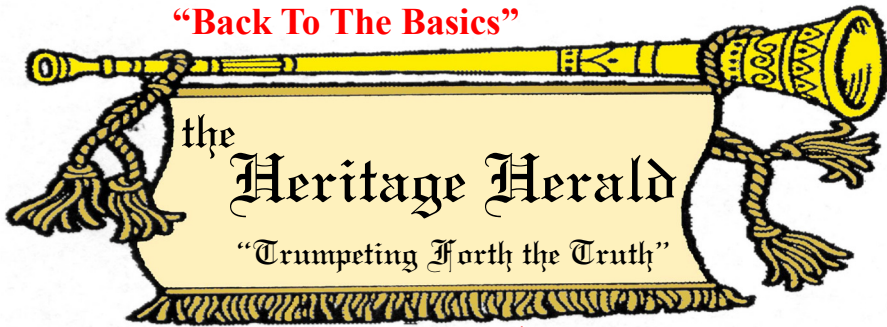


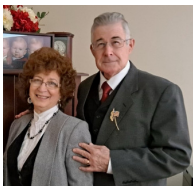
## “Back To The Basics”



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## A Heart For God



**Introduction:** The Bible says in *1 John 4:19*, “We love him because he first loved us.” That means the reason we can develop a love for God is because God has already revealed His love to us.

Notice: *Romans 5:8*, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

God revealed His love for us by giving His Son to pay the price for our sins and to be our Saviour.

By placing your faith in Christ, you can have a personal relationship with Christ. Not only that, but you are also able to live the life that a Christian is to live because now you can conquer sin that comes into your life.

The question is, How does a person develop a heart for God?

### FIRST: READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE.

ACTS 17:11

“...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily...”

Daily is the key. If you want to have a heart for God, then get into the Scriptures.

I have never known a great Christian in my life that was not a diligent student of the Word of God.

### SECOND: REMAIN STABLE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. REV. 2:4

“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love.”

The church at Ephesus lost that sweet, innocent first love they had known in their relationship with Christ. That is because they allowed themselves to slowly drift away and their love began to be cold.

Never allow yourself to drift away from the position of sweet love and fellowship with the Saviour.

*Illustration:* The psalmist David allowed himself to drift from God. In *Psalms 51:12*, “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.” Why? His drifting cost him his joy.

### THIRD: BE RESPONSIBLE TO YOUR POSITION.

ACTS 11:26

“...and the disciples were called Christians...”

What a tremendous responsibility for a person to carry the title of Christian.

A Christian represents the one who bears the name, “Christ.”

*II Corinthians 5:20*, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...”

An ambassador’s chief function is to advance and promote the interest of the country he or she represents. If this be true, and it is, then a Christian is to advance and promote the country he represents. That place is Heaven, and the King is Jesus.

### FOURTH: RESIST THE INFLUENCE OF EVIL.

I PETER 5:8

“...the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

In Botswana they paint phony eyeballs on the rear of the cattle. Why? Because lions are everywhere, and cattle are their number one target. Lions attack from behind very quickly but seldom attack an animal that is aware of them and is looking at them.

The woodcutters in Botswana have eyeballs painted on the backs of their shirts for the same reason. The point is that you can be alert to the wrong influences. Many times, bad will avoid the one that

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Dr. Jack Hyles

### Lets Go Soul Winning

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations [Mark's version says, "...preach the gospel to every creature"], baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" —Matt. 28:19,20.*

Notice the simplicity of the Great Commission. I'm satisfied that this is not all it teaches, but this is the basic teaching, as I see it, of the Great Commission. There are several verbs in this verse. The first is "go." We are to go. That means to go where they are. It doesn't mean to put up a shingle in your office and say, "If anyone wants to get saved, inquire within." It means you are to look them up and track them down. You are to go where they are. The next verb is "baptize."

And then, *"...Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."*

Notice there are four basic verbs: (1) Go. (2) Preach (or teach, get them saved). (3) Baptize. (4) Teach them again. You teach them something after you get them saved and baptized. What do you teach them? To *"...observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."* It did not say to teach "whatsoever I have written you." But teach them, *"whatsoever I have commanded you."*

Now what did He command us to do? Go, preach, baptize, then teach them what He commanded us to do. So, we teach them to go and preach and baptize, that they may teach their converts to go, preach and baptize, that they may teach their converts to go and preach and baptize. If I understand the Great Commission properly, the first thing to teach somebody you win to Christ is how to win somebody else to Christ.

**Spring Program—2023**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Food**



**Treasure Hunt**



**Wow!**  
**Games**



**Fun**

**HORSES**



**Hayrides**

*AN ARCHITECT WAS HAVING A TOUGH TIME WITH A HOME BUILDER. "CAN'T YOU GIVE ME SOME IDEA OF THE HOUSE YOU WANT?" "WELL," THE CLIENT RESPONDED, "ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT HAS TO GO WITH AN ANTIQUE DOORKNOB MY WIFE BOUGHT IN VERMONT."*

*YOU DON'T GET SMARTER WHEN YOU BECOME OLDER. THERE JUST AREN'T AS MANY STUPID THINGS LEFT YOU HAVEN'T DONE.*



Dr. Greg Neal

### Protecting Your Feet

*Ephesians 6:15*

Many Christians lose battles with Satan because they do not protect their feet. It is our nature to give less attention to the things that do not seem as important. The "big" things get our focus, whereas the "little" things are often ignored. The reality is the seemingly unimportant things become crucial when they side line us in battle. There are essential elements given regarding the feet in our spiritual armor. We need to consider these carefully.

The Christian's feet are to be shod. The word shod is the same one used to describe the process of putting shoes on a horse. These horseshoes are carefully crafted and fitted to the horse's hoof. The purpose is to protect the hoof as well as to give the horse better footing. To be shod is a purposed act. It indicates shoes being worn as equipment rather than for visual appeal. When our feet are shod properly, we have both protection as well as mobility.

In Bible times, soldiers wore leather sandals made of thick pieces of leather carefully fitted to the soldier's feet. The thick leather soles protected them when they were walking on treacherous terrain. Often, the bottoms of these leather sandals had spikes which would provide firm footing and prevent the soldier from slipping. Proper footwear allowed a soldier to be better able to protect himself as well as to advance against the enemy.

The Christian is to be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. The word preparation is important in understanding this piece of armor. Webster's 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language defines preparation as, "The act or operation of preparing or fitting for a particular purpose, use, service or condition; as the preparation of land for a crop of wheat; the preparation of troops for a campaign; the preparation of a nation for war; the preparation of men for future happiness. Preparation is intended to prevent evil or secure good."

sees it for what it is.

**FIFTH: RESOLVE TO STAY PURE.**

**DANIEL 1:8**

*“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself...”*

When we make the wrong choices in life, we wind up only with remorse and regret.

*Illustration:* I was reading the story of the Apple computer company. It was founded by three men. At its foundation were Steve Jobs 20 years old, Steve Wozniak 25 years old, and Ronald Wayne was 41 years old. When Apple celebrated its 40th anniversary the story came out about Ronald Wayne. Just two weeks after these three men founded Apple, Ronald Wayne wanted out. He sold his share for 800 dollars. Had he kept his investment in Apple for 40 years, he would have had a profit of 70 billion dollars.

**SIXTH: REACH THE LOST.**

**LUKE 19:10**

*“For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

If you truly desire to develop a love for Christ, then do that which God directs to be done. Take time to share the Gospel with the lost. Become a soul winner for Christ.

**Conclusion:** Dear Reader, know what you believe and why you believe it. I believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

1. Muslims say, “God has no son.” Written on the Dome of the Rock at the Temple Mount.
2. The Jehovah Witnesses say, “Jesus is Michael the Archangel’s brother.
3. The Mormons say that Jesus is the brother of Lucifer.

*Matthew 16:16, “And Simon Peter...said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

**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 February 2023 Schedule**



**Saturday February 4**

Soulwinning

**Saturday February 11**

Lesson on Love

**Romans 3:23**

**Ephesians 2:4**

**Saturday February 18**

Presidents’ Day

**Saturday February 25**

Having the Right Spirit

**Genesis 27:8**

**Proverbs 15:13**

***MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WARNED PEOPLE THAT THE TITANIC WAS GOING TO SINK RIGHT FROM THE START, BUT PEOPLE REFUSED TO LISTEN. ALL IT GOT HIM WAS KICKED OUT OF THE THEATER.***

**That Mean Old Man**

*1 Timothy 5:17-20*



*Dr. Bob Gray*

The most important position in America is pastor of a local New Testament Baptist church. I believe that this God-ordained position is pivotal to the morality of the family units that not only form the structure of a nation, but also affect the moral compass of that nation. If the pulpit slips, so will the morals of a country slip. Because of this, the interaction between people and pastor is essential to the well-being of a nation. The faithful pastor who preaches the Word of God uncompromisingly will inevitably face opposition. No real man of God can go through this world without being scolded or scathed by those who oppose the absolutes of the Bible.

Every church has within its membership three groups of people. One group is known as the right-wingers or the conservatives. Another group is built on the moderates. The last group is composed of liberals; not liberal in doctrine necessarily, but liberal in every other aspect of their lives. Liberals are easily spotted, for they generally cater to the whims of their own children and are usually found being overly friendly to those who oppose the man of God. They seem to believe that God has sent them to balance out that “mean old man of God” who preaches every Sunday.

Everything is always relative to the liberal; there are no absolutes in his mindset. This leaves the door open for him to change his mind and his own lifestyle without facing condemnation.

Eventually the liberals follow the lead of their children and leave their pastor for another pastor. They say such things as, “We had to leave because our pastor would not let us be the parents.” What they are really saying is that the children did not like the rules, and the parents could not get the preacher to change the standards to accommodate their children.

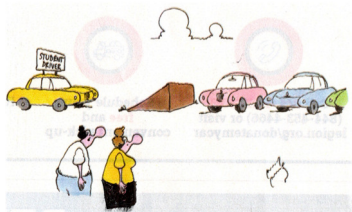
# Something to "CROW" about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 32 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 32 years—including the last two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 9th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## Our Church Ministries

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



*"HE'S GOING FOR HIS MASTER'S."*

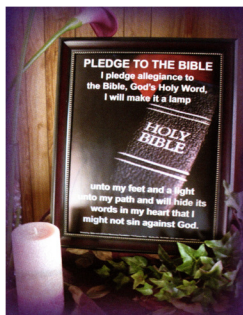
*A BOY CAME HOME WITH TWO BLACK EYES. "FIGHTING AGAIN?" SAID HIS MOTHER. "I'VE TOLD YOU WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY TO COUNT TO 100 BEFORE YOU RESPOND." "I DID, BUT THE OTHER BOY'S MOTHER TOLD HIM TO COUNT TO 50."*

*WHEN VISITING A FRIEND IN MINNESOTA, WE DECIDED TO GO BOWLING, BUT A STORM DUMPED A FOOT OF SNOW. FEARING THE BOWLING ALLEY HAD CLOSED, I DECIDED TO CALL. THE MAN REPLIED, "OF COURSE, WE'RE OPEN. I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE FROM, BUT HERE IN MINNESOTA WE BOWL INDOORS."*



*"UH, SORRY. NOT 'EAT YOU.' MY FRIEND MEANT TO SAY, 'COME DOWN SO WE CAN TAKE SELFIES WITH YOU.'"*

**Heart Sunday**  
**February 12th, 2023**  
**Prepare for Open Heart Surgery**



## One of Our Sweethearts

Cassidy Brooke Kline will be following in Holy Matrimony on Friday, June 16th at 3:00 PM.



## **“No Man Stood With Me”**



Paul writes, *“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world” (II Tim. 4:10)*. He continues:

*“Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.” —II Tim. 4:14-16.*

Alexander the coppersmith stood right up in public and opposed Paul’s teaching and preaching. And not a single person stood up to defend Paul or take his part! “All men forsook me,” said the aged apostle, almost ready to go to Heaven. It was bad enough for the Roman government to chop off Paul’s head, but even while the paeon of praise, the triumphal shout was on his lips, **“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand,”** he had to add that Demas had forsaken him, Alexander the coppersmith opposed him publicly, all his friends forsook him—nobody stood by him in the church!

As men backslide and lose their first love for Christ, they turn against evangelism and evangelists. As preachers lose their early zeal and get settled down to well-paid jobs in the church or on the Bible conference platform, they often turn against evangelism and evangelists. If a preacher is not willing to preach plainly and sharply against sin among the church members, if he is not willing to pay the price for the power of the Holy Spirit upon his preaching, is not willing to cut and burn and challenge and stir to revival, then you may be sure he will not stand up for evangelists and evangelism. He will not be willing to take upon him the reproach of Christ.

John R. Rice

## **Lest We Forget**



### **Rodger Young**

To earn extra money, Rodger and his brother Joined the National Guard. Then a year later, World War II broke out. The two brothers got orders to join the regular army. The training was tough but Rodger liked being back on a team again. He ate it up. By the time he sailed off to join the action in the Pacific, Rodger had been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was in charge of a rifle squad. Even with bad eyes and poor hearing, his high spirits and hard work made him a leader. His men respected him and knew they

could count on him.

The time for combat had come. Fighting in the South Pacific, the American Army and Navy were taking territory from the Japanese an inch at a time. In the summer of 1943 Rodger Young’s unit arrived on the island of New Georgia. The Americans were trying to capture an enemy airfield on the southwestern tip of the island. Capturing the airfield was very important. But it also was very hard. The American soldiers had to fight their way through thick jungles. It rained nearly every day. There were deep-running streams and dangerous swamps. The heat and mosquitoes were terrible. The enemy soldiers were far worse.

The Japanese had built careful defenses around the airfield, hiding guns in trenches five feet deep. They piled logs in front of the trenches and hid them with palm branches. Snipers and night raiders attacked the Americans again and again. The attack slowed to a halt. Then, on July 31, 1943, the Americans made a wide sweep through the jungle and came up behind the Japanese lines. They were only a thousand yards from the airfield when the Japanese attacked and cut them off. The men in Private Rodger Young’s squad tried to get back to their own lines, but bullets rained down on them from a well-placed Japanese machine gun.

Rodger Young and his men were trapped. One by one, the enemy fire was cutting them down. The worst part was that the Americans could not even see where the machine gun nest was. Something had to be done or the whole squad would be wiped out. Lying on his belly in the mud, Rodger Young squinted through his glasses, trying to see through the thick jungle. Suddenly, just seventy-five yards a way, he spotted a spurt of orange flame. The machine gun was firing right at him! A crushing blow thumped into his shoulder.

Shoulder throbbing, he wormed his way through the mud. Every ten feet or so, he fired off a few shots and then kept on creeping closer. The rest of the squad, realizing what he was trying to do, kept up a hail of fire at the enemy gun, trying to cover Young’s one-man attack.

Rodger Young had pulled himself to within fifteen yards of the enemy when they spotted him. Aiming the machine gun at him, the Japanese let fly a hail of bullets. Young shook as the hot rounds ripped into him.

There was no crowd to gasp as his third grenade soared toward the enemy. Not a problem. Rodger was dribbling blood fast now. Winning the airfield would have to be passed to his teammates.

The sounds and the sunlight dimmed as Rodger sank into a gray and untroubled sleep. The machine-gun nest was destroyed by the grenades the badly wounded private from Ohio had thrown. The trap had been sprung. Rodger Young’s squad escaped and, thanks to him, lived to fight on. But Rodger Young was dead.

Shortly after, the airfield was captured. Within a few days American airplanes were landing and taking off there, pushing the war ever closer toward Japan. The Americans knew that victory would come one day.

He was a short guy with glasses who didn’t hear very well...but his bravery earned him America’s highest military honor. Back in Ohio, on January 17, 1944, the parents of Rodger Young were presented with his Medal of Honor, given to them in his memory.

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

## Federal Court Blocks Biden Administration From Forcing Christian Doctors to Perform Transsexual Mutilation Surgeries

A federal court has dealt a significant blow to the Biden administration's leftist medical agenda, sparing Christian doctors and religious hospitals from being forced to perform sex change mutilations and abortions in violation of their conscience and better judgment.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit agreed with a district court's opinion that the Obamacare mandate requiring facilitation of sex changes posed "irreparable harm" to the plaintiffs' "exercise of religion."

The court ultimately found the transsexual mandate unlawful.

*theblaze.com*

## Public Libraries Host Drag Queens, Deny Faith and Family Program

In libraries across the United States, toddlers are frequently invited to sit and listen to men dressed as women advance LGBT propaganda. Kids can show up at their local library to learn how to become drag queens.

...Actor Kirk Cameron has discovered that where public libraries across the nation are concerned, it is impermissible to alternatively share a children's book that celebrates faith, family, normalcy and biblical wisdom....

Cameron told Fox News Digital that at least 50 taxpayer-funded libraries have either denied or ignored his requests to host a story-hour program for parents and kids. These same libraries have, however, hosted drag queen story hours and ideologically charged all-ages LGBT events...

A library worker from the Rochambeau Public Library in Providence, Rhode Island, told Cameron and his publisher, "We are a very queer-friendly library. Our messaging does not align..."

Rochambeau Public Library hosts "Queer Umbrella" where kids "can learn, discuss and connect over queer history, art, community resources and more!"

—Joseph MacKinnon, *theblaze.com*

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS:** After public pressure, the library in Rochambeau gave in and allowed Cameron in.

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

**SENDING YOUR KIDS TO SUMMER CAMP TEACHES THEM IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS, LIKE "YOU CAN DEAL WITH YOUR PROBLEMS BY SENDING THEM TO SUMMER CAMP."**

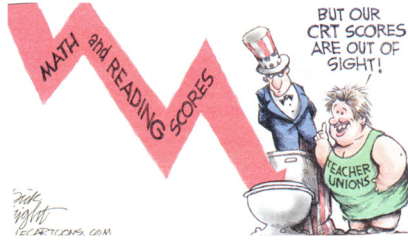
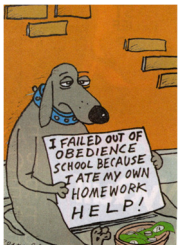


## Boys Who Became Legends

*Bibi and Yoni Netanyahu*

From their earliest days, Bibi and his close-knit brothers, Yoni and Iddo, were instilled with purpose. Born in the wake of the Holocaust at the dawn of Israel's independence and raised in a family with a prominent Zionist history, they understood that the Jewish state was a hard-won and still precarious gift. All three studied in American high schools—where they learned to appreciate the United States—before returning to their cherished homeland.

The brothers joined an elite special forces outfit of the Israeli Defense Forces known as "the Unit." At twenty-two, Bibi was wounded while leading his team in the rescue of hostages from a hijacked plane. Four years later, in 1976, Yoni was killed in Entebbe, Uganda, while commanding one of the most daring hostage-rescue missions in modern times. Yoni became a legend; Bibi felt he would never recover from his grief. Yet, inspired by Yoni's legacy and guided by the wisdom of his visionary historian father, Bibi thrust himself into the international struggle against terrorism, ultimately becoming the longest-serving prime minister in Israel's history.



# Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**  
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

**I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11**

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

**Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

## Baptist Beliefs

**B**iblical Authority

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

**T**wo officers - Pastors and Deacons

**S**eparation of Church and State

## Baptist Heritage

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

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