

“Back To The Bible”



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Lives Adrift

Hebrews 2:3



INTRODUCTION: What is the greatest danger that we face today? Some people fear a nuclear war. Many dread cancer or some other disease. Some fear a fatal plane or automobile accident. These are things that can destroy the body. What we should be more concerned about is endangering our soul by drifting away from the path of spiritual progress. The words of our text warn us strongly about the danger of drifting.

**Pastor and
Mrs. C**

FIRST: THE WARNING IS FOR ALL OF US.

HEBREWS 2:1

- A. A pastor can drift, and some have.
- B. A deacon can drift, and some have.
- C. A Sunday school teacher can drift, and some have.
- D. A husband and wife can drift apart, and some have.
- E. Young people can drift along through life, and some have.
- F. A church can drift along in comfortable complacency without a compassion that compels it to engage in a crusade of concerned witnessing to the unsaved in the community. Some have.
- G. A nation can drift away from the moral foundations and values that have made it great. Ours has.

SECOND: IT IS EASY TO DRIFT.

PROVERBS 14:12

An unknown poet wrote a poem called "A Real Man." A mother copied it and hung it on her son's bedroom wall. It warns against the peril of drifting.

*It is easy to drift with the current swift
Just lie in your boat and dream
But in nature's plan, it takes a real man
To paddle the boat upstream.*

- A. We have a natural tendency to follow the path of ease.
- B. We like to follow the path that is natural and normal.
- C. Most of us like to follow the crowd, and we are pressured by the crowd. We fail to recognize that the crowd is usually wrong on most of the vital issues that affect life.

THIRD: WHY DO WE DRIFT?

REVELATION 2:7

One could answer this question by saying, "The world, the flesh, and the Devil" and be correct. Let's consider it from a more practical standpoint.

- A. **A built-in tendency to sin.** Even the born-again Christian sometimes has a tendency to do that which is contrary to the will of God (*Galatians 5:17*). Satan continues to tempt us through promises of profit or pleasure, so we need to recognize that we can be duped by him. Unless we take steps to prevent our falling into sin, it is certain we will do so. A fear of falling into sin that could nullify our Christian witness and disqualify us as the spokespeople of our Lord is wholesome and necessary if we are to achieve success as the servants of God (*1 Cor. 9:25-27*).
- B. **Ignoring the presence and the work of the Holy Spirit.** Many who have trusted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are uninformed that God has bestowed within them the gift of the Holy

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Dr. Jack Hyles

Two By Two Luke 10:1-2

One time I was out with a fellow who got to praying for this lady, "Lord, save her! Lord, save her!" This was while I was trying to witness to her. He was talking louder than I was. Pretty soon, he got on the floor and started beating the floor and saying, "Lord, save her!" I had to say, "Now, friend, I'm sorry but she can't hear what I'm trying to say. Would you mind going in the other room?" He did and we got her converted. If we are going to beat on the floor, let's do it at midnight, alone. If we are going to agonize, let's cry all night alone but not make a public demonstration or show. Do things that are necessary to do.

One night Bob Keyes was witnessing to a fellow and the doorbell rang. I said, "Dear friend, you stay right here. I'll answer the door." I went to the door.

The fellow at the door said, "How do you do. Are you the man of the house?"

I said, "I'm a man of the house." (I was a man and I was of the house!)

He said, "I have an appointment with you to show you a vacuum cleaner." Obviously he had called and had an appointment.

I said, "I will be delighted to look at it. Come and we'll look at it on the front porch."

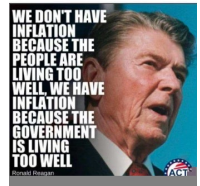
I didn't want the fellow to leave and I didn't want him to stay, so I saw all of the vacuum cleaner and its parts. We tested the thing out. Finally Bob Keyes said, "Hey, Jack! Come on. I've got him saved now."

I said, "Mr. vacuum cleaner man, my name is Hyles. I'm pastor of Miller Road Baptist Church, and we just got this man converted. By the way, have you ever become a Christian?" We turned on him and tried to get him converted. Now, if I hadn't kept that vacuum cleaner salesman occupied, this fellow would never have gotten converted. Keep your eyes open if you are the second party. Keep the way clear. Pave the roads in order for the person doing the witnessing to do the job. That's the reason basically for going two by two.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Heritage Baptist
Academy
Commencement
Sunday, June 14th, 7:00 PM

*DRIVE
CAREFULLY.
UNCLE SAM
NEEDS EVERY
TAXPAYER HE
CAN GET.*



Lest We Forget

Special Guest Speaker
June 22-23, 2026

Old Time Religion Conference

Monday, June 22nd—Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026

With highly decorated marine—Don Chitty

US Marine Corps



Sgt. Don Chitty,
1969



Don Chitty,
2026

From the Battlefield to the Mission Field

Our special speaker this year for our "Old Time Religion Conference" will be Dr. Don Chitty, missionary to the Navajo Indian Nation, the "Windtalkers."

As a young man, Don Chitty joined the United States Marine Corps. Before going to Vietnam, he trained with the Navy Seals and the Army Rangers. Promoted to Platoon Sergeant, he was sent to Vietnam and was part of the military's Black-Ops.

From Platoon Sergeants To Pulpiters

The Bible compares the Christian life to that of a soldier.

Notice *II Timothy 2:3*, "*Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*"

Soldiers develop a camaraderie that cannot be explained, but it is there.



SSgt. Gerald
Collingsworth, 1969



Gerald
Collingsworth, 2026

Spirit (*Galatians 4:6*). In the conversion experience the Holy Spirit enters the heart of the believer to reproduce in his mind and character the mind and character of Jesus Christ. (*Phil. 2:13*). The Holy Spirit cannot do His greatest work when His presence is ignored and there is no cooperation on the part of the believer. Not to respond eagerly and continuously to the inward promptings of the Spirit is to follow a course of drifting away from God's will and way.

- C. **Neglecting the means of growth.** Some have failed to recognize that the conversion experience produces a spiritual infant rather than one who is spiritually mature. To neglect the means of spiritual growth can be detrimental to the spiritual well-being of the new convert.
1. A devotional study of the Word of God is the mile and the meat by which the child of God is to grow (*I Cor. 3:1-3; I Peter 2:2*).
 2. Communion with God through prayer is as necessary for the health of the soul as sunlight is for the health of the body.
 3. Fellowship with God's people in the church is as necessary for the growth of the soul as is the love of a family for the development of a child. (*Hebrews 10:24-25*).
- D. **Clinging to some secret sin.** Only a fool will treat sin lightly (*Proverbs 14:9*), for sin will destroy a person. Sin is to the soul what infection is to the body. For a believer to tolerate known sin in his life is to encourage spiritual bad health. Unless there is a forsaking of this sin whether it be in the realm of omission, commission, or disposition, the sinner is sure to drift.

FOURTH: IT IS TIME TO QUIT DRIFTING.

EPHESIANS 5:14

Drifting is dangerous. It is dangerous for the Christian, for a lost world waits to hear the message of salvation, and those who are drifting along will not communicate that message.

Drifting is deadly. Some fishermen were "drift" fishing below a dam in Kentucky several years ago. While concentrating on catching fish they failed to recognize that the currents were pulling them into a place of great danger. An official of the dam sounded a warning with a horn. The men in the boat began frantically attempting to get their motor started, but the motor died, and those above the current saw an overloaded boat containing five persons go down. All perished. Drifting in the spiritual realm can be even more deadly. The unsaved can drift over the precipice of death into eternity unprepared to meet God.

CONCLUSION: If you are a drifting disciple you would be exceedingly wise to rededicate your life and to begin again doing the things that not only please God, but that bring delight to the inner man. If you are among the great host drifting along and delaying the decision to come to Jesus Christ, then you should be warned today that drifting is both dangerous and deadly. Today as you have heard the good news of God's love for you, you have had the opportunity to respond to that love with the confidence of your heart and with the cooperation of your will. Make that decision now.

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*)

***I AM LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BRUSH THEIR TEETH WITH ME.
NINE OUT OF 10 DENTISTS SAY BRUSHING ALONE WON'T REDUCE CAVITIES.***



Dr. Bob Gray

The Old-Time Religion is Better Than the New-Time Religion

There was a day when Presbyterians used the King James Bible with its preserved inspiration; they stood firm on these issues of immorality. The Methodists, Nazarenes, Lutherans, and most of the Protestants stood staunchly on the King James Bible as the very Words of God. They preached strong sermons for right and against wrong. In case you do not like the old-time preaching, I would quickly point out that America was a whole lot better off in the old days than in these new days! America did not have all of the complicated problems we have now. The problems with drugs, abortion, AIDS, divorce, homosexuality, etc., were almost nonexistent in the old days of America. When America was filled with preachers who would stand up and let it rip from the pulpits of this nation, we did not have these problems in the epidemic proportions of today.

Our nation used to be a better society. Now, however, we have little puppets preaching little sermonettes to Christianettes who smoke cigarettes, drive Corvettes, listen to worldly quartets, watch half-dressed majorettes, watch Carol Burnett, wear their hair like Farrah Fawcett, and now have become stagnate. America does not need another Republican in the White House, or a Democrat in the White House; America needs a real man of God in God's house. The old-time religion is better than the new time religion.

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 36 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 36 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 11th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2026.



4. Scheduled Meetings in 2026.



Dr. Greg
Neal



Dr. Don
Chitty



Joseph
Collingsworth



August 2nd
Dr. Bob Gray

June 21-23, 2026

If there is no passion for souls in your preaching, you have not yet understood the gospel you preach. God so loved the world that he gave - and until giving costs us something, until we weep over the lost and spend ourselves in pursuit of them, until the Church rises from her slumber and her pews and goes into the harvest fields white unto reaping, we have mistaken activity for agonizing programs for prayer and religion for revival.

R. A. Torrey (1856-1928)

God never made a promise that was too good to be true.

D.L. Moody (1837-1899)

A church that does not evangelize will fossilize.

Oswald J. Smith (1889-1986)

Revivals begin with God's own people; the Holy Spirit touches their heart anew, and give them new fervor and compassion.

Jonathan Goforth (1859-1936)

The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history.

Andrew Murray (1828-1917)

You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray after you have prayed.

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor."

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

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

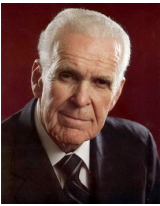
Cherish The Moment



Mrs. C with
Nathan Reilly
Collingsworth

“Cherish The Moment” is a beautiful song we often sing at baby dedications. No matter how often I hear the words, I am reminded to cherish the moments I have with my children. Babies grow too quickly into toddlers and teenagers and adults. We need to cherish the moments God has given us. But may I ask the children, teenagers and young adults: Are you cherishing the moments spent with your parents? How can you best do this?

1. Think on your parents. Think about the good things they do for you. (Feed you, clothe you, wash your clothes, worry about you...)
2. Realize the many responsibilities and burdens your parents may carry. Be an encourager to them by having a good spirit.
3. Find pleasure in the little things you do together.
4. Be openly thankful and loving each day.
5. Remember that no matter how old you are or how independent you may be, you always need your parents.
Realize that each day you have brings you closer to being apart. So cherish the moments you spend with Dad & Mom.



Dr. Lee Roberson

Family Routine

There are some things that should be the same daily and weekly, all the time. For example, there should be a family altar in your home, always a place where the Bible is read, and prayer is offered. I mean with each member of your family. We have it at our home at night with our family. We've always had it the same way. The Bible is read and prayer is offered. One by one we pray every night. Every morning at the breakfast table we read the Bible again, read a devotional book and have prayer together.

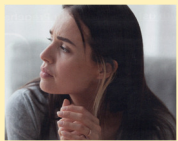
Now, make the Bible a cornerstone of your home. Get your Bible and make it a cornerstone and keep it handy. Put it on the table where you have your meals. Pick it up and read it or have it beside your bed at night handy to read. Begin the day with God; close the day with God. Now this is routine. I'm talking about ordinary things, everyday things that everyone should understand.

Again, we usually have prayer at the table. Now, I'm going to be honest with you. I just don't have confidence in people who walk up to a table and start eating food like hogs and never stop to thank God. Some of you are awfully quiet because you're doing that very thing. You shock me a little bit around here once in a while. I guess I deserve it. I asked the other night how many of you prayed before you went to bed, got on your knees and prayed. It was amazing to see that over half the audience wouldn't raise their hand. I tried twice and they still wouldn't raise their hands. I couldn't believe it. I'd have a hard time believing that any one of you would dare come to the table and take of your food without first bowing your heads and thanking God for it. You see, this is routine. I'm talking about the routine things in our houses.

You should have respect for the work of God. I'm not going to say all I'd like to say on this because it would take too much time. Some of you go back home, criticize the church, the pastor, Sunday school, the choir-the whole thing. You say, "I don't like church." Then you wonder why your children go to the Devil!

I'M GLAD I LEARNED DEEP-BREATHING TECHNIQUES IN A CHILDBIRTH CLASS. I NEEDED THEM THE MOST WHEN MY KID BECAME A TEENAGER.

"WHY DO THEY CALL IT RUSH HOUR WHEN NOTHING MOVES?"



Sarah Chapman

Building Authority

God has given ladies a quiet, powerful opportunity: we can strengthen confidence in the God-given leaders of those we love-or we can weaken it with a few careless words.

This matters most when our children hit hard seasons. If they grow up hearing little comments that tear down their pastor or father -- sarcasm, criticism, "Well, I don't know about that" - then when they need spiritual guidance later, they won't listen. We may think we're just venting, but we're actually training hearts.

I don't disagree with my husband often, but when I look back at the times I did, I see now that he was usually right. I just didn't see it at the time.

When I'm tempted to comment or complain, I try to pause and pray first: 'Lord, help me speak words that build.' Then I choose my words carefully - because people are always listening, even when they don't look like it.

Romans 13:1, "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

Building Authority strengthens those God designed to help us.

I was reminded of this when a church member asked me - kindly, honestly whether my husband is "really this kind at home? Is he like this

all the time?" I was thankful I could answer yes. He's not perfect, but he's sincere and consistent. That question reminded me how much trust is built (or broken) over time, and how much a woman's spirit can either steady authority or shake it.

Building authority doesn't mean you agree with everything. It means you choose honor and unity while you seek understanding. One rule that has helped

our family is simple: agree in public, disagree in private. If I don't understand a decision, I don't correct my husband in front of the children. I stay respectful, then we talk privately. We're on the same team.

The same principle applies in church life. If there is a concern, handle it biblically: ask questions, pray, speak privately, seek counsel. But don't spread doubt. Don't tear down a leader when you're trying to address an issue.

And here's a truth we forget: when we teach children to distrust God-given authority, we're also removing our own. God's order isn't a burden—it's a protection. Ladies, our words can build that protection - beautifully.

- **GIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.** Assume the best intentions first. Many problems shrink when we ask, "Help me understand."
- **AGREE IN PUBLIC; DISAGREE IN PRIVATE.** Unity in front of the children (and the church family) builds security and trust.
- **PRAISE THE AUTHORITY OUT LOUD.** Speak respect into the room: "Your pastor cares." "Your dad works hard." "Your teacher is trying to help you."
- **SUPPORT THE POSITION, EVEN WHEN THERE ARE MISTAKES.** You can address actions appropriately without tearing down the office God established.
- **WHEN YOU TEAR DOWN ANY AUTHORITY, YOU TEAR DOWN ALL AUTHORITY.** Accept this now, so you don't have to learn it the hard way.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER WHO IDENTIFIED AS TRANS WOLF, FIRED AFTER PARENTS RAISE ALARM

A North Carolina kindergarten substitute teacher who allegedly identified as a "trans wolf" and wore a collar and tail in class has been fired after parents raised concerns. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth confirmed the dismissal following complaints from military families.

Parents said the substitute teacher, who worked with kindergarten and pre-K classes, sometimes wore women's clothing along with a dog collar and an animal tail while at school.

The group argued that administrators had failed to respond adequately to repeated parental complaints.
—Anugrah Kumar, *Christian Post*

LOUISIANA CAN DISPLAY TEN COMMANDMENTS IN CLASSROOMS, APPEALS COURT RULES

A federal appeals court will allow Louisiana to enforce a state law requiring public schools to display the Ten Commandments.

In a per curiam ruling released (Feb. 20) in *Roake v. Brumley*, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals vacated an earlier block on the Ten Commandments law being enforced.

"There can be no doubt that the Ten Commandments bear immense religious significance," stated the appeals court. "But they also 'have historical significance as one of the foundations of our legal system.' That dual character forecloses any categorical rule against their display on public property."
—Michael Gryboski, *Christian Post*

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

Spring Program—2026
March 22nd to May 10th

A Time For Renewal

Wow!

Games Fun Hayrides

Food  **Treasure Hunt**  **HORSES** 

During a password audit, it was learned that an employee was using
"MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofySacramento."

When asked why he created such a long password, the employee said he was told it had to be at least eight characters long and include at least one capital.

Buttermilk Biscuits



3 1/2 cups soft wheat all-purpose flour (such as White Lily), plus more for work surface
1 1/4 cups cold unsalted butter, cubed
2 Tbsp. granulated sugar
1 Tbsp. baking powder
2 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 cup cold whole buttermilk
1 large egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 450°F. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Stir together all-purpose flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in a large bowl. Using your fingers, quickly toss and pinch butter into flour mixture until crumbly. Freeze 10 minutes to firm up butter.

Stir in buttermilk until a shaggy dough forms. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured work surface. Pat dough into a rectangle, and cut into thirds. Stack the thirds on top of each other, and pat into a rectangle again. Repeat cutting and stacking procedure twice.

Roll dough into an 11 x 7-inch rectangle about 3/4 inch thick. Trim off edges to form a 10 x 6-inch rectangle, and cut into 12 (2 1/2 x 2-inch) rectangles. Arrange about 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheet. Roll scraps once, if desired. Freeze until cold, about 10 minutes. Brush with egg.

Bake until golden brown, about 13 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes on baking sheet before serving.

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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