

**"Together We Strive In 2025"**



**FROM THE DESK OF:**

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**Pastor & Mrs. C  
"Old-Fashioned  
Sunday"**

## **We Have An Altar**

*Hebrews 13:10*

**INTRODUCTION:** The word *altar* is found over 400 times in the Bible, which is a good indication that the Lord had attached some significant importance to it. An altar was erected and used in the Bible for a variety of reasons. (1) The altar was designed to be a place of sacrifice! (2) The altar was designed by God to be a place of death! Every sacrifice that was to be placed upon it was to be put to death first. (3) The altar was also to be a place of devotion! It was at an altar that God's people made some very significant and life-changing decisions.

### **FIRST: NOAH BUILT AN ALTAR OF THANKSGIVING.**

**(GENESIS 8:15-20)**

Noah's life and the lives of his family had been spared by a worldwide flood that killed every living person.

1. He had preached to his neighbors and friends for 120 years and yet they mocked and ignored his pleadings of a coming judgment.
2. For months, his family had drifted in the ark, not knowing what the future held and finally the ark came to rest on dry ground.
3. When Noah stepped off the ark, he was probably humbled at the idea that God had destroyed the entire human race except for his family.
4. Therefore, he built an altar to express an overflowing heart of thanksgiving!

One of the wisest things that a Christian can do in order to continue God's blessings in their life is to take the time to express heart-felt gratitude and love for what God has done in their life.

### **SECOND: ABRAHAM BUILT AN ALTAR OF FAITH.**

**(GENESIS 22:6-12)**

Most people think of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac as being an amazing story of obedience. Actually, it's an even better example - one of the best in the Bible - concerning faith! It was his faith that enabled him to do the unthinkable and obey the Lord's command to sacrifice his son. So what was the object of his faith?

1. Abraham believed God when He told him that He would give him a son! And he believed him even further when God told him that he would use that son to produce a nation and people that would be so big that they would be innumerable, as the grains of sand in every beach, seacoast and desert in the world.
2. Therefore, while God's command didn't make sense to Abraham, he chose to believe that if God was going to have him sacrifice his son, God would then raise his son from the dead and give him back to him!
3. It was Abraham's willingness to take God at His word and cling to the promises of God that allowed him to exercise such stunning obedience and amazing faith!

### **THIRD: ISAAC BUILT AN ALTAR OF PROTECTION.**

**(GENESIS 26:20-28)**

Isaac ran into some major problems when it came to trying to find a suitable place to live. In the arid region where he lived, a well was life and death. It would seem that the Lord gave him wisdom and discernment in finding wells. The problem was that every time he dug a well, it was stolen from him!

1. After he had moved again because of potential bloodshed, Isaac was approached by the Lord and told to "fear not."

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**Dr. Jack  
Hyles**

## THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

*Romans 5:8-9*

Listen to me, folks. If that blood had just been left at the altar, not a single Jew would have had one sin forgiven. It's not the blood at the foot of the altar; it's the blood on the mercy seat. So, it isn't just the fact that the bullock died. If the bullock had died and shed his blood, that would not have forgiven one sin, but that blood had to be taken by the high priest inside the holy of holies and sprinkled seven times on the mercy seat. The same blood that was shed out there on the altar is now sprinkled here on this mercy seat. When God saw it, God said, "Sin is atoned for!" and the day of atonement was over.

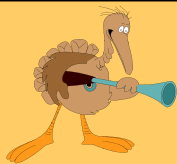
Now follow me carefully. The Bible says Jesus was our what? **Passover**. What else was he? **Atonement**. When John the Baptist pointed to Jesus, he said, "**Behold the lamb of God.**" So what was he? He was our sacrifice on this altar out here. This is a picture of Calvary.

However, ladies and gentlemen, the blood on this altar out here will not get us to Heaven. The blood has got to get to the heavenly mercy seat. The Bible says that the earthly tabernacle was a type of the heavenly tabernacle. Just as the blood of that lamb had to get in there on the holy of holies mercy seat, even so the real blood of the real Lamb must get to the real mercy seat in the real presence of God. Brother, if the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, is not sprinkled on the mercy seat in the glory world, you and I are of all men most miserable. That's the only hope we've got.

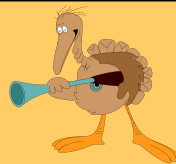
Follow me carefully. Jesus was our lamb. Now let's go back to **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**. What's the Gospel? The death, burial and resurrection of Christ. That's the Gospel -death, burial and resurrection - so we have to have all three in our passover and all three in our atonement. If Christ is our atonement, He has to die. Jesus was two things for us: He was our sacrifice Who shed His blood, and He was our High Priest Who took His blood into the presence of God Himself.

**"One reason sin flourishes is that it is treated like a cream puff instead of a rattlesnake."**

*Billy Sunday (1862-1935)*



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**  
**Heritage Baptist Church Annual Father & Son**  
**Turkey Shoot and Chili Cook-Off**  
Saturday, November 1st, 2025  
From 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



### Top Guns

|               |                       |                          |                         |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| First Place:  | Ken Watson            | 3 1 <sup>st</sup> place, | 4 2 <sup>nd</sup> place |
| Second Place: | Jarrold Collingsworth | 3 1 <sup>st</sup> place, | 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> place |
| Third Place:  | Jeff Berezne          | 3 1 <sup>st</sup> place, | 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> place |

**"You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan."**

*John Bunyan (1628-1688)*



**Dr. Greg  
Neal**

## The Helmet Of Salvation

*Ephesians 6:17*

As it was necessary to protect other parts of the body while in battle, it was essential for a soldier to protect his head. If detail was taken in protecting the feet which, in comparison, is not as important as the head, it makes sense to give attention to this crucial part of the body. A soldier's helmet was essential for two reasons.

First, it protected him from head injuries. Head injuries were often fatal. The sword of an enemy had the capacity of inflicting two types of damage. It could deliver a blunt blow to the head, leaving a soldier defenseless and often leading to death. The other edge of the sword was sharp and could be used to sever the head or to wound fatally. For that reason, helmets were constructed of metal and leather. Because of the extreme weight, the helmets were fitted tightly to a soldier's head. The helmet covered the neck and even some of the soldier's face.

Secondly, it identified him from other soldiers. Different helmets were worn depending on the soldier's position or duty. The helmet distinguished that soldier for his uniqueness. A soldier's helmet was personalized. Soldiers took great pride in customizing their helmets. They uniquely engraved them. Each of us has our own personal experience of coming to faith in Christ. It is our testimony. We must wear it on our heads in a personal way.

I was born to two Christian parents. I have a rich Christian heritage. Both my parents and grandparents have their own unique story of salvation. There came a time in my life when I needed my own personal story of placing my faith in Christ. It was not my grandparents' story. It was not my dad's story. It was not my mom's story. My helmet of salvation is unique to me. It is personalized. No one will be in Heaven who has no personal story of having accepted Christ as his only hope for salvation. Just as the soldier was to put on a unique helmet, we must have our unique helmet of salvation. **"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" (Ephesians 6:17)**

2. He had finally arrived at the very place that God had for him and immediately his servants dug another well.
3. Abimelech, the same man who had spearheaded the previous attacks on his wells now approached Isaac with an entirely different attitude.
4. Instead of coming to fight, he came asking that Isaac would make a covenant with him because he could plainly see that God was with Isaac!
5. Notice that Abimelech's change in behavior and attitude came AFTER an altar was built!

**FOURTH: MOSES BUILT AN ALTAR OF WARFARE.****(EXODUS 17:12-16)**

Amalek led his men to attack the Hebrews as they were journeying through the wilderness, when the Lord told Moses to ascend to the top of a hill and assure the victory of his people by holding his rod above his head. Eventually Aaron and Hur came to help and Amalek was finally defeated.

1. Following this victory, the Lord revealed something to Moses that every Christian needs to learn.
2. The battle was over - but the war would continue!
3. Amalek had been defeated, but would remain as the enemy of God and His people, and would return for battle after battle.
4. What does that have to do with us?
5. Amalek is a type of the flesh! The flesh may be subdued - but it will never be destroyed except through either the rapture or by death!
6. When Moses built an altar, he was taking his position as a warrior, willing to constantly wage war against the enemies of God for however long it took.
7. To be just as pleasing to the Lord, we too must make a decision (erecting an altar) to constantly wage a war against our flesh!

**Conclusion:** Every child of God needs an altar where they can go aside and spend time with the Lord. *Mark 1:35, "... departed to a solitary place, and there prayed."*

**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)

*"Most Christians would like to send their recruits to Bible college for five years. I would like to send them to hell for five minutes. That would do more than anything else to prepare them for a lifetime of compassionate ministry."*

*William Booth (1829-1912)*

*"We should be rigorous in judging ourselves and gracious in judging others."*

*John Wesley (1703-1791)*

**What Is Restoration?**

**Galatians 6:1**



*Dr. Bob Gray*

Restoration is the recognition of the value that God places upon each and every one of His children. Sometimes, Christians fail to place the same value upon each other as Christ does. We are talking about restoring the life of a human being who is bought and purchased by the precious blood of Jesus.

We are talking about restoring someone God loved enough to send His Son to die for. We are talking about restoring someone who has the very Spirit of Christ living within him. We are talking about restoring a brother or sister in Christ.

Why is it that we do not recognize that the love of God extends to the fallen saved as well as the fallen lost? Why is it that the church seems unable to recognize that Christ loved us so much that when He saved us, He indwelt us with His Spirit in order to retain possession and ownership? Why is it that when we sin, God does not discard us, does not take back that spirit, and does not withhold the eternal life that He gave us?

Yet, we as a church tend to discredit and disregard that life.

When the Bible speaks of restoration it says, "Ye which are spiritual." In other words, ye who have the spirit within you, and who have a spiritual nature, restore those others who also have a spirit. In other words, if you are spiritual, there is a bond and a love. There is disgust in many of God's people for fallen brethren. It is almost a feeling of contempt. The Bible says, "herein shall ye know that ye are my disciples because you love one another."

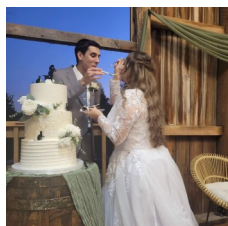
The Bible does not say you love one another only when you do not sin. Often there is contempt for saved people who have fallen. The Bible says restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering thyself.

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



Scenes From the Collingsworth—Roueche Wedding



"The Christian who drinks cannot win his drinking companions to Christ. The girl who dances will never win her dancing boyfriend! You may think to gain favor and influence with the unsaved by joining with them in the lodge, or attending with them the movies, or by smoking or drinking or playing bridge with them, but you cannot! Worldliness means powerlessness! And that means that every Christian who sells out is guilty of the murder of the poor lost souls that go to Hell because he lost his influence." *John R. Rice (1895-1980)*

## NEVER FORGET HOW THE BRITISH BLEW A 13 COLONY LEAD.



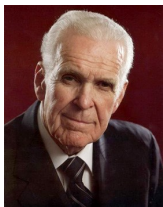
### From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth The Trials Of Faith

Before going off to college, my pastor wisely said to me, ‘Do not be surprised if, before you graduate, you face a trial (or trials).’ Just days before leaving for college, my church went through a split. Oh, how my heart was saddened to see this occur—I loved all parties involved; but Jesus taught me through that trial to stand for the Man of God, and to stand for truth. It proved to be a very valuable lesson to this future pastor's wife!

Then, just months before graduating from Hyles-Anderson College (and while on my honeymoon), I had a reaction to medication that caused my mouth and the side of my face to be twisted. Dr. Streeter told me the medication caused a stroke. Here I was, a brand new bride, with only one semester left before I finished school, and my face was all twisted. To make matters worse, people were saying that my husband did it.

‘Would my face stay like this?’ I found I couldn't sing, and wondered how I would be able to do my student teaching. In my heart I wanted to hide, embarrassed by my physical appearance, and concerned that my wonderful husband was now saddled with more than he bargained for. It all seemed rather gloomy. What was I to do?

I had two choices: #1-to quit, and feel sorry for myself; or #2-to go on. I decided to go on. I continued to go soulwinning, and continued to attend church. I had to die to self. I could not allow myself to dwell on my physical appearance. I did not know if this condition would last or not. This truly was a trial like I had never known before, but it taught me to trust in the Lord more than ever—to rejoice in Him.



*Dr. Lee  
Roberson*

### **Zeal for the Lost**

The power of the church will be found in her zeal for the lost. Oh, the passion of the apostle Paul for the souls of others! How he cried out for men to be saved! His heart was bleeding for them.

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed [separated] from Christ for my brethren [the Jews], my kinsmen according to the flesh." - Romans 9:1-3.

Do you want to see people saved? Is there a passion in your soul to get people to the Lord? Are you going after them with a hunger?

I was called to a meeting in Ohio. The pastor met me at the airport. "I want you to see my church. My building is new," he said.

"How long have you been with them?"

"Thirteen months."

We stepped inside the beautiful church auditorium with padded pews and carpeted floors. I walked up on the platform. There was a lovely picture in the baptistry, with beautiful flowers around the rim.

"Pastor, how many people have been baptized in the last year?" I asked.

"Not very many."

"About how many?"

"Not very many," he answered and walked away.

I thought I had offended him, so I turned to the young man with me, the Sunday school superintendent, and asked, "Son, did I say the wrong thing?"

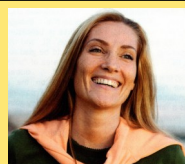
"I don't know, Sir," he replied.

I said, "Perhaps you can tell me how many souls have been saved here in the last twelve months and baptized in your baptistry in this brand-new church."

You won't believe it, but the young man stood there, looked me in the eye and said, "Brother Roberson, we have not put water in the baptistry even once in thirteen months. I don't know what is wrong. We moved into this building, and the people are satisfied just to sit here. The pastor is a great Bible teacher, but we have nobody saved, and nobody responds. Nothing ever happens."

**"A revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God."**

*Charles G. Finney (1792-1875)*



*Sarah Chapman*

### **Contentment** **Hebrews 13:5**

Materialism is rampant in our country. The insatiable desire for more corrupts morals and steals joy. This tragedy plays out in some Christian homes too.

Unrealistic expectations put mountain of pressure on a godly husband who wants to please his wife and family.

God calls His people to a better way of life.

Contentment is a balm to the soul and a protection from Satan's devices.

True joy can only be found in contentment with God.

Our Lord began to teach me this lesson at a young age. I was privileged to grow up in a Christian home.

My Dad was in Bible College during the years I was three to nine. Though he worked incredibly hard, money was scarce. My mom worked miracles to provide all of our household needs. Things were tight, but we were blessed! Dad started to pastor a church when I was nine. I lived in a preacher's home until I started Bible college. Although the church took good care of us, no Independent Baptist goes into the ministry to earn money.

Don't get caught up in the buzz to have the newest, nicest, biggest, and best. Christians should have a different standard of living than the lost world.

Today, I live in a bed of sickness with a body that imprisons me in pain. I don't worry about possessions as much as I fret that life is passing me by while I can't live it normally. Year after year the kids grow older. Week after week life passes by. Moment by moment my body is racked with pain.

What can I do? Strive to be content with the lot God has given me. Only contented faith can allow true joy.

Choose to be happy with what God gives you. You (and your family) will be glad you did.

Here are five simple truths that will help.

1. **God Knows Best.** Let God be God. Don't doubt his provision. He knows when to bless us with abundance and when to challenge us with trials. Trust Him in every case.
2. **People Are More Important Than Things.** I say this phrase often in our house. There is far too much emphasis on possessions in our culture. Hold tightly to people and loosely to things.
3. **Relationships Are Greater Than Money.** Countless people have ruined relationships in the pursuit, saving, and spending of money. Don't be one of them.
4. **Choose To Be Happy.** To rejoice is a choice. You can be grumpy in the midst of plenty and you can be happy in the midst of need. The choice is really yours.
5. **God Is Enough.** This is not a slogan. It is the truth. God is the answer to every need. Let's live like it.



Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silo!

## CHINA'S BACK DOOR INTO OUR MILITARY

Several U.S. military recruiting offices are communicating through a Chinese Communist Party-monitored messaging application as they seek to target Chinese nationals interested in enlisting, fueling concerns about potential national security risks.

Blaze News has discovered that some recruiters have been using WeChat. The court document claimed that the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station Alhambra in San Gabriel, California, had a bulletin board displaying recent recruits, the majority of whom identified their "hometown" as "China."

The foreign adversary hometown designations spark serious concerns that individuals with divided loyalties and even potential CCP operatives have infiltrated the U.S. military.

*-Candace Hathaway, Blaze Media*

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Whoever has authorized this madness should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. If this were not so absolutely insane, we would call it stupid, but I fear this is much worse than stupid.

## MUHAMMAD TOPS LIST OF BOYS' NAMES IN UK FOR SECOND YEAR RUNNING

Muhammad has topped the list of baby names for boys in England for the second year running, and it speaks volumes about Britain's cultural shift.

The data, compiled by BabyCentre and supported by statistics from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), highlights changing naming trends that mirror broader social and cultural shifts across the UK.

Experts say...the name is commonly given...in Muslim families (in honor of the founder of Islam).

Islam remains the second largest religion in England and Wales. Regionally, London continues to have the highest proportion of Muslims.

*-Danielle Jarvis, My Christian Daily*

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: With a naivete that appears totally uninformed, both England and France have welcomed the Muslim immigrants in large numbers. Already trouble is brewing in both countries.

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

Fall Program—2025

October 19<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>

HORSES

Food



Treasure Hunt

Wow!  
Games



Fun



Hayrides

"A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats"

*Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)*



Mrs. Samantha Stump  
was baptized at Heritage  
Baptist Church

**If Adam and Eve  
were Chinese,  
we would still be in  
paradise because  
they would have  
ignored the apple  
and eaten the  
snake.**

"One of the first, and most important of those duties which are incumbent upon us, is fervent and united prayer."

*William Carey (1761-1834)*

"I'm not afraid of failure; I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter."

*William Carey (1761-1834)*

"What! Get to heaven on your own strength? Why, you might as well try to climb to the moon on a rope of sand!"

*George Whitefield (1714-1770)*

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

*George Washington (1732-1799)*

# 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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