

**"Together We Strive In 2025"**



**MAY 2025**

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## **Mother's Day**

**II Kings 20:15**

**Introduction:** In *II Kings 20:15*, the Man of God, Isaiah, asks King Hezekiah a very convicting question: ***“What have they seen in thine house?”***

This question should convict all of us, but especially mom.

Our text has it's 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 more time in which to perform the duties of a

king.

I contend that just as he asked of the leader about his home, so also the question applies to every mother. **Mom! What have they seen in your home?**

### **FIRST: THEY SHOULD SEE CHRIST.**

**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.”***

***“... he was in the house.”*** The 'he' speaks of Jesus.

### **SECOND: THEY SHOULD SEE LOVE.**

**I JOHN 4:7**

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.

***“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God...”***

### **THIRD: THEY SHOULD SEE THE BIBLE.**

**LUKE 10:38-39**

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.

***“Martha received him into her house ... Mary ... heard his word.”***

### **FOURTH: THEY SHOULD SEE PRAYER.**

**ACTS 12:12**

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.

***“... he came unto the house of Mary ... where many were gathered together praying.”***

### **FIFTH: THEY SHOULD SEE DISCIPLINE.**

**PROVERBS 20:11**

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

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## What Should Break Our Hearts

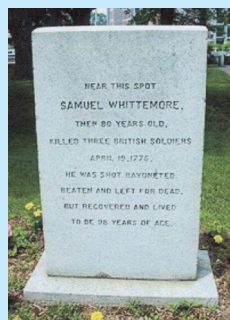
**Daniel 10:2** says, *"In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks."* I have not met anyone lately who has been mourning for three full weeks unless he was mourning the death of his dog, something that did not work out right, a friend who got mad at him, or something else that went wrong in his life. We have unsaved loved ones and we do not even shed a tear. We do not mourn. We have vile, wicked, sinful people destroying our country and its decency, and nobody gets alone with God to weep. When Nehemiah had been weeping over the city of God, his countenance was so changed that the king had to ask him what was wrong with him. It ought to break our hearts that people are going to Hell and our country is on a downward spiral into judgment. Nobody seems to care.

## Lest We Forget

### The Making Of A Legend

On April 19, 1775, British forces were returning to Boston from the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the opening engagements of the war. On their march they were continually shot at by American militiamen.

Samuel Whittemore was in his fields when he spotted an approaching British relief brigade under Earl Percy, sent to assist the retreat. Whittemore loaded his musket and ambushed the British grenadiers of the 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment from behind a nearby stone wall, killing one soldier. He then drew his dueling pistols, killed a second grenadier and mortally wounded a third. By the time Whittemore had fired his third shot, a British detachment had reached his position; Whittemore drew his sword and attacked. He was subsequently shot in the face, bayoneted numerous times, and left for dead in a pool of blood. He was found by colonial forces, trying to load his musket to resume the fight. He was taken to Dr. Cotton Tufts of Medford, who perceived no hope for his survival. However, Whittemore recovered and lived another 18 years until dying of natural causes at the age of 98.



## 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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can just know that they have not had the right discipline at home.

*"Even a child is known by his doings."*

### **SIXTH: THEY SHOULD SEE PEACE.**

**PROVERBS 25:24**

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.

*"It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman..."*

### **SEVENTH: THEY SHOULD SEE A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE.**

**1 PETER 2:21**

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.

*"... because Christ ... leaving us an example, that ye should follow..."*

**CONCLUSION:** It is obvious that if you are a Christian these things should be seen and experienced in your home.

Mothers, if someone visited with you in your home, what would they see?

*Proverbs 31:27, "She looketh well to the ways of her household..."*

### **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 May 2025 Schedule**

**Saturday May 3**

Soulwinning

**Saturday May 10**

Mother's Day

*1 John 5:13*

*Proverbs 31:28*

**Saturday May 17**

Prayer

**Saturday May 24**

Memorial Day Picnic

**Saturday May 31**

Your Testimony

*Psalms 54:2*

*Proverbs 31:20*

*Psalms 119:46*

***A WOMAN CALLS HER MOTHER AFTER AN ARGUMENT WITH HER HUSBAND. 'WE FOUGHT AGAIN! I'M COMING TO STAY WITH YOU.'***  
***TO WHICH HER MOTHER REPLIES, 'NO, DEAR. HE'LL PAY FOR HIS MISTAKE. I'M COMING TO STAY WITH YOU.'***

### **Mothers, Love and Guide**

**Titus 2:4**



*Mrs. LeeAnn  
Gray*

I want to give my children something to pass down to their children. I told my children that it would thrill me if the boys were preachers and if the girls married preachers. However, if they choose to become ditch diggers, I want them to be the best they can be. I want them to be faithful to God, faithful to church, and to keep the things they were taught I want them to do it because the Bible said it, not just because Mommy and Daddy said it.

I am thrilled that both of my boys have surrendered to be preachers, and I am thrilled with the young men my daughters have married. My children are an heritage of the Lord.

We have a duty to love and guide, not to push and shove out children. Do not attempt to live your life over again through your children. When they are small you can make them do anything you want them to do, but when they grow older, they will have a mind of their own. This is why you need to put so much Bible training and prayer into them while they are young.

Be excited about what they are excited about. It is not always exciting to look at school papers, but it is exciting to the children. My granddaughter, Deanna, drew pictures of her hands for me. She said, "Here, Gee (that's what she calls me), you keep these. DeDe made these and I love you."

# Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 35 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 35 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



## 4. Scheduled Meetings in 2025.



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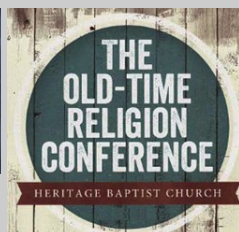
June 22, 23, 24



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August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dr. Bob Gray

**Food**



**Treasure Hunt**

**Spring Program—2025**  
April 13<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Wow!**  
**Games**



**Fun**

**HORSES**



**Hayrides**



## From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth **HOW TO STAY CONSISTENT**

*1 Corinthians 15:58* says, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” This is an imperative sentence. It is a command and the understood subject is you.

You and I are to be stedfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord. As a teacher and a pastor's wife I have had many years to observe young people and adults, as well, live the Christian life as though they were on a roller coaster. They are up one day and down the next. Though daily life itself may bring great joy and trials of various degrees, we must realize that in all this we can be stedfast, unmoveable always abounding for Christ. God never asks us to do what is impossible. With God all things are possible. (*Matthew 19:26*) So how can we be stedfast?

Start everyday with prayer and Bible reading. Remember your salvation. Be thankful and praiseful for all things that will occur in your life each day. Listen to good Christian music. Be soul conscious and look for opportunities to be a witness for Christ everyday. Be faithful to church and get involved in the Lord's work.

In doing these things you will find that you will be stedfast, unmoveable (not tossed about with every wind of doctrine) always abounding (to be fully supplied or filled) in the work of the Lord.



John R. Rice

## Motherhood

***"I thank God... When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." II Tim. 1:3,5.***

Paul could thank God for Timothy's faith and his wonderful life and ministry, and so he could thank God for the grandmother Lois and the mother Eunice, who had taught Timothy to know and love the Saviour. Oh, we ought to thank God far good mothers!

Of the Ten Commandments, four of them have to do with our relation to God, and the last six, with our relationship to mankind. But the first of these six is, ***'Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.'*** (Exod. 20:12). And we are reminded in ***Ephesians***

**6:2** that this is the first commandment with promise.

The wife shares with her husband that marvelous privilege of bringing an immortal soul into being, in conception. The husband and wife are, ***"heirs together of the grace of life."*** (1 Peter 3:7). Is it at the moment of conception, as we think, or at the time of quickening, or at the actual birth, that the child becomes an immortal soul? I think at the moment of conception. At any rate, God allows a woman, in her body, to partake of the creation of an immortal soul!

Motherhood, then, is greatly exalted in the Bible. It is the mother, as well as the father, who is to be honored, respected, obeyed, supported in her old age, by the children!

The Mosaic Law required the death penalty for murder. ***Exodus 21:12*** says, ***"He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death."*** And that teaching is repeated in ***Romans 13***. But in the Mosaic Law, for a man to even smite his father or his mother, or to curse his father and mother, he was to be put to death. ***Exodus 21:15,17*** says, ***"And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death. And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death."***

A godly reverence is required of children for their parents, and the mother in this, at least, is equal to the father.



## Mother

First heart to ever love me,  
First voice I ever heard...  
It's soothing music sweet  
Before I understood a word,  
First face I learned to recognize,  
First smile I ever saw,  
Eyes looking into mine  
With love and pride and awe.  
First hands to guide my wobbly steps  
Or swing me to and fro,  
First arms to hold me safe and snug  
Yet leave me room to grow.  
First confidante to listen  
To the things I had to say,  
First friend to know my hopes and dreams...  
First in my heart today.

Happy Mothers' Day,  
To the one who first loved me...  
From the one who will always love you.  
Your son, Joseph

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If we Bible believing Baptists are so dumb, why is it that we do not need an easier Bible to study?

***Dr. Bob Gray, Texas***

Never let the last soul you led to Christ be the last soul you lead to Christ.

***Dr. Gerald B. Collingsworth***

The world wants our pie, but they laugh at our recipe.

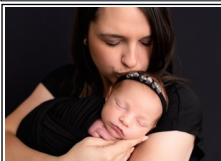
***Dr. Jack Hyles***

We have been inoculated with such a mild form of Christianity that we are immunized against the real thing.

***Vance Havner***

Where there is a mind willing to learn, there will always be a frontier to conquer.

***Unknown***



A Mother's Love



2 Peter 3:18

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

# Seed From The Silo!

## Planned Parenthood—The Ugly Truth

*By Cole P. Zail*

“This is about more than just abortions! It’s a matter of women’s healthcare!”

But is it?

### Origins

Founded in 1916, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Incorporated, otherwise known as Planned Parenthood, is a nonprofit organization that claims to provide reproductive health care. The organization was created by nurse and birth control activist Margaret Sanger, who originally called it the American Birth Control League.

Now with over 650 clinics throughout the country, celebrity donors, multi-million dollar

power. Whereas the organization previously prided itself on serving women in low-income communities, Planned Parenthood’s new marketing approach targets women with higher means of living. Planned Parenthood executives realized that by marketing to women with higher incomes, they could gain more funds and in turn, gain greater political influence amongst lawmakers.

This began Planned Parenthood’s mission to go from being known as “abortion clinic chain” to the image-conscious “women’s health care provider.” The first step in this undertaking was to get the general public to stop associating the

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ad campaigns, and a nearly \$1 billion net worth, Planned Parenthood has grown into an influential force in the United States. In its messaging, the organization consistently claims to advocate for reproductive freedom, safe sex, bodily autonomy, and women’s health.

But is this the reality of Planned Parenthood?

### Not a Clean Record

For the past several decades, Planned Parenthood has dedicated their efforts towards cleaning up their public image and “going mainstream.” This approach was a calculated one, stemming primarily from a desire for

organization with abortion—a difficult task, considering this is what Planned Parenthood has always been most well-known for.

In order to create a well-crafted image to present to the public, Planned Parenthood has hired many a high-powered public relations firm to handle their branding. This “image overhaul” has been underway for the past several decades as the organization continues its shift away from the outright marketing of abortion services.

However, make no mistake: Planned Parenthood remains the leading provider of abortions in the United States.

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



**The Baptism of a Navy Man**

### A Mother’s Sermon

When young Matthew Simpson tremblingly broke the news to his widowed mother that he felt called to preach, she exclaimed with tears of joy: “Oh, my son, I have prayed for this hour every day since you were born. At that time, we dedicated you to the Christian ministry.” G. Campbell Morgan said, “Dedication to the preaching of the Word is maternal. Mother never told it to the baby or the boy, but waited. When but eight years old I preached to my little sister and to her dolls arrayed in orderly form before me. My sermons were Bible stories which I had first heard from my mother.”

# 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

**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 in England
- **John Franklin 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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