



# CONNECTED

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## WE LOVE YOU

*Mrs. Hutson & I truly love & appreciate our many friends. So many of you love & encourage us over & over. We especially appreciate your prayers. We know that God has turned your prayers to our good. Thank you. Pray that our health will continue & that we will be faithful & fruitful servants until the day we see Jesus.*

## WINNING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

The most enduring thing you can do is bring someone to Christ. Time reduces most things to nothing more than memories; the people you bring to Christ will live with you forever.

Repeatedly I've said that *the greatest enemy of the best is the good*. We can become so involved with good things that there's no time for the best. Firsthand I know that's especially true when it comes to bringing people to Christ. Working like a Trojan in the life of my home church, traveling across America to help other churches, writing books, loving my family! Oh yes,

neck deep in the good work of God; but what about the lost souls all about me?

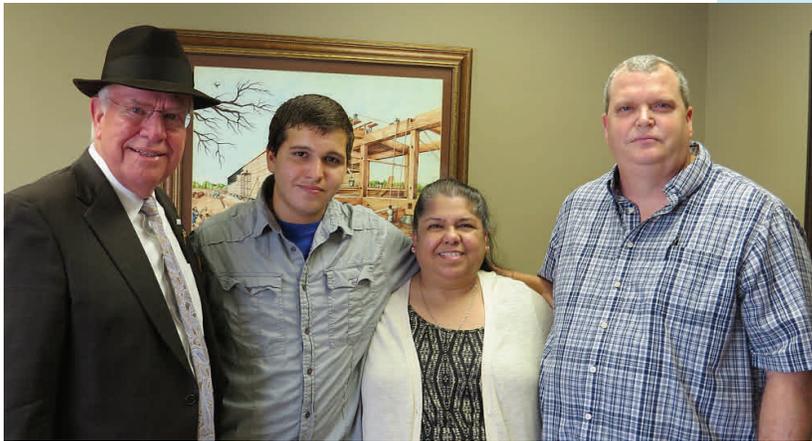
Many years ago in a rather rude awakening, the Lord gave me the *Basic Bible Truths*. I have personally used this tool to bring many people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Pastors, missionaries and general laymen throughout America and in many foreign countries have brought thousands to Him using *BBT*. It's not a gimmick. It's a simple matter of sitting down with a person or small group of persons for one hour a week for six weeks and systematically

presenting the gospel message of Jesus Christ. So many people have come to know Christ in that fourth lesson. For years I have been blessed with a steady stream of reports of people getting saved.

I work hard to keep at least one set of *BBT* lessons in progress when I'm in Houston. In August it was my blessed privilege to see Steven, Rosalee and Steve Bryant come to Christ. In view of their faith in Christ, they were baptized into the membership of Northwest Baptist Church on Sunday morning, September 7. Praises be to our great God!

Do it

friends! Do it. Get into the lives of people and tell them the glorious message of salvation. Don't let good things keep getting in your way. "*He that winneth souls is wise,*" Proverbs 11:30.



Steven, Rosalee and Steve Bryant  
They trusted Christ during *Basic Bible Truth* lessons

**Books make great gifts!**

## PROPHECY CONFERENCE

- ✓ October 5-9, 2014
- ✓ Victory Baptist Church  
7515 Gulf Highway  
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607  
337-480-0881 –  
[www.victorybaptistlc.org](http://www.victorybaptistlc.org)
- ✓ Speakers: Phillip Goodman, Al Gist, Daymond Duck, Glenn Matlock, Tim Dulany, Wayne Dartez, Lester Hutson
- ✓ Subjects: *ISIS and Isaiah 17, Crossing the Line Ezekiel 37, The Indestructible Jew, Assyrian Connection, Prophecy Timeline, Muslim Antichrist Alliance, Russian/Islamic Invasion, Blood Red Moons* and many more.

## FEEDBACK

Feedback on this *Connected Newsletter* is always welcome. It is both encouraging and instructive and really helps me as I plan and prepare future issues. Many of you have sent very encouraging and helpful feedback. Thanks.

I also appreciate feedback on my *blogs*. It gives me encouragement to know that you are reading the blogs and like the truths that they talk about. It also lets others know that the truths are valid and encourages them to read it as well.

Feedback regarding my *website* is also most welcome. I like to hear from you. It helps me improve and upgrade my website and offer information that is of true value and interest to you. It is a big help to know your thinking - for the better or the worse. Every now and then someone sends an email saying he or she wants to be deleted from my distribution list. That helps me keep a clean list of people who want to be in my life. It is certainly not my intentions to impose myself on anyone.

Several of you have gone to my location on *Amazon* and on *Barnes and Noble* where you've posted comments on my books. It's hard to put into words how much I appreciate this. Readers from all over the world go to these places. Your evaluations (recommendations) of my books make a huge difference. The more reviews I receive, the more interest there is in them. My desire is that many people will consider the material and the truths therein. Your feedback makes this happen. I really appreciate it.

## MY SALVATION TRACT IS NOW AVAILABLE

My simple and straight-forward salvation tract titled *What Happens Once You Die?* has been added to my website. This tract is a free download. It is my heart that it be used to the glory of our great God. It can be downloaded from the [Books](#) or [Free Resources](#) sections of the website.

*What Happens Once You Die?* is short and to-the-point. It has been formatted to print front and back on one 8 ½ X 11 sheet. It is also available as an eBook in mobi (Kindle) and ePub formats. You are encouraged to make it your own and to use it as a tool to bring people to Christ. I view it somewhat like a seed. Plant it wherever you can. Even as you plant it, there may be opportunity to water and cultivate. Sometimes a seed lies dormant for a long time and then springs up. Plant as many seeds as you can! Who knows which one will spring forth to a great harvest? If you do not plant seeds, you cannot expect a harvest.

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

[Listen to Sermons](#)



My dear & precious friend, Aaron Samples  
Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Urbana, Ohio

*"The very same issues and liberties that affect church schools also impact Sunday schools, bus ministries, vacation Bible schools, and church camps. If the government has the right to license, regulate, and control church schools, the government also has the right to license, regulate, and control Sunday schools, bus ministries, vacation Bible schools, and church camps."*

David Gibbs, Jr. Remembering the Price

## MY WEBSITE

I invite you to visit my website. It has a number of interesting and helpful features. All past issues of the *Connected Newsletter* are archived there. Approximately once a month I post a new blog. Past blogs can also be accessed there. About four times a year we post new sermons. You can get a bird's-eye view of the books I've written; there's a little explanation of each one. There are also free resources in the *Products* section of the website. I hope to add to that in the days ahead. On a more personal level there is a photo gallery. Many of them are of places we've been and people we know and respect. We are always changing photos and adding new ones.

The website has my testimony and doctrinal statement. It will give you a good look at who I am and what I do.

<http://www.lesterhutson.org/testimony>

## WE SPEND OUR YEARS AS A TALE THAT IS TOLD

It was Moses who made this observation in Psalm 90. Every year the reality of that claim becomes more real and personal to me. Here we are in October. Yes, we're heading into the home stretch of 2014. Soon it will be only memories.

As this year fades into the eternal record books of Heaven, Mrs. Hutson and I want to thank all of you who have been so good to us this year. The Lord has given us some great new friendships and strengthened many old ones. Thanks be unto Him for the privilege of running the race! We've traveled many miles and been in many places. You've treated us with such dignity and respect. Just since our last newsletter we were very blessed to meet great new friends in both Rockford and Gray's Lake, Illinois. I was there also to offer Christian Law Association help. The annual Missions Conference at [Rodgers Baptist Church](#) in Garland, Texas had the anointing of God. What a blessing to be a part of this inspiring event! It was one of the many highlights of my year. As always I am blessed to preach at least once every month in my home church, [Northwest Baptist](#) here in Houston. Thank the Lord for His blessings on this church. We continue to reach more people; many of them are younger.

Shortly after you receive this newsletter, Mrs. Hutson and I will be in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Pastor Wayne Dartez and [Victory Baptist Church](#) is hosting a [prophecy conference](#). Speakers include Phillip Goodman, Al Gist and Daymond Duck. Bro. Tim Dulany will bring two messages and I will speak twice. I will also speak at Victory on the Sunday before conference which is October 6-9. For details, call the church at 337-480-0801.

Mrs. Hutson and I also want to take this opportunity to wish each of you dear friends a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry, Merry Christmas. Yes. They'll be here before you know it.

A wise school teacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school: *"If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home."*

## A BOOK I HAVE RECENTLY READ & HIGHLY RECOMMEND

*Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*

David Platt

Multnomah Books

Colorado Springs, Colorado

ISBN 978 - 1- 60142 - 221 - 7

You probably won't like this book. It's painful, un-nerving; but you'll know it's true. It will likely play havoc with your lifestyle; however, you need to read this book.

It's not very long and it is not written in technical language. It is a piercing look at what affluence has done to the thinking of too many of us. David Platt looks at where we are in light of the most fundamental, basic teachings of Jesus Christ; but *Radical* is not merely an assessment, it is also a book of solutions. And challenges!

David Platt's assumption on what the church needs a little help, but this book is not intended as a doctrinal treatise. Even so, *Radical* is loaded with many of the Bible's most basic doctrinal concepts. Platt's insight goes straight to the heart of Jesus' teachings.

This book is needed. Yes; desperately needed! I encourage you to get and read this book. It is at the core of true biblical Christianity.

*"Poor is the nation that has no heroes, but disgraceful are those who having them forgets."*

Potawatomi Nation

Long Room Veterans Wall -

Shawnee, Oklahoma

Dear God,  
I am American  
What are you?  
Robert



## INGENIOUS

On the matter of who owns the land of Israel an ingenious example of speech and politics occurred recently in the United Nations Assembly.

Israeli representative: *"Before beginning my talk I want to tell you something about Moses. When he struck the rock and it brought forth water, he thought, 'What a good opportunity to have a bath!' Moses removed his clothes, put them aside on the rock and entered the water. When he got out and wanted to dress, his clothes had vanished. A Palestinian had stolen them!"*

The Palestinian representative at the UN jumped up furiously and shouted, *"What are you talking about? The Palestinians weren't there then."*

The Israeli representative smiled and said, *"And now that we have made that clear, I will begin my speech."*

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### Empathy for a Homesick Liberal

I was in Scottsdale, AZ the other day. I saw a bumper sticker on a parked car that read: *"I miss Chicago."*

So I broke the window, stole the radio, shot out two of the tires, added an Obama bumper sticker and left a note that read, *"Hope this helps."*



## Character Counts

*Character!* The total of those things that a person does, feels and thinks. Character can be good or bad, strong or weak. One's character is who he really is in his heart; and often a word, deed or situation reveals one's true character.

Good character is a close cousin of integrity. Every Christian ought to have it. Yes *"every"* Christian! *"Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world,"* **Philippians 2:14-15**. Good character should especially be the hallmark of preachers; men of God. The qualifications which are set forth for preachers and deacons in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 make that amply clear.

A growing drumbeat in modern society is to divorce one's personal life and character from his job and outward life. You heard it with Bill Clinton and the sordid Monica Lewinski affair. The media was insistent that one's private life and morals should have no bearing on his public life. The idea is that immorality, drunkenness, lying, cheating, spousal abuse and such wicked behavior should have no impact on one's job.

Talk about a challenge; just try to square that kind of reasoning with the Bible! Holiness, purity of heart and lifestyle and integrity are written all over the pages of God's sacred book. Hypocrisy is on God's black list; He has no sympathy for those who *"say, and do not,"* **Matthew 23:3**.

It breaks my heart to see this cancerous thinking spreading in Christian ranks, even among preachers. Because they do not get drunk, rob banks, commit adultery or directly steal money externally they appear quite wholesome, especially if they can preach well. Yet these days there is a widely accepted mode of operations for the takeover of existing churches. Infiltrate and gain control, change doctrine and practices, claim you're doing it all because you care about young people and reaching the next generation, criticize your predecessors for knowing very little about worship and how to run a church, expect resistance and departure of many especially the older folks and change things to your suiting. If it doesn't work, take the assets and start over somewhere else. The big thing is power and control. Whatever it takes, you must get it; and since you are so convinced that you are right and what you are doing is of God, then rest in the belief that the end justifies the means: betray, lie, deceive, bully, domineer, use people to accomplish your goals, divide family and friends, step on and slander people who stand in your way, misuse money, blame someone when things don't go well and do it all in the name of God. Assume no responsibility.

From the White House to the pulpit, it's a sad day when character no longer counts. *"And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment,"* **Isaiah 59:14-15**. Obviously character still counts with God; and with Him character is about more than morality. It's about integrity, honesty, truth, justice and doing things God's way. The end never justifies evil means. God still looks on the heart. The play on the stage may look quite glitzy, but God's eye is on the heart and what goes on behind the scenes.