

"A Race To BE WON IN 2021"



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**Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned
Sunday"**

CONTINUE KNOCKING

Introduction: In *Matthew Chapter 7:7*, the Bible says, *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."*

In the book of Acts, we find a story that illustrates this very well. In *Acts 12:16* we find the Apostle Peter has miraculously been delivered from prison, and he goes to where he knows God's people will be located. On arrival, he knocks, but entrance has not been granted him. So what does he do? He continued knocking.

FIRST: A COMMON MISTAKE.

MATTHEW 26:69-75

Many never seem to notice how complex a person's life truly is. They try to lump everyone into one great big pile of garbage and never see the whole picture. Most judge Peter by one incident in his life where he lied, denied and cursed when asked if he was a follower of Christ.

In a moment of weakness, none of us know for sure what we would say or do. But there are some that you could size them up and determine almost every move they would make. For instance, the man known as Herod, it was rare that he ever did anything decent or right. You could depend on him to do the wicked thing.

But for the most part Peter was a type that would say, *"Lord, bid me come unto thee."* That was the same man that grabbed a sword and cut off Malchus' ear to keep Jesus from being harmed yet just shortly after this he is denying that he even knew Christ.

Remember, a person's life is more than just one dumb mistake.

SECOND: A COURAGEOUS FAITH.

ACTS 12:1-7

What a difference in faith! Remember, at the arrest and trial of Jesus, how he was filled with fear? Now he has perfect calm though he is about to be executed in the morning. He is sound asleep and had to be smitten to awaken him.

Why the difference? He is now resting in the promise of *John 21:18*. He was told by Jesus that he would not be killed until he was an older man. Now, he trusted totally in the words of Jesus Christ.

By the way, real courage shows up when you do the right things when you least feel like doing them; when you do the right thing without support, without publicity and regardless of whether or not your act will be appreciated.

Also, even though he is an escaped prisoner he was not afraid to keep knocking at the door when it could have brought attention to him by those in the street. No fear!

THIRD: A CONSIDERATION IN GROWTH.

II PETER 3:18

It was Peter that God had to pen the words, *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."*

Everyone has a different personality. Simon Peter is what we call a "Sanguine," outgoing, bold, impetuous, rushes ahead.

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Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved every week in 2020.
2. The bus ministry is still active.
3. We are hosting the "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2021.
4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.
5. Heritage Baptist Church never closed so far in 2021.
6. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved each week of 2021.



From Our Church Prayer List

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



Heritage Highlanders July 2021 Schedule

Saturday July 3

Summer Craft and Ice Cream!

Saturday July 10

Honesty

Eccl. 9:10

Pro. 12:22

Saturday July 17

Fruit of the Spirit

Saturday July 24

Prayer

Saturday July 31

Soulwinning

Gal. 5:22

James 5:13

Romans 6:23



**"YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN SILENT. AND SO
DOES YOUR SHIRT."**



Patriots



**"HEADQUARTERS SAYS
IT'S MENU OPTIONS MAY
HAVE CHANGED."**

From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth **DON'T FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU**



I am appalled by what I see going on in society today. I am appalled by people who do not want to honor our nation, our flag and those who are there to protect and to serve the people in our nation.

Perhaps this gratefulness or lack thereof begins at an early age. Are we not teaching our children to be grateful for all they have on a daily basis? It is not enough to be grateful on their birthday or a Christmas. Those are special days, but what about the ordinary, run-of-the mill day? Are we taking time to be thankful for all that we have and all the God gives to us?

Have you ever witnessed an employee of a business be rudely treated simply because the customer was having a bad day or they didn't like something? In life there are going to be disagreements (and some are justified), but you do not have to be disagreeable!

Being thankful and giving of thanks is a great habit to get in to. My husband is a great example for expressing thanks to others. I have watched how people who work in the public are surprised when he expresses his thanks and appreciation for their service, but this should not be foreign in our daily lives, but a common occurrence.

Recently my husband blessed me with a car (I no longer have to climb in the truck!) We had a slight issue with the navigation system in our car. This was an immaculate used vehicle (Ford Edge) purchased at Dave Towell Cadillac in Akron, Ohio. Our salesperson, Kathy White, was extremely helpful and did everything she could to help me. This took a lot of extra time on her part—and it probably gave her a headache or two, yet she was pleasant, helpful and always available to answer my questions. What great customer service! I am so very thankful for her help....and for my car!

Let's not forget to be thankful and to express our thanks to God for our salvation, our family, our country, our church, and to those He allows to cross our paths each and every day.

"In every thing give thanks..." 1 Thessalonian 5:18a



If you have an opportunity, you should read the book, "Spirit Controlled Temperaments." It reveals that everyone is either, "Sanguine, Choleric, Phlegmatic, or Melancholic."

Peter was "Sanguine." This personality is the personality of aggression and persistence. He understood how his personality got him in trouble in the past even correcting Jesus! Now, he has grown and has started to understand not only the will of God, but himself.

Peter has grown in such a way that he now has sold out to the Lord Jesus Christ. He now knows the difference between just being plain stubborn and living by Godly convictions.

FOURTH: A CONSECRATED LIFE.

I PETER 1:7

By consecrated, I mean that he is now totally dedicated to his service to Jesus Christ. Why? Because he now understands that everything he had been through was not just to help him, but to be an encouragement to others.

Think for a moment with me. He was in prison and condemned to death because of what he believed. Then the church began to pray that God would spare him. God answered their prayers. What would have happened if he would have fled and just disappeared? The church would not have been strengthened. The church needed to see him and hear his message. They needed his message to reveal that God is still on the throne and answers the prayers of his people.

Conclusion: Some of God's children are just sold-out, totally dedicated with great zeal; others are just slow plodders. Some are only as good as that which motivates them. When motivated by reward and applause they will sacrifice everything. Whatever your motivation we should strive to be like the Apostle Peter and just keep on knocking until the door is opened.

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)

Follow, Seek, and Please

Over the years, I have heard many parents give their children advice: follow your heart; go after your dreams; and do what makes you happy. It may be shocking, but I don't want my children to do any of those things. Instead, I want them to follow, seek, and please.

Follow the Lord

Jeremiah reminds us that, *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked...."* (Jeremiah 17:9) I don't want my children to follow their hearts; I want them to follow the Lord. *"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."* (John 8:12) Jesus said that if we follow Him, we won't walk in darkness. I don't want my children to stumble through life, wandering in the darkness. I want their paths to be illuminated.

Seek God's Will

It's not necessarily a bad thing to have goals, dreams, and aspirations, but if they don't align with God's will for your life, you'll never be truly happy; you'll never have all the wonderful things that God has planned for you. *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* (Matthew 6:33) What are all these things that will be added unto you? If we look in the preceding verses, we will find that these things include: earthly treasures (money and relationships) and provisions (food and clothes). Everything that we need, as well as some things that bring happiness on earth, will be added to those that put God first and do His will.

Please God

I do not want my children to do what makes them happy. The desires of the flesh are contrary to that of the spirit. (Galatians 5:17) Their greatest desire should be to please the Lord. If they please the Lord, everything else will work out just fine. It is possible to have favor with both God and man. (Proverbs 3:4) If we seek our own pleasure or happiness though, we won't please the Lord. *"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."* (Romans 8:8)

You can be sure that you're following the Lord, seeking His will, and pleasing Him by validating your decisions with prayer, searching the Scriptures, and seeking godly counsel. We must not fall prey to the devil's lies when he whispers and tells us that we're smart enough to make decisions on our own.

I am doing my part to raise my children for the Lord; to train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and to instruct them in the paths of righteousness. It's up to them to apply what they have been taught. May my advice resonate within their minds to always follow, seek, and please the Lord.



Crystal
Collingsworth



*Dr. Jack
Hyles*

Stop Being A Pussyfooter

What is the difference in Billy Sunday and me? What did those fellows have that I don't have?" I think I have found a few answers.

In the first place, we today have lost the burden for sin, the condemnation of sin which all those fellows used to preach. I was reading the other day some sermons by John Wesley. You talk about preaching! If that poor fellow today were turned loose in many Methodist churches, he wouldn't have anything left but the steeple, and it would be on its way down! That poor fellow--why I felt like a pussyfooter. I told my staff, "I am going to preach harder, I have been playing around.". I am getting meaner! I told my assistant pastor, "There is one thing wrong with me. I am getting too sissy. I am going to get meaner." Since I have gotten meaner, I have gotten happier! I am just going to get mean.

As the old Negro preacher used to say in Texas when he was trying to say God had called him to heal the sick and raise the dead and cast out devils, "God has called me to heal the dead, cast out the sick and raise the Devil." I have just promised God I am going to raise more devil from now on.

Listen to me: with our dance halls full, with the night clubs full, with bootleggers running wild, with naked women on every street corner, with the cigarette industry selling cancery little packages, with the beer bottles rolling on the night club bars, with boys and girls living in sin and the homes for illegitimate mothers are filled with junior high school girls who have to quit school because they are expecting babies—don't you tell me a preacher can't find some sin to preach against, or worldliness. God help us to be alive.

Read John Wesley's diary sometime. It reads approximately like this:

- Sunday May 5, AM, preached in St. Anne. Was not asked to come back anymore.
- Sunday May 5, PM, preached in St. Johns. Deacons said get out and stay out.
- Sunday May 12, AM, preached in St. Jude. Can't go back there either.
- Sunday May 12, PM, preached in St. George's. Kicked out again.
- Sunday May 19, AM, preached in St. somebody else's. Deacons call special meeting, said I couldn't return.
- Sunday May 19, PM, preached on the street; kicked off the street.
- Sunday May 26, AM, preached in meadow. Chased out of meadow, bull turned loose in the service. (Right, a bull or an ox turned loose in the service.)
- Sunday, June 2, AM, preached out at the edge of town. Kicked off the highway.
- Sunday, June 2, PM, afternoon, preached in the pasture. Ten thousand people came out to hear me."

Listen! These preachers preached against sin.

The Preacher's Black Book

A noted preacher had a shrewd way of handling critics in his congregation. He had in his desk a special black book labeled "Complaints of Members Against One Another." When one of his people called to tell him about the faults of another, he would say, "Well, here is my complaint book. I will write down what you say, and you can sign it. Then when I have time I will take up the matter officially concerning this brother." The sight of the open book and the ready pen had its effect. "Oh, no, I couldn't sign anything like that!" they would say. The result of it all was that in forty years this preacher opened his black book a thousand times but never got anyone to write a line in it.



Toys Or Treasure

Most men were taught as boys that a toy is some thing to play with. Many of them had a toy pickup truck when they were little. All little boys like to play with toy pickup trucks, and big boys like real pickup trucks. Amen! Most boys believe that if you get bored with a particular toy, you just move on to a different one. If you break it, you just discard it. But before discarding a toy that is broken, often a boy believes he should completely destroy it. After all, it doesn't work any more, so its only purpose now is for the child to get some pleasure out of it by totally demolishing it.

Before completely destroying a toy that does not work, the average boy will try a few other things. If the toy does not work properly, he will try yelling at it! If that does not bring satisfaction, he tries yelling at it again. If that does not produce the desired result, he can try hitting it, and of course, if that does not work, he can try hitting it again! If that does not work, he will abandon that toy for another toy.

There is usually no loyalty to toys because they can be easily replaced. Another reason there is little loyalty, if any, between a boy and his toys is the perception that a new model or new kind of toy is always on the market. His toy truck will soon be outdated, and if you go to the toy store you will find that there are rows and rows of shelves with brand-new models of toy trucks—brand new ones with new and better features than the one he has.

Boys usually do not take the best care of their toys because their perception is that:

- Toys are easy to come by—parents are always buying new ones.
- Toys do not have feelings; after all, they are just toys, just mechanical objects.
- Toys are made only for a boy's pleasure. If they cease to give pleasure, they are no longer necessary.

• Toys are replaceable.

The sad thing is that too often in our society, boys are taught that women are toys and not treasures.



*Dr. Greg
Neal*

We Are At War!

Proverbs 7

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.

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 7** 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.

Old-Fashioned BLT

1. In a saucepan, combine kernels cut from 1 ear sweet corn, 1/2 cup heavy cream and 1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, coarsely chopped. Bring to a boil over medium. Reduce to low and simmer until corn is very soft, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat. Puree the mixture using an immersion blender or in a blender or food processor. Season with salt and pepper.
2. For pesto: In a food processor, chop 3 cloves garlic. Add 2 cups fresh basil, 1 cup arugula, 1/2 cup toasted pine nuts or sunflower seeds, and 1/2 cup coarsely grated Parmesan. Process until finely chopped. Pulse in 2/3 cup olive oil until incorporated but not completely smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Stir 1 tablespoon pesto into 1/2 cup mayonnaise.
3. Fry bacon in a skillet, allowing build 2 to 3 slices per sandwich, depending on the thickness of the bacon. Toast multigrain bread. Spread all slices generously with pesto mayonnaise. Layer lettuce, sliced heirloom tomato and bacon on one side. Top with a spoonful or two of the coulis and another slice of bread. Halve diagonally and serve with lots of napkins.



DURING OUR INTRODUCTION TO VIETNAM, THE INSTRUCTOR WARNED US ABOUT THE DEADLY SEA SNAKES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. "IF ONE OF THOSE SNAKES BITES YOU," HE SAID OMINOUSLY, "YOU'LL TAKE THREE STEPS AND DROP DEAD."

A NEW GI RAISED HIS HAND AND ASKED, "WHAT IF WE STAND STILL?"

DICK CRISLIP WICHITA FALLS, TX



Day Before Wedding

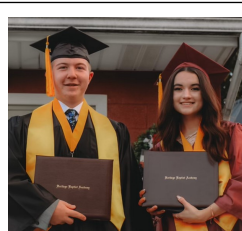


Day Of Wedding

**My teacher told me
guns kill people...**



**I told her my pencil
failed my math exam.**



**Nathan R. Collingsworth
Kaylie A. Kline**

**Congratulations to our
latest HBA Graduates!**

A BOY ENTERS A BARBER SHOP, AND THE BARBER WHISPERS TO HIS CUSTOMER, "THIS IS THE DUMBEST KID IN THE WORLD. WATCH WHILE I PROVE IT TO YOU."

THE BARBER PUTS A DOLLAR BILL IN ONE HAND AND TWO QUARTERS IN THE OTHER, THEN CALLS THE BOY OVER AND ASKS, "WHICH DO YOU WANT, SON?" THE BOY TAKES THE QUARTERS AND LEAVES.

"WHAT DID I TELL YOU?" THE BARBER SAYS. "THAT KID NEVER LEARNS!"

LATER, WHEN THE CUSTOMER LEAVES, HE SEES THE SAME BOY COMING OUT OF AN ICE CREAM SHOP.

"HEY, KID! MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION? WHY DID YOU TAKE THE QUARTERS INSTEAD OF THE DOLLAR BILL?"

THE BOY LICKS HIS CONE AND REPLIES, "BECAUSE THE DAY I TAKE THE DOLLAR THE GAME IS OVER!"

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

"Drag Queens in Training": NYC Department of Education Children's Show

A children's show on PBS featured drag queen...singing, dancing and reading a book about drag queens to an intended audience of three- to eight-year-olds.

The episode is part of the series Let's Learn, a public television series produced in partnership by PBS member station WNET and the New York City Department of Education.

According to the New York City Department of Education, Let's Learn episodes offer "age appropriate content" intended to "serve as a supplemental resource for remote and blended learning."

Drag Queen Story Hours started out as niche events on the West Coast but have spread to libraries and schools across the U.S.

The events are typically designed to be about 45 minutes long for children aged three to eight years old and intend to capture children's imagination and help explore their gender fluidity through "glamorous, positive and unabashedly queer role models," according to the Drag Queen Story Hour's official website.

Mary Margaret Olohan, bizpacreview.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Absolutely tragic! The tax-funded liberal run, so-called progressive schools in this country are no longer educational institutions. They are indoctrination centers brain washing the youngsters from preschool and up. Yes, absolutely tragic!

Biden Continues Deadly Pro-Abortion Agenda

The Biden administration's pro-death radical agenda continues as the fiscal 2022 budget proposal includes eliminating the Hyde Amendment, which will destroy a 40-year ban on federal funding for abortions and force taxpayers to pay for the intentional killing of unborn babies.

The Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal money from being used to fund abortions through Medicaid, has been renewed each appropriations cycle with few changes every year. The amendment has had bipartisan support over the years and has been supported by Congresses controlled by both parties as well as presidents from both parties.

... Passed in 1976, three years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion in Roe v. Wade, the Hyde Amendment did not take effect until 1980 when the Supreme Court ruled it to be constitutional.

Tragically, America now has the most radical pro-abortion administration in history.

—LIBERTY COUNSEL

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

The story is told about two boys who were playing together. They had been reading about the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament. In their little game they built a small altar of stones and placed some wood upon it. When the altar was finished, one boy turned to the other and said, "Now we must find a sacrifice."

The other little boy looked at his toys. His eyes fell on a wooden camel. One of the legs was broken off. Picking it up, he said, "Here, let's sacrifice this! It's no good anyhow."

How many times we Christians are just like the little boy with the camel-give God something not worth anything.

A SERGEANT ADDRESSED HIS SQUAD. "I HAVE A NICE EASY JOB FOR THE LAZIEST MAN HERE," HE SAID. "PUT UP YOUR HAND IF YOU ARE THE LAZIEST."

EVERY SOLDIER DID SO BUT ONE. "WHY DIDN'T YOU RAISE YOUR HAND?" THE SERGEANT ASKED HIM. "TOO MUCH TROUBLE RAISING THE HAND, SARGE."



Dr. Bob Gray

Make it an Event

Every Sunday school lesson is an event, every Sunday morning sermon is an event, every Sunday night sermon is an event, every Bible study is an event, and every soul-winning night is an event. When we do something, we should not consider the deed simply toiling, and we should not consider it simply a means to help us get somewhere. Each happening should be an event in itself.

A college student says, "I'm preparing for the ministry." That is silly. You are in the ministry already. The moment God called you, He called you to be in the ministry. Experience each class by experiencing each day, by experiencing each subject, by experiencing each lesson, and by experiencing each thought. Love your bus riders. Love your Sunday school students. Love your Bible. Love your preacher. Love your church. Experience all of it by experiencing each of it! Do not always

be going somewhere!

The successful missionaries are the ones who were successful while on deputation. Those who want to spread the Gospel seed abroad but do not spread the Gospel seed on their way never seem to succeed abroad. The Tommy Ashcrafts, the Rick Martins, and the Kevin Wynnes are doing what they are doing now because deputation was an event in itself, not just a means to an end!

Be the "I AM," not the "I WAS." Those who arrive at the destination quickly become bored and soon will, seek another destination.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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