

HERITAGE *Herald*

August 2, 2020



THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

During these challenging times, we have had to go to holding two services on Wednesday night, a 6:00 service and a 7:00 service. The Lord has been good to us, giving us two assistant pastors. *Pastor*

Jake Reeves and *Pastor Keith Main* have taken on the responsibility of preaching in these services. Since my wife and I both attend each service, we call it our “double blessing night.” Both men are excellent preachers, bringing timely Biblical messages to our church. For me, they are truly heaven’s blessing, ministering to my soul and not only to mine, but to the whole church.

A Word of Comfort: *O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation (Psalm 95:1).*

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 24 - HBTS Fall Semester begins - Monday evenings: *Hebrew Language IV* (4-7 PM) and *Angelology* (7:30-9:30 PM)

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

for the discerning



God Instituted Capital Punishment

Genesis 9:1-7: *And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.*

Following the Flood, God reiterated the same command to Noah as He did with Adam, *Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth* (Genesis 1:27-28). Also, God expanded the command to include the unseemly death of a man either by a beast or another man (Genesis 9:5). Today, we refer to this as capital punishment: when the state imposes the death penalty upon an individual who is found guilty of willfully killing another person; it is called a premeditated act of killing or murder (Numbers 35:16-18).

The only reprieve to the death penalty given by God that is found in the Scripture is when the death of an individual is judged to be accidental (Numbers 35:15). However, the individual who was responsible for the death was given a life sentence to stay within a designated city called the city of refuge (Joshua 21). In this city, he was allowed to live freely; however, for the rest of his life, he was never to leave the city lest the family of the dead man capture him and kill him, which was just by the law (Numbers 35:26-27).

The penalty for willfully killing another man is the same as an unwitting beast. It is death. A life sentence is only for an accidental death. The life sentence simple limits a man's liberty to a certain city where he is freely allowed to live by his own industry, but never allowed to leave the city of refuge. Today, if we followed these godly principles, I wonder what our penal system and our crime landscape would look like in our country? - CAR

MonthlyMemoryVerse

be strong in the Lord

**"Finally, my brethren,
be strong in the Lord,
and in the power
of His might."
Ephesians 6:10**

Notable Historic QUOTE:



"To avoid entangling alliances has been a maxim of our policy ever since the days of Washington, and its wisdom no one will attempt to dispute."

- James Buchanan (1791-1868)
15th President of the United States

Principles for Growth in the Lord

Proverbs 16

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*



One of the things that is naturally expected of a believer is that he is continually growing in the Lord. How do you keep growing?

- I. Be obedient to what you know is right (vs. 3)
 - A. It involves looking to the Lord for faith
 - B. It involves looking to the Lord for what is right
 - C. It involves departure from evil (vs. 17)
- II. Look to the Lord for help (vs. 6)
 - A. Seek His mercy from iniquity
 - B. Seek His truth about iniquity
 - C. Fear the Lord
- III. Learn to make the right choices (vs. 8-9)
 - A. Have proper priorities (vs. 8, 16)
 - B. Have patience - let the Lord set the pace (vs. 9)
- IV. Seek to live in the Lord's countenance (vs. 15)
 - A. By the Lord's light
 - B. Having the Lord's favor – blessings
- V. Be humble in spirit (vs. 18-19)
 - A. Know who you are
 - B. Don't think more of yourself than what you are
- VI. Learn to have self-discipline (vs. 20-32)
 - A. Learn how to handle things (vs. 20)
 - B. Teach the tongue (vs. 21-24)
 - C. Know man's ways (vs. 25)
 - D. Rule your spirit (vs. 32)

The question to ask yourself is: Am I continuing to grow in the Lord? I trust the answer is: Yes.



"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:*

**FALL SEMESTER BEGINS
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020**

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**all classes at HBC unless otherwise noted.*

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A Primer of Baptist History	Colossians & Philemon	Daniel	The Doctrine of Heaven's Music
The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts	En Epheso	Genesis	Geocentricity
If Any Man Be in Christ	I Will Build My Church	Jonah	The Lord God Hath Spoken
Peter	Proverbs	Psalms 1 - 41	Psalm 119
Spiritual Gifts	I & II Thessalonians	Titus	Revelation