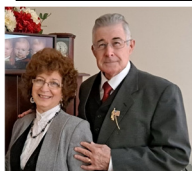


“Renew in 2022”



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Renew Your Walk

Introduction: We now have a brand new year facing each of us. What we do with this year depends on what we do with the will of God set before us.

In *Jeremiah 6:16*, the Bible says, *“Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein...”*

The Bible is filled with examples of those that chose to walk with God.

Genesis 5:24, “And Enoch walked with God...”

Genesis 6:9, “...and Noah walked with God...”

How can we evaluate in this new year and make a decision to renew our walk?

FIRST: PONDER ON THE WALK YOU HAVE.

PSALM 119:59

“I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.”

The prophet Haggai urged the people in *Haggai 1:5-7*, *“Consider your ways...”*

The question for you to ponder right now is whether or not your ways are taking you in the right direction.

It is not enough just to want to go in the right direction. Balaam said in *Numbers 23:10*, *“Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.”*

But, after praying this prayer he turned and walked in the wrong direction. He died fighting against God.

It is so easy to be deceived. *Proverbs 16:2-3, “Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.”*

The only way we can be sure that our walk is leading us in the way of God is to commit our ways unto Him, then our course in life will be established.

By the way, the Word of God is our Guide.

Proverbs 15:32, “He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.”

The Word of God will both commend us and criticize us to help us to stay in God’s chosen path for us.

SECOND: PRAY FOR THE OLD WALK.

JEREMIAH 6:16

“Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths...”

The word “ask” is the same word for “pray.” We are to pray for the old paths.

Every road leads to somewhere. That means that a road heavily used does not mean it’s the right road. Many take the wrong road every day just because the majority travel that road.

The good road is the road that has been tested and proven over and over

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TEARS OF HEAVEN



Dr. Al Lacy

Introduction: There is so much false teaching on the subject of Tears in Heaven. Surely this needs to be clarified.

“...God shall wipe away ALL TEARS from their eyes.” Rev. 21:4

Several years ago, an elderly Baptist preacher told me that there would never be any tears in Heaven. He said, “Son, there will not even be any tear ducts in our glorified bodies!”

Somehow the old preacher’s words did not set well with me. I was just a “babe” in Christ at the time, but glorified bodies with no tear ducts just did not seem right.

The thought crossed my mind, Will we not be able to shed tears of joy when we see Jesus in Heaven, and meet our loved ones on the golden streets?

Then another: Will there be no tears of remorse at the Judgment Seat for Christians who lived carnally and wasted their lives?

And finally, another: Will the inhabitants in Heaven not weep at the White Throne Judgment when the lost are cast into the Lake of Fire?

I immediately went to the Scriptures. With all due respect to the dear old preacher ... he was WRONG! There WILL be tears in Heaven until AFTER the White Throne Judgment. Then ...

“God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” Rev. 21:4

If our new bodies had no tear ducts, then there would be no tears in our eyes to be WIPED AWAY! A careful look at Revelation Chapter 21 will reveal that the very LAST THING God does before He makes ALL THINGS NEW, and we settle down into our eternal state, is to WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM OUR EYES (See **Rev. 21:4-5**).

The Lord Jesus knows all about our tears. He walked this earth as the Man of Sorrows (**Isaiah 53:3**). Many was the time when tears coursed their way down His tender cheeks.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was MOVED WITH COMPASSION on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. (**Matt. 9:35-36**)

When the tender Lord Jesus gazed upon the multitudes of lost souls around Him, He was “MOVED” with compassion. When a person is MOVED with compassion, they are openly MOVED to tears. Jesus wept over the lost multitudes!

“Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was MOVED WITH COMPASSION toward them” (Matt. 14:14)

“And Jesus, when He came out, saw much people, and was MOVED WITH COMPASSION toward them.” (Mark 6:34)

“And He was come near, He beheld the city and WEPT over it.” (Luke 19:41)

Conclusion: At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus shed tears, feeling the heartache of Martha and Mary over their loss.

***A GINGERBREAD MAN WENT TO THE DOCTOR, COMPLAINING OF A SORE KNEE.
“A SORE KNEE?” THE DOCTOR SAID. “HAVE YOU TRIED ICING IT?”***

Lest We Forget



Colin Powell, in a November 1999 interview with The American Legion Magazine. The retired general and statesman died Oct. 18th, 2021, at 84, due to complications from COVID-19. A 35-year Army veteran, Powell was the first Black to serve as national security adviser, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of State.

- Son of Jamaican immigrants, grew up in Harlem and the South Bronx in New York City
- Joined the Army through ROTC, served two combat tours in Vietnam (1962-1963, 1968-1969)
- Architect of Panama invasion (1989) and Desert Shield and Storm operations (1990-1991)
- Life member of American Legion Post 310 in San Diego
- Chaired America’s Promise, an alliance of civic 1996 and community groups and individuals dedicated to improving the lives of young people
- Books include “My American Journey” (1995, with Joseph Persico) and “It Worked For Me: In Life and Leadership” (2012, with Tony Koltz)

again, and that it will get you safely where God intended for you to be.

John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me."

THIRD: PRACTICE THE WALK.

COLOSSIANS 2:6

"As ye therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him..."

Hebrews 11:5, "By faith, Enoch...had this testimony, that he pleased God."

It is not enough just to have the knowledge of the walk God has for you, nor is it enough for you to admire others that have walked with God. The very purpose of the knowledge that God has a path for you to walk should cause each of us to make a determination to follow that road that God has revealed to us.

Conclusion: If you are reading this article right now, then you and you alone know whether or not you are on that path God has ordained for you. If so, right now, get up and walk. If you are at ease with not conviction about your spiritual condition, then you should be greatly alarmed. Busy with material things can distract you. Seek the Lord now while you have an opportunity. It is dangerous for you to gamble with eternity at stake. Come now while conviction is tugging at your heart.

Prayer of Salvation

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

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

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



Prayer of Service

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

Heritage Highlanders January 2022 Schedule



Saturday January 1

Putting God First

Saturday January 8

All About Me

Romans 1:8

Philippians 4:13

Saturday January 15

Attitudes

Saturday January 22

Snow Ice Cream

Saturday January 29

Soulwinning

Proverbs 17:22

Proverbs 26:1

1 John 5:13

Pastoral Ethics



Dr. Bob Gray

I have been a licensed, ordained Baptist preacher for forty eight years. I have traveled over five million miles and preached over twenty-four thousand sermons in forty-eight states. Something has always intrigued me about the attacks of Satan on soul winning, fundamental Baptist churches. I have noticed, from time to time, a wave of a particular attack by Satan on many churches around our nation at the same time. For a few years we will see a wave of financial setbacks; in another few years, disloyalty among staff; in another few years; struggles with immorality, etc. Lately it seems that a wave of seemingly solid church members are losing their senses, leaving the men of God whom they have sat under for years and joining other churches in the same area.

In the last thirty days, I have received fifteen phone calls from pastors who have lost church members to other pastors in the same area. The new pastors never picked up the phone and called the former pastor about the people transferring to their churches. Some preachers are so eager for growth that they do not care if these transfers are ethical or not. The result is a lack of ethical cooperation among men of God who are supposed to be leading their people in the battle for the souls of men, not a battle for transfers.

When the battles come, there are always a few cowards in every church who run from the battle and transfer their membership to another church. There are two temptations facing preachers who find them selves on the giving or receiving end of these transfers. One is the temptation to ease up on the standards and the soul winning. The other is the temptation to accept those who are running from the pastor who refuses to ease up in the battle for the souls of men, doing nothing to salvage a special relationship between pastor and people.

There is always a reason why people leave one ministry to go to another, and it is never the story they tell. It amazes me that these pastors can accept transfers without ever checking with the previous pastor. You may be taking in a thief, a child molester, a home wrecker, a homosexual, or a sexual deviant. Even the business world will check references. I would hate to think that Wal-Mart is more diligent to its cause than Baptist preachers are to the cause of Christ.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week in 2020.
2. The bus ministry is still active.
3. We are hosting the 8th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2022.
4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.
5. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed one time in 2021.
6. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved each week of 2021.



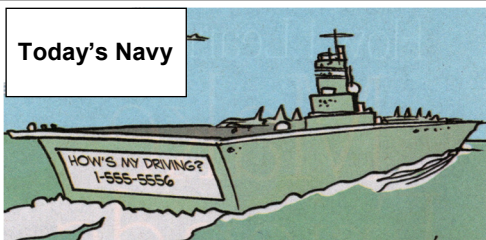
From Our Church Prayer List

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



January 11, 1983—December 6th, 2021
To Brittney, with all our love.
Til we meet again.

**WHAT'S A TURKEY'S FAVORITE SONG?
"I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS."**



Today's Navy

**WHAT DID THE THIRD WISE SALESMAN SAY
AFTER HIS FRIENDS HAD ALREADY
PRESENTED GOLD AND FRANKINCENSE?
"BUT WAIT - THERE'S MYRRH!"**



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

Recently, we like so many others across the world, were hit by a Covid Delta wave. (I called it a tsunami!). This started the end of October. Many of our members had Covid. I spent many days, at the request of our pastor, contacting people who were sick to see how they were doing and what we could do for them. Pastor had a continual prayer chain that went out multiple times a day.

One Friday, as I was leaving school, I remote started my car. I was feeling rather burdened and heavy hearted. As I opened the door of my car, my iPod (which was on random selection) was playing a song sung by Mrs. Becky Neal. It was "New Grace". As she sang the lyrics..."Grace not yet discovered, Grace not yet uncovered.....But there'll be new grace I've not needed before. There's been grace for every mile, There's been grace for every trial." The words flooded my heart and tears began to flow. I knew this was just the beginning, and all of us would need God's grace and strength in the days ahead. Then, that Sunday morning, I again remote started my car, and to my surprise my iPod (still in random mode) had Mrs. Becky Neal singing to me again. This time to the song "God On The Mountain"

The lyrics, as I opened my door, "For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley....And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times, The God of the day, is still God in the night." I again cried out to God thanking Him for the re-enforced reminder and encouragement in song.

As the weeks progressed we had many sick with Covid who were quarantined, and many who spent days and weeks in ICU. Though most are home now we still have two in the hospital, and sadly 3 of our church family went home to be with the Lord.

Reading God's Word, time in prayer and the preaching of God's Word are always a help and comfort. I thank God for this and for using Mrs. Neal. She had no idea how God was using her to speak to my heart in song. I thank God He was reminding me that He would give me the grace that was needed for such a time as this.

Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."



Dr. Mike Allison

Prayer of the Church Skipper

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.”—Prov. 28:9.

The person who makes a conscious choice not to attend or hear the preaching of the Word of God really wastes his time praying. God calls that person's prayer an abomination.

How spiritual the “sometime attenders” can sound. These Sunday morning Christians, who attend when they feel like it, think they get in touch with God when ever they pray. Little do they realize that their prayer is an abomination to God Almighty.

The truth is, we need to hear His Word far more than He needs to hear ours. His Word is the eternal Word of God. It is the Bread of Life. It is the milk we need to grow spiritually.

Basically, God said, “The person who thinks so lightly of what I have to say, that he chooses to do some thing else when he could be hearing My Word, has nothing to say to Me that is worth hearing. His prayer is an abomination.”

In a recent survey, taken from three hundred registered voters in Nashville, Tennessee, only fifty-two percent felt that skipping church was wrong. Today's Christian would call it a little thing. God states that even the prayer of one who skips the preaching of the Word of God is an abomination.

MY 14-YEAR-OLD'S FIRST JOB WAS AS A DISHWASHER AT A RESTAURANT. AFTER HIS FIRST SHIFT, HE CAME HOME UP SET, SAYING HIS COWORKERS HAD LAUGHED AT HIM.

“WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT?” I ASKED.

“BECAUSE OUR BOSS POSTED MY APPLICATION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE KITCHEN. WHERE IT ASKED HOW I LEARNED ABOUT THE JOB, I WROTE, ‘MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME!’”

VERONICA BARNARD, TOWNSEND, MA

LAST WEEK, I TOLD MY GRANDPA THAT AMAZON IS THE BEST PLACE FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING. HE JUST CALLED ME FROM BRAZIL.



Chicken Tortilla Soup

Season 6 bone-in, skin-on chicken stock thighs well with kosher salt and black pepper. In a large Dutch oven, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium. Sear thighs skin sides down in hot oil until browned, about 6 minutes. Turn thighs and cook 4 minutes more. Transfer to a plate. Add the white ends of 6 green onions, the stems from 1 small bunch cilantro, 3 smashed cloves garlic, 2 teaspoons whole coriander seeds and 1 teaspoon cumin seeds to pot; cook and stir until aromatic, 30 to 60 seconds. Add 3 stalks celery and 2 carrots, cut into big chunks; 1 coarsely chopped onion; and 1 small coarsely chopped jalapeño pepper. Return chicken to pot. Add 2 quarts water and 1 tablespoon kosher salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer 2 hours. Remove chicken and set aside to cool. Strain stock and skim fat. Seed the pepper for a mild soup or leave in all or some of the seeds for more heat.

Return pot to stove. Heat 2 tablespoons soup olive oil over medium. Add 1 cup chopped onion, 1 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper; cook until tender and beginning to caramelize, 8 to 10 minutes. Add 1 clove grated garlic; cook 1 minute more. Add the stock and one 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained. Bring to a boil and simmer 10 minutes. Use an immersion blender to puree soup, adding 3 to 7 torn corn tortillas until soup reaches desired thickness. Add 1 jicama, peeled and chopped, and 5 carrots, peeled and sliced; return to a boil. Simmer until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes; remove from heat. Add chicken, removed from bones and torn into pieces. Serve soup with garnishes such as lime wedges, sliced radishes, sliced jalapeño peppers, quartered avocado, sliced green onions, chopped cilantro and/or fried tortilla strips.

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

Them Dems

THEY TRULY HATE AMERICA

"We don't have much moral authority" to call out Communist China—Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, 10/18/2021, disparaging the United States and saying we have no right calling out a China, a Communist dictatorship that runs gulags and is the number one polluter in the world.

HOW DOES \$3.5 TRILLION EQUAL ZERO?

"My Build Back Better agenda costs zero dollars."—Joe Biden, 9/25/2021, inexplicably saying his massive \$3.5 trillion tax-and-spending spree bill will add zero dollars to the national debt.

TERRY SAID THE QUIET PART OUT LOUD

"I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach."—Terry McAuliffe, 9/28/2021, during a Virginia Governor's Race debate, proving once again that Democrats believe government bureaucrats and teachers unions should be pushing their Far-Left agenda on our kids.

FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE

"The president wants to make fundamental change in our economy, and he feels coming out of the pandemic is exactly the time to do that."—White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki, 10/12/2021, stating what we knew already: Democrats are unapologetically using the pandemic to enact their Big Government Socialist schemes.

NANCY SCOLDS HER LAPDOGS

"Well, I think you all [the Liberal mainstream media] could do a better job of selling it [Biden's \$3.5 trillion spending bill], to be frank with you."—Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, 10/12/2021, lecturing reporters for not doing what she expects them to do: be mouthpieces for the Democrats' tax-and-spend agenda.

COLD HEARTED

"I make no apologies for my proposals, how I'm proceeding [in Afghanistan] and why I think by the end of the year we'll be in a very different place."—Joe Biden, 9/24/2021, making no apologies for his botched Afghanistan withdrawal. 13 United States service members were killed because of his disastrous leadership.

SOMETHING WE AGREE ON, BARACK

"We're a nation-state. We have borders. The idea that we can just have open borders is something that ... as a practical matter, is unsustainable."—Barack Obama, 9/28/2021, actually making a commonsense statement we agree with.

FROM THE "YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS" FILE

"They're not intending to stay here for a lengthy period of time."—White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki, 9/21/2021, on why hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants flooding across the southern border are not required to be vaccinated against COVID.

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



*THE DRIVER I STOPPED FOR
SPEEDING INSISTED HE HAD
A VALID EXCUSE.
"SORRY, OFFICER," HE SAID.
"I JUST HAD THE CAR
WASHED AND WAS DRYING IT
OUT."
CHARLES DUNNING
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA*

*A CLEAN HOUSE IS A SIGN OF
NO INTERNET CONNECTION.*



*"NO, LEE. YOU DON'T GET AN
OFFICE. YOU GET CARGO PANTS."*

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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