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LIFE WITH THE HUTSONS

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Three months can zip by in a hurry. Since our last *Connected Newsletter* I have preached two week-long revivals, conducted Sunday services in seven churches in four states, led a four-day *Missions Conference* in Conroe (Texas), had two live hour-long radio interviews, attended the *Spiritual Leadership Conference* in Lancaster (California) and had the privilege of speaking at a *Pastor's Fellowship Meeting* in Mayfield, Kentucky. I also conducted the funeral of one of the best friends and greatest men I have ever known: Ralph Hudnall. I also spent a considerable amount of time nursing my

left wrist/thumb. Surgery at the end of March left it really, really sore and in need of lots of therapy. I am happy to say it is better and useable, but it is still sore enough to make a grown man cry. We've also been able to spend a little time with our family (much more is planned) and many of our friends. Another blessing of these few months has been a growing involvement in our new home church, Northwest Baptist in Houston. Pastor Tim Dulany has treated us with great honor and respect and has engaged me in the pulpit and other areas of the church.

God has been really good to the Hutsons. We are generally quite healthy

and deeply engaged in many aspects of ministry: with our home church (Northwest Baptist), with the Christian Law Association as a *National Field Representative*, with a wide variety of speaking engagements in many churches and with a healthy outflow of books (paper and eBooks). My hope and efforts are to see this area of my life expand.

Thank you for your encouragement, support and prayers. It is my heart to be faithful and fruitful until the very moment when God takes me to my eternal home.

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OUR 50TH

IT SEEMS ONLY YESTERDAY THAT I STOOD IN FRONT OF A CHURCH AND PROMISED TO LOVE AND SUPPORT MARGARET TILL DEATH DO US PART. THAT WAS AUGUST 3, 1962.

WHAT A WONDERFUL TRIP IT HAS BEEN! MARGARET IS GOD'S GREATEST MORTAL GIFT TO ME. I CANNOT IMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT HER.

WE HAVE SPECIAL PLANS FOR OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY. OUR HEARTS ARE TO SERVE GOD AS LONG AS WE LIVE. WE ARE AWARE THAT HE HAS BEEN VERY GOOD TO US.

7 Ways to Make a Difference

1. Register
2. Vote
3. Register others
4. Get others to the polls
5. Be informed
6. Use your influence with others
7. Pray

July

During July I will preach the morning message on the 22nd at my home church, Northwest Baptist. That evening I will preach the 6:00 p.m. message at Calvary Baptist in Conroe. I will also preach both messages at Calvary on July 15. I will preach two July Sundays at Memorial Baptist in Conroe: the 1st and the 29th. I am privileged to present a brief seminar at Vincent Baptist in Sulphur, LA on Tuesday, July 17 (mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter) and be a part of the annual *Missions Conference* at Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland on July 23-24.

PASTOR, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

America is in serious trouble. Freedom is slipping away and our country is heading toward tyranny and government control of all facets of life including religion. Christianity is out of vogue and increasingly being shut out of schools, the work place, the media and the public arena in general.

Of all people, who should be standing in the gap? Whose voices should be the loudest? The answer is unquestionably *Preachers!* God's men! We are the shepherds! We have the pulpits! We have the power to influence others. We must be leaders and not mere followers. We can neither afford pacifism and cowardice nor can we justify it before God. We must preach Christ as the only true hope of this world, but we must not be silent on the issues of our day: political corruption and downright dishonesty, abortion, paganism, sodomy, same sex marriages, free enterprise, financial responsibility, integrity, freedom and the role of government. Consider Noah, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, John the Baptist and Jesus Christ.

Stand up! Make a difference! Use your influence!

Register the people in your church.

Use your pulpit to enunciate Bible positions on the issues of our day.

God forbid that it be said of us as it was of the religious leadership of Israel! *"His watchmen are all blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter"* (Isaiah 56:10-11).

MY CLA CONNECTION

For over three years it has been my privilege to represent the Christian Law Association as a *National Field Representative*. During this time I have represented the ministry almost 200 times in 19 states. Dr. David Gibbs, Jr. is one of the greatest servants of God I have ever known.

Though I am now spending more time in my home church, I continue to represent CLA; however, by invitation only. If you would like for me to come to your church, explain the ministry of CLA, preach and help you fortify yourself and your church against legal dangers, call the CLA office: 727-399-8300.

The sermons on my website are changed approximately six times a year. I appreciate your visits to my site & want them to always be helpful & refreshing.

[Listen to Sermons](#)

SPECIAL HELP FOR PASTORS

On Tuesday, July 17, from 1:30-4:00 in the afternoon I will offer two special sessions designed to help pastors and other ministers. I will be at the Vincent Baptist Church in Sulphur, Louisiana as a part of an annual *Camp Meeting*.

Session one is on *Legal Pitfalls*. This 55 minute session will help pastors see how legally vulnerable they are in certain areas of church ministry. The emphasis will be on steps that can be taken to reduced legal risks.

Session two will center on *The Pastor's Financial World*. There are many easy steps which pastors can take to improve their financial picture. In this session I will examine the issue of a pastor's tax status: is he an employee or self-employed? The IRS is clear on this. I will also explain a *Verifiable Reimbursement Policy*, *Pastor's Housing Allowance* and shed light on *Benevolent Funds*.

For information on how to reach the church, call Pastor Bob Degg at 337-555-5533, 337-583-2317 or 972-523-1736. His email is rob-ertdegg@gmail.com.

Our Prayer List

- ✓ *America & the coming election. It is crucial*
- ✓ *Good management of our time*
- ✓ *Wisdom & love*
- ✓ *Good spirits, health & attitudes*
- ✓ *That I may give myself to things that really matter*
- ✓ *That I may practice what I preach*

eBooks

Electronic books! They are the coming thing. Kindles, Nooks, iPads, electronic readers! Amazon reports that more than 40% of their book sales are eBooks.

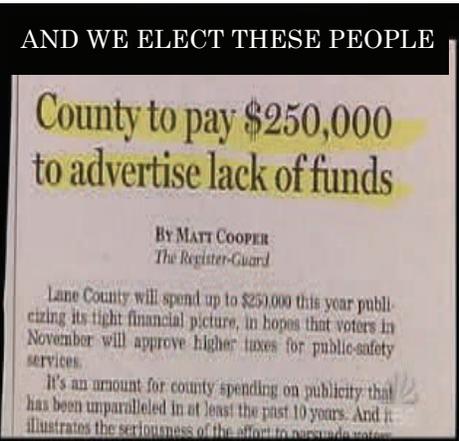
I am happy to say that I have several books available in the electronic marketplace. To be exact, at this time I offer 11. On both Amazon and Barnes and Noble you will find *Great Bible Truths Revisited*, *Basic Bible Truths*, *Basic Discipleship Teacher's Manual*, *Studies in Nehemiah*, *Outline on Ruth*, *Christian Family Principles*, *Cultivating Your Heart*, *Creation through the Fall, Cain and Abel though the Tower of Babel* and *The Patriarchs* which includes Job. The last three are study guides which cover the book of Genesis. The *Basic Discipleship Student Workbook* is available as a free download at www.lesterhutson.org.

"I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God."
-- Abraham Lincoln

Go to [Amazon](#) or [Barnes and Noble](#). Clicking these links will take you to directly to my books. Place the books you want in the *Cart*. Follow the menu and they will download onto your electronic reader.

Great Bible Truths Revisited is available there as a paper book. *Basic Bible Truths* is available in paper back through the [Christian Law Association](#).

Thanks to all of you who are using these Bible resources. I deeply appreciate the kind and encouraging feedback.



"Life's tough... It's even tougher if you're stupid."
-- John Wayne

A BOOK I HAVE RECENTLY READ & HIGHLY RECOMMEND

When a Nation Forgets God 7 Lessons We Must Learn from Nazi Germany
 by Erwin W. Lutzer
 Moody Press
 ISBN 978-0-8024-4656-5

Chilling and eye-opening! In clear and concise terms, Dr. Lutzer shows how Hitler brought the German masses under control (including most Christians) as he moved to take away their liberty & enslave them. He did it in spite of atrocities beyond description. The parallels between Nazi German and current America are striking. Dr. Lutzer draws those parallels; they are sobering and convicting. America is ripe for enslavement, a dictator & atrocities similar to those in Nazi Germany. They appear to be much closer than most realize. Every American & every person who values freedom, especially Christians, should read this book.

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YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO GO TO THE HOLY LAND & LONDON

The brochure is ready and posted on line: <http://www.ducartours.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/hutson-2013-israel-and-london-web.pdf>. A reservation form is included. We board the big jet for Israel on February 25, 2013.

Eleven life-changing days! Fabulous places: Jerusalem, the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, Megiddo, the Tower of London, Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle and many more. Your Bible coming to life! You are right there, standing in the place where Jesus preached the *Sermon on the Mount*. You are walking the exact

trail Jesus walked from the Garden of Gethsemane to be falsely tried and condemned in the High Priest's House. You are standing on the serrated stones where the soldiers used him as a pawn in the infamous *King's Game* recorded in Matthew 27:27-31.

This is a vintage Christian tour. We will learn much about the modern Israeli state, we will see Crusader buildings & the influence of Islam, but our emphasis will be on this land in light of the Bible.

Come. Go with us. We are staying in first-class hotels, eating

great food and have the very best guide in Israel. This is my 13th time in



Israel. I have spent a lifetime in serious study of the Bible. I have worked a long time to make this a truly premiere *Holy Land Tour*. This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime.

Register to Vote

Everybody votes every time. If you are eligible, you will vote for the next president of the United States of America. You will either vote actively for one or the other candidate or you will vote by default for the candidate who wins. Every eligible voter who did not register and vote in 2008 helped elect the man who is in the White House today.

If you do not register, you cannot vote. If you do not register and vote, you automatically opt for whoever wins. If you fail to vote, all of your words about bad officials & how much you dislike them are empty.

As a private citizen of the United States, I plead with you to register. Please! Register and do it now! Voter registration cards are easy to get. They are available at your courthouse. If you have difficulty filling out the voter registration form, anyone at your courthouse can help you. Many others can also help you.

America is reeling. Freedom is being taken from us at a staggering pace. America is ripe for a rebellion, an overthrow of the government. We are ripe for a dictator. Would be dictators often deliberately bring about financial and social chaos in order to justify their extreme measures to restore peace and stability. That's happening in America today. The coming presidential election may very well be America's last free election. We must stand up and be counted. At the polls! This year on November 6! Please register and register now!

Kindergarten girl: "I'm drawing God."

Teacher: "No one knows how He looks."

Kindergarten girl: "They will in a minute."

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold"

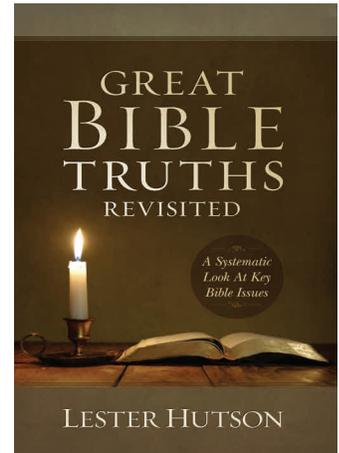
Proverbs 22:1

Great Bible Truths Revisited

In 2011, over 25 forty-hour weeks of my life were given to my book: *Great Bible Truths Revisited*. Some (not all) of my old *What We Believe and Why* series was included, although the material was greatly upgraded. In this labor-intensive effort, I included lots of new material and sought to present the great Bible concepts under consideration in a kind and objective way.

Great Bible Truths Revisited is somewhat encyclopedic in nature. It consists of 50 essays dealing mostly with difficult or controversial Bible issues. It is a book that will go into the reference section of your library, a book to which you will refer many times as you study God's Word. In this world of false doctrine and constant attack upon the veracity of old-line biblical truths, it is good to have around a book of this nature. It is good to look back at positions which have stood the test of time. It is good to have a clear presentation of positions which have been held dear for hundreds of years. It is good to compare bedrock positions with new ideas.

Great Bible Truths Revisited is available from [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#) in both paper and eBook formats. I now offer paper copies for \$25.00 each or two for \$40.00 plus postage and a mailer. For those who wish, I will be happy to autograph copies.



MY NEW ROLE AT NORTHWEST BAPTIST

I am now the Associate Pastor of the Northwest Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. I am working in a support role to Pastor Tim Dulany. We are working to structure and lead Northwest Baptist into a vibrant, soul-winning church that will impact Houston and the world in a very positive way until Jesus returns.

Northwest is my sponsoring church. I am writing books, preaching revivals, presenting seminars and workshops and working to leave a legacy of good Christian materials in a variety of formats all under the authority of Northwest Baptist Church.

Pastor Dulany uses me occasionally in the pulpit and in other ministries of Northwest; however, I am free to accept outside engagements as the Lord opens doors. I can be contacted at lesterhutson@gmail.com.

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

Thomas Jefferson