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Which Came First, the Chicken or the Egg?

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

Someone asked my fifth-grade teacher, Miss Schmidt, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" She smiled and said, "If you believe what I do, you would know the answer." She was referring, of course, to the Bible and her Christian faith.

Now, this may seem like an obvious answer to a Bible-believing Christian at first. However, there is a bit more to it than you may think. In fact, in order to answer the question correctly you have to think. You have to apply a little reason to what you think you may know.

Consider, first what the evolutionist has to say about which came first. They believe that chickens evolved from therapods, a group of dinosaurs that includes the Tyrannosaurus rex. In fact, Hugh Powell, writing in the Smithsonian Magazine said, "The closest living relatives of

Tyrannosaurus rex are birds such as chickens and ostriches..." in his April 24, 2008, article, T. Rex Linked to Chickens, Ostriches.

There are a variety of creative and imaginative theories and explanations as to how dinosaurs evolved into chickens. They range from the long, gradual processes of mutations, coupled with competition and changing climates, over millions of years incrementally evolving therapods into birds to the sudden appearance of mass mutations in a single generation causing a gigantic evolutionary leap where a dinosaur laid an egg and a bird hatched out of it. The latter theory, called the Hopeful Monster Theory by geneticist Richard Goldschmidt of the University of California at Berkeley in the 1940's, was originally put forth in the 1930s by paleontologist Otto

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Why Do I Not Want to Pray?

By Buell Kazee (1939)

THE question in the caption has often come to me. And I dare say it has come often to many other preachers, as well as to Christians generally. For there is a problem of prayerlessness in the lives of all of us.

Much could be said in the way of an answer, but I believe it can be summed up in these few words: What I do most of the time does not require prayer.

I used to work in an emergency capacity for a certain great railroad company. When the wrecker called, it was a tense moment. With all speed we would board the wreck train and proceed to the place where perhaps many cars had rolled down high embankments and piled into wreckage. I watched as the men would go down with the long steel ropes to tie them to the cars which were derailed.

Much planning and talking would be necessary, and much calculation was involved. But not a signal would come to the man operating the great

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Coming Events at the BBC

JUNE 2024

7 - D-Day 80th Anniversary
14 - Flag Day
16 - Father's Day

JULY 2024

4 - Independence Day
23-28 - Summit County Fair Booth

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MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Cowboy Missionary

Rex Ray 1885-1958

"I looked my guard over. He wore two belts of cartridges, a dirk knife and carried a rifle with a bayonet . . . I prayed, 'Lord, you can handle him better than I can. You just put the fear of God in him and make him leave me here alone.' Then I began staring at the guard as though I might eat him if he got too close. He began to get nervous; he twisted his hands and walked to and fro. In a few minutes, he started off. When he was about fifty yards away, he raised his rifle and cocked the hammer. I was looking at the shooting end. I could only pray, 'Lord, if you don't want him to kill me, just don't let him pull that trigger.' The Lord answered, for the bandit started off down the trail." 1

Born in north central Texas in 1885, the eldest son of a ranching family, Rex Ray learned early to work hard, to persevere regardless of his circumstances, and to hold to his responsibilities "come wind, come weather." His father unexpectedly died at a young age, and Rex, at only fifteen years old, took over the responsibility of caring for his mother and younger siblings. Rex resisted the Gospel message as a teenager and entered college at the age of twenty intending to be a successful businessman. God had other ideas. Rex was saved during a revival meeting in a Baptist church. Later, after spending a week going to the cornfields every night to pray, he answered God's call to the mission field.

Rex and his wife, Janet, served the

Lord in China through the waves of turbulent attacks by the Japanese during the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945) and takeover of communism in 1949. During that time, not only was Rex kidnapped by bandits, but he also ran blockades to provide supplies to the mission hospital and survived air raids and bombings. He buried his five-year-old daughter on the field. Through it all, he preached. Up and down the rivers and through the villages, thousands of precious souls heard the Gospel of Christ as he desperately gave the message of Christ while the doors were still open to do so.



When the doors to China slammed closed, Rex and Janet (their children now grown) answered the call to take the Gospel to war-torn Korea.

This only scratches the surface of what happened during Rex Ray's forty-eight years on the mission field. His passion for the Gospel and his love for the Chinese and Korean people speak from every page of his autobiography.

In a letter to the Foreign Mission Board, published in the September 1928 Home and Foreign Fields, Rex Ray said, "Oh, that our voices could be multiplied into thousands to help rescue these millions who are lost, lost, lost! The Spirit of God is moving the hearts of the heathen. Oh, that He would awaken His children in Christian lands to the crying needs of this great harvest field! If Christian America fails to deliver God's message to the lost of

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Which Came First?

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Schindewolf to explain the missing links in the fossil record between dinosaurs and birds. Evolutionists Stephen Jay Gould and Niles Eldredge resurrected the, by then, discredited theory in 1972, renaming and rebranding it as "punctuated equilibrium." This revived theory explains the absence of transitional fossils by proposing that intermediate organisms were transitory, unstable species which quickly evolved into long-lasting, stable species. In other words, there were long periods of genetic equilibrium or stability (no evolutionary change) during which many fossils were produced, punctuated by rapid bursts of genetic mutations (rapid evolutionary change) that left no fossils.

Despite the variations in the evolutionary theories, and whether evolution took place over extremely long periods of time or in short bursts, all evolutionary theories come down to this: two non-birds mated and out of the resulting fertile egg hatched a bird. So, in answer to the question as to which came first, the chicken or the egg, evolutionists would all answer: the egg. Two non-birds mated, laid an egg, and hatched out a bird. Two non-chicken birds mated, laid an egg, and hatched out a chicken.

Now this is where thinking and the application of reason comes in. To evolve from *Tyrannosaurus rex* to Foghorn Leghorn requires a great many physiological and morphological changes. Not the least of which involves the radical differences between the respiratory systems of dinosaurs and birds. Instead of pumping air in and out of the lungs, as do reptiles and mammals, birds have a unique unidirectional continuous flow of air through their lungs, giving them the most efficient lungs of all the vertebrates. Producing these changes would require multiple alterations in DNA sequencing stemming from numerous beneficial mutations. And, even if the genetic changes occurred in one dinosaur, they would have to occur in another dinosaur as well. Of the opposite sex. At about the same time. And in close enough geographical proximity that they could find each other to mate. And they would have to take care of and feed their strange newly evolved offspring instead of killing and eating it themselves. And the newly evolved offspring would have to find and mate with others just like themselves. And, to

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Roger & Tammy Tooley
Church Planting in England
(Currently on the Field)

John Yingling
General Director
Baptist International Outreach
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Mike & Debby Drust
Church Planting in Albania
(Currently on the Field)

Mt. Pisgah
Bible Printing Ministry
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Oliver Springs, Tennessee

Jim Robideau
Lighthouse Legal Ministries
at Lighthouse Baptist Church
Ashtabula, Ohio

Jim & Emi Civala
Church Planting Assistance
in the Samoan Islands
(Currently in the USA)

Words Worth Considering...



"Christian nationalism is an amorphous concept that is primarily used to tar Christians who are motivated by their faith to advocate for policies that critics don't like." —Mark David Hall

"I couldn't live a day of my life without God." —Dwight Eisenhower

"A scared world needs a fearless church." —A.W. Tozer

"Satan's great aim is to cause us to be devoted to the death to any cause, any enterprise, to anything but the Lord Jesus." —Oswald Chambers

"You see, many churches congratulate themselves on not being persecuted by the enemy. Perhaps that is because they are no threat to him. After all, if you are not in collision with the devil, you may well be in collusion with him. Satan figured out long ago that he could never destroy the church. He does more harm by imitation than outright opposition and he achieves much in this world by peddling false doctrine under the banner of counterfeit Christianity." —Dean Dwyer

"The devil is not fighting religion; he is too smart for that. He is producing a counterfeit Christianity so much like the real one that good Christians are afraid to speak out against it." —Vance Havner

"We shall not get back a strong race of Christians till we get back such a sturdy band of outspoken men as dare their reputation, if not their lives, upon the unvarnished testimony they give to the Truth they know, the Truth as it is in Jesus, the Truth as it burns in their own hearts and fires their tongues, the Truth as it commends itself to every man's conscience in the sight of God." —Charles Spurgeon

"But I and others, who are right-minded Christians on all points, are assured that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a thousand years in Jerusalem, which will be built, adorned, and enlarged, [as] the prophets Ezekiel and Isaiah declare.... And further, there was a certain man with us, whose name was John, one of the apostles of Christ, who prophesied, by a revelation that was made to him, that those who believed in our Christ would dwell a thousand years in Jerusalem." —Justin Martyr (AD 100-165)

"[The NFL] has had its share of players arrested for domestic violence and convicted of wire fraud, forgery, money laundering, counterfeiting, tax evasion, drug trafficking, driving while intoxicated, burglary, armed robbery, aggravated assault, rape, manslaughter and even murder. Perhaps it's a bad look to criticize a player calling for men to be God-fearing, responsible husbands and fathers." —Laura Hollis



MINISTRY FOCUS



RBBC Online

Years ago, when the internet was new, most people had never heard of social media. To be honest, most people were not even sure what a website was or why anyone would need one, let alone social media. Nowadays, most people are quite familiar with social media, although many are still not sure what a website is or why anyone would need one.

Early on, the Richfield Bible Baptist Church began its online presence with a website. Over the years, we have added several websites, each growing to include numerous webpages. These websites serve to provide information on our church and its ministries, as well as educational and evangelistic materials.

The main church website, <http://BBCRichfield.com/>, serves as a welcoming page for those seeking information about our church and how to find or contact us.

Because of our church newsletters, Pastor Davis has written a number of informative articles on a wide range of Biblical topics and questions. These articles can be found at <http://pg.mapleknoll.us/>, otherwise titled *Pastoral Guidance Suggested*.

The largest website, however, serves as the website for our radio outreach ministry, *Live with Pastor Al*. It is located at <http://LiveWithPastorAl.com/>. There you can find links to past radio programs, comments and observations on a variety of Bible topics and current events, information and notes regarding our radio program, and links to a variety of articles and resources.

As for social media, the Richfield Bible Baptist church can be found on several platforms:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/biblebaptistchurchrichfield/ (church) & <https://www.facebook.com/LiveWithPastorAl/> (radio)
- USA Life: <https://usa.life/RBBC> (church) & <https://usa.life/LivewithPastorAl> (radio)
- MeWe: <https://mewe.com/group/5aedc589a40f3045fab0797d> (church) & <https://mewe.com/group/5aedc9a4a40f3045fa0473b7> (radio)
- Gab: <https://gab.com/PastorAl>
- Gettr: https://gettr.com/user/pastor_al
- Minds: <https://www.minds.com/pastoral/>
- Truth Social: https://truthsocial.com/@Pastor_Al
- Frank Social: <https://franksocial.com/profile/246804>
- Clout Hub: <https://app.clouthub.com/#/users/u/PastorAl>
- X (Twitter): <https://x.com/PastorAlLive>
- Xapit: <https://xapit.com/profile/47330>

Our church services are also available online, both live and recorded. You can find the Sunday morning and evening services on YouTube at:

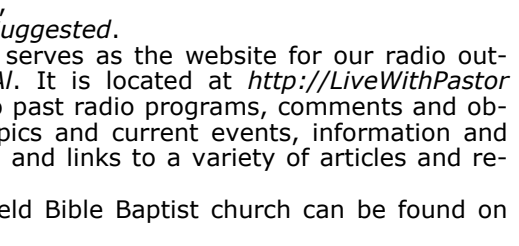
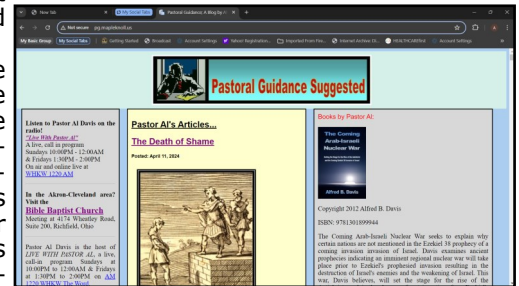
<https://www.youtube.com/@richfieldbiblebaptistchurc5211>.

The Friday night Bible studies are on Rumble at:

<https://rumble.com/user/RichfieldBBC/live>.

Eventually we hope to move the Sunday services over to Rumble as well. It is a much better platform for us as You Tube has been removing our previously recorded videos at the rate of about one or two every month or two.

Being online enables us to reach out far beyond our local community and area. Our websites alone get hundreds of visits each day from all over the world! So, please continue to pray for the online ministries and witness of the Richfield Bible Baptist Church. ☩



Which Came First, the Chicken or the Egg?

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make matters worse, all these disparate coincidences had to have occurred in just a short few million years.

Another problem for the evolutionists would arise if it could be shown that fossils of both birds and the theropods they supposedly evolved from were to be found together. After all, it would be a powerful indication that birds did not evolve from dinosaurs if it could be proved that birds and dinosaurs were contemporaneous. Well, Don Batten, writing in the July 2012 edition of *Creation* says in his article, "Modern Birds Found with Dinosaurs: Are Museums Misleading the Public?":

In order to test evolution, Dr. [Carl] Werner visited 60 natural history museums and ten dinosaur dig sites in seven different countries. When he asked paleontologists if they had any personal knowledge of modern birds found with dinosaurs, he was in for quite a surprise.

...With each interview, more modern birds that had been found with dinosaurs were added to his list, including: parrots, penguins, owls, sandpipers, albatross, flamingos, loons, ducks, cormorants and avocets. Carl assembled this list from interviews he did with various paleontologists, as well as from articles by evolutionist scientists and a textbook...

...It was not long before Dr. Werner noted an important discrepancy: museums were not displaying what the scientists were revealing in their one-on-one interviews. In fact, the natural history museums contradicted reality and were suggesting the opposite. Of the 60 museums he visited, he did not see one single fossil of a modern bird that had been found in a dinosaur rock layer and only one museum out of 60 displayed a modern bird model with a dinosaur: the Milwaukee Museum.

One prone to thinking and reasoning might question why the museums are covering up what the paleontologists are finding.

So, what does the Bible have to say about this? Clearly it says that the chicken came first, right?

Well, not so fast! Let's do a little thinking and reasoning here as well. First, let's consider what the Bible says about the origin of birds in Genesis 1:20-23:

²⁰And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl



that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. ²³And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Clearly, the Genesis account of creation leaves no room for evolution, not even for the theistic evolutionist's vain attempt to correlate evolution and Genesis by claiming that God was the guiding force behind evolution, thereby explaining away the lack of transitional fossils and intermediate species. Instead, the Bible presents birds, and that includes chickens, as being created whole and complete by a specific creative act of God. Reptiles, including the dinosaurs, were not created until the next day, day 6, according to Genesis 1:24-25.

Of course, the chickens that God cre-

ated were more like the red jungle fowl of southeast Asia that our domestic chickens are derived from. I say derived from, not evolved, because the offspring of those first domesticated jungle fowl have been bred, cross bred, and selectively bred for thousands of years but are still, when you get right down to the genetic heart of the matter, jungle fowl. After all, God did not need to create all the variations of chickens that exist today. He only needed to create the original jungle fowl kind that contained sufficient genetic diversity to produce all the various types and breeds of chickens and jungle fowl that exist today.

And that leads us to the Biblical answer to the question of which came first, the chicken or the egg. Unfortunately for Miss Schmidt, who was confident that the chicken came first, she was wrong as well. The correct answer is both. When God created the first chickens (jungle fowl) on the fifth day of the creation week, He created both sexes, male and female, mature roosters and hens. That means, as any Bible-believing biologist can tell you, when God created the female chicken, the hen, on day five, He created her along with the eggs carried in her body that would eventually mature and be laid throughout her life. Consequently, neither the chicken nor the egg came first. They were both created at the same time on the same day.

As always, if you have questions, God's Word has answers. Even for which came first, the chicken or the egg.

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**"Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD;
and the people
whom he hath chosen
for his own inheritance."
—Psalm 33:12**

Cowboy Missionary

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earth, what shall we answer the Master as these poor souls turn away from the gates of Glory into outer darkness?" Far across steadfast!

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<https://baptisttranslators.com/cowboy-missionary/>

Why Do I Not Want to Pray?

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crane until they had tied the ropes and were ready to lift these wrecked cars back to the road. Then they would signal in a way which meant, "Turn on the power." The power of the great engine above would surge through the ropes to haul the wreckage up again to the rails.

Two things were noticeable in this exciting work: First, human mechanism, human planning, human contacts, - all these were necessary. But unless they tied on to the wreckage, all planning, thought, and time were wasted. But these men went direct to the task and did grapple the wrecked cars. Second, when this was all done, they stood as helpless as babes. Their whole dependence from then on was the great engine above. They must signal for power from above.

I find myself doing much planning, much thinking, much calculating, much trying to create something to interest my people and raise their spiritual temperature. I am constantly wondering why we do not accomplish more. Then, I find that I am not praying much, and that my people are not praying much. Yet we are all, in a way, busy. I believe the answer is that while we are busy, we are not tying on to humanity's wreckage. We are talking about our great engine, measuring ropes, and counting workers; we are looking at blue-prints, measuring distances, and writing treatises to tell each other about the best way to salvage wreckage. But we are not definitely grappling on to the souls of men and trying to raise them up to God. If we were personal and definite in this work, we would have to cry out to the Power above to draw them up.

This planning and measuring and tabulating and appraising can all be done without prayer. It is when we are engaged in the business of trying to lift a wreck out of the mire of sin that we have to call on God to help. It is then the conceit of self-sufficiency dies within us.

IF I AM NOT TRYING TO DO MORE THAN I CAN DO IN MY OWN STRENGTH, I DO NOT NEED TO PRAY. BUT I CANNOT LIFT THIS LOST SOUL OUT OF SIN, HENCE I AM DRIVEN TO CALL ON GOD OR ELSE TO TURN LIBERAL AND CEASE EVEN TRYING TO BRING

THE LOST TO GOD.

I believe a prayer meeting was originally a meeting for soul-winners engaged in the definite business of witnessing to the lost. In this business they became so involved in the problem, so burdened for those whom they sought to lift, that they felt a deep need for fellowship and prayer about their common burden. They came together to talk about their prospects, and to have united prayer in their behalf. This would solve the preacher's, prayer-meeting program if he could get his people to doing personal witnessing.

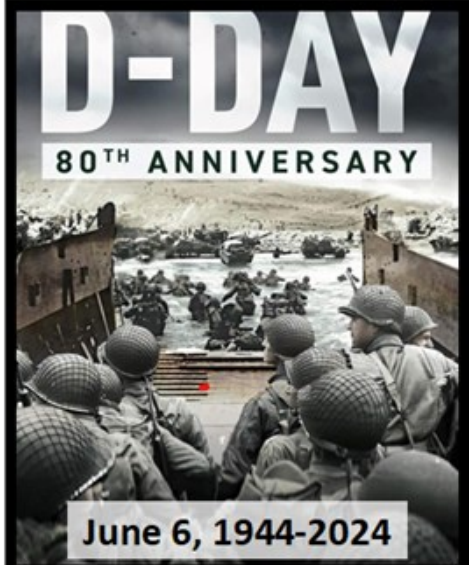
It is a settled matter that I will never really call for power unless I feel I need it. I will never feel that I need it unless I am trying to do something which my human strength fails to accomplish. The task the Lord gave us is not a human task; it is supernatural. So long as we engage only in the methods and merely human elements of this task, we do not feel the need to pray nor rely upon God. But if we shall go out to become "God-in-the-flesh," and attempt the to-us impossibility of saving the lost, relying on God to make the "impossible" come to pass, He will honor our faith and bring it to pass.

The spiritual life of a church or church members depends on whether or not they are engaged in spiritual quests. Churches were never meant to be run on a human plane nor for a primarily human purpose. They were meant to be run on a spiritual plane and for a spiritual purpose. A good Lions Club will be as effective as the humanized, social-gospel church.

Prayer is at the base of this spiritual program. Prayer is the signal to God that we have tied on to some wrecked human soul, and that we implore His help to regenerate the soul. In the degree that a church is engaged in that business it will need to pray. And this personal involvement in the lives and destiny of lost sinners is the only thing that will awaken us to our need of supernatural power.

For this is the purpose of God, and His power is available to us for His purposes, not ours!

[Victor I. Masters, editor, Western Recorder, June 29, 1939, the Kentucky Baptist State paper. Scanned and formatted by Jim Duvall. <http://www.baptisthistoryhomepage.com/kazee.west.rec.why.nt.pry.html>]



Greater love
hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life
for his friends.
(John 15:13)

Guarding Against Authoritarianism

By Charley Reese

Americans need to be especially on guard against moves against free speech and their right to keep and bear arms. The purpose of passing hate-crime legislation is simply to lay the predicate for passing hate-speech laws. ...Freedom and compulsion are contradictions. ..What the present generation must do is guard against the growing trend toward more authoritarian government. Government is never static. Its tendency is always to move toward more power that means less freedom. But to do that, the present generation must have more faith in itself than it does in government. You can't have a free society unless you trust the people.



Pope Francis vs. The Bible

Pope Francis:

"We are all fundamentally good...Yes, there are some rogues and sinners, but the heart itself is good."

The Bible:

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

<p>GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO IS GOOD? "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) • WHO HAS SINNED? "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) • WHERE DID SIN COME FROM? "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12) • WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR SIN? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) • WHAT IS OUR HOPE? "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) • WHAT SHOULD WE DO? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9) • "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) 	<p>SERVICES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM • Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM • Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:00 PM • Friday Bible Study 7:00 PM <p>MINISTRIES OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Studies & Expository Preaching • World Missions & Local Evangelism • Internet Outreach: BBCRichfield.com • LiveWithPastorAI.com • Radio Outreach Ministry on WHKW 1220 AM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Night Live with Pastor AI — Sunday, 10:00 PM Live With Pastor AI — Friday 1:30 PM <p>LOCATION OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible Baptist Church meets in the Richfield Commons Plaza at the corner of Wheatley and Brecksville Roads, in Richfield, Ohio, at: 4174 Wheatley Rd., Suite 200
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*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
(Romans 10:17)*