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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Matthew 7:15
“Beware of false prophets,
who come to you in sheep’s
clothing, but inwardly are
ravenous wolves.”

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather
the judgment that something else is more im-
portant than fear.”

Ambrose Redmoon

“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of
the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men
are afraid of the light.”

Plato

What Is Restoration?

Wes McAdams of the Baker Heights church of Christ in Texas wrote a blog post last week titled, “5 Reasons To Stop Trying To Restore The Church Of The ‘50s And ‘60s,” and it created quite a stir. It was “shared” on Facebook 99 times as of this morning and created a multitude of comments. His thesis was simple: No generation of people is/was perfect. Our goal is not to restore an era of American church history; our goal is to restore New Testament Christianity. But just suggesting that the ‘50s and ‘60s was not the Golden Era of Christian history rubbed more than a few people the wrong way.

Every generation reminisces about

the “good ol’ days.” Things often look better in the rearview mirror. How many times have you caught yourself saying, “Kids these days...” or, “When I was growing up...” followed by a speech about how yesterday was *so much* better than today?

The same longing for the past often creeps into church matters. Innovations like Power Point projectors are rejected. New ideas for evangelism are met with immediate skepticism. If the order of worship is changed even in the slightest, harmless way (like changing the order of worship), the word “liberalism” appears in the minds of many. “If it wasn’t done in the past, it shouldn’t be tried today,” or, “If we start doing that, we’ll end

up with instruments in the building,” are common objections of the nostalgic.

Jesus and His apostles used every means at their disposal to reach the lost, and our parents and grandparents did the same. No generation is perfect; therefore, no generation should be mimicked. We should follow the example of others *only* when it models the life of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

Never ignore sound doctrine, and never declare a cultural tradition to be the doctrine of Christ.

James Hayes

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Real Courage

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines courage as, “mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.”

What passes for courage in our culture today rarely fits the dictionary definition, and true courage is dismissed as quaint. Without fear of contradiction, I contend that we are living in a socially permissive society where any and all abhorrent activity is promoted and protected by the liberal elite in Washington D.C. and Hollywood. Within that power structure, those who practice immoral activity are free to roam. If you want to marry your gay lover, they will sue state

governments and declare gay marriage to be a constitutional right. If you are tired of your spouse, they will make sure that you can dissolve that marriage as quickly and as painlessly as possible. And all the while, they will view the people who do those things as courageous. The Washington and Hollywood power structure will enter your homes through TV and the Internet and go out of their way to convince you that these behaviors are “progressive” and good for our “puritanical” society. But there’s nothing courageous about being immoral. Real courage—the kind that fits the dictionary definition, and the kind we find

in Scripture—is demonstrated when one follows God’s ways. When King Darius outlawed prayer, Daniel entered his house and prayed about it three times a day (Daniel 6:10). That was courage. When Abraham drew his blade to kill his long-awaited son because God told him to, that was courage. When Moses decided to leave the comfort of Pharaoh’s house and “endure ill-treatment with the people of God,” that was courage (Heb. 11:25).

It takes no courage to follow Satan in a fallen world. But it takes real courage to follow God.

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Sympathy is extended to Maime Hamilton on the loss of her brother, Buzz Simpson. Buzz’s wife, Sherry, has Alzheimer’s Disease. Marcene Simpson, Jimmy’s wife, is blind and in a nursing facility on Rover Road.
- Pray for those who are traveling. Many schools are on fall break during the middle of October.
- Pray for JW Head, Mildred Walker, Jay Newell, Rick Reed.

Mens’ Meeting Tonight At 5:00

Singing Tonight At 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Walker

Pray: JL Shelton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Garrett

Serve: T. Walker, Trent, E. Walker

Pray: Brown