

# HERITAGE *Herald*

November 19, 2017



THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

**This Sunday Evening November 19**, we will enjoy our Annual **Hunter's Harvest Banquet** here at the church at 6:00 PM. We will have a time of singing and then preach a challenge to the congregation relating to the gospel. Following this we will enjoy a meal of harvested game from the hunting season and enjoy some great fellowship with one another. We always find tasty the different dishes and pastries provided by the ladies of the church. Also, many displays and mounts are brought in and arranged by our hunters. This also makes a great topic of discussion. All and all it is a great night for which we give God the thanks for the bounty He has provided for us.

## LECTURE SERIES REPORT:

On Friday, November 10th the annual fall **Lecture Series** was held by **Bible Baptist Theological Seminary** in Cromwell, Connecticut, with a good turnout of folks from many different churches. The subject at hand was **Baptists and The Reformation** which took place 500 years ago in 1517. A biblical and historical perspective was given about the Protestant Reformation, and its relation to and effects upon Baptists.

Three excellent lectures were presented dealing with related topics on the subject matter. First, **Dr. Thomas M. Strouse** dealt with: the roots of the Protestant Reformation in the Roman Catholic Church; the evils of the Roman Catholic Church; pre-reformers, Protestant

reformers and Reformation; the results of the Protestant Reformation; and the Baptists' response to the Reformation. Second, **Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh** dealt with the importance of and the vital need to study and understand Baptist History; concluding that, "Ignorance of Baptist History for the Christian is self-destructive." Lastly, **Pastor John Stockton** dealt with Shifts in Protestant Worship and Doctrine that demonstrate an unbiblical emphasis and therefore unbiblical practice; and reaffirming the need for sound musical worship and doctrine in Baptist churches.

Thanks be to God for great blessings from Him through the teaching and fellowship.

- *Dr. Keith A. Main*, HBTS Dean

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
SUNDAY MORNING - 11 AM  
SUNDAY EVENING - 6 PM  
WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK - 7 PM

# for the discerning

Thanks Be To God

*"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."* 2 Corinthians 9:15

People love to hear or read a good "rags to riches" story. Many a novelist has earned a living inventing new variations on this theme. It lifts the emotions to think on the possibility of rising out of difficult circumstances and landing in a season of wealth or pleasure.

The ultimate "rags to riches" story is told not in the emotional roller coaster of a carefully crafted fiction novel, but in the redemption of a lost soul through the sacrifice provided by Jesus Christ on the cross. In this non-fiction story, we are not vicariously experiencing someone rising to fame and wealth, but are witnessing God himself reaching out to His fallen creatures. We are seeing God with us, Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh step into our world to take the punishment we deserve for the many sins we have committed. We are watching the pure and holy God Almighty provide an escape from death and the torments of hell. And our part is to simply receive it.

The consequences of a life of sin are affliction and poverty. The wage we will receive for a life governed by pride and selfishness is death and eternity to follow in hell. Yet there is a way out. It isn't found in a self-help book. No one can pull himself up "by his own boot straps". No one can muster up enough positive thinking to alter the truth. Reformation without regeneration opens a person to sevenfold worse grip of Satan on his soul.

The answer lies in the good news of Jesus Christ. We must repent of our own efforts. God cannot be obligated to accept every religious invention of men, no matter how sincere they may be.

God has been revealing His plan to redeem mankind since shortly after Adam and Eve chose to partake of the forbidden fruit. Since their fall, we have the knowledge of evil; death, decay, destruction, violence, and perversion of everything God originally declared "very good".

But, *"thanks be to God"* we have the knowledge of good, specifically the good news of Jesus Christ, God's plan to redeem mankind. This is *"His unspeakable gift."*

Have you surrendered your everything to Jesus Christ? Have you received this gift? Have you been born again? Are you thankful? ...Thankful *"unto God?"*

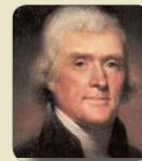
-Bro. Brad Baldwin

## MonthlyMemoryVerse

seek the LORD

**"Seek ye the LORD  
while He may be found,  
call ye upon Him  
while He is near."  
Isaiah 55:6**

## Notable Historic QUOTE:



**"Our greatest happiness does not depend on the condition of life in which chance has placed us, but is always the result of a good conscience, good health, occupation, and freedom in all just pursuits."**

- Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)  
3rd President of the United States

## I Am Thankful

II Thessalonians 2:13-17

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*

*God uses many ways to encourage us, and I am thankful for all His encouragements. I am glad He calls me His beloved of the Lord. Yes, I am thankful to be saved! Thankful because:*



- I. Because we are chosen (vs. 13)
  - A. We are saved through sanctification of the Holy Spirit
  - B. We are saved through belief in the truth.
  
- II. Because we are called (vs. 14)
  - A. We came through the Gospel
  - B. We obtained the glory of the Lord Jesus
  
- III. Because we are brethren (vs. 15)
  - A. We are to standfast (stand firm)
  - B. We are to hold (to be master of) the traditions
    - 1. taught in person
    - 2. taught in epistle
  
- IV. Because we are servant/children (vs. 16)
  - A. We are loved
  - B. We are comforted
  - C. We are given hope

*Verse 17 is an inspired desire that through our relationship with Christ we should be comforted or helped in every good word and work. Oh yes, I am thankful to the Lord Jesus my Savior.*



*"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."*  
Deuteronomy 29:2

current schedule: \*

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