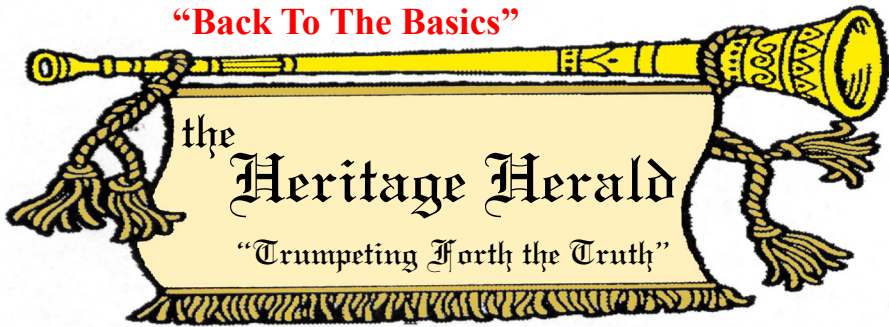


“Back To The Basics”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned
Sunday”

Walking In Truth

INTRODUCTION: Before His crucifixion, Jesus was taken to the Judgment Hall where Pilate, the Roman governor, asked Him the question: “*What is truth?*” (John 18:38). In our Scripture text, we find that Jesus answered that question when He said, “*I am... the truth*” (John 14:6).

FIRST: THE VERY NATURE OF GOD IS TRUTH. JOHN 14:6

A. At least three times in the Bible, the Lord is referred to as the “*God of truth*” (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 31:5; Isaiah 65:16).

- B. At least three times in the Bible, the Holy Spirit is referred to as, “*the Spirit of truth*” (John 14:16-17; 15:26; 16:13).
- C. In I John 5:6, we read “... *the Spirit is truth.*”
- D. When Jesus said, “*I am ... the truth*” (John 14:6), as a part of the Trinity, He was claiming equality with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.
- E. The Apostle Paul re-affirmed this divine characteristic of Christ when he wrote, “... *the truth is in Jesus*” (Ephesians 4:21).
- F. The Apostle John introduced Jesus as “*the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth*” (John 1:14).
- G. There is therefore little wonder that God tells us that we, “... *must worship him in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:23-24).

SECOND: THE WORD OF GOD IS TRUTH.

II TIM. 2:15

- A. Jesus made this clear in one of His last prayers (John 17:17).
- B. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible, having 176 verses with nearly every one of them referring to the Word of God in one way or another.
 - 1. Verse 142 says, “... *thy law is the truth.*”
 - 2. In verse 151 we read, “... *all thy commandments are truth.*”
- C. Paul told Timothy to study, “... *the word of truth*” (II Timothy 2:15).
- D. This is why people with great education that do not study the Bible are said to be, “*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*” (II Timothy 3:7).
- E. Again, in chapter four, Timothy was charged to “*Preach the word*” because people would soon reject it, that is “*the word... sound doctrine*” or “*the truth,*” and replace it with what they want to hear (II Timothy 4:1-4).

THIRD: THE TRUTH IS THE OPPOSITE OF A LIE.

ROMANS 1:25

- A. Jesus speaks the truth (John 8:39-40).
- B. The Devil speaks lies (John 8:44).
- C. Many people will not listen to, or do not believe “*God’s words*” because the Devil is their father and not God (John 8:45-47).
- D. The Bible says that “... *God... cannot lie...*” (Titus 1:2), and that it is, “... *impossible for God to lie...*” (Hebrews 6:18).
- E. Since God is truth and He cannot lie, and since the Devil is a liar, let’s observe some of the Lord’s attitudes and actions concerning lying.

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Dr. Bob Gray

Betrayed

Matthew 26:48, "Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast."

Thirty years ago, a church member turned on me for the first time. I will never forget the hurt and pain. I had led the man to Christ and baptized him. I had salvaged his marriage; yet he turned on me. Since that time, during thirty-three years of pastoring and thirty-seven years of being a Baptist preacher, a year never went by without someone trying to hurt me or my family. However, I thank God I have not lost faith in humanity.

One of the saddest statements a Christian can make is, "I'll never trust another person as long as I live." When a person is hurt by a preacher, that person usually responds by saying, "I'll never trust another preacher as long as I live." That is a tragic statement for a Christian to make.

I once pastored a man who was as pessimistic a man as I have ever met. He had nothing good to say about anybody or anything. To him the glass was never half full, but always half empty. He trusted no one. One day he asked me what his trouble was, and I told him his real problem was that he did not trust himself.

"MY DOCTOR TOLD ME THAT JOGGING COULD ADD YEARS TO MY LIFE. I THINK HE WAS RIGHT. I FEEL 10 YEARS OLDER ALREADY." - MILTON BERLE



Motherhood Tips

By Sarah Chapman

Enjoy each stage of the journey. Each new stage was my favorite stage. If you thoroughly enjoy each stage you won't have any regrets as they grow up.

Make the Bible your manual. Don't parent by emotion or guilt. Feelings change. The Bible never changes. Read good books on parenting that teach Bible lessons. Lean on your husband for wisdom.

Don't get discouraged. When your children are small, you will feel like life is passing you by. They will grow up soon enough. Enjoy every moment. Life returns to normal as they get older.

Build a strong marriage. The best thing you can do for your children is to have a good relationship with their father. Dad is first; then kids. Never get this confused. One day the kids will be gone, but your marriage lasts a lifetime.

Capture their hearts. Parenting is "heart work." Build a strong foundation of love when they are young. As they get older listen to their hearts. Speak to their hearts. Learn what interest them and join them in it.

Finish strong. Your adult children still need you. Although they are no longer under your direct authority, you can become their friend, cheerleader and advisor.

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AS I GET OLDER AND REMEMBER ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE LOST ALONG THE WAY, I THINK, "MAYBE A CAREER AS A TOUR GUIDE WASN'T FOR ME."

A Moment For Thought

The Biden administration unveiled a new website [late June] that directs young girls to information about how to get a secret abortion without their parents' knowledge.

Townhall reports the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, Reproductive Rights.gov, provides information about how to get an abortion and how to get others to pay for it now that states may protect unborn babies by banning abortions again.

The website describes killing unborn babies in abortions as a right" even though the U.S. Supreme Court said there is no right to abortion in its historic ruling *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health...*

While the HHS website very briefly mentions support for pregnant and parenting mothers, such as prenatal care and breastfeeding services, the promotion of abortion and birth control appears to be its main purpose.

1. Pro-life is a scriptural, godly position.
2. Defending the "right to life" is not only the Christian way, but it is also the historic (1776-1973), American way.
3. We claim the right to speak our piece without being threatened, harassed or otherwise intimidated.
4. We maintain our privilege to protest any and all things we believe to be wrong.
5. In all things at all times and for all causes we are peace-loving, nonviolent people.
6. We respect everyone's life and property and oppose the violent or destructive actions of anybody who gets out of line. Anyone who gets violent or destructive should be arrested and prosecuted.
7. For us to remain silent while babies are being butchered is so pagan as to be unthinkable.

1. Not only does God “*hate*” lying, but it is “*an abomination unto him*” (Proverbs 6:16-19).
2. “... *Gehazi, the servant of Elisha...*” became “... *a leper as white as snow*” (II Kings 5:20-27).
3. God killed “*Ananias, with Sapphira his wife*” shortly after Pentecost (Acts 5:1-11).
4. When the people “... *changed the truth of God into a lie... God gave them up...*” (Romans 1:25-26).
5. Paul wrote, “...*putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor...*” (Ephesians 4:25; see also Ephesians 6:10-14a).
6. When the Anti-Christ shall come “... *with all... lying wonders...*” many shall “*perish*” and “*be damned*” (condemned, II Thessalonians 2:8-12).
7. No liars will be allowed in Heaven if they do not get saved (Revelation 21:27).
8. Revelation 21:8 warns us that “... *all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone...*” if they do not get saved.
9. We should have the conviction and prayer of the Psalmist, who cried out, “*I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love.*” (Psalm 119:163).

FOURTH: THE TRUTH IS OUR FREEDOM.

JOHN 8:32

- A. Jesus said “*the truth*” brings freedom (John 8:31-32).
1. We are born again by “*the word of truth*” (James 1:18), so that is freedom from eternal damnation.
 2. “... *he that doeth truth...*” is not ashamed to stand before God (John 3:21), so that is freedom from a guilty conscience.
 3. The Bible says, “... *his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;*” (Psalm 91:4-5), so that is freedom from fear.
- B. On the other hand, Proverbs 19:5 says, “... *he that speaketh lies shall not escape,*” indicating that liars do not have freedom; but that they are captured because of their lies.

FIFTH: THE TRUTH MUST BE CHOSEN.

I TIM. 2:4

- A. In Psalm 119:30 we read, “*I have chosen the way of truth...*”
- B. The Bible says concerning the Lord, “*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*” (I Timothy 2:4)
1. This shows God’s invitation to come to the truth and be saved.
 2. With every Invitation is the choice to accept the offer or to reject it.

SIXTH: THE CHILD OF GOD’S SERVICE IS TO BE CONTROLLED BY TRUTH. JOSH. 24:14

- A. When Joshua drew that line in the sand so to speak, and gave that famous challenge, “... *choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD*” (Joshua 24:15), he also made the statement, “*Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth...*” (Joshua 24:14; see also I Samuel 12:24).
- B. If what we say and what we do are not the same, then we are not walking in truth, but we are living a lie (I John 1:6 & 8; 2:4).

CONCLUSION:

1. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, John wrote, “... *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*” (III John 3-4)
2. Let’s walk in truth seeking to be like Jesus, who said, “*I am... the truth.*”

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)

Food



Treasure Hunt

Fall Program—2023
“Giving Your Best”
 October 8th to November 19th

Wow!

Games



Fun

HORSES



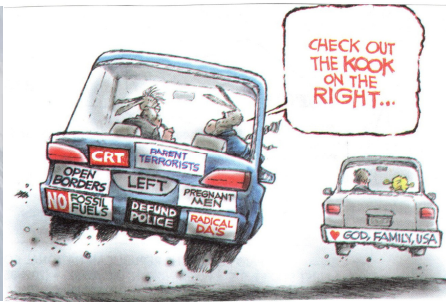
Hayrides

Something to "CROW" about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 33 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 33 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 10th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2024.



A pastor that cares about where you will spend eternity... will preach not what you want to hear but what you need to hear!



Some of y'all come from the "if you quit crying 🙄 I'll buy you something 🇺🇸 generation"

We came from the, "If you don't quit crying 🙄 I will give you something 🇺🇸 to cry about generation"



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Heritage Baptist Church Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot
Saturday, November 11th, 2023
From 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



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

The Four Seasons

At this wonderful time of the year, I am ever reminded of God's handiwork in our lives. Though I am not by nature a cold weather lover, I do marvel at the beauty of the four seasons. The winter's crisp cold may chill the flesh, but our heart is warmed as the beauty of the snow reminds us that we can be washed whiter than snow when we put our faith and trust in Jesus.

Then there is the spring. The budding of new leaves, the hint of warmth in the air, that reminds me of the new life we find in Christ.

Thirdly, we have summer. The sun, the heat of the sun, and the summer fruits remind us of God's perfect provisions in our lives.

Fourthly, we have autumn. What beautiful, magnificent splendor we see all around us as God paints for us breath-taking scenery so awesome it literally takes our breath away. This season reminds me of how God can plant a tiny seed and cause it to grow and blossom, and then bring forth more beauty than we could ever imagine.

As I ponder on those wonderful seasons, I cannot help but think on the seasons of life. In each of the seasons we pass through, God's handiwork needs to be evident. *Ecclesiastes 3:1 reads, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."* Are you letting God work out His purpose in your life?

Can others see Jesus in you? No matter what season of life you are in, remember, *"He hath made everything beautiful in His time."* - *Ecclesiastes 3:11.*



Dr. Jack Hyles

There Is More *II Peter 1:5-10*

May I ask you, Reader, "Are you a soul winner?" Remember that a soul winner is a salvager—one who leads a sinner to choose Christ and leads a saint to choose the will of God, the work of God, and the plan of God.

The lost man is free to choose good, but he cannot do what he chooses because he is lost. He may admire goodness, choose to do good, but he will not do good, for even his righteousness is as filthy rags. *Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."* All he can do is choose Christ. Now that he has chosen Christ, he can choose to do good; and he can do good. *Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."* Now good is available to him, but he needs a soul winner to lead him to choose the good over the bad and be recycled.

The first part of soul winning is choosing Christ so that choosing good will be possible and that good will be available. The second part of soul winning leads the Christian to choose the good that he now can do since he has chosen Christ. He used to hate the penalty of sin; now, he hates sin. He has been delivered from the garbage can of inability to do good. He must be delivered to the recycling of choosing to do the good that is now within his reach because he has chosen Christ.

God not only wants the sinner to come to Christ; He wants the Christian to come to usefulness. He not only wants the soul winner to lead folks from Hell and to Heaven by faith in Christ, but He wants the soul winner to continue his soul winning by leading the Christian to choose to be recycled so that he might once again be used for the purpose for which God made him.



Heritage Highlanders October 2023 Schedule

Saturday October 7

Soulwinning

Saturday October 14

Field Trip

Romans 6:23

Luke 10:12

Saturday October 21

Autumn Craft

Saturday October 28

Baking

Matthew 9:37

Proverbs 31:31

Lest We Forget



Five Star
General Douglas
MacArthur

Duty—Honor—Country

Introduction: General Douglas MacArthur gave this speech at West Point before he passed away. This is only an excerpt of his speech.

Duty—Honor—Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn. Unhappily, I possess neither that eloquence of diction, that poetry of imagination, nor that brilliance of metaphor to tell you all that they mean.

The unbelievers will say they are but words, but a slogan, but a flamboyant phrase. Every pedant, every demagogue, every cynic, every hypocrite, every troublemaker and, I am sorry to say, some others of an entirely different character, will try to downgrade them even to the extent of mockery and ridicule.

You are the leaven which binds together the entire fabric of our national system of defense. From your ranks come the great captains who hold the nation's destiny in their hands the moment the war tocsin sounds. The Long Gray Line has never failed us. Were you to do so, a million ghosts in olive drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses thundering those magic words—Duty- Honor—Country.

This does not mean that you are warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier, above all other people, prays for peace; for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers, "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished tone and tint; they have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday.

I listen vainly, but with thirsty ear, for the witching melody of faint bugles blowing reveille, of far drums beating the long roll. In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange mournful mutter of the battlefield.

But in the evening of my memory, always I come back to West Point. Always there echoes and re-echoes in my ears—Duty—Honor- Country.

Today marks my final roll call with you. But I want you to know that when I cross the river my last conscious thoughts will be of the Corps— and the Corps—and the Corps.

I bid you farewell.

Conclusion: General Douglas MacArthur was the most decorated soldier of all American history.

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

Minnesota Paying For Inmate's Sex-Change Surgery And His Transfer To A Female Prison, Per Settlement

The Minnesota Department of Corrections has reached a settlement with a transvestic inmate who sued over his treatment in prison. Craig Lusk, who changed his name to Christina in 2018, will receive \$500,000 along with a sex-change surgery. In a controversial first for the state, Lusk will be transferred to a women's prison.

—Joseph MacKinnon, *theblaze.com*

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Liberal insanity is on full display here.

GIRL SCOUTS PUSHES LGBT AGENDA

ORLANDO, FL—Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA), which has become a politically divisive, pro-abortion organization that abandoned its mission years ago, is now offering a special patch for members who complete a series of LGBT-themed activities as part of a “multicultural community celebration.”

The organization's website Girl Scout LGBTQ+ Pride Month Celebration Fun Patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders to honor LGBTQ+ history, to celebrate the diverse cultures and identities of LGBTQ+ people, and to acknowledge the many contributions of [sic] the LGBTQ+ community has made and continues to make across our nation. Girls and leaders have plenty of activities to choose from to earn this fun patch, and we encourage girls of all identities to participate.”

—lc.org EDITOR'S COMMENTS: in the details provided by Liberty Counsel. It is absolutely sickening to see the degree to which GSUSA will engage girls at all age levels in this perverted agenda. It is so pathetic as to be child abuse.

What Is Wokeism?

I'm sure you've heard the term “woke” as it gets bantered all about these days. It is a definitive term that describes the chant and cry of anew crowd of revolutionaries.

They live here within the boundaries of “the land of the free and the home of the brave” (Francis Scott Key), but they are committed to something altogether foreign to the values our founders. Rejecting all things Christian and despising the Jews, they are fermenting turmoil with the intent of “fundamentally transforming” (Barack Hussein Obama) America.

Who is the “woke” mob? Why are they so angry? What are they up to?

The term “woke” broke onto the stage of our society in the early 1960s, but only in the last two decades has it become an openly avowed movement in America. With pro-communist radicals like the founders of the phony Black Lives Matter group and other neo-Marxist revolutionaries, they have taken to the streets burning, looting and even killing to achieve their agenda.

Others of the same vintage are less violent but are fomenting discontent on college campuses and demanding time in front of the network cameras.

What kind of **seed** are **you** sowing?



Chocolate Cream Cups

3 oz bittersweet chocolate (70% cocoa), broken up	1/4 tsp kosher salt
1 tbsp unsalted butter, cut up	1/2 tsp vanilla
1 3/4 cups heavy cream	Sweetened Whipped Cream (below)
3 egg yolks	Chocolate curls, ground cinnamon and/or unsweetened cocoa powder (optional)
1/4 cup sugar	

1. Set six 4-oz ramekins on a rimmed baking sheet or platter. Place chocolate and butter in a 4-cup measuring cup or bowl (preferably one with a spout). Set a fine-mesh sieve over top.
2. In a small saucepan, whisk together cream, yolks, sugar and salt. Cook over medium-high, whisking constantly, until cream thickens and bubbles, 6 to 7 minutes.
3. Pour hot cream through the sieve, onto the chocolate and butter. Let stand 5 minutes. Using an immersion blender or whisk, blend until completely smooth. Stir in vanilla.
4. Pour mixture into ramekins. Let cool on a wire rack until room temperature, about 20 minutes. Cover and refrigerate until completely chilled. (Two hours will do, but overnight deepens the flavors.) Top with Sweetened Whipped Cream and, if desired, chocolate curls, cinnamon and/or cocoa powder, **MAKES 6 SERVINGS.**

SWEETENED WHIPPED CREAM In a medium bowl, combine 1/2 cup heavy cream, 2 tbsp sugar and 1/2 tsp vanilla. Beat with a mixer on medium-high until soft peaks form, 2 to 2 1/2 minutes.

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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