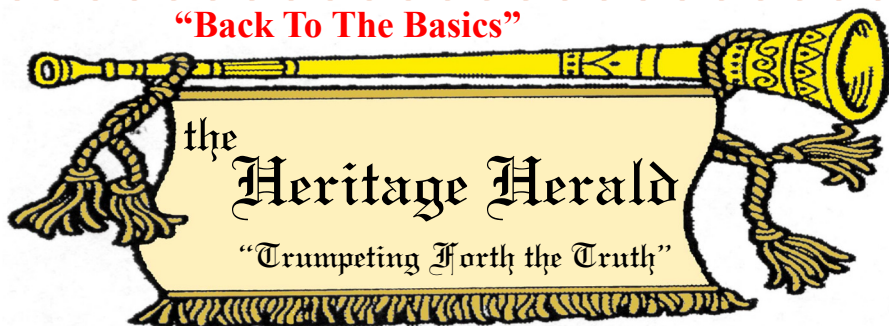


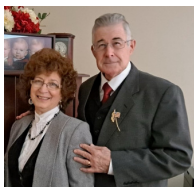
## "Back To The Basics"



### MARCH 2023

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### When Kings Go Forth

**Introduction:** I was reading in *II Samuel 11:1*, and it dawned on me that this took place in the spring. When it says, "...the time when kings go forth to battle...", that this was the spring of the year when winter had passed and the ground was beginning to dry.

#### **FIRST: SPRING IS A TIME OF PREPARATION. ECCL. 3:1-8**

To many, spring is a time of leisure. We have been through winter and now the weather has laxed, and spring is in the air. So let's do nothing. WRONG!!! It is the opposite. Now is the time for preparation. It is time to take inventory of our property. It is time to take inventory of our equipment and see what we need to have a successful harvest.

By the way, there will be no successful harvest in the fall without planting in the spring. *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, "To everything there is a season....a time...a time to love...a time for war."*

#### **SECOND: SPRING IS A TIME OF PROGRESS.**

**II SAMUEL 11:1**

"...Go forth..." If you are going forth, then that speaks of progress.

*II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

Spring is a time to:

1. Set your goals.
2. Plan your work.
3. Work your plan.
4. Don't get sidetracked.

**A walk always signifies a  
direction and progress.**

In *Genesis 5:24, "And Enoch walked with God..."* A walk always signifies a direction and progress.

I. A Walk of Faith. *II Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith."*

To do this we must believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose again, and has been received as our personal Saviour in order to begin the journey.

II. A Walk in Newness. *Romans 6:4, "...We also should walk in newness of life."*

The walk of the believer will always be different than the walk of the unbeliever.

III. A Walk in the Light. *I John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light as he is the light..."*

This will be a walk of faith, fellowship and faithfulness.

#### **THIRD: SPRING IS A TIME FOR PRECAUTION.**

**I PETER 5:8**

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, Walketh*

*Continued*



Dr. Jack  
Hyles

### Take Time To Review

I always use the following: “Now, Mr. Doe, there are only four things you must know to be saved. First, you must know that you are a sinner. For example, **Romans 3:10** says, ‘**As it is written. There is none righteous, no, not one.**’ Let me illustrate. If there is none righteous, that means I’m not righteous, doesn’t it? (Notice, I didn’t get him unrighteous first; I got me unrighteous. Never put the sinner below you. You always let him know that but for the grace of God you would be in the fix he is in. You get yourself lost first) So if there is none righteous, I’m not righteous. If there is none righteous, then Mr. Doe, you are not righteous. Also, it says, ‘For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.’ Now if all have sinned, that means I’ve sinned—right? That means your wife has sinned, and that means you have sinned.”

Second, show him the price on sin. **Romans 5:12: “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin....”** What kind of death? All death, both spiritual and physical death, the sum total of death, **“...and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”** And **Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death....”** So there is a price on sin. What is that price? Death. What kind of death? That includes the second death of **Revelation 20:14**, and that second death is the Lake of Fire. So ultimately a person who is a sinner must pay for it by going to Hell. That is the basic price on sin.

Third, the next thing we must do is show that Jesus paid the price. So I say this: “Mr. Doe, God looked down from Heaven and saw that you were a sinner. He saw that you were in debt He saw that you and I deserved to go to Hell. He wanted to save us and made a plan to do it He came to the world Himself. His name was Jesus. He was God in a human body. For thirty-three years He lived here in this world. He did not commit one single sin. This is important. Mr. Doe, suppose that Jesus Christ had sinned one time only. The price of sin being death or Hell, where would Jesus have had to go when He died? The answer is Hell, but He did not sin. He did not commit one sin, but He went to the cross, and on the cross He suffered spiritual death when He said, ‘**My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**’ He suffered the same thing that a lost person will have to suffer in Hell. I’ll go farther than that. I believe that He suffered as much in that moment on Calvary as the sum total eternal suffering of all the lost people who will ever go to Hell to stay forever. Actually He was paying our price for our sins. He was becoming our substitute.”

Fourth, “If we will receive that price as our hope for Heaven and receive Him as our Saviour from sin, He will make us His children and take us to Heaven when we die.”

***“THE ONLY ADVANTAGE TO WEARING GLASSES IS THAT YOU CAN DO THAT DRAMATIC REMOVAL.”***



**Food**

**Spring Program—2023**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**HORSES**





**Treasure Hunt**

**Wow!**



**Games**

**Fun**

**Hayrides**

***THE PROBLEM WITH BEING ON TIME IS THAT NO ONE'S THERE TO APPRECIATE IT.***

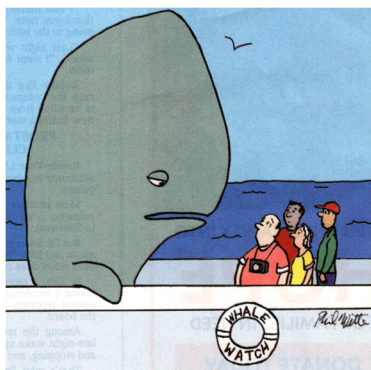
New Life Illustrated



Little Easton



Little James



***“SEEN ENOUGH?”***

*about, seeking whom he may devour."*

It is such a contradiction to think of spring and then saying, "Be cautious." Yet, spring is the time many let down their guard because spring seems so innocent and so pure.

Spring is associated with love, romance, renewal. It is a time for taking a stroll, or hiking in the woods, or simply relaxing in the backyard. But, do not forget, "a time of war."

David committed a horrible sin that ruined many lives because his spring was connected to:

**Idleness** → David was not where he was supposed to be. He remained idle.

**Imagination** → David could not be blamed for a beautiful woman coming into his line of vision, but lingering in your imagination will always lead to the wrong actions.

**Information** → David knew what he was thinking was wrong, yet he sent others to find out more about this dear woman. Why? Because in David's heart he had already taken possession of Bathsheba, another man's wife. This spring a good prayer to contemplate on would be, "Lord, lead us not into temptation."

**Conclusion:** We are in a season of spiritual warfare. You are in the army of the Lord, that is if you have enlisted. You need to get in the rank and take your position. You are needed, you are important. Take your place and advance for God.

Oh, Listen! Do not be caught unprepared. You need to be aware of the season. Right now, align yourself with almighty God through Jesus Christ.

### 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 MOTHER ASKED HER SON, "WOULDN'T YOU LIKE A NICE CAKE WITH FIVE CANDLES ON IT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY?" THE BOY REPLIED, "I'D RATHER HAVE FIVE CAKES AND ONE NICE CANDLE."*



#### Heritage Highlanders March 2023 Schedule

**Saturday March 4**

Soulwinning

**Saturday March 11**

Spring Craft

**Romans 10:23**

**Proverbs 31:13**

**Saturday March 18**

Growing In Christ

**Saturday March 25**

Baking

**2 Peter 3:18**

**Proverbs 31:15**

*AT MY LAST JOB INTERVIEW, THE MANAGER HANDED ME HIS LAPTOP COMPUTER AND SAID, "TRY TO SELL THIS TO ME." I PUT IT UNDER MY ARM, WALKED OUT OF THE BUILDING AND WENT HOME. A FEW MINUTES LATER, HE CALLED MY PHONE AND SAID, "BRING IT BACK HERE RIGHT NOW!" I REPLIED, "A HUNDRED BUCKS AND IT'S YOURS."*

### Keep the Faith



Dr. Bob Gray

The Apostle said three things in **II Timothy 4:7**. First, he says, *"I have fought a good fight."* Second, *"I have finished my course."* Third, *"I have kept the faith."* Notice these five little words, *"I have kept the faith."*

There are very few men of God who stay true to their youthful convictions for the span of their lives. Very few are the men who go through the entirety of a lifetime and stay true to the convictions of their youth and to the doctrines of their youth. Unfortunately, when their children grow up, many of these men decide that they do not want to force their children to face the stigma of a fundamental Bible position. Growing older causes some to become weary and tired. They want to be more beloved in their later years. Very few stay true to their youthful convictions and doctrine all through their lives.

Let us look at Paul. He is an old man now, and he is dying. He rejoices in three things as he hears the footsteps of those who are coming to execute him. First, he rejoices in the fact that he has fought a good fight. Second, he rejoices in the fact that he has finished his course. Third, he rejoices in the fact that he has kept the faith. The faith is a package, and Paul delivered that package to the next generation without anything missing. In essence, he is saying that he never let go of the faith.

As a young man with his boyish face and his bright eyes, he kept the faith. As a mature man with his romance of life and love, he kept the faith. As a middle-aged man ruling his small empire, he kept the faith. As an old man with palsied hands and unsure steps, he kept the faith.

# 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## Our Church Ministries

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

***A BUSLOAD OF RETIRED AMERICANS WAS TOURING SWITZERLAND. ON THE THIRD DAY, THEY VISITED A FARM KNOWN FOR ITS GOAT CHEESE. THE FARMER'S WIFE GAVE THEM A TOUR AND SOME SAMPLES. AS THE RETIREES TASTED THE CHEESES, SHE POINTED TO A PASTURE AND SAID, "THIS IS WHERE WE LET OUR OLDER GOATS GRAZE AFTER THEY NO LONGER GIVE MILK. IN AMERICA, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR OLD GOATS?" A WOMAN PIPED UP, "THEY TAKE US ON BUS TOURS."***



*Crystal  
Collingsworth*

## Enjoy the Journey

My mom got me a mug for my birthday that says “Enjoy the Journey.” It’s pretty much a textbook cliché, so I treated it like any other mug. I would grab it out of the cabinet without giving the saying any thought at all, as if it wasn’t even there, put my morning tea in it, and go about my day as usual.

But that changed this morning. My oldest child is getting ready to go back to college. She leaves bright and early tomorrow morning, and my mama heart is breaking. When I opened the cabinet this morning to grab a mug for my morning tea, the last thing I expected was for a mug to speak to me.

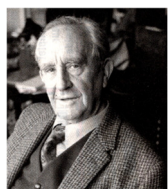
Right there, front and center, was that mug my mom had gotten me. My eyes fixed immediately on the words, and it was as if the Holy Spirit whispered, “Here’s a friendly reminder: Don’t forget to enjoy the journey.”

Oh, how I needed that reminder. Life truly is a journey, and it’s meant to be enjoyed. And not just part of it... ALL of it. The highs, the lows; the pretty, the messy; the good, the bad; and everything in between. Every part of the journey is important and has value. If nothing else, the bad makes us appreciate the good even more.

We waste far too much time and miss so much of the journey when we worry about tomorrow. Today will have enough worries. No need to add tomorrow’s to them. The Bible says, “Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Matthew 6:34)

So, for today, I’m just going to enjoy today’s part of the journey. I’m going to enjoy her smile, the sound of her voice and her footsteps walking through the house, and the fact that she’s here, because if I focus on tomorrow, look at all I’ll have missed. Besides, tomorrow is not guaranteed.

I’m so thankful that when I prayed this morning and asked the Lord to help me make it through this day, and to give peace to my hurting heart, He not only heard me, but He also answered me. He used a mug and the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit to quiet me and teach me a valuable lesson: enjoy the journey.



J. R. R. Tolkien

### Friends To The End

C.S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien formed one of the greatest friendships of all time. This friendship was spawned in war and revealed in their writings.

As officers with the British Expeditionary Force, both men experienced the horrors of trench warfare. Tolkien, a second lieutenant, arrived in France in 1916 and fought at the Battle of the Somme, one of the bloodiest battles in military history. He contracted trench fever, which took him out of the war. Lewis, also a second lieutenant, arrived on the Western Front in 1917, on his 19th birthday. He was wounded by a mortar shell, and his

injuries took him out of harm's way for the remainder of the war.

Lewis and Tolkien. They became scholars at Oxford University, met in 1926 and forged a friendship that enriched both writers. They produced epic tales of heroism in the face of great evil: Tolkien wrote "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings," while Lewis wrote "The Chronicles of Narnia," "The Space Trilogy" and many other works.

Though Tolkien and Lewis dreaded the idea of war, both believed that war would sometimes be necessary to preserve justice and protect the innocent. During the Second World War, Lewis made this observation about the peace movements of the previous decade: "We now know that an angry and terrified pacifism is one of the roads that lead to war."

As for Tolkien, I think his view is summarized best by Faramir, captain of Gondor: "War must be, while we defend our lives against a destroyer who would devour all," he explains. "But I do not love the bright sword for its sharpness, nor the arrow for its swiftness, nor the warrior for his glory. I love only that which they defend."

It was Tolkien that led a skeptical Lewis to receive Christ as his Personal Saviour.



C. S. Lewis

### Mug Shot



If you see this man in church, avoid him. He is often seen in the company of Clarence Miller.



"I'm on hold for the next available communication."

*A LARGE ELEPHANT SAW A TURTLE NEAR A POND. THE ELEPHANT LUMBERED OVER AND SQUASHED IT UNDER ONE LARGE FOOT. A JACKAL RAN TO THE ELEPHANT AND EXCLAIMED, "WHY DID YOU DO THAT?" THE ELEPHANT REPLIED, "THAT TURTLE BIT THE TIP OF MY TRUNK 17 YEARS AGO WHEN I WENT TO GET A DRINK OUT OF THE RIVER." THE JACKAL'S EYES WIDENED. "THE SAME ONE? YOU MUST HAVE AN INCREDIBLE MEMORY!" RAISING ITS HEAD PROUDLY, THE ELEPHANT DECLARED, "TURTLE RECALL."*



Pastor has told the story hundreds of times about leading Len Boguslaw to Christ in Grand Island, Nebraska. Pastor received this picture of Mr. Boguslaw and a letter thanking Pastor for leading him to Christ 38 years ago.

Now you see the man.

### One of Our Sweethearts

Cassidy Brooke Kline will be following in Holy Matrimony on Friday, June 16th at 3:00 PM.



### A Grandmother Holding On



Mrs. Vida Collingsworth embracing her grandchildren as they are leaving for college.

### Lest We Forget



Army Proud  
Army Staff Sergeant  
Austin H. Powell

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

## **Detransitioning Navy SEAL Says Transition “Destroyed My Life”**

Chris Beck, a retired Navy SEAL who announced nearly a decade ago that he wanted to change his sex, has revealed that he is now detransitioning. Beck, who served as a Navy SEAL for 20 years, explained in a recent podcast interview with conservative filmmaker Robby Starbuck that he wants to share his experience to help young people who may be considering transitioning. Beck described how it only took a one-hour visit with Veterans Affairs to be offered 'hormones for gender transition. "I walked into a psychologist's office [and] in one day, I have a letter in my hand saying I was transgender....I had so much going wrong... when I started taking those [hormones].

"Some of that was paid for by the VA, and I'm sorry to the American people that I did that," Beck stated. Beck also asserted that people should not believe his 2013 CNN appearance during which he told Anderson Cooper why he wanted to identify as a woman. "Everything you see on CNN with my face, do not even believe a word of it. Everything that happened to me for the last 10 years destroyed my life."

—christianpost.com

## **Pelosi Praises a Pedophile, Says Same-Sex Marriage Reflects “Divinity”**

As one of her last acts as Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D- Calif.) declared a bill foisting same-sex marriage on all 50 states reflects "the divinity" inside every human being, then praised the memory of a homosexual-identifying pedophile. She and her fellow Democratic colleagues then derided "the forces of hate" that oppose same-sex marriage...

By forcing Americans to support homosexual unions, Pelosi said on the House floor, "we stand up for the values that the vast majority of Americans hold dear a belief in the dignity, beauty and divinity—divinity—spark of divinity in every person, and abiding respect for love so powerful that it binds two people together."

—Ben Johnson, washingtonstand.com

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS:** When the president signed the bill, he also commented about the "hate" of those who opposed homosexual marriages. Let's be clear—the "hate" is being exhibited by them toward those who disagree with them. As Christians, we do disagree, but not in any hateful or violent way. We simply can't give our consent to what God calls, "*an abomination*" (Lev. 18:22; 20:13).

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

### **Blessed Assurance.**

FANNY J. CROSBY.

Mrs. J. F. KNAPP.

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of  
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, Vis-ions of rap-ture now  
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-iour am

gle-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, purchase of God, Born of His  
 burst on my sight; An-ge-ls de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove Ech-oes of  
 hap-py and blest, Watching and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, Filled with His

**CHORUS.**  
 Spir-it, washed in His blood, This is my sto-ry, This is my  
 mer-cy, whis-pers of love, good-ness, lost in His love.

song, Prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long; This is my  
 sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long!

It is estimated that Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 gospel song texts in her lifetime. Her hymns have been and are still being sung more frequently than those of any other gospel hymn writer. Her many favorites have been an important part of evangelical worship for the past century.

It is truly amazing that anyone, and especially a blind person, could write on this variety of spiritual truths and experiences with such proliferation. For a considerable period during her life, while under contract to a music publisher, she wrote three new hymns each week. She used over 200 pen names besides her own. Many of her original texts are still being uncovered and no doubt will be published in the near future. Often the themes for her hymns were suggested by visiting ministers wishing to have a new song on a particular subject. At other times musician friends would first compose the music and then ask Fanny Crosby for the words.

Such was the case for the hymn, "Blessed Assurance." The music for the hymn was composed by Mrs. Joseph Knapp, an amateur musician, wife of the founder of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and a close personal friend of Fanny Crosby. One day Mrs. Knapp played this melody for the blind poetess and asked, "What does this tune say?" Fanny responded immediately, "Why, that says: 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine.'"

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

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