

Church History Literacy

John Wesley – Part 3

John Wesley and the Methodist Church

Lesson 73

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They are all Methodists



What building is this?



John Wesley United Methodist Church



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✠ JOHN WESLEY ✠
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

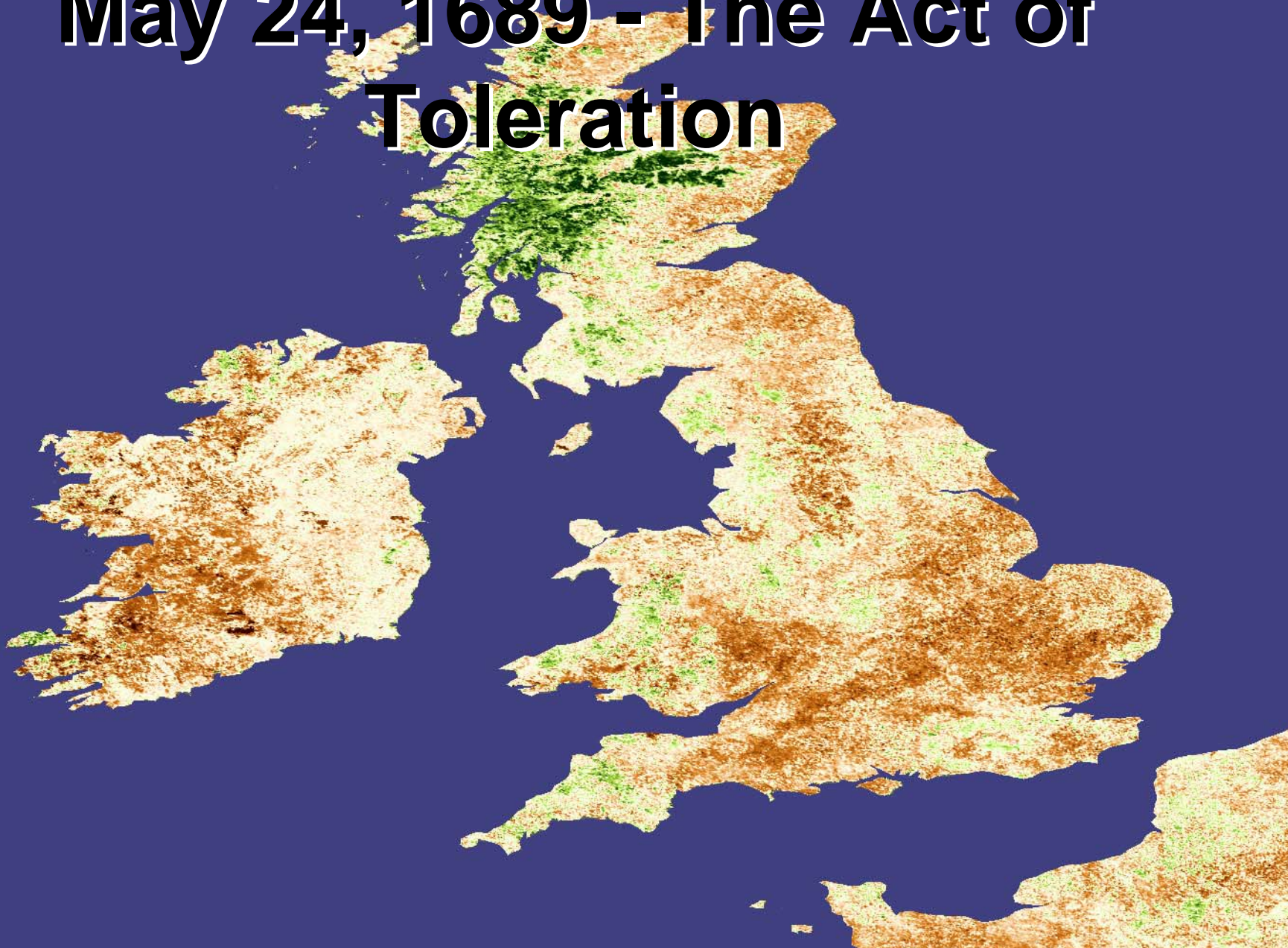
WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SENIOR MINISTER: REV. JIM W. FOSTER

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May 24, 1689 - The Act of Toleration



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Church of England if:

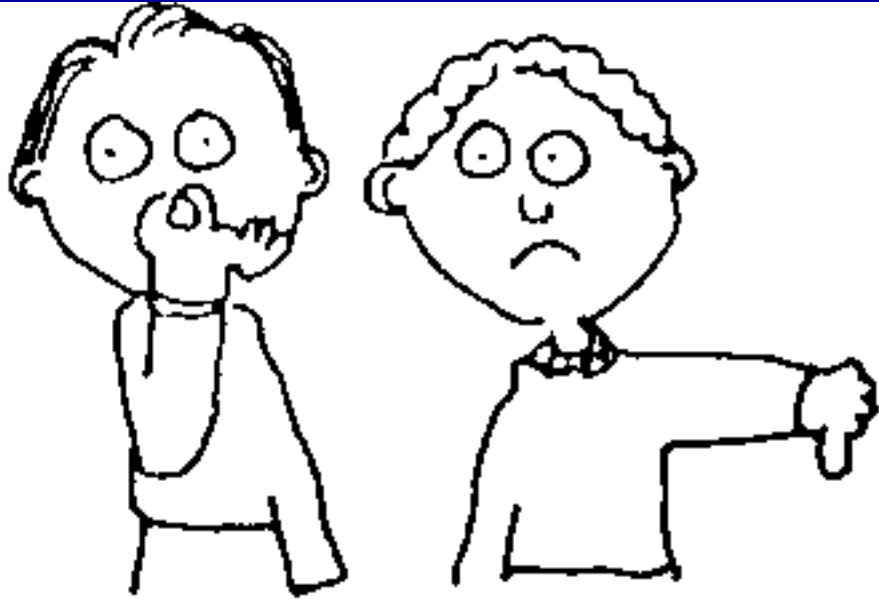


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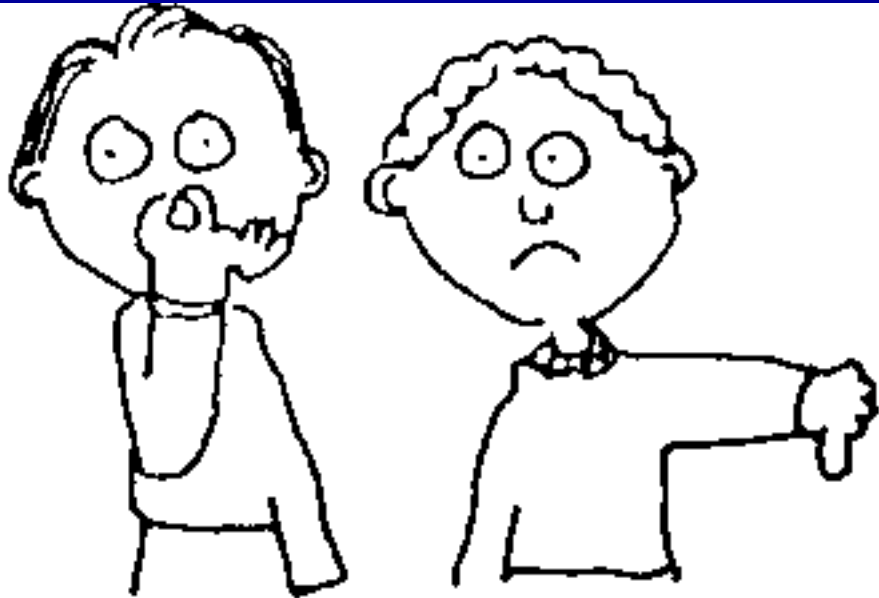
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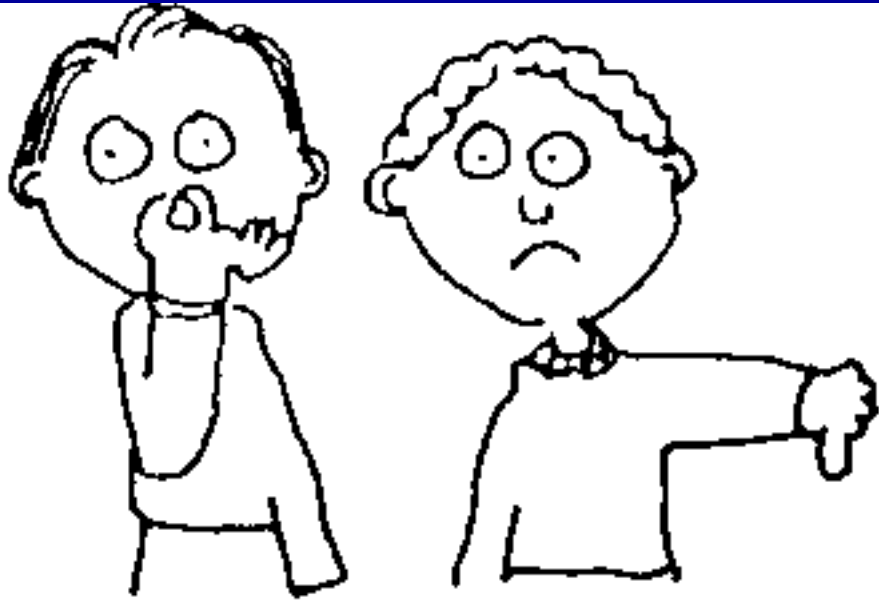
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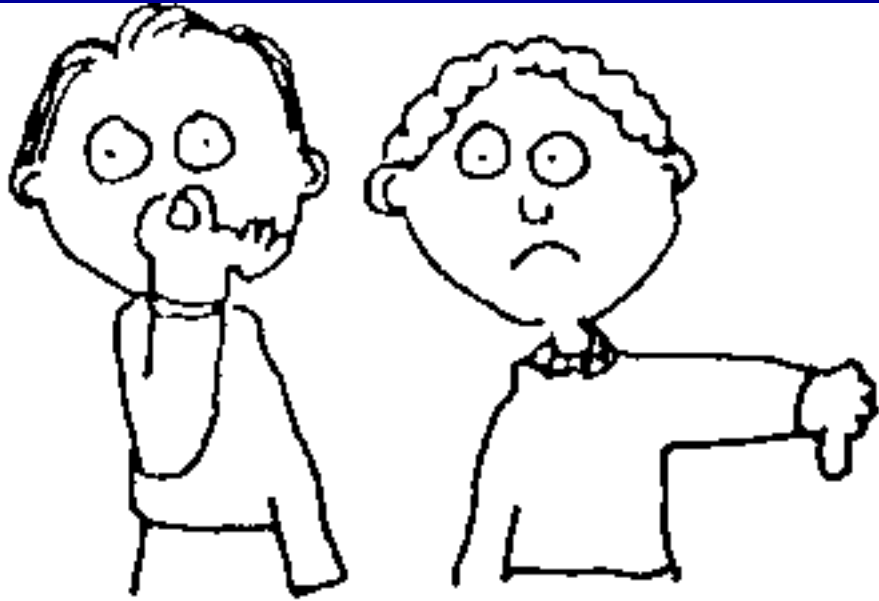
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2. License preacher
3. Hold services in registered house

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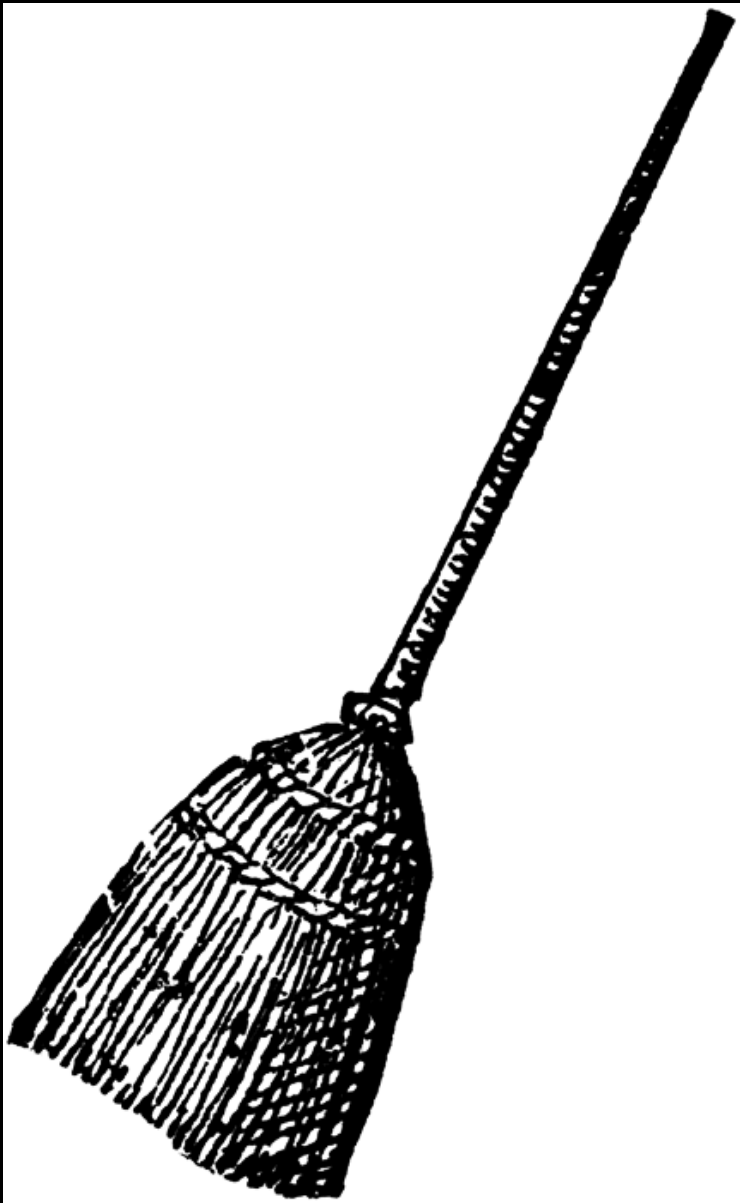
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4. No dissenting if office holder, voter, or university student

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Not allowed to be
Catholic or Unitarian

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Revival was
Sweeping
Europe



“Religious
Societies”
help clean up
a dirty Britain

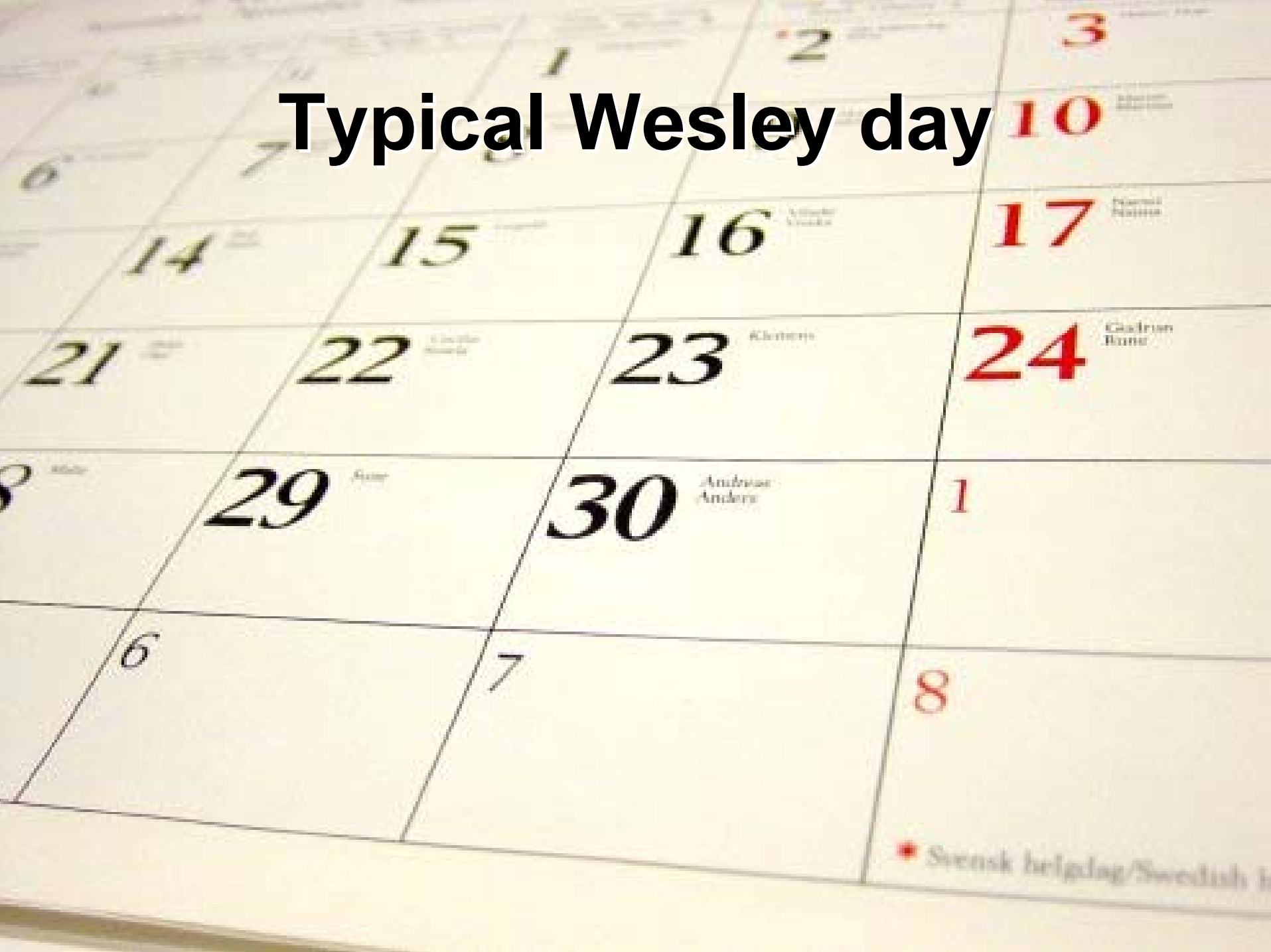


The
Methodists
started as a
“Holy Club” at
Oxford with a
handful of men



Growth
snowballed
from 5 to
>130,000

Typical Wesley day



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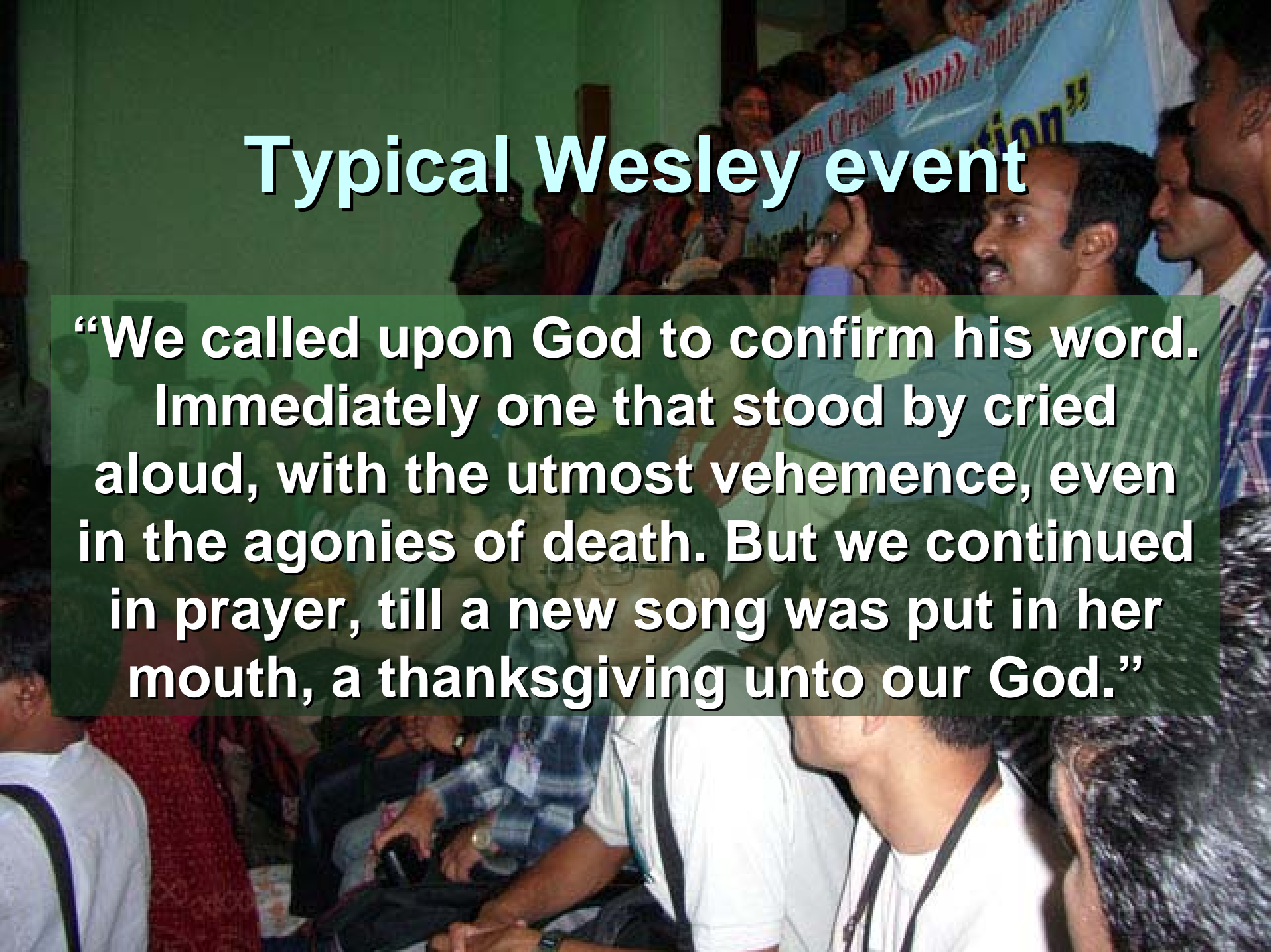
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8 p.m. - preach in London on Christ' cleansing blood

Typical Wesley event

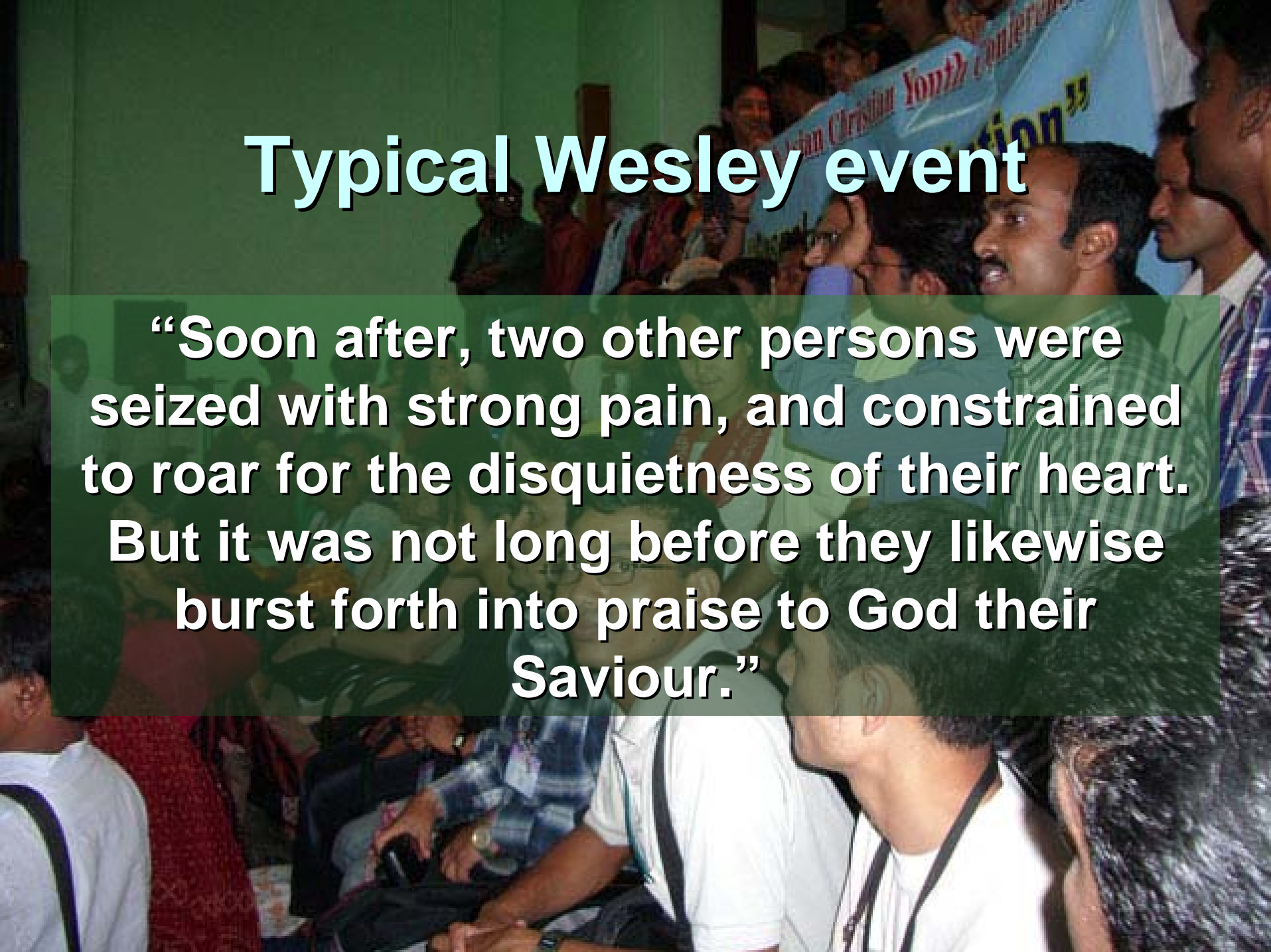


Typical Wesley event



“We called upon God to confirm his word. Immediately one that stood by cried aloud, with the utmost vehemence, even in the agonies of death. But we continued in prayer, till a new song was put in her mouth, a thanksgiving unto our God.”

Typical Wesley event



“Soon after, two other persons were seized with strong pain, and constrained to roar for the disquietness of their heart. But it was not long before they likewise burst forth into praise to God their Saviour.”

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4. Pleasure only in God's glory

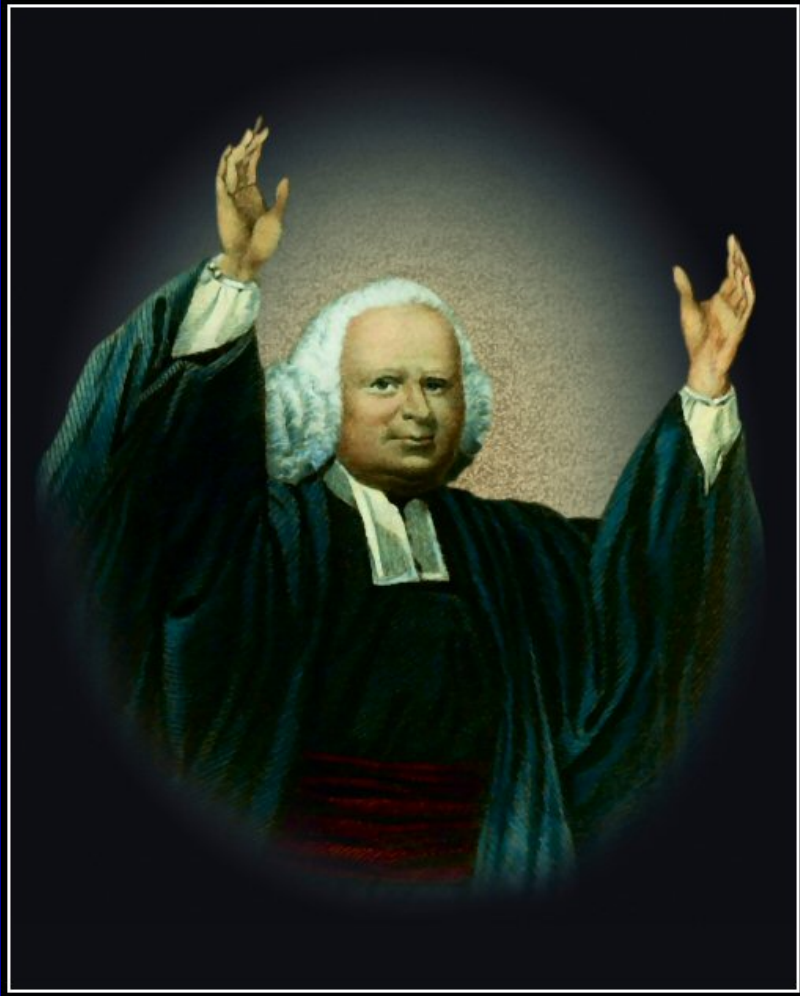


Consider
George
Whitefield -
another early
Methodist

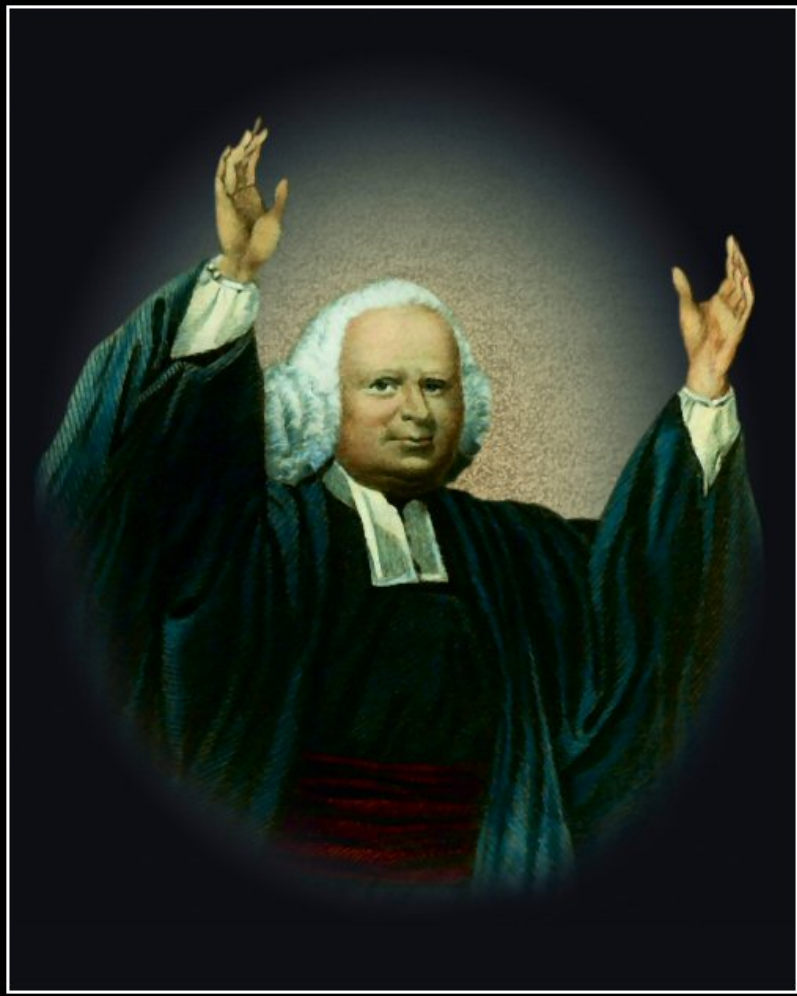
Whitefield in America



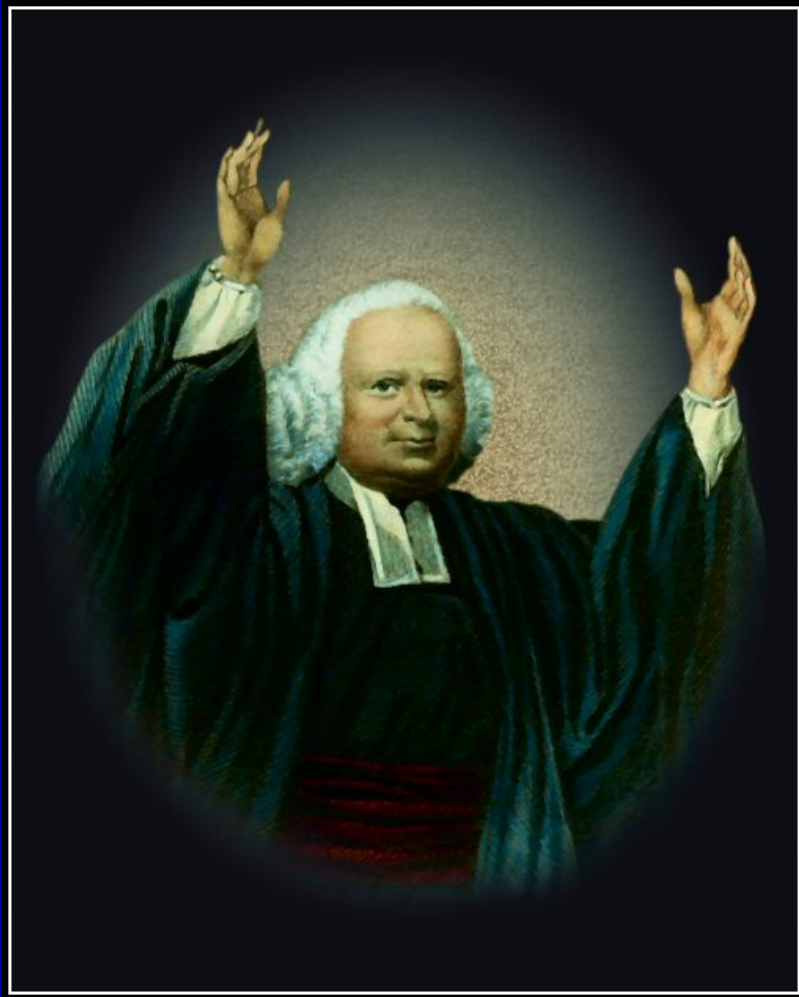
Bethesda Home for Boys - Savannah, Ga.



Whitefield preached ...

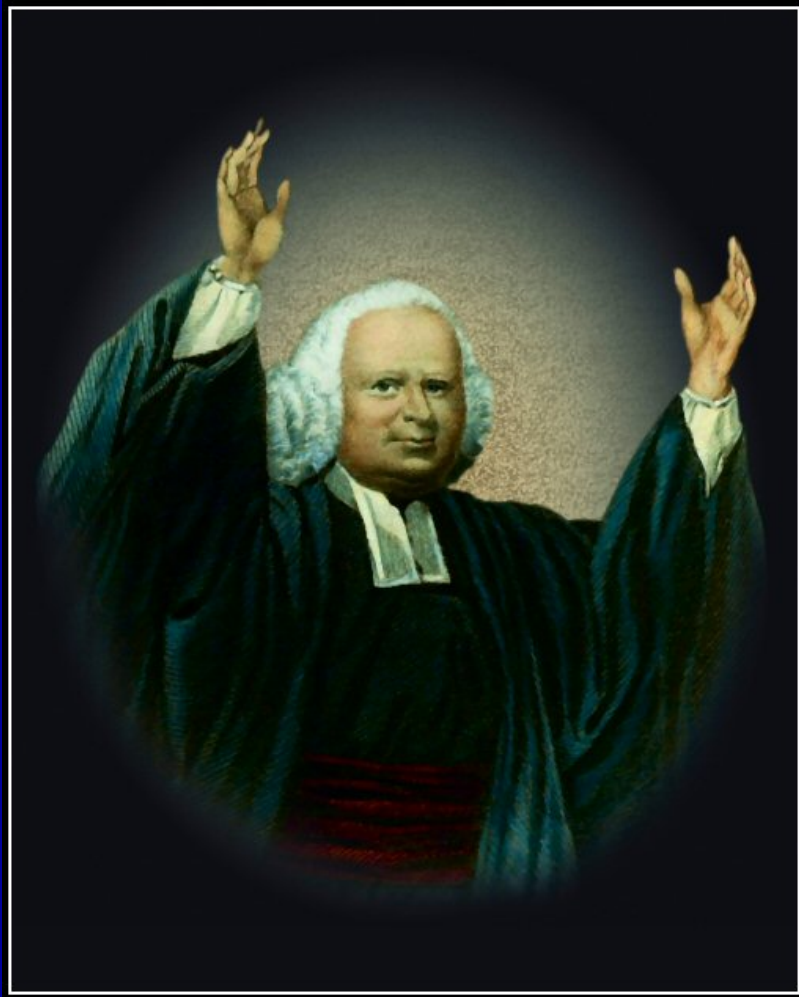


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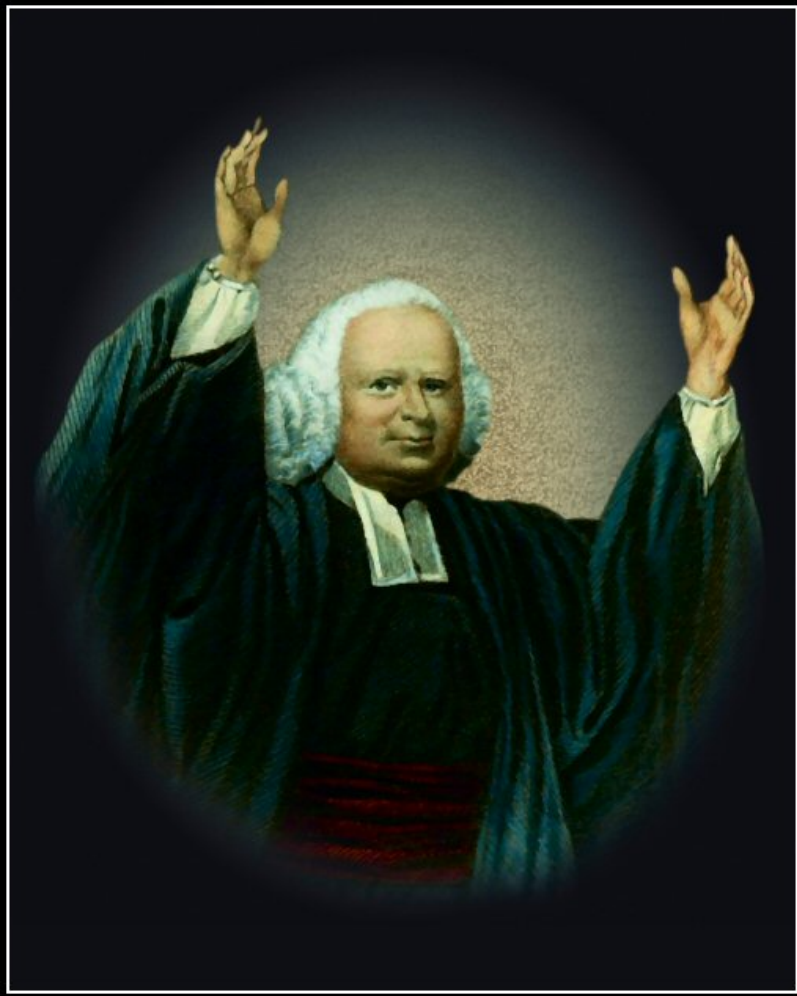
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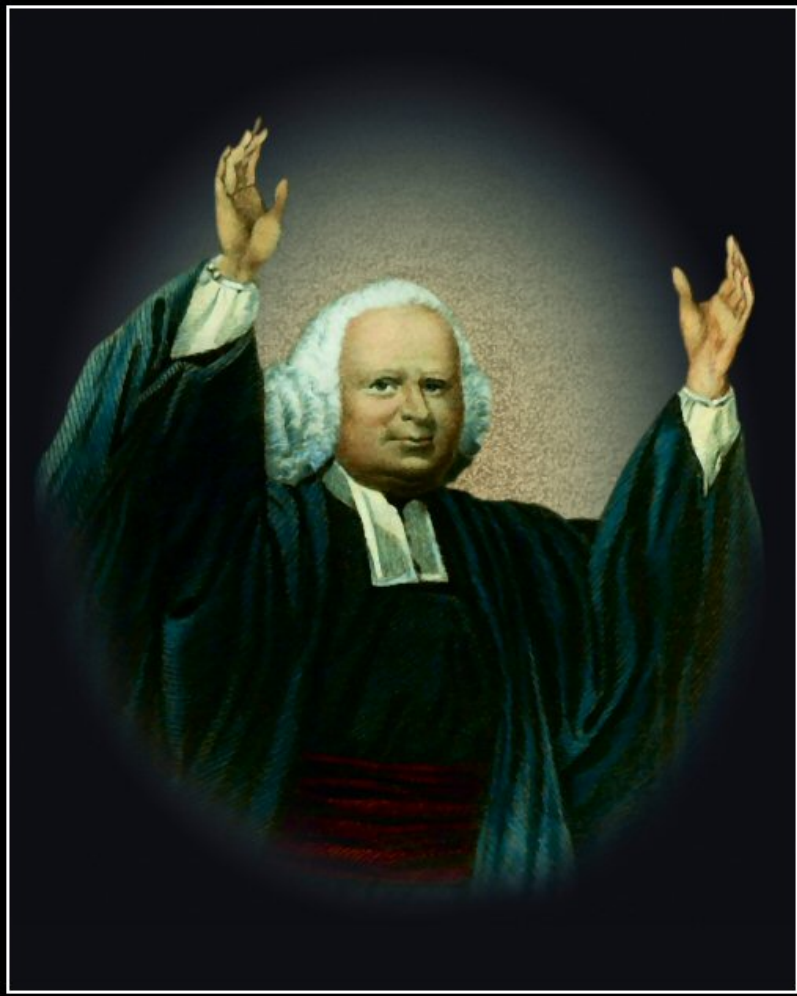
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With theatrical flair

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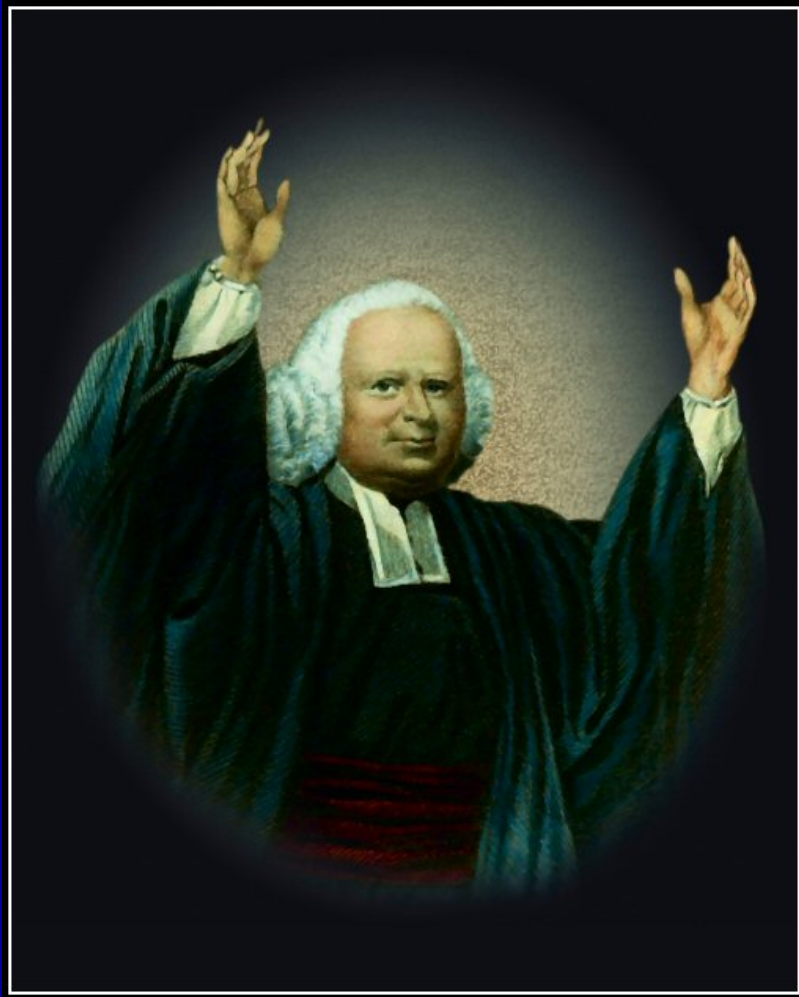
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I'd give a hundred guineas if I could say "Oh!" like Mr. Whitefield



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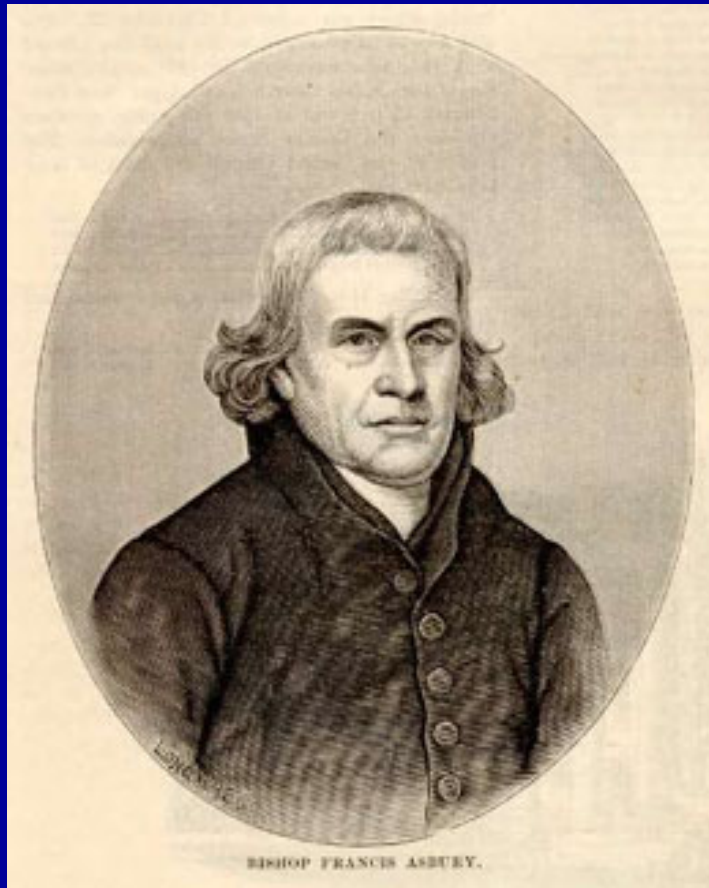
He could bring an audience to tears with his delivery of the word, "Mesopotamia."



Wesley and Whitefield

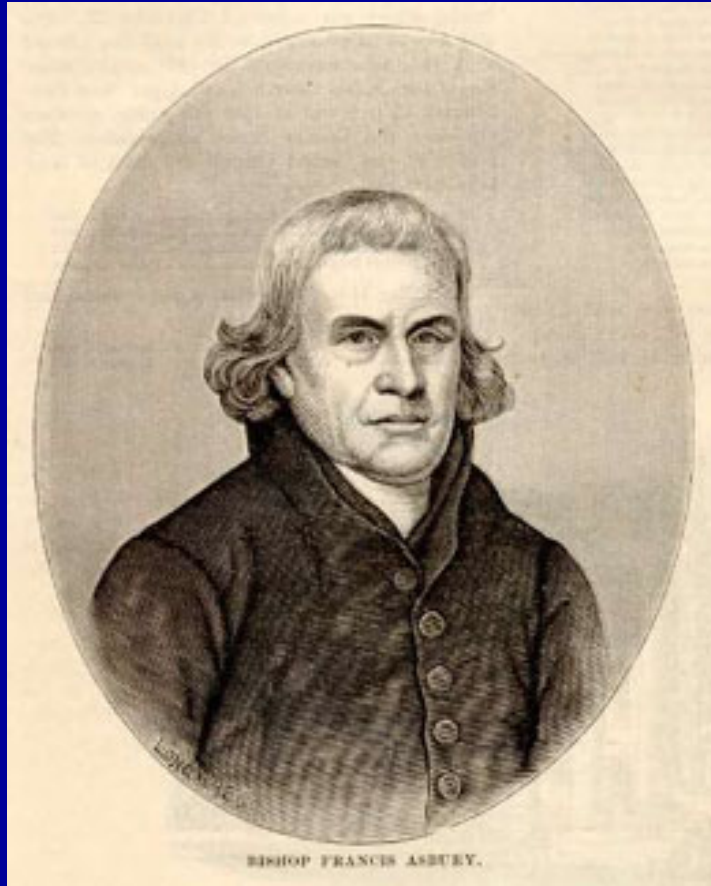


Methodism post - Wesley



Francis Asbury

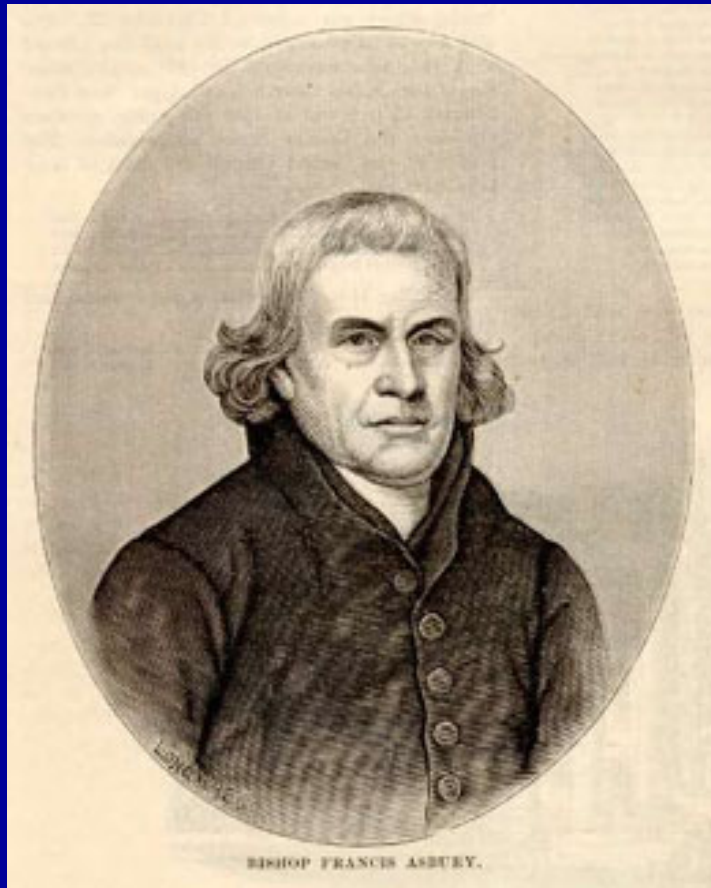
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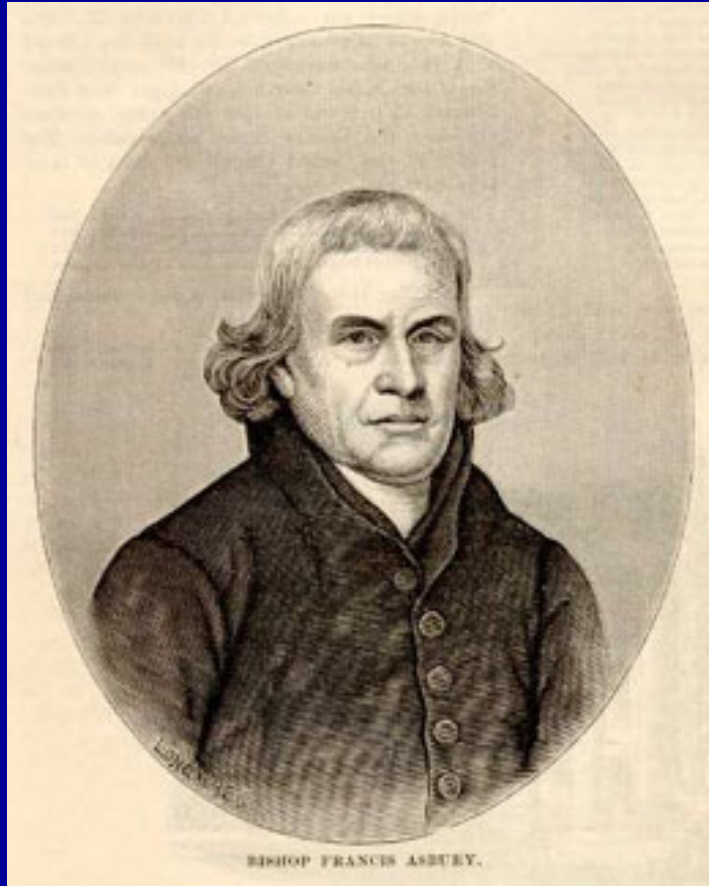
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- Schools, hospitals, multi-denominations

Francis Asbury

Points for Home

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“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash another’s feet.” (John 13:12-14)

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“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can that kind of faith save him? ... Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:14-17)

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John 17:20-23

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“There is one body ... one Lord, one faith”

Ephesians 4:4-5

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“Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.” Psalm 39:4