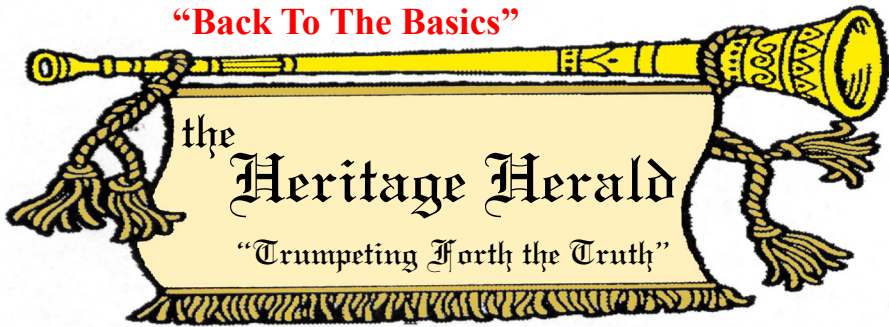


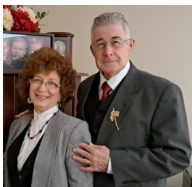
## “Back To The Basics”



### JUNE 2023

FROM THE DESK OF:

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Pastor and Mrs.  
Collingsworth

## Men of Steel and Velvet

**Introduction:** As we celebrate Father's Day, I want you to think with me how important it is to get back to having fathers that are men of steel and velvet.

For the past 50 years, if not longer, I have noticed a movement to demasculinize the boys and men of our nation. The role of father has been mocked and laughed at by television and the public schools as nothing but inept and bumbling fools.

Masculine leadership has been weakened by the homosexual, lesbian, and transgender movements. Now, we have a door opened exalting boys who dress up and act like women.

In America it has been made legal for boys, who think they are girls, to dress and shower in girls' locker rooms.

Today it is so refreshing when you find men of steel and velvet.

In the Word of God you will discover the characteristics of men of steel and velvet.

### **FIRST: CHARACTERIZED BY CONVICTIONS.**

**MATTHEW 1:18-19**

*"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man..."*

Two-thousand years ago, there was a man of steel and velvet named Joseph. He was a man extremely important even though he did not act like he was important. God gave this man the awesome responsibility to be the early father of God's Son. He was to raise Jesus in a godly home and in a godly manner.

Young ladies, when you think of the type of man that would make a wonderful husband, then look for two traits, steel and velvet.

We find that handsome and cute does not necessarily mean that a man will be a good husband, or a good father. If he is lazy in school and careless in his jobs these should be red flags to you. Beware! Beware!

### **SECOND: CHARACTERIZED BY COMFORT.**

**I THESSALONIANS 3:2**

*"And sent Timothy...to establish you, and to comfort you..."*

True greatness does not lie in trying to be somebody, but in trying to help others. We are to be encouraging to others by doing what we can for them.

D. L. Moody said, "The measure of a man is not in how many servants he has, but in how many people he serves."

Sadly, most young men today live by the philosophy, "What's in it for me?"

### **THIRD: CHARACTERIZED BY CLOSENESS.**

**PSALM 16:8**

*"I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."*

*Continued*



Dr. Curtis  
Hutson

### Fathers' Day

Several years ago while I was still pastoring a local church, we undertook a special celebration for Father's Day. The month before, we had celebrated Mother's Day. The services were designed to give a special honor to mothers. A gift was given to the youngest mother present and another gift to the oldest mother present. And a special presentation was made to the mother present with the most children.

The services were tender and tearful. A larger than usual crowd was present, many treating mother with special care on this special day. Red carnations were worn by those whose mothers were still living, and white carnations were worn by those whose mothers had already gone to be the Lord. Special

Mother's Day songs were sung, such as "Tell Mother I'll Be There" and "My Mother's Bible."

After the service, most mothers were treated to a nice lunch. (It just didn't seem right for mother to have to cook on her special day!) Mothers' Day celebration was a grand success.

But Father's Day did not turn out quite as well. The enthusiasm experience on Mother's Day was missing, and it was difficult to find appropriate songs for the special occasion. We have often seen in homes a plaque on the wall which said, "God could not be everywhere, so He created mothers," and beautiful plaques that say, "Mother's love is next to God's love." But I never recall seeing a plaque giving such honor to fathers.

Please understand that we are not objecting to the honor given mothers. The dear Lord knows that we cannot honor her too much, and we are commanded in the Bible to honor our father and mother.

However, I think it is unfortunate that we sometimes fall short in our honor to fathers.

May God give us a generation of strong Christian fathers who will lead the home according to Bible principles. And may He give us a generation of strong Christian homes.

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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

JUNE 25-27, 2023

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Joseph Collingworth  
Guest Speaker



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Guest Speaker

Double minded men never have their mind made up. They go with the flow or the blowing of the wind and circumstances . Not so with the men who stay close to the Lord. The man who stays close to the Lord is stable and not wavering in what it means to be faithful to the Lord.

Too many young men are pulled between two worlds. Make up your mind as to where your loyalty should be.

**FOURTH: CHARACTERIZED BY COURAGE.**

**JOSHUA 24:15**

*“...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

Listen! Do not tell me you can't. God equips us to do what we need to do. What we cannot do in our own strength, we can do with the assistance of our Saviour.

*Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*

Many Christians today decide to live in silence, or live scared to be in any kind of opposition to the world.

Theodore Roosevelt said, “I have never envied a human being who led an easy life.”

**FIFTH: CHARACTERIZED BY COMPLIANCE.**

**MATTHEW 21:28-30**

Compliance means: The action of complying to a command.

*“A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, ...and said, Son, go work...I will not...he came to the second...I go, Sir: and went not...”*

The first said, “No,” but obeyed. The second son said, “I go, Sir,” but did nothing. Jesus wants to know which was the better? Yes! The obedient one.

*Illustration:* In *Genesis 18:19*, God said, of Abraham, *“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household...they shall keep the way of the Lord.”*

A man of steel will be compliant.

**Conclusion:** So much more to say, especially concerning compassion, but time and room will not permit. Oh listen, Parents! Teach your young men right from wrong. Teach them to be young men of steel and velvet.

**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 BUDDY AND I WERE DISCUSSING WHERE TO GO CAMPING WHEN A MAN NEARBY INTERRUPTED. “GUYS,” HE SAID, “I WAS IN THE ARMY FOR 26 YEARS. THE LAST THING I'D WANT TO DO WITH MY WEEKEND IS GO CAMPING! I HAVE A BOAT THAT I TAKE OUT ON A LAKE AND RELAX.”*

*MY PAL SAID, “I WAS IN THE NAVY FOR 30 YEARS. THE LAST THING I'D WANT TO DO IS BE ON THE WATER!” “I CAN RELATE,” I SAID WITH A SELF-DEPRECATING SMILE. “AFTER 20 YEARS AS AN AIR FORCE OFFICER, THE LAST THING I'D WANT TO DO WITH MY WEEKENDS IS BE ON A GOLF COURSE.”*

*—CHRIS MORTENSON COLORADO SPRINGS, CO*



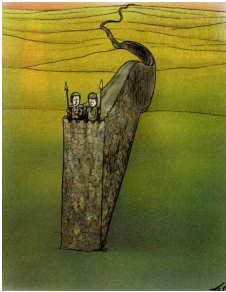
**Spinach Cherry Salad**

In a large bowl, whisk together 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar or champagne vinegar, 1 tablespoon honey and 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard. While whisking constantly, slowly drizzle in 7 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil. Whisk in 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper. Add 10 ounces baby spinach and 1 3/4 cups cooked farro; toss to coat.

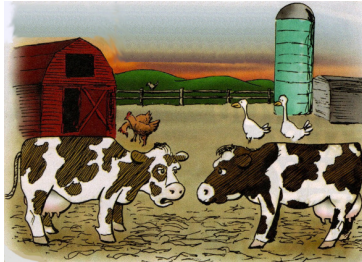
Add 2 cups halved pitted sweet cherries and 1 cup broken toasted walnuts; toss to combine. Top salad with 4 ounces crumbled soft goat cheese. Serve immediately.

# 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.



“HERE IS THE WEAK POINT.”



“WHILE YOU WERE GONE, THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON.”

My first assignment as a second lieutenant was at NORAD headquarters. That first day, I encountered scads of high-ranking officers walking around and quickly found myself constantly saluting someone—a general here, a colonel there. It was only later when I learned that the last person in uniform I had saluted was a mailman.

Skip McTighe  
Punta Gorda, FL



## Heritage Highlanders June 2023 Schedule

Saturday June 3

Soulwinning

Saturday June 10

Fruit of the Spirit

Romans 10:13

Galatians 5:22

Saturday June 17

Fathers' Day

Saturday June 24

Modesty

Ephesians 6:1

1 Timothy 2:9



John R. Rice

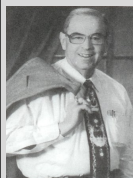
## Fathers

Mothers are mentioned in the Bible some 363 times, but fathers over 1,300 times. The father was intended to be an image of God the Father, the high priest of his family, the king, the judge, the counselor, the provider, the avenger of wrong!

Man is to picture God. In *1 Corinthians 11:7* the Scripture says, “*For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.*” God is saying that a woman is given long hair as a veiling, a covering, a reminder and picture of submission to her husband and father; that if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her, but if a man have long hair, it is a shame to him, for nobody is between a man and Christ Jesus. So the man is not to wear long hair. Men take off their hats in church. So he represents God in a particular sense that women and children do not. The pronouns for God are He, His, Him.

So when Jesus taught us to pray, He said we should say, “*Our Father, which art in heaven.*” And describing the tender, loving care of God, the psalmist said, “*Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him*” (103:3).

In the Bible the term “the fatherless” describes those of utter helplessness. When a mother died, there was great emotional loss, but a child still had a home and support, still had authority and protection. Not so with a child who lost his father.



Dr. Jack Hyles

### The Settling Factor

Somebody says, "Well, we have different kinds of churches. You have a soul-winning church, and we have a deeper-life church." In the first place, it's a lie. There's no life as deep as a soul-winning life. However, they say, "We just have different kinds of churches." No, we don't. We have a church, and you don't! Brother, the Bible is our charter to exist. If the Bible is not your final authority in practice and doctrine, then you are not a church. You might have the word "church" on the outside, but you are not a church.

Since the Word of God is our authority,—hear me carefully— we simply must have it. That's a profound statement. We've got to have it! I mean, shall we have an authority we can't find? Would God tell us His Word is the final authority and leave us without His Word? We must have a copy or we may as well join our Catholic friends and let the church be the basis for truth. If we have no Word of God, and if the Bible is not the Word of God, then we have only three other alternatives. We've got to say the final authority will be the church, or human experience, or human reasoning.

I'm saying, if we have no Bible that is the Word of God, then we have no way to go to the Book for the final authority. If one word in this Bible is not true, we don't know which one it is; so, once again, the mind of man or experience or the church is going to have to decide which one is true and which one is not true. If we are going to believe that the Word of God is the final authority, we've got to have a copy of it.

Let me ask you a question. Would God call a man to preach His Word and not give it to him? God calls a man and says, "I'm calling you. Spend your life preaching the Gospel. Preach the Word!" So, wouldn't He give him a copy of His Word?

**A TEENAGER GOT HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE. AS THE FAMILY CLIMBED IN THE CAR SO HE COULD TAKE THEM ALL FOR A RIDE. THE FATHER GOT IN THE BACK SEAT, DIRECTLY BEHIND THE NEW DRIVER. "I'LL BET YOU NEED A CHANGE OF SCENERY AFTER ALL THAT TIME IN THE FRONT TEACHING ME HOW TO DRIVE," THE BOY SAID. "NOPE," CAME THE REPLY. "I'M GOING TO SIT HERE AND KICK THE BACK OF YOUR SEAT LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING ALL THESE YEARS."**

### One of Our Sweethearts

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



### Be There



Dr. Bob Gray

**Exodus 24:12, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there."**

Why did God say "Come up to me...and be there..."? Once Moses was there, he would "be there." That statement does not make sense to me. Once He had told Moses to come up to the mount, why did He tell Moses to "be there"?

God is saying, "Moses, come up into the mount and bring your mind with you. Do not let your mind be AWOL." God knows human nature. He was telling Moses not to let his mind wander. God was not content to simply have Moses' physical presence; he wanted Moses' mind too. Thus, God added, "Moses when you get there, 'be there'." One of the great secrets to life is found in this verse, "...Come up to me and be there."

#### Husbands, "Be There"

When husbands are at home, they should "be there." That is not the time to be hiding behind a newspaper or parked in front of the television. Many men who say they are home every night are not telling the truth. A man may be there physically, but if he is not there mentally, he is not there. What the family, community, and nation need is for the husbands to be at home mentally while being there physically. The husband ought to "be there" when he is there!

If a husband would take time to hug his wife, talk to his wife, and whisper sweet nothings in her ear, she may thaw out. That iceberg you have for a wife can be thawed out if you will "be there" while you are there.

#### Wives, "Be There"

When a wife is at home, she should make sure to "be there" when she is there. When your husband comes home at night after a hard day's work, meet him at the door and "be there," not only physically, but also mentally. Give him a hug, a hot kiss, a hot meal, and "be there."

#### Children, "Be There"

When your children come home from school, "be there." Do not go to your room and park yourself in front of the computer and play games. When you are home from school, "be there." What a tragedy is occurring in the average American home when the family is there physically, but not there mentally.

Parents have so much to offer their children and so much to teach their children. What a misuse of time to waste it on self-indulgence!

Some food for thought ...or...

## Seed From The Silo!

### Government Paying People for Not Working

A policy question these days that has befuddled federal lawmakers is why so many millions of people have not returned to the workplace in the post-COVID-19 era ... There are at least two million to four million employable adults who could and should be working but aren't.

Very few people with even minimal skills can credibly say they can't find a job. Employers report some 10 million job openings...

There are many explanations for why so many people aren't working...But a major factor is that the federal government is back to doing what it did in the 1970s and 1980s. The welfare state today is paying people not to work—even a single hour.

—Stephen Moore, *gopusa.com*

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: We understand for the disabled, etc., but the welfare system as it now exists is far more than a safety net. It is paying people to be lazy when they could be working. Don't forget *II Thess. 3:10-12* where eating and working are closely aligned.

### Democrats Introduce Bill to Legalize Abortions Up to Birth

A group of U.S. House Democrats reintroduced legislation [March 29] that would force every state to legalize the killing of unborn babies for basically any reason up to birth.

Nicknamed the Abortion Without Limits Up to Birth Act by pro-life advocates, the bill would “guarantee access to abortion everywhere” in the United States. Democrat leaders and many mainstream news outlets have portrayed the bill as an effort to simply “codify the right to an abortion” in response to the U.S. Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*. But pro-life leaders warn it would go beyond *Roe* and get rid of almost all laws that protect unborn babies.

—*lifeneews.com*

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

### Lest We Forget



*Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds*

Roderick W. Edmonds was a master sergeant of the 106th Infantry Division, 422<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment in the United States Army during World War II, who was captured and became the ranking U.S. non-commissioned officer at the Stalag IX-A prisoner-of-war camp in Germany, where—at the risk of his life—he saved an estimated 200–300 Jews from being singled out from the camp for Nazi persecution and possible death. On their first day in Stalag IX-A, January 27, 1945—as Germany's defeat was clearly approaching—Commandant Siegmann ordered Edmonds to tell only the Jewish-American soldiers to present themselves at the next morning's assembly so they could be separated from the other prisoners.

Instead, Edmonds ordered all 1,275 POWs to assemble outside their barracks. The German commandant rushed up to Edmonds in a fury, placed his pistol against Edmonds's head and demanded that he identify the Jewish soldiers under his command. Instead, Edmonds responded, “We are all Jews here,” and told the commandant that if he wanted to shoot the Jews he would have to shoot all of the prisoners. He then warned the commandant that if he harmed any of Edmonds' men, the commandant would be prosecuted for war crimes after the conflict ended. The commandant backed down. Edmonds' actions are credited with saving up to 300 Jewish-American soldiers from possible death. After 100 days of captivity, Edmonds returned home after the war, but kept the event at the POW camp to himself. He died in 1985, never having received any official recognition, citation or medal for his defense of the Jewish POWs.

His son, Chris Edmonds, a Baptist minister, began researching his story from his father's diaries, and stumbled upon a mention of the event at the POW camp. He located several of the Jewish soldiers his father saved, who provided witness statements to Yad Vashem. Among the Jewish-American POW servicemen who were saved was Sonny Fox, an American television host and executive, who witnessed and later recounted Edmonds' actions.

For his defense of Jewish servicemen at the POW camp, Edmonds, a Christian, was awarded the title “Righteous Among the Nations”, Israel's highest award for non-Jews who risked their own lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

# 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

**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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