





Contemporary Praise Music is beginning to infiltrate fundamental Baptist churches



Consider the Baptist Bible Fellowship International (BBFI)

John Rawlings (1951-1994)



Landmark Baptist Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio

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Harold Rawlings (1994-2001)



Landmark Baptist Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio

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New pastor in 2001 Mat
Holman



He believes “that **church should be fun and
on the edge...**”

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Jump5 Rock Concert
Dec. 6, 2003



Landmark Baptist Temple,
Cincinnati, Ohio

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1. Contemporary Praise Music claims that music is neutral, amoral

2. Contemporary Praise Music is not separated from the world

3. Contemporary Praise Music is entangled with the Charismatic movement

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4. Contemporary Praise Music is part of the ecumenical movement

5. Contemporary Praise Music changes the character of a church

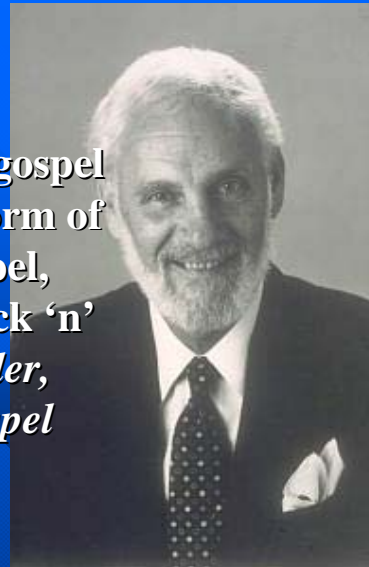
6. Contemporary Praise Music is confused about true Worship

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- **Contemporary Praise Music claims that music is neutral, amoral**

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“There is no such thing as ‘gospel music.’ Every style and form of music can become gospel, whether it’s jazz, pop, rock ‘n’ roll, or rap” --Don Butler, Executive Director, Gospel Music Association



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If music is neutral, why is it that the movie “text painter” can use different styles of music to create different emotions?

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If music is neutral, why do taverns and night clubs always play a certain kind of music?

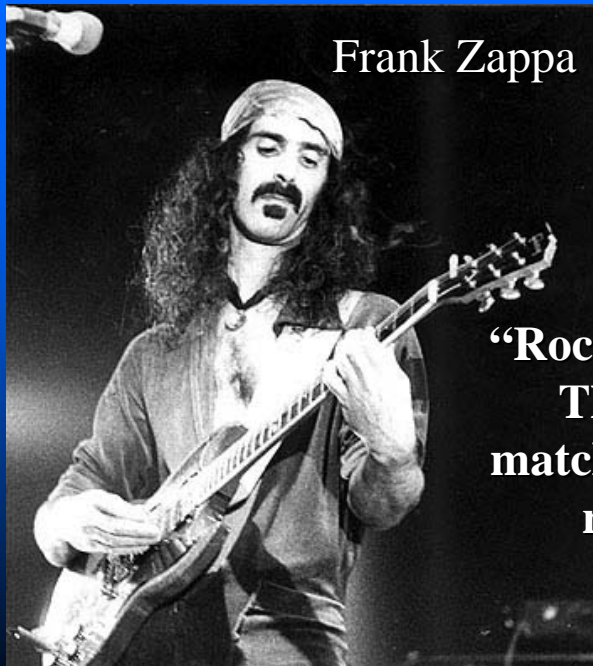
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If music is neutral, why do rock musicians claim that their heavily syncopated rhythm is sexy?

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Frank Zappa

“Rock music is **sex.
The big beat
matches the body’s
rhythms.”**

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“That’s what rock is all about—**sex** with a 100 megaton bomb, the beat!”

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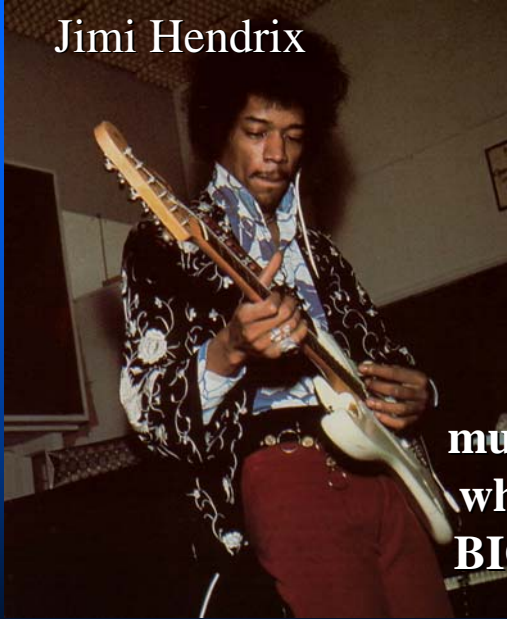


John Oates

“Rock ‘n’ roll is 99% **sex.**”

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Jimi Hendrix



“Perhaps my music is **sexy** ... but what music with a **BIG BEAT** isn't?”

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If music is neutral, why do most world famous conductors and composers disagree and say rather that it is a language?

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**Howard Hanson, 40 years the head
of the Eastman School of Music**

**“Music has
powers for evil
as well as for
good.”**



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**If music is neutral, why does the
Bible specify that believers should
sing a certain kind of music?**

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**“Speaking to yourselves in psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody in your
heart to the Lord.”**

Ephesians 5:19

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The Application of This Truth

- *Music is a language*
- *The message of the music must
match the message of the lyrics*

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The Application of This Truth

- *The music must be spiritual, different from the world's*
- *We must ask ourselves what message is this music preaching?*

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Conclusion: Former CCW Leader Dan Lucarini

“I am now convinced that God will not accept our worship when it is offered with music styles that are also used by pagans for their immoral practices.”



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2. Contemporary Christian Worship Music Is Not Separated from the World

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“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

1 John 2:15-16

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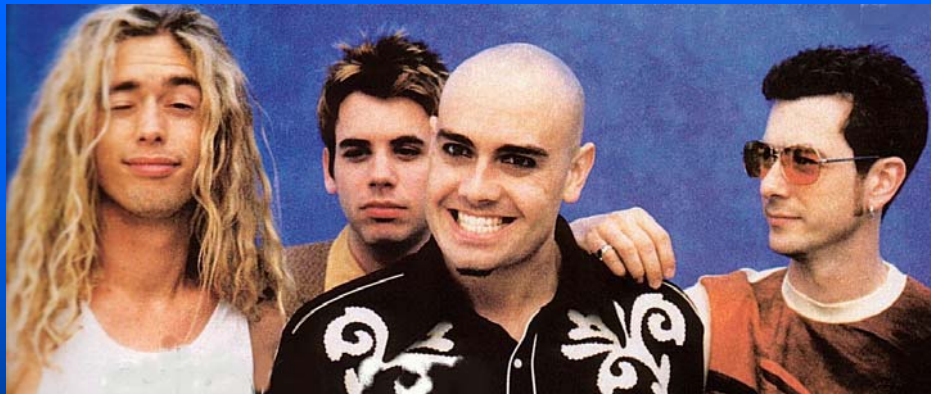
“And the world passeth away,
and the lust thereof: but he
that doeth the will of God
abideth for ever.”
1 John 2:17

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God Judged Israel for Not Making a Difference

“Her priests have violated my law, and
have profaned mine holy things: they
**have put no difference between the
holy and profane, neither have they
shewed difference between the
unclean and the clean...**” *Ezekiel*
22:26

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The Newsboys

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Jars Of Clay

Jars of Clay

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Delirious



Third Day

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“We took teens to concerts given by popular CCM artists. ... **we noticed that the artists imitated secular artists** in music, concert performance techniques, dress, hairstyle...”

—*Dan Lucarini*



Beware of building
bridges to the
world!

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**3. Contemporary Christian
Worship Music Is
Associated with the
Charismatic Movement**

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*Let's look at 4 of the most
prominent names in
Contemporary Christian
Worship*

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**Darlene Zschech and
Hillsong Music**



Worship leader at Hills Christian Life
Centre, Sydney, Australia

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She is
charismatic in
doctrine and
promotes visions,
dreams, tongues,
etc.



The Co-Pastors
of Hills Church
are Brian and
Bobbie Houston



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The *Sydney Morning Herald* asked why the church is so successful.

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Brian replied, “We are scratching people where they are itching.”

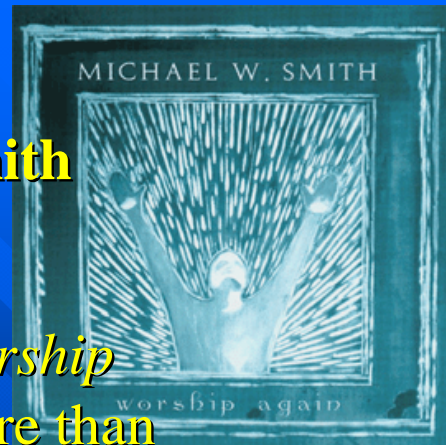
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“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, **having itching ears**; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”
–2 Timothy 4:3-4

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Michael W. Smith

His 2001 *Worship* album sold more than 1 million copies in its first 9 months

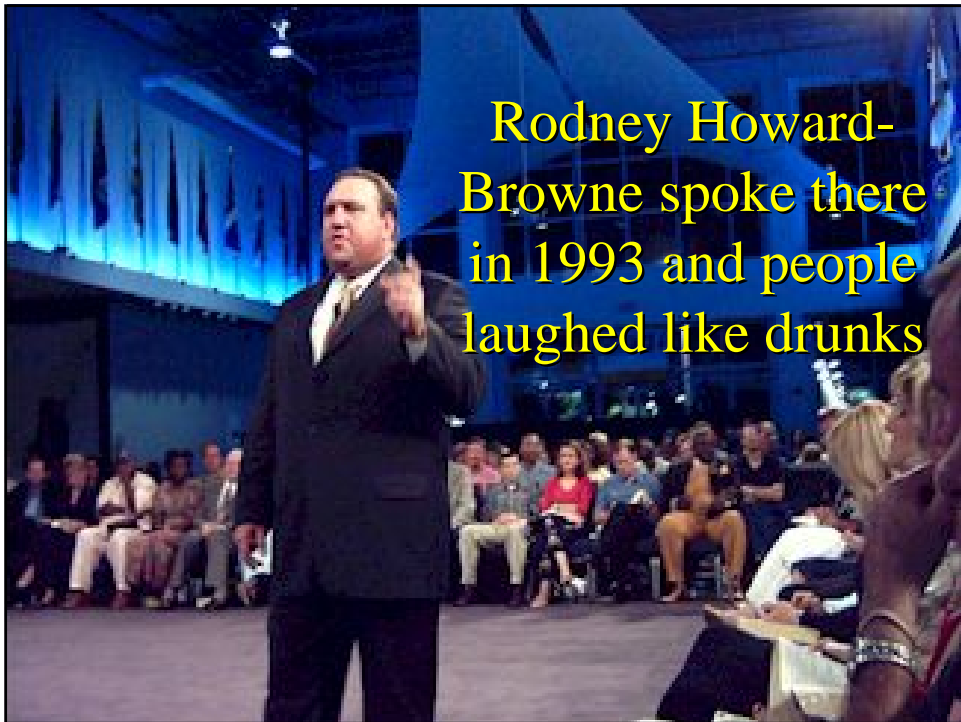


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It was recorded at
Carpenter's Home
Church in Lakeland,
Florida



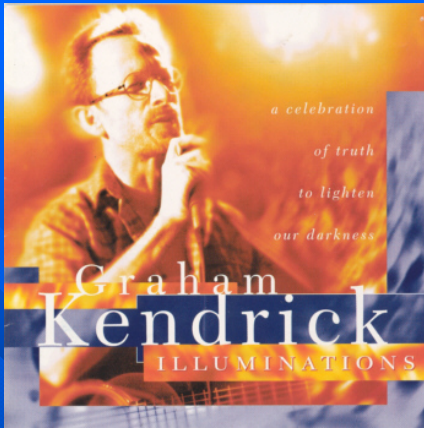
Rodney Howard-
Browne spoke there
in 1993 and people
laughed like drunks





Howard-Browne calls himself the “Holy Ghost Bartender”

Graham Kendrick



*a celebration
of truth
to lighten
our darkness*

Graham Kendrick
ILLUMINATIONS

One of the most influential CCW writers. His songs have been translated into many languages.

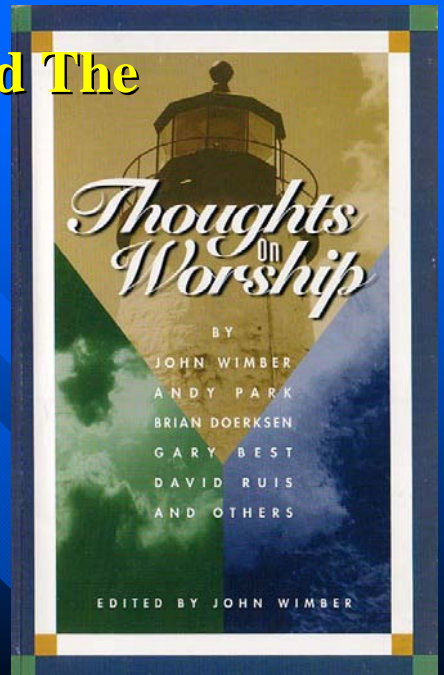
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He accepts such false doctrines as “spirit slaying,” shaking, and “holy laughter”

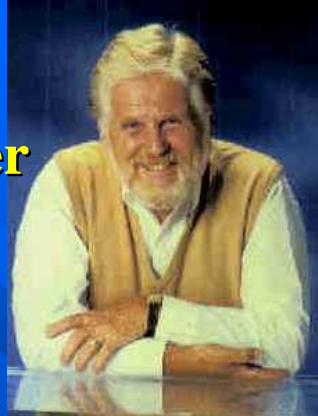


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John Wimber and The Vineyard



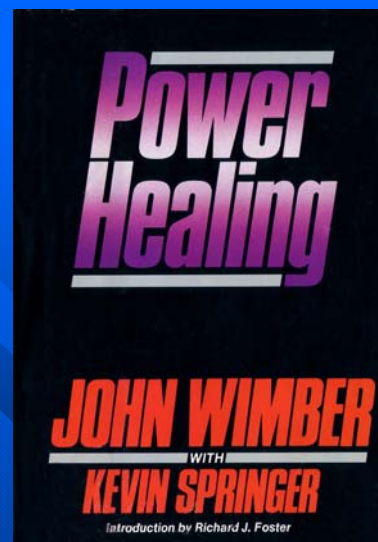
John Wimber



He warned about those who have
“God the Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Book.”

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He conducted
“SIGNS AND
WONDERS”
Conferences and
taught that every
believer can heal.



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He promoted
“spirit slaying”



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**The Charismatic Movement Is
*Very, Very Dangerous***



4. Contemporary Christian Worship Music Is One of the Glues of the Ecumenical Movement

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Pope John Paul II,
February 2001

**“Music can be an instrument
toward Christian unity.”**

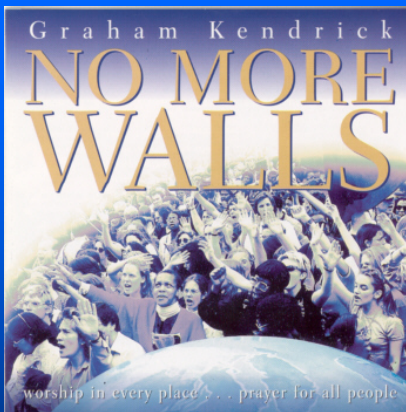
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Darlene
Zschech



“There is a new sound
and a new song being
proclaimed across the
earth. It’s the sound of a
unified church.”

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Graham
Kendrick



Kendrick titled one of his worship
albums “No More Walls”

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Graham
Kendrick



Kendrick is the founder of the ecumenical March for Jesus that has brought together Protestants, Catholics, even Mormons

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Michael W. Smith



Smith performed at the Catholic World Youth Day in 1993

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John Wimber



John Wimber's conferences featured Catholic priests, such as Tom Forrest and Raniero Cantalamessa.

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These men do not believe the Bible's teaching about **DOCTRINE**

Paul commanded Timothy to allow
"NO OTHER DOCTRINE"
1 Timothy 1:3

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These men do not believe the Bible's
teaching about SEPARATION

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark
them which cause divisions and
offences contrary to the doctrine which
ye have learned; **and avoid them.**”

Romans 16:17

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These men do not believe the Bible's
teaching about CONTENDING FOR
THE FAITH

“...ye should **earnestly contend** for
the faith which was once delivered
unto the saints.”

Jude 3

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**5. Contemporary Christian
Worship Goes Hand in Hand
with a Worldly Philosophy of
Christianity and a Gradual
Weakening of All Standards**

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“When the standard
of MUSIC is
lowered ... then the
standard of DRESS
is also lowered.”

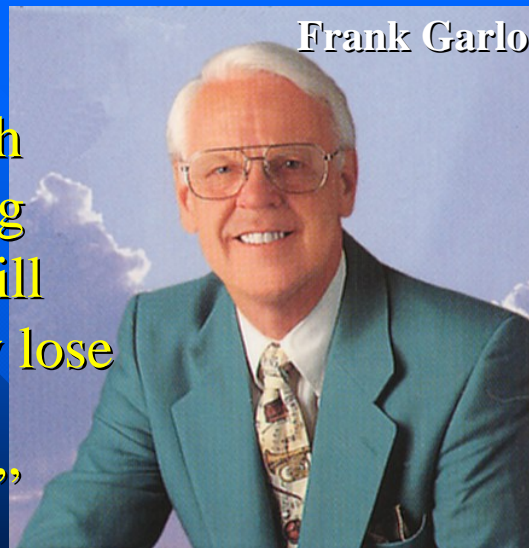


Gordon Sears



“When the standard of dress is lowered ... Then the standard of CONDUCT is also lowered.”

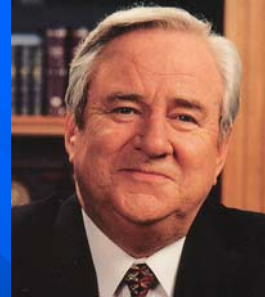
Frank Garlock



“If a church starts using CCM it will eventually lose all other standards.”

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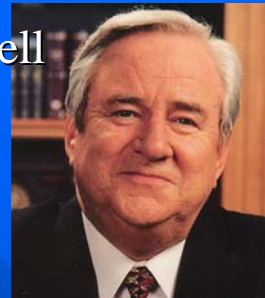
Jerry Falwell



Thomas Road
Baptist Church,
Lynchburg,
Virginia

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Jerry Falwell



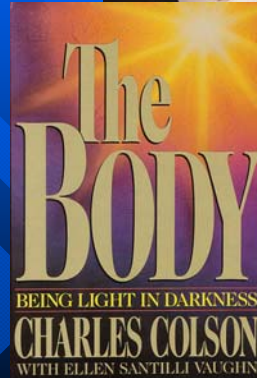
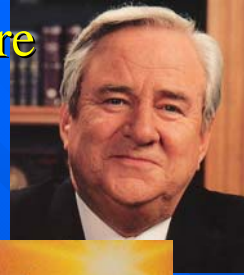
In the 1980s, Falwell
said: “Other than
Heavy Metal and
vulgar lyrics, it’s all a
matter of taste and has
nothing to do with
Christianity.”

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Falwell has gotten ever more ecumenical

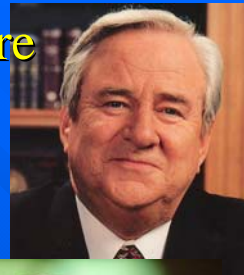
In 1992 he endorsed
Chuck Colson's book *The
Body*, which urged
evangelicals to join hands
with Roman Catholics



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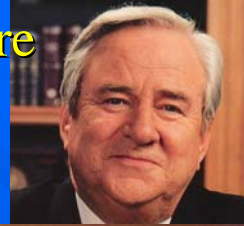
In 1995 Falwell praised
Billy Graham for his “long
and faithful ministry.”



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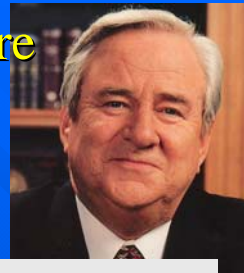
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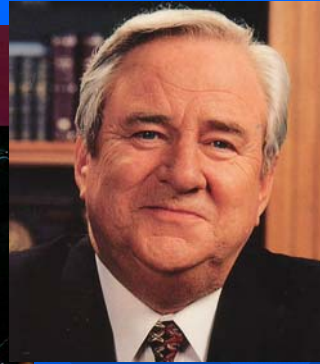
In 1999 Graham was the commencement speaker at Liberty University



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In 1996, Falwell joined the Southern Baptist Convention, and in 1999 Liberty University was approved as a SBC school

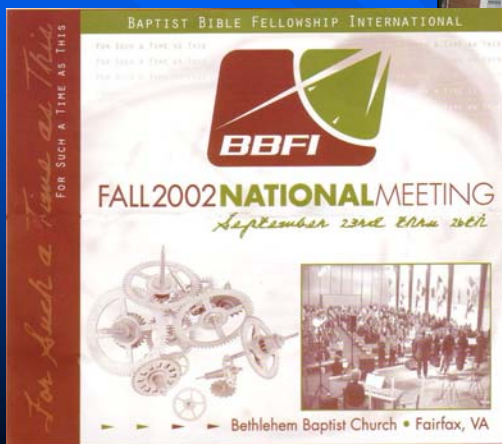




In 1996 the rock band dc Talk drew the largest concert crowd in the history of Liberty University

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The 2002 BBF
National
Meeting was
held here

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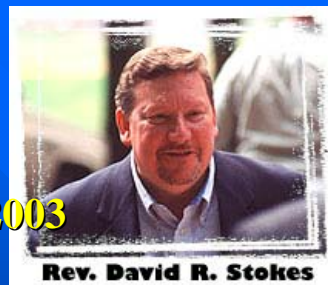


This church
features a praise
team led by four
young women

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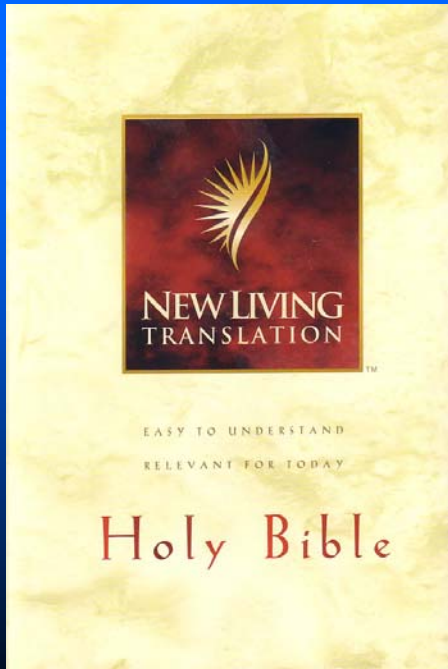
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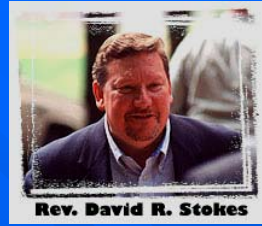
Rev. David R. Stokes

“With regard to dress and modesty
issues, we enforce **no rule** on our
folks. ... apparel issues are really
of **no concern** to us.”

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Rev. David R. Stokes

he led the church
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on, among others.

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Bethlehem Baptist Church, Fairfax, Virginia

A paper published by the Bethlehem Baptist Church in 2002 featured a photo of the church's new Youth Pastor, Rob Hoerr. Bedecked with a goatee, an earring, and a P.O.D. shirt

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what about Rob?

Rob Hoerr was born in Norfolk, Virginia and was raised in the Philadelphia, PA area. As a young man he attended First Baptist Church in Aston, Pennsylvania. He was served at 18 years of age and was committed his life to full-time ministry shortly thereafter. While attending Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri from 1987 to the spring of 2001, he majored in Pastoral Studies. Rob was the Youth Pastor at his home church in Aston, Pennsylvania for several months before making the move to Fairfax, Virginia. Rob accepted the position of Youth Pastor here at Bethlehem in January of this year and began full-time service with us in early February. He is excited to be ministering here and is looking forward to seeing God work in Square Peg Student Ministries. Welcome to our new staff!

Discipleship is more than the acquisition of Biblical knowledge. It is the expression of Biblical wisdom, service, and standards. It is applied knowledge. We are built up as we can serve.

I am often asked what I think should be the first instruction to a believer. My answer is clear. The new convert must embrace the discipline of becoming biblically involved in the Local New Testament Church. Sound education? It should. But surely that emphasis is way down on the list of much available "Discipleship" material. This is the focus of a larger problem in the Evangelical community.

All of us - who love righteousness - are constantly reminded that the world around us is always trying to substitute another distinctly ungodly institution - the family. Discipleship needs recognize this as a clear part of Satan's overall attack on things of God. Could it be that the enemy is also trying to undermine the discipline and the foundation of the institution for which Christ died - the Church? Before you dismiss my suggestion as unwarranted and alarmist, please remember the stability of our society.

I have watched throughout my ministry (I'm in my 23rd year as a pastor) as young believers started out with sincerity and zeal only to struggle over this point. In fact, I have never seen one believer **grow and mature into - for whatever reason - did not become a Reformed part**

of a local assembly. By this I mean a real church with doctrine, discipline, leadership, and the biblical authority for edification and organization. This - by definition - excludes many "alternatives" so popular today (i.e., "para-church" ministries, small group fellowships, etc.). I do not mean that there is no place for these ministries - quite the contrary. But they should not be the primary support and service system of the child of God. They can supplement the local church, but never should they become a substitute for it.

There can be no objective program apart from God's clear pattern. So... if you want to grow, get involved with a good Bible teaching, Christ exalting church. A real one. If you have time, after this commitment, for other compelling "ministries" - fine. But never let the net slip the fish!

And, don't settle for a spectator type of church life (just watching the Christians go by). Accept nothing less for yourself than a life of **daily sacrifice.** Become a **passionate follower of Jesus Christ for Local and Global Impact.**

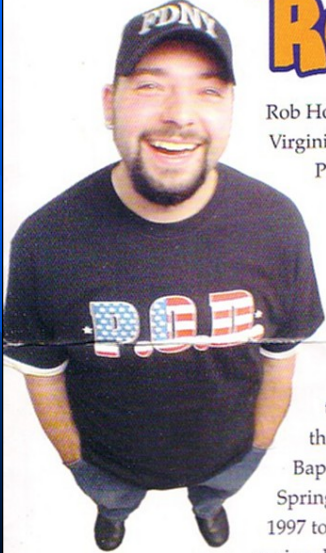
At Bethlehem Baptist Church we must ever be about **fully developing** each people. [D]

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**Fair Oaks
Church, Fairfax,
Virginia**

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**“Jesus was
the first rebel.”
--Sonny of
P.O.D.**



“We’re not passing out pamphlets that say ‘get your life straight or you’re gonna burn in hell.’”

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“I like Slayer. I like Manson. I like this music and this dark imagery.”
--*Sonny of P.O.D.*

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Marilyn Manson



6. Contemporary Christian Worship Music Is Confused about True Worship

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“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

--Hebrews 13:15-16

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- **Thanksgiving to God in all circumstances**
- **Obedience to God’s commands**
- **Communicating to those who have needs**

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Example of Job sitting in the ash heap scraping his boils and glorifying the Lord

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Example of Abraham taking Isaac up the mountain



Conclusion

1. Where to draw the line with our music? **At the safest place!**

“That ye may approve things that are **excellent**; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.”
Phil. 1:10

- ✓ Music that doesn't have a worldly sound
- ✓ Music that doesn't have a charismatic association
- ✓ Music that has a clear and unquestionably scriptural message

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Conclusion

2. Beware of incrementalism

When CCW first comes into a church, it comes with moderation, using only the softer rock numbers, mixing traditional with contemporary. But it is never satisfied to remain in that condition.

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“I see this decline in standards in my local church, as **contemporary music gains more and more acceptance** and the pastors and deacons refrain from placing a limit. In the last 15 years these musical trends, at first rare, have grown in acceptance.” *–E-mail from Reader*

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Conclusion

3. Think about the next generation

If we build bridges to the **world**, what will happen to the next generation? (Lot)

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