

“Christ, Our Theme, For 2016”



FROM THE DESK OF:

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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

JOHN 20:19-28

Introduction: It is so tragic when a church’s own membership begins to excuse themselves from the services.

And did you notice who it was, and did you notice when it was that this person missed church?

It was Thomas – known as doubting Thomas.

It was Sunday night, not Sunday morning. “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week...”

It was a service to which Jesus, in person, showed up. “...came Jesus and stood in the midst...”

Since He chose to be AWOL on Sunday night, then what did he miss?

FIRST: HE MISSED SEEING THE SAVIOUR.

JOHN 20:20

Because he was not there when he should have been, he did not see Jesus. What if during the next church service, Jesus wanted to reveal Himself to you in a new and life-changing way? Would you be here? If not, why would you not be here? What is more important? Job, television show, ball game, or just laziness?

Illustration: It was over 40 years ago, during a Sunday evening church service, that I yielded my life to Christ and placed my life into His. To this day, I am amazed how my life has changed for the better. Why? Christ showed up that Sunday night just to get me. Tears are filling my eyes just remembering.

SECOND: HE MISSED HEARING THE SCRIPTURES.

JOHN 20:21

Nothing will bring assurance, joy and peace to your life like hearing then yielding to the Word of God.

Jesus said, three times in this passage, “Peace be unto you.” Even though Thomas was already saved, peace and assurance of your relationship with Christ comes from the hearing of God’s Word.

Notice: **Romans 10:17**, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

Notice: **Hebrews 10:25**, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...”

Why the provoking not to forsake the assembly?

Peace, joy, happiness, assurance, fulfillment, encouragement are all connected to being where the Scriptures are preached.

THIRD: HE MISSED THE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT .

JOHN 20:22

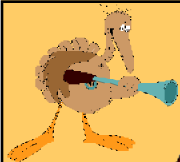
“Receive ye the Holy Ghost.”

The Bible says, “...he breathed on them...” Think of how close they were to Jesus for Him to breathe on them. Their hearts must have been so stirred and so warmed by the closeness of Christ, but Thomas was not there.

It may be that you were once active in church. It may be that there was a time that you were on fire for God. But, little by little, you have allowed yourself to slip back. You now find yourself in strange places. You do not have the fellowship you once had. Don’t deceive yourself. You know something is wrong.

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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



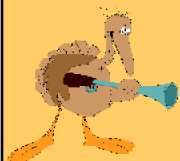
**Chili
 Cook-off**

**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*

FOURTH: HE MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY OF FAITHFUL SERVICE. JOHN 20:24

"But Thomas, once of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them..."

Oh listen? When you are faithful in service to God it speaks volumes to both believers and unbelievers. Your testimony is worth its weight in gold.

Illustration: In all the years you have known this pastor, you have only known me to miss one church service and that was because of extreme sickness.

What will your testimony be? Will it be, *"Well done thou good and faithful servant?"*

Conclusion: When you become unfaithful you miss all that is worthwhile in this life.

May I ask you a question, "Who signed your pass?" When I was serving my country, the United States of America, I received an honorable discharge. That discharge was honorable because of faithful service. The one thing you were supposed to know is that you were to be where you were supposed to be every time you were supposed to be there. There was an exception, if you had a signed pass from your commanding officer allowing you to be absent. Christian, church member, who signed your pass?

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)

Lest We Forget



Captain Roger H. C. Donlon, the first Special Forces trooper to earn the Medal of Honor, defended Camp Nam Dong with his team (A-726) on July 6, 1964. (U. S. Army)

AN INSURANCE CLAIMS AGENT WAS TEACHING HIS TEENAGE SON TO DRIVE WHEN THE CAR'S BRAKES SUDDENLY FAILED ON A STEEP DOWNHILL GRADE. "I CAN'T STOP!" THE TEEN EXCLAIMED. "WHAT DO I DO?" "BRACE YOURSELF," HIS FATHER SHOUTED, "AND TRY TO HIT SOMETHING CHEAP!"



Elizabeth Rice Hanford

YOUR CLOTHES SAY IT FOR YOU

"I just don't get it," a woman sighed fretfully to me. "How come, if you're right about this, nobody else knows about it? How come preachers don't preach it? What makes you think you are right and everybody else is wrong?"

I grinned at her. "Lots of preachers do preach it. But if they didn't, so what? God holds us accountable for what He says in His Word, regardless of what others believe." And that is the meaning of Proverbs 22:21, which tells us we are to know the certainty of the words of truth that we might answer the words of truth to Him, God, who sent them to us. We are accountable to listen to God's Word, and then repeat it back to Him to demonstrate we listened correctly!

"But I just don't like skirts," you exclaim in exasperation. And with that we've come to the real heart of the difficulty. Why don't you like skirts?

Is it truly, and only, because slacks are more comfortable? More stylish? Cheaper? More modest? Or could there be a more basic problem of which you are not aware?

Several years ago I was in the library doing research for a patriotic program I was writing for our church's Christian Day School. Leafing through a yellowed 1933 almanac, I came across a picture of Marlene Dietrich in a man's tuxedo, performing in a night club. The caption said Miss Dietrich was the first woman ever to wear a man's suit in public. When asked why she dared to do so, she retorted, "Because I'm tired of men having all the fun in life."

A friend of mine was shopping for a dress in one of the largest department stores in Atlanta. She was astonished that they had only one rack of dresses and dozens of racks of pantsuits. She expressed her surprise to the saleswoman. "You bet," the woman snorted. "We women are finally getting our rights. We're not going to let the men push us around any more."

It's no accident that the question, "Who wears the pants at your house?" means, "Who is the boss at your house?" Why? Because pants are masculine apparel, and God intended for the man to be the boss in his own home.

What you wear reflects your attitude toward authority. It shows how you feel about being a woman. God wants your clothing to demonstrate that you gladly accept the position He has given you. Your clothing should plainly say, "I am a woman, and I gladly submit to God's will for my life."

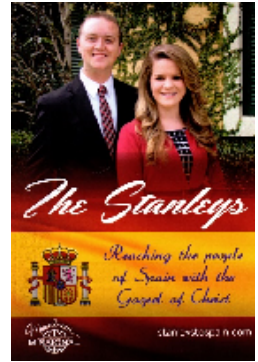
Something to 'CROW' about!

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!



FROM THE POLICE BLOTTER, or, "What A Beat Cop Deals With Every Day."

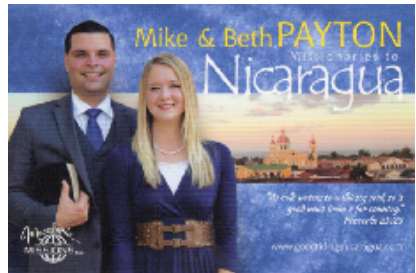
- A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle stopping at mailboxes. It was the mail carrier.
- A woman said her son was attacked by a cat, and the cat would not allow her to take her son to the hospital.
- A resident said someone had entered his home at night and taken five pounds of bacon. Upon further investigation, police discovered his wife had gotten up for a late-night snack.
- A man reported that a squirrel was running in circles on Davis Drive, and he wasn't sure if it was sick or had been hit by a car. An officer responded, and as he drove over the street, he ran over the squirrel.



"WOW! A \$1,000 BONUS! SO WHO'S JEFFERSON DAVIS?"



**"I WAS A DIVE BOMBER
IN MY DAY—ALWAYS
HIT MY TARGET."**



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

Unsupervised Young People

I told a story a while ago about some young people from our bus ministry who got into severe trouble due to immorality. The young man was in my husband's Sunday school class, and I had the young lady in my class. These two were able to have some time alone, and they were intimate during that unsupervised time. A child was born, but not without a great deal of harm to the couple and almost to the baby as well.

You may have read the story about a young woman who put her newborn baby in the garbage, as it was widely reported in the national news. The young man ended up being charged as a sex offender due to a four-year difference in their ages. Even though the girlfriend testified that their relationship was "consensual," the law stated otherwise, and after being charged with such a serious crime, the young man lost his mind and took his own life. It was horrible. It was shocking. And it was unnecessary.

Please recognize the risks and hazards of having your young people in unsupervised situations. I don't care if they are in the church building! There may be other people around, but in a great big building that may not be enough. Think this through. Have you ever heard of the back stairway? It's still considered the best place to steal a kiss! Please don't leave your children without a chaperone. It doesn't matter if they are age eight or eighteen. Be available at home during after-school hours or provide an acceptable substitute, and when you aren't with your young people, know where they are and with whom. This is a part of being a wise home builder.



Dr. Jack Hyles

What Is A Fundamentalist?

Matthew 16:13-18

Cast aside your prejudice for a minute and just be logical with me. Dr. Rice used to tell the story about the guy who was running for office. He said to his campaign manager, "Do you know what my opponent did?" He said, "What?" He said, "He called me a liar." His Campaign manager said, "He called you a liar?" "Yes, sir, and he did more than that! He proved it on me!" One thing that makes you madder is when I prove it on you. You see?

Now, I'll ask a question. You answer it. How many institutions were promised divine perpetuity? One. What was it? The New Testament church. So if the church controls the school, the school has a promise of divine perpetuity. Is that right? All right.

What if a school starts a church and the church is under the school? That means two things: First, the church under the school is not a church because Jesus is the head of the church, not the school. Secondly, that school does not have divine perpetuity. (Don't get scared.) Consequently, if the church has a school, that school does not have to die. Is that right?

Suppose a group of churches starts a school. There is no promise for that school to live. I'm not criticizing it. It may live for a while, but it has to die sooner or later. However, a church, a New Testament Baptist church and I'll make this statement, there is only one kind of New Testament church and that's the Baptist church; it may not be called a Baptist church but it is a Baptist church has the promise of divine perpetuity. Consequently, it does not have to die, and those things that it operates that are right do not have to die either. I thank God today that local churches across this nation are starting schools because they will never have to die.

Okay, let's pivot again. Who is a fundamentalist today? A fundamentalist is someone who returns to the original faith and practice of any organization. You can have a fundamentalist Mason, a man who is a Masonic Lodge member. He can be a fundamentalist if he goes back to the original faith and practice of the Masonic Lodge. Do you follow me? You can have a fundamentalist P.T.A. Fundamentalism describes any institution that goes back to its original purpose, faith and practice.

Southern Tomato Pie

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| 2 lbs. medium-sized tomatoes in various colors | Cheddar cheese | 5 to 6 slices thick-cut bacon, fried crisp and broken into small pieces |
| 1/2 tsp. fine kosher salt | 9 inch piecrust, store-bought or homemade | Handful of cherry tomatoes in various colors |
| 1/2 cup mayonnaise | 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper | 4 thyme sprigs |
| 1/4 cup grated Parmesan | 10 basil leaves | |
| 1/2 cup shredded sharp white | | |

Slice the large tomatoes into rounds 1/4-inch thick, and place them on paper towels. Let them sit for about 10 minutes, then flip them over onto fresh paper towels, and sprinkle them with the salt. Let them sit about 10 minutes more. You don't want them to be too juicy before baking, because that could make your pie soupy.

Preheat the oven to 400°F.

Prepare the filling by combining the mayonnaise, cheddar, and Parmesan. Arrange a layer of tomatoes in the bottom of the piecrust. Sprinkle on the pepper and half of the bacon, then layer on five of the basil leaves, and spread half of the mayonnaise mixture over the basil. Repeat, ending with a final layer of sliced tomatoes, placed so that you can fit the cherry tomatoes on top as well.

Scatter the thyme sprigs across the top of the pie. Bake the pie for about 30 minutes, then fold strips of aluminum foil around the rim of the pie to keep the edges from turning too brown, and continue baking for another 15 minutes. Allow the pie to cool before serving.

[A man who was late paying his bills received another past-due notice: "Your account has been on our books for over a year. We just wanted to remind you that we have now carried you longer than your mother did."](#)



Dr. George Alquist, Jr.

Feminism And The Gentleman

Several contributing influences have helped in the demise of etiquette and manners. Feminism is the first contributing influence. With the rise of feminism came the drowning of chivalry. To the feminist, being a gentleman and exercising chivalry is offensive. Consequently, men became intimidated, apathetic and eventually amnesic toward what the feminist movement dubbed old-fashioned, outdated and Victorian practices. With the advent of feminism came role reversals where men were increasingly emasculated while women took on more and more male roles and functions. For example, fathers tried to become better fathers by being better mothers and vice versa. With feminism, the need to be "treated like a lady" became anathema, and the need for true gentlemen was replaced with an "equality" which robbed both genders of the opportunities for polite society.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

ISIS Executes Twenty-Five by Dipping Them in Nitric Acid

Islamic State publicly executed 25 civilians, who had been accused of spying on the terror group for Iraqi government security forces, by throwing them into a basin carrying nitric acid in Iraq's embattled northern city of Mosul in Nineveh Province, according to reports....

The source said members of Islamic State, also known as ISIS, ... tied all the 25 men with a rope and lowered [them] into the tub "till the victims' organs dissolved."

Nitric acid is a highly corrosive mineral acid and extremely harmful for the human body.

[May 13] ISIS terrorists executed 11 residents of Mosul on charges of using mobile phones, according to Alalam, which also reported that ISIS militants burned all the five members of an Iraqi family alive in Kirkuk City a day earlier after accusing them of trying to escape the terror group's territories.

In late April, ISIS members executed 250 women in Mosul after the victims refused to accept their proposal to temporarily marry militants, Alalam said.

[In mid May] a mass grave of ISIS victims was found in the Suluk town in Syria, about 30 miles from Raqqa and which was controlled by ISIS until recently.

"We discovered thousands of bodies of innocent victims in the ravine," a Kurdish commander told RT.com. "They would bring those still alive to the precipice, blindfold them and shoot above their heads to scare them. People would then start running and fall over the edge."

Anugrah Kumar for ChristianPost.com

FLORIDA: LEAVE GOD OUT OF FOOTBALL!

What happened when two Christian schools (Cambridge Christian School and University Christian School) faced off last December for the 2A State Championship in the Citrus Bowl? The Florida High School Athletic Association stepped in and prohibited both teams from publicly praying.

I kid you not! Two Christian schools and their Christian fans - the two best teams in that division in the entire state of Florida - were banned from praying before their championship game, just as both teams had done all season long. Cambridge's headmaster, Tim Euler, said, "We train our students that prayer is foundational to their walk with Christ ... Our faith is founded in prayer."

They were told doing so "was against the law." (How could educators be so stupid, so unknowledgeable of what the law really says?) The real lawbreaker was the FHSAA in refusing to let the teams exercise their Constitutional rights!

"This is ridiculous," said Jeremy Dys, an attorney with Liberty Institute. "We've got two Christian schools being told they can't pray." He sent the FHSAA a letter demanding an apology and threatening a federal lawsuit should it not do so. (At this writing the chicken FHSAA has failed to respond.)

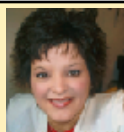
As Jeremy Dys put it: "We have the state trying to impose strictures upon the church ... I think we've gone a long way away from who we are as a country when the state starts telling Christian schools they can no longer pray in public."

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

Heritage Highlanders September 2016 Schedule

Saturday September 3 Genesis **Saturday September 17** John 1:3

Saturday September 10 Phil. 1:3 **Saturday September 24** Romans



Kim Kline's Apple Crisp

4 apples - peeled, cored and sliced	1 cup all-purpose flour	1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup brown sugar	3/4 cup white sugar	1 egg, beaten
	1 tsp. ground cinnamon	2 tbsp. butter, melted

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a 9 inch square baking pan, mix sliced apples with brown sugar. In a large bowl, mix together flour white sugar, cinnamon and salt. In a small bowl, beat together egg and melted butter. Stir into flour mixture. Spread evenly over apples. Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until topping is golden and crisp.

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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