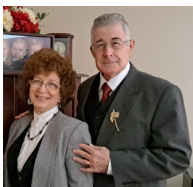


“Back To The Basics”



FROM THE DESK OF:

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Why Are You Here?



Introduction: You were born for a reason. You have been raised for a reason. The problem is that most people never see the purpose for their life. They just wander around until the day they die.

Why are you here? It is to be an influence to bring others to Jesus Christ. It is to be an influence that makes this old world a better world.

II Corinthians 3:2, “Ye are an epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.”

Illustration: In 1969, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. His footprints are still there to this day. Where are you leaving your footprints? What are you passionate about? Who are you influencing?

FIRST: THE PROPER COUNSEL.

PROVERBS 8:33

“Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.”

Question: Do you know how to listen? Do you know how to respond and take in the counsel that you are being given?

Today, very few think that church is important and that the word of God being preached is absolutely essential.

Illustration: Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of England, said, “When Christians meet, their purpose should not be to ascertain the mind of the majority, but rather what is the mind of the Holy Spirit of God.”

Teachable people listen. Are you listening?

SECOND: THE PATH TO AVOID.

PROVERBS 4:14-15

“Enter not into the path of the wicked ... avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it.”

Why is such a warning given? The answer is that evil people can influence you. Choose your friends wisely, for they do influence you. At all cost, never let something lead you farther away from your pastor, or those that have kept you straight throughout the years. Danger! Danger! Danger!

Christian, if you’re determined to have good friends, then make sure you are a good friend, by being a good influence.

1. Influence them to Christ.
2. Influence them to church.
3. Influence them to your pastor

THIRD: THE POWER OF WORDS.

PROVERBS 18:21

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue...”

Never underestimate the power of words. They can exert great influence in a person’s

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Dr. Tom Neal

Biography of Dr. Tom Neal

Dr. Tom Neal surrendered to preach when he was nineteen years of age. After he surrendered to preach in Atlanta, Georgia, he enrolled in Tennessee Temple College in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In the fall of 1966, he started his training under Dr. Lee Roberson's ministry at Highland Park Baptist Church.

While attending Tennessee Temple College, he earned a Graduate of Theology Degree in August of 1969 and a Bachelor of Bible Degree in August of 1971. Upon graduation, he served as an Associate Pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Stockbridge, Georgia for three years. Then the Lord led him to Lake Butler, Florida, serving the Trinity Baptist Church for three years as the

pastor. With a heart for pastors and a heart for people, God used Dr. Neal in full-time evangelism for the next three and a half years.

It was in November of 1980 that the Lord led Dr. Tom Neal to Orange Park, Florida, to his present pastorate at Berean Baptist Church. He has led Berean Baptist Church from a handful of people to a thriving ministry in one of the fastest growing areas of northeast Florida. He has been honored with Doctorate Degrees from Heritage Baptist University in Indianapolis, Indiana; Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, Florida; Hyles-Anderson College in Crown Point, Indiana; and Baptist College of America in Kokomo, Indiana. In the fall of 1998, he started Berean Baptist College to train future servants of God for the work of God around the world.

His goals and desire are to do all he can to encourage others to contend for the faith and to use his life for the propagation of the Gospel around the world.

A PROFESSOR ASKED A MEDIOCRE STUDENT, "WHY DID YOU COME TO COLLEGE ANYWAY? YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT STUDYING."

"I'M NOT REALLY SURE," THE STUDENT REPLIED. "MOM SAYS IT'S TO PREPARE ME FOR THE PRESIDENCY. MY LITTLE SISTER SAYS IT'S TO GET A FRIEND SHE CAN DATE. AND MY DAD SAYS IT'S TO BANKRUPT THE FAMILY."



Crystal Collingsworth

Lessons from a Road Trip

My husband and I recently took our church teens to camp. He drove the van with all of the boys and I drove the van with all of the girls. I decided that I would follow him and didn't even bother putting the destination in my GPS. Along the way, I started observing some things that were so similar to the journey in our Christian lives, and thought they were worth sharing.

As I traveled behind my husband, I found myself getting impatient and often questioning what he was doing. I would wonder-why he was slowing down, speeding up, or why he would take certain roads. I knew the final destination, but really had no idea how we were going to get there. I had to trust that my husband knew how to get there, and had to allow him to lead the way, even when I didn't understand his decisions. This is exactly like our Christian lives; we have to trust that our Heavenly Father knows the path that we need to take, and we need to allow Him to lead us. We're not always going to understand the way that He takes us, or why He slows us down, speeds up, or chooses to stop, but we need to follow Him because He's going to get us to our final destination in perfect timing and safety.

At one point during our trip, I got really impatient and ended up ahead of my husband. I couldn't understand why he wasn't passing the slow vehicle in front of him. I made the decision to get in the other lane, thinking that he would get over in front of me and we could both pass the slower vehicle. To my surprise, he didn't get over, and I ended up passing him. This was a problem since I had no idea where I was going. I then had to get back over and slow down so that my husband could get back in front and lead the way once again. How the Holy Spirit spoke to me in that moment. He reminded me that when I get impatient in my Christian life and get "ahead" of God, it always ends up being a problem. I feel lost (confused, not unsaved) and frustrated, and ultimately, I have to submit myself once again to God's leading and directing.

The Lord continued to speak to me throughout our trip. When several other vehicles got between my husband and I, I began to get concerned. I couldn't see my husband and didn't know where to go. What a great spiritual reminder that when we let things come between us and the Lord, it's hard to see Him and we could possibly go the wrong direction. We must make sure that we don't let anything or anyone take our focus off of the Lord. We can't let anything get between us. The more distance between you and the Lord is the more likely that you will lose your way, so keep the path clear and stay close to Him.

I'm so thankful for the lessons that I learned on this trip, both natural and spiritual. God has given husbands to lead the homes, pastors to lead the churches, and Himself to lead our lives. It is up to us to submit to that leadership and follow. On our trip, my husband made the decisions he did because he could see things that I couldn't. He could see the traffic, stop signs, speed limits, and obstacles ahead, just like God can see what's ahead in our lives. We may not understand, or think we know better, but those thoughts will only leave us frustrated, take us off of the path, and cause us harm. Let us remember what God said in Isaiah, ***"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*** God truly knows best; let's let Him lead our way.

life, and even influence an entire nation, or even the world.

Illustration: Thomas Jefferson was so moved by the words of Patrick Henry that they created a patriotism in the heart of Jefferson to do all he could to make a America free. Jefferson said that listening to Patrick Henry speak was the most important day in his life. Words are powerful. The State of Texas was so moved by three simple words that they lead to total victory. Those three words were, "Remember the Alamo."

FOURTH: THE POTENTIAL OF INFLUENCE.

PROVERBS 13:20

"He that walketh with wise man shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

Never underestimate the potential of running with the right people. *Psalm 119:63, "I am a companion of all them that fear thee..."*

FIFTH: THE PUTRID RESULTS OF BAD INFLUENCE.

GENESIS 19:14

"And Lot went out and spake to his sons in law, but he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law."

How many times have you seen people get backslidden and take others in the wrong direction? Have you ever noticed that when they get right, those they have influenced do not get right.

Why? Because backsliding destroys your influence. Your testimony has been destroyed.

Conclusion: Young people, if you think that boyfriend or girlfriend is more important than your relationship with the man of God, then you have been seduced. Once you have been seduced, you will then lead others astray. What are you influencing others to do?

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 NEW STUDY SAYS THAT VIRTUAL MEETINGS DAMPEN CREATIVITY. I THINK THEY'RE WRONG. MANY PEOPLE IN VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE FIGURING OUT CREATIVE WAYS TO LOOK LIKE THEY'RE ACTUALLY PAYING ATTENTION."



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.



"The usual?"

A GIRL ASKED, "MOM, CAN YOU HELP ME FIND THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR IN THIS MATH PROBLEM?" "THEY HAVEN'T FOUND IT YET?" HER MOTHER REPLIED. "I WAS LOOKING FOR IT WHEN I WAS A KID!"

Even reproductions remove
"One nation, under God"

A GOLFER ASKED THE PASTOR PLAYING WITH HIM, "HOW DO YOU LET OFF STEAM? SAY, IF YOU MISS A SHOT AND YOUR BALL GOES INTO A SAND TRAP?"

THE PASTOR REPLIED, "I REPEAT THE NAMES OF SOME OF MY CONGREGATION MEMBERS... WITH FEELING."

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 hosted the 9th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2023.



From the wedding of Cassidy Brooke Kline and Geoffrey Gunzenhauser



Memories

Our Pastor graduating from Hyles-Anderson College in 1980

TWO FRIENDS WERE TALKING ABOUT THEIR VACATION PLANS.

“WHY ARE YOU GOING BACK TO THAT RESORT?” ONE ASKED. “IT’S ALL MOSQUITOES AND NO FISHING.”

THE OTHER REPLIED, “THE OWNER TOLD ME HE’S MANAGED TO CROSS-BREED THE TWO. HE GUARANTEES A BITE EVERY SECOND.”



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

Communication - A Key to Every Relationship

We live in a day and age that has so many technical advances in communication. We can easily pick up our cell phone to call, text or e-mail. And yet in this age of convenience we still find a lack in communication. What is it? It is your voice!

I love the ability to quickly text or e-mail, but how often has your phone auto corrected your message, or you wondered about what they really meant by the text, (angry, mad... don't really care etc.)

Why? What was missing? It's your voice! Today people's social skills are lacking because they can text, but they don't know how to properly answer the phone.

In every area of life (home, work, church) we need to work on our communication. Here are some steps to help us:

1. **Communicate with God in prayer and in His Word.** Don't leave this out for any reason. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct your thoughts, speech and actions. *Psalm 5:2-3, Psalm 66:19*
2. **Think before you speak.** This is not always easy. My mom would tell me, “You have one mouth and two ears think twice as much as you speak.” *James. 1:19*
3. **Don't assume.** Don't assume people know or understand what you're trying to say. Be willing to not only talk, but to listen.
4. **Don't trust your feelings.** *Proverbs 12:15* Seek godly counsel. The pastor looks at all sides of the issues and has wisdom and discernment to see the consequences down the road. Be open minded, with a surrendered heart. Don't manipulate in your conversation to get your way. *Proverbs 19:20-21*
5. **Pray for wisdom.** Sometimes our words are misunderstood because we don't consider how they're said. *Illustration:* A teenager answers a parent and the parent replies, “Do not answer me in that tone of voice.” and the teenager says, “I didn't mean it that way.” But it was the flippant way, or the tone in their reply, that caused the reaction. God warns us about the dangers in not bridling our tongue. *James 3:5-6, Psalm 32:9, Psalm 39:1*
6. **Give patience and understanding realizing that people are human.** People may be carrying a burden or heartache that you are not even aware, so we certainly need God's help in every area of communication, every day of our life.



Dr. Jack Hyles

The Local New Testament Church

Now here's what has happened. Follow me carefully. These non-denominational people have written all the literature. We haven't written anything. They started schools—the Bible institute phenomenon in America. All across the nation, they started schools: Columbia College of the Bible, St. Petersburg College, BIOLA, one in Arizona, one in Colorado, Philadelphia College of the Bible, Moody Bible Institute. Group #1 started schools all over America. Now I'm not saying they're bad schools, but they're not Baptist schools! Let them train their own!

Here's what happened. You were going to be a preacher boy. You got called to preach in your church. You had no place to go, so you went over to a Group #1 school. You went to get educated, but you got mixed up on the doctrine of the church; you got mixed up on informal worship services; you got mixed up on church policy and church organization; you got mixed up on whether it was a strong pulpit or not. There was no place else to train you. You graduated. Now you're changed; and you're sitting here this morning. Numbers of you are this way. That's why you're upset with me right now.

Now follow me carefully. I haven't got much sense, but I've got enough to know that my church starts my school and my school is a part of my church, and that my school comes under the canopy of my church. A school that starts does not have the promise of divine perpetuity. Is that right or not?

Cast aside your prejudice for a minute and just be logical with me. Dr. Rice used to tell the story about the guy who was running for office. He said to his campaign manager, "Do you know what my opponent did?" He said, "What?" He said, "He called me a liar." His campaign manager said, "He called you a liar?" "Yes, sir, and he did more than that! He proved it on me!" One thing that makes you madder is when I prove it on you. You see?

Now, I'll ask a question. You answer it. How many institutions were promised divine perpetuity? One. What was it? The New Testament church. So if the church controls the school, the school has a promise of divine perpetuity. Is that right? All right.

What if a school starts a church and the church is under the school? That means two things: First, the church under the school is not a church because Jesus is the head of the church, not the school. Secondly, that school does not have divine perpetuity. (Don't get scared.) Consequently, if the church has a school, that school does not have to die. Is that right?

A TRAIN CONDUCTOR TOLD A PASSENGER, "THIS IS A CHILD'S TICKET. YOU'RE AT LEAST 25!" "SEE HOW LONG YOUR DELAYS ARE?" THE PASSENGER RETORTED. "YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!"



Heritage Highlanders July 2023 Schedule

Saturday July 1

Honesty

Saturday July 8

Soulwinning

Proverbs 12:22

Proverbs 11:30

Saturday July 15

Prayer

Saturday July 22

Obedience

Saturday July 29

Trust

James 5:13

Ephesians 6:1

Proverbs 3:5-6

I'M GOING TO STOP PUTTING THINGS OFF, STARTING TOMORROW.



John R. Rice

"Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The Lord"

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." Psalms 33:12

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

The Scripture does not say that a nation to be blessed must have every person converted. It does not even say that a majority of the nation must be born-again Christians. It says, 'Blessed is the nation who recognizes the Lord God as their God.'

When the people of Israel were brought out of Egypt and led to the land of promise, and later when they were blessed under the kingdom of David and his son—they were not all Christians. Not all observed the moral standards of the law. But God was the God of Israel, and Israel was recognized as His people. So in some sense, America can claim that the Lord God of the Bible is our God. And America ought to and can be a nation of God-fearing people, therefore, a blessed nation.

The Bible makes it clear that God deals with nations as well as with individuals. He chose Jacob to be the father of the nation Israel. He chose for them their land, the time of their possession and their line of kings through whom the Saviour was to come.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Colorado Governor Signs “Kill More Babies” Bill to Expand Abortion

Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed the “kill more babies” bill to expand abortions and limit pregnancy resources that help mothers choose life for their unborn babies.

Pro-life advocates and lawmakers spoke out strongly against the abortion expansion. “We are signaling to the rest of the union and the rest of the world that ... Colorado will proudly end the life of any unborn child at any time during pregnancy,” said state Senator Kevin Van Winkle, R-Highlands Ranch. “It seems to invite anyone wanting an abortion to come to our state to end the life of a child. It is wrong. It promotes a culture of death.”

Polis previously signed an executive order that bars state agencies from cooperating with out-of-state investigations regarding abortion. One of the bills he signed extends that into law.

Colorado allows unborn babies to be aborted for any reason up to birth and pro-abortion groups have been paying women to travel there from pro-life states to abort their unborn babies. According to Colorado Politics, 750 pregnant women traveled from out of state to Planned Parenthood just in January. *Lifenews.com*

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



Omelet With Potatoes

Placed 12 oz. new potatoes (1 inch across, or halved if larger) in a steamer basket over boiling water; cook until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Meanwhile for each omelet whisk together 2 eggs, 2 tsp. milk and 1/4 tsp. salt. In an 8-inch nonstick skillet melt 1 tbsp. butter over medium-low just until foaming. Add egg mixture. Stir eggs gently but continuously with a silicone spatula until you have small pieces of cooked egg surrounded by liquid egg. Stop stirring. Cook until just set and shiny, 30 to 60 seconds more. Sprinkle with 2 tbsp. chopped fresh herbs, such as parsley, tarragon, chives and/or chervil. With spatula, loosen edge of omelet and roll it up. Transfer to a plate and sprinkle with black pepper. Repeat for a second omelet. Serve with hot new potatoes tossed in 2 tbsp. butter, 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs, salt and pepper.

ACHILLES' MOTHER: "STOP IMAGINING THINGS! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR HEEL!"

Lest We Forget

MEMORIAL DAY
2023

Small Virginia Town Honors D-Day Legacy

Just nine minutes into the invasion on June 6, 1944, the small town of Bedford, VA, lost 19 National Guard soldiers.

Set in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Bedford suffered the greatest per capita loss of any municipality in the United States. In terms of scale, those 19 young lives lost equated to about 46,000 in New York City at the time. The town quickly became a national symbol of sacrifice during WWII.

As survivors of Company A, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, returned home after the war, life went on in the small town. Families grieved in private.



Letters, photographs and other personal effects are on display at the Bedford Boys Tribute Center.
Photo by Jill Nance Waugh

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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