

# HERITAGE *Herald* December 31, 2017



THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

We here at *Heritage Baptist* would like to wish you and yours a very prosperous and blessed year in the Lord. The Scripture tells how to have prosperity and blessing: “*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success*” (Joshua 1:8). This instruction was given to Joshua, who was a Judge of Israel, and who in his day was a believer and servant of the LORD. By application, this instruction is also relevant in our day and for all Christians. Have a great New Year!

We praise the Lord for our **Christmas Eve service**. The children did a wonderful job in their Christmas program, and we appreciate the many visitors who came.



*Pastor Keith Main* concluded the service with a challenge from God’s Word. We also want to thank the adults and instrumentalists who worked so hard to make the evening such a blessing to the entire church family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 8 -** HBTS Module, *Titus*, 6:30 PM (Mondays, through Feb 5)  
**Mar 5-9 -** HBTS Module, *Acts*, Dr. Strouse, M-F, Time TBA

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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



## Instruction for Prosperity and Blessings

Joshua 1:8: *“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”*

The time when the LORD led Israel into the Promised Land, He instructed Joshua for Israel’s sake how they could be prosperous and blessed by God. The instructions are simple and they are centered in *“this book of the law”* which is today the first five books of our King James Bible.

Joshua is instructed to be consumed with God’s words. This is accomplished by Biblical thinking and talking. Joshua was to meditate on the Scripture, or continually go over it in his mind. Doing so would give Joshua a Biblical attitude and manner of speech. We learn from Christ in Matthew 12:34 that men speak out of the abundance of their hearts. Thus, rather than having a worldly-directed heart, we need to have a heavenly-directed heart which only comes from a relationship with the Word.

Joshua was also instructed: *“...to do according to all that is written therein.”* It is clear the Lord doesn’t want us just to fill our heads and hearts with Bible words, but He wants us to observe (*guard*) to do them. James, the half brother of Jesus, said, *“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”* (James 4:17). It is not just reading and talking about the Bible that is important, but **doing** it.

Therefore, if you will read and think about what the Bible says, and then apply it to your life by doing it, then you may claim God’s promise to make your way prosperous and successful. The LORD makes the instructions simple enough that even a child can understand and do them, finding the prosperity and blessing of God in his life. Have a blessed New Year!

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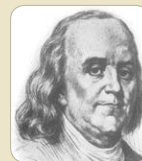
### MonthlyMemoryVerse

*His unspeakable gift*

*“Thanks be unto God for  
His unspeakable gift.”*

*2 Corinthians 9:15*

### Notable Historic QUOTE:



**“By failing to prepare, you are  
preparing to fail.”**

*- Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)  
US Colonial Statesman*

## The Lord Wants to Bless You

Psalm 81:8-16

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*

*Israel lost a great many of the blessings that God desired to give her because of her disobedience. However, Israel's example can teach us that God wants to bless us, and He will if we are willing:*



- I. Willing to Listen (*hear, hearken*) to Him (vss. 8-9)
  - A. Brings the promise of right faith (vs. 9)
  - B. Brings the promise of right worship (vs. 9)
- II. Willing to Depend on Him (vss.10-12)
  - A. The positive aspect - it brings a blessing (vs. 10)
    - 1. exemplified by God's guidance
    - 2. promised and exemplified by God's provision
  - B. The negative aspect - it brings a curse (vs. 11-12)
    - 1. given over to one's own lust
    - 2. given over to one's own counsel

Note: To depend on God is the opposite of self-reliance
- III. Willing to Obey (*walk with*) Him (vss.13-14)
  - A. Brings the promise of God's peace (vs. 14)
  - B. Brings the promise of God's protection (vs. 14)
- IV. Willing to Yield (*submit*) to Him (vss.15-16)
  - A. Brings the promise of God's everlasting life (vs. 15)
  - B. Brings the promise of God's best (vs. 16)
  - C. Brings the promise of God's satisfaction (vs. 16)

*What blessings have you lost because you were not willing to listen, to depend upon, to obey, and to yield to the LORD? Be willing to embrace the truths of God's word and be blessed by the LORD!*



*"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:\***

**Jan 8-Feb 5, 2018**

**TITUS**

Dr. Caswell A. Reeves  
Mondays, 6:30 PM

**Mar 5-9, 2018**

**ACTS**

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse  
M-F evenings, Time TBA

*\*all classes at HBC unless otherwise noted.*

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