

'Honoring God, Our King, In 2017'



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ALONE

Introduction: Long before there ever was a reformation under the leadership of Martin Luther, there was a remnant of people called Baptist. They held to certain beliefs that they were willing to die for. There is something I would like to make clear: I am not a follower or admirer of Martin Luther. For a man to have started a religious revolution, he had some strange beliefs.

I. He held to baptizing babies by sprinkling. There is nothing like that in the Bible. **Acts 8:38-39**

II. He was often drunk. Luther said, "Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep. Who sleeps long does not sin. Who does not sin enters Heaven.

Thus, let us drink beer!" Yes, Martin Luther said and believed that!

III. He hated the Jews. "What shall we do with the Jews? We should set fire to their synagogues and schools and cover with dirt whatever will not burn."

IV. He hated the Baptists. "The Baptist should be drown in their own baptismal pools."

Both the Catholics and Lutheran reformation movement were responsible for nearly wiping the Baptist from world history. They destroyed Baptist writings, churches and preachers. Over 80% of all martyrs in England were Anabaptist, meaning those that rebaptized those who had already been baptized as babies. The Baptist believed that you had to understand your relationship with Christ before you were baptized by immersion.

Under Bloody Mary there were 300 Baptist murdered in one location in one day. The Baptist believed they were alone in their stand, and 'Alone' became their battle cry.

FIRST: 'SOLA GRATIA' (BY GRACE ALONE.)

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

Latin was used for almost all religious terms during the days of Martin Luther. That's why the battle cries of the Baptist were lifted up in Latin. The Baptist, "Anabaptist", believed that God saves, sustains, and strengthens His people by grace and grace alone.

SECOND: 'SOLA FIDE' (BY FAITH ALONE.)

ROMANS 5:1-2

Both the Catholics and Lutherans thought that faith was essential, but that faith in Christ alone could not save. They believed you had to keep doing in order to stay saved. **Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please God..."**

THIRD: 'SOLA SCRIPTURA' (BY SCRIPTURE ALONE.)

I PETER 1:23

The Baptist believed that the "Final Authority" was in the Scriptures alone. But the other religions taught that the church's traditions and teachings were just as authoritative.

FOURTH: 'SOLUS CHRISTUS' (BY CHRIST ALONE.)

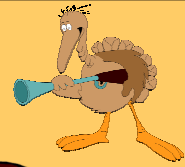
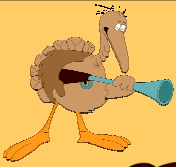
JOHN 14:6

Most religions taught that there was more than one way to get to Heaven, but the Baptist taught that salvation was only through Christ. **Acts 4:12, "Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."**

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
 Twenty Third Annual Father & Son
 Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper

Saturday, October 28th, 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



Chili
Cook-off



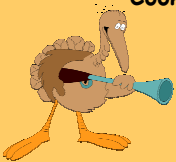
2015 Top Gun:
Jarrod
Collingsworth



2016 Top Gun:
Mr. Jacob
Spencer

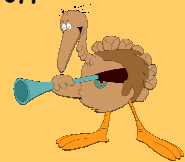


Chili
Cook-off



Top guns:

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



MY WIFE TOLD ME I HAD TO STOP ACTING LIKE A FLAMINGO. SO I HAD TO PUT MY FOOT DOWN.

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

Alone

It was alone the Saviour prayed
 In dark Gethsemane.
 Alone He drained the bitter cup
 And suffered there for me.

It was alone the Saviour stood
 In Pilate's judgment hall.
 Alone the crown of thorns He wore,
 Forsaken thus by all.

Alone upon the cross He hung
 That others He might save.
 Forsaken there by God and man,
 Alone His life He gave.

Alone, alone He bore it all alone.
 He gave Himself to save His own;
 He suffered bled and He died
 Alone, alone.

by B. H. Pierce



FIFTH: SOLA DEO GLORIA (GLORY TO GOD ALONE.) I CORINTHIANS 10:31

We, as children of God, are not to live to bring glory to ourselves, but glory unto the One we owe everything to. Why? Because all the good and the wonderful and the eternal comes from the One Who created us.

"... whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Conclusion: Legendary Greek scholar A.T. Robertson said, "Give a man an open Bible, an open mind, and a conscience in good working order, and he will have a hard time not being a Baptist."

Dear reader, would you at least cry out with me, "Solus Christus" (Christ Alone.)

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)

Soul Winning With a Sister



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Going out on a soul-winning visit with a sister is a bond-forming blessing. On a call one night at the end of winter, I had the joy of going soul winning with Nadia, one of my former mentoring students. She is one of the best soul-winning partners a person could ever have, as Nadia has a way with children of all ages, coupled with a sweet spirit.

Our son, Austen, who is the Soul Winning Director at our church, gave me the name and address of a young mom from one of our bus routes. He wanted us to visit her because this mom was struggling and was very discouraged. After a couple of tries, we finally got an appointment to go see this lady.

During our visit, Nadia had her hands full with four children, ages five to thirteen! At one point, while I was sharing the Gospel with this dear mom, my words were interrupted by what sounded like the loud honk of a goose! I jumped, and then turned around to see the eleven-year-old daughter honking away on her saxophone! It was hilarious, and added a merry note to our evening. By the end of our time together, that mom had trusted Christ as her Saviour and was beaming with the newfound joy of the Lord.

On our way to and from that appointment, the driving time allowed me to be Nadia's sounding board. As a young woman headed toward the wedding altar in just a few months, she had a lot on her mind!

Going soul winning with sister-friends gives you a very precious bond as you cherish the treasured memories of seeing souls won to Christ. You may even get a saxophone concert thrown in while you're at it!

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 19th—20th, 2017.



Fall Program—2017

September 17th to November 19th

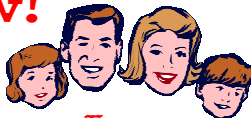
HORSES

Food



Wow!

Games



Treasure Hunt

Fun

Hayrides

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

"Learning the Pastor's Heart"



This article is perhaps the most needed article in every church because I believe one of the hardest things for a church to learn is the pastor's heart. Too often the majority of people only view the pastor as he stands behind the pulpit. They do not see his long hours in prayer and sermon preparation or the tears he sheds over those who are lost or backslidden; nor do they see the many who come to share their burdens and see his many hours of sleeplessness because their burdens then become his.

The Bible tells us that a pastor is to reprove, rebuke and exhort (*II Timothy 4:2*). A pastor who truly loves his people will make sure they get a well-balanced diet when it comes to preaching, but many times the people do not understand nor do they see the pastor's own anguish at having to rebuke and correct the people. It is a job that pastors do not like to do, but if they truly love their people, they must!

A pastor's job is to oversee the work of the church's many ministries. He cannot possibly do them all, nor is he supposed to, for this is not God's plan. It is God's plan to have people to do the work of the ministry and for the pastor to oversee or supervise that work. The pastor looks to the deacons, Sunday School teachers, and anyone else that holds a position, to be in unity and in communication with him. Too often this is where a church fails the test. We put the cart before the horse and go tell the pastor what we're going to do rather than seeking the pastor's opinion and then following his spiritual judgment. Most of the time, you'll find that the pastor will be in agreement with what's being asked or proposed and by seeking his leadership first, God can then bless; but too often, we start something new or go and tell the pastor how it's going to be, and then God cannot bless because the church has then become unbalanced.

Lip service alone is not good enough, for God knows our hearts. We must truly put this Biblical truth into practice. When we do not apply this principal, we may find that the pastor may seem to be demanding, but he is actually trying to get us on track and follow God's Word.

We are brainwashed by the world to do "our own thing" or, as the song says, "I did it my way", but this is not God's way. To be led by the Holy Spirit means to be led by God's Word. The Holy Spirit would not contradict His Word. If we truly want to be spiritual, we must apply God's Word in this matter of following the Pastor's leadership. This is what makes the difference between being a mediocre, lukewarm church and an spiritual, on-fire church! A church that actively applies this truth will experience TRUE SPIRITUAL UNITY and VICTORY!!

I have written this article as a pastor's wife who has seen all sides and knows that WHEN TRUTH IS PUT INTO PRACTICE, GOD WILL TRULY BLESS. We have experienced many blessings, but if we'll truly apply this Biblical principal, I believe God will open the flood gates of blessings. May it be so!!



Dr. Jack Hyles

The Bible That Built This Nation

Matthew 4:4

Bible translators have messed up the virgin birth with their stinking feet. They have messed up the sinless life of Christ with their stinking feet. They have messed up the deity of Christ with their stinking feet. They have messed up the blood of Christ with their stinking feet. They have messed up the imminent return of Christ with their stinking feet.

We've got to get back to the Bible that built this nation. When America believed the King James Bible, we didn't have policemen in our schools. When our teachers in the public schools believed the King James Bible and started each morning with reading from the King James Bible, we didn't have the problems in our schools that we now have. America didn't have a bunch of drug problems when we believed the King James Bible.

Before a bunch of self-styled scholars thought they could change the King James Bible to make a buck, we had a nation worth something. We must return to the Bible that built this nation. We must get back to the Bible that built the great revival crusades that changed America. We've got to get back to the Bible that caused America to outlaw liquor at one time. We've got to get back to the Bible that caused America not to even know what marijuana was. We've got to get back to the Bible that made America an honest and decent nation—a nation that kept their vows when they stood at the altar, a nation that had integrity and paid their debts on the day they were due. This nation will not be saved until we get back to *".. every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* You so-called scholars are not fooling anybody; you are putting yourself above the God who built this country on this Book—the King James Bible.

MY UNCLE, A VETERAN OF NORMANDY, ALWAYS TOUTED THIS FAMOUS SAYING: "NEVER WORRY ABOUT THE BULLET WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. WATCH OUT FOR THE ONE ADDRESSED TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN."

DICK HETLAND, SUQUAMISH, WASHINGTON

A SALESMAN REPORTED TO HIS MANAGER THAT HE HAD GOTTEN TWO ORDERS THAT DAY: ONE TO GET OUT, AND THE OTHER TO STAY OUT.

A TEACHER SAID TO HER CLASS, "WE CAN LEARN A LOT FROM ANTS. ANTS WORK VERY HARD ALL THE TIME. AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM IN THE END?" A STUDENT ANSWERED, "THEY GET STEPPED ON."

THE OPTIMIST BELIEVES THE GLASS IS HALF FULL. THE PESSIMIST BELIEVES IT IS HALF EMPTY. THE MOTHER JUST WANTS TO KNOW WHY YOU DIDN'T USE A COASTER.

Lest We Forget



In January 1969, 1st Lt. Diane Carlson is transferred to the 71st Evac Hospital at Pleiku, near the Cambodia border. "Now I am in the thick of combat. Our hospital is surrounded by concertina wire. We have four guard towers. It's very dangerous. We have sappers trying to get in. Patients were coming in so fast we called it a



'push.' A push meant mass casualties."

The 71st Evac nurses could be summoned instantly, any time of day or night, by a push. "Our hooches, where the nurses lived, were right next to the hospital. So in seconds, we could get on our boots, jungle fatigues, flak jacket and helmet when the red-alert siren went on.

"If one chopper was coming in, maybe up to eight patients, or if they really threw bodies on top of bodies, maybe 16. But, you know, one chopper was limited. Two choppers, three choppers - I used to call it a gaggle - you got tuned into the sound of those Hueys coming in, and to this day, if a Huey flew over, I would hear it from a mile away, maybe two miles away. When a bunch of choppers came in, you knew it was trouble."

(Years later, when sculptor Glenna Goodacre designed a female figure for the Vietnam Women's Memorial looking up as if for a helicopter, "we knew exactly what it meant. For the soldiers, the Dust Off - air ambulance - helicopter meant hope. For us, it meant adrenaline-pumping work to save lives, and every minute counted.")

Every minute was spent on the edge of an emergency. "I don't think I ever really slept in Vietnam. I think I was always on the verge of sleep, waiting for that call and choppers flying."

In July 1969, 1st Lt. Carlson's tour in Vietnam ends. She doesn't want to go. "Just when we got good at what we were doing, we left. Same with the guys, the infantrymen, the soldiers. We turned it over to new people. I thought about staying another year, by re-upping, but I knew I needed to go home. I was losing weight. I was exhausted. I needed to rest."

She remembers vividly, as if it was only yesterday, her last patient in Pleiku. The most critically ill were positioned across from the nurses' station so they could keep a constant watch on them. "This patient was on a ventilator with a tracheostomy tube and couldn't speak."

To communicate, they wrote notes to each other. "I told him I was leaving. He became agitated. He didn't want me to leave. I was his nurse. He had become very attached to me. He wrote me a note that said, 'Don't leave me.' I know he was afraid. I think he knew he was going to die, and he didn't want to die alone.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Gore's Predictions "Gored" by Meteorological Study

A new study shows that global temperatures are cooler today than they were when climate change alarmist Al Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007—and one top meteorologist is hammering Gore over the very inconvenient truth.

Respected meteorologist Joe Bastardi recently penned an op-ed hammering Gore for his awful climate predications made in his hit 2006 documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, while noting that today's global temperatures are cooler than they were when Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize for his global warming work.

Bastardi's study shows that while global temperatures were anomalously warm when Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize, they are less warm now and they were even less warm in the years between today and when Gore won the peace prize....

Bastardi, who used to work for AccuWeather...now works at a weather consulting firm.

Chris Enloe, theblaze.com

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

Atheists Try to Smear Christians, Scorn the Bible

A prominent professing atheist organization characterized the Bible as a "violent, racist book."

...The Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF)...asserted that the Bible is...a "violent, racist book" that was used to justify slavery in American history.

"The Bible is a violent, racist book that has inspired violent, racist organizations," wrote co-presidents Dan Barker and Annie Laurie Gaylor. "Ironically, the Bible that you want to unconstitutionally interject in public schools encourages violence and racism. Inculcating more American children in the ways of the Bible would not have prevented Charlottesville"... (Christiannews.net).

We may well be seeing the open door by which persecution of Bible believers will begin in earnest.

The liberal twisting of history refuses to acknowledge that it was the Bible's values on individual rights that led to the American Revolution and eventually to the ending of slavery in our country.

It wasn't atheism that freed the slaves; it was the Christian-based abolitionist movement. Atheism's hallmarks of political creations include past and present communistic governments that have enslaved and murdered millions.

Dr. Ron Baity.

A little girl asked her father, "Daddy, do all fairy tales begin with 'Once upon a time'?" He replied, "No, there's a whole series of fairy tales that begin with, "Will you take this..."

The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see
A Church that's all it ought to be;
A Church whose members never stray
Beyond the Strait and Narrow Way:

A Church that has no empty pews,
Whose Pastor never has the blues,
A Church whose Deacons always deak,
And none is proud, and all are meek:

Where gossips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints or criticize:
Where all are always sweet and kind,

And all to other's faults are blind.
Such perfect Churches there may be,
But none of them are known to me.
But still, we'll work, and pray and plan,
To make our own the best we can.



Take the Challenge!

Two weeks ago I sustained my first broken bone after I fell in the living room and broke my left wrist. It has been difficult trying to accomplish my duties, both at home and at the church office, with just one hand, but many kind folks have stepped in to help in any way possible. Every expression of concern or card that let me know someone was praying for me has been a great blessing and encouragement. When I stopped to consider the powerful effect of certain words written in a "Thinking of You" card or a timely email that lifted my spirits, I myself was once again challenged to be proactive in being an encourager to others.

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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