

“Renew in 2022”



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The Mother of Christmas



Introduction: Because false religion has preached so much about Mary, we Bible-believing Christians seem so reluctant to say much about this precious woman. But, if we fail to examine and learn from her life, we have missed out on one of the greatest characters of all history.

FIRST: THE PURPOSE OF MARY.

MATTHEW 1:21

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

that there is but one major purpose.

For instance: I am a son, a father, a husband, a grandfather and a pastor. In each of these areas I know that they are part of God's will for my life, but to put God first in my life is the main purpose. **Matthew 6:33**

In the case of Mary we find that before there was ever a sun, moon, or stars, she was to be born to bring forth a Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Question? Are you fulfilling God's purpose for your life?

SECOND: THE PURITY OF MARY.

ISAIAH 7:14

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Notice: **“A virgin shall conceive.”** This refers to the purity of this dear, precious woman who was to bring Jesus, the Saviour, into the world.

In **Luke 1** when Zacharias was told of the birth of John the Baptist, he responded in disbelief. When Mary is approached by the angel she did not hesitate, or doubt, but wanted to know how this would come about.

Mary totally lived by faith. She believed God.

1. She walked by faith. **II Corinthians 5:7**
2. She was helped by faith. **II Corinthians 1:24**
3. She overcame by faith. **Ephesians 6:16**
4. She was increased by faith. **Romans 10:17**

This woman of faith was ready to do the will of God exactly as God gave it. She was totally surrendered without any reservations. **James 4:7**

Oh listen to me!!! No matter how willing she was to be used of God it depended upon her being a virgin.

The virgin birth of Christ was an absolute.

1. The virgin birth was to be a sign. **Isaiah 7:14**
2. The virgin birth was to be an act of God. **Luke 1:35-37**
3. The virgin birth was essential to the doctrine of Christ. **Isaiah 7:14**
4. The virgin birth is a must in salvation. **Galatians 4:4-5**

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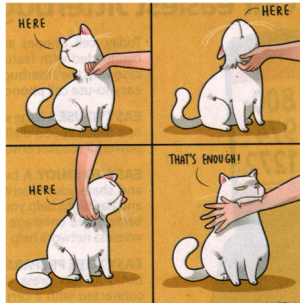
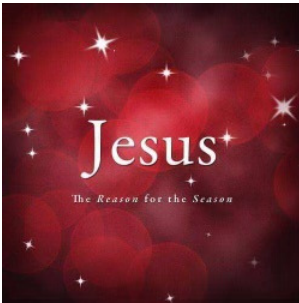
The Miracle Of Christmas

I love the Christmas season! I love all the things about Christmas! When we say "the Miracle of Christmas," of course we know that Christmas is about the Lord Jesus Christ. It is about His birth. It is about celebrating the fact that we have a God Who is gracious and merciful and loved us enough that He would send His Own Son to pay our sin debt. That is enough to celebrate. I have no problem with celebrating other things that come with the Christmas season like food, family, and fellowship. All of that comes with Christmas. I am all for it.

If someone wants to be a Scrooge or the Grinch, that is fine. We all know that Christmas is about the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are reminded that the miracle of Christmas is not what some would say it is. There are some who question. "How could this One be born of a virgin? How could a virgin bring forth a child?" That is the miracle of Christmas! We can take that miracle of Christmas and add to it the fact that Jesus would live a sinless life which is a continuation of the miracle of Christmas. That there is One that would go to the cross of Calvary and pay for our sins is the continuation of the miracle of Christmas. The fact that there was a point where we trusted Christ as our Saviour when we realized our need of a Saviour is a miracle that extends today. Any time someone gets saved, whether it is in a church service or on the street corner, that is part of the miracle of Christmas and the fact that a Saviour came and was born of a virgin with a specific purpose in mind.

"THE WHITE HOUSE IS PLANNING TO OFFER UPDATED BOOSTER SHOTS TO AMERICANS THIS FALL. IT'S STILL THE SAME BOOSTER, EXCEPT THESE ARE GONNA BE PUMPKIN SPICE."



Heritage Highlanders December 2022 Schedule

Saturday December 3

Soulwinning

Luke 2:11

Saturday December 17

Christmas Craft

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday December 10

Christmas Cookies

Genesis 18:6

Saturday December 24

Christmas Party

Psalms 100:2

Saturday December 31

Giving

II Corinthians 9:7

Sweet Potatoe Delight

4 pounds sweet potatoes
4 tablespoons melted butter,
1/4 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup honey
1/3 cup orange juice

1 tsp. orange zest
1/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
1 tsp. sea salt
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
3/4 cup pecan halves

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Peel, wash, and quarter the sweet potatoes. Place them in a stockpot, add enough water to cover them by 2 inches, and bring them to a boil. Continue boiling them until they are fork-tender, about 15 minutes. Drain, and transfer them to a large bowl.

Add the butter, cream, honey, orange juice, orange zest, brown sugar, salt, and nutmeg, and mash everything together with a potato masher or an electric mixer. Spoon the sweet potato mixture into a casserole dish, and top it with pecan halves. Bake it for 30 minutes. *Makes 8-10 servings*

THIRD: THE PROPHECY FULFILLED BY MARY.**MATTHEW 1:22-23**

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son..."

This was all about God's way of bringing salvation unto the world by way of the Saviour, God's own Son.

Luke 2:11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Notice: Mary was told five things about the character of the child she would bring into the world.

1. He would be called Jesus. **Luke 1:31**, Jesus means Saviour.
2. He would be great. **Luke 1:32**
 - Great in miracles **John 1:50**
 - Greater than the temple. **Matthew 12:6-15**
 - Great in His love. **John 15:12-14**
 - Great in power. **I John 4:4**
3. He would be called the Son of the Highest. **Luke 1:32**, revealing His relationship to God the Father.
4. He would be given the Throne of David. **Luke 1:32, II Samuel 7:13-14**
5. He would reign forever. **Luke 1:31**

Conclusion: The arrival of Jesus Christ through the yielded life of Mary is the greatest event of all history. It tells us of the Love of God who sent His Son into the world to save wicked mankind.

Have you taken the time and by an act of faith received Jesus Christ, Who is the reason for the season, as your personal Saviour?

I Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners."

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)

A CHILD ASKED SANTA CLAUS, "HOW DID YOUR REINDEER GET THEIR NAMES?"

SANTA REPLIED, "I NAME THEM AFTER MEMORIES, LIKE PRANCER FROlicking THROUGH THE SNOW!"

"WHAT ABOUT DONNER?" THE CHILD ASKED. A SHADOW SETTLED ON SANTA'S FACE, AND AFTER A MOMENT HE BEGAN: "THE YEAR WAS 1847, AND SNOWFALL HAD TRAPPED US IN THE SIERRA NEVADA..."



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Spiritual Vagabonds

It is tragic when the spokesman for God quits speaking for God. It is an unsettling feeling for the man of God when he ceases to be a man of God and finds himself catering to man. The results of straightforward Bible preaching are not always good, in the sense of the truth being received by God's people; but the preacher who focuses on his responsibilities instead of the results will always get the results in the end.

My heart goes out to the people who have no security at all in the direction that their church is going. Every time their preacher comes home from a different conference, they find themselves going in a different direction. As a pastor, you should set your face like a flint and provide a solid, fundamental direction for the church you pastor. Preach an unwavering Bible so you can have an unwavering people.

You dear saints of God who have a good, solid man of God, do not run from him when you find yourself disagreeing with him. Sooner or later you will disagree. To follow him when you are in agreement requires no serious commitment. However, to follow him when you find yourself in disagreement will be a test of your character and his character. If you work through your disagreement, both of you will possess greater character.

You loved him—at least that is what you told him when you agreed with him; now you find yourself in disagreement, and so you must leave him? The truth is there is no logic to this decision because, to be an honest person, you will have to leave the next pastor when you and he disagree. And I promise you that you and he will disagree sometime. One day he will rebuke the parents in a sermon, and, if you are an honest person, you will have to leave him just as you left your last pastor who meddled with your parenting. Thus, you will never stop running from church to church. You will be a spiritual failure and a spiritual vagabond.

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 9th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2023.



EIGHT HOURS INTO HIS TRIAL, A SUSPECT PLED GUILTY. "WHY DIDN'T YOU DO THAT AT THE BEGINNING AND SAVE THE COURT'S TIME?" THE JUDGE DEMANDED. "WELL," THE SUSPECT RESPONDED, "UNTIL I HEARD ALL THE EVIDENCE I THOUGHT I WAS INNOCENT."

IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR DOG, OPEN THE FRIDGE DOOR. HE'S STANDING RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

Christmas Greetings from Friends and Missionaries



Dr. Tom Neal



Dr. Terry Sellars



Dr. Bob Gray



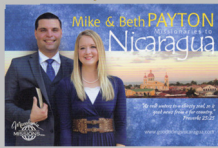
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Jason and Jessica Stanley



Mike and Beth Payton



**Church-Wide
Christmas Dinner
December 21st, 7:00 PM**

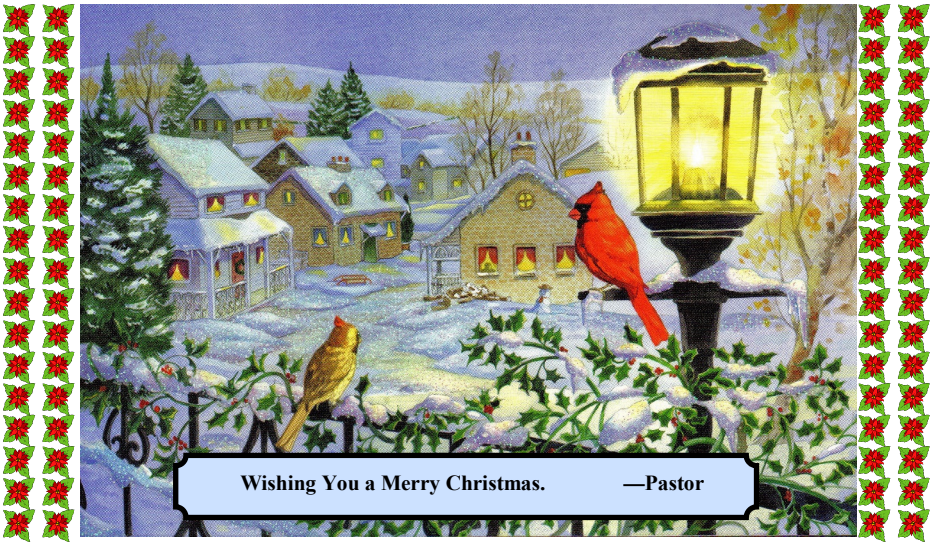


From our Pastor's Wife... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth An Old-Fashioned Christmas



I'm so glad to be called old-fashioned. I believe in a one and only old-fashioned Saviour (Jesus Christ). I believe in the old-fashioned Bible, the old King James Bible. I believe in an old-fashioned independent, fundamental Bible-believing Baptist Church. I believe in old-fashioned dress standards and behavior; where ladies still dress like ladies and men still dress like men. Where ladies are still gracious, honorable and submissive in their spirit and where men are leaders in the home and in society. I believe in an old-fashioned family with one mom and one dad. I believe in an old-fashioned Christmas where Jesus is still the reason for the season, where Christ is not crossed out of the word Christmas. Where the Word of God is opened first on Christmas morning as Dad reads the story of Jesus' birth and then the family prays and gives thanks to Jesus, for He is still the one that makes it possible for us to enjoy all the presents and food we share as we celebrate His birthday! I am so glad to be called old-fashioned. I am so glad for an old-fashioned Christmas!!!





Wishing You a Merry Christmas.

—Pastor

A FAMILY RECEIVED A THANKSGIVING CARD THAT HAD A PAINTING OF A PILGRIM FAMILY ON THEIR WAY TO CHURCH. THE GRANDMOTHER HELD IT UP, SMILED AND SAID, "PILGRIM CHILDREN LIKED TO GO TO CHURCH WITH THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS."

"OH YEAH?" HER GRANDSON SAID. "SO WHY IS THEIR DAD CARRYING THAT RIFLE?"

I USED TO PLAY BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND TENNIS, BUT I STOPPED AFTER MY SON BROKE MY PLAYSTATION.

Lest We Forget



Major Charles Kelly *Helicopter Ambulance Pilot*

Flying in all kinds of weather, and at night (at the time, no one else flew at night) into the battlefield, rescuing all in need of care - men, women, children, enemy as well as friendly, even a few scout dogs. The Dust Off mission was dedicated to American casualties, but 90% of patients carried under Kelly were Vietnamese.

He became a legend, flying up to 150 hours a month. Entire villages turned out for his pickups, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer began covering him. Because our night missions were unprecedented, many thought Dust Off was specially trained for night flying. One commander ordered a staff study of how we did it. The study concluded that night missions were too dangerous. Dust Off overcame these dangers, pioneering night flight and inspiring us, subsequently, to own the night.

On July 1, 1964, Kelly was called into a "secure" area for urgent patients. As he landed, the enemy - often mixed in with friendlies - cut loose. The friendlies screamed at Kelly to get out. He replied calmly in his stubborn southern drawl, "When I have your wounded." He then curled up from a single bullet shot through his heart. He was the 149th American to die in Vietnam. The ship curled with him, and the rotors beat it to pieces.

Vietnamese and American hierarchy alike attended Kelly's funeral. Stilwell wept when told of Kelly's death.

Major Charles Kelly, because of his love for the Vietnamese people, is the only American Army soldier that still has a monument named after him in Vietnam.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

New York Court's Polygamy Ruling: Conservatives Were Right About Slippery Slope

Family Research Council President Tony Perkins has denounced a New York judge's ruling that non-monogamous relationships should be treated equally to marriage under the eyes of the law.

Judge Karen May Bardayan of the New York City Civil Court ruled in the case of West 49th St., LLC v. O'Neill that "the time has arrived" for non-monogamous relationships to be given legal recognition...

In a commentary published by the Washington Stand...Perkins said the decision showed that conservatives' claims about a same-sex marriage slippery slope were correct...

Perkins also pointed to a recent Gallup poll that found 23 percent of respondents believed polygamy was "morally acceptable," well above what it was a generation ago.

"And why not? If 'love' and 'consent' are all that define a relationship, then proponents of incest, pedophilia and group marriage can follow the LGBT playbook all the way to validity," Perkins added. "The Left has been quick to say that polygamy isn't the next gay marriage. But who could possibly take them seriously?"

During the debate over same-sex marriage legalization, conservative politicians and activists argued that if same-sex marriage was legalized, polygamy would follow soon after.

In his dissent in the 2015 ruling Obergefell v. Hodges, Chief Justice John Roberts argued that the reasoning behind the majority opinion legalizing gay marriage could be argued in favor of "a fundamental right to plural marriage."

—Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

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



**"YES, I'M TAKING MY TIME. I
WOULDN'T WANT ANOTHER
SPEEDING TICKET."**



**"CHEER UP, MR. CLAUS. AT LEAST
SOMEONE BELIEVES YOU'RE REAL."**



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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