

“Together We Strive In 2025”



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The Man who Wasted His Life

Introduction: As a pastor in the service for the Lord Jesus Christ for over 48 years, may I challenge you not to waste 2025.

If I were to reveal a man that had everything going for him it would be Samson. Yet, with all his talent, strength and knowledge he somehow destroyed his entire life.

FIRST: A MAN OF SPIRITUAL POWER. JUDGES 14:6

“And the spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily...”

Over and over again it is said that the, *“Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him.”*

Judges 14:14, And several other references.

The problem was that he took his blessings and the grace of God apathetically, that is why there came a day that the Bible says, *“...he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.”* *Judges 14:20*

SECOND: A MAN OF SINFUL PRESUMPTION. JUDGES 14:1-3

Against his parent’s pleading he chose to marry into the hateful enemies of God. It was a disaster, but he seemingly was still being blessed. What does he do? No repentance but rather a lifestyle of continuing to choose women of wicked reputations and opposing God and His people. He presumes that God had no attention of punishing him.

THIRD: A MAN OF DOWNWARD PROGRESSION. JUDGES 14:1

“And Samson went down...”

His wife was given to what he thought was his companion, his best friend, and he murdered 30 men to pay a gambling debt.

If there is one truth you should learn about sin is, “Sin will take you farther than you ever intended to go and will keep you longer than you ever intended to stay.”

The eventual outcome of Samson’s wasted time on sinful practices, “That the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes...bound him...he did grind in the prison house.”

Nothing reveals the depth Samson had fallen than believing that a paid harlot actually loved him.

Judges 16:15, “How canst thou say, I love thee...”

FOURTH: A MAN WITH ONE LAST PRAYER. JUDGES 16:28-30

“And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, “O Lord God, remember me I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.” Verse 30, *“Let me die with the Philistines.”*

Why not? He chose the Philistines over God’s people. He married a Philistine and lived

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Dr. Greg Neal

The Centurion's Declaration

When the centurion saw this One take His last breath, something different took place. Verse 54 explains, Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. After witnessing all of these unusual occurrences, the centurion could not help but declare the truth. Jesus is the Song of God. He could not ignore everything he had seen. He could not reject what he had witnessed. He declared that there was no other explanation for it all when he said, ... Truly this was the Son of God.

This experience brought this centurion to the realization that this Man he watched suffer and die truly was Who He said He was. He knew he was in the presence of the Son of God. How wonderful that through the eyes of a Gentile standing near the Cross, he could see the events taking place and believe on the Man Who was on the Cross.

The Bible gives us this account of a Roman centurion fulfilling his duty in a foreign land because he saw what the Jews could not see. He became a witness of Christ's deity when he declared the exact thing for which Jesus was crucified. This centurion realized that innocent blood had been shed at the hands of guilty men.



Heritage Highlanders January 2025 Schedule

Saturday January 4

Putting God First

Saturday January 11

Attitudes

Romans 1:8

Proverbs 17:22

Saturday January 18

Soulwinning

Saturday January 25

Snow Ice Cream

Psalms 13:5

Proverbs 26:1

Tips For The Household

- To clean copper bottom pots, use ketchup.
- Wrap cheese in parchment or wax paper, then place in an open plastic bag; store in the refrigerator.
- Water your houseplants with club soda that has gone flat. The chemicals that remain in the soda add vigor to the greenery.
- To eliminate ink stains from a carpet, soak the stained area with lemon juice.
- To remove mud or soot from a rug, sprinkle the stained area with salt. Allow the salt to dry or settle before vacuuming.
- To clear a clogged drain, pour 1/2 cup of salt, 1/2 cup of baking soda, and 1/4 cup of vinegar down the drain. Close or plug until the fizzing stops, then flush with boiling water.
- For no-fuss painting, place a roller pan inside a plastic bag. Then pour paint into the plastic in the pan; the bag acts as a liner. When the job is finished, remove the pan, turn the bag inside out, and discard it.
- To make a microwave oven smell fresh, fill a microwavable cup with water and mix 1 tablespoon of lemon juice. Heat the water at full power for 1 minute.
- To remove bugs and tar from a car, use a damp cloth to apply a paste made by mixing baking soda with water. Allow the paste to sit for a few minutes before-wiping and rinsing the area clean.
- To remove crayon marks from painted walls, scrub with a dab of non-gel toothpaste.
- To remove chewing gum from clothing, chill it with a piece of ice. The hardened gum can be crumbled and brushed off.

SKILLED PROFESSIONALS

WOODY: "OUR GUIDES ARE HANDY WITH THE AXE."

JACK: "YES; THEY MAKE THE FIR FLY."

IN OTHER WORDS

BOBBY: "WHAT IS ECONOMY, FATHER?"

FATHER: "ECONOMY, BOBBY, IS A WAY OF SPENDING MONEY WITHOUT GETTING ANY FUN OUT OF IT."

Cran-Banana-Blueberry Ice Pops

Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1 3/4 cups cranberry juice cocktail, divided
- 2 tbsp. honey (optional)

Combine blueberries, bananas, and 3/4 cup cranberry juice in blender; blend for 20 seconds. Pour mixture through a fine-mesh strainer, pressing with spatula, to remove blueberry skins, if desired.

Rinse blender; pour strained liquid back into blender with remaining cranberry juice and honey (if using). Blend for another 20 seconds. Pour into molds; freeze at least 4 hours.

Makes 10 (2 1/2 oz. pops).

with the Philistines and destroyed his testimony with the Philistines. Why not die with the Philistines?

Conclusion: When Samson prayed, it was, "O Lord, God, remember me." I would ask you a question, Have you allowed yourself to get so far out of God's will that you have started thinking, "Has God forgotten me?"

Have you allowed your life to backslide so far from God that it is now come to your attention, "God may no longer need me?"

I want you to know that it is not God Who has the memory problem. Be honest about it. The Lord has never let you down. You made the mess, so it's up to you to clean it up. Go to the Lord right now and confess, repent, yield again and renew.

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)

"A test of a Christian's character is what he does after he comes to the blockade in the road and what his attitude is after everything has left him except Jesus." Lester Roloff (1914-1982)

"The love of God toward you is like the Amazon River flowing down to water a single daisy." F.B. Meyer (1847-1929)

"Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life." Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

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

C.T. Studd (1761-1834)

"Die to self: die to criticism, die to praise."

Lee Roberson (1909-2007)

"He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day."

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

"There is nothing in this world so empty as getting what you want." Jack Hyles (1926-2001)

"The greatness of the man's power is the measure of his surrender." William Booth (1829-1912)

"He who has fixed the bounds of our habitation, has also fixed the bounds of our tribulation."

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile."

Billy Sunday (1862-1935)



R. G. Lee

STRANGE PEOPLE

People who talk about prayer but never pray.

People who say tithing is right but never tithe.

People who wish to belong to the church but never attend or support the church.

People who say the Bible is God's Word to man but never read it.

People who say eternity is more important than time but live for the present life.

People who criticize others for things they do themselves.

People who stay away from church for trivial reasons and then sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

People who follow the Devil all their lives but expect to go to Heaven.

All of these make us think of what Solomon wrote: **"The way of man is froward and strange..." (Prov. 21:8)**

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 34 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 34 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 11th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2025.



Here are some actual quotes from accident reports submitted to various insurance companies by hapless policyholders, as collected by the United Services Automobile Association:

- The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.
- I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment.
- In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
- I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had the accident.
- An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle, and vanished.
- The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.
- The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of its way, when it struck my front end.

What Is Daylight Saving Time?

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of moving the clocks forward 1 hour from Standard Time during the spring and summer months, and changing them back again in the fall. The general idea is that this allows us all to make better use of natural daylight. However, DST has many detractors—and rightfully so.

Is It Daylight “Saving” or “Savings” Time?

The correct term is “Daylight Saving Time* and not Daylight Savings Time” (with an extra ‘s’), though many of us are guilty of saying it the wrong way. The technical explanation is that the word “saving” is singular because it acts as part of an adjective rather than a verb.

Why Did Daylight Saving Time Start?

Benjamin Franklin’s “An Economical Project,” written in 1784, is the earliest known proposal to “save” daylight. It was whimsical in tone, advocating laws to compel citizens to rise at the crack of dawn to save the expense of candlelight:

“Every morning, as soon as the Sun rises, let all the bells in every church be set ringing; and if that is not sufficient, let cannon be fired in every street to wake the sluggards effectually... Oblige a man to rise at four in the morning, and it is probable that he will go willingly to bed at eight in the evening.”

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

New Beginnings

Lamentations 3:22-23



The New Year always reminds me of new beginnings. With new beginnings there is anticipation, hope and joy.

Jesus gives us this when we trust Him as Saviour. Old things are passed away and all things are become new. (*II Cor. 5:17*) What joy in knowing our sin debt has been paid and we now possess eternal life!!!

Each day we live as a Christian we have a new opportunity to serve the Lord, to share Christ with others and to make a difference.

Each day is a new day, a new beginning for us to walk with the Lord.

Lamentations 3:22,23 “It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

How exciting to know God’s mercies are new every morning! May we greet every day in 2025 as a day of new beginnings!!!

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

TRANVESTITE LUTHERAN PASTOR DECLARES THE BIBLE 'WASN'T WRITTEN FOR 2024'

Drew Stever, a female minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who identifies as a man, recently generated controversy fey suggesting that gender ideology's incompatibility with biblical teaching, particularly about sex, demonstrates a deficit in the Bible.

"It's hard to relate it to modern-day times," said Stever, who serves as lead pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Hollywood. "Because it wasn't written for 2024; it was written for then."

Stever did not indicate why specifically moderns should have a different relationship with Scripture than Christ, Who treated as authoritative sacred writ * what was already in His time roughly 1,400 years old.

The gargantuan LGBT lobby group Human Rights Campaign, for instance, claims on its website that "Scripture doesn't suggest that respecting biblical authority means Christians should reject experience as a teacher."

Activists Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen noted in their 1990 strategy for the advancement of the LGBT agenda that it was necessary to "muddy the moral waters."

POPE SAYS ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO SALVATION

The answer to "*What must I do to be saved?*" has always been complicated in Catholic theology. Departing from the simplicity of the Gospel, the Roman Catholic Church teaches a mix of works and grace for salvation. Apparently, none of that really matters because, well, "We're all God's children;"

Pope Francis was recently at a gathering of young people in Singapore where he shared, "All religions are paths to reach God... They are like different languages in order to arrive at God, but God is God for everyone.... Since God is God for all, then we are all children of God... Some are Sikh, some Muslim, Hindu, Christian. And they are all paths to God."

This is what happens when human wisdom is elevated above the authority of God's Word. As Christians, we must take everything—including the words of the pope—and compare it against the only infallible standard: the perfect Word of God. So, does God's Word confirm this idea that every religion is just a different path, a different language, to reach God?

The answer is no. Scripture is very clear that Christ is the only way of salvation.

Acts 4:12 KJV - "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The kind of pluralism preached by Pope Francis and that is popular within the culture, and the progressive Christian community is foreign to the pages of Scripture.

And consider Jesus' words: "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" (John 14:6)

—Ken Ham, Harbingersdaily.com

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

HOW TO ROAST A TURKEY

Here are helpful instructions on roasting a turkey:

- Place a thawed or fresh turkey, breast up, on a flat rack in a shallow pan, 2 to 2 1/2 inches deep.
- Brush or rub the skin with oil to prevent drying of the skin and to enhance the golden color.
- Place into a preheated 325°F oven.
- When the skin is a light golden color and the turkey is about two-thirds done, shield the breast loosely with a tent of lightweight foil to prevent overcooking of the breast.

Roast Turkey Cooking Times

Net Weight (lbs.)	Unstuffed	Stuffed
8 to 12	2 3/4 to 3	3 to 3 1/2
12 to 14	3 to 3 3/4	3 1/2 to 4
14 to 18	3 3/4 to 4 1/4	4 to 4 1/4
18 to 20	4 1/4 to 4 1/2	4 1/4 to 4 3/4
20 to 24	4 1/2 to 5	4 3/4 to 5 1/4



Dr. Jack Hyles

Justified By His Blood

Turn to **Romans 5:9**. Here it is in black and white. **“Much more then, being now justified by his blood...”** Look at me a minute. **“Justified by his blood.”** The Bible says that the resurrected Christ justified us. What does it mean? It means that His blood was applied only after He was raised from the dead and became our high priest. **“Justified by his blood”**—there it is! Say all you want to say that we’re not saved by the blood, but it says right there that we’re justified by His blood. You say, “That’s not what it means.” Well, that’s what it says. **Romans 5:9,10, “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”** Look at me. Somebody says, “There it is. It says, ‘*by his life,*’ so if you live like Jesus, you get saved.” That’s not what it is saying. It’s saying we were sinners. Where do you come as a sinner? You come to Calvary. What happened? By His death we were reconciled. “Reconciled” means “getting back together.” It does not mean staying back together. The death of Christ got us back together, but to keep us back together we are kept saved by His life. What life? His life at the right hand of the Father.

What in the name of common sense, can Jesus do at the right hand of the Father if He doesn’t have the blood to show He died for us? We were sinners away from God. We came to Calvary. “At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,” and we trusted Christ and got reconciled by His death. I got reconciled to Christ 48 years ago by His death, but for 48 years I’ve been kept saved by His life, which means He rose from the dead, took His blood to the heavenly mercy seat and sprinkled it there; and Jesus Christ, sitting on the right hand of the Father, keeps on cleansing me from all sin by His blood on the mercy seat! That’s why the blood saves.”

“I THINK FOOTBALL WOULD BECOME AN EVEN BETTER GAME IF SOMEONE COULD INVENT A BALL THAT KICKS BACK.”

Soulwinning Tips From Sarah Chapman

1. **Enjoy the adventure:** Soul winning is never boring. Go expecting God to bless your efforts and have fun! We go to help others, but we received the greatest blessing.
2. **Go with your husband:** Men are usually more bold and adventurous. Don’t let your fear keep you from being his partner. Serving God together draws you closer to one another.
3. **Take your children:** Children can go soul winning too. This allows you to serve God as a family and reinforce their hearts for God. Plus, they are great conversation starters.
4. **Train other ladies:** You will have great fellowship with the people you visit with. Become a confident soul winner so you can train other ladies.
5. **Please the Lord:** Ultimately we go soul winning to please God. It is an act of love and obedience when we tell others of our great Saviour. It fills us with joy and pleases Him.



A LITTLE BOY IN CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME WATCHED AS THE USHERS PASSED THE OFFERING PLATES. WHEN THEY CAME NEAR HIS PEW, THE BOY SAID LOUDLY, “DON’T PAY FOR ME, DADDY, I’M UNDER 5.”

Lest We Forget



Major General Smedley Butler, USMC (1881-1940)

Smedley Darlington Butler was born on 30 July 1881 in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Appointed from that same state in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant in May 1898. He had a long impressive career from the Spanish-American War to World War I. Before retirement he commanded the Marine Barracks at Quantico, Virginia. Here is how he earned **two Medals of Honor**.

In December 1909, Butler commanded the Third Marine Battalion at Camp Elliott, Panama Canal. After temporary duty in Nicaragua, he returned to Camp Elliott. On 22 April 1914, he participated as a Battalion Commander in the intervention at Vera Cruz, Mexico, leading his men with skill and courage. For his “distinguished conduct in battle” on this occasion, Butler was awarded the Medal of Honor. In December 1914, he reported to the First Brigade Marines at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but departed to participate in the Haitian Campaign. On 17 November 1915, he led Marines and sailors from USS Connecticut in a concentrated attack at Fort Riviere on the Caco bandits. Leading his men through a small opening on the fort’s southern side, he organized an attack that eventually resulted in hand-to-hand combat to crush the resistance. For his “bravery and forceful leadership,” Butler was awarded his second Medal of Honor.

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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