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From the Desk of Harry Watson...

I just finished reading a most challenging book, "We will Not Be Silenced," by Erwin W. Lutzer. The final chapter has three resolves for us to make. First, "Be resolved to be gospel-driven in your life and witness."

My 19 year old grandson just made a commitment to Jesus. It changed him completely. He was born again. He is a new person, old things have passed away and everything is new. He proceeded to tell all his friends about Jesus. He boldly called them up and told them about Jesus. Several of his friends made a commitment to Jesus because of his testimony.

What a change. Nobody told him he needed to be a witness, he just couldn't contain himself. He wanted his friends to know the forgiveness, joy, peace, and the freedom he now has. The gospel needs to consume our life. It needs to be in our conversation and our life needs to reflect the new person you have become.

The second resolve is, "Be resolved that you will not bow to the cultures sexual revolution." The book talks about the current move to normalize deviant sexual behavior through television, internet, elementary school education and training and many other ways we are normalizing deviant behavior. There is a norm. The Bible defines how sex is to be understood. There are only two genders, there is a standard for adult behavior. We need a reality check.

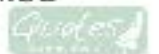
Our silence is seen as acceptance. The gospel is for every person. All people are welcome in the church. However, welcoming the sinner does not normalize the sin. All should be called to repentance. Welcome them, preach the gospel and recognize sin. We should not call sin normal or embrace it. We must keep the Biblical standard.

The third resolution is, "Be resolved to love Me (Jesus) passionately and suffer well for My (Jesus) name." "If you love me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15). We show our love for Jesus by our conduct. Do not love the things of this world. It is too easy to fall into the trap of just going along to get along. We should stand for something, and that something is righteousness.

We are to preach the gospel by our words and our actions. We are to care for the needy because we are a new person in Christ. We are to do what is right in God's eyes. We need to wake up, stand up and live for Jesus.



Put your phone away and pay attention to those talking to you. There's even an App for that... it's called **RESPECT!**



THE ABC'S OF SALVATION



ADMIT:

Admit that you are a sinner and have made mistakes.



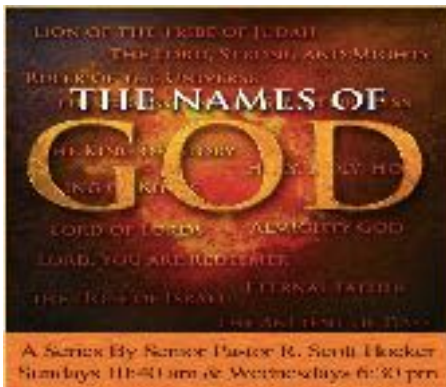
BELIEVE:

Believe that Jesus is God's only Son and He chose to die on a cross for you.



COMMIT:

Commit yourself to a life of following Jesus and serving others.



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"The History of Vacation Bible School"

The origins of Vacation Bible School can be traced back to Hopedale, Illinois in 1894. Mrs. D.T. Miles, a Methodist pastor's wife, felt limited with time constraints in teaching the Bible to children on Sunday mornings. Miles started a daily Bible school to teach children during the summer months. The first Bible school enrolled 40 students. Parents of those children donated \$1 for supplies. A local school was used for classes, while recess was held at an adjoining park. In 1898 Mrs. Eliza Hawes, director of the children's department at Epiphany Baptist Church in New York City, started an "Everyday Bible School" for children that lived in the poorest sections of the city. Her goal was to get children off the streets of New York. In 1898 and 1899 Mrs. Hawes rented a beer hall in New York's East Side to conduct "Everyday Bible School". In 1900 Mrs. Hawes' pastor, Howard Lee Jones, insisted that the Bible school be moved to the church building. After two weeks, it became clear that children from the East side would not attend at the church, so Mrs. Hawes moved the school back to a site near the rented hall. She continued her efforts for seven years. Dr. Robert Boville, of the Baptist Mission Society, became aware of the Hawes' summer program and recommended it to other Baptist churches. Boville established a handful of summer schools which were taught by students from the Union Theological Seminary. During one summer, one thousand students were enrolled in 5 schools. In 1922 the World Association of Daily Vacation Bible School was founded by Boville. In the early 20th century, Vacation Bible School became a growing trend. While Hawes and Boville were indeed Baptist, Vacation Bible School became a non-denominational event in those early years. In 1924 a Vacation Bible School Department was formed in the Southern Baptist Convention, and Homer Grice became its first director. At that point, Vacation Bible School was usually a four week event! Please keep DHBC and all who are involved in prayer this week as we begin VBS tonight.



- Sunday 8/1**
8:30 am
* Choir / Music Practice 9:30 - 10:30 am
* Sunday School - ALL Ages 10:40 am
*Worship
*Children's Worship
* Nursery 6:00 - 8:00 pm
*Vacation Bible School
Monday, 8/2
6:00 - 8:00 pm
*Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, 8/3
6:00 - 8:00 pm
*Vacation Bible School
Wednesday 8/4
5:30 pm
* Prayer Warriors Meet (members only) 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Vacation Bible School
Thursday, 8/5
6:00 - 8:00 pm
*Vacation Bible School
Friday, 8/6
1:00 - 2:30 pm
*Food Pantry
Saturday, 8/7
9:30 am
KKVV 1060 am
"The Unashamed"
5:00 pm
*Choir Rehearsal

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Mon, Tues, Thurs
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