

# Lifting Up The STANDARD

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Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

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## Our Purpose

This is the first issue of “**Lifting Up The Standard**” a bulletin designed with the purpose of helping sincere Christians to “*lift up the standard*” at a time when apostasy prevails.

The fact is, apostasy is coming in *like a flood*; however, even a casual study of the Scriptures reveals that every time God’s people went into apostasy, God had a remnant.

We read in Romans 11:5 “**Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant...**”

Haggai 1:2 says, “**the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God.**”

Our fundamental movement is going apostate at an alarming rate.; however, our local churches do not need to follow the movement on the pathway to apostasy. Let us determine to obey the voice of the Lord our God in His local churches.

*Pastor B. Kirkland*

## “We Are Not of Them That Draw Back”

“*Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*”  
(Hebrews 10:38,39)

I recently read a story of a military standard bearer who, in the time of battle when his company was charging up a hill against an enemy position, was going ahead of his company carrying the flag. Enemy fire was very effective as the enemy was strongly entrenched and the company was being shot up badly.

The officer in charge deemed the battle lost and that he should pull back his men, so he called to the standard bearer ordering him to bring back the flag. The standard bearer called back over his shoulder as he continued to charge on into the enemy position, “*I won’t bring back the flag; you bring up your men!*” According to the story, the beaten and battered army rallied to the standard and the result was victory.

**We are living in an age of apostasy; however, this is not a time to draw back.** “*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy*” (Psalm 107:2).

We are under direct orders from the Lord. Matthew 28:19,20 says “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”

Notice the command includes “**even unto the end of the world.**” We are not to change the plan because “*perilous times*” have come. God’s plan must remain in effect until the “*end*.” The end hasn’t come yet so, let’s keep on keeping on.

## Understanding The Ministry of The Holy Spirit

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Article excerpted from Rut, Rot or Revival

“Because the Holy Spirit is not given the chance to work in our services, nobody is repenting, nobody is seeking God, nobody is spending a day in quiet waiting on God with open Bible seeking to mend his or her ways. Nobody is doing it - we just want more people. But more people for what?” [...Read More](#)



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## By The Book

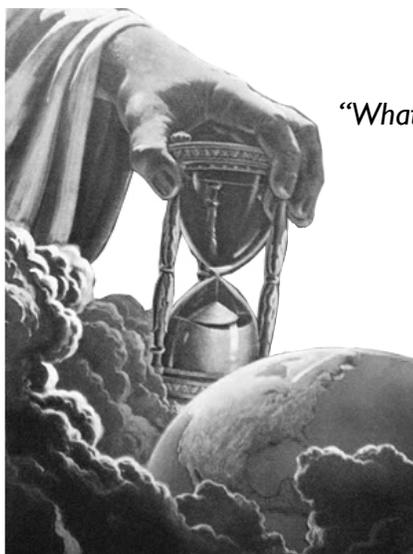
“For the word of the LORD is right...” (Psalm 33:4)



**One of the greatest days of my  
life** was when I decided to put

away all of my Bible commentaries and simply compare Scripture with Scripture. I did not throw them away. They can be helpful, however, they can also be very misleading. [...Read More](#)

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the **scriptures**, nor the power of God” (Matthew 22:29).



## Signs of The Times

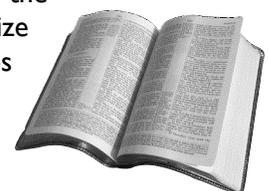
“What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (Matthew 24:3)

**Jesus said,** “As it was in the days of Lot...Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luke 17:28-30).

The Word of God tells us that in the end-times mankind will return to a condition of worldwide moral rot and decay, as it was in the days of Lot.

On July 20, 2005, Canada became the fourth country in the world, and the first country outside of Europe to legalize same-sex marriage. Also, as of July 2013, thirteen states have legalized same-sex marriage.

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).





# LILIES OF THE FIELD

## Lessons From a Daycare Settle Down!

By Linet Binstead

*"Be still and know that I am God."*  
Psalm 46:10



Getting fifteen kids, all in the same room, to settle down isn't easy. In fact, sometimes, it's near on impossible. There are days when they,

- 1. Will not listen to you,
- 2. Will not stop playing with their toys and put them away, and
- 3. Will not settle down and be still.

Often it doesn't matter if you tell them that if they just settle down, you have a treat for them! Unless you tell them that Santa is coming with presents, they have a hard time putting down their toys so that they can receive something better! Frustration is common in these situations. Don't the kids see that we're not going to hurt or punish them, there's something exciting in store for them?!

Well, I know that you can all see it coming, but we are exactly like that. Often, when God has a special plan for our lives, we,

- 1. Will not listen,
- 2. Will not stop playing with our childish toys, and
- put them away, and
- 3. Will not settle down and be still.

Why can't we see that our Heavenly Father isn't going to hurt us! He has something special awaiting us!

When I was looking at Psalm 46:10 this morning, I had a thought. When most people read this verse they assume that it's telling us to settle down, be a good Christian, and the reward will come later. Perhaps that is what it means. But here is a new idea. Maybe the verse is telling us

to be still, settle down, hush, and then we can have our reward. You know what the reward is? Knowing that He is God! Who wants to have a better treasure than knowing our Heavenly Father in a personal, everyday relationship?! There's the command, and the reward all in the same verse!

But, you know, if we're anything like the kids at daycare, it'll take us a little while to 'Be still.'

At daycare, the kids are told to pack the toys up, and go sit on the mat because it's group time. It's time that we packed up our earthly toys, and went and knelt down, because it's time for group time with our Heavenly Father; and, it's going to be a good one.

*"Be still and know that I am God."* (Psalm 46:10)

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### Hi...My name is Jedidiah,

I like going to church because everyone there makes a fuss about me every time I go.



I know that's not the reason we are supposed to go to church but I don't know what they're all talking about anyway, so I will just keep on enjoying all that attention.

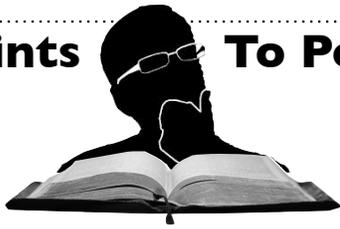
Below is a picture of my mom and dad. My dad's name is Mitch and my mom's name is Chynna. I don't think I'm supposed to call them by their first names, so I hope I don't get in trouble.



I love my mom and dad and I love church. Do you love your church too?



**Points To Ponder**



**What They Don't Know  
Won't Hurt Them?**

**Not According To The Bible!**

**Hosea 4:6**

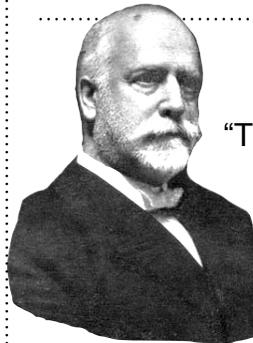
*"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."*

Church members need to know the truth about the apostasy that is flooding our fundamental independent Baptist movement and pastors are commanded to expose all who are promoting it.

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**Billy Sunday Said,**  
"When may a revival be expected?  
When the wickedness of the wicked  
grieves and distresses  
the Christian."



**R.A. Torrey Said,**  
"The reason why many fail in battle  
is because they wait until the  
hour of battle. The reason why  
others succeed is because  
they have gained their victory  
on their knees long before the  
battle came. Anticipate your

battles; fight them on your knees before  
temptation comes, and you will always have  
victory."

**What Should Sincere  
Families Do When  
Their Pastor  
Compromises?**

There are two basic things a Christian should do when their pastor compromises.

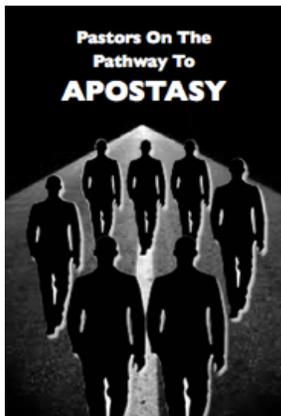
**Face the Facts.**

It is very important to determine the truth about things that will have an effect on your family.

**Face the Future.**

It is also important to realize that decisions made, or not made, will also effect the future of your family.

First and Second Timothy gives us very specific information concerning the last days of the local church age. We are plainly told that pastors will seek their own desires in the last days. The problem is not that their desires are wicked, the problem is they have "their own" desires rather than God's will. We should not panic we were forewarned; however, we must pray and we must plan or lose our families to the present day apostasy. ...[Read More](#)





## Where Are The Warriors?

God's trained warriors who were "armed, and carrying bows," were "turned back in the day of battle" (Psalm 78:9). As they hid in a cave a teenager who was part of God's remnant said, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" Armed with only a slingshot and the promises of God, David faced the problem head-on and God blessed. David didn't have the fancy training the cowards in the cave had but he did have the power of God on his life.

**Gipsy Smith** said, "I didn't go through your colleges and seminaries. They wouldn't have me...but I have been to the feet of Jesus where the only true scholarship is learned."

**Acts 4:13** says, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Are we singing "I am on the battlefield for my Lord" when in reality we are hiding in fear while the enemy comes in like a flood? We need to understand that it is our duty to "...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3).

## Ninety-nine Percent of God's Churches Are Small Churches

*"Every man's work shall be tried for what sort it is."*

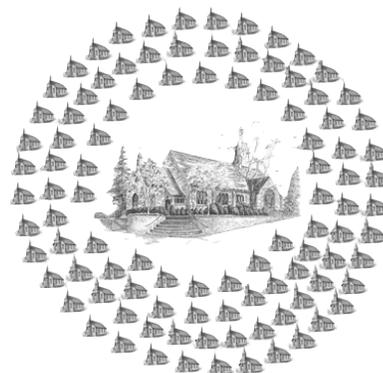
**(Not what size it is!)**

(Proverbs 15:16)

It has been our experience as we travelled in Canada from coast to coast for many years, that most of our fundamental churches are maintained by small groups of sincere Christians.

From Newfoundland to British Columbia, faithful pastors and their faithful members have met for years in small churches that will be small churches a hundred years from now if the Lord delays His coming. **God does not consider these churches to be failures.**

**Success Cannot Be Determined By Size.** God's mandate is that we are faithfully "Holding fast the faithful word" (Titus 1:9). Jesus said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few" (Matthew 25:23). The church at Smyrna was known for its "poverty" and yet was highly commended by the Lord. The church at Philadelphia had "...a little strength" and was highly commended. The church at Sardis had "...a few names" and was highly commended. The church at Laodicea was sharply rebuked, not because it was big but because it compromised to "increase" the attendance.



Ninety-nine out of 100 churches are small churches.



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## Editorial

### Why Another Newsletter?

Pastor Bob Kirkland

I received Christ as my Saviour on October 7, 1955. I praise the Lord that my mom, dad and brother were also saved that year. We immediately joined an evangelical Baptist church; however, after a period of time we were saddened to watch the church begin to wander from the clear teachings of the Word of God. As a result we decided to align ourselves with fundamentalists. I have associated with that group for many years. I never dreamt I would live to see the day when fundamental leaders would be farther from the truth than the evangelicals were when we got out of it; however, that sadly, is the case.

I recently began studying the Scriptures concerning the subject of God’s remnant and was amazed at the amount of times God refers to this subject. A remnant is - “A small remaining part of something.” When the leaders of Israel chose the road to apostasy, God had a remnant. We first read of a it in **Isaiah 1:9** where we are told **“Except the Lord of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we should have been like as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.”** At that time God had a small group remaining faithful to His Word. Today, many of our heroes of fundamentalism, are leading throngs of Christians down the pathway to apostasy; however, once again, God will have a remnant. **Romans 11:5** says, **“Even so at this present time also there is a remnant...”**

We need to understand that Jesus said, **“...as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”** In the same context Jesus asked the sobering question, **“...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”** (Luke 18:8).

We need not panic; however, we do need to plan. We need to face the facts and we need to face the future.

As mentioned on the front page of this material, it is our purpose to *encourage* those who are determined to remain true to the Word of God and to *exhort* them to remain true to the Word of God. Haggai 1:2 says, **“the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God.”**

**Our purpose** for over three decades has been to “invest in eternity by strengthening the local church.” God’s program is the local church not a movement. Apostasy is flooding our movement; however, we do not need to let it flood our churches.



**Isaiah 59:19** says, **“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.”** It is our purpose to *encourage* and *exhort* sincere pastors and their people in local churches to stand true in this age of apostasy.

**Second John 1:8** says, **“Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.”** Let us determine to **“Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain”** (Revelation 3:2).



*B. Kirkland*

“God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (Second Timothy 1:7).