

# 'Honoring God, Our King, In 2017'



## AUGUST 2017

FROM THE DESK OF:

GERALD B. COLLINGSWORTH, PASTOR



**Gerald B.  
Collingsworth,  
Pastor**

## FAKE NEWS

**Introduction:** The term “fake news” is not original to this generation, but it has been revealed in a new way since the election of President Donald Trump. Using Twitter, President Trump tweeted, “The fake news media is not my enemy. It is the enemy of the American people.”

The meaning of fake news: Fake news consist of deliberate misinformation spread through print media or the internet with the purpose of distorting the facts in order to gain advantage of, or to harm a program or person by withholding the truth from the public.

While I do agree with our president that fake news is the enemy of the American people, I believe a “fake gospel” has the power to influence people to an eternal hell. Yet far less people are concerned about a fake gospel being presented than fake news being presented. To me, this is deadly.

Let me share with you how fake news leads to a fake gospel.

### FIRST: THE FAKE NEWS OF SINCERITY.

JOHN 3:3

I have heard this hundreds of times through the years. “No matter what you believe, or what God you worship, as long as you are sincere, you will be fine on Judgment Day.”

Question: Have you never been sincerely wrong? I mean you were absolutely sincere, but it turns out that you were wrong? Yes, you have. You see, no matter how sincere you are, sincerity will not save you. **“Ye must be born again.”**

The Bible is filled with stories of people that were very sincere, but very wrong about how to get to Heaven.

Saul of Tarsus was very sincere in what he believed. He was so sincere that he was willing to kill for what he believed, but he was wrong. **Acts 9:1, “And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord...”**

**Illustration:** During the days of Christopher Columbus the scientists believed the world was flat, and that if you were to sail too far out, you would fall off the earth. They were sincere, but totally wrong.

### SECOND: THE FAKE NEWS OF SOCIAL SURROUNDINGS.

JOHN 13:21-30

In John chapter 3, you will find that Jesus said nothing about environment to Nicodemus. Jesus did not reveal any bad thing concerning the lifestyle or conduct of this man. What Jesus did do was teach him that he needed a supernatural heart change. He needed to be born again.

**Illustration:** If you have a clock that is not keeping time, you can place it with the best clocks in the world, but being in a good place with good clocks will not help it keep time.

Continued

## Evangelism



Dr. Jack  
Hyles

**Introduction:** One of our ladies called recently to say, “Brother Hyles, I am bringing a lost loved one to church next Sunday morning, and I just wanted to tell you about it. . . . Oh, all of our services are evangelistic now, aren’t they? Praise the Lord, I can bring my lost loved ones anytime and be sure that you will try to get them saved.”

### Make Soul Winning Dwarf Everything Else That Goes on in the Church

In other words, make soul winning the most important phase of the church program. Far too many people think that being a deacon or a Sunday School teacher is the biggest job in the church. Our people should constantly be reminded that the greatest job in the New Testament church is bringing people to Jesus Christ. If we as pastors will magnify the job of soul winning above any other job in the church, then the people will get the idea that being a soul winner is the greatest position that they can hold.

### Create An Evangelistic Atmosphere in the Church Services

To a great extent, evangelism is more an atmosphere than anything else. If we want a revival-type service every Sunday then we must try to create a revival-type atmosphere every Sunday. This would include revival-type music, revival-type testimonies, revival-type preaching, revival-type invitations, etc. Perhaps the results on Sunday have more to do with the atmosphere of the service than any of us realize. If we have high church-type music, a ritualistic order of service, an ultra-formal message, and a high church atmosphere, how can we expect evangelistic results. It is so important that the atmosphere of our churches and of our services be conducive to a perennial harvest of souls.

## CLASS ACTS

*SINCE UNIVERSITIES FIRST OPENED THEIR DOORS, PROFESSORS HAVE DOLED OUT GRADES TO NERVOUS STUDENTS. THANKS TO RATEMYPROFESSOR.COM, THE SHOE IS NOW ON THE OTHER FOOT.*

- I HAVE A THEORY THAT HE HARVESTS THE TEARS OF HIS STUDENTS SO THAT HE CAN DRINK THEM AND HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.*
- BORING! BUT I LEARNED THERE ARE 137 TILES ON THE CEILING.*
- YOU CAN'T CHEAT IN HER CLASS, BECAUSE NO ONE KNOWS THE ANSWERS.*
- IF I HAD ONE HOUR LEFT TO LIVE, I WOULD SPEND IT HERE BECAUSE IT FEELS LIKE AN ETERNITY.*
- SHE IS A BREAKFAST-CEREAL PROF: FRUIT, NUT, AND FLAKE.*

*Teach your children to be polite and courteous, and when they grow up they'll never be able to edge their cars onto a freeway.*

*The best comeback I've ever heard occurred at our store. A customer was complaining to my supervisor about the employees. He was spouting off about how terrible we all were and insisting our company hired only idiots. That was when my boss looked him in the eye and asked, "Would you like an application?"*



### **Kim Kline's Bistro Mac & Cheese**

16 oz. uncooked elbow macaroni	1/2 tsp. pepper	1/2 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
5 tbsp. butter, divided	1/4 tsp. garlic powder	3 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 tbsp. all-purpose flour	1 cup (4 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese	1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
2-1/2 cups 2% milk	1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese	
1 tsp. salt	1/2 cup sour cream	
1/2 tsp. onion powder		

Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven, melt 3 tablespoons butter over low heat. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually whisk in milk and seasonings. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat; stir in cheeses until melted. Stir in sour cream. Add macaroni; toss to coat. In a small skillet, heat remaining butter over medium heat. Add bread crumbs; cook and stir until golden brown. Sprinkle over top.

*Illustration:* I want to remind you that Adam and Eve were placed in a perfect environment, yet they chose to do wrong.

### **THIRD: THE FAKE NEWS OF SELF REFORMATION.**

**ROMANS 10:13**

A man said to me, "Pastor, I knew I was going to Heaven the day I decided to start doing the right things." By the way, that was when I knew he was absolutely lost without Christ. He told me why he believed he was saved, born again.

He said, "I got baptized." It is true that baptism is an ordinance that we are commanded to observe, but they, the ordinances, do not save. They are to be observed by those who have been saved. The new birth must be experienced before baptism. You get baptized because you have already been saved, not in order to be saved.

He then said, "I joined the church." The problem is that nowhere in the entire Bible can you find one reference to where joining a church saved anyone.

*Illustration:* In **Acts 16:30-31**, a man asked, "**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**" The answer was not, "Join a church," but, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.**"

**Conclusion:** Now allow me to tell you the good news, the truthful news. If you truly desire to be saved, and truly want to be delivered from the bondage of sin, judgment and eternal hell, then reach out by simple faith. You say, "But I just don't understand." Thomas Edison could not explain electricity, but he was not willing to just sit around in the dark. He discovered light because of his willingness to reach out by faith. You too can discover life through Christ. Reach out right now by faith.

### **Prayer of Salvation**

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

*'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour.*

*Thank you for saving me. Amen.'* (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



### **Prayer of Service**

*'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?'* (Acts 9:6)

**A NEW LAW IN FRANCE GIVES WORKERS THE "RIGHT TO DISCONNECT" FROM WORK E-MAIL WHEN THEY ARE OUT OF THE OFFICE. THE WEEK ASKED ITS READERS WHAT SUCH LEGISLATION MIGHT BE CALLED IF INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.**

- **THE CIVIL NIGHTS ACT**
- **THE E-MANCIPATION PROCLAMATION**
- **THE FREEDOM FROM INFORMATION ACT**
- **SOCIAL NETWORKING**
- **THE FRENCH DISCONNECTION**



Mrs. Francie Taylor

### **Don't Miss The Training Train**

***Proverbs 22:6***

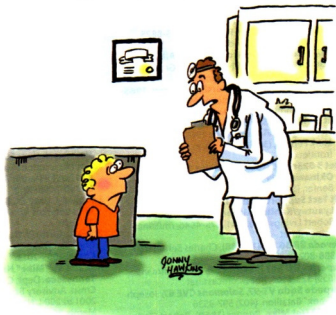
Do not give up your God-given control as a parent! If you do not want your child to spend time with someone else's child, say no and move on!

Countless numbers of children are rearing themselves today, and, sadly, this includes the little ones whom God has entrusted to Christian homes. A good name for this group would be the "Abandoned Generation." Children have learned how to microwave their own meals because no one is home to cook for them. They decipher their own homework the best they can. They spend hours in front of the TV as a substitute for human contact. They leave home early in the morning, arrive home to an empty house, using their own house key, and then log onto the Internet to join friends via instant messaging or meet with strangers in online chat rooms. Today's children are growing up in too many strange arrangements, and we have yet to see the full cost of this neglect and carelessness in parenting.

If there is anything that you can do, Christian mother, to slow down your schedule so that you are more available to your children, do it! This is not meant to induce guilt. It is meant to encourage balance and action. Our children are young for a few vaporous years, and then they are out of the training zone as far as our parental influence is concerned. If we miss our "training train."

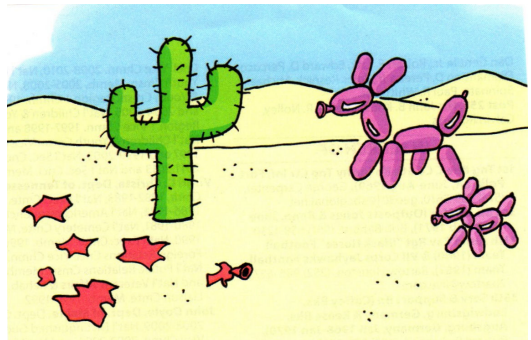
# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last eleven (11) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. We hosted the Old-Fashioned, Real and Revisited, 'I Love America' conference June 19<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



*"WELL, OF COURSE YOU HAVE SHORTNESS OF BREATH."*

A wife asked her husband why he and his friend didn't play golf together anymore. "Would you want to play with someone who cheats on his scorecard and moves the ball when you're not looking?" "Certainly not," she said. "Well, neither does he."



*"SON, WE MUST NEVER DRINK FROM THE FORBIDDEN PLANT."*

Sue loved Steve, but she worried about all the money that Steve kept spending on her. "How can I stop Steve from spending so much money on me?", she asked her mother. "Marry him," she replied.



## From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth The Three Abilities

**Introduction:** We are starting a brand new school year. If we want it to be a successful school year, then we need to look at three abilities.

### **First: Accountability Proverbs 15:3**

Everyone needs to be accountable to someone. Your children need to be accountable to you. Parents must consistently check their child's work and communicate with the teacher.

### **Second: Responsibility Proverbs 4:1-4**

Children need to be well aware of what you expect of them. A child cannot be expected to be responsible if the parent does not give them specific responsibilities.

### **Third: Availability Psalms 142:4**

Be genuinely interested in the everyday events in your children's lives. Your availability to them sends a message that you really do care.

**Conclusion:** We can have a wonderful school year if we remember these vital abilities.



## Lest We Forget—Chris Kyle



Chris Kyle was a lot of things to a lot of people: Navy SEAL, legendary U.S. military sniper, decorated veteran of the Iraq war, beloved husband and father.

Yet of everything that can be said about Chris, the word that stands out most is one he would never have used to describe himself: hero. Not in the sense of a man who rushed into a hail of bullets to rescue others (he did). Not in the sense that his wife and children understand (no one will ever know that depth of Chris).

Chris Kyle is a hero because in every interaction he had with a person, it was clear that he had an unwavering faith. And he truly cared for and valued everyone he ever met.

There was no pretense, no "personality," to Chris Kyle. There was only the person - genuine, faithful, real. He had a sense of security and self-assuredness that are only found in a deep faith in Jesus Christ.

And for that, we can all say, "Thank you, Chris Kyle."

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Upcoming Events!

Friday, August 11th, 7:00 PM Heritage Baptist Church Annual Ladies Banquet.

Special Speaker: Mrs. Libby Robinson Myers of Waycross, GA



If we Bible believing Baptists are so dumb, why is it that we do not need an easier Bible to study?  
*Dr. Bob Gray, Texas*

Never let the last soul you led to Christ be the last soul you lead to Christ.

*Dr. Gerald B. Collingsworth*

The world wants our pie, but they laugh at our recipe.  
*Dr. Jack Hyles*

We have been inoculated with such a mild form of Christianity that we are immunized against the real thing.  
*Vance Havner*

Where there is a mind willing to learn, there will always be a frontier to conquer.

*Unknown*

### Breakfast Parfaits



2 cups cottage cheese                      1/2 cup granola  
2 cups mixed or seasonal berries      4 tsp. almonds, crushed

Using 4 sundae or parfait glasses, layer the ingredients as follows in each glass:

1/4 cup cottage cheese, 1 tbsp. granola, 1/4 cup berries. Repeat the layers and top each parfait with a teaspoon of crushed almonds. Chill for an hour before serving.



### Heritage Highlanders August 2017 Schedule

**Saturday August 5**    *1 Samuel 16:7*  
Cleanliness: Inwardly and Outwardly  
**Saturday August 12**    *Psalms 139:14*  
Cooking: Healthy Snacks

**Saturday August 19**    *11 Timothy 2:15*  
Back To School  
**Saturday August 26**    *Romans 10:13*  
Soulwinning



**Heritage Baptist Academy**  
**First Day Of School**  
**Thursday, August 24**  
**9:00 AM**



**Some food for thought ...or...**

## **Seed From The Silo!**

### **Almost 60,000 Drug Overdose Deaths in 2016; “Largest Annual Increase in American History”**

“For Americans under the age of 50, drug overdoses now are the leading cause of death,” Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein told employees of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration [June 6].

“On an average day, 90 Americans will die from an opioid-related overdose....” Rosenstein said.

Rosenstein noted that in 2015, more than 52,000 Americans lost their lives to drug overdoses, 33,000 of them from heroin, fentanyl and other opioids.

“The preliminary numbers for 2016 show an increase to almost 60,000 deaths. That will be the largest annual increase in American history,” Rosenstein said.

And the opioid crisis is posing new dangers to law enforcement and other first responders, he warned: “Fentanyl is 30 to 50 times more deadly than heroin. Just two milligrams—the equivalent of a few grains of table salt—an amount that can fit on the tip of your finger—can be lethal. Fentanyl exposure can injure or kill innocent law enforcement officers and other first responders. Inhaling just a few airborne particles could be fatal.”

—cnsnews.com

### **Sheer Lunacy on Campus**

[Syndicated columnist Walter Williams wrote recently,] Parents, taxpayers and donors have little idea of the levels of lunacy, evil and lawlessness that have become features of many of today’s institutions of higher learning. Parents, taxpayers and donors who ignore or are too lazy to find out what goes on in the name of higher education are nearly as complicit as the professors and administrators who pro-mote or sanction the lunacy, evil and lawlessness. As for the term “institutions of higher learning,” we might start asking: Higher than what?

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

## ***IF EVOLUTION IS REAL, WHY DO MOTHERS HAVE ONLY TWO HANDS?***



*Dr. Al Lacy*

### **Slipshod Parents**

*Matthew 18:6*

I have no doubt that eternity will reveal that many children were offended by their Christian parents and went to Hell.

When a child is brought up in a home that names the Name of Christ and the child sees the inconsistency and hypocrisy of his parents, it tends to disillusion him. When the family is in church, he hears what the Word of God has to say about the Christian life. When he sees the opposite at home, he stumbles.

Dad is a Christian, but he uses some pretty bad language. Mother is a Christian, but she smells like a tobacco barn. Children are impressionable. This is going to affect them.

They hear the pastor preach against the theater. “How come WE go to them?” They hear a message on clean and holy living. “How come Dad has those Playboy magazines?” The Sunday School lesson is on being faithful to the house of God. “How come WE go camping and fishing on Sunday?”

Hear me, Christian parents. You can go on living inconsistent lives if you choose, but someday you will wish “you had chopped off the hand that lit the cigarettes. You will wish you had chopped off the foot that headed away from the church on Sunday. You will wish you had plucked out the eye that looked at dirty magazines and filthy movies.

Your cheeks will burn when the hot tears run down your face. The chickens will come home to roost. The harvest will be reaped. There will come a day when you will BEG your children to go to church. You will weep your eyes out, when you see the children you brought into the world turn their backs on God. When they go into eternity without Christ to burn in Hell forever ... you will wish for the millstone! If you’re saved, you will go to Heaven ... but you will reap the harvest of your inconsistencies and unfaithfulness to God!

# Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

**I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11**

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

**Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

## Baptist Beliefs

**B**iblical Authority

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

**T**wo officers - Pastors and Deacons

**S**eparation of Church and State

## Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

### Heritage Baptist Church

77 Saxe Road

Mogadore Village, OH 44260

(330) 628-9559

**Gerald B. Collingsworth, Pastor**

[WWW.CHURCHINTHEBARN.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHINTHEBARN.COM)

