

“Christ, Our Theme, For 2016”



FROM THE DESK OF:

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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

MAY FLOWERS

Introduction: “April showers bring forth May flowers.” Have you ever heard that? As I put together this Heritage Herald, our church bulletin, I am thinking about May, Mother’s Day, and Memorial Day. The thought of flowers filled my mind. Have you ever noticed how many flowers there are, and the different kinds of flowers you see in the month of May? Flowers are everywhere.

FIRST: THE PORTRAIT OF OUR SAVIOUR. SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1–16

Our Saviour is described as, “... *the rose of Sharon ... the lily of the valley ...*”

2:2, “... *the lily among the thorns ...*”

2:3, “... *the apple tree among the trees ...*”

2:12, “... *the flowers appear on the earth: the time of the singing of the birds has come...*”

What a beautiful portrait of our Saviour!

The Rose—a symbol of love. The Lily—a symbol of purity. The Apple Blossom—a symbol of beauty and sweetness.

Have you ever been in an apple orchard when The Apple Blossoms have bloomed? The sweetness and beauty will overwhelm you.

Notice 2:12, “... *flowers ... singing ...*” That’s joy!

Love, purity, sweetness, and joy! Flowers in the spring, new life!

SECOND: THE PROMINENCE OF THE FLOWER. SONG OF SOLOMON 5:9

“*What is thy beloved more than another?*”

Prominence means to stand out. Jesus stands out more than all others put together. Flowers stand out everywhere.

National Flowers

1. Austria—The Edelweiss.
2. England—The Red Rose.
3. Ireland—The Shamrock.
4. Japan—The Cherry Blossom.
5. USSR—The Sunflower.

I could do this for every country.

State Flowers

1. Virginia—The Flowering Dogwood.
2. Maryland—The Black-Eyed Susan.
3. Mississippi—The Magnolia.
4. Ohio—The Scarlet Carnation.
5. Arkansas—The Apple Blossom.

I could do this for every state.

Every flower reminds us of some wondrous characteristic of the Saviour.

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Dr. Jack Hyles

A More Sure Word

II Peter 1:12-21

Consider the account of (the rich man and Lazarus. Lazarus was a beggar who sat at the rich man's table begging for the crumbs that would fall. Both the rich man and Lazarus died. In Hell the rich man lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham with Lazarus. The rich man cried out to God in *Luke 16:27-31*, "...I pray thee therefore, father that thou wouldest send him to my fathers house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; [Genesis-Deuteronomy and the books written by the prophets] let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: hit if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."

Someone should tell Oral Roberts about those verses. There is more power in preaching the Bible than in the healing of cancer or in making the cripple to walk. There is more power in preaching God's Word, Moses and the prophets is all that the people in Luke 16 had. Today's Christians now have all of God's Word, the total revelation. The Bible is better than a healing service. It is better than a so-called miracle-working services.

If I had my choice between preaching the Bible next Sunday morning or going to the cemetery to raise somebody from the dead and letting him tell people what he had seen. I'd leave that person in the grave, so I could preach the Book! The answer is in the Book. The answer is not in somebody's testimony, The answer is in the Book. The answer is not in somebody's miracle, The answer is in God's Word!

Abraham said that the Bible is more powerful than the testimony of a person raised from the dead. Peter, was somebody who had the power of God, yet Peter said the Bible is more powerful than the testimony of someone who saw Jesus on earth, who heard the voice of God as Jesus was baptized, who heard the voice of God on the mount of transfiguration, and who saw and talked to Moses and Elijah. Peter said God's Word will do more to get people saved and has more power than all those events put together.

A PIZZA DELIVERY BOY ARRIVED AT A HOUSE TO DROP OFF AN ORDER. THE CUSTOMER ASKED, "WHAT IS YOUR USUAL TIP?" "WELL," REPLIED THE BOY, "THIS IS MY FIRST TRIP HERE, BUT THE OTHER GUYS SAY IF I GET A QUARTER I'LL BE LUCKY." "IS THAT SO?" THE CUSTOMER SNORTED. "WELL, JUST TO SHOW THEM HOW WRONG THEY ARE, HERE'S \$5." "THANKS. I'LL PUT THIS IN MY SCHOOL FUND. I'M STUDYING APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY."

Heritage Highlanders May 2016 Schedule			
	<u>Saturday May 7</u>	Proverbs 31:22	<u>Saturday May 21</u>
	Honoring Mothers		Proverbs 18:24
	<u>Saturday May 14</u>	Proverbs 31:14-15	<u>Saturday May 28</u>
	Cooking Class: Reading Recipes		Romans 10:13
			Soulwinning

Lemon Dutch Pancakes

1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour	Seeds from 4 to 5 green cardamom pods (about 1/4 teaspoon seeds)	1/2 stick unsalted butter
1 tbsp. granulated sugar	1 cup whole milk	1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
Generous pinch of kosher salt	1 tbsp. finely grated lemon zest	2 tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
4 eggs		

- Preheat the oven to 425°F, and place a rack in the middle of the oven.
- In a small bowl, stir together the flour, granulated sugar, and salt. Finely grind the cardamom seeds using a mortar and pestle or a clean coffee grinder, and add them to the dry ingredients. Set aside.
- In a large bowl, lightly whisk the eggs with the milk and zest. Add the dry ingredients, and lightly whisk until blended. The batter doesn't have to be completely smooth, but make sure there aren't any large lumps of flour.
- In a medium (10-inch) cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat melt the butter, swirling the pan occasionally, until the butter is very hot and foamy, and almost beginning to brown. Immediately pour in the batter, and put the skillet in the oven.
- Bake for 20 minutes, or until the edges are billowy and brown and the center of the pancake has puffed up. Remove the pan from the oven, sprinkle the pancake evenly with the confectioners' sugar, and return it to the oven for 2 to 3 more minutes. Sprinkle the lemon juice over the top, and serve immediately.

THIRD: THE POWER OF THEIR INFLUENCE.**MATTHEW 6:28**

Through the years I have seen young men give flowers to some young lady, and a sweet smile would appear up on her face. In my own life, I could not tell you how many times I have brought a flower home to my wife, and have that gift be followed by a tear and a sweet gentle kiss, usually followed by, "I love you so much."

If a simple flower can have that much influence upon your heart, then how much more should the sweetness of Christ influence your heart?

John 21:17, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee."

There is no place on this earth that you can hide the influence of the flower. You can flee, as Jonah did, but the influence of our Saviour will already be there.

Someone said, "I disagree. There are no flowers in the desert." Oh no, you are wrong. I can take you to the desert of Arizona and show you the flower on The Saguaro Cactus. Or to the plains of Nebraska and show you the beautiful Goldenrod. Or to the great state of Tennessee and show you the Iris. Or the vast state of Texas and show you the Bluebonnet. Yes, the influence of the flower can be seen everywhere. And you will find that no matter where you go, God was already there. By the way, The White Carnation pictures mother as a pure, soft, and sweet influence in the home.

Conclusion: Just as April showers bring forth May flowers, the water of God's Word must be poured upon the heart in order to soften the soil of the human heart. That's where the child of God comes into the picture. We are to make sure that the seeds are planted. **Luke 8:11, "The seed is the word of God."**

Christian, may it be said of each of us that we have been with Christ so much that His sweet fragrance and influence can be felt by all those we meet.

Have you ever walked up to someone that worked in a flower shop? The fragrance of the flowers will linger on them. May it be so with our relationship with Christ.

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)

AFTER HEARING A SERMON ON PSALM 52:3-4 (LIES AND DECEIT), A MAN WROTE THE IRS, "I CAN'T SLEEP KNOWING THAT I HAVE CHEATED ON MY INCOME TAX. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR \$150. IF I STILL CAN'T SLEEP, I'LL SEND THE REST."



*Elizabeth
Rice Hanford*

God Wants You to Be Beautiful

God loves beautiful things. His whole creation, damaged as it now is, still breathes the grace and passion of the One who delights in creating beautiful things. Our minds leap, when we think of God's beautiful creation, to the flower He made: their multitudinous variety of color and form, the perfection of each tiny pistil and stamen, the fragrance. But the same infinite gamut of design may be found in a thousand different areas of creation, each just as great in variety: fish and birds, mountains and minerals, seasons, storms, and seas, mighty jungle beasts and microscopic one-celled organisms, stars, snowflakes and atoms. They are all beautiful. They all speak of a Creator who delighted in fashioning their form and function, their design and craft.

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time," the wise king said in **Ecclesiastes 3:11**. His creation reflects the Creator, the One who is, **"the Father of lights, the giver of every good and perfect gift"** (**Jas. 1:17**).

Why does the human heart long for beauty? Because it longs for God. David prayed, **"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple"** (**Ps. 27:4**).

When God made us, He created us in His image. **"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time,"** the **Ecclesiastes 3** passage begins, and it goes on to say, **"also he hath set the world in their heart."** The word world means eternity. God created us with a longing for the eternally beautiful things.

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!



June 26th—28th, 2016

Old Time Religion, Real & Revisited Conference



Dr. Tom Neal
Jacksonville, FL



Dr. Greg Neal
Jacksonville, FL



Dr. Terry Sellars
Ludowici, GA



Bro. Dan Cox
New Smyrna Beach, FL

Give a man a fish, and you'll feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he'll buy a funny hat.



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

Remember the Children

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" Deuteronomy 5:29

This verse should most certainly be the prayer of every mother for her children. I have been blessed to be the mother of three children (and several in Heaven). Each of my children look like they are related to one another, but they are each uniquely different. This in itself reminds me of God's awesome creation. Even identical twins have their own individual differences no matter how minor they may seem. Just think of nature itself, for example snowflakes and flowers. Each snowflake and each flower are unique.

As parents we should pray continually for our children to be saved and to have a heart to serve the Lord who created them and gave them life. We should pray for God's mercy and grace to be bestowed upon them and our family. Daily ask God for wisdom in teaching and instructing your children. As a teacher (and mom) I know that teaching needs to be structured to reach the individual's academic level. As a mother I learned that I couldn't always use the same teaching method with each child. What reached one, may not reach the other. So we need God's wisdom, patience, mercy and grace each and every day!

Parents, realize the decisions you make today have eternal consequences. Recently I have read of two separate incidents in two separate states where people were tragically murdered. In each case these people were at one time in church. The pastor who knew the family in one incident said they had dropped by the wayside and hadn't been in church for several years. In the other situation the mom had influenced her family out of church. Did she look down the road to consider that her influence to pull her family out of church could lead her child down the path to murder? I don't think so.

We need to teach our children to ask the Lord to direct their thoughts, their steps and everything they do each and every day. They learn not just by what we say, but also by what we do. Does your talk match up with your walk? Are we setting a Godly example?

The decisions we make to do right or wrong will affect those we know and love now and in the future. Let's consider the children and remember that *Deuteronomy 5:29* is a promise given to us from God!



The Gentleman And Church

A gentleman does his best to arrive at church a little before the service is scheduled to begin.

When a gentleman arrives late for church:

He waits for a pause in the service before entering.

He enters as quietly as possible.

He finds a place in the back of the auditorium.

A gentleman always turns his cell phone or pager off before entering the church.

Dr. George Alquist, Jr.

If a gentleman must leave his cell phone or pager on while in a service, he is careful to place it in silent mode.

A gentleman does not distract others by leaving in the middle of a service.

If a gentleman must leave before the service is finished, he faces the people who are already seated as he leaves.

A gentleman does not continue to stand or talk with others once the speaker has taken the platform.

Q. What exercise do lazy people do?

A. Diddy-squats.

IT'S AMAZING HOW A PERSON CAN COMPLIMENT AND INSULT YOU AT THE SAME TIME. RECENTLY, WHEN I GREETED MY COWORKER, SHE SAID, "YOU LOOK SO GORGEOUS, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU."



Congratulations to:

Miss Jessica Lynn Collingsworth

Who will be receiving her degree on Friday, May 20th, at 7:00 PM from Berean Baptist College.

Well done, Jessica Lynn!



"This is our economy model."



Grumpy Cat has never forgotten the time you shooed him off the couch.



"I COULD KISS IT AND MAKE IT FEEL BETTER, BUT THAT ISN'T COVERED BY YOUR INSURANCE."

Lest We Forget



Billy Collingsworth,
US Army Special Forces.
Brother of our Pastor.

We have lost these for a short period of time. For now, let us remember what they have meant to us.

David Thomas,
US Marine Corps.
Father of Vida Collingsworth.



Ken Crowe,
US Air Corps.
Husband of Peggy Crowe.

Eric Campfield,
US Navy.
Father of Eve Oswald.



A MOTHER AND HER YOUNG SON RETURNED FROM THE STORE AND BEGAN PUTTING AWAY THE GROCERIES. THE BOY OPENED A BOX OF ANIMAL CRACKERS AND SPREAD THEM ALL OVER THE TABLE.

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" HIS MOTHER ASKED.

"THE BOX SAYS YOU CAN'T EAT THEM IF THE SEAL IS BROKEN," THE BOY REPLIED. "I'M LOOKING FOR IT."

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

White House Again Refuses to Call ISIS' Slaughter of Christians "Genocide"

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest declined to call the Islamic State's persecution of Christians in Iraq and Syria a "genocide/" saying earlier.. .that such a distinction requires a "specific legal determination" that has "not been reached."

During a press briefing,...Earnest was questioned by a reporter on whether the Islamic State is "carrying out a campaign of genocide against Syria's Christians." Earnest initially responded by failing to address the "genocide" question and answered by saying that the Obama administration has "long expressed" concerns with the "tactic" used by ISIS to "slaughter religious minorities."...

After saying that IS' atrocious treatment of religious minorities is an affront to American values, Earnest was again asked to address whether or not IS' persecution of Christians should be considered a "genocide."

"My understanding is that the use of that word involves a very specific legal determination that has, at this point, not been reached," Earnest said....

A spending bill passed by Congress in December gave the State Department 90 days to make a distinction on whether or not the United States will call IS' treatment of religious minorities a "genocide." The Obama administration has consistently sided with Muslims against Christians.

-Samuel Smith for ChristianPost.com

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

FOR MOTHERS' DAY: MY MOM TAUGHT ME...

LOGIC: "IF YOU FALL OFF THAT SWING AND BREAK YOUR NECK, YOU CAN'T GO TO THE STORE WITH ME."

HUMOR: "WHEN THAT LAWN MOWER CUTS OFF YOUR TOES, DON'T COME RUNNING TO ME."

JUSTICE: "ONE DAY YOU'LL HAVE KIDS, AND I HOPE THEY TURN OUT JUST LIKE YOU. THEN YOU'LL SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE."



*Lt. Jimmie
Collins*

Lest We Forget—A Proper Goodbye

By all accounts, Jimmie Collins and Welborn Smith were all-American boys who left their small hometowns to defeat Hitler and Nazi Germany.

Collins was valedictorian, a star athlete and popular at Lowndes County High School in Fort Deposit, Ala. He realized his dream of becoming an Army pilot and flying missions in the European theater. Smith, who grew up in Roberta, Ga., was the third of five boys and so well-liked that everyone understood he was "mother's favorite." He followed his two older brothers into the service, choosing the Army Air Forces.

Their paths crossed when they were assigned to the 446th Bombardment Group, 20th

Combat Wing, 2nd Bomb Division. Second Lt. Collins was the co-pilot, while Staff

Sgt. Smith served as the engineer and gunner of their B-24 Liberator, *Connie*. [*Connie* was the name they gave their aircraft.]

In the last known photo of the two men, Smith is standing behind Collins, along with eight other crew members in front of the plane. It is perhaps fitting that Smith is looking over Collins, as their fates and families became linked decades after the Germans shot down *Connie* over the Netherlands on June 21, 1944. All but one crew member was killed.

On June 29, 2015 - 71 years and eight days after *Connie* was shot down - Jimmie Collins was laid to rest with full military honors. American Legion Post 45 of Sylacauga performed honor guard duties.

"Aunt Mary would be very happy that he had been found," Mary Brooks says. "She was very proud of him because he wanted to serve his country and sacrificed his life for us." The Collins family invited Bob Lee Smith, Welborn's brother, to the funeral. Taps was sounded, memories were shared, and thanks were given on a day the Collins family doubted would ever come. Jimmie was buried next to his mother.

At the close of the funeral, Smith paused at the flag-draped casket, gazed down and whispered to Collins, "You're home."



The crew of *Connie*

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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