

Session 4

FAITH & HEALING

Faith and Religious Healing

Religion ⁽¹⁾

- The belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal god or gods.
- A particular system of faith and worship.
- A pursuit or interest to which someone ascribes supreme importance.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Religion (2)

A unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred things set *apart and forbidden, and the beliefs and practices which unite all those who adhere to them into one single moral community called a Church.*

The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life

Emile Durkheim. George, Allen & Unwin Ltd, London, UK, 1915

Religion ⁽³⁾

A social-cultural system of designated behaviors and practices, morals, worldviews, texts, sanctified places, prophecies, ethics, or organizations, that relates humanity to supernatural, transcendental, and spiritual elements.

Wikipedia

However, there is no scholarly consensus over what precisely constitutes a religion.

Faith

From Latin *fides*, it is confidence or trust in a person, thing, or concept.

Belief in a god or in the doctrines or teachings of a religion.

F **A** **I** **T** **H**

Some religious people think faith is confidence based on a perceived degree of warranty.

Religion skeptics tend to think of faith as simply belief without evidence.

Faith Healers

Development & Growth



Local preaching.

50 to 100



Healings, baptisms, miracles.

100 to 500



Large Tent revivals.

1,000 to 5,000



Wagon healers.

10,000+



Train mobility.

25,000+



Radio evangelism.

300K +



Televangelists.

5 to 20M +



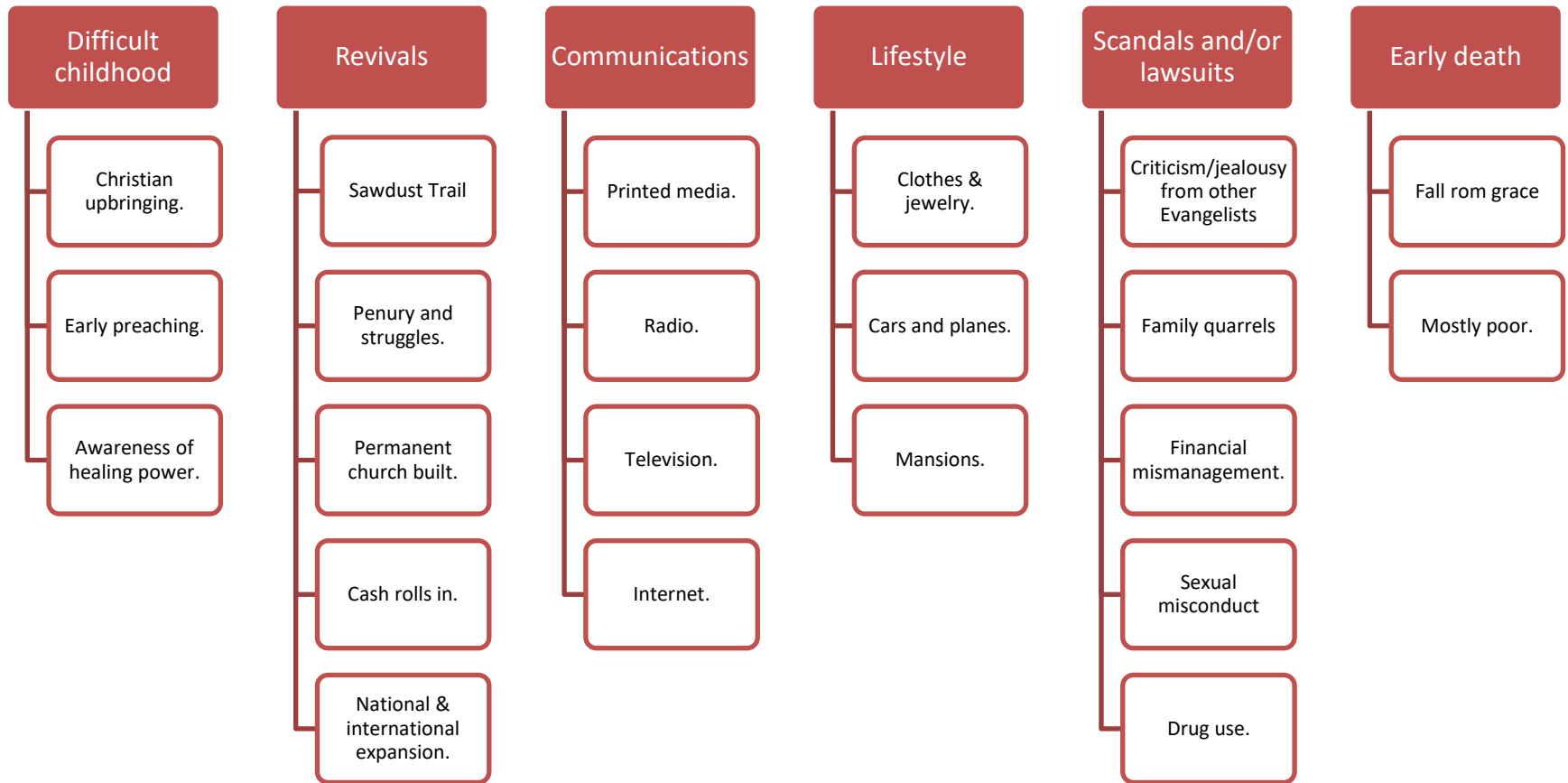
Internet Prayer & Healing sites.

500M +

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Faith Healers

Rise & Fall Timeline



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Common Pitfalls

Lavish lifestyle.

Family on governing board.

Misuse of ministry funds.

Tax exemption.

Grandiose schemes.

Money and power.

Self-assurance.

Believe own lies.

Healing Miracles

Healing miracles played a part in the conversion of past peoples and tribes to Christianity.

Sozomen (435 AD) wrote testimony about the conversion of his friend *Alaphion* near Gaza.

Alaphion was possessed by a devil, and neither the Jewish or pagan physicians and exorcists could cure him from this affliction.

The monk *Hilarion*, by simply calling out the name of Christ, expelled the demon.

Alaphion, his whole family and many other relatives immediately embraced Christianity.

Awe and Amazement

Deep emotions caused by the sight of an

Extraordinary Event :

- Alarm
- Admiration
- Astonishment
- Bewilderment
- Confusion
- Dread
- Ecstasy
- Enrapture
- Fear

- Respect
- Reverence
- Shock
- Startlement
- Stupefaction
- Surprise
- Veneration
- Wonderment

HEALTH EVANGELISTS and FAITH HEALERS

Healing

The transient, prolonged or permanent abatement of pain, discomfort and suffering produced by a perceived illness, malady or disease which is effected by natural, medical or supernatural causes wholly external to the individual.

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Faith Healing

The cure, eradication or restoration of health, function or appearance of an organ or body part in an affected individual, effected solely by the power, influence or mediation of a person acting as a direct representative, intermediary or channel of a supreme holy being who has granted them this gift. Intervention of the recipient is by *passive* acceptance motivated by this *active* belief.

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Revival (1)

Spiritual *reawakening*
from a state of dormancy
or stagnation in the life of
a believer.

Involves:

- Resurfacing of a love for God.
- Appreciation of God's holiness.
- Passion for His Word and His church.
- Convicting awareness of personal and corporate sin.
- Spirit of humility.
- Desire for repentance.
- Growth in righteousness.

Got Questions/Biblical answers, 2021

Revival (2)



Revival
invigorates and
deepens a
believer's faith.

Opens believer's
eyes to the truth
in a fresh, new
way.

Denotes a fresh
start with a clean
slate, a new
beginning in life.

Generates will
and power to live
in the world but
not *of* the world.



- False preachers want large crowds of people to be dedicated to the preachers' “religious” cause, mostly with volunteered time and with their wallets.

7th Day Adventists

Pentecostalism

Christian Science

Church of the Foursquare Gospel

Church of Zion

CHURCHES and HEALING



SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Seventh Day Adventists (SDA) ⁽¹⁾

- The SDA has not promoted health healing, but they emphasize wholeness and health.
- The modern commercial concept of cereal food originated among Adventists.
- W.H. Kellogg advertised bland corn flakes as a way to curb sexual desire and avoid the evils of masturbation.
- In Australia and New Zealand, the SDA-owned Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing Co. manufactures health and vegetarian products, like Weet-Bix.

Seventh Day Adventists (SDA) ⁽²⁾

- Since the 1860's the SDA "health message" advocates vegetarianism.
- SDA expects adherence to the kosher laws
 - Consumption of kosher foods described in Leviticus 11
 - Abstinance from pork, shellfish, and other animals proscribed as "unclean".
- SDA church discourages its members from consuming alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs.
- Some Adventists avoid coffee, tea, cola, and other beverages that contain caffeine.



PENTECOSTALISM

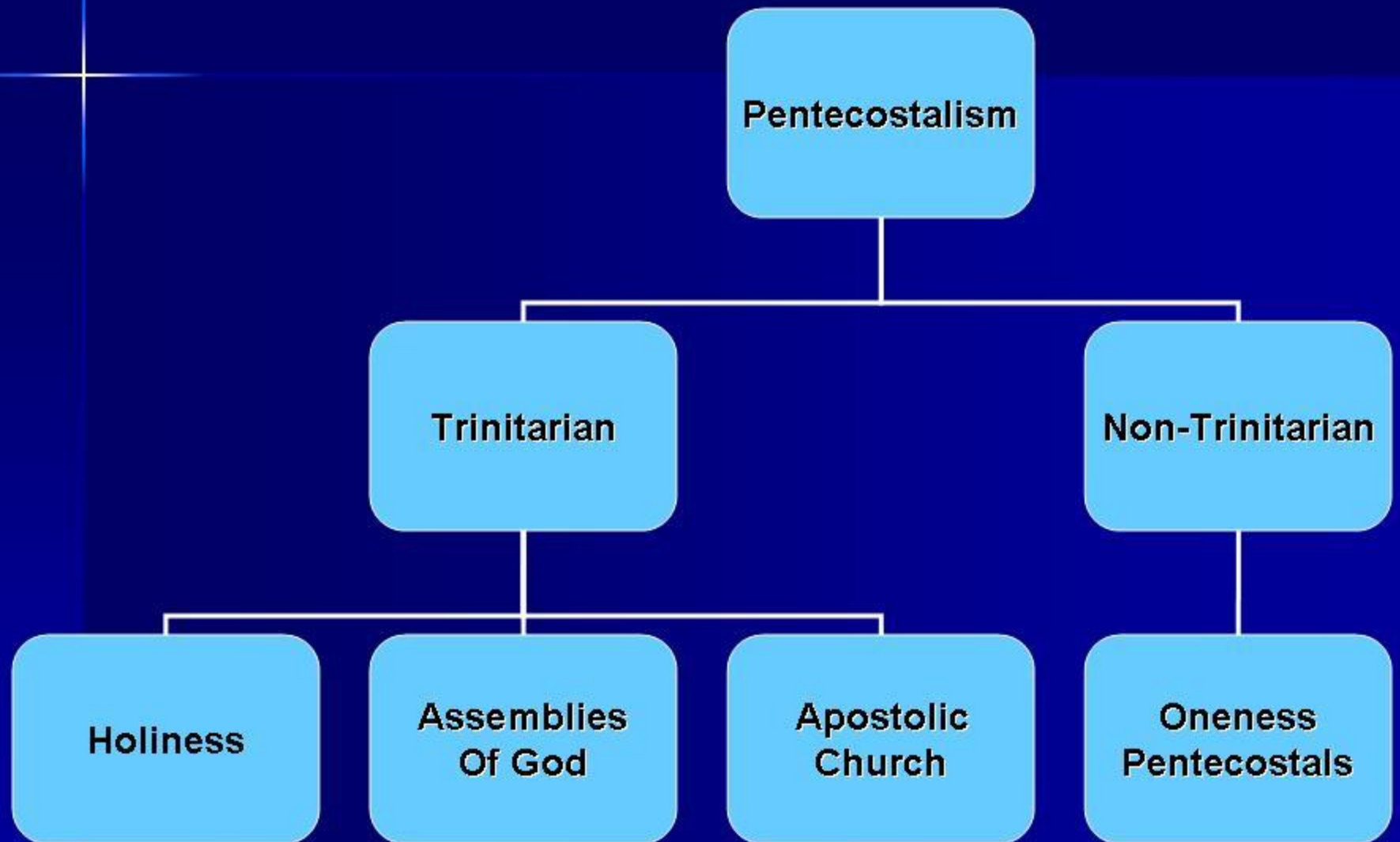
Pentecostalism ⁽¹⁾

- Baptism with the Holy Spirit is accompanied by:
 - Ability to prophesy.
 - *Ability to heal.*
 - Ability to interpret and speak in tongues.
- These gifts of the Spirit were described by Saint Paul the Apostle in 1 Corinthians 12.
- Faith healing is a characteristic pattern of faith and practice of the Methodist-Holiness and Baptist churches.

Pentecostalism (2)

- Most of the recent faith healers espouse the main principles of Pentecostalism.
- Many variations and differences in the way the scripture is interpreted and used:
 - Oneness Pentecostals vs Trinitarian Pentecostals.
 - Acceptance of interracial churches.
 - Acceptance of women as pastors.
 - Acceptance and interpretation of the gift of tongues.
- Pentecostalism's spread aided by the 3-year long Azusa revival in LA.

Pentecostalism



Pentecostalism ⁽³⁾

Opposition from the *Holiness* movement:

- Pentecostal tongues were "satanic gibberish".¹
- Pentecostal services "climax of demon worship".¹
- Azusa Street followers were "Satan's preachers, jugglers, necromancers, enchanter, magicians, and all sorts of mendicants".²
- Pentecostalism was "the last vomit of Satan".³
- Pentecostalism was "emphatically not of God, and founded by a Sodomite".⁴

1 Alma White
2 WB Godbey
3 G.C. Morgan
4 R.A. Torrey

SCIENCE AND HEALTH
with
KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES



MARY BAKER EDDY

THE
NEW TESTAMENT

OF
OUR LORD AND
SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK;
AND WITH THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS
DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED,
BY HIS MAJESTY'S SPECIAL COMMAND
PRINTED TO BE READ IN CHURCHES



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Christian Science (1)

- Officially called *The Church of Christ, Scientist*.
- Set of beliefs and practices developed in 19th century New England by Mary Baker Eddy.
- Her 1875 book *Science and Health argued* that sickness is an illusion that can be corrected by prayer alone and that disease is a mental error rather than a physical disorder.



The sick should be treated not by medicine but by a form of prayer that seeks to correct the beliefs responsible for the *illusion of ill health*.

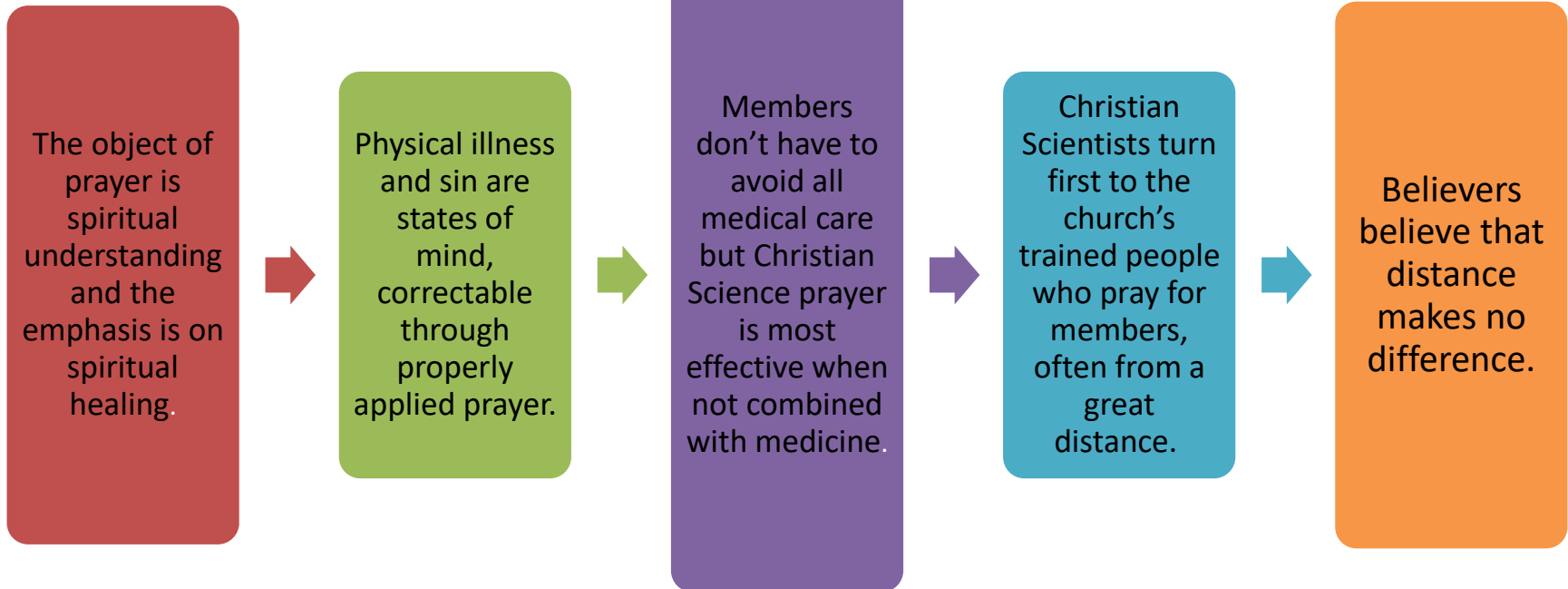
Christian Science

- Mary baker Eddy ran the Massachusetts Metaphysical College between 1881 and 1889.
- About 4,000 students, mostly women went to the school to:
 - Improve the moral and physical condition of men,
 - Eradicate in children hereditary traits,
 - Enlarge the intellect 100%,
 - Restore and strengthen the memory,
 - Cure constipation, rheumatism, deafness, blindness and every ill the race is heir to...

Christian Science

- Before teaching, Mrs. Eddy had practiced metaphysical healing using:
 - Power of suggestion.
 - Positive thinking.
 - Manipulation and rubbing of patients' heads with wet hands.
 - Mesmer-like techniques.
- After having a fall and getting a concussion, she had a divine revelation while reading her Bible.
- Her metaphysical healing method transformed into a religion of health which she called: *Christian Science*

Christian Science





International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

**AIMEE ELIZABETH
SEMPLER McPHERSON**

Sister Aimee's Growth

Pictures of Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson at different ages.























Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson ⁽¹⁾

(1890-1944)

Canadian with early exposure to religion through her mother, who worked in Salvation Army soup kitchens, and her Methodist father.

As a child, she played "Salvation Army" with classmates and preached sermons to dolls.

In High School, she questioned the theory of Evolution and objected using taxpayer money to teach it.

Writing to a Canadian newspaper got her national attention and began her lifelong crusade against evolution.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson (2)

Was married 3 times:

- 1st husband died of malaria in 1910, in Hong Kong where they had both gone on a mission.
- 2nd husband divorced, 1921, he was tired of the instability of life in a ministry.
- 3rd husband divorced, 1934, was a womanizing singer, billed in cabaret acts as “Aimee’s Man”.

Baptized Marilyn Monroe (as Norma Jeane Baker) in 1926 at the Angelus Temple.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson (3)

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Interpreted *glossolalia* (speaking in tongues).

Evangelized along the "Sawdust Trail".



Held very enthusiastic Pentecostal tent meetings.



Had a separate tent for the more overt displays of unbridled chaos like speaking in tongues, shouting and trembling on the floor.





Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson ⁽⁴⁾

- Ezequiel's vision of four cherubs with the face of a man, an ox, an eagle and a lion was to her a Gospel that faces squarely in every direction.
- It was the the inspiration for naming her church the "Foursquare Gospel Church."

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson ⁽⁵⁾

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel:

- Christ is a transformative savior .
- Christ is baptizer with the Holy Spirit.
- Christ is divine Healer.
- Christ is soon-coming King.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson (6)

In Los Angeles, 1918, filled the Philharmonic Auditorium (3,500 capacity) to SRO.



In Baltimore, 1919, had services at the Lyric Opera House, and demonstrated faith-healing.



In these events the crowds, in their religious ecstasy, were barely kept under control.



Raised \$250K for the Angelus Temple, the 1st megachurch (9,000 people), in Echo Park, CA.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson (7)

She wanted the Angelus Temple to be a place of worship and an ecumenical center for all Christian faiths.

The Audiences of clergy and laypeople consisted of:

- Adventists

- Baptists

- Episcopalians

- Methodists

- Mormons

- Presbyterians

- Quakers

- Roman Catholics

- Salvation Army

- Secular civic leaders.

Also accepted people of any race or ethnicity.



DEDICATED
UNTO THE CAUSE OF
INTER-DENOMINATIONAL
AND WORLD WIDE
EVANGELISM
JANUARY FIRST
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND
TWENTY THREE



Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson (8)



She claimed that when she laid hands on sick or injured persons, they got well because of the power of God in her.



McPherson drew crowds of tens of thousands to her faith healings.



Her reputation grew with extensive coverage in the news and helped her early popularity and success.



Over time, she decreased her faith-healings, but still scheduled weekly sessions which remained popular until her death.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson⁽⁵⁾

- She produced innovative weekly dramas in her church, illustrating religious themes.
- A fifty piece band played quasi-religious and patriotic music, followed by prayers and singing, and climaxing with a dramatic sermon.
- Her view of the US as a nation founded and sustained by divine inspiration influenced later pastors.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson⁽⁵⁾

- 1936, made Azusa Street contacts, reintroduced Pentecostal elements into her public meetings.
- Temple officials were concerned the Azusa people might bring "wildfire and Holy Rollerism."
- Sister Aimee was concerned that Foursquare was in danger of becoming too "churchy".
- For the first time since the Temple opened, McPherson began to publicly speak in tongues.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson⁽⁵⁾

- Wore a Navy cloak over a white servant's dress
- In her last national revival tour, 1933–1934, two million persons heard 336 sermons
- Appeals of her movement were:
 - Emphasis on faith healing,
 - Adult baptism by immersion,
 - Pervading aura of optimism
 - Showmanship and spectacle.
- The temple radio station broadcast her services, and she published weekly and monthly magazines and operated numerous other enterprises.

Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson⁽⁵⁾

January 1921 at Balboa Park in San Diego, CA, McPherson preached to a huge crowd of 30,000.

To assist the San Diego Police in maintaining order, the Marines and the Army had to be called in.

McPherson labored and prayed for hours over the infirm, often without food or stopping for a break.

At the day's end, she would be taken away by her staff, dehydrated and unsteady with fatigue.

Planned for 2 weeks in the evenings, the Balboa Park revivals lasted over 5 weeks, from dawn till dusk.

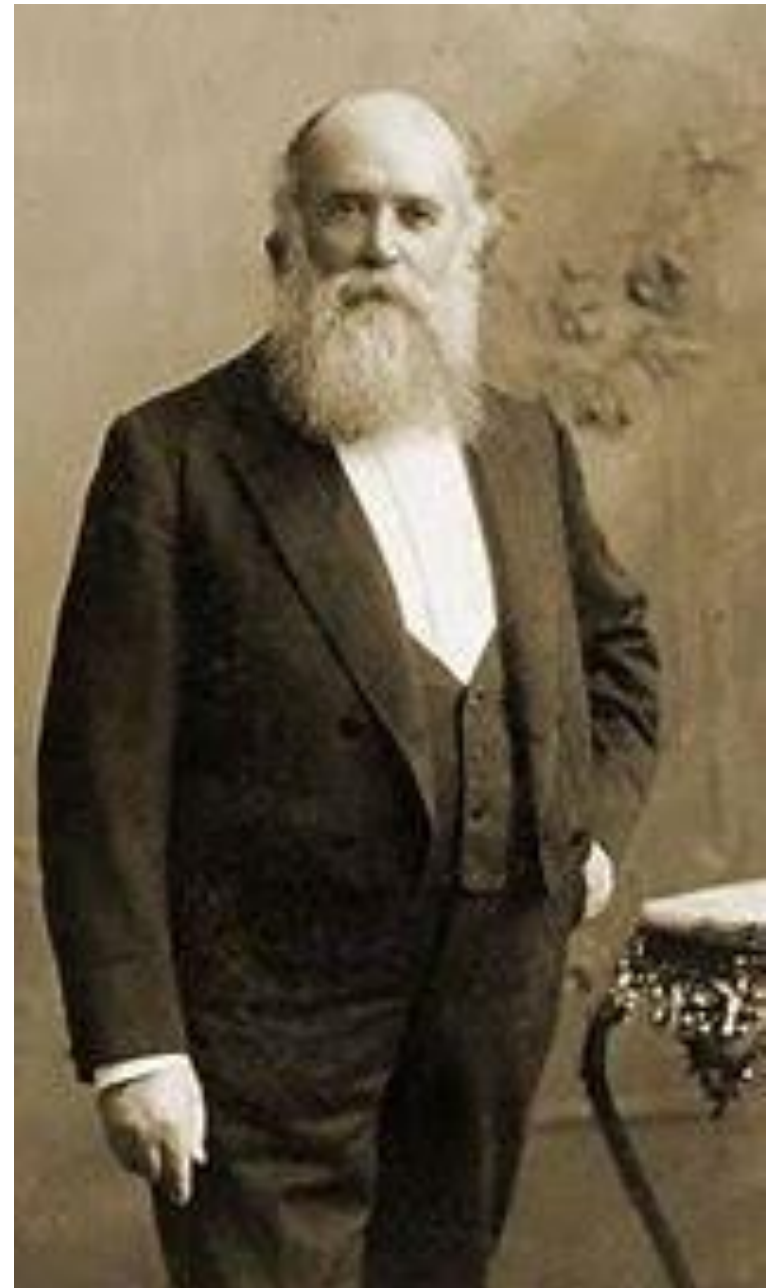
Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson⁽⁵⁾

Converting the Romani

- Many of the Romani ethnic group migrated to the US in the mid-1860's.
- A Romani tribe king and his mother stated they were faith-healed by McPherson, so many thousand Romani came in caravans from all over the country and were converted.
- The use of symbols of Christianity beside Romani astrology charts was the result of McPherson's influence.
- The Romani gave her bags of gold coin and jewels to help fund the construction of the Angelus Temple.

John Alexander Dowie

CHURCH OF ZION



John Alexander Dowie (1)

(1847-1907)

Scottish-Australian evangelist and faith healer.

Began as a minister in South Australia, immigrated with his family to the US in 1888.

Started in San Francisco, then moved to Chicago, in time to take advantage of the crowds attracted to the 1893 World's Fair.

In Chicago, he developed a huge faith healing business, with multiple homes and businesses.

Had a publishing house, several healing homes, a college, a Junior school, 2 large tabernacles and 3 smaller churches, and a 7-story building on Michigan Avenue.

He bought a large amount of land 40 miles north of the city and created the city of Zion, Illinois.

John Alexander Dowie (2)

- Made healing revivalism popular in USA.
- Performed elaborate "Divine Healings" in front of large audiences.
- Most healings were staged and done on carefully screened individuals to be brought on stage.
- Dowie "cured" many psychosomatic illnesses during his sessions.

John Alexander Dowie (3)

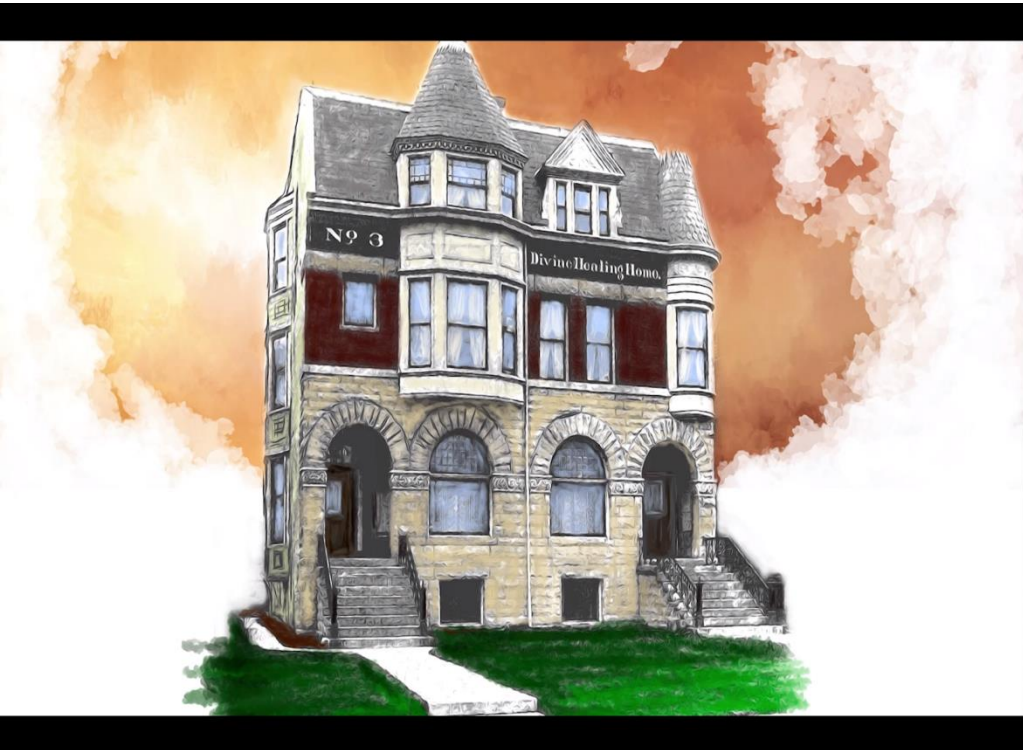
- Set-up was colorful, dramatic, with musicians, choirs and elaborate costumes.
- A solemn procession slowly went onstage led by many robed and singing children.
- Dowie would be last, clad in bishop's robes.
- After hymns, a sermon, and then the healings.

John Alexander Dowie (4)

- In 1899, he claimed to be "God's Messenger" and, in 1901, the reincarnation of the prophet Elijah.
- Called himself "Elijah the Restorer".
- Named his church the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in 1903.



John Alexander Dowie (5)



- He was an advocate of divine healing through faith in God, and criticized other teachers on healing.
- He was for total reliance on divine healing and against the use of all forms of medicine.

He opened several healing homes where people came for healing, specific prayer, holiness and entire consecration.

ELIJAH HOSPICE (HOTEL) ZION CITY, ILL.

John Alexander Dowie (6)

- Zion was created as a city with theocratic political and economic structure.
- He prohibited smoking, drinking, eating pork, and any form of modern medicine.
- He established a range of businesses, healing homes, and a large Tabernacle.
- He owned all the land.

John Alexander Dowie ⁽⁷⁾

- In 1895 he was in jail 100 times! (Many accusations of practicing medicine w/o a license.)
- In 1905, he suffered a stroke and traveled to Mexico to recuperate.
- While he was absent from Chicago, Wilbur G. Voliva, his chief assistant deposed him from his business affairs.
- Between \$2.5 to \$3.5 million were unaccounted for.
- Dowie sued to recover his authority through litigation, but was forced to retire and accept an allowance, which was paid until his death in 1907.

Oral Roberts
Ernest Angley
Benny Hinn
Kenneth Copeland
James Bakker

OTHER AMERICAN EVANGELIST HEALERS

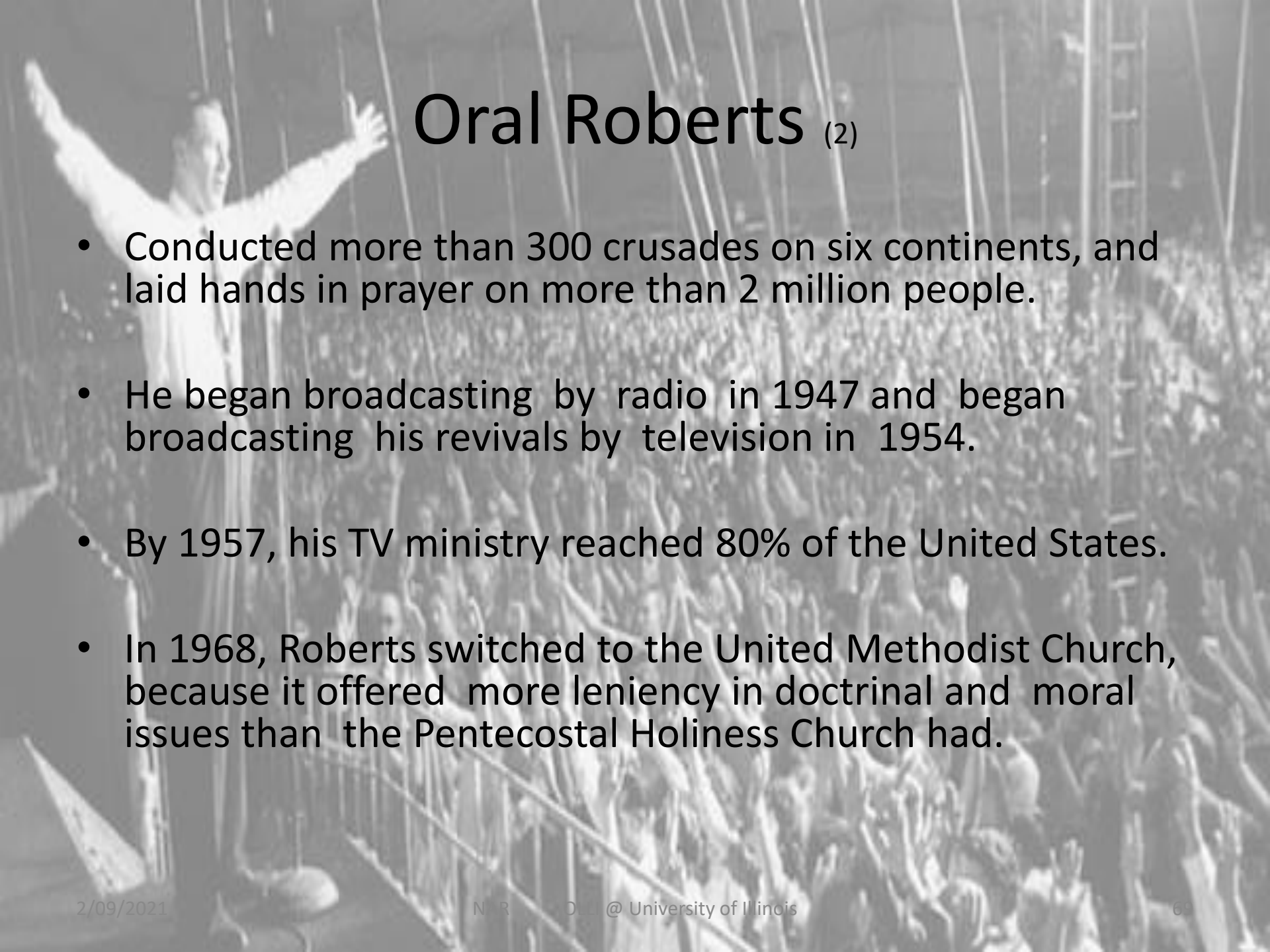


ORAL ROBERTS

Oral Roberts (1)

(1918-2009)

- Granville Oral Roberts: Choctaw American Charismatic Christian televangelist.
- Ordained in both the Pentecostal Holiness and United Methodist churches.
- Considered the godfather of the Pentecostalist charismatic movement.
- Pioneered televangelism.

A black and white photograph of Oral Roberts, a prominent televangelist, standing on a stage with his arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. He is wearing a light-colored suit jacket and a dark tie. Behind him, a large, dense crowd of people is visible, many with their arms raised, suggesting a large-scale religious event or crusade. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the speaker and the immediate audience.

Oral Roberts ⁽²⁾

- Conducted more than 300 crusades on six continents, and laid hands in prayer on more than 2 million people.
- He began broadcasting by radio in 1947 and began broadcasting his revivals by television in 1954.
- By 1957, his TV ministry reached 80% of the United States.
- In 1968, Roberts switched to the United Methodist Church, because it offered more leniency in doctrinal and moral issues than the Pentecostal Holiness Church had.

Oral Roberts ⁽³⁾

- Originally preached "Blessing Pact", which later became known as "Seed-Faith".
- Built up Prosperity theology (health and wealth gospel, gospel of success)
- Religious belief that the will of God is to give Christians:
 - Financial blessing.
 - Physical well-being.
 - "Abundant life."
- Faith, positive speech, and donations to religious causes will increase one's material wealth.

Oral Roberts (4)

Abundant Life Preaching

- God is a good God who wants to bless people spiritually, physically, and economically.
- After World War II, Roberts through his faith-healing ministry, championed the concept that God provides material prosperity for those he favors.
- God gives only good and perfect gifts, so God only gives gifts and blessings that are compatible with that person's abilities and God's goals for that person.
- These teachings came at a time when:
 - Poverty = spirituality,
 - Sickness = God's discipline and punishment.

Oral Roberts ⁽³⁾

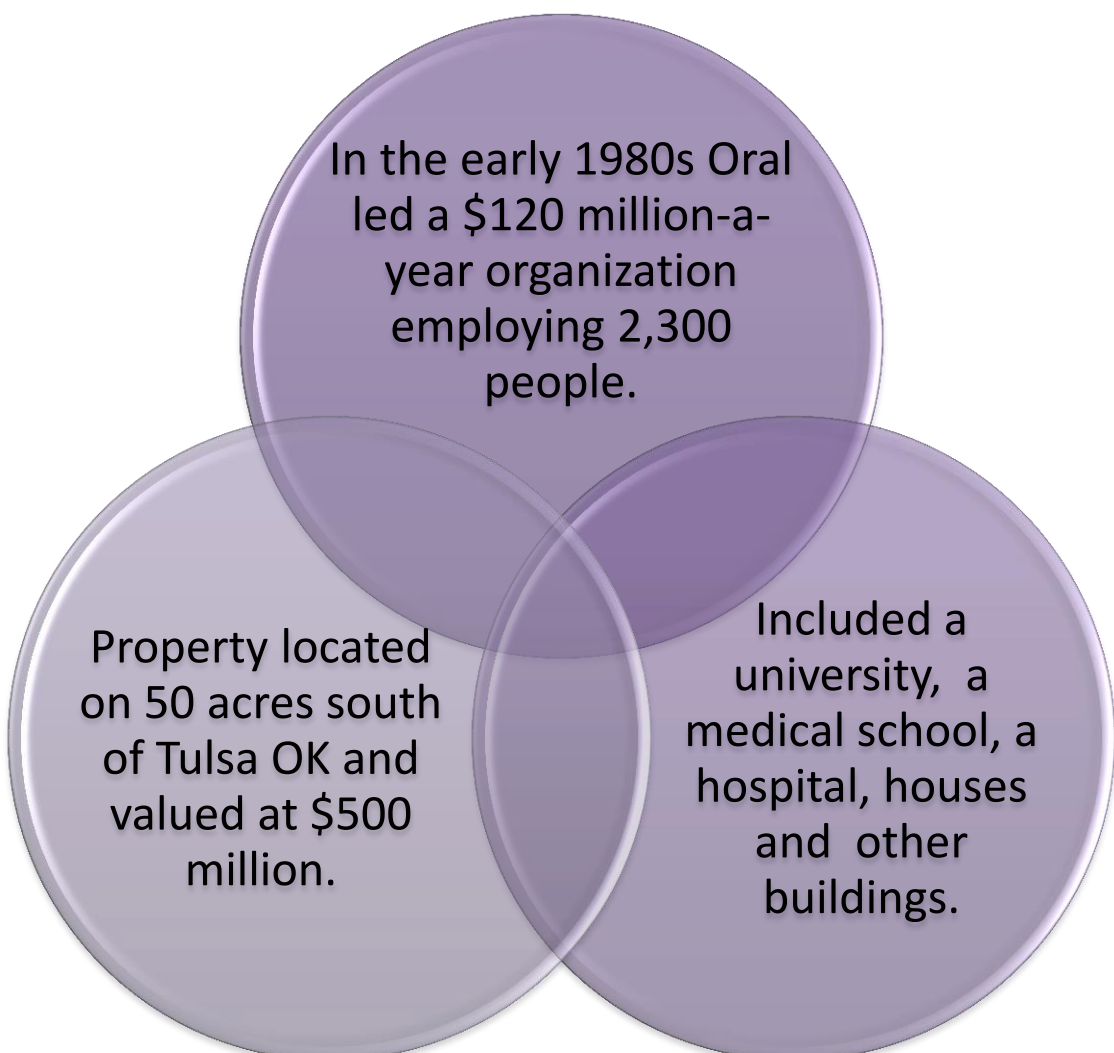
- Attributed his actions to visions of God, a 900 foot Jesus, and other spiritual messages.
- Had visions to merge prayer and medicine in the healing process and to find cure for cancer.
- Created City of Faith Medical and Research Center in Tulsa OK.

Oral Roberts ⁽¹⁾

- His divine healing ministry called for prayer to heal the whole person: body, mind and spirit.
- City of Faith conveyed the importance of treating the whole person: spirit, mind, and body.
- Many labeled him a faith healer, but he rejected this by saying: "God heals, I don't."
- He played a major role in bringing American Pentecostal Christianity into the mainstream.

Oral Roberts

The Heyday



In the early 1980s Oral led a \$120 million-a-year organization employing 2,300 people.

Property located on 50 acres south of Tulsa OK and valued at \$500 million.

Included a university, a medical school, a hospital, houses and other buildings.

Oral Roberts

The Downward Spiral ⁽¹⁾

Ministry expenses became much greater than the incoming funds.

Debt became overwhelming.

Medical school closed 1989.

Hospital closed 1990.

Buildings and lands sold off.

Oral's 2 California holiday homes were sold.

His 3 Mercedes cars were sold.

Oral Roberts

The Downward Spiral (2)

In 1988, Roberts and his son Richard were sued for \$15 million in federal court by patients of City of Faith

Claim was that they were frauds.

They did not visit or heal patients in the hospital.

Oral's daughter Rebecca died in a plane crash in 1977 with her husband.

His son Richard divorced in 1979

Richard's child died after 36 hours of birth.

His elder son, Ronald, died by suicide in 1982.

5 months prior he had court-ordered counseling at a drug treatment center.

6 months prior, he had come out as gay

Oral Roberts

Oral Roberts University (ORU)

Current accredited schools:

- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Science and Engineering
- College of Nursing
- College of Theology and Ministry
- Social Work

- In 2020, ORU began its \$75 million Impact 2030 campaign.
- Fundraising is to span over 3 years and be divided:
 - \$60 million for buildings,
 - \$10 million for international scholarships to enroll 1 student from every country.
 - \$5 million for reconvertng ORU's library into the Center for Global Leadership.
 - The David Green family will match every gift 3-to1 up to \$45 million.



ERNEST ANGLELY

Ernest Angley (1)

1921-

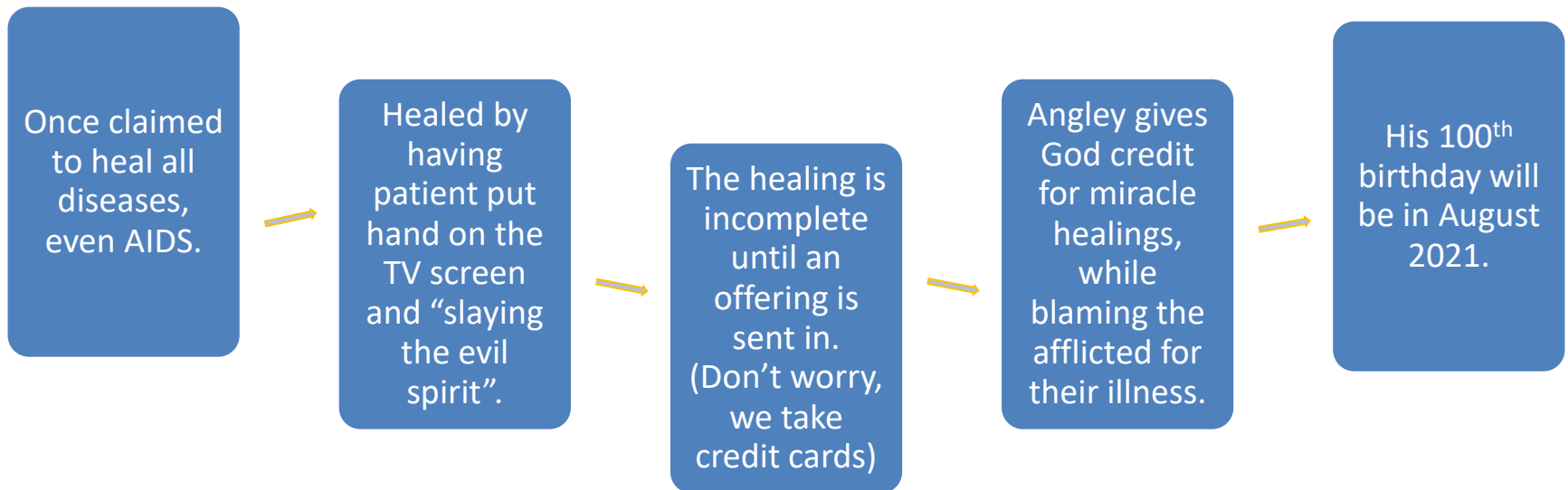
- Ernest Winston Angley, Christian evangelist, author, TV station owner grew up Baptist.
- In the early 1950s, he arrived in NE Ohio as a “salvation and healing” Pentecostal evangelist.
- Created a ministry which bought the complex, church and TV station previously owned by televangelist Rex Humbard.
- The “Cathedral of Tomorrow” was renamed Grace Cathedral by Angley.
- Began an online Bible college in 2011 to provide Bible study courses for laymen, missionaries, teachers and pastors. (It is not an accredited college or school of divinity.)

Ernest Angley (2)

The Grace Cathedral

- Angley, 99, appears once at each service to preach a dull, prepared sermon, and gives it an emotionless reading.
- A chamber for 6,000 now only has 350 or so attendees.
- Bulk of the money is made by selling CD's, blest prayer cloths, vials of blessed water, books, tracts and booklets..
- Contributions and tithes still come in the mail.

Ernest Angley (3)



Ernest Angley (4)

Woes and Tribulations

- Many lawsuits and debts are plaguing Angley.
- He has defaulted on the Cathedral mortgage.
- He cannot support his plane.
- He owes several \$100K's in back wages.
- He faces accusations of homosexuality.

A photograph of Benny Hinn, a televangelist, speaking at a microphone. He is wearing a white suit jacket and a white shirt. He is pointing his right hand towards the camera. The background is a blurred stage setting.

BENNY HINN

Benny Hinn ⁽¹⁾

(1952-)

- Toufik Benedictus (Benny) Hinn, televangelist from Israel known for his Miracle Crusades held in stadiums in major cities.
- These faith healing summits are broadcast worldwide on his television program, *This Is Your Day*.
- Raised in the Oriental Orthodox tradition but became a *born-again Christian in 1972*.

Benny Hinn (2)

- Did first the nationally televised service in Flint, Michigan, in 1989.
- Claims to have spoken to one billion people through his crusades.
- A 3-service Crusade in India had 7.3 million people in attendance, the largest healing service in recorded history.

Benny Hinn (3)

- Has been accused of false healings, trickery, deception, exploitation and financial misdeed.
- Some of Hinn's doctrines and practices are rejected in mainstream Christianity.
- At his Miracle Crusades, he has allegedly healed attendees of pain, blindness, deafness, cancer, AIDS and severe physical injuries.

Benny Hinn (4)

- A controversial aspect of Hinn's ministry is a phenomenon he dubs "The Anointing".
- The power is purportedly given by God and transmitted through Hinn to carry out supernatural acts.
- Supposedly transmits "The Anointing" by gently pushing or touching a subject, or just by making the motion to push, without touch.

THIS IS YOUR DAY

Benny Hinn (5)

“The Anointing”

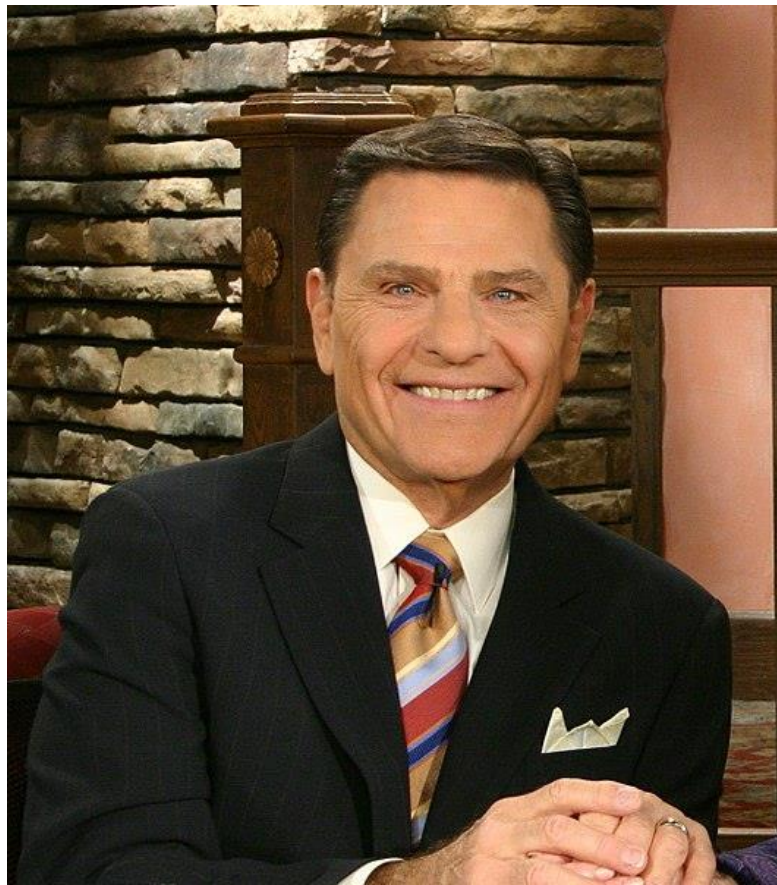
One of his favorite stunts: claims that the anointing has impregnated his clothes so that he can transfer it to others by swatting at them with his coat.



People drop like flies, not because of the power of the swat, but because of the dynamic impact produced by the increased suggestibility condition caused by witnessing others falling from a mere touch or a blown breath from Hinn.

Benny Hinn (6)

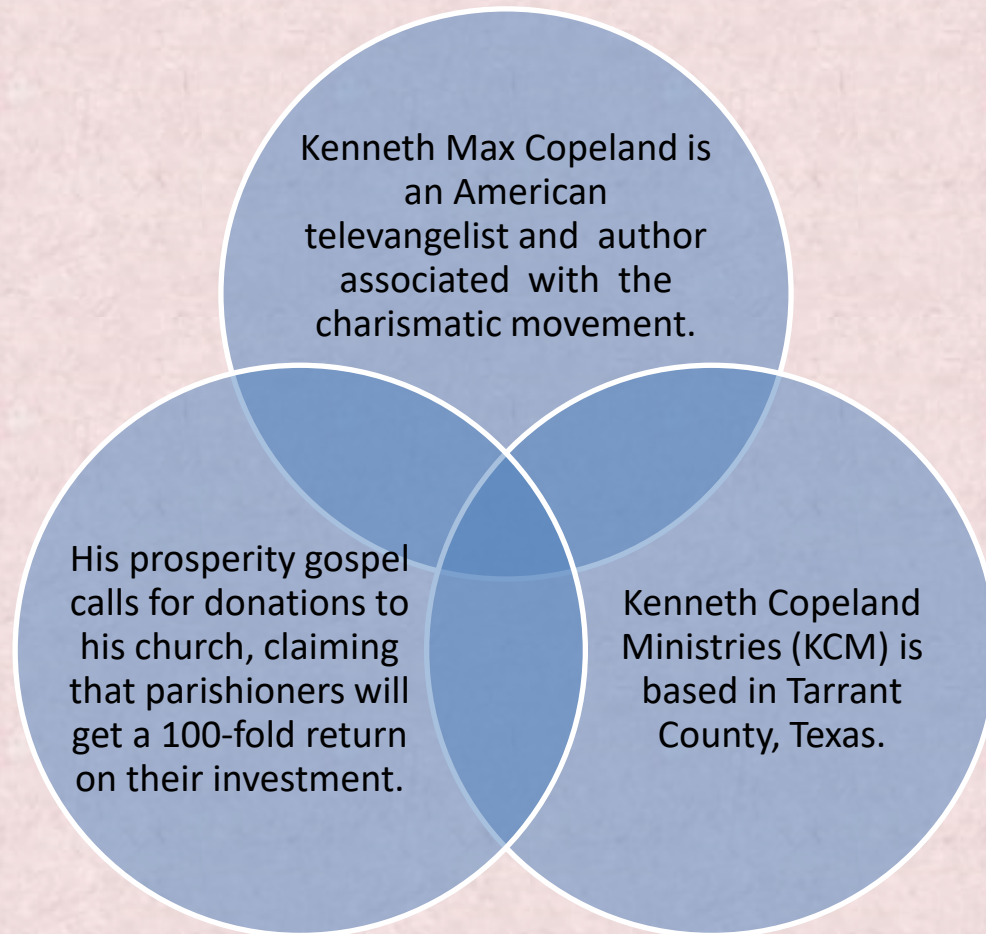
- His teachings are charismatic, accept the validity of spiritual gifts and with a focus on financial prosperity.
- In September, 2019, he publicly renounced his prior prosperity theology, and realizes that his teachings “damaged a lot of people”.
- When asked if people can give money in exchange for healing, Hinn declared: “No”.
- He wants the remaining years of his ministry to focus on evangelism and the Gospel, not the “health and wealth” theology that made him millions.



KENNETH COPELAND

Kenneth Copeland (1)

(1936-)



Kenneth Copeland ()

During the COVID-19 pandemic he repeatedly claimed:

- That followers should continue paying tithes to him if they lost their jobs.
- The pandemic had ended or would soon end.
- That he could cure his followers of the disease.
- That he destroyed the virus.
- That he had ended the ongoing pandemic.



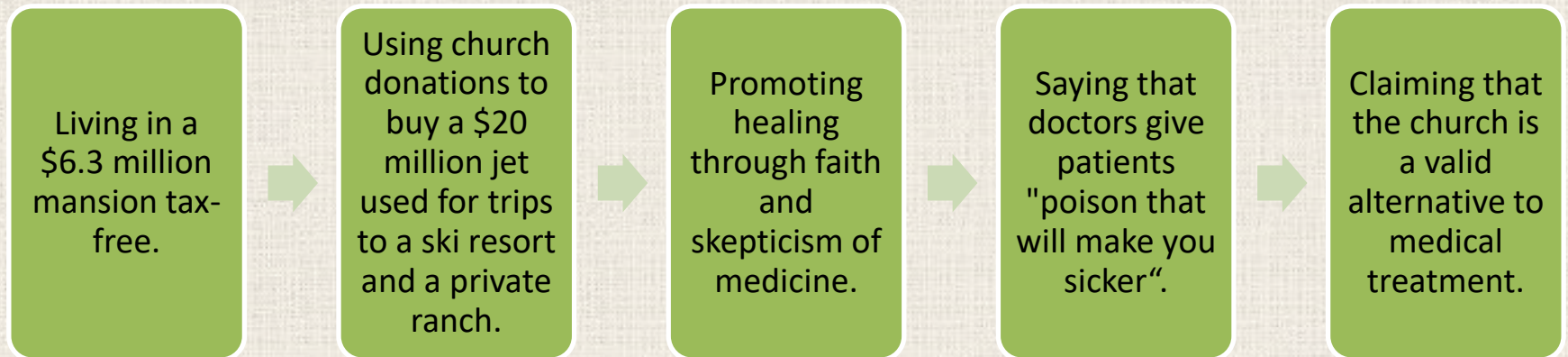
FALSE!

Kenneth Copeland ()

- In 1967 he enrolled in ORU and became chauffeur and pilot to Oral Roberts.
- The ministry's motto is "Jesus is Lord".
- Has claimed that his ministry has brought "over 122 million people to Jesus Christ".
- In August 2020, KC Ministries announced that Believer's Voice of Victory (BVOV) broadcast will no longer air on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN).

Kenneth Copeland ()

Criticized for:

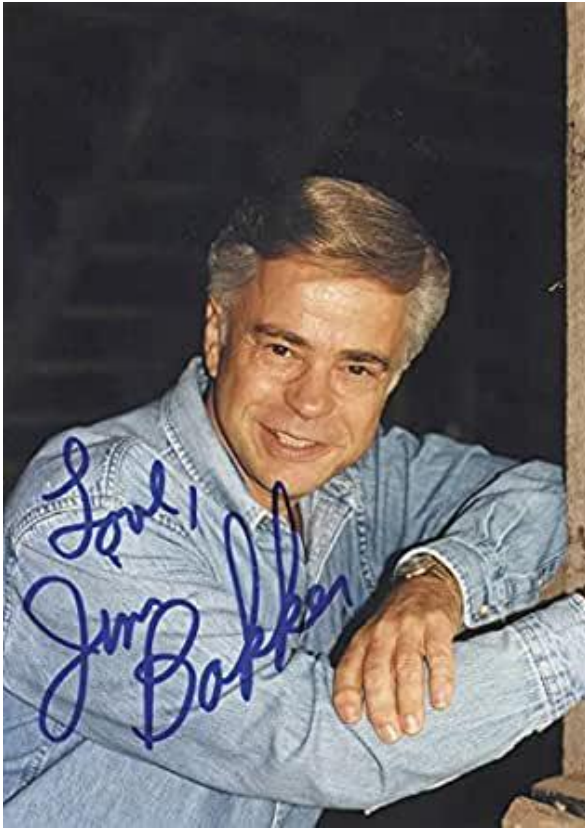


Kenneth Copeland ()

- In March, 2020, KC claimed to heal viewers of his TV show of CoVid if they touched the TV set as he prayed for them.
- In 2020, in a televised sermon, KC "executed judgement" on COVID-19. He claimed:
 - That it was "finished".
 - That it was "over".
 - That the US was now "healed and well again".
 - To destroy the virus with the "wind of God", saying "I blow the wind of God on you, you are destroyed forever, and you'll never be back. Thank you, God. Let it happen. Cause it to happen."
- "In a broadcast, KC said that fear of CoVid was sin and putting faith in the devil.

Kenneth Copeland ()

- Healing sessions involve mass shouts of “Amen”, “Praise the Lord” and “Glory to God” from the audience in response to Copeland’s cues.
- Raising of one or both arms while closing the eyes promotes unanimity, uniformity and acquiescence to the will of the healer.
- Tossing away crutches, wheelchairs and canes, reinforces the healing.
- Most diagnoses are either very vague or very precise but involve “pain” which is relieved after the healing.



JAMES BAKKER

A photograph of James Bakker and Tammy Faye Bakker on a stage. James is in the center, wearing a brown suit, white shirt, and dark tie, holding a microphone and gesturing with his right hand raised. Tammy is on the left, wearing a white top with a colorful patterned scarf, also holding a microphone and smiling. The background is a blurred stage setting with lights.

James Bakker ⁽¹⁾

(1940-)

- James Orsen Bakker is an American televangelist, entrepreneur, and convicted fraudster.
- He hosted *The PTL Club* with wife, Tammy Faye, from 1974 to 1989.
- Developed Heritage USA, a failed Christian theme park in South Carolina.
- In the late 1980s, Bakker resigned from the ministry over a cover-up of hush money to church secretary Jessica Hahn for an alleged rape.

James Bakker (2)

- Further revelations of accounting fraud brought about felony charges, conviction, imprisonment, and divorce.
- Later remarried, returned to televangelism, founded Morningside Church in Blue Eye, Missouri.
- Hosts *The Jim Bakker Show*, focuses on the end times, the Second Coming of Christ and promotes emergency survival products.

James Bakker ⁽³⁾

Other 1987 allegations:

- Homosexual allegations made by JW Fletcher.
- Heterosexual allegations by PTL director Jay Babcock.
- Financial allegations by rival J Ankerberg.
- Church investigation initiated by J. Swaggart over Bakker's sexual misconduct.

In February 1988, Jimmy Swaggart became involved in a sex scandal after being caught visiting prostitutes in New Orleans.

Jim Bakker ⁽⁴⁾

- In 1989 indicted , tried, sentenced to 45 years in federal prison and fined \$500K.
- In 1992, sentence reduced to 8 years.
- Paroled in 1994, released owing \$6M to IRS.
- Alan Dershowitz, his parole attorney, said that he "would guarantee that Mr. Bakker would never again engage in the blend of religion and commerce that led to his conviction."

James Bakker (5)

- He has never done sensational healings, and has concentrated on preaching.
- Bakker condemned the prosperity theology that he preached in his early career and has embraced apocalypticism.

- His new show has a millennial, survivalist focus and sells buckets of freeze-dried food to his audience in preparation for the end of days.

Famous American Preachers

- Jimmy Swaggart
- Joseph Prince
- Kenney Thomas
- W.B. Grant
- Larry Lea
- Pat Robertson
- Robert Tilton
- Edwin B. Young
- Morris Cerullo
- Peter Popoff
- Billy Graham
- Joel Osteen
- William J. Seymour
- Warren Jeffs
- Jerry Falwell
- Robert Schuller
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