

“Renew in 2022”



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I Am the Resurrection

Introduction: Jesus is referred to as, The “*I Am*” throughout the Word of God. This is to reveal His deity. He is God in human flesh. *I Timothy 3:16, “...God was manifest in the flesh...”* Not only the “*I Am*” of the resurrection, but the “*I Am*” of, “*The way, the truth, the life.*” *John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the father, but by me.”* None of what is said would be worth your time if it were not for *John 11:15, “...I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”*

Why should we emphasize the resurrection of Christ rather than Easter bunnies and chicken eggs?

FIRST: THE RESURRECTION IS PART OF THE GOSPEL. I COR. 15:1-4

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel...how that Christ died for our sins... that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

It proves the Person of the Jesus Christ. *Romans 1:4, “And declared to be the son of God... by the resurrection from the dead.”*

It provides the faith to live right. *Philippians 3:10, “That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection...”*

Ephesians 2:1, “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

Yes! The faith you place in the resurrection of Christ brings you to life.

Notice: *Romans 10:9, “That if though shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”*

It prepares the Lord for his coming again. *John 14:3, “...I will come again...”*

SECOND: THE RESURRECTION IS THE PATHWAY TO PEACE. I COR. 15:17

“And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.”

All the crosses, churches and Christians in the world cannot fill you with peace if there is no resurrection.

Why?

- If no resurrection, you’re still in your sins – unforgiven.
- If no resurrection, you will never see your loved ones again.
- If no resurrection, all your acts of faith were foolishness.

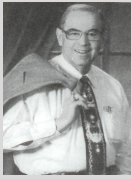
I Corinthians 15:19, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.”

Why pray? Why read your Bible? Why would you invite others to Christ? Why attend church? If all that there is to live for is death?

THIRD: THE RESURRECTION AND PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE. MATT. 28:9

“And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.”

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Dr. Jack Hyles

Look for His Coming

Hebrews 9:28 says, "...unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." To them that what? To them that look. That word look is an interesting word. It means gaze, actually gaze. We constantly look for the coming of Christ. My Bible says, "...unto them that look for him [to them that gaze for him; to them that gaze in the sky for him; to them that look constantly, expectantly, lovingly, wishfully toward the skies, look behind every cloud] to see if Jesus is behind that cloud shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Unto them that look for him!

Bishop Steed was a dear preacher of yesterday. The last thing he did before retiring in the evening was to go to his window., lift up the shade, raise the window, and look up to see if Jesus was coming. The first thing he did in the morning upon rising was to go to the window, lift the shade, raise the window, and look out to see if Jesus was coming that

morning. It was a vital part of his life.

I dare you to start looking for Christ to come. I dare you to make it a vital part of your life. Do you want your life to be clean and pure? Do you want to give up some sins? Do you want to go to places that would honor the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you want to watch what you read? Do you want to be careful about your habits? Do you want to be careful about the things you do, the places you go? Then you make it your habit to do what the Bible says. Look, gaze longingly upward toward the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are to look for His coming.

A SERGEANT WALKED INTO THE BARRACKS AND ASKED HIS MEN IF ANY OF THEM KNEW SHORTHAND. LOOKING FOR EASY WORK, SEVERAL RECRUITS RAISED THEIR HANDS.

"GREAT," THE SERGEANT SAID. "THEY'RE SHORTHANDED IN THE MESS HALL."

Spring Program—2022
April 3rd to May 15th

Food



Treasure Hunt



Wow!

Games


Fun



HORSES



Hayrides

	Heritage Highlanders April 2022 Schedule		
	<u>Saturday April 2</u>	<i>Matthew 7:24</i>	<u>Saturday April 16</u>
	The Wise and the Foolish		Resurrection Rolls
	<u>Saturday April 9</u>	<i>Ezekiel 34:26</i>	<u>Saturday April 23</u>
	April Showers Craft		Obedience
			<u>Saturday April 30</u>
			Soulwinning
			<i>Luke 24:6</i>
			<i>1 John 2:17</i>
			<i>Romans 10:13</i>

A FARMER PUT UP A NEW BUILDING. "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE IT FOR?" A NEIGHBOR ASKED. "WELL," THE FARMER ANSWERED, "IF I CAN RENT IT, IT'S A RUSTIC COTTAGE NESTLED BENEATH TWO TALL PINES. IF I CAN'T, IT'S A COW SHED."

"I THINK THE SERVING SIZE FOR ICE CREAM IS WHEN YOU HEAR THE SPOON HIT THE BOTTOM OF THE CONTAINER."

The Clearer Vision

When, with bowed head,
And silent-streaming tears,
With mingled hopes and fears,
To earth we yield our dead;
The saints, with clearer sight,
Do cry in glad accord,
"A soul released from prison
Is risen, is risen
Is risen to the glory of the Lord."

Nomination of Confusion



- The empty tomb. *Matthew 28:5-6*
- The grave clothes. *Luke 24:12*
- The many appearances of Jesus. *Mark 16:12-13, John 20:19-25, I Cor. 15:6-8, Acts 9:1-9, Luke 24:39-43* “...And while they yet believed not for joy...”
Acts 1:3 “To whom also he shewed himself alive...by many infallible proofs...”

FOURTH: THE RESURRECTION IS A PROMISE KEPT. LUKE 18:31-33

“...all things that are written by the prophets concerning the son of man shall be accomplished....They shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.”

Our Saviour never lies. Jesus always keeps His word.

Illustration: During the Civil War General Sherman left a few men behind in the Kennesaw Mountains. Their job was to protect the fort and the supplies. General Hood attacked the fort after General Sherman left. The battle raged to the point that those in the fort were getting ready to surrender. Their officer in charge had been shot seven times. Sherman was fifteen miles away and was signaled of the event. He signaled back and said, “Hold the fort, for I am coming.” Jesus, our Commander, always keeps His word, and tells us, “Hold the fort, for I am coming.”

Conclusion: There was a joyous change in the disciples after the resurrection because what they had believed by faith came true.

I read the story of a man who saw a boy holding a string. He asked, “What are you doing?” “Flying a kite,” was the boy’s reply. “I can’t see it. How do you know it is still up there?” “Because, even though it is so high I can’t see it, I can still feel the tug.”

Those who know the resurrected Christ can feel the tug.

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)

KEVIN WALKED INTO A DOCTOR’S OFFICE AND THE RECEPTIONIST ASKED HIM WHAT HE HAD. KEVIN SAID, “SHINGLES.” SO SHE WROTE DOWN HIS NAME, ADDRESS AND MEDICAL INSURANCE NUMBER AND TOLD HIM TO HAVE A SEAT. FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER A NURSE’S AIDE CAME OUT AND ASKED KEVIN WHAT HE HAD. KEVIN SAID, “SHINGLES.” SO SHE WROTE DOWN HIS HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND COMPLETE MEDICAL HISTORY AND TOLD KEVIN TO WAIT IN THE EXAMINING ROOM. A HALF-HOUR LATER A NURSE CAME IN AND ASKED KEVIN WHAT HE HAD. KEVIN SAID, “SHINGLES.” SO THE NURSE GAVE KEVIN A BLOOD TEST, A BLOOD PRESSURE TEST AND AN ELECTROCARDIOGRAM AND TOLD KEVIN TO GET UNDRRESSED AND WAIT FOR THE DOCTOR. AN HOUR LATER THE DOCTOR CAME IN AND FOUND KEVIN WAITING PATIENTLY AND SHIVERING IN THE COOL ROOM. THE DOCTOR ASKED KEVIN WHAT HE HAD. KEVIN SAID, “SHINGLES.” THE DOCTOR ASKED, “WHERE?” KEVIN SAID, “OUTSIDE ON THE TRUCK. WHERE DO YOU WANT TO ME TO UNLOAD ‘EM?”

Atheism Nonsense



Dr. Curtis Hutson

The Bible gives only one-half of a verse to atheists and atheism. It is *Psalm 14:1*, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” Nowhere does the Bible attempt to explain the existence of God. His existence begins in *Genesis 1:1*, “In the beginning God...” There are no born atheists. No one becomes an atheist until his mind has been tampered with.

I heard of two atheistic parents trying to teach their child there was no God. They often said to him, “Son, there is no God. We are atheists. We don’t believe in God.” When the boy made any reference to God, quickly his parents would say, “We don’t believe in God.”

One day after they had said again, “We don’t believe in God,” the boy asked, “Do you think God knows we don’t believe in Him?”

The belief of the atheist and evolutionist can be summed up in one sentence: Nobody times nothing equals everything.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 32 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 32 years—including the last two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 8th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2022.



THE CONSENSUS AFTER THE MOST RECENT ELECTION IS THAT 100% OF AMERICANS THINK 50% OF AMERICANS HAVE LOST THEIR MINDS.

Too Special For Words



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Heritage Baptist

Academy

Commencement

Sunday, June 12th, 7:00 PM

**Teen Camp
2022**

July 11th—July 15th

**I'M NO DOCTOR, BUT I
KNOW ADDING CHEESE
TO ANYTHING MAKES IT
AN ANTIDEPRESSANT.**

A LOCAL DOCTOR CALLED A PLUMBER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BECAUSE ONE OF HIS TOILETS WAS BLOCKED. HE INSISTED IT WAS URGENT AND NEEDED TO BE ATTENDED TO IMMEDIATELY. UPON ARRIVAL, THE PLUMBER LIFTED THE TOILET LID, THREW IN TWO ASPIRIN AND SAID, "IF THEY'RE STILL THERE IN THE MORNING, GIVE US A RING."



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

My Happy Tree

One of our favorite family holidays is Christmas. I love to decorate for the Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. The places that are decorated just seem to bring an added spark to the old and familiar places. Every year when the decorations are taken down we would be a little saddened to see it all tucked away till next year.

This year my daughter had the idea to leave our tree up and make it a seasonal tree.

Though I was intrigued by the idea I had no real direction about what to do, so I prayed for guidance. Those who know me, know that I love flowers. I especially love sunflowers as they always point toward the sun. They are a reminder to me that I should always look to "The Son" for leading, guidance and direction as I go through each day. So we ended up decorating this tree with yellow sunflowers, white daisies (which represents simplicity and joy), blueberries (which represent happiness, bounty and good health), and blue babies breath (which symbolizes everlasting love). With the help of my daughter, who did most of the physical work, we now have a transformed tree! I call it "My Happy Tree." I smile every time I see it. It truly brings me joy. It reminds me that no matter what my time of life, the season of the year, or the circumstances of life—I am to rejoice in the Lord always!

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes. 3:1

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4



Difficulties in the Bible



"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"—I Cor. 2:14.

There may be some things about the Bible you cannot explain. But your ignorance is a sorry excuse for criticizing the blessed Word of God. Other men, more devout than you, more scholarly than you, older in experience than you, greater soulwinners than you, have been able to believe in the Bible. Do not let your youth or your ignorance or your pride or your friendship for modernists and unbelievers lead you into the terrible sin of adding to or taking from the words of the Bible.

John R. Rice

If space permitted, we could harmonize apparent differences in Scriptures which unbelievers use as an argument against verbal inspiration. For example, a careful study of the words in the inscription above the cross will show that each one of the gospels give a part of the inscription and gives that part absolutely accurately. But when they are combined together all four give an entire inscription, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

I have considered prayerfully for years all the so-called contradictions alleged to be in the Bible, and little by little by faith and prayer and the Holy Spirit's leading and careful study of the Word of God I have found the apparent discrepancies and difficulties fade away. Those who do not believe the Bible are simply those who have not given it a chance to prove itself what it claims to be, the verbally inspired, infallible Word of God, true from the beginning, perfect, written **"not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."**

There are no difficulties in accepting the Bible as the verbally inspired Word of God that compare at all with the in surmountable, faith-destroying difficulties of those who compromise with modernism, deny the verbal inspiration of the Bible, and yet try to claim to be Christians and claim that the Bible is in some sense inspired! That road leads to infidelity and atheism. For in truth the honest inquirer must see that the Bible is either all it claims to be or it is a man made system of lies, unreliable, scientifically false, historically inaccurate, religiously powerless.

But man-made and false, dear reader, the Bible cannot be. The Bible has proven itself. Its prophecies have come to pass in countless cases. Its promises have proven true to millions who trusted them. The God who revealed Himself in the Bible has revealed Himself through salvation to millions of believers. After all, dear reader, it is not the Bible that is on trial but the reader of the Bible. Let God's Word be true and every man a liar.

A Senior's Version of Facebook

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.



Julianna Grace Myers
Born 3/28/2022 8:07 AM
21 3/4 in., 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Mother and daughter are doing well



**"HAVE YOU TRIED
IGNORING HIM?"**



**"YOU'RE NOT A BAD DOG FOR
DRIVING. YOU'RE A BAD DOG FOR
NOT WEARING YOUR SEAT BELT."**

**AN OPTOMETRIST WAS DESCRIBING A PATIENT TO A
FRIEND. "EVERY TIME HE WENT TO READ, HE WOULD
READ DOUBLE," HE SAID.**

**"POOR FELLOW," THE FRIEND COMMENTED. "I BET
THAT INTERFERED IN HIS HOLDING DOWN A JOB."
"NOT AT ALL. THE GAS COMPANY HIRED HIM TO READ
METERS."**

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

Olympics Showcase Thirty-Five “Transgender” Athletes, Americans Not Convinced

The Beijing Olympics will be remembered for a lot of things controversial... Even halfway around the world in an authoritarian country, the sports community can't escape the West's raging debate over transgender athletes. A record 35 people who identify openly as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender are competing in this year's Games, leading one radical group to brag that acceptance has arrived. Here at home, conservatives would beg to disagree.

No amount of puff pieces on the LGBT presence... at the Games is going to change most Americans' minds on what they see as one of the biggest threats to sports: an unlevel playing field.

The debate over biological boys competing in girls' sports has reached a fevered pitch.

Tony Perkins, frc.org

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Transgenderism is a fraud being perpetrated by today's so-called "progressives" (liberals), but the American people are not buying it. Thankfully, the backlash is beginning to build.

Hallmark CEO Touts “Seismic” Shift in Number of LGBT Characters on Its Programs

The CEO of Crown Media Family Networks, the parent company of the Hallmark Channel, recently boasted about the “seismic” shift in the number of LGBT characters appearing on the network's original programming...

[CEO of Crown Media Family Networks Wonya] Lucas' comments come more than a year after the cable network, long known for its family-friendly programming, came under fire for its failure to include LGBT characters in any of its 40 original holiday-themed movies in 2019....

Last summer, Hallmark released a statement, saying, “Diversity and inclusion is a top priority for us and we look forward to making more programming announcements in the coming months, with projects featuring LGBTQ storylines, characters and actors.”

Ryan Foley, christianpost.com

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



Even reproductions remove “One nation,

Lest We Forget



Billy Collingsworth,
US Army Special Forces.
Brother of our Pastor.



David Thomas,
US Marine Corps.
Father of Vida Collingsworth.



Ken Crowe,
US Air Corps.
Husband of Peggy Crowe.



Eric Campfield,
US Navy.
Father of Eve Oswald.

We have lost these for a short period of time. For now, let us remember what they have meant to us.

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. Pulpiters Productions
17. Girls Highlander Club
18. Boys Bible Club
19. Cleaning Ministry
20. Nursery
21. Greeters

A CUSTOMER AT A FARMERS MARKET ASKED A SELLER, "IS THIS TOMATO GENETICALLY MODIFIED?"

"WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?" THE SELLER ASKED.

"YEAH, WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?" THE TOMATO ADDED.

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 premillennial return.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

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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