

“Christ, Our Theme, For 2016”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Introduction: As a pastor, I see many strange things in the lives of people and families. One of the strangest things I’ve seen today is how many homes are divided. Many times I discover that the children do not know who their real father is. Another strange event is to discover how many adults were given up at birth and are searching diligently to find out who their mother or father is and why they were not wanted.

One thing I have noticed that is very evident in many homes is that the real meaning of Christmas has been ruined because stress in the home has created an atmosphere that blocks the view that reveals Christ.

FIRST: THE HINDRANCES I SEE.

EPHESIANS 5:25

In many homes I see a lot of compromise, but very little real love. The type of love that is caring and willing to sacrifice itself for the good of the marriage and the welfare of the children.

In many homes I find those that claim they are Christians, but there is very little evidence that Christ is in the home. It is no wonder to me that there are so many broken homes when you see so many without the Christ they say they believe in.

It is no great surprise to me either that Christmas is about how much someone gets from under a tree, especially when it is X-mas. We have crossed out Christ.

SECOND: THE HEN-PECKING OF THE HUSBAND.

ISAIAH 21:25

Because a king named Ahab was so hen-pecked by his wife, we discover that he turned from the true God to serve a false god named Baal. It led to the ruin of a nation and the murder of many innocent people.

I could not tell you how many times in the past 40 years I’ve seen women use their influence on their husband to get him to go out of the will of God.

Illustration: The first instance of this action occurred in the Garden of Eden. The first man, Adam, was sold to a lifetime of heartache over submitting to his wife’s wishes.

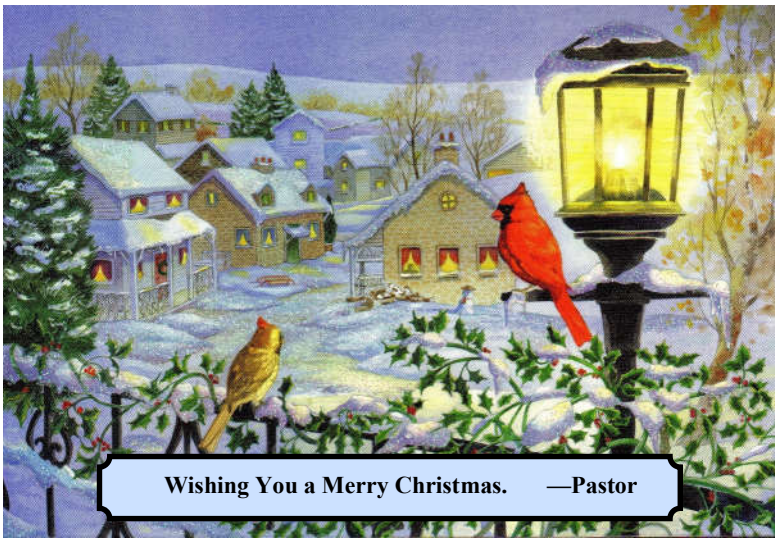
THIRD: THE HOVERING OF A CROWING ROOSTER.

ACTS 5:7-9

Sapphira allowed her husband to lead her in, lying to God, taking back what was already given to God, and trying to get praise and exaltation in church by promising to do something wonderful in the work of God.

Too many wives have been taught that they are to submit themselves to their Rooster even in sin. They either forget, or neglect to remember, *“Every one of us shall give account of himself to God...”*

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Wishing You a Merry Christmas. —Pastor

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. *An open door that no man can shut.*
2. *A vision of what can be.*
3. *A faith that will not fail.*
4. *A drawing that can't be explained.*
5. *The consuming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.*

"If you want a better preacher, pray for the one you have. One of you will change." *unknown*

Books by Pastor Collingsworth

Straight To The Heart

Prove It!

Help, I've Fallen, But I Can Get Up.

Available in the Fundamental Treasures Bookstore

Dead things don't grow because they're not alive! Are you still growing?

- Go to God in prayer daily. (John 15:7)**
- Read God's Word faithfully. (Acts 17:11)**
- Obey God consistently. (John 14:21)**
- Witness for Christ with your words & deeds. (Matt. 4:19)**
- Trust God for every detail of your life. (1 Peter 5:7)**
- Hinder not the Holy Spirit from controlling and empowering your life. (Gal 5:16-17)**

"The distinctive mark of a Christian is obedience." Dr. Jack Hyles

How To Prepare For Church

1. Pray all week for the members and the services.
2. Pray for visitors and new converts.
3. The night before the services, get all your children's clothes and your clothes ready.
4. Don't allow yourselves to argue. Try to keep a sweet spirit. Don't dwell on the negative.
5. Spend extra time Sunday morning praying specifically for the services.
6. Come to church expectantly and prayerfully.
7. Be on time. It is rude and childish to be habitually late.

"There is no greater injustice than for a man to condemn without knowing all the facts."
Gerald B. Collingsworth

FOURTH: THE HISS OF THE DANCING GIRL.

MARK 6:21-22

Just as Herodias' daughter was in the wrong business, we discover many of our young ladies today are playing the role of scantily clad Salome, wiggling their bodies in erotic manners following the example of Hollywood.

When you hear the sound of the hissing serpent coming for the daughters of this land, and proudly clapped for by their moms and dads, then you can be sure that Christmas is already ruined.

FIFTH: THE HORROR OF A HOMELESS CHILD.

LUKE 15:13

I can drive in any direction of any location of any city and find children living in sinful, wicked relationships with the opposite sex. They are children that came from broken homes and dysfunctional families. The horror of this is that it is now commonplace. It is the rule instead of the exception.

SIXTH: THE HOPE IS STILL THE SAME.

ACTS 4:12

What we still need is old-fashioned, godly homes built on the person of Jesus Christ. We need to do more than put Him back into Christmas, but put Him back into the homes and hearts of the individual.

Conclusion: Why not make Christmas real to your family this year? Place Christ back into the season. Put your faith back where it belongs: with Christ.

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 POLITICIAN IS SOMEONE WHO APPROACHES EVERY PROBLEM WITH AN OPEN MOUTH.

Heritage Highlanders December 2016 Schedule



Saturday December 3

Decorating Cookies

Saturday December 10

Christmas Craft

Saturday December 17

Christmas Caroling

Saturday December 24

Christmas Party

Saturday November 26

Soulwinning



Jarrod Collingsworth
Choir Director

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Luke 2:8-17

In Luke chapter 2, we read of the birth of Christ and we find in this story many wonderful things, but this season I want to discuss the shepherds in field. Many over look them, and that is understandable, but there is a wonderful story to be told and an example to follow.

In these short few verses we read of shepherds who were where they needed to be when they needed to be there. If the shepherds had not been faithful that night to be in the field with the sheep they would have missed the proclamation from the angels, they would have missed the opportunity to see Jesus in a manger. They probably would have even missed their opportunity to be listed in the scriptures.

We also read of shepherds who would investigate the truth. We see that shepherds were told of Jesus in a manger, but like most today they did not say they were too busy to investigate. These shepherds stopped what they were doing and went and saw where Jesus laid in a manger.

We also read that the shepherds did the most important thing that night. They took the message of Christ's birth and proclaimed it abroad. They did not hold these truths in their hearts, but shared it with others. They were responsible for starting the fire that proclaimed the birth of Christ.

Something to 'CROW' about!

Our Guest Preachers for 2016!



Dr. Tom Neal



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Terry Sellars



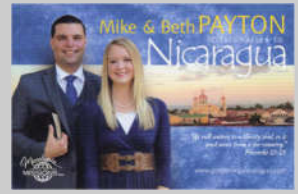
Dr. Bob Gray



Our Two New Missionaries!



Jason and
Jessica
Stanley



Mike and Beth Payton



Poor George Washington couldn't blame his troubles on the previous administration.



The Frick Family

Nick and Melissa Frick were raised at Heritage Baptist Church and graduated from Heritage Baptist Academy. As the years went by, they fell in love, got married, and now are expecting their first child.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frick.

An insurance agent was writing a policy for a cowboy. he asked if he had ever had any accidents.

"No," the cowboy said, "but a bronco kicked in a couple of ribs last year, and a few years ago a rattlesnake bit me."

"Well, wouldn't you call those accidents?"

"No, they did it on purpose."

Memories



Jeff and Summer Oswald both received Christ as their Saviour at Heritage Baptist Church. They were baptized in the same Sunday morning service. They fell in love, got married, and had children (the right order) who attend Heritage Baptist Academy.

"ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER WAS STOPPED IN GERMANY BY A POLICE OFFICER FOR RIDING A BICYCLE THROUGH A TRAIN STATION. SCHWARZENEGGER MAY HAVE GONE UNNOTICED IF HE HADN'T BEEN FRANTICALLY RINGING THE BELL AND SHOUTING, 'GET OUT OF THE WAY IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!'"



From our Pastor's Wife... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

An Old Fashioned Christmas

I'm so glad to be called old fashioned. I believe in a one and only old fashioned Saviour (Jesus Christ). I believe in the old fashioned Bible, the old King James Bible. I believe in an old fashioned independent, fundamental Bible-believing Baptist Church. I believe in old fashioned dress standards and behavior; where ladies still dress like ladies and men still dress like men. Where ladies are still gracious, honorable and submissive in their spirit and where men are leaders in the home and in society. I believe in an old fashioned, a family with one mom and one dad. I believe in an old fashioned Christmas where Jesus is still the reason for the season, where Christ is not crossed out of the word Christmas. Where the Word of God is opened first on Christmas morning as Dad reads the story of Jesus' birth and then the family prays and gives thanks to Jesus, for He is still the one that makes it possible for us to enjoy all the presents and food we share as we celebrate His birthday! I am so glad to be called old-fashioned. I am so glad for an old-fashioned Christmas!!!





Capt. Jack Evans

Lest We Forget—Pearl Harbor 75th Anniversary

“The Japanese could have done as much or more (damage) against our war effort if they had bombed our tank farm (filled with fuel), which they didn’t do,” Evans recalls. “That tank farm would have grounded us because there would not have been any fuel oil for the ships, and for a long time, too.”

USS Tennessee was one of the least damaged vessels at Pearl Harbor. It was able to sail out on Dec. 20, Evans’ 18th birthday. It headed back to the United States for repairs and fought in several battles during the war.

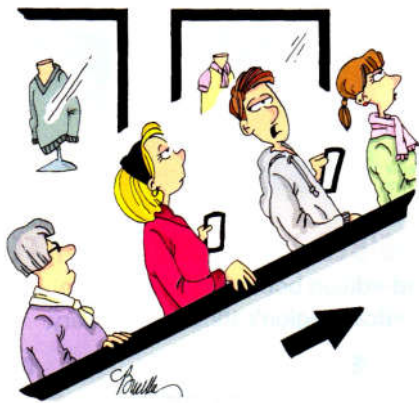
Evans remained on board until 1943, when he left for naval flight training school, his dream job. He was eventually promoted to ensign, and by the end of World War II he was a pilot flying twin engine anti-submarine aircraft known as PBYS and PBMs.

Altogether, Evans served 34 years in the Navy and rose to the rank of captain. Before retiring, he served at the Pentagon and commanded his own ship, USS Pyro, during the Vietnam War; it helped supply aircraft carriers and surface warships with ammunition.

Looking back at the attack on Pearl Harbor, Evans says he has no regrets. “If I was 17 and the situation occurred, I’d do it again,” he says.

Evans will not be at Pearl Harbor this month to mark the 75th anniversary of the attack, but he does plan to attend local events Dec. 7, honoring fellow veterans and talking about the importance of military readiness.

The office Christmas party is a great opportunity to catch up with people you haven't seen for 20 minutes.



"I'm getting something high-tech for my parents. Something they won't be able to figure out and will eventually give to me."



"You're charging me for carry-on?"

But Where Is Jesus?

It's Christmas time the people say;
The signs proclaim the stores portray
Glittering trees and ornaments rare-
Scurrying shoppers everywhere.
Laden counters with toys abound
Children's eyes so large and round.
Happy faces and greetings gay;
Laughter and mirth along the way-

But where is Jesus?

"Why it's His birthday, don't you know?"
Says a smiling face 'mid falling snow.
"He was born in Bethlehem long, long ago.
So we give gifts to those we know-
To our children dear both far and near,
To friend and kin we spread our cheer."
But I bowed my head with a heavy heart.
Though to those we love we do our part-

But where is Jesus?

It's Christmas time, God's Word declares.
The Saviour came to answer our prayers.
He came to those who loved Him not.
To save their souls from sin's dread blot.
He came to give to those in need,
And for the outcast His soul did bleed.
Though the earth abounds with need today
We ignore the needy along the way-

But where is Jesus?

We've gifts for John and Mary and Sue;
We've love for them and encouragement, too.
And this, my friends, we ought to do,
But where is our gift for the Saviour true?
The gift He wants is loving deeds,
A ready response to a lost world's needs,
Not wrapped in tissue with ribbons bright
But embodied in flesh aglow with love's light.

But where is Jesus?

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Forty-Eight Lawmakers Demand Answers to HHS Rule Requiring Doctors to Perform "Gender Transition" Procedures

Representative Joe Pitts (R-Calif.) announced...that he and 47 of his colleagues have sent a letter to Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia Burwell expressing "a number of significant concerns" with an HHS regulation requiring "doctors to perform gender transition procedures or treatments on patients including children, even if the doctor believes the procedures could be harmful." The new rule, Section 1557, went into effect in July and prohibits health programs that receive federal funding from HHS from discriminating against an individual on the basis of gender identity, gender expression and transgender status....

"Doctors who follow their oath to act in the best interest of the patients by refusing to perform these procedures face massive financial penalties and even job loss," they added. —cnsnews.com

LGBT Group Threatens Johns Hopkins Over Report That Science Doesn't Show People Are Born Gay, Transgender

The Human Rights Campaign, America's largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer civil rights organization, has threatened to penalize Johns Hopkins University if it does not denounce a report from two of the institution's scholars which concludes that there is little scientific evidence that people are born gay or transgender.

In the special report for The New Atlantis titled "Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences," Dr. Lawrence S. Mayer, a scholar in residence at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and Dr. Paul McHugh, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences also at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, conclude there is very little evidence supporting the "born that way" and other theories on sexual orientation.

—Leonardo Blair, ChristianPost.com

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?



Kim Kline's Cranberry Coffee Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup milk
1 cup sugar 2 tbsp. butter, melted
2 tsp. baking powder 2 cups fresh or frozen
1/2 tsp. salt cranberries, halved

Hot Butter Sauce

1/2 cup butter 3/4 cup half-and
1 cup sugar -half cream

In a bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Combine milk and butter; add to dry ingredients and mix well. Fold in cranberries. Spread into a greased 9-in. square baking pan. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until cake tests done.

For sauce, melt butter in a saucepan; gradually add sugar and cream. Simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat; add vanilla. Serve over warm coffee cake.

Ten Reasons To Leave Booze Out Of Christmas

1. Have you ever known a man to lose his job because he drank too little?
2. Have you ever known of a doctor who told his patients that their chances would be better if they would start drinking?
3. Have you ever known of an employer who picked men for responsible positions because they drank constantly?
4. Have you ever heard a wife say: "My husband would be the best husband in the world if he would start drinking"?
5. What insurance company offers reduced rates to drinkers?
6. Did you ever hear of an alcoholic, when he began drinking, to say: "It will happen to me"?
7. Did you ever hear of coach who encouraged his men to drink before a game?
8. Have you ever heard of children who complain because their daddy never came home drunk?
9. Have you ever heard of parents encouraging their daughter to become a barmaid so as to be come popular and successful?
10. Did you ever hear of a drunk who boasted: "I can take a drink or let it alone," who ever did leave it alone?

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, 1 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.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 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

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation 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

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