

“Restore in 2024”



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America's Greatest Kept Secret

Introduction: I am a Baptist! I am a Baptist by conviction! I am proud to be connected with the great, John – the Baptist!

Matthew 11:11, “Verify I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist...”

I contend that the greatest cover-up in American history is the history and the influence of the Baptist. I challenge you to study the history of the Danbury Baptists and their influence on Thomas Jefferson. Freedom of religion and freedom of speech are connected to their urging Jefferson to consider their concerns.

Consider some of the Baptists in American history.

FIRST: JOHN GANO – SOLDIER AND BAPTIST PREACHER.

MARK 11:30

John Gano served in General George Washington's army, where he kept the same moral purity as a soldier as he maintained as a pastor before the war.

Because of the Revolutionary War, John Gano was out of the Pastorate for 8 years of his life. During the time, he never stopped witnessing or sharing his faith. Because of his testimony General George Washington decided to follow in Baptist baptism in the Hudson River.

Daniel Gano, one of John Gano's sons an artillery officer with the rank of Captain, said that he and 40 officers and men attended the baptism of George Washington.

In 1908, E.T. Sanford of Manhattan's North church commissioned a painting of Gano baptizing Washington during the war. It was hung in the Baptist church at Ashbury, New Jersey, until Gano's great grandmother donated it to William Jewell College in 1926.

History Reference: The archives of First Baptist Church, New York, New York, “The baptism of George Washington.”

SECOND: SHUBAL STEARNS – SEPARATIST AND BAPTIST PREACHER. II CO. 6:14-17

Shubal Stearns was born on January 28, 1706. In 1745, he joined “The New Lights Congregationalist Movement.” In 1751, he was convinced that Christians were to be baptized by believer's baptism by immersion. So convinced that on May 20, 1751, he joined the Baptist and was ordained as a Baptist preacher.

Everywhere he went souls were saved. In June of 1755, he was asked to start a Baptist church in Sandy Creek, North Carolina – upon his arrival a Baptist church was started with 16 members. As Shubal grew in grace and knowledge of the Lord, the hand of God was placed by the Holy Spirit on Sandy Creek Baptist Church. In just a few short years the church grew from 16 to over 600.

Stearns did not believe that salvation by grace was an excuse for sin. He preached salvation gave you the power to live for Christ. He preached about salvation by grace and

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John R. Rice

Read Your Bible

1 Timothy 4:13

That great prayer warrior George Muller tells us how to read the Word of God.

1. Read the Scriptures regularly through. Read alternately portions from the Old and New Testaments. Begin at the beginning of each. Mark where you leave off and begin there next time. When you have finished each Testament, begin it again.

2. Read with prayer. You cannot by your own wisdom understand the Word of God. In all your reading of the Scriptures seek carefully the help of the Holy Spirit. Ask for Jesus' sake that He will enlighten you,

3. Read with meditation. Ponder over what you read. The truth is thus applied to your heart. You see new and deeper meanings. It is better to think over a little than merely to read a great deal.

4. Read with reference to yourself. Never read only with a view to instructing others but for your own teaching. Receive blessings yourself first and you will communicate them to others. Always ask yourself, "How does this affect me?"

5. Read with faith. Not as statements which you may believe or not but as the revealed Word of God—receive every word as true with simple, childlike trust. Rest upon the promises. Read them as made for you.

6. Read in order to carry into practice. We must accept His Word as being the revelation of His will. In it He tells us what to be and what to do. He expects us to be "obedient children."

Lest We Forget



We ought to take time to thank Almighty God for his mercy and grace on that horrible day.

"Resolved: Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life."

Jonathan Edwards

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. For it is better to be alone than in bad company."

George Washington

"Our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct Republican principles is the Bible, particularly the new Testament."

Noah Webster



Dr. Al Lacy

Cults And Scripture

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, NOT KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES, nor the power of God." [Matt. 22:29]

This is always the case with religious cults. They know the false doctrines of their religion ... but they err, in that they DO NOT KNOW THE SCRIPTURES. One reason they do not know the Scriptures is because they do not USE the Scriptures. The "J.W.s" use the corrupt New World Translation, which was translated from the perverted Wescott and Hort manuscript. The "Church of Christ" cult uses the equally corrupt New American Standard Version, which

was translated from the same Wescott and Hort manuscript. The Mormons use Joe Smith's Book of Mormon (which is about as inspired as Aesop's Fables). The "Christian (Ha!Ha!) Scientists (?)" use Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Glover Patterson Frye Eddy.

The reason the devil's crowd stays away from the AV 1611 King James, is because the devil knows it is the WORD OF GOD! The only way to know the Scriptures is to have the Scriptures, then read the Scriptures, then believe what you read.

separation from the world.

Shubal is buried near the Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

History Reference: William Lumpkin, Baptist Foundations, Page 13.

THIRD: ISAAC BACKUS – SOUL LIBERTY BAPTIST PREACHER.

ROMANS 14:12

Isaac Backus was saved during the Great Awakening. He became a devout servant of the Bible and was convinced that the Baptist were absolutely right.

He preached against sprinkle baptism and preached baptism by immersion.

During his ministry he fought hard against taxing churches. Why? Because he believed the power to tax a church was the power to control. He believed that government control over religion was totally forbidden by Scripture. He wrote: "In all civic governments, that the church is armed with light and truth...to gain souls unto the church...while the state is armed with the sword to guard the peace and the rights of persons."

In Baptist beliefs of 1756, he preached, "Believer's baptism for membership in the local church, spiritual liberty, the autonomy of the local church, and complete freedom from government control."

History reference: George Mason, Virginia Declaration of rights, June 1776.

Conclusion: There is a great cover-up today to keep America's citizens from learning the true history of their religious roots and the history and influence of the Baptists. Dr. B. R. Laken was asked, "What would you be if you were not a Baptist?" His reply, "I would be ashamed."

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)

"They tell me a revival is only temporary. So is a bath, but it does you good." - Billy Sunday

"If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself." - Dwight L. Moody



Dr. Bob Gray

The Simple II Samuel 15:11

"The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going." (Proverbs 14:15)

This statement tells it all. A simple person believes whatever he hears, while a prudent man gives great consideration before deciding. Let me give another illustration. A person buying a car is a simple man if he believes every word the salesman tells him. If he is prudent, he will carefully consider his decision. The salesman will say the car is affordable, and a simple man will believe it. A prudent man knows what he can afford before he even begins the process of shopping for that car. Be careful not to make decisions based upon feelings or upon what someone says. Consider everything first

before making decisions.

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7)

The Bible is God's testimony. When we read its Words, it is a testimony of God. If we want to know what God believes, read His testimony. The Bible will compensate a man's simplicity with wisdom. God will not allow us to make bad choices if we place our faith in His testimony rather than in our feelings.

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished." (Proverbs 22:3 and 27:12)

Twice we see this phrase, so it must be important. There are two truths involved, so let me break it down.

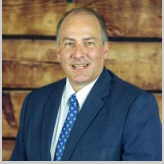
"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself..." The first part teaches to avoid exposure to evil. The two hundred men who followed Absalom should have avoided Absalom as soon as he spoke against his father. The command is that we should have the foresight to avoid them. Paul gave Timothy instructions regarding this in *II Timothy 3:1-5*. He begins with speaking of perilous times, *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come..."* He goes on to describe the people of that day, and ends by instructing Timothy, *"...from such turn away."*

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has 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 11th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2025.



4. Scheduled Meetings in 2024.



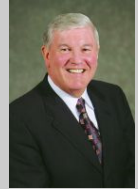
Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Tom Neal



Joseph
Collingsworth



July 21st
Dr. Bob Gray

Best Conference Yet



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Heritage Baptist
Academy
Classes Begin
August 20th, 9:00 AM

Ladies 2024 Retreat
Friday August 16th 7:00
PM

All ladies are invited.
Special Speaker:
Mrs. Tracie Burns



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

Remain Teachable

Proverbs 9:9



As we head into the month of August my thoughts are increasing focused on the upcoming school year,

A student who excels is one who desires to learn. They are teachable. But no matter your age, if you're six or sixty, nine or ninety, we need to be teachable.

A teachable person is humble. They are not a “know-it-all”. They realize that they can learn something from everyone. **1 Peter 5:5**

They have a daily hunger and desire for wisdom and knowledge. **Proverbs 4:7**

They keep their eyes and ears open and their mouth shut. My mom used to tell me that God gave me two ears and two eyes and one mouth, therefore I should look and listen twice as much as I speak! **Proverbs 21:23**

A teachable person will also desire to be around others who are learning and growing. **Proverbs 27:17**

A teachable person will apply what they are learning. My husband often uses this epigram, “Truth not lived is truth not learned.” **Psalms 25:5, Psalm 40:8**

Everyday we live is another day of opportunity that God has given us to learn and to grow. Let's desire and determine to remain teachable.



Dr. and
Mrs. Hyles

The Word Of God

Matthew 4:4

When I was a boy, from the time I remember—I remember back when I was two and three years of age - until I went into the paratroopers in World War II when I was 18, my mother would read to me for 30 minutes every night from the Bible. Then she would hold it up and say, "This is the Word of God!" She did not say, "The manuscripts from which we got this are the Word of God." My mom didn't even know what a manuscript was. She just knew she had a Book that was the Word of God. That's all she knew. So, she said, "This is the Word of God." I would look at it, and I would have to say three times, "Mama, the Bible is the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God."

I have Mama's Bible—the same one she read—in my office. I've had it there for years. I don't know how old it is, but I suspect it is 55 or 60 years old. It is the same Bible she used to hold up. I was thumbing through it the other day. On the inside, it says on the title page, "King James Bible." That's what it says. You know it worked. It's amazing how well Mama did before she found out that it wasn't the Word of God.

I've been going to Baptist churches for 51 years. Every pastor I've ever had preached from the King James Bible. He always said to the crowd, "Open your Bibles and let's hear what the Lord says." These pastors were not unfortunate enough to have sat at the feet of those with lower education - which calls itself "higher education."

It is amazing how well this nation did when we didn't know how ignorant we were. (Are you listening?) This is my fifth pastorate. I've seen miracles in my pastorates. I've preached over 41,000 times, and I've never yet preached a sermon that wasn't preached from the King James Bible. I really don't know what I've missed.

To be quite frank with you, I've seen the fellows who preach from other Bibles, and I somehow get the idea they are missing something. I've never seen a fellow really whoop it up about any other Bible. I've never heard a fellow say, "Blessed be God, let's look in the Book. Let's look in the Douay Version."

Did you ever go to mass and have the priest get up and say, "Hallelujah for the Word of God!" Don't get mad at me! I'm telling the truth. If you don't believe it, go next Sunday and see. He will usually use that prayer book and not a Bible.

Food



Fall Program—2024

"Doing Your Part"

October 13th to November 24th

HORSES



Wow!

Games



Fun



Hayrides

Treasure Hunt

"There are many of us who are willing to do great things for the Lord, but only a few of us who are willing to do the little things." - D.L. Moody



Sheila Spencer's Veggie Pizza

2 tubes crescent rolls
1 8 oz. package cream cheese
1 pkg. ranch dip mix

1 cup mayo or sour cream
Shredded cheddar and mozzarella cheese
Various vegetables

Roll crescent rolls out on baking sheet. Spread to edges, pushing seams together. Bake as directed on package. Let cool. Mix together cream cheese, ranch mix and mayo. Spread over cooled crust. Layer veggies, then cheddar and mozzarella cheese. Cut into squares. Enjoy! Make two and send one to Pastor.



Heritage Highlanders August 2024 Schedule

Saturday August 3

Fruit of the Spirit

Saturday August 10

Wisdom

Gal. 5:22-23

Pro. 1:2

Saturday August 17

Back To School

Saturday August 24

Soulwinning

Saturday August 31

Influence

II Tim. 2:15

I John 5:13

Matt. 5:13

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

LIBERALS SHAM "JUSTICE" SHOCKING AND SHAMEFUL

Three teenagers in Washington, D.C., are facing 10 years in prison on felony charges after they were accused of leaving scooter marks on a pride flag painted on a road.

The arrests occurred just one week after hundreds of anti-Israel protesters circled outside of the White House, vandalizing a statue and assaulting a US Park Police officer.

Thousands of protesters from across the country descended upon downtown DC. to pressure the Biden administration into forcing a ceasefire on Israel following its weekend military operation in the Gaza Strip that freed four hostages. Slogans such as "Hamas is justified" and "Death to AmeriKKa" were graffitied on city property and protesters blocked traffic as they held signs reading.

"Stand with Hamas." Other chants included, "Kill another Zionist now" and "Death to Israel" the Free Beacon reported.

A D.C. police spokesman confirmed that it made no protest-related arrests yesterday," while a US Park Police spokesman said the agency, "did not make arrests during demonstration activity yesterday."

The US Secret Service made no arrests associated with the demonstration that took place near the White House complex June 8 the agency spokesperson said. —American Faith

Abortionist Who Killed 31 Babies in One Day Nominated for Human Rights Award

In the irony of ironies, a Planned Parenthood abortionist who was once profile as having killed 31 babies in abortions in one day has been nominated for a human rights award.

Planned Parenthood abortionist Colleen McNicholas is one of among three finalist selected from across the world for the European Union's top human rights prize, the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. This is the first time in the history of the prize that an abortionist or an abortion advocate has been nominated.

The irony is that literally kills her patients.

Steven Ertelt, Lifenews.com

BIOLOGICAL MALE WHO IDENTIFIES AS FEMALE WINS MISS MARYLAND USA

Baily Ann Kennedy is the 'first trans woman' to win the Miss Maryland USA competition, the pageant said. A "transgender female is a biological male who identifies as female"

The Daily Mail said Kennedy ... is now looking to compete for the Miss USA title in August in Los Angeles.

—Dave Urbanski, theblaze.com

EDITORS COMMENTS: We cannot commend these pageants where women typically present themselves in very immodest attire, but for a man to enter the competition and win sounds like "another rigged election." Rigged to satisfy the 'woke' agenda or not, it is laughably ridiculous.

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

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Heritage Baptist Church
Annual Father & Son
Turkey Shoot

Saturday, November 9th,
2024

From 2:00 PM
until 5:00 PM



Memories



Brittney Elliott



Kaylie in Hospital

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 in England
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year and might be the greatest Baptist pastor

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