

“Vision 2020”



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FROM THE DESK OF:

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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned
Sunday”

A Nation in Darkness

Introduction: The year 2020 has been the strangest year of my life. What I hear is that it is a year following blood moons that now is filled with violence, riots and a world-wide pandemic.

While watching the news one verse came to my mind that says about all you and I need to understand at this point in time.

Psalm 82:5 “They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.”

How did we ever get to this point of unleashed madness? Allow me to place just a few conclusions that I have come to in this year of turmoil.

FIRST: WE HAVE REFUSED TO LISTEN.

JEREMIAH 6:10

“To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear?...The word of the Lord is unto them a reproach...”

When we refuse to listen and take heed to the Word of God, then we wind up paying for that horrible choice we make. But, if we listen to what God has to say, then He will equip us with the wisdom to see things clearly, even our own selves.

SECOND: WE HAVE REPLACED GOD.

DEUTERONOMY 32:17-18

“They sacrificed to devils, not to God; to gods they knew not ... and hast forgotten God that formed thee.”

We are seeing everywhere in our nation the substitution of the only true God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, with nothing but false gods and idols. The result is that our country has become a nation of perverted laws that has promoted and endorsed perversion and the open slaughter of untold millions of precious little babies.

The Creator has been replaced by the man-made religion of evolution.

THIRD: WE HAVE REJECTED GOD'S WORD.

PSALM 50:17-20

“Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee ... I will reprove thee ... and there be none to deliver.”

We have replaced the Ten Commandments in every school with Marxism that leads to Socialist-Communism.

We have laughed at the Bible and replaced it with the teachings of Margaret Sanger, who founded Planned Parenthood, and the ravings of mentally disturbed people like Sigmund Freud who believed it was ok to go to a club and look at naked women because it helped you to remember your mother.

In his psychoanalysis he divided men into three areas: the Id, the Ego, and the Super Ego. To this day you can find no one whose quality of life was improved by his teachings.

FOURTH: WE HAVE RELIED UPON INCREASE.

HOSEA 13:6

“According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.”

Having things in abundance can become a great curse instead of a blessing. It causes many to forget the true Provider, God. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln said, “Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no

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Dr. Greg Neal

The Fall of America

Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Our nation was founded by those who were looking for a place where they could worship God as their convictions allowed them. We have gone from "under God" to no prayer in our public schools. Why would we want our children in a place where they cannot even pray to God? There are times when that enforcement is broken. There are times when the students in our public schools are allowed to be "unconstitutional," according to government. Remember Columbine? It was okay to pray then when there were crazed gunmen roaming the halls murdering students. It was okay to pray in that situation; but we do not dare regularly pray in Jesus' name in a local government assembly or in public schools.

We have gone from being founded as a Christian nation to being a humanistic nation. We are no longer whether we want to accept it or not—"one nation under God" when the displaying of the Ten Commandments is considered offensive. As it is described in the book of Judges, every man did that which was right in his own eyes. Every man was his own god. That is the nation we live in today. That is the society that we have embraced. In studying the great civilizations of the past, we find that the downfall of Rome was humanism. The same philosophy that brought Rome to its knees is the same philosophy that rules and reigns over the United States of America today. The fall of America is resulting from a change in our identity.

Our Church Ministries

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

The Sunflower



I want to tell you about a great sermon that is preached to me every morning. The preacher is a flower that grows in my garden and the sermon is its life.

It is not a fine flower either the kind that you find growing in beautiful gardens and parks in company with tulips and dahlias and roses; but it is a humble plant that is content to grow in out-of-the-way places and in forgotten corners.

A little while ago I planted some of the seeds of this flower and they are blooming now. When I go out in the early morning every one of the blossoms is facing the sun that is just peeping through the trees of the orchard.

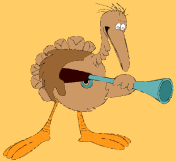
At noon they have lifted up their heads and are looking straight up into the face of the sun. At evening I find them turned to the west as though eager to catch the last rays of the setting sun.

During all the days of their youth they follow thus the sun in his course across the heavens. At last, grown large and heavy with seed, they can no longer turn as of old.

Then for the last time they turn from giving their farewell kiss, back to the east, to stand and greet their Lord on his return. They seem to say, "If we cannot longer follow him and can gain but one greeting in the day, let it be a greeting of the morning, a greeting of joy when our Lord comes forth in all his strength to run his course."

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Twenty Sixth Annual Father & Son
Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper
 Saturday, October 17th, 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM

2019 Top Guns



Chili Cook-off



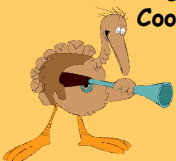
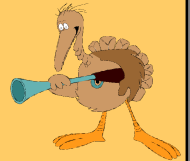
Sons' Division
Bryson Collingsworth



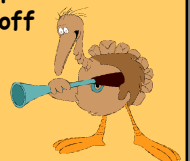
Fathers' Division
Jeremy Elliott



Chili Cook-off



Top guns:
 Pastor Collingsworth — 4 First Place and 5 Second Place
 Bro. Watson — 3 First Place and 4 Second Place
 Bro. Berezne — 3 First Place and 1 Second Place



other nation has grown, but we have forgotten God.”

FIFTH: WE HAVE REASONED THAT GOD IS UNIMPORTANT.

JEREMIAH 2:32

“Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number.”

No one ever forgets that which they truly value and consider important. Why? Because that which you value causes you to look at it often. The truth is if you value something you cannot keep your mind off of it.

When the Lord ceases to be important to an individual, family, church or nation then the Lord is no longer precious, and when that preciousness is gone, the very purpose of life loses meaning.

Conclusion: When we neglect the Lord Jesus Christ we soon will forget Him. Then, there will be consequences. When people forget the Lord, they tend to live in sin, and many become enslaved to sinful habits. We live in a nation right now that is addicted to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling, pornography. The bondage of sinful living is very expensive.

Would you consider trusting Christ? Would you pray with me?

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)

Heritage Highlanders August 2020 Schedule			
	<u>Saturday August 1</u>	<i>Philippians 2:14</i>	<u>Saturday August 15</u>
	Attitudes		Cooking: Healthy Snacks
	<u>Saturday August 8</u>	<i>1 Samuel 16:7</i>	<u>Saturday August 22</u>
	Cleanliness: Inwardly and Outwardly		Back To School
			<u>Saturday August 29</u>
			Soulwinning
			<i>Psalms 139:14</i>
			<i>2 Timothy 2:15</i>
			<i>1 John 5:13</i>

“You ask me how to live; be careful for nothing; be prayerful for everything; be thankful for anything.”
D.L. Moody

“You do not do God a favor just because you are serving Him. It is God that does the favor by allowing you to serve.”
Victor Nyquist



Pastor Jerry Ross

LEARN A TRADE

Genesis 46:34, “That ye shall say, Thy servants’ trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers:”

Mark 6:3, “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary ...”

Matthew 13:55, “Is not this the carpenter’s son?”

In my book, The Teenage Years of Jesus Christ, I provide an in depth, biblical study of the six attributes of Christ during his “young man” years. They are as follows:

1. The Teenage Christ increased in wisdom.
2. The Teenage Christ increased in maturity.
3. The Teenage Christ increased in favor with men.
4. The Teenage Christ increased in favor with God.
5. The Teenage Christ remained submissive to Joseph and Mary.
6. The Teenage Christ mastered a skilled trade.

In the aforementioned book, an entire chapter is devoted to Christ’s example of mastering a marketable, skilled trade in his youth. In that chapter I write:

“Before Jesus was a preacher, he was a carpenter. Before he ever healed the sick or raised the dead, He carefully crafted carts and cabinets. His hands were calloused. His biceps were knotted with the strength of hard labor. He rose up early each morning and worked beside Joseph, learning the skills of a craftsman. These skills were mastered during his teenage years.”

In the first tenet, I encouraged you to develop a work ethic. But if a young man learns to work, yet fails to develop a marketable skill, it will be difficult for him to earn a living. Your youthful strength must be harnessed and trained to perform a skilled trade.

The Jewish culture understood the need for a young man to learn a skilled trade. When a young man reached the age of twelve, he became an apprentice to his father or another trusted male relative. Under said tutelage, he mastered a wage-earning skill. To this day, there is this saying in Jewish culture: “He who fails to teach his son a trade, rears a thief.” It is thievery to be able-bodied yet live off the government. The government generates no money. It taxes those who work hard, taking from them the fruit of their labor. For that hard-earned money to be handed to a man who refuses to work, or who was foolish enough not to learn a trade, is criminal.



THE LITTLE GIRL

Little Girls are the nicest things that happen to people. They are born with a little bit of angel-shine about them and though it wears thin sometimes, there is always enough left to lasso your heart—even when they are sitting in the mud, or crying temperamental tears, or parading up the street in Mother’s best clothes.

A little girl can be sweeter (and badder) oftener than anyone else in the world. She can jitter around; and stomp, and make funny noises that frazzle your nerves yet just when you open your mouth, she frizzes there demure with that special look in her eyes. A girl is Innocence playing in the mud, Beauty standing on its head, and Mother hood dragging a doll by the foot.

Girls are available in five colors—black, white, red, yellow, or brown, yet Mother Nature always manages to select your favorite color when you place your order. They disprove the law of supply and demand there are millions of little girls, but each is as precious as rubies.

God borrows from many creatures to make a little girl. He uses the song of a bird, the squeal of a pig, the stubbornness of a mule, the antics of a monkey, the spryness of a grasshopper, the curiosity of a cat, the speed of a gazelle, the slyness of a fox, the softness of a kitten, and to top it all off, He adds the mysterious mind of a woman.

A little girl likes new shoes, pretty dresses, small animals, first grade, noise makers, the girl next door, dolls, make-believe, mother’s high heels, ice cream, kitchens, coloring books, cans of water, going visiting, and tea parties. She doesn’t care so much for visitors, large dogs, hand-me downs, straight chairs, vegetables, snow suits, or staying in the front yard. She is loudest when you are thinking, the prettiest when she has provoked you, the busiest at bedtime and the quietest when you want to show her off.

Who else can cause you more grief, joy, irritation, satisfaction, embarrassment, and genuine delight than this combination of Eve, Salome, and Florence Nightingale? She can muss up your home, your hair, and your dignity—spend your money, your time, and your temper—then just when your patience is ready to crack, her sunshine peeks through and you’ve lost again.

Yes, she is a nerve-racking nuisance, just a noisy bundle of mischief. But when your dreams tumble down and the world is a mess—when it seems you are pretty much of a fool after all—she can make you a king when she climbs on your knee and whispers, “I love you best of all!”

“When you look at your watch, remember that one of these hours the Lord is coming.” Unknown



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

MAMA MIA

(written in the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic)

Dear Ladies,

How I miss you! Though we see each other, and sometimes text, I am hating the social distancing. The last pandemic of this nature was The Spanish Flu. This was during my grandparents day. I was wondering the other day what my grandmother did back then. I then thought of two words my little Italian grandmother often said – “Mama Mia! “. This

little Italian phrase means “my mother”, but it is an expression used for great joy or sadness, excitement, shock, great surprise etc. How many times in these last few weeks have I said to myself, “Mama Mia!” School is suddenly closed – Mama Mia! Social distancing – Mama Mia! Changes in the work place, stores, churches – Mama Mia! Can’t get a haircut – Mama Mia! And we could go on and on...

Fortunately, for us, we have a Saviour who knows the past, present and our future. At the beginning of the school year we went over *Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*

Every day we should have our spiritual armor on, but when life changes so drastically or unexpectedly we must take greater care to make sure we are not leaving an open door for the devil to mess with our thinking. As women we want to fix things, but we are now greeting each day with uncertainty as to when life will be normal again?????

In this we must trust the Lord for all things, and not lean on our own understanding. When we find ourselves saying “Mama Mia!”, may it remind us to get on our knees before our Heavenly Father, to ask for His help and guidance in all we do- to draw us close to Him, and to help us see His hand of blessing in each and every day!

(now into the 5th month of Covid-19)

If you are like me you may be feeling a little exasperated with all the changes and up and down emotions you may have during this time of Covid. Every day I must look to the Lord for help and to remind me that He is in control of everything. *“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” Psalm 122:1-2.* The Lord is my help and strength in good times and in difficult times! He is my Creator and my Saviour. He knew the day I would be born, and He knows the day I will take my last breath on earth. My time is in His hands! *“My times are in thy hand...” Psalm 31:15a.* May we never cease to praise the Lord for all He does for us each and every day!



John R. Rice

Is Hell A Real Place?

“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:14, 15.

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.” Rev. 21:8.

Is there a literal, physical fire in Hell? Will lost sinners in Hell suffer literal, physical torment of body, the torment of fire?

The Bible repeatedly, from one end to the other, teaches that Hell is a place of fire. The modernists and liberalists teach that there is no Hell. Many who claim to be fundamentalists or conservatives say that the Bible passages teaching a physical Hell with literal fire are figurative in meaning. This is, I believe, because they have not studied the matter afresh for themselves in the Bible, but have simply accepted the current teachings without seeing for themselves what God has said.

But it has resulted that the whole Christian world has lost its fear of Hell, and with it has lost the soul-winning passion. To Christians all over the world, Hell has cooled. That means that Calvary means less, there is less emphasis on redemption by the blood of Christ, there is less teaching about sin, very little warning of judgment, and almost universal powerlessness and fruitlessness on the part of Christians. Our hearts are turning toward modernism while our heads still accept the letter of the Bible. At the same time, the unbelieving world tends more and more to scoffing and scorn about the things of God.

Thus it seems necessary for Christians to make a renewed study of the Bible doctrine of Hell. Oh, if there is a literal Hell of eternal torment, if it has real fire in it, and if poor lost souls will suffer eternally in physical torment as well as mental torment in this physical Hell of literal fire, then we ought to know it!

With this in mind, I call your attention to what seems to me to be the overwhelming proof that Hell is a literal lake of fire, a place of literal, physical torment for the unconverted, the Christ rejector, who dies without being born again.

“The Devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint.”

Charles Spurgeon

From Our Church Prayer List

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| 1. Judy Kurpan | 4. Anita Miller | 7. Harold Cooper |
| 2. Ed Hosey | 5. Michele Lemons | 8. Linda Sigstad |
| 3. Sheila Spencer | 6. Kevin McClain | 9. Carolyn Grindel |



Special Announcement

Friday, October 9th at 5:30 PM

Miss Stephanie Mayle and Mr. John Norman

will be married in the Auditorium of Heritage Baptist Church, Mogadore Village, Ohio



“Some folks are like the little boy who, when asked by his pastor if he prayed every day, his reply was, ‘No. Not every day. Some days I don’t want anything.’”

Dr. John R. Rice

Lest We Forget



She was beautiful. She was ruthless. Recruited at the age of twenty-three by legendary spymaster William Stephenson – code name: Intrepid – Vera Atkins undertook countless perilous missions in the 1930s. Her fierce intellect, personal courage, and facility with languages quickly propelled her to the leadership echelon of the Special Operations Executive (SOE), a covert intelligence agency formed by Winston Churchill. During World War II, she became Great Britain’s spymistress. Her agents penetrated deep behind enemy lines, aided resistance fighters, destroyed vital targets, helped Allied pilots evade capture, and radioed information back to London. They were prepared to die to liberate Europe from the Nazis. Vera Atkins was demobilized in 1947.

Vera recruited her agents carefully, trained them until they dropped from exhaustion.

Vera was a Romanian born Jew who was recruited by “Intrepid” Britain’s top spy. Winston Churchill had such confidence in Vera that he placed her over “SOE,” Special Operations Executive.

Vera did more to get hold of those who could break the Enigma code more than anyone else.

Writer after writer wanted to tell her story, but she always pleaded, “Not until my death.” She died June 24, 2000.

It is interesting to note that Ian Fleming says that when Vera Atkins walked into a room even generals stood because they knew she was representing Churchill.

Ian Fleming, author of the James Bond novels, always included a secretary named Money Penny. Why? Because Vera Atkins always appeared to be a simple secretary, but in reality was the head of the SOE. They called her, “Money Penny.”

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Media More Outraged by Trump Walking to St. John's Church Than by Rioters Trying to Burn It Down

On [June 1], the network morning shows offered a combined 69 seconds of coverage on historic St. John's Church in Washington, D.C., being set on fire and vandalized by violent protesters Sunday night. [The next day], those same broadcasts devoted a combined 30 minutes of coverage to hyping the "outrage" over President Trump visiting the church Monday evening. -lifeneews.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: I will say it again. The news media in America is washed up, gone, a bastion of liberalism and no longer trustworthy.

President Finalizes Rule Stopping Obamacare From Forcing Doctors to Do Abortions

President Donald Trump has once again issued a pro-life rule that will protect pro-life Americans and help save babies from abortion. This time his administration has issued a rule to block the effects of a dangerous Obamacare provision that could be used to compel doctors to participate in abortions.

The Department of Health and Human Services finalized a rule... that revises 2016 provisions of the Obamacare section 1557 rule that had redefined discrimination "on the basis of sex" to include "pregnancy termination." -lifeneews.com

Minneapolis City Council Members Announce Support for Disbanding Police

Nine of the 13 members of the Minneapolis City Council said [June 7] they supported disbanding the police department. The council's president and vice president were joined on stage at a rally ... by those in favor, KSTP-TV reported.

Together they make up a "supermajority," which is essentially veto proof, KSTP said.

"We are going to dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department and replace it with a transformative new model of public safety," City Council President Lisa Bender reiterated ... on Twitter.

The push comes in the wake of the death of George Floyd, a black Minneapolis resident who died May 25 after a now-fired police officer kept his knee on the 46-year-old's neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds. [In the weeks that followed] tens of thousands of people [protested] police brutality and racism around the world and [urged] an end to racial disparity... -gopusa.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Whether you are talking about police, plumbers or pastors, you will once in a while find a bad one. But if you have any acquaintance with police, plumbers or pastors, then you know that the one bad one does not accurately represent the rest of the group. If this defunding of the police actually takes place, the criminal element will have a free hand to loot, burn and kill. Such thinking is 100 percent insane.

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

"I believe that if there is one thing which pierces the heart of God with unutterable grief, it is not the iniquity, but the church's indifference." F. B. Meyer

"The man who once most wisely said, 'Be sure you're right and go ahead,' should have added this, 'Be sure you're wrong before you quit.'" Unknown

I Will Use My Troubles

Philippians 1:12-13, "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places."



Dr. Bob Gray

According to the Scriptures, if I love God and am called according to His purpose, then ALL things will work out for the good. All things include bad things. All things include good things. We cannot change the things, but the things will change us. The devil split the Longview Baptist Temple in March of 1981. I refused to let the devil hit me over the head with that stick. I turned around and hit him over the head with his own stick. Three decades later, 1.1 million souls had been saved!

The devil tried to use a banker to foreclose on LBT. We started the Give-It-All Offerings to stop the foreclosure. Then we took that stick and hit the devil over the head with it for 29 1/2 years. We ended up with \$15 million worth of property, \$9.3 million given to missions, and \$325,000 given to help the poor. We took that foreclosure stick out of the devil's hand and beat him over the head with his own stick!

The devil is after your children, your Sunday school class, and your bus route. He will use trouble - not to hurt you - but to hurt those who look to you! Take the trouble and turn it into a stepping-stone. Eventually everyone becomes discouraged, and sometimes later becomes sooner. Do not let it be a sneak attack. Expect it to happen!

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

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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