

# Seeking Out The Old Paths

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## P E R I L O U S T I M E S

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” 2 Timothy 3:1

If you were born and raised in America, you can't remember a time when sin was more rampant than now. Recently I read an article in the newspaper about a movie that is expected to win awards in that industry. It is a story of two homosexual cowboys and their abominable relationship. *The debates in public education about creationism, intelligent design, and evolution are merely letters of an epitaph being engraved on America's tombstone.* The America that many of us have known since childhood is fast fading away and being replaced by a revised version. Some say we are more free than ever because of our toleration of sins such as abortion, homosexuality, pornography, etc., but that is not true. What has happened is that the wicked rule. Freedoms now being passed out are not really liberties being give to oppressed people. No, let's call these so called liberties what they really are - “A license to sin.”

Our government didn't create new liberties with the homosexual marriage issue, or abortion on demand, or first amendment rights for Hollywood and the pornography industry. They just took rights away from another group in society and gave them to these. They took away an infant's right to life when they gave the mother the liberty to kill them at any time before birth. They took away the rights of an innocent child to be protected by society from being placed in the home of people who are sexually perverted when they allowed homosexuals to adopt. They took away the rights of the upright when they allowed filth to be promoted on the internet. Why should a family with children have to buy a blocking system to protect them from ungodliness? *Why not make those who want to expose themselves to this trash buy an access system?* Because the wicked and those they have bought off rule!

These are the last days, the “*Perilous Times*,” and if the church does not affect the culture, the culture will affect the church. Think about

it! *We holiness people are in an especially hostile environment; not only does the world hate us, but the worldly church hates us.* These are perilous times, and the decline of our culture and the hostility of our environment are out of our control. Paul did not tell Timothy how to avoid perilous times, HE SIMPLY DESCRIBED THEM SO TIMOTHY WOULD KNOW WHEN THEY ARRIVED; and he counseled Timothy on how he should carry on his Christian duty in those times. Many sermons could be preached on the description Paul gives us in chapter 3, but I want to focus on the warning he states in chapter 4. Notice verses 3 and 4, “*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*” Paul is not referring just to the lost crowd outside the church, he is talking about the professing crowd inside the church as well.

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**“We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good.” Numbers 10:29**

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School - 10 A.M.

Morning Worship - 11 A.M.

Evangelistic Service - 6 P.M.

## TUESDAY

Youth Service - 7:30 P.M.

## WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 10 A.M.

## THURSDAY

Family Service - 7:30 P.M.

“Where A Warm  
Welcome Awaits You...  
In This Church We  
Teach Holiness Too...”

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# Around Home

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## Prayer List

Please remember the following people in our church who need a touch from the Lord.

Patsy Roberts, Verna Williams, Edna Pelfrey, Demia Abner, Ruby Carpenter, Sharon Whitley, Stephanie Joseph, Vee McElhaney, Martha Combs, Betty Roberts, Bessie Richmond, Evelyn Houston, Brenda Houston, Mary Banks, Donna Maggard, Opal Houston, Odie Boggs, Rachel Thompson, Pastor Sutherland, Steve Phillips, Raleigh Welch, Carl Henson, Taylor Hill, and Ray Driscoll.

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We extend our sympathy to Sister Zelma Daugherty whose sister recently passed away.

Also our sympathy is extended to Brother Gary Scott whose brother passed away.

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People who place too much importance on their standing are generally too big for their shoes.

## Looking Ahead

### AUCTION / DINNER

The Dryden Road Youth will be having a Taco Salad dinner on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. Immediately following the dinner there will be an auction to help raise money for the youth group. Cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 for adults, children 3-10, \$2.50, and children 2 and under are free. Brother Gary Scott will be conducting the auction. If you would like to donate to the auction, please see Brother Darius or Sister Kim Templeton.

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The ladies will be having a dinner on Sunday April 30th following the morning service. Price for adults is \$6, ages 6 and under \$3, and 70 and above free (members only). On the menu will be roast turkey, pork tenderloin, dressing, green beans, corn, cole slaw, macaroni & cheese, rolls, dessert, and drinks.

Please invite your friends and family.

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## 50th

### Anniversary Cookbook

Just a reminder, we need your favorite recipes turned in for the cookbook. We would like a 100% participation with every ones name in the cookbook. We are very excited, so please help us with your best recipes. If you have any questions please see Sister Loretta Carter, or Sister Nona Rains.

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## Graduation Banquet

Friday, May 12, 2006  
Fern Valley Holiday Inn  
Louisville, Kentucky

Special Speaker  
Pastor B.D. Sutherland

Theme:  
“Striving For The Mastery”

Music and Song by,  
“In One Accord”

Theme Song:  
“Wherever You Are”

Photos by:

Johnson Photography  
1 5x7 \$7.00 - 2 5x7 \$12.00 + \$3.00 shipping

We encourage our seniors  
to arrive early.

Photos will begin at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and again during program intermission. The evening program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Horse and carriage rides by Louisville Tram Service will begin with the seniors and their escorts during the program intermission, and all others following thereafter. We will conclude the program by presenting a Scholarship Certificate to one of our attending High School Seniors.

This is a formal affair, please dress accordingly!

7th grades and up. \$35.00 per person. Deadline is April 20, 2006. If you have any questions please see Brother Darius or Sister Kim Templeton.

## EGG HUNT

The annual egg hunt will be April 15th at 1:30 p.m. Make sure you bring your children.

We need the ladies of the church to bring 3 dozen **HARD BOILED** eggs for this event. Please have them at the church no later than 11:00 a.m. on the 15th.

Thank you,  
Brother Gary Scott

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There was a tremendous train crash in Britain. Suffering people, broken limbed, writhing in excruciating pain, lay all around the tracks. Presently a man came up and, recognizing a gentleman who didn't seem to be injured at all, said, "Excuse me, but aren't you Doctor Jones?"

"Yes replied the doctor, that's my name."

"Well," said he, "why don't you do something? Can't you see all of these people in agony!"

The doctor replied with tears pouring down his face, "I would but I have no instruments!"

Today a bruised and dying world cries out to God, "Why don't you do something?" and God seems to reply, "I would, but I have no instruments!"

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What the caterpillar calls the end, God calls a butterfly.

## April Birthday's

Meghan Witt.....	1
Beulah Driscoll .....	2
Jeff Ward .....	2
Qution Hibbits.....	4
Jared Hall .....	6
Bethany Hoskins .....	8
Taylor Hill .....	8
Leah Roberts .....	9
Sarah Travis .....	15
James Smith .....	15
Tammy Keeton.....	16
Jeanie Stidham .....	16
Linda Dotson.....	16
Keith Austin .....	17
Brittany Hasty .....	17
Michelle Dotson.....	17
Jamie Isaacs .....	18
Denver Griffiths .....	18
Nona Rains.....	19
Rita Smith .....	27
Leola Huffman .....	28
Tony Robinson Jr. ....	28
Regina Dixon .....	28
Tyler Austin.....	30

## Anniversaries

Charles & Brenda Dalton.....	2
Darryl & Michelle Dotson .....	3
Bob & Shirley Welch .....	6
Brandon & Lore' Tussey.....	15
Wayne & Sue Farmer.....	26

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The greatest barrier between some Christians and God's omnipotent power is their own supposed strength.

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Spiritual health, revival, overcoming, whatever name you want to call it, depends on a commitment to hear and obey the truth.

By the way, do you appreciate me reminding you of this? Your answer will give a good indication of how severely you have been affected by these last days. Note the warning: *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine”* (verse 3a). They will not tolerate sound teaching! The word *“sound”* is the same word translated *“whole”* when Jesus said, *“The whole need not a physician...”* *“Whole”* means healthy. *“They will not tolerate wholesome teaching,”* which means they become spiritual junk food junkies.

The majority of professing Christians today only like two types of sermons. **First, the type that is all about them.** It makes God a sugar daddy or a glorified bellhop that caters to their every want, or **second, the type that straightens other people out.** It tells off those whose conduct they dislike, but never touches on their personal failures.

I’m not saying that everything should be negative and you had better like it. However, in the last days there is a danger of becoming like Ahab and only wanting someone to prophesy good concerning you, and if they don’t, you hate them or the message. I’m sure most of you know this, but you need to be reminded that the merit of preaching is not based on how well you liked what the preacher had to say. Notice how the warning continues...

*“but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”* Those who won’t tolerate healthy biblical teaching will accumulate a special group of preachers that will preach the things that suit their liking.

**When real Holy Ghost revival comes to an individual’s experience, they want to hear holiness and clean living preached; but more than that they want to hear the serious matters of the heart preached.** They want to know what 1 Corinthians 13 means for them to do. They want to understand their obligation to the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. They want to hear expositions on Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 11, or Galatians 5, to mention only a few. Those who will not tolerate it look for a place where it is not taught.

Notice the warning continues, *“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”* Those who only want to hear what they want to hear, will stop their ears, no longer listening to the truth, and will wander off after man-made fiction.

Anyone who has been in church very long, has seen the people described by verses 3 and 4, especially in recent days. Modern church growth experts have written dozens of books in response to this trend on how to build a church in these perilous times. The problem with most of these authors’ growth plan is it mostly involve ear scratching, (verse 3), and following a lot of man-made fiction (verse 4).

Paul didn’t confine himself just to

telling Timothy what to look out for, **HE ADVISED HIM WHAT TO DO IN PERILOUS TIMES.** Note the charge in 4:1, *“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.”* Paul is saying “I give you charge of this responsibility based on the fact that Jesus is coming, and when He arrives He will judge people who died before He came and those alive when He arrives, and from among them set up His Kingdom.” In other words, “Timothy, remember Jesus is going to judge us on the merit of our faithfulness, not how successful we appear in our times; so don’t let anything but your love and reverence for Jesus dictate where you stand.”

Notice further that the charge continues in verse 2, *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.”* Paul lists the essential things that Timothy must do, no matter which way the tide of popular opinion turns. **“Preach the word”**- just stick with the Word. Illustrate it, expound it, but stick with it. **“Be instant in season, out of season”**- never lose your sense of urgency, but press the message of the gospel home at every opportunity. **“Reprove”**- explain biblically your feelings of disapproval. **“Rebuke”**- boldly point out what or who is to blame. **“Long suffering and doctrine”**- do it with all the patience that teaching spiritual things require.

Notice the charge continue still further in verse 5, *“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do thy*

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*work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*” Paul didn’t say anything about using stacking chairs instead of pews, praise and worship choruses sung off the wall, changing the translation of the Bible, or just becoming user-friendly. No, in fact he said something that contradicts the very notion that change is the answer to changing times. Verses 1 and 2 are what he charges Timothy to do leading up to perilous times, and verse 5 is what he tells him to do once in the midst of perilous times. *“but watch thou in all things.”* In other words, “stand fast, calm, and sane in whatever you are doing, no matter what happens.” In a sense, Paul is telling Timothy to watch and be careful as he carries on his work, but not to let anything move him from his purpose.

Then Paul tells Timothy to *“endure afflictions.”* This means to “face whatever hardship comes and endure any suffering your standing fast in the truth requires.” If nobody listens, don’t change the message.

Yet again, he counsels Timothy to *“Do the work of an evangelist.”* This means “go on spreading the gospel. Keep telling the old, old story.” **Remember there is a vast difference between getting someone to come to church and getting someone to come to Christ.**

Finally, he instructs Timothy, *“Make full proof of your ministry.”* That is, “carry out your commission and fulfill all the duties of your calling.” A preacher does not have to resort to carnal business practices to succeed in ministry, but he does have to know what God expects of him and then do it with all his heart.

You may be thinking, “Brother Taylor, all you have done is told me something I already knew.” I realized that when I started, **but remember the most perilous thing about the “Perilous Times” is that the devil is trying to deceive you into changing your mind!**

Daniel E. Taylor  
President, O.B.I.

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There is a fable which tells of three apprentice devils who were coming to this earth to finish their apprenticeship. They were talking to Satan, the chief of the devils, about their plans to tempt and ruin men. The first said, “I will tell them there is no God.” Satan said, “That will not delude many, for they know that there is a God.” The second said, “I will tell men there is no hell.” Satan answered, “You will deceive no one that way; men know even now that there is a hell for sin.” The third said, “I will tell men there is no hurry.” “Go,” said Satan, “and you will ruin them by the thousand.” The most dangerous of all delusions is that there is plenty of time. The most dangerous day in a man’s life is when he learns that there is such a word as tomorrow. There are things which must not be put off, for no man knows if for him tomorrow will ever come.

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As a Christian, I am a prisoner of love.

## Standing On The Promises

In the early days of our country a weary traveler came to the banks of the Mississippi River for the first time. There was no bridge. It was early winter, and the surface of the mighty stream was covered with ice. Could he dare cross over? Would the uncertain ice be able to bear his weight?

Night was falling, and it was urgent that he reach the other side. Finally, after much hesitation and with many fears, he began to creep cautiously across the surface of the ice on his hands and knees. He thought that he might distribute his weight as much as possible and keep the ice from breaking beneath him.

About halfway over he heard the sound of singing behind him. Out of the dusk there came a man, driving a horse-drawn load of coal across the ice and singing merrily as he went his way.

Here he was on his hands and knees, trembling lest the ice be not strong enough to bear him up! And there, as if whisked away by the winter’s wind, went the man, his horses, his sleigh, and his load of coal, upheld by the same ice on which he was creeping!

Like this weary traveler, some of us have learned only to creep upon the promises of God. Cautiously, timidly, trembling we venture forth upon His promises, as though the lightness of our step might make His promises more secure. As though we could contribute even in

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## A Call To Worship!

God, we have gathered in this place,  
To seek Your Holy and Righteous face!  
So, let the power of the Holy Ghost fall!

Oh, let us be in one accord,  
Like on the day of Pentecost Lord,  
And you will baptize us one and all!

Ah, it must be our heart's desire,  
To receive this Holy Ghost fire!  
Then, nothing will stand in our way!

Oh, bless Your precious name!  
Please set our hearts aflame,  
And empower us for service this day!

We have left the world outside,  
And come to Your sanctuary to abide,  
'Til this present storm has passed o'er.

We come to You in prayer,  
Leaving our heavy load of care,  
And we receive perfect peace and so much more!

Lord, we feel the joy bells chime,  
For this is a refreshing time!  
It's like finding an oasis in a dry and barren land!

Oh, what happiness fills our soul,  
And the hallelujahs roll,  
For we've been touched by the Master's loving hand!

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## SENATE PRAYER

This Pastor had guts! This interesting prayer was given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. ‘Woe to those who call evil good,’ but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.  
We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.  
We have killed our unborn and called it choice.  
We have shot abortionist and called it justifiable.  
We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.  
We have abused power and called it politics.  
We have coveted our neighbors possessions and called it ambition.  
We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.  
We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!”

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks Central Christian Church, where Joe Wright is Pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of them responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of the prayer from India, Africa, and Korea.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, “The Rest of the Story,” and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

May this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we can again be called “one nation under God”

Contributed by  
Brother Bob Rice

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the slightest to the strength of His assurances!

He has promised to be with us. Let us believe that promise! He has promised to uphold us. Let us believe Him when He says so. He has promised to grant us victory over all our spiritual enemies. Let us trust His truthfulness. Above all, He has promised to grant us full and free forgiveness of all our sins because of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And He has promised to come and take us to His heavenly home. Let us take Him at His word.

We are not to creep upon these promises as though they were too fragile to uphold us. We are to stand upon them, confident that God is as good as His word and that He will do what He has pledged.

From The Bread Line

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## How To Read The Bible

Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life.

A little child weighs upon your knee,  
a big one on your heart.

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### Dictionary Of Church Attenders

Pillars - Worship regularly, giving time and money.

Leaners - Use the church for funerals, and marriages.

Specials - Help and give occasionally for something that appeals to them.

Annuals - Dress up for Easter and come for Christmas programs.

Sponges - Take all the blessings and benefits, but never give of themselves.

Scrappers - Take offense and criticize.

## Divine Protection

Some fifty years ago, one bitter January night, the inhabitants of the old town of Sleswick were thrown into the greatest distress and terror. A hostile army was marching down upon them, and new and fearful reports of the conduct of the lawless soldiers were hourly reaching the place.

In one large, spacious cottage dwelt an aged grandmother with her widowed daughter and her grandson. While all hearts quaked with fear, this aged woman passed her time in crying out to God that he would "build a wall of defense round about" them, quoting the words of an ancient hymn.

Her grandson asked why she prayed for a thing so entirely impossible as that God should build a wall about

their house, that should hide it; but she explained that her meaning only was that God should protect them.

At midnight the dreaded tramp was heard, an enemy came pouring in at every avenue, filling the houses to overflowing. But, while most fearful sounds were heard on every side, not even a knock came to their door; at which they were greatly surprised. The morning light made the matter clear; for, just beyond the house, the drifted snow had reared such a massive wall that it was impossible to get over it to them.

"There!" said the good woman triumphantly: "do you not see, my son, that my God could raise up a wall around us?"

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Failure doesn't mean God has abandoned you ... it does mean God has a better idea!

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