

“Restore in 2024”



JUNE 2024

FROM THE DESK OF:

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Pastor and Mrs.
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Fathers! What Do You See?

Introduction: *II Kings 20:15, “And he said, what have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen.”*

Our text has its setting in Old Testament history. Hezekiah, the king, has been seriously ill. He turned his face to the wall and prayed for God to give him some more time in which to perform the duties of a king.

The man of God asked him, “... *What have they seen in thine house?*”

FIRST: THEY SHOULD SEE CHRIST IN THE HOME.

MARK 2:1

I have been in homes where they had a motto on the wall which reads as follows: “Christ is the head of this home, the unseen Guest at every meal, the silent Listener to every conversation.”

Illustration: In **Mark 2:1**, it was noticed that Jesus was in this person’s house.

SECOND: THEY SHOULD SEE LOVE IN THE HOME.

EPHESIANS 5:25

The home should be founded in love. The children should be born in love. Love should abound in every area of home life. Yes, love and companionship and sweet-fellowship should prevail in every home.

Illustration: “*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church...*”

THIRD: THEY SHOULD SEE THE BIBLE IN YOUR HOME.

LUKE 4:17

This great Book should not be on the shelf gathering dust or on a table where it is never used. Your children should see it in your hands and they should hear its stories from your lips. Yes, they ought to see the Bible and hear it read in your home.

Illustration: Jesus is our example and the Bible says, “*And when he had opened the book...*”

FOURTH: THEY SHOULD SEE PRAYER IN YOUR HOME.

ACTS 4:31

I am amazed to learn that some people do not even ask the blessing at meal time. I have seen pigs eating nuts under a tree, but they never look up to see where the nuts came from. But I cannot imagine people sitting down to eat three times a day and not thanking God who gave them their food.

Illustration: The secret to the early church’s success: “*An when they had prayed...*”

FIFTH: THEY SHOULD SEE DISCIPLINE IN YOUR HOME.

PROVERBS 22:6

By discipline I do not mean cruelty, but I do mean loving correction. When you see a child who does not know how to behave in church or in Sunday School or in public, you can just know that they have not had the right discipline at home.

Continued



John R. Rice

"And Ye Fathers"

Ephesians 6:4

Mothers are mentioned in the Bible three hundred and sixty-three times on my count, but fathers are mentioned five times as often—over thirteen hundred times. God intended the father to be an image of God the Father. He is to be the high priest of his family. He is to be the king and the judge, the counselor, the provider, the avenger of wrong!

It is natural and good that one should have very sweet memories and a warmth of heart about his mother. My own mother died when I was five years old. What memories I have of her are very sweet. How capable and wise, how tender, how devoted to Christ she was, even as I remember her today and her glorious Home-going. But long years went by when my father was my only parent. So the profound impact of my father upon my character and convictions and happiness was many times that of my mother.

To me, my father was a knight in shining armor! He was wiser than all my teachers. His standards of conduct and integrity were so strong that I had a godly fear lest I should ever disappoint him.

There is no way for me to tell the impact of my father's character and standards on me and on the rest of the family. We felt it the most natural thing in the world when he was elected to the state legislature, that he was a friend, first of Senator Joe Bailey and later of Governor Pat Neff.

Oh, that every father in America had the standards and character of my own father! How blessed and how blessed of God would this righteous nation then be!

A Tribute To Dad

The six of us had tried and tried
To find the gift to please our Dad;
Something common would not do
To show our love in some way new.

But: impossible task! Soon we found
There was no gift suitably grand
To show our thanks for a father's tears,
Love, compassion, through these years.

How does one measure and then repay
Qualities intangible and yet so essential?
Integrity, conviction, purity, zeal,
Firmness combined with sweet appeal!

Foolish thought! to hope any gift.
However fine, could somehow reward
These treasures of soul, heart and mind.
Yes, impossible task, a gift to find.

O God, You know we love him so.
We're not content this day to pass
Without at least some symbol of this grace,
Some token as we these years retrace.

Lord, we know what would please him best
And we'll give it, God help us, forever—

Our lives for Christ, in every way,
Just as Dad showed us day by day.

As wives and mothers, teachers, too,
We'll demonstrate these lessons taught by you
To be prayerful, loving, eager for souls,
Watchful, earnest—these are our goals.

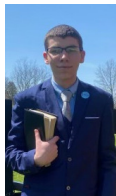
This, dear Dad, is our gift to you,
As we thank God for these good years
Our promise, our pledge, by God's help to be
The kind of women
you've dreamed we
would be.

And, watching our
walk, our dress, and
our talk,
People will say (as
they always do),
"Those are the
daughters of John
R. Rice."
May they also say,
"They are daughters
of Christ."



Just a reminder: This poem was written by the six daughters of John R. Rice who all trusted Christ and married pastors and missionaries. Their names are Joy, Joanna, Jessie, Elizabeth, Mary and Grace.

"The convictions you develop today will determine success tomorrow."
Congratulations to:



Benjamin
Baker



Karissa
Kline



Rachel
Oswald



David
Oswald

Heritage Baptist Academy Graduation Service:
Sunday Evening June 9th, 7:00 PM



**"REMOVE ALL THE ADDITIVES?
THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT!"**

**CHILDREN HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF
WILLPOWER - AND EVEN MORE
WON'T POWER.**

Illustration: "Train up a child in the way he should go..."

SIXTH: THEY SHOULD SEE PEACE IN THE HOME.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

After all, that is what the home is for. We go out into the world and it beats us down and leaves us broken and baffled. We need a place where we can find peace for our troubled hearts.

Illustration: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding..."

SEVENTH: THEY SHOULD SEE A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE IN THE HOME.

ACTS 11:24

Every father and mother has been called to the holy task of teaching. The Bible tells us that if we bring up a child in the way he should go he will not depart from that way.

Illustration: It was said of Barnabas, "For he was a good man..."

CONCLUSION: It is obvious that if you are a Christian these things should be seen and experienced in your home. If not, then why?

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)



Heritage Highlanders June 2024 Schedule

Saturday June 1

Summer Survival Guide

Saturday June 8

Graduation—God's Plan

John 10:10

Proverbs 16:9

Saturday June 15

Fathers' Day

Saturday June 22

Soul Winning

Saturday June 29

Truth

Ephesians 6:1

Romans 1:16

John 18:38

"The only alternative to soul winning is disobedience to Christ."

Curtis Hutson



*Dr. & Mrs.
Bob Gray*

Charm

**Proverbs 31:30, Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.**

Your mind is precious. Fill it with good books and good music. They talk about computers and say, "Garbage in, garbage out." If you put garbage into your mind, you will get garbage out of your mind. Read good books and listen to good music. Of course, the Bible should be the main Book in your life. Try reading books. Try reading some good authors. Do not read junk. I like history. I like reading things about people's lives. I love to read about Thomas Edison and Abraham Lincoln. You learn so much from reading good literature and listening to good music. I don't mean the 'easy listening' type of music, but classical music. Try a little Beethoven, a little Bach, or whatever. I used to only take five minutes of them (Beethoven and Bach), and it drove me nuts. I can now listen to about thirty minutes of it before I say, "Shut it off." I am growing in that area. My husband loves it. There is a stretch of highway in Illinois where you can listen to a classical music station for miles. When we visit that area he turns that station on. I have a hard time tolerating very much of it, but I am learning. I try to fill my mind with things that will be helpful to me, and I am older than you. If I have to try, that means you have to try.

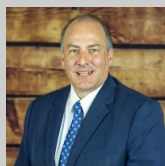
In closing, let me summarize the word "charm". It includes your mind, your radiance, your attitude, your honesty, and your character. Being charming will help you. Charm will make you usable for whatever God has for your life. It is wrong when we say, "Lord, use me." Instead we should be saying, "Lord, make me usable." Be usable for whatever God has for your life. You do not know what God wants you to do. I married a student at Michigan State University in his senior year. He thought he was going to be a high school business teacher or a football coach. I had already gone to nursing school, and I thought I was going to work in nursing until I got too old. I had no idea what we would be years later, and you don't either. God chose to do something else with him. He never did get to coach football or teach. He ended up working at General Motors as an accountant. I thought he would do that for the rest of his life. Then, at age twenty-eight, God called him into the ministry. I am a long way from Michigan where I was born and reared. My husband was born in Arkansas and reared in Michigan. We are the happiest we can be in what we are doing. You may have your whole life planned, or at least think you do, but you don't know what you are going to be.

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 34 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 34 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 10th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2024.



4. Scheduled Meetings in 2024.



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Tom Neal



Joseph
Collingsworth



July 21st
Dr. Bob Gray

Old-Time Religion Conference—June 16th-18th

Why I Love my Pastor

The reason why I love my pastor is because he stands for truth and right. He never wavers. His heart is strong and true, his belief firmly planted in God's Word. He makes the Bible plain from the pulpit. That is why I love my Pastor.

-Lily Smith

“The secret of revival will always be the same. There is no shortcut or modern way to open Heaven and the floodgates of blessing.”

A. B. Simpson

“Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist.”

Oswald J. Smith



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Father's Day Memories

It has been many years since my parents have passed away, but there is not a day that I don't think about them. Even when I see my children and grandchildren I often catch glimpses of expressions or actions that remind me of them.

People will often ask me about my dad. My father served in the Marine Corps during WW II and Korea. One of my favorite pictures of him was a military picture. He was so very handsome.

My dad truly was a strong, quiet man. He wasn't overly talkative, so when he spoke I took notice and paid attention. He would come home from work, walk through the door, crouch down with his arms wide open and I would run to get my “Big Daddy Hug”.

There are two moments in time that immediately come to mind when I think of dad's influence in my life.

He taught me to be determined and not quit. I asked for a new bike, but he said not until I learned to ride without training wheels. My physical handicap hindered me a bit, but after days of bumps and bruises I succeeded in this task. The next day he walked through the door with a brand new bike! He taught me to be determined and not quit.

My father also taught me the importance of budgeting your money. At the age of 12 or 13, I asked if I could have a weekly allowance of \$5.00. (\$5.00 went so much farther in the 1960's!)

He questioned me as to what I would do with this money. So I sat down and wrote out a budget and submitted to him. Upon his careful review his consent for my allowance was granted.

These two life lessons seem small, yet they had a great impact on my life.

I now am in my senior years, yet his impressions in my life feel as fresh as though it was just yesterday. Thank you, Dad. I love you.



Dr. Bob Gray

Personal Soul Winning

The most productive way to make sure the Gospel is given to a lost world is by pursuing the lost. When God's people are actively spreading the Gospel to the lost, then and only then will there be productivity.

Dr. John R. Rice reintroduced personal soul winning to fundamentalism. Dr. Jack Hyles became one of the earliest forces in fundamentalism to carry aggressive soul winning into the local church setting. As a result, he saw significant growth in the number of personal soul winners in his own church as well as around the country. We are living off the impact of these two great men of God. We are enjoying the benefits of two men who crisscrossed this nation challenging men, women, boys, and girls to be active personal soul winners. This is God's plan!

When we spend our time preaching and teaching against false doctrine, and when we rest on the fact that we have effectively exposed them, we have fallen into a trap. In essence, we are letting people go to Hell while we sanctimoniously sit at home relishing in our theological superiority.

No human being has the power to send another human being to Hell; we merely let them go to Hell by not presenting the Gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as payment for their sins.

"Salvation is not a prize that you win at the end of a race. It is a gift that enables you to run the race."



Lemon Raspberry Panna Cotta

2 cups heavy cream	1 (1/4 oz.) envelope unflavored gelatin
1 cup whole milk	2 tbsp. cold water
1/2 cup granulated sugar	1 cup small fresh raspberries
3 (3-inch) lemon peel strips	

1. Combine the cream, milk, sugar, and lemon peel strips in a medium saucepan; bring just to a simmer over medium-high, stirring occasionally to dissolve the sugar. Remove from the heat, and let steep for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Meanwhile, sprinkle the gelatin over the cold water in a small saucepan; let stand for 2 minutes. Cook over low just until the gelatin dissolves, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat.
3. Stir the gelatin mixture into the cream mixture. Remove and discard the lemon peel strips. Divide the mixture among 8 (6-ounce) ramekins or custard cups. Cover and chill until set, at least 8 hours.
4. Dip the ramekins into a bowl of very hot water for about 5 seconds; run a thin knife or offset spatula around the outside of the custards, and invert onto serving plates. Top with the raspberries.

Variation: For variety, you can make this as a simple vanilla panna cotta, going heavier with the vanilla extract or vanilla bean paste instead of the lemon. You could also take advantage of seasonal fruit, such as peaches or nectarines, and add a few slices to the side of the plate as a garnish.

"The atonement of Christ is sufficient for all the world, but it is efficient only for those who believe.

A. C. Dixon



Dr. Greg Neal

The Old Paths Jeremiah 6:16

We do not need the new age movement. We need the old paths. We need the old path of the preaching of the Word of God. There was a day when every church preached from the Word of God, but that is not true today. We cannot find many churches that say, "Thus saith the Lord." As a nation, we must embrace the preaching of the Word of God instead of running from the preaching of the Word of God. We must ask for the preaching of the Word of God.

That is why we should never get tired of the preaching of the Word of God. We need the preaching of the Word of God in our nation. It is the foolishness of preaching that God blesses. It is the foolishness of preaching that God uses. Do not listen to these compromising pastors who say, 'Well, we just don't preach like that because...' No, they do not do it because they cannot do it. They do not do it because they do not have the touch of God on their lives. We must ask for the old paths of the preaching of the Word of God.

We must have that old path, that old-time house of God, that old-time church. We must have that old-fashioned church that stands against sin, so that the community and the politicians know that our local church is going to be against sin. They should know this church is not going to go along with sin. They should know that we are not just going to stand idly by. It used to be that way in every church. Every church used to speak out against sin. Every church used to speak out about the things that were against the Word of God. We must have all those old paths: the old path of morality, the old path of decency, the old path of honesty, the old path of character, and the old path of getting in the Word of God and letting the Word of God change us and mold us more in the likeness of Christ. We must have the old paths.

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

US LARGEST PHARMACIES WILL BEGIN SELLING CHEMICAL ABORTIONS

CVS and Walgreens, the two largest pharmacy chains in America, announced in late February 2024 that they will begin selling the abortion pill Mifepristone in select states. While the drug will only be available by prescription, it will soon become accessible in pharmacies within states that do not ban abortion or require a physician to administer the drug in person.

This announcement is a result of many regulatory changes the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has made regarding Mifepristone over the last eight years. Most recently, the FDA has allowed retail pharmacies to get certified to dispense Mifepristone. Both CVS and Walgreens concurrently stated they received the necessary certification from the FDA to dispense the drug. —Liberty Counsel

PRESIDENT BIDEN DECLARES "TRANSGENDER VISIBILITY DAY"

Shortly after taking office in January 2021, President Biden declared March 31 to be noted as "Transgender Visibility Day." Somehow, that was kept "under the radar" and made no news until 2024, when March 31 was also Easter Sunday.

Instead of making an adjustment to the schedule, the Administration let it stand. Thus, Resurrection Sunday and the nation's "Transgender Visibility Day" were both on the same day. These "Woke Warriors" know no shame. Their agenda is totally at odds with the Christian faith!

PRESIDENTS BUDGET PUSHES FOR BILLIONS ON WOKE AGENDA

Since [President] Biden took office, the federal government has doled out huge sums to prop up Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and LGBTQ projects in the U.S. and around the globe.

Biden's budget, proposed earlier in March, drew attention for its many proposed tax increases and \$7.3 trillion in proposed spending.

The White House announced that the budget includes \$3 billion to "advance gender equity and equality worldwide," a request that is several hundred million dollars more than last year's budget.

On top of that, the budget provides hundreds of millions of dollars to train the next generation of school teachers in progressive orthodoxy on race, gender and sexuality issues. -TN Conservative News

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

"Christians seem to act as if they thought God did not see what they do in politics. But I tell you He does see it and He will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics."

**A BOY WAS TAKEN TO THE DENTIST, WHERE IT WAS DISCOVERED
HE HAD A CAVITY THAT NEEDED FILLED.**

**"YOUNG MAN," THE DENTIST ASKED, "WHAT KIND OF FILLING
WOULD YOU LIKE FOR THAT TOOTH?"**

**THE BOY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT AND THEN REPLIED,
"CHOCOLATE, PLEASE."**

**Ladies 2024 Retreat
Friday August 16th
7:00PM
All ladies are invited.
Special Speaker:
Mrs. Tracie Burns**



Lest We Forget

The Hidden Angel



**Florence
Finch**

When Florence Finch died at the age of 101, few of her Ithaca, New York, neighbors knew that this unassuming Filipina native was a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, whose courage and sacrifice were unsurpassed in the Pacific War against Japan. Long accustomed to keeping her secrets in service of the Allies, she waited fifty years to reveal the story of those dramatic and harrowing days to her own children.

Florence was an unlikely warrior. On her own from the age of seven, she relied upon her intelligence and fortitude to survive, facing bigotry as a mixed-race mestiza with the dual heritage of her American serviceman father and Filipina mother.

As war drew ever closer to the Philippines, Florence fell in love with a dashing American naval intelligence agent, Charles "Bing" Smith. In the wake of Bing's heroic death in battle, Florence transformed from a mild-mannered young wife into a fervent resistance fighter. She conceived a bold plan to divert tons of precious fuel from the Japanese army, which was then sold on the black market to provide desperately needed medicine and food for hundreds of American POWs. In constant peril of arrest and execution, Florence fought to save others, even as the Japanese police closed in.

Florence was eventually captured and tortured for carrying secret information for America and was imprisoned. While awaiting execution, she was wonderfully liberated by American troops.

In 1948, she was awarded America's highest civilian honor, The Medal of Freedom.

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, 1 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.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 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 Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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