

“Restore in 2024”



FROM THE DESK OF:

GERALD B. COLLINGSWORTH, PASTOR

The Restoration of Priorities

Haggai 1:1-11



*Pastor & Mrs.
Collingsworth*

INTRODUCTION: We discover from Haggai that a life lived without proper priorities is life that neglects the will and the work of God. Haggai teaches us to put “first things first”. From him we learn that the first priority in life is doing the work of God.

The theme we have chosen for 2024 is, **“Restore in 2024,”** and for certain the restoration of priorities should be at the head of those things we should look to restore.

FIRST: THE CURSE OF A MISDIRECTED LIFE.

HAGGAI 1:6

1. God will never bless the way of neglect and rebellion. His blessings come to the obedient. *Isaiah 1:19-20*, **“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.”**

2. Putting other things first is a costly way to live. *Haggai 1:6*, **“Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink; but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put into a bag with holes.”**

Illustration: I Kings 20:40, **“...thy servant was busy here and there...”** But he was busy doing the wrong things.

SECOND: THE COMMAND TO FOLLOW.

HAGGAI 1:8

1. Putting first things first requires service to God. *Haggai 1:8*, **“Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.”**

2. The Christian life is a challenge, a fight, a race, a warfare. It requires courage and persistence. *I Corinthians 15:58*, **“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”**

Illustration: Matthew 4:19, **“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”** When was the last time you tried to lead someone to Christ?

Continued



Dr. Tom Neal

Get Into The Fight

Jude 3

I do not believe in the universal church or the invisible church. I believe in the doctrine of the local church. We should not fall prey to the ideas that have been propagated by the universal church or by the electronic church. Neither of these institutions are churches. There is only one church, the local New Testament church. I ought to fret myself about that doctrine.

I ought to fret myself about the Word of God. I still believe we have a Bible, the King James Bible. God has preserved His Word. I do not care what the college professors say or how much they make fun of us fundamentalists! I am going to get a contentious spirit when somebody questions the Bible. I am going to question the man's motives, his beliefs, and his purpose if he be not true to the precious Word of God. I am saying that it is time for Bible-believing fundamentalists to once again start contending for the faith. I am talking about Oliver Greene's fundamentalism. I am talking about Lester Roloff's fundamentalism, John Rice's fundamentalism, and Jack Hyles's fundamentalism. It is time we get a contentious spirit about fundamentalism. It is time we say, "I am going to contend for the faith." All of us are responsible to contend for the faith.

Apple Delight



1 cup all-purpose flour	1/4 tsp salt
3/4 cup regular rolled oats	1/2 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar, divided	6 apples, peeled and sliced 1/2 inch thick (6 cups)
1/2 tsp baking powder	Vanilla ice cream (optional)
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon	

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a medium bowl, stir together flour, oats, 1/2 cup brown sugar, the baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Add butter and rub it in with your fingertips to make a uniform, crumbly mixture.
2. In a 9-inch pie plate or a 2-quart square baking dish, toss sliced apples and remaining 1/4 cup brown sugar together. Top evenly with the crumb mixture.
3. Bake until the top is golden brown and apples are tender when pierced with a fork, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool a few minutes before serving—with ice cream, if you like.



Marlene Evans

Redbirds, Rubies and Rainbows



Redbirds, rubies and rainbows are creations of God that have become special to me for one reason or another. As I've talked about them to ladies throughout the country, they have seemed to "spread like wildfire."

Redbirds remind me of God's love for and to us; rainbows are used of God as a token of love and trust between God and His children: "***I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth***" (*Gen. 9:13*); rubies are precious stones that can be used to remind us of what God wants us to be. "***... for her price is far above rubies***" (*Prov. 31:10*); "***...for the price of wisdom is above rubies***" (*Job 28:18*); "***For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it***" (*Prov. 8:11*).

This book includes my thoughts on many things God has used to help me in my Christian life. Of course, any "thing" that we look at should serve only as a reminder. Only the God who made the redbird can give us real love; only the God who made the ruby can keep us pure and make our lives worth something; only the God who made the rainbow can keep all His promises.

THIRD: THE CHALLENGE TO CONSIDER.

HAGGAI 1:9-11

1. Putting first thing first received the approval of God. **Haggai 1:8, "...and I will take pleasure in it..."** To hear Jesus say, **"Well done, good and faithful servant"** will be worth all that it costs and much more. (**Matthew 25:25**).

2. Putting first things first glories God. **Haggai 1:8, "...and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."** The ultimate end of the salvation of sinners is the glory of God. **Ephesians 1:6, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."**

Illustration: Make the first day of the week, "Sunday", a priority. Make the first part of your day a time to spend with your Saviour in prayer. Make the first part of your finances a tithe to support the work of God.

CONCLUSION: I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Doing all to the glory of God should be the guiding principle in every Christian's life.

Remember, it all begins with trusting Christ as your Saviour, not before. **Luke 19:10**

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 WIFE CALLED HER HUSBAND AT WORK. "HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED PIERCING PAIN ALL OVER? AS IF SOMEBODY HAD A VOODOO DOLL OF YOU AND WAS STICKING PINS INTO IT?" "UM... NO, NOT REALLY," HE REPLIED, CONFUSED. "HMMM," SHE SAID. "WHAT ABOUT NOW?"

"REMEMBER THAT THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT WHAT YOU GIVE, OR HOW YOU WRAP IT. THE IMPORTANT THING, DURING THIS VERY SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR, IS THAT YOU SAVE THE RECEIPT.



John R. Rice

Never Alone

Hebrews 13:5

I've seen the lightning flashing.
And heard the thunder roll,
I've felt sin's breakers dashing,
Trying to conquer my soul;
I've heard the voice of my Saviour
Bidding me still to fight on;
He promised never to leave me.
Never to leave me alone!

When in affliction's valley
I tread the road of care,
My Saviour helps me carry
The cross so heavy to bear:
Tho' all around me is darkness,
Earthly joys all flow;
My Saviour whispers His promise.
Never to leave me alone!

The world's fierce winds are blowing;
Temptation sharp and keen;
I have a peace in knowing
My Saviour stands between—
He stands to shield me from danger
When my friends are all gone;
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me Alone!

He died on Calvary's mountain,
For me they pierced His side,
For me He opened that fountain.
The crimson, cleansing tide;
For me He waiteth in glory,
Seated upon His throne;
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone!

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 MECHANIC WAS REMOVING THE CYLINDER HEADS FROM A CAR ENGINE WHEN HE SPOTTED A FAMOUS HEART SURGEON, STANDING OFF TO THE SIDE, WAITING FOR THE SERVICE MANAGER TO LOOK AT HIS MERCEDES. THE MECHANIC SHOUTED, “COME OVER HERE A MINUTE!” THE SURGEON WALKED OVER. THE MECHANIC, WIPED HIS HANDS ON A RAG AND SAID, “OK, DOC, LOOK HERE. I OPEN HEARTS, TAKE VALVES OUT, GRIND THEM, PUT IN NEW PARTS, AND WHEN I’M FINISHED THIS BABY WILL PURR LIKE A KITTEN. SO HOW COME YOU GET THE BIG BUCKS WHEN WE’RE DOING BASICALLY THE SAME WORK?” THE DOCTOR LEANED OVER AND WHISPERED, “TRY DOING IT WITH THE ENGINE RUNNING.”



Crystal Collingsworth

But If Not

God is good all the time and all the time God is good. How many times have you heard that phrase or even quoted it yourself? Everyone loves to talk about the goodness of God. We write epithets and sing about it; we hang our Christianity on that fact, but do we actually believe it?

When our prayers don't get answered, when the storms overtake us, when life isn't all sunshine and roses, do we still believe that God is good?

People seem to have this strange notion that serving God means that everything will always go right, that there will only be smooth sailing. Perhaps these people have never read the Bible. The Bible talks over and over again about trials, tribulations, sufferings, persecutions, and afflictions. We're told to endure hardness (*II Timothy 2:3*), endure afflictions (*II Timothy 4:5*), endure grief (*I Peter 2:19*), and endure chastening (*Hebrews 12:7*). There will be persecutions and tribulations for us to endure according to *II Thessalonians 1:4*. The Christian life is far from easy.

The Bible is filled with story after story about the different circumstances that God's people encountered: being enslaved, threatened to be killed, thrown into prisons or lions' dens, cast into fiery furnaces, beaten, loss of loved ones, and the list goes on and on. So, what makes us think that if we serve God nothing will ever go wrong? And when things do go wrong, why are we surprised?

When the troubles come, will we be like those three Hebrew children who believed that God COULD spare them “from the fiery furnace, but knew that it may not be His will, or will we question why a loving God would allow such a horrible thing to happen?

Should we not realize that regardless of the circumstances, or the outcome for that matter, God is good? But let us not just say that God is good, let us truly believe it. We need to teach people that God's goodness doesn't mean that everything will go our way. God's goodness means that He knows best, and has a purpose and plan for everything that he allows in our lives. When troubles come, and they will, may we boldly proclaim, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, **but if not**, God is still good!"



Dr. Jack Hyles

The Local Church Colossians 1:18

All right, now I'm really going to shock you. Hold on to your seats and get ready—fasten your safety belt for a minute! All believers do not form the body of Christ. The local church is the body of Christ. Now I'm going to show you. Open your Bibles to **Colossians 1:18**. Some of you are shocked because you've been hanging around the non-denominational crowd too much, and you've not been hanging around Baptists enough. **Colossians 1:18, "And he (that's Jesus) is the head of the body, the church."** Jesus is the head of the body, and that's the church. Is that right? Now the word, "church," in this verse is the word, "ecclesia," a called-out assembly. So Jesus is the head of the called-out assembly. Now you won't find any way to disprove that. He's the head of the called-out assembly!

Open your Bibles to **Acts 20:17, "And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church."** All right, look at me. What church is He talking about there? "The church at Ephesus." Yes, he called for the elders of the church. What does the word, "church," mean? "Called-out assembly." Right! He wasn't talking about a denomination! He said, "the church." The church was like First Baptist Church of Hammond, a called-out assembly.

Look down to **Acts 20:28**. He's talking to these elders of this church. **"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."** He's talking about a flock. What flock? "The church at Ephesus." Whatever church He's talking about here, the Holy Ghost put these pastors over it, right? All right **"...to feed the church of God."**

Let me ask you a question. Could these fellows at Ephesus feed believers in Asia? No, they're feeding folks at Ephesus. He said, **"Take heed...to feed the church of God."** That is the local church at Ephesus, **"which he hath purchased with his own blood."** He purchased the local church at Ephesus with His own blood. If **Jesus purchased the local church with His own blood, it is time you made a big deal about it!**



Heritage Highlanders January 2024 Schedule

Saturday January 6

Card Making

Saturday January 13

All About Me

Proverbs 31:20

Philippians 4:13

Saturday January 20

Soulwinning

Saturday January 27

Snow Ice Cream

Isaiah 12:2

Proverbs 26:1

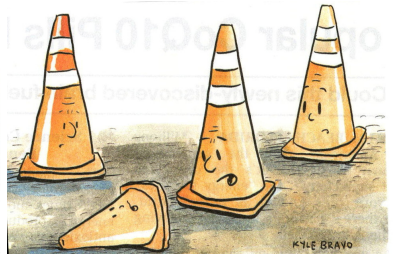
A PHOTOGRAPHER WAS HIRED TO TAKE PICTURES AT A LAWYERS' CONVENTION. AFTER LINING EVERYONE UP FOR A GROUP SHOT, HE SHOUTED, "ON THE COUNT OF THREE, EVERYONE SAY, FEES!"



"You were the whistleblower?
Some best friend you turned out to be!"



"Last Christmas, some fat guy in a red suit
got past me. Not this year!"



"Heeeeelp! Somebody heeeeelp!"

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

Joe Biden's Idea Of Fighting Terrorists

In one day, Hamas slaughtered more than 1,400 people, most of them noncombatant civilians. Many Hamas victims—including infants, young children and the elderly—were tortured, mutilated and even beheaded. These evil terrorists also kidnapped more than 200 hostages—again, mostly civilians. Jewish babies were beheaded. At least one was baked in an oven alive.

In return for their savagely, the Palestinian Authority (PA) will pay a lifetime "terrorist pension" to the butchers who perpetrated this evil. Meanwhile, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) schools in Palestinian territory Gaza and throughout the region teach children as young as six years old that martyrdom and jihad are, "glorious," even as they are taught to sing "from the river to the sea," a public proclamation of the Palestinians' desire to eradicate the State of Israel and all Jewish people from the face of the earth.

All of this is supported and funded with American taxpayer dollars. Joe Biden wants to funnel \$100 million more to Hamas-ruled Gaza and Palestinian Authority-ruled territories in Judea and Samaria.

Disneyworld Launches Pronoun Pins For Employees To Declare Their Sexual Identity

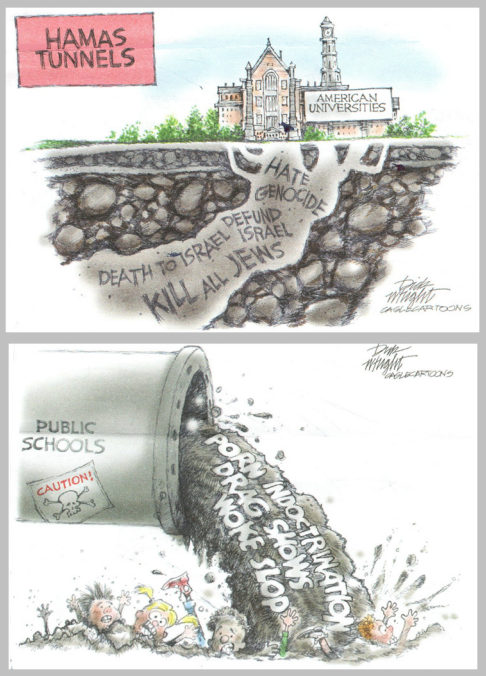
Disney World is beginning to allow employees to add their self-declared pronouns to their official name pins, with the idea first being introduced for custodial staff at Epcot Park.

In recent years, Disney has weathered allegations that the family entertainment company has become increasingly "woke" regarding both the content of it's television and movie offerings, as well as how it handles diversity and inclusiveness behind the scenes.

Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

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

Why I Support Church Schools



Lest We Forget

Belgian children travel to Flanders Field American Cemetery to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" every Memorial Day. They've done this since 1919.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

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

Heritage Baptist Church

77 Saxe Road
Mogadore Village, OH 44260
(330) 628-9559

Gerald B. Collingsworth, Pastor
WWW.CHURCHINTHEBARN.COM

