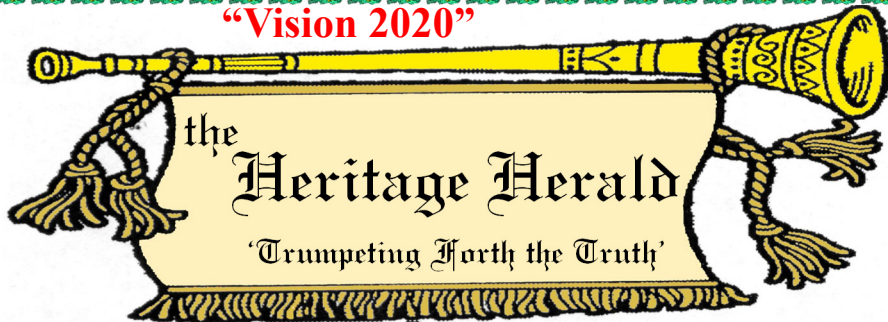


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FROM THE DESK OF:

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*Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned
Sunday"*

Make Up Your Mind

Introduction: The Bible is filled with references to the mind, and its connection to what we say and do. The way you live and what you do is according to what goes into your mind.

Proverbs 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..."

Illustration: Years ago I heard this truth that changed the way I thought about my mind. Here it is, "What you think about determines how you feel and what you do."

By the way, when the Bible speaks of the heart, it is referring to the center of the thought process, the mind, and not the muscle that pumps your blood.

Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

Let us examine a few thoughts about the mind.

FIRST: CONSIDER THE LIKE-MINDED.

PHILIPPIANS 2:2

"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

The reason our nation is in a mess today is because the churches have been in a mess for years. A great preacher said, "So goes the church, so goes the world." What I see in society today, I saw in the churches decades ago. Why is that? No like-mindedness.

The confusion is rampant today because people have made up their own minds without backing their thoughts up with scripture.

Notice: **Acts 2:1, "And when the days of Pentecost were fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."**

SECOND: CONSIDER THE DOUBLE-MINDED.

JAMES 1:8

"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

This is not just an opinion, but based upon truth. God, and true science deals in absolutes.

1. Creationism is an absolute. **Genesis 1:1**
2. The way of salvation is an absolute. **John 14:6**
3. The local New Testament church is an absolute. **Revelation 2:1, Hebrews 10:25**
4. The final authority for practicing the Christian faith is an absolute. **1 Peter 1:23**
5. Baptism by immersion is an absolute. **Matthew 3:13-16**
6. Salvation by grace, not works, is an absolute. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
7. The gender of the pastor of a church is absolute. **1 Timothy 3:1-6**

I could go on and on, but I hope you have gotten the idea.

THIRD: CONSIDER THE CLOSED-MINDED.

ACTS 7:57-59

"...And stopped their ears...and they stoned Stephen..."

I see this everywhere today. People raising their voices and screaming out wicked words and not yielding to any calm and logical reasoning.

You see this attitude in the news media every-single-day. You cannot disagree with them on their stand for supporting abortion, or their arguments for global warming. You either agree with them or they will try to destroy you any way they can.

Continued



John R. Rice

The Bible and Science

Leviticus 19:11

The Bible gives the most accurate, definite, brief statement of the use of the blood in the body, a statement which is absolutely scientific. Scientists have never been able to form a better statement. But the Bible made its scientific statement about 3,500 years ago, and science has only discovered the use of the blood in the last one hundred years!

Leviticus 17:11 says: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood,"

Leviticus 17:14 says: "For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of 110 manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof..."

And before that, ***Genesis 9:4 says: "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."***

The life is in the blood!

It is the blood that carries on all the life processes of the body.

It is the blood that absorbs the oxygen from the air in the lungs and carries it throughout the body.

It is the blood that collects the carbon dioxide and other wastes that are then discharged by the blood into the lungs, and breathed out of the body.

It is the blood that collects digested food, takes it from the little cilia in the intestines and distributes it to the various parts of the body.

It is the blood that causes growth, builds new cells, grows bone, flesh, hair and nails, and stores fat.

It is the blood that feeds and supports all the organs of the body. If the blood supply be cut off from an arm, that arm will immediately begin to die and rot. If the blood be not sufficiently supplied to the scalp, the head becomes bald.

It is blood that repairs the body. The blood can make new bone and knit the break together. The blood can close wounds and grow new flesh, new skin, and even new nerves.

It is the blood which fights disease. We now know that infectious germs are destroyed by white corpuscles in the blood and the pus from a sore is simply white corpuscles that have been killed in this battle against the enemies of the body. The life of the flesh is in the blood! All nourishment, all growth, all repair of tissues, all the fight against disease within the body is carried on by the blood.

If the body is to be immunized against certain diseases, it is the blood which must make it immune.

If disease is about to overcome the body, often the only remedy is a transfusion of blood.

Certainly the Bible is exactly scientifically accurate when it says that, ***"The life of the flesh is in the blood."***

But remember that though the Bible has said so for about 3,500 years, the scientists are just now finding it out!

For example, in 1799, George Washington died, 155 years ago. This greatest man in America, one of the greatest in world's history, had a doctor called. The doctor bled Washington three times, and the last time took more than a quart of blood! From his sickness Washington might have recovered if he had had his blood. But the doctor, the scientist of his day, had not yet discovered what the Bible had been saying for many centuries. He did not know he was draining away the life of the father of his country into a bucket, when he took the blood from Washington's veins. He foolishly thought that most illnesses were caused by too much blood. And practically all the scientists of his day were agreed with that poor doctor.

William Harvey had discovered that the arteries contained blood instead of air about 1628 and thought that the blood circulated, but had not proven it. Practically nothing was known of the life-sustaining work of the blood until modern times.

Lister, who first proved the presence of germs and introduced the antiseptic system of modern surgery, died as recently as 1912. The scientists of George Washington's day did not know that the blood, which is the life of the flesh, must destroy germs.

Scientists have learned many things in the last century, but they have never yet caught up with the Bible. The Bible is absolutely scientifically accurate.

"America has many old ruins. Many of them can be found in taverns."

Lest We Forget



"Bayonets! Forward To The Right!"

The 20th Maine had almost no ammunition left - its men had already fired nearly 20,000 rounds. There seemed no way that the Union's crucial position on Little Round Top could be saved. Faced with certain defeat, Colonel Joshua Chamberlain instinctively decided on a desperate, yet bold tactic. "Bayonet! Forward to the right!" came his command - words heard only imperfectly in the din of gunfire. But the men of the 20th Maine understood. The colors stood in front. The soldiers stood, shouted, and suddenly the entire line moved to charge at the oncoming Rebels.

The attacking Confederates, though superior in force, were completely surprised by this countercharge. Retreat was called, and "when the signal was given, [the Rebels] ran like a herd of wild cattle..." The rout was so complete that many prisoners were taken. The heroic action had saved the Union's left flank - and possibly the battle at Gettysburg.

The news media considers you to be insane to disagree with evolution, yet all true science reveals design, not chance evolution.

FOURTH: CONSIDER THE OPEN-MINDED.

ACTS 17:11

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

An open mind is a mind that is willing to hear you out, then examine all the evidence before making a decision.

The one who comes to God with an open mind is one who desires to know the truth and decides what to do with it.

By the way, the open-mind does not stop because of two opinions.

I Kings 18:21, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."

FIFTH: CONSIDER THE SINGLE-MINDED.

ACTS 2:46

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart."

It is so sad today, that the principle of singleness of heart is unacceptable to modern thinkers. Today, it's "broad-minded" people saying that single-minded people are clueless. Oh no, there can be no broadmindedness when there is a one correct choice to be made.

Matthew 7:13-14, "...broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction...and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life..."

Conclusion: The very purpose of God is to give us the mind of Christ. Notice in ***Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."*** We are all to strive to be "Christminded."

We are controlled by our mind; therefore, our mind should seek to please and be like the Lord's. His mind was a "humble mind" and an "obedient mind."

Listen!!! The problem today is the same as it has always been and that is sin. The solution is still the same and that is in placing our faith in Jesus 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)



Dr. Al Lacy

Humanism

I have heard it said that the religion of humanism began with the ancient philosopher Protagoras who invented the famous saying: Homo Neusura-Man, the Measure. Man is the Measure of all things. He is Supreme. He is All. He is the Ultimate. There is none higher.

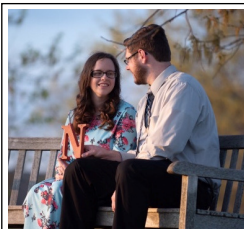
No, the irony of it all is that humanism did not begin with Protagoras. It began with the serpent in the garden who hissed, ***"... hath God said, Ye shall not eat of EVERY tree in the garden?..."*** then followed with, ***"Ye shall NOT surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and YE SHALL BE AS GODS..."*** (Gen. 3:1, 4-5).

Satan is subtly trying to counteract a word that God used when He gave the warning and the commandment to Adam. The word: freely.

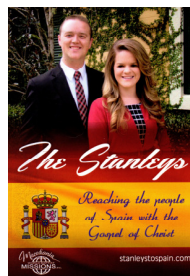
And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest FREELY eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Gen. 2:16-17)

When Satan told Eve she and Adam would become as gods if they ate of the forbidden tree, he was saying in essence, "Listen to me, Eve. God said you could FREELY eat of all the trees in the garden, then He immediately put a restriction on your freedom by denying you ONE tree. Can't you see what God is doing? He's LYING to you, Eve! He uses the word freely, then turns around and takes away your freedom. God is lying to you because He doesn't want you to become a god! He knows if you eat of the forbidden tree, YOU will become a god, and you will be FREE like He is! All you have to do is eat the fruit and YOU will be deity!"

Humanists zealously maintain that unless man is utterly and completely autonomous, he is not free. If he has any restrictions placed upon him, or has any higher power to which he is morally responsible, he is not free. Do you see where they got the idea?



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



Missionaries To Spain

***Pray for the peace
 of Jerusalem: they
 shall prosper that
 love thee.***

Our Church Ministries

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

A man 93 years old in a hospital was asked to receive Christ and be come a Christian. "No," he said, "I'm not ready yet." Not ready yet at 93! Next morning his bed was empty. He had died.

"Not ready yet," was his usual answer for many years when asked to receive Christ as Saviour. It had become a habit, then a fixed principle with him. It was all he could say.

Reader, how about you? Have you received Christ? Or do you say, "Not ready yet"?

Read God's answer to that in Second Corinthians 6:2.

He feels perchance that all is well, And every fear is calmed; He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell, Not only doomed but damned.

Oh, where is that mysterious line, That may by man be crossed, Beyond which God Himself hath sworn, That he who goes is lost?

An answer from the skies repeats, 'Ye who from God depart' Today, repent, oh hear His voice, And harden not your heart.



*Crystal
 Collingsworth*

Who Has Control?

In today's society, it has become commonplace to gripe, complain, and murmur about everything. The sad truth of the matter is that it has become such a habit with people that we don't even realize we're doing it. We complain about the weather, our food, finances, the government, each other, and the list goes on and on.

The reason that we are compelled to murmur, gripe, and complain is because we are carnal; we are allowing our flesh to have control. Just because we are saved, that does not mean that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to have control. In **Romans 7**, Paul explains the internal conflict between the flesh and the Spirit.

If the Spirit of God lives within us, because we have trusted Christ as our Saviour, yet we are consumed with murmuring, griping, and complaining, it is because we have yet to put on the mind of Christ (**Romans 7:23-25; 12:2**); we are saved, but still giving place to our flesh.

The children of Israel were guilty of this very thing. They were delivered from the bondage of slavery in Egypt; they had so many reasons to be thankful, yet spent the next 40 years wandering in the wilderness murmuring, griping, and complaining. Their ungrateful spirit resulted in a curse - none of them, except Joshua and Caleb, got to enter the Promised Land.

Obedying God's Word will result in His blessings, but disobedience to His Word will always result in a curse. When we murmur, gripe, and complain, we are disobeying His Word: **"Do all things without murmurings and disputings:" (Philippians 2:14)** The Bible goes on to tell us in verse 15 that when we refrain from murmuring and disputing, we're found blameless and our lights shine in the world. Perhaps the saddest curse that results from this disobedience is that our lights will not shine. When our lights don't shine, others may miss Heaven. Could there be a worse curse?

We live in the greatest country on Earth: we have food to eat; clothes to wear, shelter to keep us warm and safe; cars to drive; available medical help; and the list goes on and on. How could we possibly have anything to murmur, gripe, or complain about?

Perhaps our current national moral and economic situations are a result of our ingratitude, and we can only expect it to get worse if we don't learn to put **Philippians 2:14** into practice.

Once we get saved, a constant battle takes place between our flesh and the Holy Spirit. The winner is dependent upon which one we feed the most. We will never be able to put **Philippians 2:14** into practice if the Holy Spirit isn't the winner.

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart...." (Matthew 5:18) Your words reveal the condition of your heart. Constant griping and complaining reveals that your flesh is in control, just as constant praise and thanksgiving reveals the control of the Holy Spirit.

You may be saved, and I hope that you are, but who has control?



Dr. Jack
Hyles

Russian Roulette

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."--Heb. 9:27.

Russian Roulette is a game played with a pistol and one bullet. A gun is taken, pointed at the head, and the trigger is pulled, knowing not if the bullet is in that particular cylinder. You have one chance in six to die; five in six to live.

It was reported recently in a local newspaper of a young man being killed while playing such a game.

Such folly is unbelievable. Yet, there is a spiritual Russian Roulette played by many that is more dangerous, more tragic, more condemning, and more deadly than any kind of Russian Roulette played with a man-made weapon. There are three dates set in your life. You must face these dates whether you like it or not. You have to face these dates, They could take place any day. They could be today; they could be tomorrow; they could be ten years from

now. These dates are indelibly set. In God's wisdom He has set them. We know not when they will be. Yet, if any one of these happened to a lost man today, he would be eternally condemned.

I. **THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY BE ANY DAY!**

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." - Matt. 24:42.

II. **THE DAY OF DEATH!**

"... it is appointed unto men once to die..." - Hebrews 9:27

III. The last chance To Be Saved may pass you by!

"... my spirit shall not always strive with man ..." Gen 6:3

I never go to bed on Saturday night without taking the only picture of my dad that I have, looking at it and saying, "Dear Jesus, tomorrow when I preach I want to preach like Dad was in the service."

Oh, if only I had January 1, 1950, to live over again! I wouldn't let him wait until May or June or the spring or summer. I'd say, "Don't wait, Dad."

We didn't know what the date would be, but God had written it in the ages of eternity, "May 13, 1950."

*There is a time, I know not when,
A place, I know not where,
Which marks the destiny of men
To Heaven or despair.*

I beg you, my dear friends, I beg you --Jesus may come today; you may die today; you may cross the line today. I beg you, if you don't know that if you died today you would go to Heaven, receive Him now as your Saviour. Then you can say with me that you know that if you died today, you would go to Heaven.

Don't play Russian Roulette with God.

Which Are You?

A lot of people are like a wheel barrow-not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes—they have to be paddled.

Some are like kites—keep them on a string or they'll fly away.

Some are like footballs—you can't tell how they'll bounce next.

Some are like balloons—full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers—they have to be pulled.

Some are like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

From Our Church Prayer List

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

Not all educated people are intelligent.

Some men believe in dreams until they marry one.

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
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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

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

Minnesota Parents Upset Over Rainbow Flag Display

Parents in southwest Minnesota are at odds with a public middle school that is displaying a rainbow flag in its cafeteria, saying the banner for LGBTQ people doesn't represent their beliefs.

A video recording of a heated public forum [February 25] at Marshall Middle School shows parents accusing school officials of showing preferential treatment in allowing the gay pride flag but refusing their requests to include Don't Tread on Me and "straight family" flags in a cultural display.

-gopusa.com EDITOR'S COMMENTS: The brainwashing machine is running at full speed in the tax-funded schools. Sad, shameful and a crisis in our nation.

California Schools: Hormones Through Homeroom?

Even in California you have to be 18 to get a tattoo; 16 to drive a car; 21 to buy a gun, alcohol or pot. But if you want to change your gender? Well, then, you just have to be 12. And your public school will be more than happy to help.

Need an abortion? Tell your teacher. Want to refill your birth control? Go to the school clinic. Thinking about starting hormone treatments? Your parents will never find out-at least, not under the policy the California Teachers Association (CTA) is pushing....

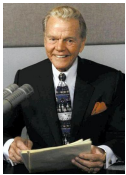
January 26, the CTA decided to go big on the LGBT agenda-adding "transgender and binary youth" to the students who can leave class for medical reasons without their parents' permission....

If you have children in public school, they're in danger. Knowing that there are deliberate efforts in school districts across the country to evade and deceive ought to drive parents everywhere to act.

-Tony Perkins, WASHINGTON UPDATE

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

No drunken sailor ever spent money as fast as a sober congressman.



IF I WERE THE DEVIL

By Paul Harvey

If I were the Devil... I mean, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would, of course, want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I would have a third of its real estate and four fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, so I should set about however necessary to take over the United States.

I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please." "Do as you please." To the young, I would whisper, "The Bible is a myth." I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is "square." In the ears of the young marrieds, I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old, I would teach to pray. I would teach them to say after me: "Our Father, which art in Washington"...

If I were the Devil, I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. And then, if I were the Devil, I'd get organized. I'd infiltrate unions and urge more loafing and less work, because idle hands usually work for me. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. And I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the Devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions...let those run wild. I would designate an atheist to front for me before the highest courts in the land, and I would get preachers to say "She's right." With flattery and promises of power, I could get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography; and thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, and then from the school house, and then from the houses of Congress, and then, in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and I would deify science because that way men would become smart enough to create super weapons, but not wise enough to control them.

If I were Satan, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas, a bottle.

If I were the Devil, I would take from those who have and I would give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

And then, my police state would force everybody back to work. Then, I could separate families, putting children in uniform, women in coal mines, and objectors in slave camps.

In other words, if I were Satan, I'd just keep on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey, Good Day.

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

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 Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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