to bless a prophet who is not true to God, still you are not to listen to the false prophet's teachings because of his apparent success, but rather, "Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND OBEY HIS VOICE." What God wants Christians to do is to obey His voice, keeping the commandments of His Word, the Bible.

The apparent success of some women preachers is no excuse for disobeying the plain teaching of the Word of God.

# Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silol

### New Art Exhibition Claims Killing Babies in Abortion Is "Normal"

A new art show opening in New York is pushing the notion that aborting an unborn baby is "normal."

ARTnews reports Jasmine Wahi, an art curator and director of Project for Empty Space in Newark, NJ, launched the project with artist Marilyn Minter after Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed a law to ban abortions in May 2019....

They named the exhibition "Abortion Is Normal" and recruited about 50 fellow artists to become involved, according to the report....

Wahi said people should see abortion as normal because, "what you do with your body should be your choice and whatever that entails should be something that we consider normalized."

lifenews.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: We contend that insanity is never normal and this thinking is insane.

### Voter Rolls Clogged With 2.5 Million Mystery Names

The nation will soon be consumed with the voting process as Super Tuesday arrives and the 2020 presidential election becomes a reality There are, however, a few extra voters on local records to consider.

A new Judicial Watch investigation has discovered 2.5 million names that now clutter "dirty voting rolls" in 378 counties nationwide, with a strong concentration of these mystery voters in California, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia and Colorado. The watchdog has been monitoring those states in particular to determine compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which requires every state to establish federal election voter registration procedures.

Some do not appear to be doing so.

"...According to our analysis of data released by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 378 counties nationwide have more voter registrations than citizens old enough to vote," reports Tom Fitton, president of the organization.

gopusa.com

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

A PRINCE ENJOYED STROLLING THROUGH OPEN-AIR MARKETS, MINGLING WITH HIS SUBJECTS. ONE DAY HE STOPPED AT THE STALL OF AN OLD FISHMONGER AND ASKED THE PRICE OF THE MACKEREL. "FIFTY POUNDS EACH," THE WOMAN REPLIED. THE PRINCE SAID, "THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. ARE MACKEREL SO HARD TO COME BY?" THE WOMAN REPLIED, "NO, BUT PRINCES ARE."

Dr. Al Lacv

### He Is Still Out There

It is amazing to me that men who claim to be saved and washed in the Blood of the Lamb cannot seem to see that Satan is out to put doubts in people's minds as to God's veracity when He said He would preserve EVERY WORD forever ... and to make us wonder as to His capability to do so. I have listened to debates on the King James Bible issue, and I have been in countless confrontations with Bible correctors. NEVER have I heard them say or intimate that there is a devil who is out to discredit the Word of God... NEVER! NOT ONE TIME have I ever heard a Bible corrector even mention Satan in connection with the confusion that is being caused by all the "versions" on the market. They seem utterly BLIND to the fact that Satan's very first approach to the human race

was to discredit the Word of God... to put in question what God had said.

Paul told us in *II Corinthians 2:11* that we are not ignorant of Satan's devices ... but I'm afraid the Bible correctors are TOTALLY ignorant of Satan's devices. They cannot see the devil's hand in this conflict over the King James Bible versus all the perversions. They are absolutely oblivious to Satan's devices. The only "devils" they see are those of us who believe that God HAS preserved every word like He said He would do ... and that He was ABLE to get it into the English language.

It is beyond me why they cannot see that Satan is a deceiver and a liar ... and that being a deceiver and a liar, he is naturally a COUNTERFEITER. The Bible correctors will readily admit that Satan has a counterfeit CHRIST (II Thess. 2:3-4, 7-9; I John 4:3). They will not deny that Satan has a counterfeit TRINITY (Rev. 20:10). They will agree that Satan has a counterfeit CHURCH (Rev. 13:8a; 17:1-6). They will not argue that Satan has counterfeit MINISTERS (II Cor. 11:13-15) who preach a counterfeit GOSPEL about a counterfeit JESUS, by a counterfeit SPIRIT (II Cor. 11:3-4)... but they are stone blind to the fact that the same devil has also used counterfeit scholars to produce counterfeit "BIBLES"!!! Since Satan has most definitely produced all these counterfeits (and many others I have not taken space to mention), why is it so hard to believe that the dirty old devil has done all he could to cloud the truth by producing COUNTERFEIT bibles??? Satan has already clearly demonstrated WAY BACK IN THE BEGINNING that he desires to blind people's minds as to WHAT GOD SAID. Only a blind fool would say he is not still at it!

# **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**

# **B**iblical 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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