



# CONNECTED

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## WHAT A SUMMER!

Since our last *Connected Newsletter* Margaret and I have been on quite a ride. A good Ride!

July found us in Montana and Idaho churches. While there we enjoyed day trips to both Yellowstone and Glacier. The handiwork of God is awesome! We especially enjoyed the Sunday with Pastor Jerry Favor at Victory Baptist Church in Sagle, Idaho. He and I played ping pong at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment when he was a young lad.

We flew from Spokane to Los Angeles. This year's *Spiritual Leadership Conference* at Lancaster Baptist Church was a home run. Wow! We made it back to Houston in time to make the *Rodgers*

*Baptist Church Missions Conference* and to preach Wednesday night in Terrell. Thursday I made it back to Houston in time to assist Dr. & Mrs. David Gibbs, III at the *Texas Coalition of Homeschools Conference* at the Woodlands Convention Center.

I enjoyed the privilege of preaching two Sundays for Pastor Mark Parker at Calvary Baptist Church in Conroe and one Sunday for my long time friend, Pastor Harold Clayton, at Greenwood Village Baptist Church in Humble before flying to Israel for two weeks. What a joy to spend Labor Day, our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday back in the States, with our friends at Midway Baptist in Kountze. The following Wednesday through Sunday I conducted

a seminar on *Biblical Church Government* for Pastor Wheeler and Memorial Baptist Temple in Conroe. The following weekend was with KELB Radio and two churches in Lake Charles. The 2-hour live *Church and State* broadcast was a groundbreaking event. September ended with a Friday – Sunday Revival and *History of Churches Seminar* with Pastor Mike Bragdon and Calvary Baptist in Athens.

As you read these lines I am in the Cincinnati, Ohio area with Pastor Sparks and the Dearborn Baptist Conference. I will be in three area churches while there .

*"Never change things for change's sake"*

Lewis McGarity

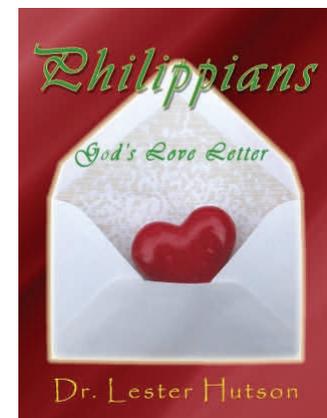
## MY FIRST eBook IS NOW AVAILABLE

Thanks to the help of my dear friend, Phil Rice, last week my first eBook became available on line through both Amazon and Barnes and Noble. *Philippians, God's Love Letter*, is a 13-chapter trip through Paul's tender letter to the young church in Philippi. It is well-suited for personal Bible study and growth. It is also ideal for preaching and teaching.

*Philippians, God's Love Letter* is available at [Amazon](#) (Kindle) and [Barnes and Noble](#)

(ePub format) for \$4.99. There is no Digital Rights Management (DRM) on the eBooks, so they can be read on any reader for the given format. The Kindle version can only be read on the Kindle, but the ePub book can be read on the Nook, iPad, the Sony Reader and the Kobo eReader (to name a few).

A computer DVD of *Philippians, God's Love Letter* is also available through our [website](#) for \$4.99. Contact us at [lesterhutson@gmail.com](mailto:lesterhutson@gmail.com).



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## YOU KNOW NOT WHAT A DAY MAY BRING FORTH

In August Margaret & I went to Israel to help with the *Stand Up For Israel Rally*. Our long time friends, Duke and Carlene Westover of DuCar International Tours, had 10 buses of 50 each. They needed our field experience and knowledge of Israel.

Who would have guessed that a hurricane would rip up the East Coast and shut down the big airports? On Friday midnight we had cleared immigration and were seated in our big jet awaiting take off. Suddenly the captain was saying the flight was cancelled, we were to deplane and reschedule our flights. I've never observed such a stunned silence.

Two hours later we had cleared immigration and customs and were officially back in Israel with more frustration than you might imagine. Some of our people had made earlier flights; 50 people were looking to me for direction. After all, we were checked out of our hotel, in the Israeli airport at 2:00 am, with no clue as to when another flight might be available and out of money. Since Margaret and I have

experience it was up to us to find



Magnificent Yellowstone

solutions.

That was in the hours before dawn on Saturday. We finally flew to Newark, New Jersey at midnight on Thursday following. What a ride! First night in Ben Gurion airport! The Saturday Sabbath had commerce at a standstill. Just before school; hotels were packed. We finally got a bus to a hotel in Tel Aviv for one night. Then it was move again, but God gave us a great

place near Jerusalem where we stayed long enough to sort out things and get on our way. The hurricane passed, New England came again to life, our flights were all rebooked and adversity made us a family. Duke and Carlene Westover stood with us all the way with great support.

What a reminder of how dramatically plans can change! God can redirect our paths any moment. He is neither obligated to consult us nor does He need our consent. With one storm He can paralyze the East Coast with worldwide ramifications. Our God is truly awesome! He is in full control. Let us live every moment in full awareness of how frail we are! Let us never forget that we are in His hand and at His mercy! At any second, life can radically change. Never allow yourself to be lulled into taking things or people for granted.

*"Education, to be complete, must include the spiritual foundation found in the Holy Bible"*

David Gibbs, Jr.

### OUR WARMEST WISHES TO YOU

**Believe it or not the holidays will soon be upon us and what a beautiful season it is! Thanksgiving, a time to reflect upon the goodness of God and give thanks!. Every day is a gift from God. How blessed we are to live in America! Thank God for health, food, shelter, jobs, transportation and so many material blessings. Friends and family are profound treasures.**

**Christmas! "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16) Christ is truly "The unspeakable gift" (I Cor. 9:16). O what a season! Don't let Santa Claus, aggressive marketing and abuse of the reason for the season steal your joy. The Savior has come! Rejoice in that and capitalize on the season to tell our glorious message.**

*Merry Christmas!*

### Hutson's Prayer List

- ✓ *America*
- ✓ *My new book: Great Bible Truths Revisited. I'm about 90% done*
- ✓ *Humble & Tender Servant Hearts*
- ✓ *Good health & good attitudes*

## A GLANCE AT 2012

October ! Already ! Soon a New Year will be upon us. Already many plans have made their way into my calendar. My deep, deep desire is to be faithful and fruitful. I am a servant; not a master.

Lord willing, I will conduct revival meetings with dear friends in Kentucky, Ohio and Kansas. I will also be a part of Bible Conferences in Texas, Indiana and California. On many Sundays I will be representing the Christian Law Association in churches along with occasional private engagements. I still have several open Sundays. I will also lead a very special *Marriage Enrichment Caribbean Cruise* February 27—March 3. [www.TakingCareofTravel.org](http://www.TakingCareofTravel.org)

*"Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"*  
*"No ma'am, I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."*

Lord willing, on August 3 next year, Mrs. Hutson and I will mark our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Wow! What a wonderful lady! God gave me exactly who I needed and I am eternally grateful to Him. She and I have plans for a very special personal celebration of God's goodness to us.

Lord willing, my current book will be completed by year's end and I will begin intense work to finish editing my book on *A History of Churches*. I hope to complete the process of editing and publish the book by the end of 2012.

I am also working on several digital recordings and materials to offer on Amazon. I am recording the chapters in my current book (*Great Bible Truths Revisited*) and will post them on my website early in 2012. The new book will be available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com and Xulon.com. My *Philippians* series is already available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

### *The Screwtape Letters* – Revised Ed.

C. S. Lewis—Macmillan  
 ISBN 0 02 086740-9

Astounding! Brilliant! Intellectual! Shocking! I have never read anything like it. A series of short letters from Screwtape, a high administrator in the hierarchy of devils, to Wormwood who is assigned to a young Englishman who dies in WW2. Like a photographic negative, all is written from evil's point of view. This book will challenge your mind & your beliefs. Such insight into the demonic world & into humanity! All of the messages come by listening in on the communications between the devils. I do not recommend this book for the immature. As good as it is there is a huge flaw. There is the constant illusion that the devils can potentially take away one's salvation.



Lester & Margaret Hutson with a great and godly Christian champion: Dr. David Gibbs, Jr.

## GREAT BIBLE TRUTHS REVISITED

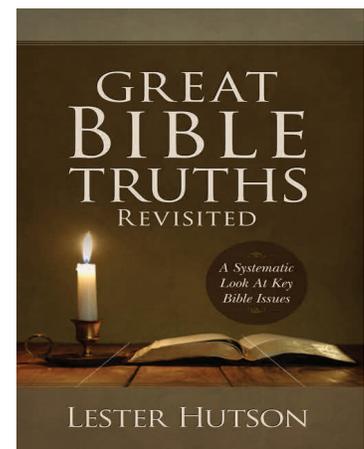
Most of you know that this year I have been working diligently on a new book. It started out as an edit of my *What We Believe and Why* series but quickly turned into much more. Immediately I found myself completely rewriting chapters. I also found it imperative that I include several entirely new chapters.

It became obvious to me that a new title is in order. I am calling the new book *Great Bible Truths Revisited*. I have been greatly blessed as I have worked through this collection of often

misunderstood and misused Bible truths. The book will consist of 52 chapters dealing mostly with difficult and commonly misinterpreted texts. At this point, 48 chapters are completed except for additional proofing.

The book will be published by Xulon Press. Paper copies will be available at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com. Lord willing, the book will be in the publisher's hands no later than December 31. Already groundwork is laid to make this book available

as an eBook. It appears that might be a reality by Christmas.



# WRITTEN FROM THE HOLY LAND

Once again it has been my privilege to spend a few days in Israel. I have been in 42 states and 19 countries. There is no place on earth that compares to Israel. There are bigger mountains, better rivers and more natural beauty, but Israel is in a league alone. It's **the** place! Wherever you step there is the Bible - coming alive before your very eyes. There is the beautiful Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on water, the High Priest's house where He was tried, the Garden where He prayed, the Fortress where He was condemned and the empty Tomb where He was buried. There is Megiddo, the valley where the final war will be fought, Yad Vashim where the Holocaust comes to life, Masada where Israeli Soldiers swear to fight to the death for Israel and Jerusalem, the City of God.

Every time I am there I

## HEARTFELT THANKS

*Mrs. Hutson and I humbly and sincerely thank each of you who have been so kind and good to us. Your encouragement, support and love are medicine for our souls. Life's greatest treasures are the true friends, the good people God brings into your life. Keep praying for us. Our heart is to give our very best to the Lord! Every day! Until we are in His presence face to face!*

learn and grow. My Bible is like a new Book. I am shamed and inspired by the courage and bravery of the Jewish people. I see their love for freedom and the price they have paid. I see what prejudice, bigotry and hatred does. No place drives home the importance of the gospel of Christ like Israel.

Without Christ, humanity is utterly hopeless. He alone can rescue a soul from eternal hell and He alone can save this planet from a total melt-down.

By coming here I vote for Israel with my feet. I'm standing up for freedom. The existence of a free Israeli state has a price. The cost in blood, tears and courage is beyond my description. Every day Israel is under threat. This tiny nation is an icon of liberty and courage, but the world hates her and seeks her annihilation from the earth. Those who hate Israel also hate America. It is self deception of the highest rank to think those who hate freedom would be content with the extinction of Israel. Israel is merely the little Satan; America is the Great Satan. I too stand for freedom. In my heart I too am an Israeli. By the blood of Jesus Christ I have been grafted in.

I always consider it a privilege to visit this land where my spiritual roots are and which will

one day be my home.



I'm with King David who 3000 years ago wrote *"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good"* (Ps. 122:1-9).

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A couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning as they were eating breakfast the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside. *"That laundry is not very clean. She doesn't know how to wash. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."* Her husband looked on but remained silent.

Several times this happened with negative comments. About a month later the young lady was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, *"Look, she has finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."* The husband said, *"I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."*

*Love one another*

**Keep Praying for America**