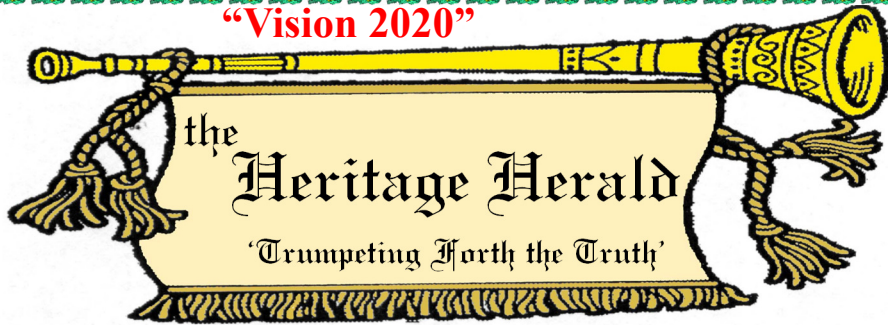


**“Vision 2020”**



**JUNE 2020**

**FROM THE DESK OF:**

**GERALD B. COLLINGSWORTH, PASTOR**



**Pastor & Mrs. C  
“Old-Fashioned  
Sunday”**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Introduction:** The Word of God is the Christian’s greatest need. The Word is not only essential in every part of the Christian life, but it is the one thing that is to be exalted even above the name of God.

I made that statement a few years ago and a man said, “Pastor, I agreed with almost everything you said until you said that the Word of God was to be exalted even above the name of Jesus. You are wrong.” I asked if I could show Him clear cut proof. He said that would be acceptable. I turned to *Psalm 138:2*. “...*For thou has magnified thy word above all thy name...*”

Why is that? Why does God exalt His word above everything else?

**FIRST: BECAUSE SALVATION IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT IT.**

**I PETER 1:23**

*“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”*

Regardless of what any religion or preacher tells you, the fact is, no one can be saved outside of faith provided by, and faith in the Word of God.

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

*John 5:24, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life...”*

*Illustration:* The emphasis on preaching of the Word is found throughout the Bible. John the Baptist preached, Jesus our Saviour preached, Matthew preached, Mark preached, Luke preached, John preached, the Apostle Peter preached, Paul the Apostle preached. *II Timothy 4:2, “Preach the Word...”*

**SECOND: BECAUSE SPIRITUAL GROWTH DEPENDS UPON IT.**

**MATTHEW 13:23**

*“But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the Word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”*

The ground is a symbol of your mind. The seed is a symbol of God’s Word. When the seed entered into the ground and was accepted, then it took root and began to grow.

What are we to learn? Get the Word deep into the soul of your mind. In a year’s time, you will grow so that people will see you differently.

By the way, most people go to church as a ritual. You may even go every Sunday, but you do not grow. If you did you would know that it is the Word that produces the growth.

**THIRD: BECAUSE SEPARATION DEMANDS IT.**

**MATTHEW 4:14**

*“And when the temptor came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. And he answered and said, “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*

We have rules, laws and standards. These rules are found in the Word of God. That’s why the battle has always been over the Word of God. It is not whether or not hell has real fire, or that the streets of Heaven are paved with gold. If we believe the Bible, then we know these things are true.

Just what is the final authority? Some say it is the church. Others say the Pope. Others say the congregation is the authority. They are wrong. The final authority on any subject is the Word of God.

*Continued*



John R. Rice

## Spiritual Leadership

In *Hebrews 13:17* we are commanded to, ***“obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves,”*** and he speaks of spiritual rulers that watch over our souls, that is, pastors and Christian leaders. Again in *Hebrews 13:24* the author says by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, ***“Salute all them that have the rule over you,”*** manifestly referring to Christian leaders. Pastors and preachers have a real authority from God to rule. But a woman is not to have authority over men, and so a woman could not be a pastor of a church, or a preacher of the gospel, in the ordinary sense.

An evangelist also must speak with authority. Paul commanded Timothy, ***“Do the work of an evangelist” (II Tim. 4:5).*** But Timothy, the evangelist, was also given these instructions: ***“These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth ...” (I***

***Tim. 4:11, 12).*** An evangelist has authority from God and must not be despised, even though young. But no woman is to take authority over men, and no woman can be an evangelist in the Bible sense. There were no women evangelists in Bible times and there should be none now.

## Our Church Ministries

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Fishermens' Club | 12. Counseling Ministry      |
| 2. Phoster Club     | 13. Grounds and Maintenance  |
| 3. Bus Ministry     | 14. Heritage Baptist Academy |
| 4. Sunday School    | 15. Ladies' WMS Ministry     |
| 5. Welcome Wagon    | 16. Pulpit Productions       |
| 6. Bookstore        | 17. Girls Highlander Club    |
| 7. Music Ministry   | 18. Boys Bible Club          |
| 8. Altar Workers    | 19. Cleaning Ministry        |
| 9. Teen Club        | 20. Nursery                  |
| 10. Junior Church   | 21. Greeters                 |
| 11. Ushers          |                              |

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GEAR HE'LL USE  
TWICE A YEAR.***

## To Any Father

There are little eyes upon you, and they're watching night and day: There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say; There are little hands all eager to do everything you do.

And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be just like you, You're the little fellow's idol, you're the wisest of the wise; In his little mind, about you no suspicions ever rise.

He believes in you devoutly, holds that all you say and do.

He will say and do in your way when he's grown up like you.

This wide-eyed little fellow who believes you're always right.

And his ears are always open and he watches day and night.

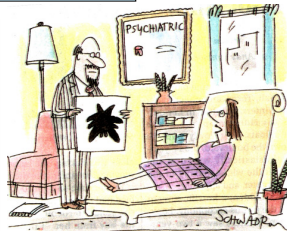
You are setting an example every day in all you do,

For the little fellow who's waiting to grow up to be just like you.

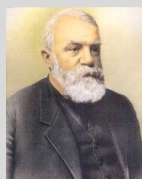
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*Let's Make*  
**2020**

**OUR BEST YEAR EVER**



*“I see my kid's laundry.”*



Dwight L.  
Moody

## No Saloons in Heaven I Corinthians 6:10-11

No drunkard will inherit the Kingdom of heaven. Now, let those mothers whose children are beginning a frivolous life, wake up. Do not rest day or night until your children are converted by the power of God's grace, because no drunkard will inherit the Kingdom of God. These moderate drinkers will become drunkards; no person ever became a drunkard all at once. How the devil blinds these moderate drinkers! I do not know of any sin more binding than the sin of alcoholism; the person is bound hand and foot before he knows it.

Some time ago, I was reading an account of snake-worshipping in India. I thought it was a horrible thing. I read of a mother who saw a snake come into

her home and coil itself around her little, six month old infant. She thought that the reptile was such a sacred thing that she did not dare to touch it. She watched that snake destroy her child. She heard her baby's pitiful cries, but dared not rescue it. My soul revolted as I read it. But I do not know that we don't have things right here in America that are just as bad as that serpent in India. Serpents are coming into many Christian homes, coiling around many children and binding them hand and foot, and the fathers and mothers seem to be asleep.

O, may the Spirit of God wake us up! No drunkard will inherit the Kingdom of God. Bear it in mind. ***“Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink” (Habakkuk 2:15).*** I pity any professed Christians who rent their property for drinking saloons. I pity them from the depths of my heart. If you ever expect to inherit the Kingdom of God, give it up. If you can never rent your property to better purpose, you had better let it stand empty. The idea that all is going well, and that all are going into the Kingdom of God, whether they repent or not, is not taught anywhere in Scripture.

Since this is true, then what we believe and do is because of what the Bible says, meaning that we are to attend church faithfully because the Bible says we are to do so. **Hebrews 10:25**. We are to go soul winning and present the Word to unbelievers to give them an opportunity to believe because the Bible says so. **Matthew 28:19-20**.

#### **FOURTH: BECAUSE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT IS THE WORD OF GOD. EPHESIANS 6:17**

*"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God."*

When the Word of God is presented to someone, then the Holy Spirit takes the Word presented and convicts the person of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He, the Spirit, goes deep to where nothing natural can reach and works a miracle inside the one hearing the Word.

Notice: **Hebrews 4:12**, *"For the Word of God...piercing...discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heard."*

Why do you think people are so fearful of the Bible especially when it is preached? Answer, because they get under conviction as the Holy Spirit convicts them through what they are hearing.

*Illustration:* I remember watching a 6'4" man almost break a pew while listening to a message on salvation because he knew he was not saved.

#### **FIFTH: BECAUSE SUPPLICATION IS MOTIVATED BY THE WORD. ACTS 2:37**

*"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do?"*

**Acts 2:41-42**, *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized...continued in...prayers."* Nothing will drive you to your knees in prayer like listening and placing your faith in the Word of God.

Notice: **John 15:7** *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you."*

Did you see that? Answer to your prayers, supplications are depended upon your relationship to the Word of God.

The best way to get an appetite for something is to fill yourself with that item as often as you can. This is the Bible we are talking about. Fill yourself with it daily and you will develop appetites for whatever it contains as it enters your life.

**Conclusion:** Listen! God will not answer your prayers if you do not bathe in the Word of God. God will not change your head, nor direct your life unless you are willing to bathe in this old Book. Why do you get angry with God for what He does not do for you when you never check to see what He is asking you to do for Him?

### **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)

**A BALD MAN SAT DOWN IN THE CHAIR AND SAID TO THE BARBER, 'I WENT FOR A HAIR TRANSPLANT, BUT I COULDN'T STAND THE PAIN. IF YOU CAN MAKE MY HAIR LOOK LIKE YOURS WITHOUT CAUSING ME ANY DISCOMFORT, I'LL PAY YOU \$5,000.'  
WITHOUT HESITATING, THE BARBER BEGAN SHAVING HIS OWN HEAD.**



Dr. Bob Gray

### **Present The Past**

The average church in America cancels its services if Christmas happens to fall on Sunday. I thought it was supposed to be the day set aside to honor the birth of our Saviour! The church, for whom Jesus shed His blood, should be the last place to shut down on Christmas Day.

If our preachers want to do what God requires, they should be teaching and preaching about the past. They should be singing, "Faith of our fathers, living still," not "Faith of our Rick Warren, living still." We sit in front of the television and watch the present. We go to the amusement park and watch the present. We go to the rock concerts and watch the present. We go to country and western shows and watch the present. Rock music, HBO, country and western, and "pay per view" are all part of the present. We open our magazines and look at the present.

We go to the average church and watch the present. We watch the preachers on television and watch the present. We embrace the new age movement and embrace the present. We rush to Promise Keepers and end up in the present. We embrace the new morality and read the new bibles, and we embrace the present.

It seems that preachers are working overtime to present the present. Where are the men of God who are preaching and teaching the past? Our Bible Colleges must teach and preach the past! Why? Because God requires the past!



	Dr. Gerald Collingsworth Host Pastor	
	Dr. Tom Neal Special Speaker	
	Dr. Greg Neal Special Speaker	
Dr. Terry Sellars Special Speaker		
Pastor's Fellowship Tuesday June 23rd after the Morning Service.		

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### From Our Church Prayer

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5. Michele Lemons
6. Kevin McClain
7. Harold Cooper
8. Linda Sigstad
9. Carolyn Grindel

### Ten Things You Will Never Regret

1. Showing kindness to an aged person.
2. Destroying a letter written in anger.
3. Offering an apology that will save a friendship.
4. Stopping a scandal that was ruining a reputation.
5. Helping a boy or girl grow up.
6. Taking time to show consideration to parents, friends, brothers and sisters.
7. Refraining from gossip when others around you like it.
8. Refusing to do a thing which is wrong, although others do it.
9. Living according to your convictions.
10. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

**"SOME PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IN HEROES, BUT THEY HAVEN'T MET MY DAD."**



### Aesthetic Or Authentic

***"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:30***



Miss Angela Berezne

As I sit back and watch the next generation grow and develop, my heart is saddened by how many young girls take the opinion, cultural view, or "what's popular" more to their taste, rather than living by the principles they have been taught their whole life. Does this make you a bad person? No, I wouldn't say so, however you are raising the eyebrow of the world and the church. You say you haven't changed, you are not adjusting to the culture of the world, or trying to be a fit in of the world? Well, this all may be true, but I do challenge you this. Go back the days when your photos were not always posted, before you had social media, hashtags, selfies, filters, etc.

Go back and match them up with what you are today. Why a picture? Well, because a picture will say a thousands words. The world's culture of philosophy isn't taking over your lifestyle, how we act, pose, or even may I say, post. Well then both photos in hand should say the same exact thing.

I go back to my key verse because some may not like what will come next. Beauty is vain...hmmm think on that when posting, sharing, updating, posing, being in public. What are we drawing attention to when we post a photo on Instagram, what are we saying when we go out in the world, what does your Social media account say about you? What is the exact thought you are trying to get across? Is your profile or social media aesthetic or authentic? Looking up the word aesthetic bothered me when I read the words "concerned with beauty" and in another dictionary, "having the taste or feel of trying to be something." Are you living the aesthetic lifestyle trying to be both popular on media and living the life as a Christian? Or are you living the authentic life of God's word, as the proverbs 31 woman being your example? Don't get me wrong having an artsy social media page looks pretty awesome, but is it consuming the authenticity of your Biblical principles.

When it comes to our principles and standards the world should not be confused on your authenticity. My statement before aesthetic or authentic? Is your look to the world, aesthetic?

Do your hashtags and profile page look no different from the world, saying "I'm afraid to be separate from the world." Or does your social media scream, "I am fearfully authentic."

The next generation holds what they will be influenced by in their hands and have access to it 24/7. Social media is what the next generation is impressed through, where they get their muse, their ideas, and most importantly their thoughts that go straight to the heart. So I ask is this generation setting a good example of authenticity of a Christian life? Be fearfully authentic.



### **A Father's Prayer**

*By Douglas MacArthur*

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."

### **Don't Quit**

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will;  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must; but don't you quit.

Life is odd with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns;  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow.  
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man;  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup;  
And he learned too late when the night slipped down  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt  
And you never can tell how close you are;  
It may be near when it seems so far.  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

*John Greenleaf Whittier*

### **Heritage Highlanders June 2020 Schedule**



**Saturday June 6**

**Listening to God**

**Saturday June 13**

**Fruit of the Spirit**

**John 8:47**

**Galatians 5:25**

**Saturday June 20**

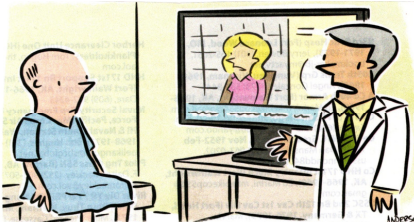
**Honoring Dads**

**Saturday June 27**

**Prayer**

**Ephesians 6:1**

**Matthew 7:7**



**"THIS IS A NEW STRESS TEST. WE JUST PUT ON THE NEWS."**

Our son celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry cupcakes into school without help. I asked his older brother, Noah, to help.

"I'd rather not," he replied. Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?"

Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."

*Rachel Nichols Richmond, MO*



**"YOU CAN CALL ME  
DUDE OR KEEP THE  
PONYTAIL... PICK ONE."**

### **Lest We Forget**

#### **Flanders Field...**

is a United States military cemetery near Waregem, Belgium. Buried in this cemetery are the bodies of 368 members of the armed forces who died in World War I (1914-1918). Canadian poet John McCrae wrote the famous poem,

#### **In Flanders Fields**

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

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

## **Michigan Governor Says Abortions Are “Life-Sustaining”**

The Democratic governor of Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer, recently called access to abortion during the coronavirus pandemic “life sustaining.”

Whitmer was discussing healthcare and abortion during a recent podcast interview with CNN correspondent and former Obama adviser, David Axelrod, when she made the comments....Whitmer suggested that while elective surgeries have been paused in Michigan, abortions are considered essential and can still be performed. *theblaze.com*

## **Planned Parenthood CEO: “We’re Doing Everything We Can” During the Pandemic**

Planned Parenthood acting CEO Alexis McGill Johnson sent out an urgent appeal for donations [May 5] promising that her abortion chain is “doing everything we can” to keep aborting unborn babies during the coronavirus pandemic.

...Johnson said they are striving to expand abortions through telemedicine, lawsuits against state health restrictions and more.

“The need for reproduction healthcare persists in a crisis and so do we,” she wrote. “Planned Parenthood is doing everything we can to make sure care continues, including adapting and innovating the ways we provide it.”

• Johnson is the acting CEO of the largest abortion group in America. Planned Parenthood aborted nearly 346,000 babies last year while reaping in \$1.6 billion in revenue.

Though abortions are unnecessary, life-destroying procedures, Johnson referred to them as “healthcare” and claimed they are “essential.” *lifenews.com*

## **New York Mosque Still Open for Daily Prayers While Churches Across the Country Face Mandatory Shutdowns**

A mosque in New York is reportedly still open for daily prayers amid the coronavirus pandemic that has forced Christian churches across the country to close their doors and cancel their in-person gatherings.

While churchgoers in many states have been criticized and even punished for continuing to gather, that same level of scrutiny has apparently not been leveled at the mosque...in Syracuse, New York.

Despite the state’s executive order, which broadly bans all “non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason,” neighborhood Muslims are still allowed [to] gather together in the mosque’s prayer room for calls to prayer throughout the week. *theblaze.com*

**EDITOR’S COMMENTS:** The president raised this issue in a recent news conference when he said he had observed “a great disparity” between the way the liberal governors treat Christians and the way they treat Muslims.

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

I had a chance encounter with a pastor who told me about a wonderful event held at his church. “We had a singing group the other day that performed without any instruments,” he said.

“A capella?” I asked. He shrugged and said, “I don’t remember the name of the group.”

*Wade Hampton, Martinsburg WV*



*Mark and Linda  
Sigstad*

## **Soul Winning**

Our soul winning has taken on a new dimension since “social distancing now is the norm. Last week I was in the street near our mail box. There are 8 boxes grouped together for the convenience of the postal people to deliver on our street. A Hispanic man and his daughter were checking his mail. I noticed a truck at his house and people were moving furniture out. I asked if he was moving and he said he had lost his job and needed to move south to his family. We had a brief conversation and I was able to let him know I was a missionary and would like to pray for him and his family. He invited me to come to his house right then. I ran home to get my Bible. I went to his house and held a preaching service right there, with 16 people listening to me preach. I gave an invitation and 11 people raised their hands indicating they wanted to trust Christ.

Last night after church (on the 24th of May) someone rang our doorbell. It was a man who comes by every year to put sealant on our driveway. I asked how he was doing and he said not well, his wife had passed away, she was only 42. He knows I am a missionary and I have witnessed to him in the past, but he came last night and I was able to lead him to the Lord. I am thankful that even in these times; God can bring people across our path that need HIM!

*Mark Sigstad*

# 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 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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