

HERITAGE *Herald*

August 9, 2020



THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

It has been a very good week. First, our services went very well with visitors in both services. Then it turned cooler, giving us a reprieve from the severe heat that we have been having this summer.

And finally, my wife Linda had a good doctor's report. Her recovery from her heart attack is going well. We were concerned about the slowness of the recovery, and we were reminded by the doctor that her body has under gone major trauma and that it will take months for her to fully recover.

We continue to praise the Lord for His graciousness and mercifulness toward our church and in our personal lives. May we always look to Him and fasten our hearts upon His perfect will revealed to us in the truth of the scriptures.

A Word of Comfort: *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all* (Psalm 34:19).

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



First Love

...I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love
(Revelation 2:4).

The Lord Jesus Christ commanded John to write unto the man leading the church at Ephesus. The passage running from Revelation 2:1-7 is written *to the angel of the church of Ephesus*. Yet, we can discern that *angel* here is a man, because Jesus would have no need to write to a heavenly angel. Also, since this passage is in the second person, Jesus is speaking directly to the leader of the church at Ephesus, holding him responsible for the conduct of his assembly.

The Lord commends a number of defensive measures still employed at Ephesus. He acknowledged their works, their labour, their hatred for evil, and their discernment over false apostles. The Lord observed them as they endured in a busy city full of immorality and idolatry. He had seen them. He knew exactly what they were facing. But He also knew they had departed from Him relationally.

Jesus let them know that they had *left* Him...that they had fallen away. In their forty or so years in existence, they had endured and continued to have a candlestick...continued to be recognized by the Lord as one of His assemblies... Yet, they had departed from their first love. Jesus defined first love as *love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind*. He said *this is the first and great commandment*.

This church had a good defense, but that had overshadowed all else. When this happens, an assembly will be more likely to circle the wagons and protect the 99 than to reach out to the one gone astray. They will become impenetrable and introverted. They will have many barriers up. They will base their unity on defending fact to the exclusion of loving the Lord and reaching the lost for Him. The Lord will not be pleased.

Oh, assembly! Oh, church, is this you? Oh, Pastor, is this you?

As the Lord has said, *Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*

-Brad Baldwin

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:



**“Liberty must be allowed
to work out its natural
results; and these will,
ere long, astonish the
world.”**

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

Shepherds - An Example of Faith

Luke 2:8-20

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*

Our relationship to God's Word (a Heaven-sent message) demonstrates the characteristics of true saving faith.



- I. Faith hears (vs. 8-14)
 - A. It understands
 - B. It believes
- II. Faith acts (vs. 15-16)
 - A. With commitment - decision
 - B. With certainty - fact
 - C. With celerity - haste
- III. Faith experiences (vs. 16-20)
 - A. By finding (vs. 16b)
 - B. By declaring (vs. 17-18)
 - C. By rejoicing (vs. 20)
 - 1. glorifying God
 - 2. praising God

You can trust God's Word, just like the shepherds of old, to find Jesus Christ our Savior - today.



"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**

**Aug 24-Dec 14, 2020
HEBREW LANGUAGE IV**

Dr. Keith Main
Monday evenings, 4-7 PM

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ANGELOLOGY**

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**all classes at HBC unless otherwise noted.*

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| The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts | En Epheso | Genesis | Geocentricity |
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| If Any Man Be in Christ | I Will Build My Church | Jonah | The Lord God Hath Spoken |
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| Peter | Proverbs | Psalms 1 - 41 | Psalm 119 |
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