

"Together We Strive In 2025"



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Pastor & Mrs. C

Dangerous Influence

INTRODUCTION: In the Bible we see the wholesome effects of good music: *1 Samuel 16:14-16*. Notice the three results of David's harp:

1. Saul was refreshed.
2. Saul was made well.
3. The evil spirit left Saul.

Music is a tool to inspire and motivate—a tool to sway folks to do something; to go some way with their conduct. Now, the tool of rock—the dominant part of the sound is the rhythm and the heavy emphasis is on the beat. That is what

distinguishes rock music from every other type of music. To be sure—this beat or rhythm in rock music is not a new concept. Rhythm is an essential aspect of music because man is a rhythmic being which is even evident in our physiological processes such as our respiration, heart beat, speech and manner of walking.

FIRST: ROCK MUSIC IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH REBELLION!

NUMBERS 14:9

Now notice:

1. Most if not all its performers are rebels from society and morality. *Joshua 22:19*.
2. Many of the songs teach and encourage rebellion against parents, laws, authority, and what is good and right. *Eph. 6:1*.
3. Kids who start listening to rock music start rebelling against authority immediately. *Psalms 107:11*.
4. The rock music crowd rebels against the light. *John 3:19-21*.
5. The rock music crowd rebels against right. *Isaiah 30:1*.
6. The rock music crowd is a crowd of stubbornness. *Deuteronomy 31:27*.
7. The rock music crowd is a crowd the child of God better stay away from! *1 Samuel 15:23*.

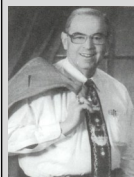
SECOND: ROCK MUSIC IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH SEX!

EXODUS 20:14

1 Corinthians 6:18. The Bible tells us not to commit adultery or fornication. originator of rock and roll is easily seen to be "Lucifer", the covering cherub who was also an angel of music...in that God's Word specifically states in *Ezekiel 28:13*, "*The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day thou was created.*" Sex is seen over and over again, in the lyrics and in the lives of the rock music performers. All one has to do is go to the places where rock and roll developed. ..Africa, South America and India... and observe the ceremonies which often go along with this kind of music—voodoo rituals, sex orgies, human sacrifice and devil worship—to know the direction in which we as a nation are headed.

The disciples of chaos and disorder could not have found a more perfect vehicle to promote and instill their ideas and philosophies in a generation of young people. The two countries where rock and roll had their greatest impact and were most popular are the United States and England. The U.S. and England have had the highest delinquency rates, juvenile crime rates, illegitimate birth rate and suicide rate of any countries in the world. Let me go a step further and mention that "rap music", which does not even try to mask its sexual connotations. It is blatant in its demeaning of women and graphic degenerate profanities. When God condemned the works of the flesh, the very first two He listed and then condemned were adultery and fornication. *Galatians 1:3-4; 5:19*.

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Dr. Jack
Hyles

Let's 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." - Matthew 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 one 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 anybody 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 second verb is "teach" (Mark says, "preach"). Actually it means to win them. Go out and tell them how to be saved. The first thing you do is to go; then get them saved.

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."***

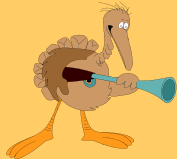
Now what did He command us to do? Go, preach, baptize, then teach them what He commanded us to do. So, we teach them to go and preach and baptize, that they may teach their converts to go, preach and baptize, that they may teach converts to go and preach and baptize. If I understand the Great Commission properly, the first thing to teach somebody you win to Christ is how to win somebody else to Christ. Don't you think so? It says 'to teach them to do what I have told you to do, what I have commanded you to do.'



"OH, THIS THING? IT KEEPS ME FROM CHECKING MY PHONE EVERY FIVE MINUTES."

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT...

- ***THE COWBOY DRESSED IN A PAPER SHIRT, PAPER JEANS, PAPER JACKET, AND PAPER HAT? HE WAS ARRESTED FOR RUSTLING.***
- ***THE TWO GEOLOGISTS LOOKING AT A FISSURE IN A ROCK? ONE SAYS TO THE OTHER, "NOT MY FAULT."***
- ***THE GAL WHO WENT TO DINNER WITH A CHESS CHAMP? IT TOOK HIM TWENTY MINUTES TO PASS THE SALT.***
- ***THE GUY WHO SWALLOWED A SPOON? AFTERWARDS, HE TRIED HARD NOT TO STIR.***
- ***THE BALD GUY WHO RECEIVED A COMB FOR HIS BIRTHDAY? HE PROMISED HE'D NEVER PART WITH IT.***
- ***THE INVENTION THAT LETS YOU SEE THROUGH WALLS? IT'S CALLED A WINDOW.***
- ***THE TRAINEE PILOT WHO FLEW THROUGH A RAINBOW? PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS!***



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Heritage Baptist Church Annual Father & Son
Turkey Shoot and Chili Cook-Off
 Saturday, November 1st, 2025
 From 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



The Whole Armour Ephesians 6:10



Dr. Greg
Neal

It must be the whole armour. As an adult, I enjoy wearing a suit and tie most of the time. There were times, though, as a child when I was not excited to wear a suit. I would put on the dress shirt and the suit pants, but I would not put on the tie and jacket. My parents would tell me to put on the whole suit. That meant that I was to put on the right shoes, the right pants, the right belt, the right shirt, the right tie, and the right jacket. It was the whole suit.

The same is true with the armour of God. We are not to put on what we think we need at the moment. We are to put on the whole armour. Each piece of that armour is essential and works in conjunction with the others. Many Christians are partially dressed. They have put on some parts of the armour while neglecting to put on other parts. Some are defeated because they have failed to put on one or more pieces of the armour necessary for battle.

It must be the whole armour of God that we put on. It must be God's armour. The reason some Christians are vulnerable is that they are replacing individual pieces of armour with inferior things. Some of these are not necessarily bad in and of themselves; however, they are not sufficient as the armour we need for warfare. It must be God's armour, not man's.

THIRD: ROCK MUSIC IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH DRUGS!**I CORINTHIANS 3:16-17.**

Drugs destroy, drugs kill, drugs hurt and rob others. Drugs in the final analysis are no good at all for society. But drugs are an integral part of rock and roll music.

Let us go back to the 60's and let me relate for you how songs promoted drugs:

1. Magic Carpet Ride—Steppenwolf—depicting heavy drugs.
2. Eight Mile High—The Byrds—depicting LSD, and other stimulus drugs.
3. White Rabbit—Jefferson Airplane—depicting LSD, cocaine, and other hallucination drugs.

That was the Sixties—can you imagine what is going on out there now!

FOURTH: ROCK MUSIC IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE OCCULT!**ROMANS 6:13-14.**

Two things:

1. Look at the occult in the lyrics and the symbols on the record jackets. The Blue Oyster Cult albums include: Heaven and Hell, Sabbath Bloody Sabbath, We Sold Our Soul For Rock And Roll and Fire Of Unknown Origin.
2. Look at the occult in the lives of the performers. David Bowie...famed rock musician, is quoted as saying: "Rock music has always been the devil's music... you can't convince me that it is not."

FIFTH: ROCK MUSIC IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH SUICIDE!

Time and again authorities have found rock music songs on the scene of a suicide that pushed getting a high by taking your own life. Illustration: I know a young teenage girl who was listening to the AC/DC album "Highway to Hell" just before she took her own life.

SIXTH: ROCK MUSIC IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH HOMOSEXUALITY!**II PETER 2:6-8.**

Now notice:

1. They promote it in their songs!
2. They practice it in their lives!
3. They lose many of the ranks to dying of AIDS because of it!

SEVENTH: ROCK MUSIC IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH DECEPTION!**II COR. 2:11**

The Beatles in the late 60's said, "Our music is capable of causing emotional instability... disorganized behavior, rebellion and even revolution."

Conclusion: How could anyone study the effects of Rock & Roll and still be for it? Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ? Are you saved?

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)

The Soul Winner's Spirit

Dr. Bob Gray

It is safe to say that the spirit of man has much to do with the Holy Spirit of God empowering a person to do more for God in spreading the Gospel to the world.

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. (Acts 17:16)

And when Silas and Timothy were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. (Acts 18:5)

After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit... (Acts 19:21)

If the Apostle Paul's "spirit" helped him to be a great personal soul winner, then it makes sense that there is a secret to the power of the Holy Spirit. It appears to be found in the submission of a man's spirit to the Holy Spirit. If Christ is to be lifted up in order to draw all men to himself, then it appears the job has been given to the saved to uplift Christ. The Scripture does not say that all men will come, but it does say that Jesus will draw all men. In fact, the Scripture says that no one can come to the Father without being drawn. It is the soul winner's job to uplift Christ and the Holy Spirit's job to draw them. **John 6:44** teaches that no man can come to the Father except by first being drawn to the Father. Jesus is the one who is to be lifted up, and the Holy Spirit does the convicting and drawing of all men. The command to lift Jesus up was not given to the church corporately, but to the Christian individually.

Soul winning is one way we lift up Jesus. **Mark 16:15** says, *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."* This is a command and not a suggestion by our Saviour. So, there is no other way to spread the Gospel without God's people opening their mouths and confessing that Jesus is the Christ to all that are unsaved. The more Christians who take the Gospel to the world, the more opportunities there will be for the lost to be drawn to trust Christ.

Something to "CROW" about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 35 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 35 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 12th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 21st, 22nd, and 23th, 2026.



We had the honor of having a reception for our newly married couple—Mr. & Mrs. Korban Berezne



Wedding Bells

Friday, 9/26/25 4:00 PM
Evelyn Collingsworth and
Eric Roueche will be
joined in Holy Matrimony
at Heritage Baptist
Church.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Wednesday,
September 24th at
7:30 PM
Pastor Joseph
Collingsworth will
be our special guest
speaker.

**WHEN INTERVIEWING FOR A JOB, ALWAYS
TELL THEM YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE 110%.
UNLESS YOU'RE APPLYING TO BE A
STATISTICIAN.**

**WHICH BUILDING IN NEW YORK HAS THE
MOST STORIES? THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

SO TRUE!

**YOU'RE ONLY YOUNG ONCE, BUT IMMATURITY CAN LAST A LIFETIME.
SMALL TOWNS ARE GREAT PLACES TO LIVE, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, SOMEONE ELSE WILL TELL YOU.**

**NEVER TELL A LIE TO AN X-RAY TECHNICIAN! SHE CAN SEE RIGHT
THROUGH YOU.**

**A BIRD IN THE HAND MAKES BLOWING YOUR NOSE EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT.**

**THE ONLY THING YOU CAN GET FREE OF CHARGE THESE DAYS IS A
DEAD BATTERY.**

LIFE NOT ONLY BEGINS AT 40, BUT IT BEGINS TO SHOW.

**ALWAYS GO THE EXTRA MILE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WHAT YOU WANT
IS A MILE AWAY.**



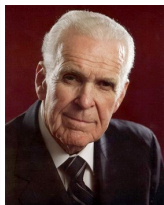
From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Lessons From a Ghost Town

There is something about a ghost town that captures the imagination. As you walk the streets, you can almost hear the echoes of the past. But the buildings stand empty as quiet reminders of life that is now gone. With every passing season more buildings collapse, more weeds grow, more animals take over the ruins where a thriving town used to be.

That ghost town is nature's testimony that once something has been emptied, death will follow unless the void is filled.

Some people are like ghost towns - hollow and empty. They are like empty shells without life inside. Void and empty needing to be filled.

Jesus spoke of a house that was emptied and cleaned, but not filled with life. Since the house was not filled with life, the devil filled it with evil spirits. This teaches us that it is not good enough to be void of wrong, but we must be filled with good things. The life lived without being filled with Jesus is a life that will eventually be filled with something or someone other than Jesus. Like the ghost town, if a person is not filled with life in Christ, there is nothing left but decay.



Dr. Lee
Roberson

Sins Forgiven Luke 7:47-48

This must be yours. You will never be overcoming, nor victorious, unless you recognize, unless you are conscious of the knowledge of sins forgiven, What a tragedy for one to be lost! What a blessing to be saved! Paul said, ***"I know whom I have believed..."*** John said, ***"We know we have passed from death unto life."***

What a blessing to know that your sins are forgiven—past, present, and future—all of your sins! As far as your salvation is concerned, all sins! The sins of the flesh which are done in your body as a child of God must be faced at the judgment seat of Christ, they do not affect your salvation. Your salvation is in Him, and your salvation is secure through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

This is the knowledge of sins forgiven. This will help you in living the victorious life, the overcoming life. Recognize that you are a child of God through faith in the Son of God, that you are in the family of God. And if you are one with God, then God is your Father and you must honor and glorify Him. You must please Him in all ways.

We must not get away from the fundamentals of sin, of salvation, of Heaven and Hell. These are real things, real places. What is sin? What is salvation through faith in Christ? Do you know about Heaven and Hell? Do you know about the teachings of the Word of God on these facts?

A WOMAN WAS HOSTING AN OUTDOOR LUNCHEON FOR HER FRIENDS, AT THE SAME TIME, TWO GARDENERS WERE WORKING IN THE YARD NEXT DOOR. SUDDENLY ONE OF THE GARDENERS JUMPED INTO THE AIR, SPUN AROUND, AND LEAPED ACROSS THE GRASS. THE ENTIRE LUNCHEON PARTY TURNED AND WATCHED.

"WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE DANCER!" EXCLAIMED ONE OF THE GUESTS. "DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT YOUNG MAN WOULD COME AND ENTERTAIN AT MY NEXT PARTY?"

WHEN THE HOST ASKED THE OTHER GARDENER, HE CALLED OUT, "SAY, ED, YOU THINK YOU COULD STEP ON THAT ANT'S NEST AGAIN AT THIS OTHER LADY'S HOUSE?"



Kim Kline's Smashed Sweet Potatoes

2 strips thick bacon	1/4 cup olive oil	4 oz. Cheddar cheese, grated
3 large sweet potatoes, cut into quarters	Salt and pepper	Fresh chives
	1/2 cup sour cream	

Cook bacon until crispy, either in a skillet or baked in the oven. Once the bacon is crispy, let cool and chop into bits for topping. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut off the ends of the sweet potatoes, then cut them into quarters. Pour olive oil on a baking sheet and rub potatoes on both sides to coat.

Sprinkle potatoes with salt and pepper. Bake potato pieces for 25-30 minutes until they are fork tender. Then let cool briefly until you can handle them. Use a small plate to smash each potato down a bit. Return smashed potatoes to baking sheet. Bake smashed potatoes a second time for 10 minutes to crisp them up a bit. Remove potatoes from oven and top with sour cream, shredded cheese, crispy bacon bits, and fresh chives.



Nathan
Collingsworth

Soul Winning Marathon

Introduction: My pastor came to me not too long ago and asked me to consider having a soul-winning marathon and connect it to Friend Day. I said, "Pastor, if that's what you want, then I will get right on it."

After the marathon, Pastor asked me to give the statistics so people could see the results of much prayer, much soul winning, and much service.

Here are a few of the statistics:

7,247 tracts passed out, 342.5 hours of soul winning, 64 salvations, and 79 visitors in the church that Sunday morning. (by the way, the choir had to remain in the choir loft because there was nowhere to sit in the auditorium.)



To top it off, Pastor gave me the opportunity to preach that Sunday night.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS HAVE BECOME THE SINGLE GREATEST DANGER TO CHILDREN IN HISTORY

Even as the courts give their seal of approval to homosexual and gender-bending propaganda in government schools (as long as parents are allowed an "opt out" for their children), the same court system is claiming—falsely—that displays of the Ten Commandments in the classroom are "unconstitutional." Yes, seriously. The implications are hard to overstate.

The U.S. Supreme Court famously found (June 2025) that parents have a right—for now—to opt their children out of controversial sex indoctrination. In particular, to protect "religious liberty," school boards must allow children to be excused from indoctrination sessions promoting Lesbianism, Gayness, Bisexuality, Transgenderism, Queerness, (LGBTQ) and other sexual and gender perversions (+).

But with the full blessing of courts and lawmakers, the tax-funded indoctrination of children into LGBTQ+ ideology as part of "compulsory education" will continue unabated.

As any students of American education know well, the Bible was primary textbook used for educating children for centuries before pagan and godless propaganda took its place over the last century and long before child suicide, mass shootings, drug abuse, illiteracy, fake history, fake science, gender confusion, and other absurdities took over what passes for education.

A nation in which rogue, godless courts bless homosexual and transgender indoctrination of children but ban the moral laws of the Creator of the heavens and the earth is heading for utter destruction. Government schools, with full backing from the courts, have become the single greatest danger to children in history. It is now up to parents and churches to rescue those children, before it's too late.

—Alex Newman, Harbinger's Daily

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

Heroes Of The Faith



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.
"The Great Contender"



Dr. Curtis Hutson
"The Great Soul Winner"



Dr. Lee Roberson
"The Great Educator"



Dr. Jack Hyles
"The Great Builder"



Dr. John R. Rice
"The Great Evangelist"



Dr. Lester Roloff
"The Great Rescuer"



Dr. Al Lacy
"The Great Defender of
the King James Bible"



Dr. Billy Sunday
"The Great Crusader"

**CONSIDER THIS:
WHEN YOU PUT A
BED IN YOUR
BEDROOM, YOU HAVE
LESS BEDROOM.**

**HOW DO YOU
MEASURE A
SNAKE? IN INCHES.
EVER SEEN A
SNAKE WITH FEET?**

**A REVEREND ADVERTISED A SERMON TITLED "WHAT HEAVEN
IS LIKE, AND HOW TO GET IN," BUT IT DREW ONLY A
MODERATE CROWD. SO HE THOUGHT HARD, AND THE NEXT
SUNDAY ADVERTISED "WHAT HELL IS LIKE, AND HOW TO GET
IN." THE CHURCH WAS FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.**

**A CITY RESIDENT WHO HAD ARRIVED FOR A VACATION WAS
TOLD BY THE DESK CLERK, "IN OUR TRADITIONAL FARM
HOTEL, YOU ARE AWAKENED BY THE CALL OF THE ROOSTER."
"VERY GOOD," THE VACATIONER REPLIED. "PLEASE TELL HIM
9 O'CLOCK."**

**"I USED TO WORK AT MCDONALD'S MAKING MINIMUM WAGE.
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS WHEN SOMEONE PAYS YOU
MINIMUM WAGE? YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR BOSS WAS TRYING
TO SAY? 'HEY, IF I COULD PAY YOU LESS, I WOULD, BUT IT'S
AGAINST THE LAW.'"**



**"NORMALLY I DEAL WITH MY ANGER
ONE FRESH WASHED CAR AT A TIME."**

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 in England
- **John Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year and might be the greatest Baptist pastor

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