

# “Striving To Stay Clean In 2015”



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Pastor & Mrs. C  
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”



### Friends Forever



**Introduction:** In *1 Samuel*, we find one of the most wondrous stories of friendship told anywhere in literature. It is the story of the friendship between a prince and a shepherd, the story of David and Jonathan. Notice *1 Samuel 23:16*, “*And Jonathan, Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.*”

**FIRST: FRIENDS FOREVER ARE BORN OUT OF COURAGE.**

**1 SAMUEL 17:57**

“*Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.*” Read also *1 Samuel 18:1*.

The first time David was introduced to Saul's family was just after he had killed Goliath in combat. As a matter of fact, he was holding in his hand the head of the opposing army's champion.

True friendship will always be founded and built upon courage. That is why this type of friendship endures criticism and misunderstanding, yet is firm.

**Illustration:** I know that this is not absolutely true, but many times I have noticed that when you have friends forever somewhere there was a stand taken and a bond was founded. Think about all the soldiers you have known. If they served together there is a tight friendship. For instance, I found that I cannot harm Dr. Bob Gray, Dr. Tom Neal and Dr. Dean Miller. Why? Several years ago two evangelists literally tried to ruin my ministry. These men stood with me. That bond now would not easily be broken.

**SECOND: FRIENDS FOREVER ARE BUILT ON A LOYALTY THAT COST.**

**1 SAMUEL 19:1-6**

If you study the Scriptures carefully, you will discover that Jonathan stood for the truth even in opposition to his dad. Because of his willingness to stay loyal to David, the strain became very intense with Saul.

Notice: *1 Samuel 20:30*, “*Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan...*”

Notice: *1 Samuel 20:32*, “*...what hath he done?*”

Remember Jonathan is the prince. This young man is to be the heir of the throne of Israel, yet he was willing to give it all up for his friend.

**Question?** What kind of friend are you? Do you want others to promote you or do you desire to see others promoted?

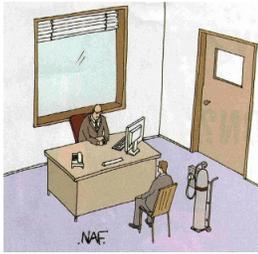
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## On Alcohol

Mrs. Hayes was the wife of the 19<sup>th</sup> U.S. president, Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881). She refused to serve any kind of alcoholic beverages at these functions. She said, "I have young sons who have never tasted liquor. They shall not receive from my hand, or with the sanction that its use in my family would give, their taste of what might prove their ruin. What I wish for my own sons, I must do for the sons of other mothers."

Robert E. Lee said, "I am more afraid of King Alcohol than of all the bullets of the enemy." Lee is said never to have promoted a man who drank alcohol. His reason? He said, "I cannot consent to place in the control of others one who cannot control himself."

Abraham Lincoln said, "The saloon is a cancer on humanity, eating at its vitals and threatening its destruction." This came from a man who once owned a tavern.



*LEE, TO LIVEN UP THIS INTERVIEW, I WANT YOU TO TAKE A BREATH OF HELIUM BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS."*

*THREE FANS WERE BEMOANING THE SORRY STATE OF THEIR FOOTBALL TEAM.*

*"I BLAME THE GENERAL MANAGER," SAID THE FIRST. "IF HE SIGNED BETTER PLAYERS, WE'D BE A GREAT TEAM."*

*"I BLAME THE PLAYERS," SAID THE SECOND. "IF THEY MADE MORE OF AN EFFORT, WE'D SCORE SOME POINTS."*

*"I BLAME MY PARENTS," SAID THE THIRD. "IF I WAS BORN IN SEATTLE, I'D BE SUPPORTING A DECENT TEAM."*



### Heritage Highlanders February 2015 Schedule

**Saturday February 7**  
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

Proverbs 31:13

**Saturday February 21**  
Housekeeping

Proverbs 31:27

**Saturday February 14**  
Scrapbooking

Proverbs 31:31

**Saturday February 28**  
Soulwinning

John 3:16



Mrs. Francie  
Taylor

## Things That Make It Hard to Be Good

There are times when we're not operating with a full tank, and we are vulnerable to spiritual attack in moments of weakness. Here are just a few examples of times when we need to be on guard:

**1. When we are ill.** Illness alters the very being of a person, and we need to beware not to let our emotions "run amuck when we're feeling yuck." It's hard to be good when you're feeling bad, but it is still necessary. If all else fails, remove yourself from the mainstream of life for a while to get some rest and to get well.

**2. When we are grieving or depressed.** Grief is an unplanned storm in life, of indefinite length and usually following the loss of a dear loved one or some other catastrophic event. Depression and sadness may follow, but it doesn't have to become our permanent lot in life if we're extra careful to guard our hearts. We must be on guard against the temptation to get down and stay down. The Bible clearly tells us that "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Prov. 17:22). One of the best remedies for a sad heart is a steady dose of the Word of God. "The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart" (Ps. 19:8). If you want your heart truly to mend, take it to the Great Physician and follow His prescriptions.

**3. When we have suffered for a long time.** Don't you wish that suffering had an expiration date? Just as winter in Minnesota can seem to drag on for half the year, there are times of suffering in life that seem to be very long in season. At times like these, we need to turn to the Lord for His abundant, extra strength. Disappointments increase when we lean too heavily on people during these times of distress. "My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth" (Ps. 121:2) God has a clock on your affliction, and when He says the time is up, the suffering will come to an end.

**4. When we are overly tired.** Be very alert to the dangers that can snare you when you are too tired. We women can have a tendency to be more sensitive, testy or even downright cantankerous if we are lacking proper rest. Remember, the lack of sleep on our part is not license to kill! When we are in demanding seasons of life where rest is at a premium, we must be particularly careful not to offend, and we must not allow small things to be made into monuments.

**THIRD: FRIENDS FOREVER ARE BURDENED FOR THE LIFE OF THEIR FRIEND. I SAM. 20:41-42**

Just as King Saul was determined to destroy David, we find Jonathan just as determined to save David.

What a beautiful picture. Saul was a type of the devil of this world trying to destroy everything good, honorable, and decent. Then you have Jonathan, a beautiful type of our Saviour, going into the wilderness to strengthen David.

Think with me! He did not stay in his palace and just send David some money, but rather he left his great surroundings and went to where David was.

Jonathan had one purpose in mind, "To strengthen" David. To give David just enough encouragement to keep him going, and he did. When he left David we see a better and more determined David than before.

We do not know all that was said, but we do know that he encouraged his friend to trust the Lord.

Oh listen. Jonathan may have lost his crown, but he won his friend's love and loyalty forever! He threw aside his crown than he might have worn in order to lay hold on a crown that would last forever.

**Conclusion:** Why did Jonathan risk everything for David? It was for one simple reason: he loved him, and that same love is seeking you and me today. It is a love that has been told to us time and time again. It is that love that placed Jesus on the old, rugged cross. It is that love that caused Jesus to set aside His crown and go into the wilderness just to declare, "I love you."

### 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)*



*Dr. Al Lacy*

### A Penknife Against The Parchment

Suddenly, anger boiled up within Jehoiakim against God. He did not like what the roll of the book had to say about him. He decided that he could take authority over the book and do what he wanted to with it. In his fit of temper, he thought that by destroying the roll of the book. He could negate the punishment that the words in the book were promising would come from their Author.

***"And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he [Jehoiakim] CUT IT WITH THE PENKNIFE, AND CAST IT INTO THE FIRE that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth"(Jer. 36:23).***

How utterly ridiculous for a puny little mortal human being to think he could actually stay the judging hand of the Almighty God by using a penknife on the parchment that held the condemning words, then casting the tattered fragments into the fire! Satan was the first to intervene when God had declared a warning to human beings. He approached Eve and attacked God's WORDS by saying, "***Yea, HATH GOD SAID?" (Gen. 3:1)***. The devil has raised up his Jehoiakims down through the ages who would dare intervene when GOD had spoken, and he has attempted to thwart His plan and purpose by destroying the Word of God.

No matter how hard the old snake-in-the-grass works to destroy God's Word through men, he has raised up for that very purpose ... neither Satan nor his co-workers will ever be able to do it!

# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last nine (9) years in a row!
2. The buses are still rolling!



### 3. The great meetings we have scheduled for 2015.



**Dr. Bob Gray**  
March, 2015



**Dr. Tom Neal**  
June 21, 2015



**Sounds of the Faith**  
To be announced



**Mrs. Francie Taylor**  
August, 2015  
Just For Women



**Dr. Dean Miller, Sr.**  
October, 2015

### Lest We Forget



*We shall meet, but we shall miss him.  
There will be one vacant chair.  
We shall linger to caress him  
While we breathe our evening prayer.*

### AN ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS. BUT WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO REMEMBER?

*WHEN I SPOTTED A NAVY CAPTAIN ON THE STREET, I SALUTED AND BELLOWED, "LST 395," WHICH WAS THE DESIGNATION AND NUMBER OF THE SHIP I SERVED ON DURING WORLD WAR II. THE CAPTAIN RETURNED MY SALUTE AND RESPONDED, "LMD 67." "WHAT'S AN LMD?" I ASKED. "LARGE MAHOGANY DESK."*

*THE WORST TIME TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK IS DURING A GAME OF CHARADES.*

*"Parents, it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."*



### From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth SWEETER GETS THE JOURNEY

Valentine's Day holds many loving memories for me. Twenty-five years ago on February 14th my husband and I (along with our sons, Jarrod and Joseph) had our very first church service in Mogadore, Ohio. In those twenty-five years we have had a lot of wonderful days. Our daughter, Jessica was born in Ohio (a true Buckeye nut!). Not all of those days in the 25 years have been sweet. Some of those days were filled with sorrow, heartache and sadness yet even in those days I found a closeness with the Lord that only brought sweetness and peace that He alone can give.

As a wife of 35 years, I can honestly say that marriage is sweeter as the years go by. It's true that being a newlywed is fun and exciting as you begin that new life together, but 35 years (through good times and difficult times) brings a sweetness and a deepening love that can only come with the passing of time.

The same should be true with our relationship to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. After salvation our journey with Him begins anew. As we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, and as we daily fellowship with Him in prayer and in His Word, we should find our relationship with Him growing stronger and sweeter than it was before.

Not every day the Lord gives you is filled with sweet and wonderful things. Many days are filled with struggle, burdens and tears- yet even then He teaches us so much about Himself!

I hope you have trusted Jesus as your personal Saviour, and that you know the sweetness that only Jesus brings with each new day!



Jack Hyles

### The Sprinkled Blood

Did you know that every piece of the tabernacle had to have blood sprinkled on it? Now let's go through a few of these pieces of the tabernacle. Walk inside the tabernacle proper just after you have left the brazen altar where the lamb was slain, and the first thing you see on the right is the table of shewbread. That table of shewbread is a symbol of the Bible. Listen carefully. This Book without the blood of Jesus Christ has no life, for the life of the flesh is in the blood. The blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the table of shewbread, picturing the fact that this Book has been sprinkled with the blood. The Bible says things are purged by the blood of Jesus, and this Book without the blood of Jesus is dry. The churches that read this Book on Sunday, but they don't believe in the blood of Jesus —don't have the Bible! That's one reason why they get new so-called Bibles instead of the one that we have. They'll get new ones. Why? Because ours is sprinkled with the blood of Jesus.

Right across the room in the tabernacle was the golden candlestick, which is a picture of soul winning. Brother, you go out soul winning all you want to, but if you don't take the blood of Jesus with you, you're in trouble. I got convicted about something when I was on an airplane the other day and all of a sudden I thought, "We're saved by the finished work of Calvary." That's not true! The work wasn't finished at Calvary. The work wasn't finished until He was raised from the dead.

Look. Between the time Jesus saw Mary Magdalene and said, "Touch Me not!" and the time He saw Thomas and said, "Reach hither and touch Me," He had been the High Priest and sprinkled His blood on the mercy seat in Heaven. Nobody could touch the high priest between the time he got that blood and the time he sprinkled it on the mercy seat. Hear me now. It was only after the blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat that the atonement was finished. If you'll read I Corinthians 5, you will find that the Gospel that Paul gave us is not just the death of Jesus, but the burial of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus. So the work was not finished until He arose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father. He was our Lamb on the Cross, our High Priest sitting on the right hand of the Father.

That isn't all. The altar of incense in the tabernacle was sprinkled with blood. What does that mean? That's our prayer life. Revelation 5:8 says that the perfume of that incense is the prayers of the saints. So what does it mean? It means you can't come to pray unless you come through the blood. If you don't believe in the blood of Jesus Christ, you can't pray.

*A DINER WANTED TO ASK HIS WAITRESS OUT ON A DATE, BUT HE COULDN'T GET HER ATTENTION. WHEN HE DID MANAGE TO CATCH HER EYE, SHE QUICKLY LOOKED AWAY.*

*FINALLY, HE FOLLOWED HER INTO THE KITCHEN AND BLURTED OUT HIS INVITATION. TO HIS SURPRISE, SHE READILY ACCEPTED.*

*"SO WHY WERE YOU AVOIDING ME?" HE ASKED THE WAITRESS. "YOU WOULDN'T EVEN MAKE EYE CONTACT."*

*"I THOUGHT YOU WANTED MORE COFFEE."*

### *In Memory of:* **Angela Cascio Thomas**

Angela passed away January 22, 2015. Her father immigrated legally to America on February 14, 1938, after supporting the Allies during WWI.

This picture was taken during WWII. She was a beautiful woman with a wonderful personality.

Angela was the mother of our Pastor's wife, Vida Thomas Collingsworth.

The last thing she said to Pastor was, "Gerald, thank you for loving my daughter."



Some food for thought.....or.....  
**Seed From The Silo!**

**America—Reprobate!**

**Christian Asks Thirteen Gay Bakeries for Traditional Marriage Cake; All Deny Him Service**

Christian bakeries that refuse to make pro-homosexual marriage cakes are persecuted throughout America. They get sued, they get fined they get death threats, and they lose their businesses. So we at Shoebat.com called...13 prominent bakers who are either gay or pro-gay and requested that they make a pro-traditional marriage cake with the words "Gay marriage is wrong" placed on the cake. Each one denied us service and even used deviant insults and obscenities against us ... This is exactly the type of thing the homosexual activists do to Christian bakeries when they use the state to coerce them to make a cake with an explicitly pro-homosexual slogan on it.

**Muslim Cleric Gives Opening Prayer Before Congress**

A Muslim cleric was recently allowed to offer the opening prayer before a session of the House of Representatives. In his prayer, a cleric from the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey invoked the blessing of Allah upon the proceedings.

The cleric, Imam Hamad Ahmad Chebli, was invited by Democratic Representative Rush Holt of New Jersey.

Tim Brown of Freedom Outpost expressed the opinion of many of the right when he wrote, "Men like Chebli hold to the same ideology as those who are killing your sons and daughters overseas. They are of the same ideology as those who have murdered your fellow Americans on our own soil."

**ISIS Kills 13 Boys**

What were the boys charged with? Watching a game, a sporting event. They were murdered. Question: Where are the outcries in America?

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



"And I said, 'As a matter of fact, I do have a bowling ball in my bag.'"



"I'm recommending a tax hike. Hike deep into the woods where the IRS can't find you."

**"A closet is a slow, lifetime collection of what you are. Usually a mess."**

**THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE ... OR HAVE NO INTEREST OR PAYMENTS FOR ONE FULL YEAR.**



**Kim Kline's Banana Nut Bread**

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| 1 cup sugar  | 1/2 cup melted butter | 1 tsp soda   | 1/2 cup nuts      |
| 2 cups flour | 2 eggs                | 1/4 tsp salt | 4 bananas smashed |

*Preheat oven 350 • Combine all ingredients. Mix well and pour into selected pans. Bake for 1 hour in loaf pan or 20 minutes in muffin pan.*

# 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

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