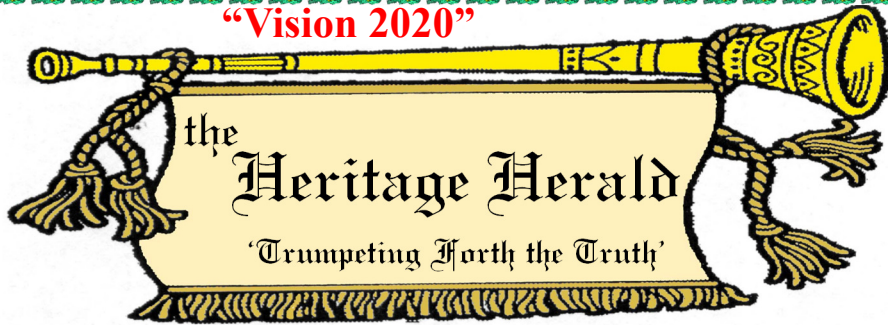


## "Vision 2020"



### SEPTEMBER 2020

FROM THE DESK OF:

GERALD B. COLLINGSWORTH, PASTOR



Pastor & Mrs. C  
"Old-Fashioned  
Sunday"

## Why So Many Turn Back

**Introduction:** There is an unusual verse found in *John 6:66*. I have always noted that when you put the chapter and verse references together we see 666. Just an observation. But notice what it says, *"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."*

This verse makes me ask, why do so many turn back?

### FIRST: DIFFICULTY—THE JOURNEY BECOMES TOO DIFFICULT.

NUMBERS 14:14

*"... All the children of Israel murmured ... Wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword ... Let us make a captain and let us return unto Egypt."*

To the children of Israel God was just expecting too much out of them. This made them want to turn back to their old wicked lifestyle. Maybe that is your complaint.

The coronavirus has put fear into the entire world and has caused people to say and do things they never thought they would do.

We see the economy ruined, citizens have been arrested and churches have been closed. Outreach ministries have completely stopped. Pastors are getting tickets, fines, jail threats. What are we to do? Stay faithful. Stay in your Bible and stay in prayer.

**Illustration:** In 64 A.D. a fire was started in Rome. The spotlight was deliberately turned toward Christians. They started the fire, and they were responsible for the flames spreading. But, it was not true. You that know history know that Nero set Rome on fire to get his way. Christians were publicly murdered to cover the wickedness of others.

### SECOND: DOCTRINE—THE JOURNEY BECOMES TOO DOGMATIC.

ACTS 2:42

*"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

One of the saddest things I have seen through the years is that many who profess Christ get bored at the same old same old. They get tired of going to church faithfully. They get tired of listening to the same truths over and over again being preached. They become so unbelievably bored at observing the Lord's Supper and watching people following in believers' baptism.

What happens? They begin to look for something new. They want a thrill, and a change.

*Acts 17:21, "...spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing."*

Don't you allow yourself to get bored and tired of God's Word being preached. Do not allow yourself to get bored and tired of spending time in prayer. Do not allow yourself to stop feeling the joy of leading someone to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Continued

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
**Twenty Sixth Annual Father & Son  
 Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper**  
 Saturday, October 17th, 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM

**2019 Top Guns**



**Chili  
Cook-off**



**Sons' Division**  
 Bryson  
 Collingsworth



**Fathers' Division**  
 Jeremy  
 Elliott



**Chili  
Cook-off**

**Top guns:**

Pastor Collingsworth — 4 First Place and 5 Second Place  
 Bro. Watson — 3 First Place and 4 Second Place  
 Bro. Berezne — 3 First Place and 1 Second Place

**Our Church Ministries**

1. Fishermens' Club
2. Phoster Club
3. Bus Ministry
4. Sunday School
5. Welcome Wagon
6. Bookstore
7. Music Ministry
8. Altar Workers
9. Teen Club
10. Junior Church
11. Ushers
12. Counseling Ministry
13. Grounds and Maintenance
14. Heritage Baptist Academy
15. Ladies' WMS Ministry
16. Pulpit Productions
17. Girls Highlander Club
18. Boys Bible Club
19. Cleaning Ministry
20. Nursery
21. Greeters

**PRESIDENT TRUMP WANTS TO  
 PUT A WOMAN ON THE MOON**



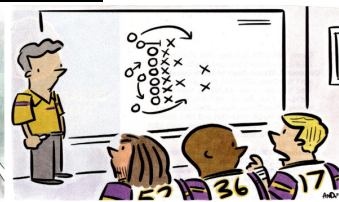
**MAY WE RECOMMEND  
 NANCY PELOSI!**



**"HONEY, I CAN'T SLEEP. TELL ME  
 ABOUT YOUR GOLF GAME AGAIN."**



What makes fatherhood  
 worth it all.



**"WAIT A SECOND. WE'RE THE O'S?  
 WELL, THAT EXPLAINS A LOT."**

**A ROOKIE POLICE OFFICER TOOK HIS FIRST RIDE IN A CRUISER WITH AN EXPERIENCED PARTNER.  
 A CALL CAME IN TELLING THEM TO DISPERSE SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE LOITERING. THE OFFICERS DROVE TO THE  
 STREET AND OBSERVED A SMALL CROWD STANDING ON A CORNER. THE ROOKIE ROLLED DOWN HIS WINDOW  
 AND SAID, "LET'S GET OFF THE CORNER, PEOPLE."  
 A FEW GLANCES, BUT NO ONE MOVED, SO HE BARKED AGAIN, "LET'S GET OFF THAT CORNER ... NOW!"  
 INTIMIDATED, THE GROUP OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO LEAVE, CASTING PUZZLED STARES IN HIS DIRECTION. PROUD OF  
 HIMSELF, THE YOUNG POLICEMAN TURNED TO HIS PARTNER AND ASKED, "WELL, HOW DID I DO?"  
 "PRETTY GOOD," CHUCKLED THE VETERAN POLICEMAN, "ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS IS A BUS STOP."**

**THANKS FOR BEING CANDID, AL**

**"Well, the genesis of impeachment, to be very candid with you, was when the President was  
 running for office..."**

**Democrat Representative Al Green (TX-9), 12/30/2019, admitting that  
 Democrats were out to impeach President Trump before he was even elected.**

Keep saying, "Amen!" to the truth. Keep saying, "Praise God!" to the Saviour. Keep saying, "I love you Lord."

*II Timothy 1:6 "... stir up the gift of God, which is in thee..."* Stir thyself!

**THIRD: DRESS AND STANDARDS—THE JOURNEY BECOMES TOO DETAILED.** JAMES 1:22

*"But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."*

The Bible is not a suggestion Book, but a Book that God has given to His people to obey.

"Trust and obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Detailed in Presentation. *Romans 12:1 "...Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God."*

Your body is supposed to be in God's will. 24/7.

Detailed in Separation.

*II Corinthians 6:17 "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord."*

Separation in "word," in "drink," in "deeds."

*Illustration:* Social drinking is fashionable today, but it is not godly, nor spiritual.

*Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."*

When I was a young man I heard a lady tell her nephew, "One little drink is not going to hurt anyone."

Today, both her and her husband are alcoholics.

- A. Smoking is fashionable but not spiritual.
- B. Drinking is fashionable, but not spiritual.
- C. Nudity is fashionable, but not spiritual.
- D. Worldliness is fashionable, but not spiritual.

Listen parents! Teach your children to get their standards of faith in their hearts, or they will never be able to fight the world's temptations. *Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart."*

**Conclusion:** Will you not join with me in a common cause? A cause that is so great that it can transform our children, our church and our country.

Let us get back to the old fashion Bible way of living. Let us decide right now that we can be what God always intended for us to be.

Will you pray with me, right now, pray this with me.

### Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

*'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.'* (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



### Prayer of Service

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

#### Heritage Highlanders September 2020 Schedule



**Saturday September 5**

Wisdom

**Pr. 1:2**

**Saturday September 19**

Scavenger Hunt

**Psalm 5:3**

**Saturday September 12**

Baking With Apples

**Proverbs 31:31**

**Saturday September 26**

Soulwinning

**I John 5:13**

#### Baptist Patriots and the American Revolution



The Baptists of Colonial America were men of iron, purified in the forge of adversity, and formed on the anvil of persecution. Thus, when the greatest danger threatened the nation, they sprang into action. Colonel Joab Houghton received news at Sunday worship of the British attack on Concord and Lexington. After the service, he addressed the people of Hopewell Baptist Church outside as they were about to disperse. Having told of the cowardly murder at Lexington by royal troops and the heroic counterattack that followed, he paused, then spoke with gravity: "Men of New Jersey, the red coats are murdering our brethren of New England! Who follows me to Boston?" At once, every man present shouted "I!" and stepped out into line! That quiet Sabbath bore witness that there was not a single coward or traitor among the Baptist men of Hopewell.



To All Grandparents



Cassidy Brooke  
Kline's dorm room



Evelyn Collingsworth  
in her dorm room

### SLEEPY JOE HAS LOST IT ON COMMUNIST CHINA

"We talk about China as our competitor? We should be helping [them], and benefitting ourselves by doing that...But the idea that China is going to eat our lunch...give me a break."  
- Former Vice President Joe Biden (D), 1/21/2020, after saying on 6/11/19, "We need to get tough with China. They are a serious challenge to us, and in some areas a real threat."

**THE BOSS ASKED THE EMPLOYEE, "HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING HERE?"**

**"EVER SINCE I HEARD YOU COMING DOWN THE HALL," CAME THE REPLY.**

**PEOPLE WHO THINK TIME HEALS EVERYTHING HAVEN'T SAT IT OUT IN A DOCTOR'S WAITING ROOM.**



Pastor Jerry  
Ross

#### A young man should seek counsel from his elders, not his peers.

**1 Kings 12:8 But he (Rehoboam) forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:**

Rehoboam was the son of King Solomon. Upon the death of his father, Rehoboam inherited his father's throne, but sadly, not his father's wisdom. He had access to much of that wisdom through both his father's writings and his father's peers. The "old men" who had served with Solomon tried to give him sound and sage advice. This young king forsook their counsel and turned his ears to his peers. These young men possessed no greater wisdom than Rehoboam—they were his contemporaries and thus they simply mirrored his knowledge and experience. Yet he chose to follow their untested advice. As

a result, a nation was plunged into civil war.

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

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

One of the downfalls of young men in our society is that they have developed a foolish dedication and arrogant loyalty to their peers. A friend's opinion usually trumps a parent's opinion. What their girl friends think is more important than what their pastor thinks. Because of this, unwise decisions have become the norm. No matter how flippant your attitude may have become, you would be wise to remember that poor decisions result in real life, long-ranging consequences. Yes, you may choose what you do, but you do not get to choose the consequences of what you do — they are built in.

Young man, your father knows more than you in most every area of importance. Your grandfather has forgotten more than you presently know! Your pastor has special spiritual insight and wisdom. Older, godly men in your church can provide you with a great multitude of counselors. Wise is the young man who engages regularly with older men.

**Proverbs 20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.**

Let me give you a general observation: beware of the one who is quick to give advice. It probably isn't worth much. Wise counsel is like deep water. It exists in the hearts of godly and aged men and if you want to access it, you will have to draw it out. Learn to treasure the wisdom won by spiritual and practiced experience. Never make a major decision in your life without seeking godly counsel.

**Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.**

**Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.**

**Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.**





Dr. Greg  
Neal

### Are We Heading In The Right Direction?

**Jeremiah 7:22-26** *For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt-offerings or sacrifices: But this thing commanded I them saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.*

Jeremiah was a chosen man of God. He was a prophet of God whom God had sent to His people during a time when God was going to judge them. Jeremiah, known as the weeping prophet, was going to bring a message of God's judgment.

Sprinkled in the message of judgment is always a message of hope. If we will turn to the Lord, He will forgive and restore. Jeremiah is once again going to be echoing what God is telling him to say. He is going to be repeating God's message of judgment.

In this passage of Scripture, God is describing the children of Israel during this time. We find in the last statement of verse 24, God said, **"...and went backward, and not forward."**

Are we heading in the right direction? We are in a very political time in our nation. We see on television, in the newspaper, or in our mailboxes many political advertisements that ask that same question, "Are we heading in the right direction as a nation? Are we going down the right path?" I agree this is an important question to be asked, but they are asking it from a political standpoint. They answer the question with talking points about the economy and budget cuts. Politically, we are being asked as a nation, "Are we heading in the right direction?"

ONE MAN SAID TO ANOTHER, "I GOT MY WIFE A LADY'S WRISTWATCH."  
"DID SHE LIKE IT?" THE SECOND MAN ASKED.  
"YES, BUT THEN THE LADY SHOWED UP AND TOOK IT BACK."

Honestly, my worst  
purchase of 2020 was a  
2020 planner.



"BAD DOG!"

Why is it hard for a communist to tell a joke?  
It's not funny until everyone gets it.

**NO, IT'S AMERICA FIRST, BERNIE**

"Our job is to rebuild the United Nations."

*Democrat Socialist Bernie Sanders (VT-I), 1/14/2020,  
at a Democrat presidential debate, advocating a  
Far-Left foreign policy that puts America second.*



### From Our Church Prayer List

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

### Special Announcement

Friday, October 9th at 5:30 PM  
Miss Stephanie Mayle and Mr. John Norman  
will be married in the Auditorium of Heritage Baptist Church,  
Mogadore Village, Ohio

**WHAT ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION AND MIDDLE AMERICA, SENATOR WARREN?**  
"My goal is to get elected, but I plan to be the last American president to be elected by the Electoral College."

*Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA-D), 12/1/2019, planning to do away with the Electoral College and the votes on millions of Americans who don't live on the East or West coasts.*

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

## **CHRISTIAN PRAYER BANNED AT MILITARY FUNERALS**

The Department of Veterans Affairs banned prayers by volunteer members of the VFW honor guard including the words "God" and "Jesus" during funeral services at Houston National Cemetery. Eventually, the Veterans Administration (VA) settled a lawsuit, agreeing to restore previous policies and was forced to pay \$215,000 in legal fees to the plaintiff.

## **Christian "Proselytizing" is a "National Security Threat."**

*Mikey Weinstein*

Weinstein and two others met with high-ranking Air Force officials to express complaints about religious observance in the military. He told Sally Quinn (Washington Post) that Christian "proselytizing" is a "national security threat" He added, "What is happening is a spiritual rape.... it is sedition and treason. It should be punished.

## **Air Force Officer Told to Remove Bible From Desk**

Air Force personnel had been told that they might express their beliefs as long as they do not "make others uncomfortable." This rule led to an officer being asked to remove a copy of the Bible from his desk. According to the Fox News report the "officer was told he could no longer keep a Bible on his desk because it, "[might] appear that he was condoning a particular religion."

## **Army Removes Cross and Steeple From Chapel**

The U.S. military ordered soldiers to take down a steeple and board-up the cross-shaped windows of a chapel at remote Forward Operating Base Orgun-E in Afghanistan. The soldiers were required to keep the chapel religiously neutral.

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

## **Lest We Forget**

*In Memoriam*

### **GENERAL FREDERICK (FRITZ) KROESEN (USA-RET.)**



General Frederick (Fritz) Kroesen (USA-Ret.), a former board member of The Army Historical Foundation, passed away on April 30, 2020, at the age of 97. His life and the life of his family embodied the principal story lines of the Fighting for the Nation Galleries--from the American Revolution to the present--in the National Museum of the United States Army.

The Continental Army, created on June 14, 1775 and in which one of his forbearers served, was originally composed of Infantry. Lieutenant Kroesen was commissioned in the Infantry through Officer Candidate School in 1944 prior to commanding a platoon and then an Infantry company in the 254th Infantry Regiment, 63d Infantry Division, during World War II. He earned the Combat Infantry Badge in three different wars (World War II, Korea, and Vietnam) a rarity. Later, when he served as Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR), he and his wife were injured by a terrorist attack on his armored sedan, which caused General Kroesen to observe, "That's twice the Germans have shot at me and missed."

General Kroesen commanded an Infantry battalion, brigade, two different divisions (the 23rd Infantry Division in Vietnam and the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg), and VII Corps in Germany. He later commanded U.S. Army Forces Command and USAREUR and in between served as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. After his retirement in 1983, he became one of the most prolific authors in the annals of ARMY magazine which continued into his 90s. It was during that time he served as a distinguished and insightful member of The Army Historical Foundation's Board of Directors and enthusiastically supported the creation of The Army's own National Museum.

# 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

**B**iblical Authority

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

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

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