

**“Vision 2020”**



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

## **An American Thanksgiving**

**Introduction:** “Thanksgiving.” What a wonderful word. There is so much to be thankful for in this great land called America.

We should be so thankful for our salvation, our precious Bible, our opportunities, our mate, our children, our grandchildren, our church, our nation. God is so good.

**Psalm 100:4, “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and in his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”**

Through the years, I have specifically noted strong criticism against the precious nation that we call America. What a wonderful title, an American. We have been blessed.

The history of America is like no other. Its founding, its heroes, even its wars are so unique.

Today, I see people tearing down statues and burning our flag and the simple reasoning is, they are ungrateful without even thinking of what we could be thankful for.

I love history and the more I study history is the more that I love America. Allow me to give you a few thoughts to ponder.

### **FIRST: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS—MAN OF DESTINY.**

**ISAIAH 3:1-5**

Leave his name and statues alone. Regardless of any sins and imperfections he had, if it were not for his bold and daring faith in God’s Word, we might not have become the greatest nation on the earth.

Allow me to share with you words from Christopher Columbus on the discovery of America in the only book he ever wrote. That book is entitled “Book of Prophecies” by Christopher Columbus.

*“I prayed to the most merciful Lord about my heart’s great desire, and He gave me the spirit and the intelligence for the task; seafaring, astronomy, geometry, arithmetic, skill in drafting spherical maps.*

*It was the Lord Who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) to sail from here to the Indies.*

*These are great and wonderful things for the earth, and signs are the Lord is hastening the end. The fact that the Gospel must still be preached to so many lands in such a short time—This is what convinces me.”*

Columbus actually believed that the success of his voyage was a direct confirmation that his journey was God’s designed will for his life.

### **SECOND: WILLIAM BRADFORD—GOVERNOR OF THE PLYMOUTH COLONY. PROVERBS 13:1**

By the arrangement of individual investors in England, who had underwritten the Pilgrim enterprise, the settlers ran a collective farming operation.

But, when supplies never arrived from England’s investors, the Pilgrims began to think and pray how this was all going to work.

After much prayer and debate, the Plymouth colony voted to let each family have their own farm with each family responsible for their own success or failures. The decision violated the agreement they had with their investors in England, but it proved a wonderful fact. By establishing split responsibility for your success proved to be the beginning of America’s free market system. Once they had the go ahead to make it on their own they prospered like never before.

Quote: “God, it seems, would have all men to behold and or serve...in like cases might be encouraged to depend upon God in their trials.”

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Dr. Bob Gray

### The Blame Game

It appears that the psychologists and psychiatrists have led America to believe that each of us who does anything wrong is a result of what someone else did. We are becoming a society of victims! Even fundamental Baptist preachers are leaving their pulpits and becoming professional counselors. The truth is, they received their training from the same humanistic institutions that are opposed to the Bible and old-time religion. Then they come back and tell us that we are victims.

A victim of circumstances, they say! A victim of heredity, they say! A victim of poverty, they say! No! We cause our own problems; they are not caused by someone else. It is time to understand and accept personal responsibility for our actions from birth to death.

**Romans 14:12, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."** Your father is not going to answer for your laziness. Your mother is not the reason you sin; your personality is not the problem, nor is it the reason! Laziness and lack of character cannot be attributed to anyone but the fellow you shave or the woman whose hair you fix in the morning.

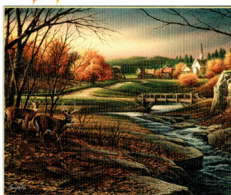
Sin seems to be nobody's fault any more. The Charismatics have found "demons" to blame! Fundamentalists are just as bad when we listen to the humanists of the religious world. "My father yelled at us, and that is why I have a hot temper!" Do not blame your father for your hot temper. The temper belongs to you, not him!

At the height of coronavirus chaos, our HR director sat the employees down and explained the elaborate procedures for visitors coming to the locked front door of our business. "Visitors must ring the bell, sign in, be interrogated about their health, and not pass the inner entryway once inside," he said. Turning to one of my colleagues, he asked, "So what do you do when the doorbell rings?" My colleague replied, "Go to the bathroom."

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## FALL IN AMERICA



### From Our Church Prayer List

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



### Heritage Highlanders November 2020 Schedule

**Saturday November 7**

**Psalms 100:4**

**Saturday November 21**

**I Thess. 5:18**

Being Thankful

Thank you cards

**Saturday November 14**

**Col. 3:15**

**Saturday November 28**

**Ps. 26:7**

Thankful Tree

Thankful Craft

**WHEN TEMPTED TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, REMEMBER THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT USUALLY USES WATER.**

### Communism is the Religion of Failures

Don't think the danger of communism in this country is past. Men and women who are failures will always try to tear you down to their level, and communism promises them the chance. They label themselves; here's who they are:

—Politicians who promote government ownership of the means of production - the never failing opening wedge of the communist state.

—Those who urge us not to "antagonize" Russia and her satellites, supporters and friends, but to "get along with them (which means giving in to them).

—The greedy who say "the state" should educate and feed them, guarantee them security without obligation.

The price of these noble-sounding ideas is loss of liberty bit by bit. And that is how communism always enters. America rewards with self-respect those who work. Communism rewards with petty power the failures who destroy. Watch for them.

### Lest We Forget

## BEN L. SALOMON



**A DENTIST DURING WORLD WAR 2 WAS TREATING A SOLDIER INSIDE A TENT. A JAPANESE SOLDIER OUTSIDE OF THE TENT STABBED ONE OF HIS PATIENTS. LT. SALOMON ORDERED HIS PATIENTS TO EVACUATE THE TENT AS HE GRABBED A RIFLE TO STALL THE ENEMY. AFTER 4 US SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BY A MACHINE GUN, HE TOOK CONTROL OF IT AND KILLED 98 JAPANESE SOLDIERS IN FRONT OF HIM BEFORE DYING. AFTER ACTION REPORTS SHOWED THE LT. HAD SUFFERED 74 BULLET AND 24 STAB WOUNDS BEFORE HEROICALLY DYING ON THE BATTLEFIELD.**

**THANKS TO HIS HEROICS, HE IS ONE OF ONLY THREE DENTAL OFFICERS TO EVER GET A MEDAL OF HONOR.**

By the way, this colony celebrated by having and declaring a day of Thanksgiving.

### THIRD: WILLIAM PENN—FATHER OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

DEUTERONOMY 28:1

William Penn, who became a Quaker, deplored prejudice and bias against others just because of their skin color or religion.

With Pennsylvania, meaning, “Penn’s Wood’s,” as his model, William Penn not only established a land of liberty. But was so advertised that people from all walks of life came to live in “Penn’s Woods.” Protestants, Catholics, Baptists, even Jews.

William Penn said, “Liberty without obedience is confusion, and obedience without liberty is slavery.”

### FOURTH: JOHN ELIOT—SOUL WINNER.

PROVERBS 11:30

“...he that winneth souls is wise.”

In early America the Bible and education went hand in hand and the majority of educators were devout Bible students. John Eliot was one such example.

The name John Eliot was associated with the writing of a book called “The Bay Psalm Book.” But also, John Eliot was known for being pastor of the Roxbury Church of Massachusetts, for fifty-seven years, but that was not his greatest work. His greatest work was as a missionary to the Algonquin Indians.

John Eliot not only learned the Algonquin language, but began to translated the Bible into their language.

The chief of the tribe received Christ as His Saviour and became a devout Christian. Hundreds of others received Christ as their Saviour. The entire tribe became known as, “The Praying Indians.”

### FIFTH: SAMUEL ADAMS—FATHER OF THE REVOLUTION.

II TIM. 3:1-4

Today all you hear about is Samuel Adams connected to beer. The rest of the story has been ignored.

Samuel Adams was not a trouble maker, nor a drunk, nor someone who ran with the wrong crowd. His life can be looked at very clearly from people who knew and observed him.

George Bancroft said of him, “...He was sincere in his profession. Evening and morning his house was a house of prayer; and no one revered the Sabbath more than Samuel Adams. He was tender as a husband, and affectionate as a father.”

Thomas Jefferson said of him, “His feet were ever in the stirrup, his lance ever in its rest.”

Benjamin Rush said of him, just before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Samuel Adams spoke to him and said, “If it were revealed to me that nine hundred Americans out of every thousand will perish in a war for liberty, I would vote for that war rather than see my country enslaved. The survivors of such a war, though few, would propagate a nation of free men.”

**Conclusion:** I want to pen so much more about America and her great heritage. May we ever give thanks to the God of Heaven Who gave us the Land of the free and the Home of the brave.

### 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

### The Bible Is The Authority

While wicked religious leaders endeavor to make THEMSELVES the only and final authority on eternal matters, God says there ARE men who have His Word. He wants those of us who have His Word to preach it FAITHFULLY, for His Word is the only and final authority. From the very beginning, God has had His Word WRITTEN DOWN and RECORDED so His Words would not be forgotten by men. The first five books of the Bible were written by Moses, and God had PRESERVED the words Moses had written down to the time that Jesus was on the earth, even though the “originals” were gone. He said to the religious leaders of Israel,

*“Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he WROTE of me. But if ye believe not his WRITINGS, how shall ye believe my words?” (John 5:45-47)*

In our King James Bible, we STILL have the words that Moses wrote as well as the words written by ALL the God-inspired prophets and apostles. The entire Bible is centered on Jesus Christ, as well as the books of Moses. God’s infallible, inspired Book is His absolute AUTHORITY about redemption ... which is His WRITTEN RECORD about His Son, the Redeemer.

*“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is GREATER: for this (Scripture) IS the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son ... And this (Scripture IS the written) record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.” (1 John 5:9, 11)*

When it comes to life, death, Heaven, Hell, eternity, redemption, and ANYTHING else having to do with God, Scripture points us to Scripture for authority on these matters.

### A PREACHER'S SON

My son of six came in one day  
He'd heard one of the neighbors say,  
"I know he's a preacher's son,  
But they tell more lies than anyone".  
His little heart is sore and hurt  
When he overhears some person blurt  
"Oh, he's a preacher's son."

My son is just like other boys.  
He has his troubles and his joys.  
And, after all is said and done,  
He'll grow up just like anyone.  
So why should he feel sudden shame  
When he hears a thoughtless soul exclaim.  
"So, he's a preacher's son?"

Now our boy is being raised  
Right in a home where God is praised,  
And it seems to me a preacher's son  
Would have more chance than anyone

To make his dad and mother proud  
That with this boy they were endowed,  
"This little preacher's son".

I could name you many a lad  
Who has erred and "gone bad".  
I could name them one by one  
And there'd scarcely be a preacher's  
son.  
And if you'd count I think you'd see  
That above the average would be  
"The slandered preacher's son".

Though he's just a little boy  
He's his mother's pride and joy;  
And for something he has done,  
For some glory he has won,  
I expect to hear someday,  
In great surprise, somebody say,  
"Why, he's a preacher's son!"

*THE PERSON WHO  
NAMED THE SEA  
OF TRANQUILITY  
ON THE MOON  
HAD TO BE A  
REALTOR.  
WHEN A JOB  
APPLICATION ASKS  
WHO IS TO BE  
NOTIFIED IN CASE OF  
EMERGENCY, I  
ALWAYS WRITE, "A  
VERY GOOD DOCTOR."  
PROGRESS IS MADE BY  
LAZY PEOPLE LOOKING  
FOR AN EASIER WAY TO  
DO THINGS.*

### What's Wrong With Being Old-Fashioned?

In the America of yesterday you paid your debts as soon as possible, and went without things, to do it. You disciplined your children but disciplined yourself, first. You spent less than you earned, and demanded your government do the same. You went to church, your children to Sunday School, you held daily prayers—and no court would have dared to interpose any law into your private religion. You would have been horrified at (and quick to change) men in high places who made "deals." You expected to prosper by in dividual initiative-by doing a better and better job. You obeyed the law-but took active enough part in government to see that the laws were just. You "walked softly but carried a big stick." And that was the character which brought this country victory in two world wars in your lifetime, built it back from a shattering depression, and fed and saved the civilized world. If all this is "old hat," so be it. It needs resurrection.



### In EVERY Thing Give Thanks

***"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)***

The above verse is an imperative sentence, meaning that it is a command. We're commanded to give thanks in EVERY thing, but that is no small task.

I don't know about you, but when I stub my toe, my first thought is not to give thanks.

When unexpected bills come, when the house is a mess, when I lose a loved one, my first thoughts are not to give thanks.

Giving thanks is not just a command though, according to the verse, it is the will of God for our lives. As a Christian, my greatest desire is to be in God's will, and for Him to be pleased with me, to arrive in Heaven and hear Him say, ***"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."***

It may be a hard pill to swallow, but if I don't give thanks in EVERY thing, I'm not fulfilling God's will, and therefore, will not be found faithful.

Being thankful is not telling God that you appreciate the fact that your life is not in shambles, though if that is true, it's definitely worth thanking Him for. Being thankful is praising Him for whatever He sends our way, good, bad, or other. Far too often though, we're only found thankful for the good things in our lives, and only when things are going good in our lives.

If we're not careful, we'll become attached to the things in our lives. Whenever we get too attached to the things, we become distant from the God Who gave us those things. When we're distant from God, it's highly unlikely that we'll be thankful.

Our true character, our true love, our true gratitude is revealed when the things are removed. Every day we face the possibility that a thing or many things in our lives may be taken away.

Let me ask you, if you were to lose all the things you hold dear, would you still thank God? Job did. Though all of Job's riches, his children, and even his health were taken from him, Job still gave thanks, ***"...the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21)***

Job's gratitude paid off. In the end, God gave Job twice as much as he had in the beginning. What an awesome God we serve: when we do what He commands, He blesses us for it.

Like a parent who rewards a child who doesn't complain about the chores she's given, or is thankful for the food her mom makes even if she doesn't like it; God is also a rewarder of those who are thankful even for the not so good things that come their way.

Though it's rarely easy, will you be found faithful, and in EVERY thing give thanks?





Dr. Greg  
Neal

## America Has An Identity Crisis

*Psalms 33:12* says, “**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.**” America was founded on Christian principles. America was founded on the Word of God. God’s hand was on our nation. That is why we exist today. Something has happened in recent days. We have undergone an identity change. The U.S. currency that we have in our pockets or wallets says, “In God We Trust,” but that is not what this nation practices. We have taken ourselves out from under the authority of Almighty God. It would be better suited for our nation to say, “One nation under whatever god you want to serve.” Yes, we have undergone an obvious identity change.

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.”

## Twenty Sixth Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot Saturday, October 17th, 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM

### Overall 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

2020 Winner  
Sons' Division

Nathan Collingsworth

Top Guns  
2020

2020 Winner  
Fathers' Division  
Larry Oswald



## Virologist Who Fleed China Says They're Lying About COVID—And She Has Evidence to Prove It

A Chinese virologist who escaped to the United States earlier this year claims the coronavirus is manmade --and she says she has the evidence to prove it.

Dr. Li-Meng Yan, who was formerly based in Hong Kong, explained... that she was one of the first Chinese scientists to conduct research on the novel virus. She claimed the Chinese government, which is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, is lying to the world about the origins of COVID-19.

...Yan...said the virus actually came from the infamous Wuhan bio lab.

“It comes from the lab-the lab in Wuhan-and the lab is controlled by China’s government,” Yan said...

Yan told FOX News earlier this year that she fled to the United States in April because she was silenced by her supervisors at the Hong Kong School of Public Health. Yan said she wants to “deliver the message of the truth of COVID.”...

Yan told FOX News that on January 16 her supervisor warned her to “keep silent and be careful.”

“As he warned me before, ‘Don’t touch the red line,’“ Yan explained. “We will get in trouble and we’ll be disappeared.”

Chris Enloe, [theblaze.com](http://theblaze.com)

During basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, I was sent to the firing range to qualify as a marksman. After taking a few shots, I asked my sergeant how I'd done.

“Son,” he told me, “you better learn to use a bayonet real good.” **EDMOND KRYSZ Wood-Ridge, NJ**



Pastor Jerry  
Ross

## Young Men Should Master The Three Vital Masculine Skills

*1 John 2:13-14, “I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.”*

The Apostle John writes to congratulate the young men for their success in mastering three vital masculine skills.

1. Overcoming Satanic attacks.
2. Developing spiritual strength.
3. Internalizing scriptural truth.

These three areas of Christian growth are interrelated and are a necessary part of Biblical masculinity. Boys succumb to Satanic attacks, men overcome them. Boys are spiritually weak, men are spiritually strong. Boys resist scriptural truth, men internalize scriptural truth.

The development of Biblical masculinity must include the development of these three masculine skills.

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

## Rewriting and Reworking American History

*Dr. Ron Baity President, Return America, Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

Just about the time you think things cannot get worse, something else develops that must come from mentally deranged people. The mayor of Washington, D.C., Muriel Bowser, and her anti-American cohorts are recommending the federal government "remove, relocate or contextualize" statues and historical monuments in Washington, D.C.

The historical figures named on her perverted list include former Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson and Woodrow Wilson. The list also includes Founding Fathers Benjamin Franklin and George Mason, inventor Alexander Graham Bell and composer of the national anthem, Francis Scott Key.

To expand on the above-mentioned list, Bowser includes historical shrines such as the Columbus Fountain, Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has already removed several historical paintings and statues from the Capitol.

These symbols belong to some of the greatest leaders in the history of the world. They put America on a course of action that has become the envy of the world. However, (today liberals) are seeking to erase our great history. Contrary to their empty words of so-called patriotism, they are Anti-American both in words and actions. They are fulfilling the words, actions, boasts and dreams of every American hating rebel who ever sought the demise of this great nation. America would be helped if they left her on the next flight out.

We encourage you to contact your representatives and senators in Washington and urge them to reject Mayor Bowser's suggestion that the federal government "remove, relocate, or contextualize" our historical monuments and statues in Washington, D.C.

The mindset of Mayor Bowser [will] be accepted by some of our elected officials in Washington. We must not suppose these actions will never materialize. We must stand up and let our voices be heard immediately.

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



**"OH, STOP IT! YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT BEFORE EVERY BATTLE THE ENEMY SHOUTS THINGS THAT WE MAY ALL FIND OFFENSIVE."**

**MY DAD, A PASTOR, WAS ATTENDING A NATIONAL CONVENTION WHEN A WOMAN POINTED TO AN EMPTY SEAT AND ASKED, "IS THIS SEAT SAVED?" DAD REPLIED, "NO, BUT WE'RE PRAYING FOR IT."**



**"GOT ANY MORE? I'M CARB LOADING BEFORE I FLY SOUTH."**

## Are You Ready?



*John R. Rice*

Quickly! Quickly! QUICKLY! Jesus is coming quickly! He may come at any moment; it seems certain that He will come soon. Brother, are you ready?

I beg every Christian to lay aside the cares and covetous ness and pleasure of this world that would prevent you from being happy if Jesus should come today. Here we must return to the words of the Saviour in **Luke 21:34-36.**

**"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be over charged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."**

Notice these commands, **"Take heed to yourselves."** "Your heart will be overcharged with eating and drinking, and the cares of this life, and so that day will come upon you unawares," the Saviour said, "if you do not beware." **"Watch ye therefore, and pray always"** is the next command of Jesus. Christians are to take heed about their lives. They are to watch hopefully, expectantly for the Saviour's coming, and they are to pray often for His coming. Jesus gave it in the model prayer, **"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."** That prayer asks for the return of Jesus and for His kingdom and all the related events. And John, the beloved disciple, was allowed to use the impassioned and Spirit-directed prayer of his heart when he cried out, **"Even so, come, Lord Jesus"** (Rev. 22:20). So, Christians, take heed, watch and pray. Do not lose your testimony. Do not be too busy about making money. Do not get too absorbed in pleasure. Do not eat too much or drink too much. God will destroy both the belly and the meats, Paul says. Rather, look for Jesus and live a pure life and win souls so you will not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

# 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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