Five Things
To Do Every Day

FIRST THESALONIANS 5TH CHAPTER
1. Pray without ceasing.
2. In everything give thanks.
3. Rejoice always.
4. Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.
5. Abstain from all appearance of evil. (Strong drink, especially.)

Two Things Not to Do
1. Quench not the Spirit.
2. Despise not prophesyings.

AMOS 4TH CHAPTER 12TH VERSE
Prepare to Meet Thy God

J. D. HACKNEY
FRANKLINVILLE, N. C.
RANOLPH COUNTY
WHY DO I FAST OFTEN

Because I want to follow Christ wholly in all things, Christ fasted and prayed all night before He appointed the twelve disciples. He fasted forty days and nights before He began to preach, leaving us an example that before any important undertaking we should seek to know the will of the Lord by fasting. The disciples before they laid hands on Paul Barnabas fasted, Acts 13:3. Paul in one of his epistles said he fasted often, see 2 Corinthians 11:27, also 2 Cor. 6:5. The great apostle no doubt knew what it was to fast. Jesus said when He was gone from the world His disciples would fast, see Matt. 9:15.

Again I fast for the purpose of drawing nigh to God, that He might draw nigh to me. Again I fast because I want God to bestow upon me the gift of faith, which works by love, purifies the heart and casts out all fear, and the Lord has never failed to give these things when I earnestly sought Him in fasting and prayer. Again when the way is dark, trials heavy in the house, sickness in the family, fasting brings light and dispels the darkness. When I can hear the sweet voice say: "It is I, be not afraid, I will be with thee in the sixth trouble, in the seventh I will not forsake thee." Again when I fast for light on the wonderful Word of God, light always comes and the Word is opened up to me and I see things in that chapter from which I am praying and fasting over that I never saw before. The Holy Spirit take the Word and shows me things new that I never saw before. See John 16:13, John 14:26. Again, when I have an appointment to fill I want to fast the day before that I may have the power of God on the message and that His power may be upon me, that I may speak as He would have me speak. Again, when I want to know what God would have me do, where He would have me go, and the message He would have me deliver. Fasting as well as prayer will make everything as plain as light. "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness," says Jesus. See John 8:12. When I want to know what, when and where, fasting and waiting on the Lord makes it all plain. He makes it plain where to go, when to go, and what to say when you get there. For over fifty-two years I have made it a business to fast often. When I go to preach in a meeting, I start out to fast until the Holy Spirit is poured out on the meeting and I never had to fast more than thirty hours. The privilege of fasting I would not sell for anything; money could not buy it.

J. D. HACKNEY.

Franklinville, N. C.

(Charity and Children please copy.)
HOW TO FIND THE WILL OF GOD 
IN A GIVEN MATTER

1. I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter.

2. Having done this, I do not leave the results to feelings or simply impressions. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

3. I seek the will of the Holy Spirit, through or in connection with the Word of God. The spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the spirit alone, without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions. If the Holy Spirit guides us at all, He will do it according to the Holy Scriptures, and never contrary to them.

4. Next, I take into account providential circumstances; this often plainly indicates God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

5. I ask God, in fasting and prayer, to reveal His will to me aright.

6. Thus, through fasting and prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my knowledge. 

J. D. HACKNEY.
To the Pastors of Piedmont
Baptist Association—

Dear Pastors: I am writing you a letter which I hope you will prayerfully consider. For 69 years I have been combining fasting with my praying, or, in other words, fasting and praying. I always have a special object for which I fast and pray. Praying without fasting is like unto a bird trying to fly with only one wing; progress is slow. Fasting and prayer will move anything, matters not what it is.

1. It will bring the Holy Spirit power upon us and enable us to remove mountains of difficulties.

2. Again, it will bring upon us the gift of faith which works by love, purifies the heart and casts out all fear.

3. God has honored the fasting and prayer of the wicked. 1 Kings 21:27 (Ahab; Jonah 1: 5-8 (Ninevites).

4. If God will hear the prayer and fasting of the wicked, will He not much more hear His children when they fast and pray for souls and when they seek diligently by fasting and prayer to know His will? I say positively He will.

5. As soon as we begin to fast often, we at once begin to draw near to God and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and become men and women in Christ, no longer babes.

Paul fasted often (2 Cor. 6: 5, 27.
(6) Again, when we become men and women in Christ, we put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Read Eph. 6: 10, 11, 13, 14, 17.)

(7) Fasting with prayer is a very great source of power. It always brings the Holy Spirit power and that enables us to fight the good fight of faith and endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ.

(8) Again, fasting and prayer will enable us to move difficulties out of the way that can not be removed in any other way.

Now, in the face of the above facts that I have learned by hard experience, if you have not used fasting and prayer combined, one of the very greatest means of grace I have known of in all my 69 years of experience in the vineyard of the Lord, does it not become you at once to learn to fast as well as pray and preach it to the churches? Christ while on earth was a Jew. All devout Jews fast twice a week. I was fasting in my house like Cornelius June 2, 1925, and the Holy Spirit made it plain to my mind that He was keeping me here for the express purpose of giving the preachers my experience and the word of God in combining fasting with prayer. May God the Holy Spirit direct you to give this letter prayerful consideration.

—Joe Dan Hackney.
MY EXPERIENCE IN FASTING AND PRAYING

At the age of thirteen years I commenced to seek my soul's salvation by fasting and prayer. For three days and two nights I fasted and prayed before I felt that God, for Christ's sake, had pardoned my sins. From that time up to now I have made it a business to fast as well as pray.

I always have an object for which I pray and fast. For instance, March 16, 1920, I began to fast one day in the week for a world-wide revival and a great awakening of souls in Franklinville and great revival in Franklinville Baptist Church. I fasted from Saturday morning breakfast till Sunday morning breakfast or 6 a.m., Saturday to 6 a.m. Sunday. I continued this for six months.

It has been my custom for years when I had an appointment Sunday at 11 a.m., Saturday 6 a.m. to begin to fast and prepare to fill the pulpit on Sunday by spending the whole day Saturday in preparation and getting to my place of appointment. The result is, when I go in the pulpit I have God's power and presence with me and God, the Holy Spirit, gives me wisdom and utterance to deliver the message He has given me.

Again, in fasting and praying He, the Holy Spirit, makes plain to my mind that portion of the Word of God that He would have me preach to the people at that hour. Again, the day before our meeting of days, I fasted as well as prayed. My object was to get my heart and mind ready for the meeting that I might be able to do efficient personal work and that I might have bestowed on me the gift of faith that works by love, purifies the heart and casts out all fear. Again, when any important matter comes up about which there must be a decision made—for instance is it best to sell such a piece of property—I fast and pray to know what is best to be done.

I was left executor to my father's will. He had property in the State of Florida. I went there for six winters trying to wind up the estate; had a whole lot of trouble. Before I went the last time I went to God with the matter before I started, He made it plain He would go with and enable me to wind it up. So He did. But I had to stay there six months before I got answer to my prayer.

The only way I can solve those knotty problems that are constantly coming up in our work in the vineyard of the Lord is by earnest supplication, prayer and fasting. Jesus said to His disciples on one occasion, "This kind goeth out only by prayer and fasting" (King James version).

When I go to a place to begin a meeting I fast and pray till the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the people, and I have never had to wait more than twenty-four hours for He knew I was dead earnest about the salvation of the people and He never kept me waiting long.

JOE DAN HACKNEY.
Franklinville, N. C.
Mr. Alderman

I write from the blank you sent me to fill out.
I have kept a diary for nearly 50 years as I have written. My work has been that of an evangelist out in the highways and hedges, holding meetings in houseboats and under brush arbors. Now you can see from what I have written and am sending what you want and I will send you my experiences.

Sept. 23/25- John H. elasticity
Hackney, Wayland E.  23 June 1897
S. of Rev. J. D. Hackney

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REV. J. D. HACKNEY, 84, DIES AT FRANKINVILLE

Franklinville, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Rev. J. D. Hackney, 84, retired Baptist minister, died at his home here early Wednesday afternoon. He was a native of Chatham county but had been a resident of Frankinville for about 40 years, serving as pastor of churches in Randolph and adjoining counties.

Four sons and two daughters survive. The sons are Leonidas N., J. Pritchard, S. Henry and William R., all prominent business men of Charlotte. The daughters are Mrs. J. A. Ward, of Ramseur, and Mrs. Mittie Russell, of Greensboro.
Historical Commission
Baptist State Convention
NORTH CAROLINA

DATA FOR FILES

Give (for the printer) your full name.

Joseph Daniel Hackett

Date of birth—month, day, year

February 2, 1843

Your father's name

Rev. Daniel Hackett

Your mother's maiden name

Mary Silverdoi

Where you were educated

Mt. Vernon Springs, North Carolina

Degrees received and the source

Was Ordained February 1882

Mineral Springs Church, North Carolina

Where and when ordained

January 23, 1866

When and where you were married

Sarah Jane Dorsett

October 20, 1846

Give wife's maiden name in full

Her parents' names

Hagrick & Julia Ann Dorsett

(If a second marriage, give like information)

Where have been your activities?

Chatham, Moore, Randolph, and Guilford Counties, North Carolina

Positions of honor and trust you have held—(Moderator, Trustee, Etc.)

The capacity as Deacon, Trustee, Blank of my church, Sunday School Missionary, etc.

You are the author of—(Books, Monographs, Special Articles, Etc.)

Books, The New Testament, as Baptists Compiled

the word on Baptism

Kindly give reference to any write-up, or other articles commendatory of your work which might aid in the preparation of a personal sketch.

Give on back of this sheet any further information; nationality, remote ancestry, names of children, foreign travel, industrial engagements and other items of interest.

The information here sought is for use in the preparation of a Biographical Work of the North Carolina Baptist leaders. We hope no name will be omitted.

A personal sketch written by yourself or some friend will be greatly appreciated. Fill and send this blank now; the sketch may come later.

Mail to

J. T. Alderman, Chairman,
Henderson, N. C.
My fore parents were English four brothers came over to Virginia about the year 1650. They the Hauckways were prominent in the Revolutionary War in 1775 with England as Whigs. He raised 7 children: Leonard, Lard John Pitcand & Samuel Henry William Royal all of Charlotte N.C. Plumbers by trade & Businesses two girls Mittie Bollis & Julie Gistreide.

I was called to preach August 1864, high after the Civil War between the States was a soldier all through the war I was only 19 years old when the war broke out. Consequently was deprived of a collegiate education. I have a copy of my New Testament. My Baptist is in the fire proof Vault at Wake Forest College. I enclose a card that I have been talking to in dining room of homes of the people & in Rooms & Hotels, I have had printed 12,000 in the last 30 years and distributed them. Christ said the word is the door Luke 10:11' in this way I have been sowing the good seed for instance I thought the worth of a mass hill College 1000$ to be tacked up in dining room of leading places of the local Revitalization rooms in the building.

My work for 50 years has been that of an Evangelist going go in the high ways and as I preach away in School houses under brush arbors for green house to house preach the word in the home &-corner with the people. One remarkable case I found the man half drunk not expected to live I questioned I asked him if he wanted to be saved. Said he did I spent one hour in preaching the Word and pray.
Rev. Joseph Daniel (J. Dan) Hackney  
1843 - 1927

J. Dan Hackney was born January 2, 1843 and was the youngest son of Rev. Dan Hackney and Mary Culberson. He married Sarah Jane Dorsett, and they were parents of seven children; Leonidas Laird Hackney, Wayland E. Hackney, Mary Hackney Russell, John Richard Hackney, Julia Hackney Ward, Samuel H. Hackney, and William R. Hackney. They also reared his sister's orphaned children—Mamie Whitehead Straughan and Henry Clay Whitehead.

Rev. J. Dan Hackney was pastor of several churches in this area and was pastor at Mount Vernon Springs when he served on the Presbytery. He later moved to Franklinville, North Carolina, with his family and preached for several churches in that area for about 35 years.

Rev. Jesse Lewis (J. L.) Smith  
1836 - 1909

Rev. J. L. Smith was born August 13, 1836 and was the son of Jesse Smith and Elizabeth Hutt. He professed faith in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Loves Creek Church when he was about 17 years old. He married Eliza Adcock, and they were the parents of five children: Shubal Steams Smith, Richard Smith, Jesse Merritt Smith, Mary Etta Smith Pickard, and Cattie Smith Fesmire.

Rev. J. L. Smith volunteered and joined the Southern Army at the beginning of the Civil War. He fought bravely with his company and regiment until he was captured during the wilderness campaign. He remained in prison until the close of the war. He felt it his duty to preach the gospel soon after he joined the church, but excused himself because of his incomplete education. While a prisoner of war, he promised the Lord if he would bring him home to his family he would do anything he could. He was ordained to preach in October of 1872.

During his ministry, he pastored 26 churches, remaining at Fall's Creek for 40 years of this time. It has been stated that he led 370 people to Christ at Fall's Creek alone.

Following the reading of scriptures and prayer by the Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, the Presbytery elected the Rev. B. Richardson as moderator, and J. Dan Hackney as secretary. Letters were requested from those desiring to go into the organization of the First Baptist Church. The following ten letters were presented and these became our charter members:

Daniel P. Beal

Daniel P. Beal was living in the Mudlick area of Chatham County in the mid 1880's. In September 1886, he professed faith in Christ, was baptized and joined the fellowship of the Rocky River Baptist Church.

D. P. Beal was a carpenter by trade and probably moved into the Siler City area later because he withdrew his membership in March of 1889 in order to become a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Siler City.

Mr. Beal attended church regularly for one year and answered roll call in church conference last on June 14, 1890. On May 13, 1897, a letter from D. P. Beal was read before the church for a letter to name his membership to the Ashburn Baptist Church in Ashburn, Georgia. The early records of Ashburn Baptist Church were lost in a fire, so there was no way to verify that he became a member there or how long he may have remained. Indications point to the possibility that he may have been a descendant of Thomas Beal, Sr. who settled in eastern Chatham County in the late 17th century.
DEEP RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1882-1982, COLERIDGE, N. C.

BY: Joyce F. Davis and Wallace E. Jarrell (286.175661/D29)

Education - Unknown

Ordained - Unknown

Some pastorates - Randolph County: Columbia, Deep River; Also served as a delegate from Brush Creek, Columbia, Rives Chapel

Married - Dec. 10, 1876 to Maggie S. Dowd by Rev. W.H.H. Lawhon

Children - Only two known, John R., other child's name unknown, died at age 15 These two and wife were buried at City Cemetery, Ramseur, NC

Active in associational work - served on several committees

Appointed as messenger to NC Baptist State Convention in 1874

Served in Civil War in Co. E, 26th Regt. NC Troops. Enlisted March 8, 1862
Wounded July, 1862, at Gettysburg, left leg amputated below knee; Captured and taken to US General Hospital, Point Lookout, Maryland

Sources - Minutes of Sandy Creek Assn.; Forrester Bible; Chatham County Census, 1860; Chatham Co. marriage records, 1872-1886; Pastorates as listed in Sandy Creek Assn. minutes; Civil War service records of the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

THE REV. JOSEPH DANIEL HACKNEY
1887

Born - January 2, 1843, Chatham County, NC to the Rev. Daniel and Mary Culberson Hackney

Died - January 12, 1927, Randolph County, NC

Buried - Franklinville Baptist Church Cemetery, Franklinville, NC

Education - Mt. Vernon Springs, Chatham County, NC

Ordained - February, 1882, at Mineral Springs Church, Chatham County, NC

Some pastorates - Chatham County: Rives Chapel; Randolph County: Deep River, Macedonia. Served also in Guilford and Moore Counties

Married - January 23, 1866, to Sarah Jane Dorsett

Children - Leonidas L., John Pritchard, Samuel Henry, William Royal, Mittie D. and Julie G.

Served in Civil War in 26th Regt. Band of NC Troops as Drum Major. Wounded and captured at Gettysburg

Served in capacity of deacon, trustee, clerk of his church, Sunday School missionary in Sandy Creek Association.
A personal sketch written by him - "My work for 56 years has been that of an evangelist, going out in the highways and hedges preaching in schoolhouses, under brush arbors, going from house to house preaching the word in the home and praying with the people."

Active in Masonic Fraternity, member of Hanks Lodge, No. 128 at Franklinville, NC

Sources - Minutes of Sandy Creek Assn., Biographical files (Baptist Historical Collection, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC) Randolph Co. Vital Statistics (Death Certificate) NC Troops, 1861-1865, A roster (Publication of NC Division of Archives and History)

THE REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON HARMON
1893-1895, 1902, 1908

Born - October 16, 1850
Died - May 16, 1914, Guilford County, NC
Buried - Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon Springs, NC
Education - Unknown
Ordained - September 22, 1893, at the Sandy Creek Associational Meeting held at Moon's Chapel Baptist Church, Chatham County, NC

Some pastorates - Chatham County: Antioch, Rocky River, Rocky Springs, Sandy Branch, Tysons Creek; Randolph County: Deep River, Macedonia, Mt. Pleasant, Sandy Creek. Also served in the Piedmont Assn.

Married - First, Frances Boone; Second, Rilla G. Smith

Children - Those known: Joseph M., Hampton, Grace, Martha (Mattie), Lizzie, Hattie, Nettie

Active in associational work - served on several committees

Obituary excerpt from Sandy Creek Assn. Minutes - "He was a true man of God, a faithful shepherd, a sincere Christian, one who feared God and eschewed evil. He hated the false, but loved and defended the true. He fought a good fight, kept the faith, finished well his course and has gone to receive his crown."

Sources - Minutes of Sandy Creek Association, Harmon Family Bible
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