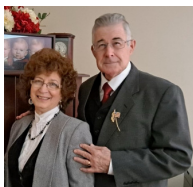


## “Back To The Basics”



FROM THE DESK OF:

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### What To Look For In A Mate

**INTRODUCTION:** The key to having a Godly, successful marriage is to find the will of God concerning whom to marry. *Proverbs 18:22, “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.”* If a person finds a wife, then they must have looked. But what should a person look for?

**FIRST: A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO GOD. MATT. 6:33**

You will never find anyone of a perfect nature, but if the person

knows and loves the Lord then there will be spiritual growth that can be seen.

1. Faithful to attend church.
2. Faithful in their involvement.
3. Faithful in their practice of witnessing.
4. Faithful to the Word of God.
5. Faithful in prayer.

*Illustration:* It is a foolish person who thinks they can by mere determination do only what the Holy Spirit can do.

**SECOND: SHARED CONVICTIONS. MARK 3:25.**

If you're already miles apart it is very unlikely that you will change a person's life of accumulated ideas.

1. Conviction as to your church beliefs
  - a. Baptist.
  - b. Baptism.
  - c. Bible — King James Bible.
2. Convictions as to your Christian standards,
  - a. Standards of Dress — not indecent.
  - b. Standards of Practice - no smoking, drinking.

**THIRD: TRUSTED LOVED ONES APPROVAL. LEVITICUS 19:32**

*Proverbs 4:1.* God always leads young people through the counsel of Pastor, parents, and professors. It is always wise to seek advice from those older and wiser.

**FOURTH: A LOVE FOR THEIR MOTHER. PROVERBS 15:20.**

People who hate their mother will never make a good husband or wife. Yet, a person who reveals love and compassion for their mother will be able to show love and compassion to their mate.

**FIFTH: UNDERSTANDS THE VALUE OF MONEY. PROVERBS 13:11.**

Money is not evil and never has been. The Bible says, *“The love of money is the root*

*Continued*



John R. Rice

### Let's Go

People don't win souls because they don't go after sinners. One may cry, pray, read his Bible, go to church, have family altar, give his tithes and pay his honest debts, yet his own family and friends may go to Hell because he does not take the Gospel to them and urge them to accept Christ.

Aggressive efforts are blessed of God in soul winning. One who does not make the effort will not get people saved.

#### **The First Requirement: Going After Sinners**

The first word in the Great Commission, as given in *Mark 16:15*, is "Go." In *Matthew 28:19*, in the Great Commission, Jesus said, "Go ye therefore..."

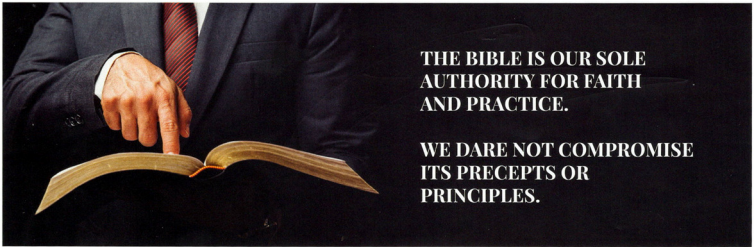
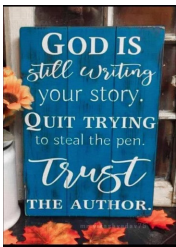
The Bible command is not, "Build a church house and preach," but "Go...and preach." Preaching without an earnest effort to reach sinners doesn't fulfill the command of Christ.

*Psalms 126:6* puts 'going' first: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." What, use would the weeping be if he didn't go after souls? What use would be the good seed if I didn't go forth and sow it?

Going is the first requirement in soul winning.

We are commanded to "put on the whole armour of God, that [we] may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (*Eph. 6:11*). In that armor, Christians are to put on the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, to take the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation. But often, we forget the exhortation to have our "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (*vs. 15*).

What a ridiculous picture to show a man wearing a heavy coat of armor but being barefooted! God wants a Christian to put on the shoes of "the preparation of the gospel of peace."



THE BIBLE IS OUR SOLE AUTHORITY FOR FAITH AND PRACTICE.

WE DARE NOT COMPROMISE ITS PRECEPTS OR PRINCIPLES.

### Lest We Forget

#### "Liberty"



Noor Inayat Khan  
SOE Operative  
WWII

In 1943 Noor was dropped into enemy France and began sending radio messages from around Paris. She proved a good operator in the field and was said to have done her work very skillfully and conscientiously. Unfortunately soon after arriving the 'Prosper' network was broken up by the Gestapo, leaving her as the one remaining wireless operator. Her superiors in England recommended she return such was the high likelihood of capture. However Noor refused to return, instead playing a vital role as the last remaining wireless operator in Paris. At one



time she was nearly caught when the Gestapo stopped her whilst she was carrying her radio machine. However she was able to bluff her way past saying it was a home cine film projector. Remarkably the Gestapo believed her and for a time she escaped.

However in October Noor was betrayed, possibly by 'Renee'... the wife of her first contact. It was believed Renee sold information to the Gestapo for a small amount of money (1000Fr). A few hours after her arrest Noor attempted an audacious escape across the roof and nearly succeeded but for a British air raid that led to a sudden tightening of security. Thereafter Noor was sent to Germany and kept in shackles in solitary confinement in the civil prison at Pforzhei. Having a strong belief in the truth not once did Noor reveal any information, saying only she was an operative from England. It is said that her tenacity and endurance had an effect even on the hardened prison chiefs of the Gestapo. After enduring 9 months of tortuous imprisonment Noor was transferred with 3 other SOE to the Dachau concentration camp where she was executed with a bullet to the back of her head (just days before Dachau was liberated by the Americans). It is reported her last word before being shot was, "Liberty."

of all evil." We are not to love money, but know what to do with it and be able to gain it.

1. A wise person will understand the tithe. *Malachi 3:11.*
2. A wise person will be frugal but not stingy. *Proverbs 11:24.*
3. A wise person will understand the value of time. *Proverbs 6:9-11.*
4. A wise person will understand the value of hard work. *Proverbs 10:4.*
5. A wise person will understand the dangers of waste.
  - a. The waste of investing time and money in the wrong things. *Pro. 13:11; 21:17*
  - b. The waste of associating with the wrong crowd. *Proverbs 28:19; 22:16.*

**SIXTH: TAKES PERSONAL PRIDE IN WORK.**

**PROVERBS 12:27.**

The lazy man would rather live off others even if he can provide for himself.

**CONCLUSION:** For a person to waste money is to waste a life. For a person to be wise with money is a person that values the time that God gave him to invest. I hope I have given you a glimpse of what to look for in a mate.

**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)

**Quotes From Great Men**



"There is but one straight course, and that is to seek truth and pursue it steadily." *George Washington*



"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." *Theodore Roosevelt*



"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face." *Ronald Reagan*

**Socialist Salad**

**DUDE, WHERE'S MY OFFICE?**

"As you walk into my office in the Oval Office in the United States Capitol..."  
*The Oval Office is located in the White House.*

Joe Biden, 4/12/2023.

"We have a thousand billionaires in America. You know the average tax rate they pay? Eight E-I-G-H percent."

Joe Biden, 4/19/2023.

**ANOTHER JOE LIE**

"My grandpop...died in the same hospital I was born in two weeks before I was born."  
*Except Biden's "grandpop" died in Baltimore, MD, in September 1941 - and Biden wasn't born until November 1942 in Scranton, PA*

Joe Biden, 4/25/2023.

**REITERATE IT TO ME ONE MORE TIME**

"So on your first point, I'll reiterate my point, the point I made earlier, we are continuing to reiterate our call for all bilateral official creditors to provide meaningful debt reduction to Zambia."  
*Kamala Harris, 3/31/2023.*

**PANTS ON FIRE METER: 10!**

"When it comes to illegal migration, you have seen it come down by more than 90%, and that's because of the actions that this president has taken."  
*White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, 5/1/2023.*

*From 2016 to 2020, the average annual number of illegal crossings at the US-Mexico border was 479,005. For the years 2021 and 2022, the average increased significantly to 1,938,409.*

**ANOTHER KAMALA WORD SALAD**

"I think it's very important...for us, at every moment in time and certainly this one, to see the moment in time in which we exist and are present."  
*Kamala Harris, 4/25/2023.*

**HANDS OFF OUR CHILDREN, JOE**

"There's no such thing as someone else's child. No such thing as someone else's child. Our nation's children are all our children."  
*Joe Biden, 4/24/2023.*



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



Baker Family Vacation



Collingsworth Family Vacation



## Heritage Highlanders August 2023 Schedule

**Saturday August 5**

Soulwinning

**Saturday August 12**

Cleanliness: Inwardly and Outwardly

**Romans 10:9**

**1 Samuel 16:7**

**Saturday August 19**

Wisdom

**Saturday August 26**

Attitudes

**James 1:5**

**Philippians 2:14**



### From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth **I Keep Falling In Love With Him**

How do Christians maintain a loving relationship for the Lord year after year?  
How does a husband and wife maintain a happy and close relationship with one another year after year?

Both are done in quite the same manner. To have that sweet relationship with the Lord you need to fall in love with Him over and over again. Remember daily His supreme love and sacrifice for you on the Cross of Calvary! Appreciate His loving care and provision for you everyday!

Think on your salvation and dwell on the gracious, loving, and unmerited favor He gives to you each and every day! How could you not fall in love with your Saviour afresh and anew each and every day!!

In the same way a husband and wife will nurture a sweet, loving and long lasting relationship if they too will stop and remember to be thankful for one another. Remember to do, and appreciate the little things that are done everyday that shows love one to another. Keep that "courting" attitude and your relationship will be refreshed and renewed every day!

### Dr. Bob Gray's Testimony



Dr. Bob Gray

In 1957, as an eleven-year-old boy I attended the First Missionary Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan. My mother took my two younger brothers and me to Sunday school and preaching. Our pastor was Marvin Owen. He was a fiery preacher who made the Bible live with his preaching. I was an introvert and found it very difficult to engage in any kind of conversation. Pastor Owen went out of his way to get to know me and our family. I will never forget the day he came to our house; as I was in the backyard playing, he approached me and asked if he could talk to me. We sat down at a picnic table, and he began to talk to me about whether or not I was going to Heaven. He seemed so concerned about me. He was a man of compassion!

The next Sunday night the pastor preached a red hot sermon on Hell. I went to the altar, but I did not trust Christ. I went home and told my mama on the stairway to my room that I was not saved. I told my mama that I was afraid I was going to go to Hell if I died. She began to weep, pointed to my room and asked me to please go into my bedroom and ask Christ to save me. I heeded what she said and went into my room. I knelt on an old throw rug next to my wooden post bed and began to beg Christ to save me. I did not know what I was supposed to say, but God saw me reaching out to His Son for salvation. I believe many people at a church invitation time are really saved the moment they say "yes" to Jesus, before they even arrive to the altar.

...  
"Soul winning is reminding people who are dead in their sins that there is a God to Whom they must give an account."  
...

*A SHARK CAN SWIM FASTER THAN ME, BUT I CAN OUTFRAN A SHARK. SO IN THE TRIATHLON, I GUESS IT WOULD COME DOWN TO THE CYCLING EVENT.*

**THERE'S A NEW MOVIE OUT CALLED OPPENHEIMER. I HEARD IT REALLY BOMBED AT THE BOX OFFICE.**

#### WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

1. FIRE
2. FEAR
3. REGRET
4. WEEPING
5. WAILING
6. TORMENT
7. REMORSE
8. LONELINESS
9. DARKNESS
10. ETERNAL

#### DON'T QUIT!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will;  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must - but never quit!

Life is strange with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns;  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won if he stuck it out.  
Stick to your task though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with one more blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt—  
And you never can tell how close you are;  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.



### Summer Treat

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| 2 lbs. fresh strawberries, trimmed and sliced | Pinch kosher salt   |
| 3 to 4 tbsp. sugar, divided                   | 4 oz. purchased vanilla meringue cookies (such as Trader Joe's) |
| 1 tsp. lemon zest                             | 1 cup heavy cream   |
|   | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla  |

Place berries in a medium bowl. Sprinkle to 3 tablespoons sugar (use more if berries are slightly underripe, less if they're juicy), the lemon zest and salt. Gently fold with a silicone spatula. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour, folding occasionally.

Meanwhile, break meringues into irregular pieces. (One method: Set each meringue on the countertop and press firmly with the heel of your hand.) You should have about 2 2/3 cups.

Place cream, 1 tablespoon sugar and the vanilla in a mixing bowl. Beat with a mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form (tips stand straight).

To assemble: Divide half the broken meringues (and their crumbs) among six bowls or good-size (12-ounce) drinking glasses. Top with half of the berries, then half the whipped cream. Repeat layers, ending with cream. Chill 30 to 60 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings. Prep tip: To serve a party, double the recipe and layer ingredients in a glass trifle bowl.

**Some food for thought ...or...**

# Seed From The Silo!

## **FEDS SPENT OVER \$1.3B IN RUSSIA, CHINA ON CONTROVERSIAL PROJECTS**

The U.S. has sent over \$1.3 billion to China and Russia since 2017, according to a new analysis that details a string of problematic spending projects funded by taxpayers.

The watchdog group, Open the Books, and U.S. Senator Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, released the analysis, which detailed an array of examples they deemed troubling "including \$770,466 to a state-run lab in Russia to put cats on treadmills" and another project for Nearly \$100,000 for gender equality cartoons.

Ernst and Open the Books found at least \$490 million in taxpayer dollars paid to groups in China and another \$870 million paid to organizations in Russia since 2017 via U.S. grants and contracts.

Here is a list of examples:

- \$2.4 million on Russian alcohol and addiction research
- \$2 million to China's state-run Wuhan Institute of Virology to conduct dangerous experiments on bat coronaviruses and transgenic mice.
- \$1.6 million to Chinese companies from National School Lunch Program, which means taxpayer dollars from the CARES Act meant for American farmers went to Chinese agriculture exporters.
- \$1.45 million for pandemic virus tracking in Russia.
- Subsidies for the Russian space program by funding the Russia Space Agency and vendors.

*Casey Harper, The Center Square, gopusa.com*

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS:** Does anyone know how to say "treason"? This kind of tomfoolery is happening a lot and needs to be stopped sometime yesterday!

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



### **What Thomas Jefferson Believed**

**"That democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who will not work."**

**"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which, if acted on, would save one-half the wars of the world."**

**"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them:"**

**"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."**

**"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."**

**"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."**

### **The Place For Me**

"Master, where shall I work today?"  
And my love flowed warm and free;  
Then He pointed me out a little spot,  
And said, "Tend that for Me."

But I answered quickly, "O No, not there,  
Why, no one would ever see  
No matter how well my work was done.  
Not that little place for me."

And the words He spake were not stern;  
He answered me tenderly:  
"Oh, my child, search that heart of thine,  
Art thou working for them or Me?  
Nazareth was just a little place,  
And so was Galilee."



**Pastor had the honor of baptizing LaGreer Surles**

### **Please Pray for Me**

Please pray for me, my friends!  
I need your prayers,  
For there are burdens pressing hard,  
And many cares;  
Pray, too, that Christ will make of me  
The Christian that I ought to be!

Do pray for me, my friend,  
At morning hour,  
That I may not be overborne  
By Satan's power;  
That, 'mid the whirl and maze of  
"things"  
My soul may drink of hidden  
springs.

Cease not to pray for me,  
Though sundered far.  
Come, meet me at the mercy seat  
From where you are;  
Nor time nor distance can divide  
Our hearts that in His love abide!

Thus, praying each for each,  
That will come true  
Of which our Lord and Master  
spake—  
"If two of you"—(Matt 18:19).  
No purer joy may friendship share  
Than in the fellowship of prayer!

*Herald of His Coming*

# 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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