

“Christ, Our Theme, For 2016”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

STANDING ON THE WRONG SIDE

OBADIAH V. 1-11

Introduction: Here in the shortest book of the Old Testament, you will find one of the largest nuggets of truth. A nugget that has caused me to walk circumspectly through the years as to what I listen to and as to the people in whom I have chosen to stand with.

The book of Obadiah is about two nations, related by the fact that their forefathers were brothers: their names were Jacob and Esau—Jacob, being whom the nation of Israel came from—Esau, being whom the nation of Edom came from.

The day arrived when invading armies came to destroy Israel. Edom knew of the attack. They not only did not help Israel, but helped the heathen armies to destroy the people of God. It was because of this wicked event that God told them that judgment would come upon them. God said, “...*The day thou stoodest on the other side...thou wast as one of them...*” In other words, they were as guilty as the worst of the worst.

There are times that I have noticed people, “standing on the other side.” If that be true, then when do we stand on the wrong side?

FIRST: WHEN WE FAIL TO STAND FOR THE SCRIPTURES. MARK 8:38

Jesus said in *John 17:17*, “...*Thy Word is truth.*” Since the Word of God is truth. It is the Word of God that we must use in order to prove what is true and what is not true. Rumors are not truth—just evil speaking.

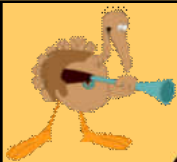
(Cannibals are called “man-eaters” because they kill and devour one another. It is possible to kill and devour someone’s influence by backbiting and evil speaking.)

SECOND: WHEN WE FAIL TO STAND FOR THE SAVIOUR. LUKE 22:54-57

We are to stand up for His preexistence, His virgin birth. His sinless life, His Holy purpose in coming into the world. *1 Timothy 1:15* says. “*This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*” Oh, what a wonderful truth, and the only requirement any of us has to meet in order to qualify for salvation, is that we be a sinner. Praise God, we all qualify!

Continued

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
 Twenty Second Annual Father & Son
 Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper
 Saturday, October 29th, 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



**Chili
 Cook-off**



**2015 Top Gun:
 Jarrod Collingsworth**



**Chili
 Cook-off**



Top guns:

Pastor Collingsworth — 4 First Place and 3 Second Place
 Bro. Berezne — 3 First Place and 1 Second Place
 Bro. Watson — 2 First Place and 4 Second Place

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*

THIRD: WHEN WE FAIL TO STAND AGAINST SIN. I KINGS 18:21

Yes, God loves you, and before I say another word, I wish to say again, God loves you, but, abortion is murder, adultery is still wicked, and, *“thou shalt not steal,”* is still in the Bible.

Some will say, “You preach too negative.” But, I say, I’ve never seen anyone get right with God until they first admitted they had been wrong, and negative preaching produces positive results.

FOURTH: WHEN WE FAIL TO MATCH OUR PROFESSION WITH SUBMISSION. JOHN 6:66

The world reads the way we Christians live more than they read a Bible. It is a shame for us to claim to be citizens of Heaven and live like the disciples of Hell.

In *II Timothy 4:10*, *“Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.”* I’ve wondered many times how many people died and went to Hell because of the decision Demas made! Our walk talks louder than our talk talks.

Conclusion: In *Exodus 32:26*, Moses asked, *“Who is on the Lord’s side, let him come unto me.”* He was calling for a definite decision to be made. God is still calling today ... calling for every person who is willing to stand with Him. But, remember, NO decision at all is still a decision. Jesus said in *Matthew 12:30*. *“He that is not with me is against me.”*

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)

You Say You’re A Christian

You say you’re a Christian, but don’t ‘feel it’s necessary’ to attend church?

Can a person be saved and not attend church?

Yes, but to be a ‘Christian’ means to be ‘Christ-like’, and Christ DIED for the CHURCH!

A Christian out of church is like...

- a student who will not attend classes;
- a soldier who doesn’t obey orders;
- a citizen who doesn’t pay his taxes;
- a salesman who has no customers;
- an author without readers;
- a parent without a family’
- a bee without a hive.

Rules don’t cause rebellion ... they expose it!



“No, I’m not too old. You call it trick-or-treat. I call it networking.”



“I suggest placing it here. Over time, it will end up where you want it.”

“BE YOURSELF” IS THE WORST ADVICE TO GIVE MOST PEOPLE.

Q. HOW LONG DID CAIN HATE HIS BROTHER?

A. AS LONG AS HE WAS ABLE.

WHAT STATE IS HIGH IN THE MIDDLE AND ROUND AT BOTH ENDS? O-HI-O

“MAN WAS CREATED A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS, AND HAS BEEN GETTING LOWER EVER SINCE.”

“THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH IS TO FIGHT SIN, NOT SUPERVISE IT.”

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last ten (10) years in a row! An entire decade! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!



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

Fall Program—2016

October 9th to November 27th

HORSES

Food



Treasure Hunt

Wow!

Games



Fun



Hayrides

WHILE READING THE NEWSPAPER, A MAN SAW AN ARTICLE ABOUT A BEAUTIFUL ACTRESS WHO MARRIED A BOXER KNOWN FOR HIS AGGRESSION.

"I WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW THE BIGGEST JERKS GET THE MOST ATTRACTIVE WIVES," HE SAID.

"THANK YOU, DEAR," HIS WIFE REPLIED.



Crystal Collingsworth

Be a Mary in a Martha World

Today's society is consumed with busyness. It's always go, go, go; it's all hustle and bustle, and there's no time for stillness or quiet. Today's women lead chaotic and hectic lives. They go to work, clean the house, take care of husband and kids, go grocery shopping, cook the meals, keep track of everyone's schedules, do the laundry, and the list goes on and on. They barely have time to take care of themselves, let alone have time to spend with the Lord. It may seem like this is a new struggle for Christian women, but truly it is age old. This struggle goes all the way back to Bible times.

In the story of Mary and Martha, we find Martha "*cumbered about much serving,*" (Luke 10:40) while Mary, her sister, "*sat at Jesus' feet.*" (Luke 10:39) Though what Martha was doing was a good thing, she was so busy that she had neglected something more important, spending time with the Lord. (Luke 10:41-42) Like Martha, we get so busy doing things, even good things, that we become overwhelmed, stressed, and sometimes even depressed. We become tired, cranky, and we lose our joy. We need to learn to be like Mary, and sit at Jesus' feet. It is needful that we choose to take time to hear His Word and talk to Him. Yes, I said, "choose." It is your choice how you will spend your time, I know how busy a day can be, but if you're too busy for God, you're too busy!

Women are always complaining about needing rest, and peace and quiet. I hate to break it to you, but no one is going to willing give that to you. However, for the sake of those around you, and for your own sanity, you must make time to rest, and have peace and quiet. You must spend time with the Lord! The Bible says, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11:28) True rest is only found by coming to the Lord, Mark it on your calendar, put it on your "To Do" list, get up earlier, do whatever you have to do to make sure at some time during your day, you're found at the feet of Jesus. Be a Mary in a Martha world!



Dr. Jack Hyles

Keep Your Stinking Feet Off Of The Word *Ezekiel 34:19*

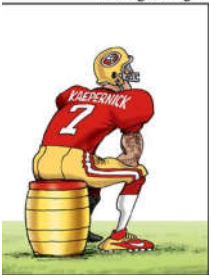
Years ago, a lady visited our church on a Sunday morning. She came back again Sunday night. After the service, she asked one of our members, "Which one of those preachers is the pastor of this church—the guy who was loving and sweet on Sunday morning or the guy who was mean on Sunday night?"

Billy Sunday used to say, "You can't love flowers unless you hate weeds." You can't love health unless you hate germs. You can't love God unless you hate the Devil. You can't love right unless you hate wrong. These namby-pamby preachers who never preach against anything don't love anything; theirs is a synthetic, superficial type of love. Theirs is a love that says to their young people, "I love you," but doesn't warn them against rock music. I say, that's not love at all.

The word pastor means "shepherd." A pastor is the shepherd of the flock. When God scolded his men who were not doing what they should, He likened them unto a shepherd who was not doing what he should do with his flock. God is using this figure of speech in *Ezekiel 34*, but God has His men in mind and the way His men handled the people in their flock, *Ezekiel 34:19* says, "**And as for my flock [the people of God], they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.**" That word fouled means "you have caused it to stink." He is saying to the men of God, "You are like a shepherd who has a flock of sheep, and you are corrupting their food by walking on it with your dirty feet. You are also corrupting their water by putting your stinking feet in the water." God is likening that to God's men who dabble wrongly with the Word of God, our Bread and water.

The whole issue of *Ezekiel 34:19* is the Word of God. God is saying to His men, "Leave the Book alone; keep your stinking feet off my words." The Word of God is the drinking water for God's people and the cleanser for God's people. I'd like to say to the publishers who publish the New International Version—"Keep your stinking feet off the Word of God! That's my drinking water. Keep your stinking feet out of my drinking water." The RSV is dirty water. The ASV is dirty water. The NASV is dirty water. The NIV is dirty water.

Sitting During the National Anthem



A TEACHER EXPLAINED TO HER SCIENCE CLASS, "WE CAN LEARN A LOT FROM THE ANT. THE ANT WORKS HARD EVERY DAY. THE ANT NEVER STOPS WORKING. AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ANT IN THE END?" ONE STUDENT REPLIED, "SOMEBODY STEPS ON HIM."

Dogs look at their master and think, "He feeds me, cares for me, and gives me a roof over my head. He must be God."
Cats look at their master and think, "He feeds me, cares for me, and gives me a roof over my head. I must be God."



Mrs. C's Sweet Potatoe Delight

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| 4 pounds sweet potatoes | 1/4 cup honey | dark brown sugar |
| 4 tablespoons butter, melted | 1/3 cup orange juice | 1 tsp. sea salt |
| 1/4 cup heavy cream | 1 tsp. orange zest | 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg |
| | 1/4 cup firmly packed | 3/4 cup pecan halves |

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Peel, wash, and quarter the sweet potatoes. Place them in a stockpot, add enough water to cover them by 2 inches, and bring them to a boil. Continue boiling them until they are fork-tender, about 15 minutes. Drain, and transfer them to a large bowl.

Add the butter, cream, honey, orange juice, orange zest, brown sugar, salt, and nutmeg, and mash everything together with a potato masher or an electric mixer. Spoon the sweet potato mixture into a casserole dish, and top it with pecan halves. Bake it for 30 minutes. *Makes 8-10 servings*

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

American College of Pediatricians Asserts Transgenderism Has No Basis in Fact

The American College of Pediatricians (ACP) has released a report stating that it is wrong to encourage children to believe that they were born in the wrong body, as there is no scientific basis for such an assertion.

The report, "Gender Dysphoria in Children," was written by Dr. Michelle Cretella and explains that the condition is more psychological than biological.

Cretella outlines that children are not born with the brains of the opposite sex. "[T]he brains of all male infants are masculinized prenatally by their own endogenous testosterone, which is secreted...beginning at approximately eight weeks' gestation," she explains. "Female infants... do not have their brains masculinized by endogenous testosterone. For this reason, barring one of the rare disorders of sex development (DSD), boys are not born with feminized brains; and girls are not born with masculinized brains." Rather, the ACP believes that youth come to struggle with their sexual identity due to various experiences from their infancy onward.

"The literature regarding the etiology and psychotherapeutic treatment of childhood CD is heavily based upon clinical case studies. These studies suggest that social reinforcement, parental psychopathology, family dynamics, and social contagion facilitated by mainstream and social media all contribute to the development and/or persistence of CD in some vulnerable children," Cretella writes.

—*Christiannews.net*

COMMENTS: In other words, transgenderism is a learned behavior, not something with which you are born.

Heroin Killing Americans in Record Numbers!

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration says the threat posed by heroin in the United States is serious and has increased since 2007.

"Heroin is available in larger quantities, used by a larger number of people, and is causing an increasing number of overdose death," says the DEA's National Heroin Threat Assessment...

In 2014, 10,574 Americans died from heroin-related overdoses—more than triple the number in 2010. Heroin is relatively cheap, and it is now used by a broader group of people than it has been in the past.

DEA also says the U.S. heroin market is largely controlled by Mexican traffickers.

—*cnsnews.com*

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

***AN EMPLOYEE MARCHED INTO HIS BOSS' OFFICE AND SAID, "I'VE BEEN HERE 11 YEARS DOING THREE MEN'S WORK FOR ONE MAN'S PAY. I WANT A RAISE."
"I CAN'T DO THAT," HIS BOSS REPLIED. "BUT IF YOU TELL ME WHO THE OTHER TWO MEN ARE, I'LL FIRE THEM."***

PEOPLE ASK US HOW WE'VE BEEN MARRIED SO LONG. WE TAKE TIME TO GO TO A RESTAURANT TWICE A WEEK. A LITTLE CANDLELIGHT, SOFT MUSIC, DINNER AND A LONG WALK HOME. SHE GOES TUESDAYS. I GO FRIDAYS.

***A WIFE SAID TO HER HUSBAND, "WAKE UP! THERE'S A MOUSE IN THE BEDROOM. I CAN HEAR IT SQUEAKING!"
"WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?" HER HALF-ASLEEP HUSBAND ASKED. "OIL IT?"***



Heritage Highlanders October 2016 Schedule

Saturday October 1

Field Trip to Monroe Orchard

Saturday October 15

Fall Craft

Saturday October 29

Soulwinning

John 3:16

Saturday October 8

Baking with Pumpkins

Saturday October 22

Baking pumpkin seeds

***A SALES MANAGER ASKED ONE OF HIS "SALESMEN "DID YOU GET ANY ORDERS TODAY?"
"TWO," THE SALESMAN SAID. "ONE TO GET OUT, AND ONE TO STAY OUT."***

***A MOTORIST ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO TRAFFIC COURT GRUMBLED AS THE POLICE CLERK HANDED HIM A RECEIPT FOR HIS FINE. "WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS?", HE ASKED.
"KEEP IT" THE CLERK REPLIED. "WHEN YOU GET FOUR, YOU GET A BICYCLE."***

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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