

**Fulfilling A Dream In 2013**

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## **Where Do You Stand?**

**Introduction:** I believe we live in a generation where Christians, more than ever, need to determine to stand. It is a generation that is unifying with the wrong crowd and where old established lines are being completely painted over as though they never existed. Notice in *Ephesians 6:13-14*, “... and having done all, to stand ... stand therefore ...”

I have asked people, “Do you know where your pastor stands?” They have replied, “Pastor, I can tell where you stand on almost every issue.” Where do you stand on marriage, or on the position of pastor, church, or the King James Bible? Where do you stand?

If you truly believe in something, then I am a firm believer that you will do something about it.

Epigram: You only believe that which moves you to an action.

If you really believe, and truly stand for what you claim to believe, then I challenge you:

**FIRST: TO SPEAK WHEN IT IS TIME TO SPEAK.**

**ACTS 4:18**

*“And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.”*

Notice: *Acts 4:29*, “... grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness that they may speak thy word.”

If you are saved and on your way to Heaven, it is because someone opened their mouth when it was time to speak and led you to Christ. What would this world be like if the apostles would have been silent?

**SECOND: TO STAND WHEN IT IS TIME TO STAND.**

**DANIEL 3:18**

*“... be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”*

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood when it was time to take a stand. It is interesting to note that when they stood, it set them apart from all those that bowed

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### Proper Praise In Church Music

*"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;" 2 Chronicles 5:13*

One of the most controversial subjects in all churches is music, yet most do not turn to the Bible to get their answers to this controversial subject, instead they turn to their personal feelings on this issue. In examining the churches I have been in it is always clear that people do not know how to display their emotions when it comes to music in the house God. Some churches are like morques when the music is sung, and others are like a ball game. To find out how to have proper praise we need to exam music in light of its scriptural purpose.

There are many verses in the Bible that discuss music and why churches have music, but 2 Chronicles 5:13 sums it up the best in my opinion. In this verse we read that the singers and the instrumentalists are to be in unity, making one sound that can be heard, praising and thanking God. This verse also states that when a church does this it causes the Lord to come and fill the house with His presence. According to this verse you can sum up the Holy Spirit power and presence in your service by how the singing in your church is. If you have a people who are dead in their singing, or their reaction to it, than that directly relates to their dead spiritual condition. If you cannot find a way to praise God in song it is because your heart is telling you that you have nothing to be praiseful for.

Now that we understand that music in a church is to praise the Lord, and to cause Him to come fill our auditorium with His presence, how do we deal with our emotions, and give proper praise? Do we sit there and make no emotion, or do we wait till the song is over and clap? Both of these answers would be incorrect in light of their meanings. If you wait till the end of a choir song or till the end of an offertory and then you clap and say amen you are actually praising the person who is performing. You are congratulating them and uplifting them, and that is not what music is for. It is the words during the song that convey the meaning. It is that message being sung that uplifts your soul and emotions towards Heaven. During this time it is proper to say Amen, Praise the Lord, raise your Bible, etc. When you show praise towards the words of the music your stating that you believe in those words and those words are what needs praised. So the next time you sing or listen to singing let the Holy Spirit work in your heart and let the emotion of the song cause you to praise the Lord and compel Him to convene in the service with you.



Dr. Bob  
Gray

### Parents, Quit Blaming Authority for the Child's Rebellion

Rules do not make rebels. They merely expose the rebels. The hair issue in I Corinthians is a symbol God uses to stress a chain of command that is essential to having order in the home. The hair represents submission to a greater authority. Many parents have ruined their children by constantly defending them and running interference for them against the injustices in their lives. My friends, welcome to the real world of injustices. There is no such thing as pure justice. When my children complained about injustices in their lives, I told them, "Welcome to the real world!" Our philosophy was not "innocent until proven guilty"; rather, it was "guilty until proven innocent." Mrs. Gray and I never tore down the authorities in front of our children.

### Young People, Quit Blaming Others

A young person must come to realize life is composed of ups and downs, victories and defeats. The sooner a young person accepts full responsibility for his or her actions in life, the sooner that young person will mature into adulthood. Very few people who get into serious trouble ever recognize they are fully responsible for their actions.

God comes to a young person who has no character and says, "It is your fault!" God comes to a young person with bad study habits and says, "It is your fault!" God comes to a young man who is bitter and says, "It is your fault!" God comes to a young lady who is angry because her parents divorced and tells her, "It is your fault you are angry!" God comes to a young man who blames his drunkenness on his dad's drinking, and He says to him, "Your drinking is your own fault!"

God comes to an immoral young lady and says, "It is your fault!" God comes to young people who are mad at God because they have stepparents and says, "It is your fault you are mad!" God comes to a bus kid who is bitter because of his lot in life and says, "It is your fault you are bitter!" Gang member, you will answer to God for your sins! Unloving teenagers, you will answer to God, not your parents! JUST A THOUGHT!

down to a false religion. Because they stood, Nebuchadnezzar's eyes were opened to the true God.

### **THIRD: TO STRIVE WHEN IT IS TIME TO STRIVE.**

**I SAMUEL 17:29**

*"... is there not a cause?"*

Too many are willing to fight at the drop of a hat just to be in a fight. This kind of attitude only leads to a lot of needless pain and suffering. It makes the cause of Christ and the body of Christ be held up to ridicule. David chose to take on Goliath because someone had to do it. It had to be done.

**Illustration:** Everyone in America has heard of the Alamo. I've been there and stood on the approximate location where Jim Bowie, William Travis, and David Crockett stood and gave their lives for what they believed in. Without their delaying of Santa Anna, Sam Houston would not have had enough time to raise and prepare his army to fight and win. Because those brave men at the Alamo were willing to strive when it was time to strive, Texas and freedom became a reality.

**Conclusion:** Christian, church member, American: If we want our life to count for what is good and right, then we must speak when it is time to speak, and stand when it is time to stand, and strive when it is time to strive. If we don't do these, then we are only fooling ourselves. It is not hard to stand for right when you consider the cost of yielding to wrong. If you do not stand now, it may be too late to stand tomorrow.

#### **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 Bottle Of Tears**

**Psalms 56:8, "Thou tellest my wanderings: Put thou my tears in thy bottle: are they not in thy book?"**

When David looked Heavenward through a wall of tears, and said, "Put my tears into Thy bottle," he was opening up a precious truth. GOD REMEMBERS THE AFFLICTIONS OF HIS PEOPLE!

The oriental people of old had a strange custom in David's day. When a person was in great distress, his or her friends would visit, and they would bring with them a lachrymatory, or TEAR BOTTLE. As the tears roiled down the cheeks of the sufferer, they were caught in the bottle, sealed up, and preserved as a MEMORIAL of the sad event. When the sorrowful time had passed, the person who had suffered it would take out the bottle of tears and rejoice that the heartache was over.

It is clear that with His tear bottle, God was going to preserve David's tears as a memorial at some later date.

It is interesting that the Hebrew word, *uter*, which David used for "bottle", carries with it the idea of preservation. It was this type of bottle in which the Jews preserved wine, and even milk. (See **I Samuel 18:20; Joshua 9:4,13; Judges 4:19**).

There is no doubt in my mind, Christian, that every tear you and I have spilled in this life that is a result of our living for Jesus WILL BE BROUGHT UP FOR A REMEMBRANCE in Heaven.

**"God is not unrighteous to FORGET your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name." (Heb. 6:10)**

Be faithful to Him in this life, even in the face of the tears it may bring. It will be worth it when you meet Him in Glory, and He brings out your tear bottle and rewards you accordingly!



# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last seven (7) years in a row!
2. The buses are still rolling!



## Scenes From Vacation Bible School



A DOLLAR BILL MET A \$20 BILL AND SAID, "HEY, WHAT'S UP? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND HERE LATELY."

THE \$20 BILL REPLIED, "I'VE BEEN HANGING OUT AT THE CASINOS, WENT ON A CRUISE, CAME BACK TO AMERICA, SAW A COUPLE OF BASEBALL GAMES, VISITED THE MALL, THAT KIND OF STUFF. HOW ABOUT YOU?"

THE DOLLAR BILL SAID, "YOU KNOW, THE SAME OLD THING - CHURCH, CHURCH, CHURCH."



"IF THE ANTIDEPRESSANT DOESN'T WORK, I SUGGEST WATCHING TELEVISION COMMERCIALS FOR IT. THEY'RE REALLY UPLIFTING."

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That's why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.

I just watched my dog chase his tail for ten minutes. I thought to myself, Wow, dogs are easily entertained. Then I realized: I just watched my dog chase his tail for ten minutes.

ACCORDING TO A GLOBAL STUDY, AMERICAN KIDS ARE WAY BEHIND ASIAN KIDS IN MATH AND SCIENCE. BUT AMERICAN KIDS ARE AHEAD IN BUYING STUFF MADE BY ASIAN KIDS.



Mrs. Francie Taylor

### A Pattern For A Testimony

God is glorified when we **"bear much fruit"** in our lives (**John 15:8**). This fruit often takes shape in the form of our influence on others as we live from day to day. The blueprint that God has given us as women in **Titus 2:3-5** is a pattern that consistently provides good results. We are meant to live by the plan first ourselves; then we are to pass it on to others. Since kind reproduces kind, ask yourself what : kind of fruit you are reproducing?

Why In the world should we even try to live by these principles of Scripture? **Titus 2:5** gives this reason, **"That the word of God be not blasphemed."**

Bible Commentary writer Matthew Henry put it this way: "Judge what a God He is by these His servants; and what His Word, and doctrine, and religion are by these His followers." Does the impact of your life on others matter to you? It matters to me, and that's why I wrote this little book.

My dear sister in Christ, you can live an orderly life in the Lord and enjoy all the rich and abundant benefits of it, or you can live a self-directed life and wallow in the misery and confusion of it. Choose wisely, because you are somebody's teacher, and you have been ordered by God to be a 'teacher of good things.' The choices that you make today could become the pattern of someone's tomorrow.



Jack &  
Beverly Hyles

## What Great Men Have Taught Me

Dr. Lester Roloff was one of the greatest and most unusual preachers I have ever known. He rarely outlined his sermons.

One Sunday morning he was preaching in Hammond. We were sitting on the platform, and Brother Lester was about to preach. There is a song service going on. He looked over at me and said, "Brother Jack, you'll be proud of me."

I said, "What for, Brother Lester?"

He said, "Brother Jack, I have something I've never had before in all my ministry."

I said, "What?"

And like a little boy that was bringing his mother ice cream, he said, "I've got an outline."

I said, "My confidence is shattered in you."

He showed me a 3" x 5" card that had eight words on it; that's all, eight words! He preached an hour and a half and never mentioned one of those eight words while he was preaching!

That's the only time I ever saw him with an outline. I'd asked him often when we'd be on the platform. "Brother Roloff, what are you going to preach on?"

He'd say, "Ask the Lord."

I said one time, "Why do I have to ask the Lord what you are going to preach on?"

He said, "He's the only one that knows."



## Kim Kline's Banana Split Cake

9 HONEY MAID Honey Grahams, crushed (about 1-1/2 cups)	Cream Cheese, softened	Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding
1 cup sugar, divided	1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice, drained	2 cups cold milk
1/3 cup butter, melted	6 bananas, divided	2 cups thawed COOL WHIP
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA	2 pkg. (3.4 oz. each) JELL-O	Whipped Topping, divided
		1 cup chopped PLANTERS Pecans

MIX crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar and butter; press onto bottom of 13x9-inch pan. Freeze 10 min. BEAT cream cheese and remaining sugar with mixer until well blended.

Spread carefully over crust; top with pineapple. Slice 4 bananas; arrange over pineapple. BEAT pudding mixes and mHk with whisk 2 min. until well blended.

Stir in 1 cup COOL WHIP; spread over banana layer in pan.

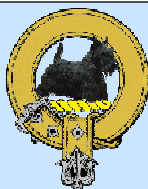
Top with remaining COOL WHIP. Refrigerate 5 hours.

Slice remaining 2 bananas just before serving; arrange over dessert. Top with nuts.

I got a call from the Navy. They had lost contact with one of their planes and needed us to send an aircraft to find it. I asked the man where the plane had last been spotted so we would know where to search.

"I can't tell you," he said. "That's classified."

*Alfred Miles*



**Saturday April 6**  
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

**Saturday April 13**  
Friendship

## Heritage Highlanders April 2013 Schedule

*Proverbs 31:13*

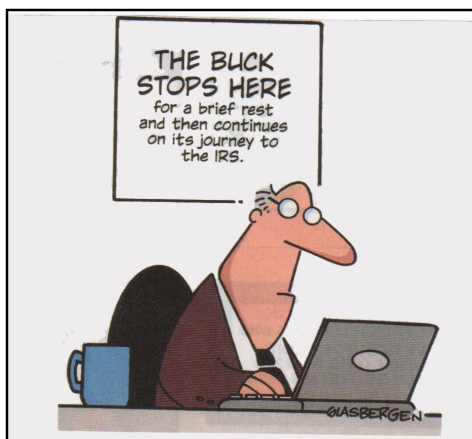
*Proverbs 13:20*

**Saturday April 20**  
Chinese Cooking

**Saturday April 27**  
Soulwinning Lesson

*Proverbs 31:15*

*John 3:16*



Did you hear about the idiot who locked his keys in his car? It took three hours to get his twin out.

The economy is in such rough shape that the last time I bought a fast-food meal the cashier asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"



**"DON'T BLAME ME! THEY WON'T LET ME PRAY IN SCHOOL."**

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

### **Coming in 2016: Kindergarteners to be included in Chicago's new public school sexual health program**

CHICAGO (BP) - A new sexual health program in the Chicago Public Schools is scheduled to be implemented in 2016. The program mandates that a set amount of time be spent on sex education in every grade, beginning in kindergarten. The program also will discuss sexual orientation and gender identity.

Under the new policy, kindergarteners and first graders will focus on topics such as anatomy, healthy relationships and personal safety, the Chicago Tribune reported.

In second and third grades, the focus will be on growth and development. Fourth graders will learn about the physical, social and emotional aspects of puberty, along with the causes of HIV transmission, the Tribune reported. After fifth grade, the program will include discussions about human reproduction, healthy decision-making, bullying and contraception.

Parents or guardians of students may opt out of Chicago's new sexual health education program.

The new Chicago policy comes just weeks after the Massachusetts Department of Education issued a directive saying boys and girls who identify as the opposite sex are allowed to use whichever school restroom and locker room they prefer.

What kind of seed are you sowing?

### **OPPOSE**

*Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Texas, serves on the House Science and Foreign Affairs committees.*

Anti-gun laws have always led to one thing: more gun violence. We owe it to innocent people to make this country as safe and free as possible. Sadly, President Barack Obama's actions are not intended to reduce crime or to execute laws. They are intended to divide Americans for his political benefit.

Even worse, the president is abusing his authority to write unaccountable laws by executive order. Regardless of your position on Americans' gun rights, Congress has an obligation to assert its constitutional authority as the only lawful rule-making body. That is why I have introduced the Restore the Constitution Act, which declares any past, present or future executive action infringing on the powers and duties of Congress in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, or of the Second Amendment, or that would require the expenditure of federal funds not specifically appropriated for the purpose of executive action, as advisory only and having no force unless enacted by law.

President Obama is also exploiting mental health concerns as a Trojan horse to attack gun rights. That should come as no surprise. Anti-gun activists have often sought to portray gun-owning veterans as a threat. While no one wants guns in the hands of dangerous people, we fear the mental health issue will be exploited to violate the medical privacy of, and strip constitutional rights from, millions of healthy veterans who simply sought counseling.

The right to keep and bear arms is a basic human right that has kept us free for over two centuries. With a vigilant citizenry eager to contact their elected officials and make their voices heard, it will continue to be that way.

*I'VE BEEN SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY. SO FAR, I CAN HANDLE A LIGHT MIST.*

*EVERY DAY, A WOMAN STOOD ON HER PORCH AND SHOUTED, "PRAISE THE LORD!"*

*AND EVERY DAY THE ATHEIST NEXT DOOR YELLED, "THERE IS NO LORD!"*

*ONE DAY SHE PRAYED, "LORD, I'M HUNGRY. PLEASE SEND ME GROCERIES."*

*THE NEXT MORNING SHE FOUND A BIG BAG OF FOOD ON THE STAIRS. "PRAISE THE LORD," SHE SHOUTED.*

*"HA! I TOLD YOU THERE WAS NO LORD," HER NEIGHBOR SAID, JUMPING FROM BEHIND A BUSH. "I BOUGHT THOSE GROCERIES."*

*"PRAISE THE LORD!" THE WOMAN SAID. "HE NOT ONLY SENT ME GROCERIES, BUT HE MADE THE DEVIL PAY FOR THEM."*



# 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

**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 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- 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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