

# 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?



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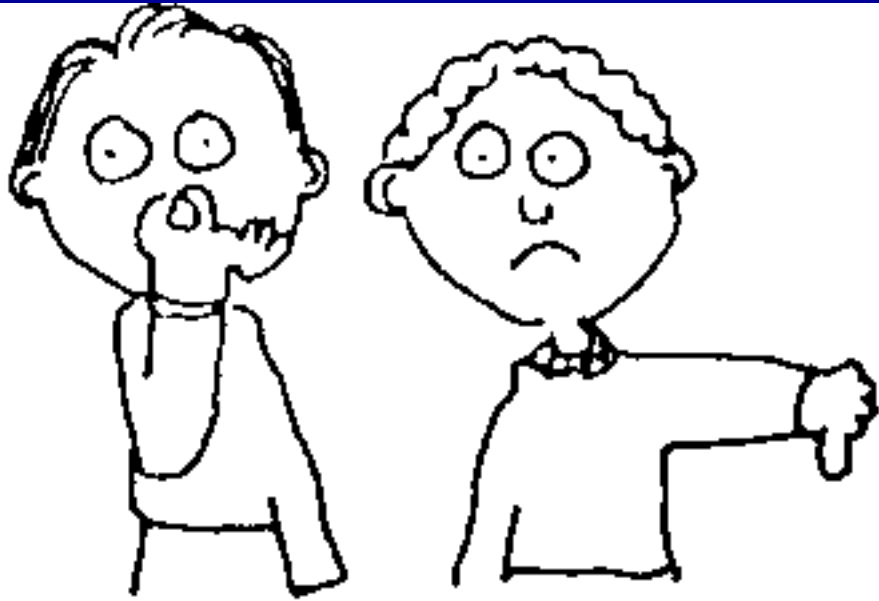
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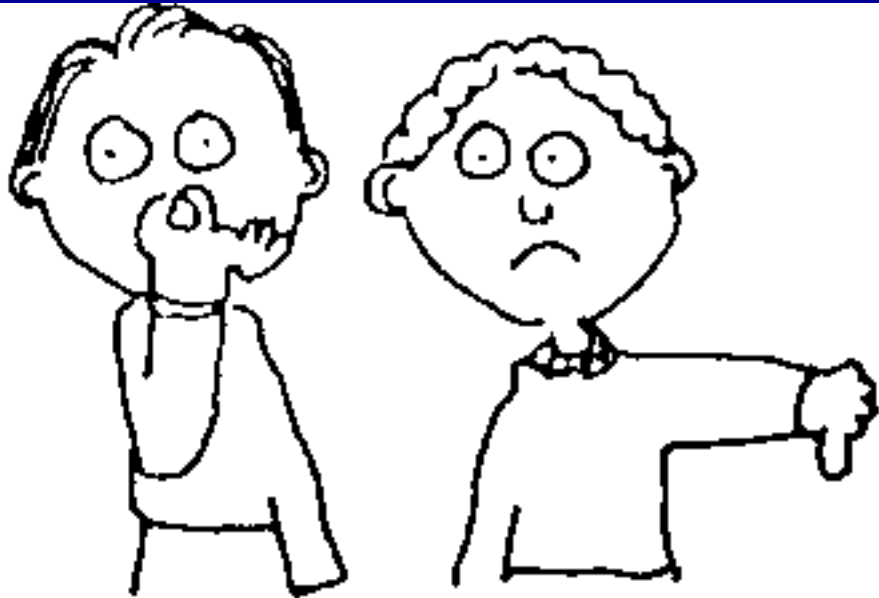
# May 24, 1689 - The Act of Toleration



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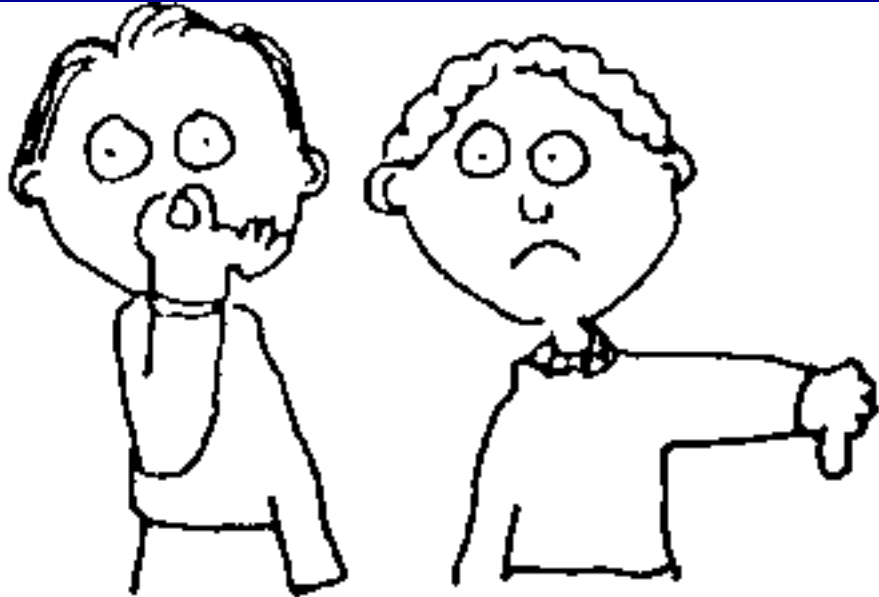


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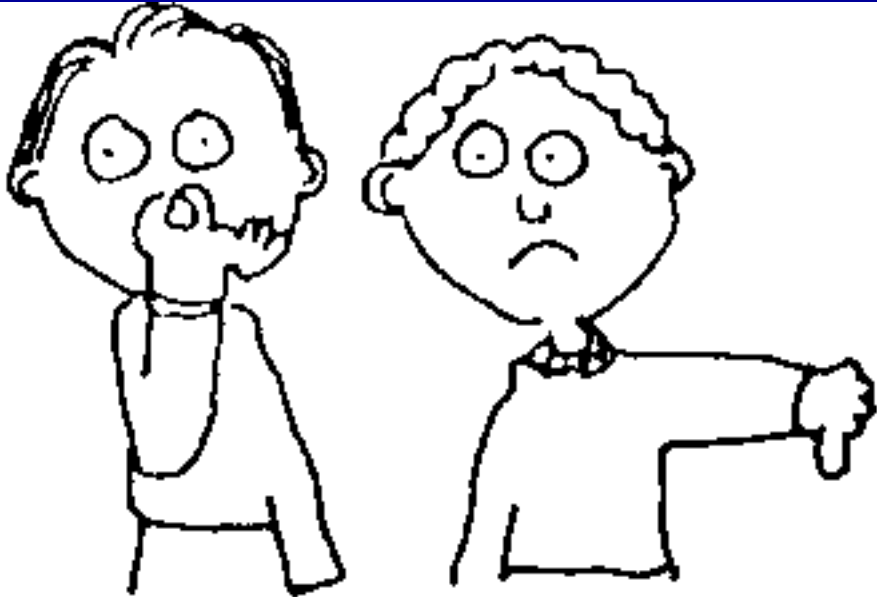
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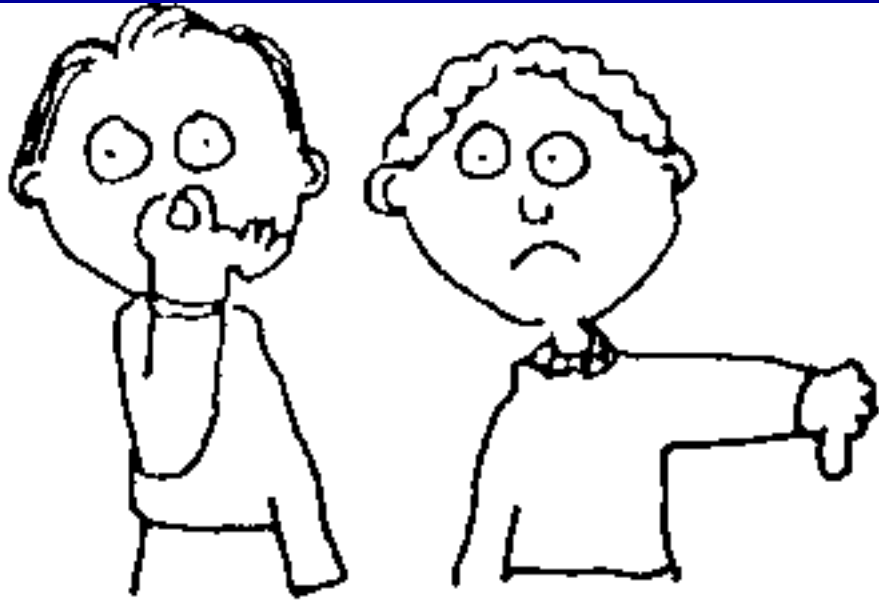
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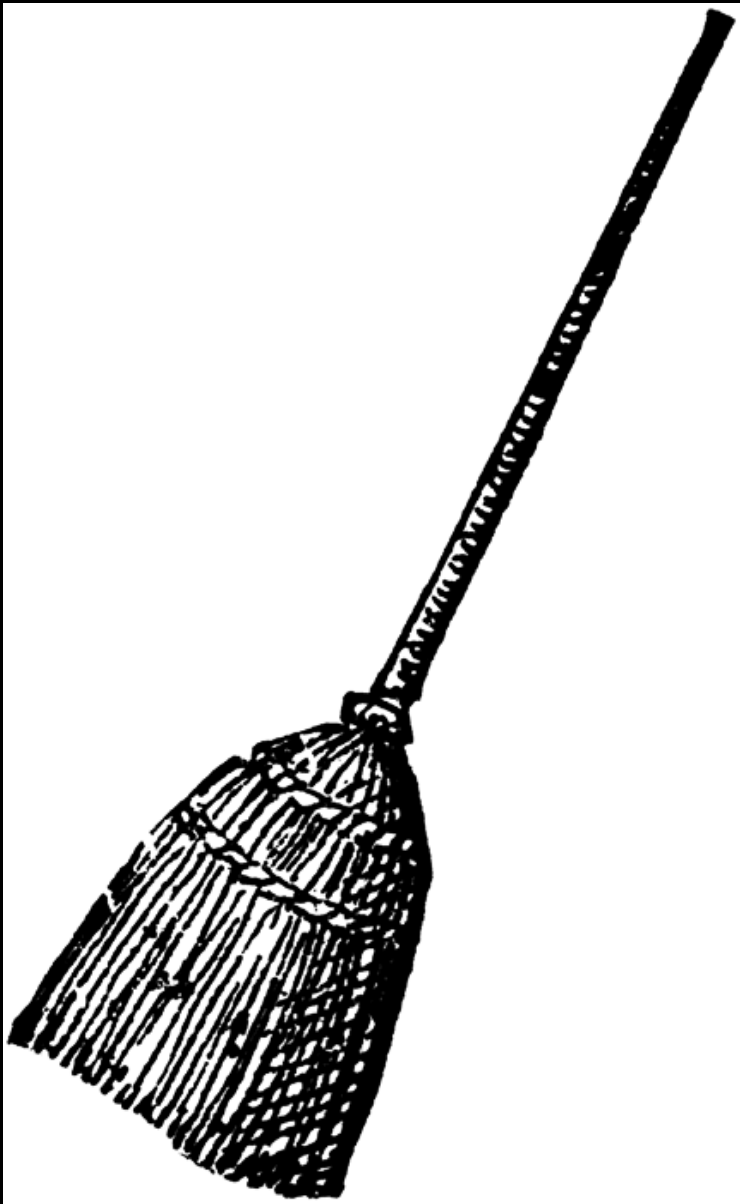
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Revival was  
Sweeping  
Europe



“Religious  
Societies”  
help clean up  
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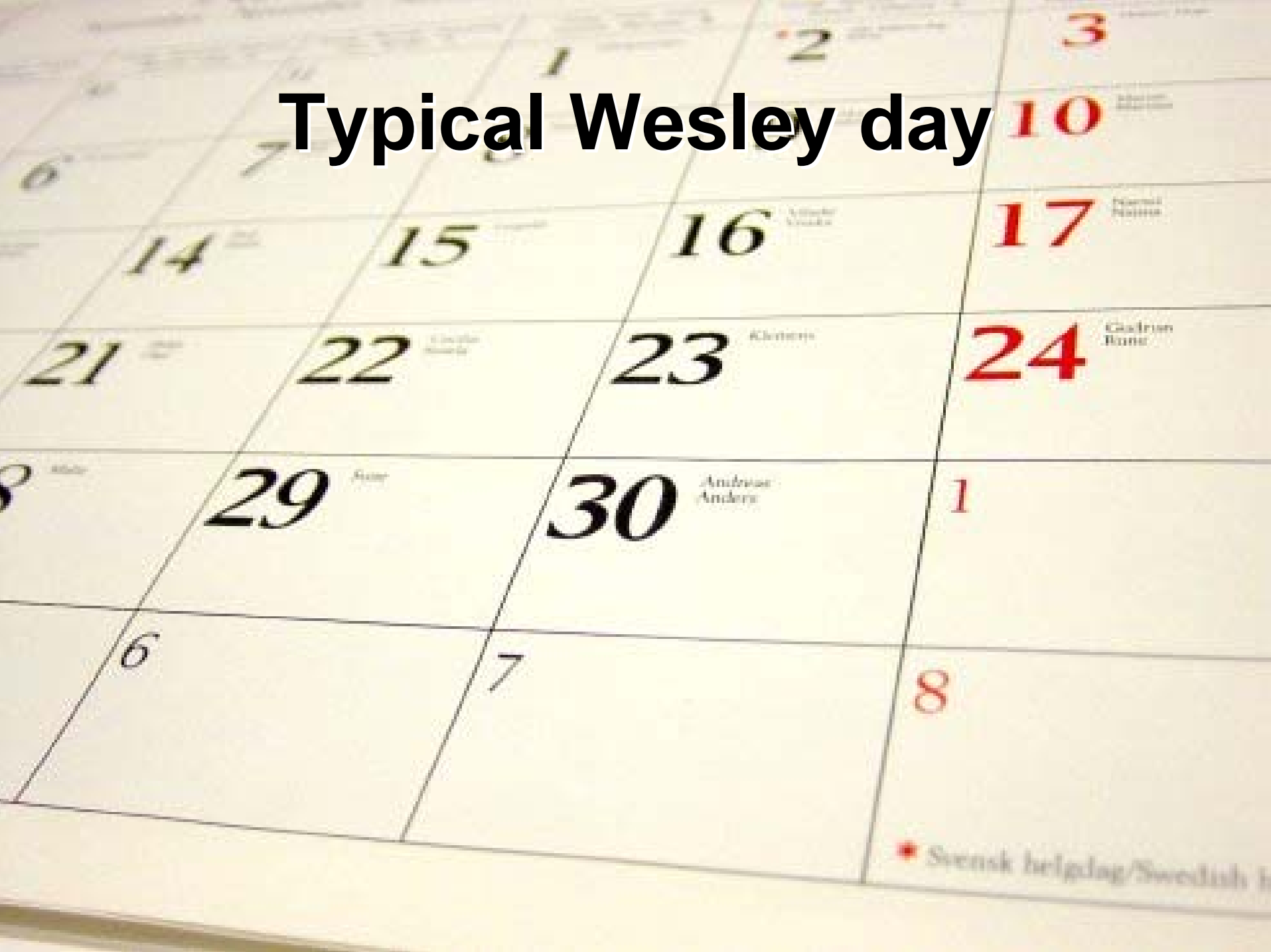


The  
Methodists  
started as a  
“Holy Club” at  
Oxford with a  
handful of men



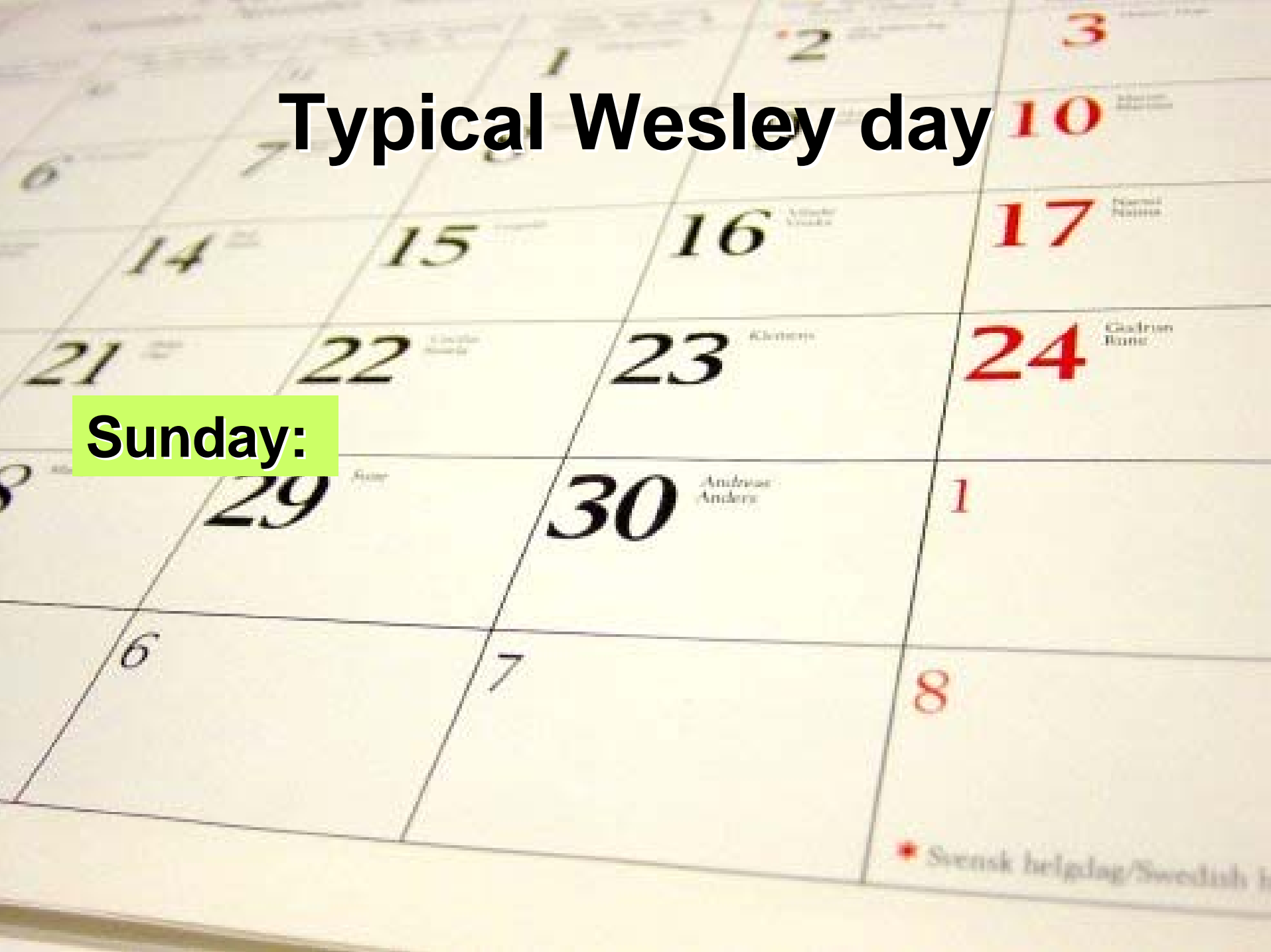
Growth  
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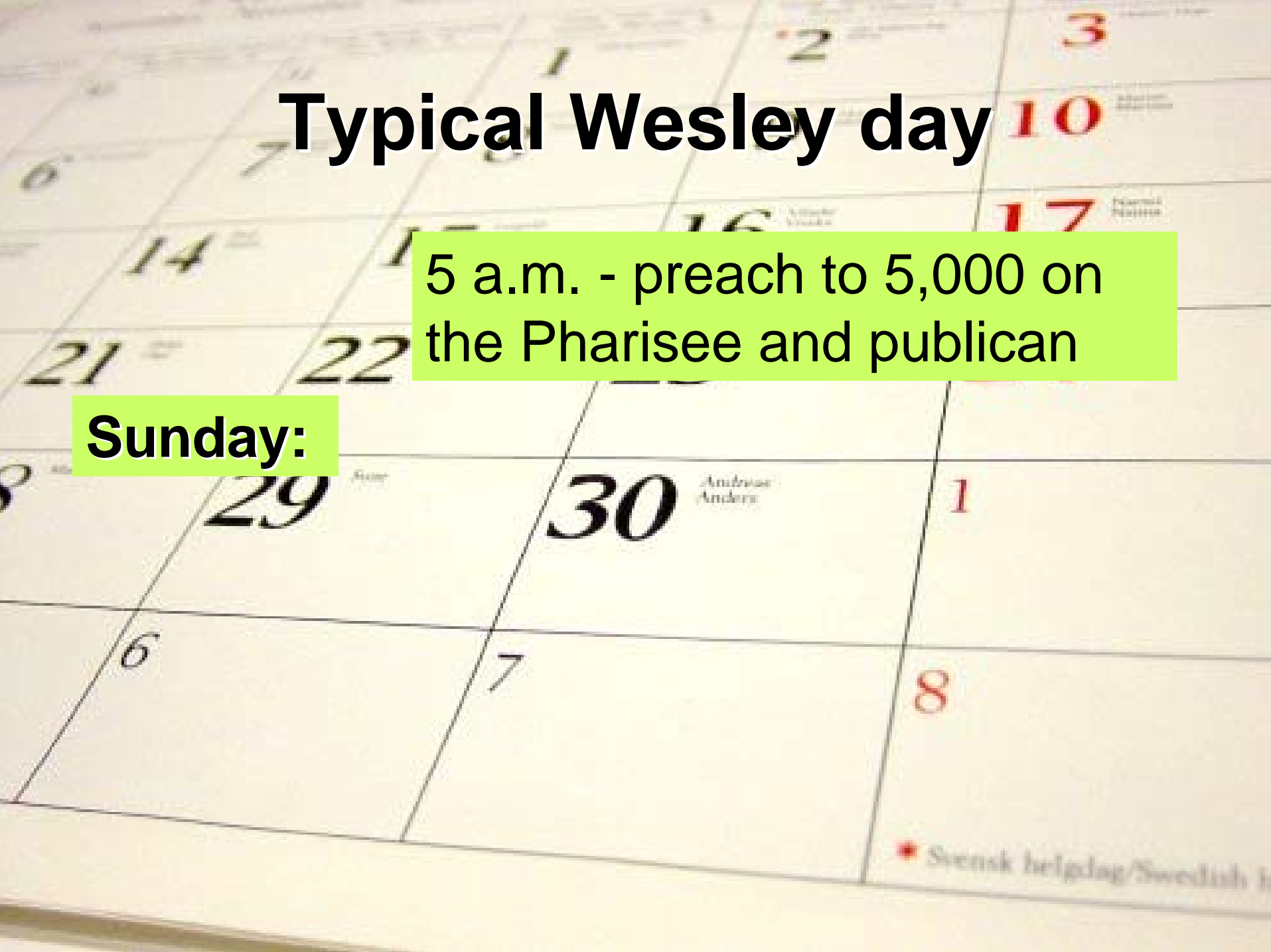
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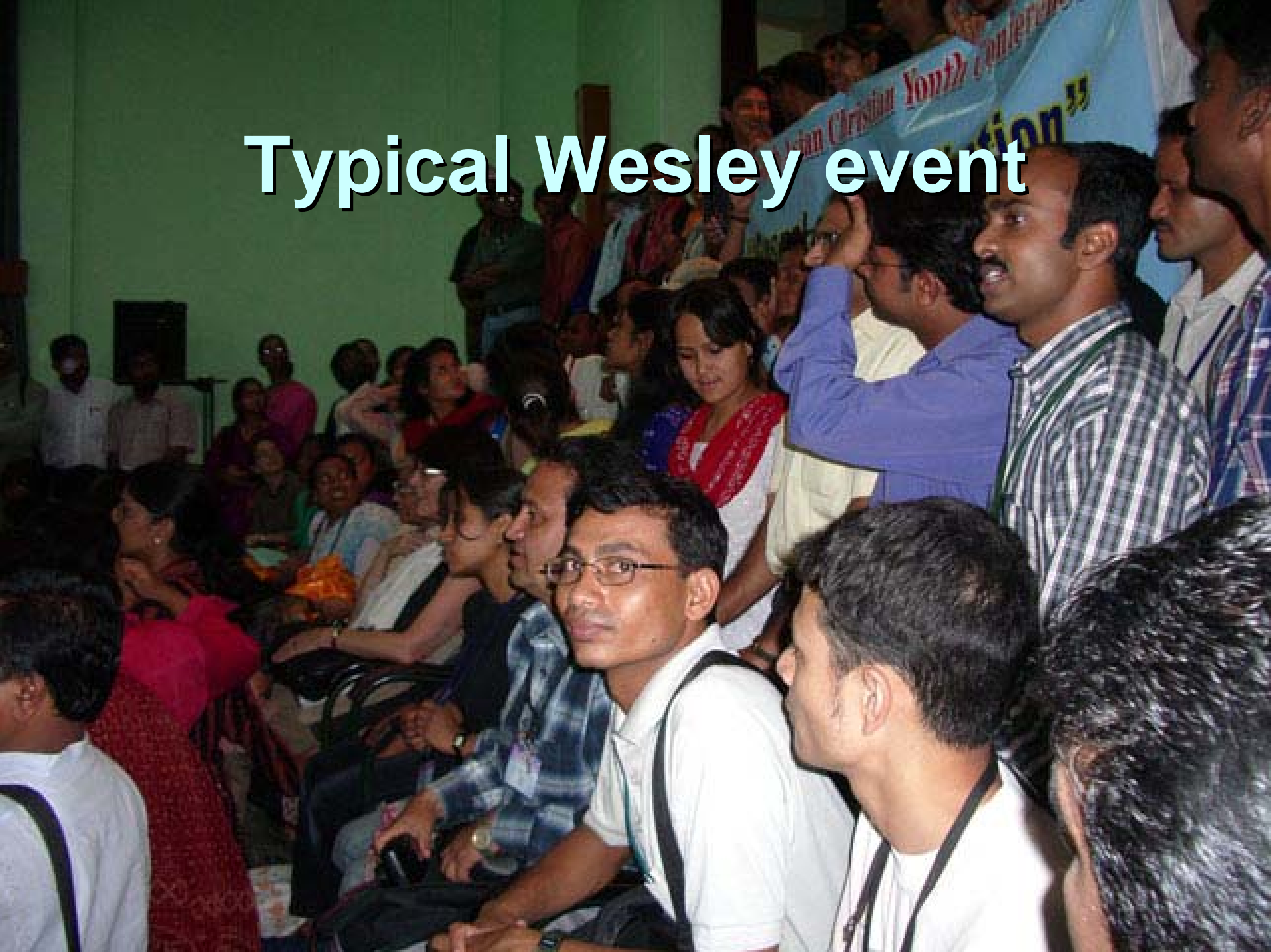
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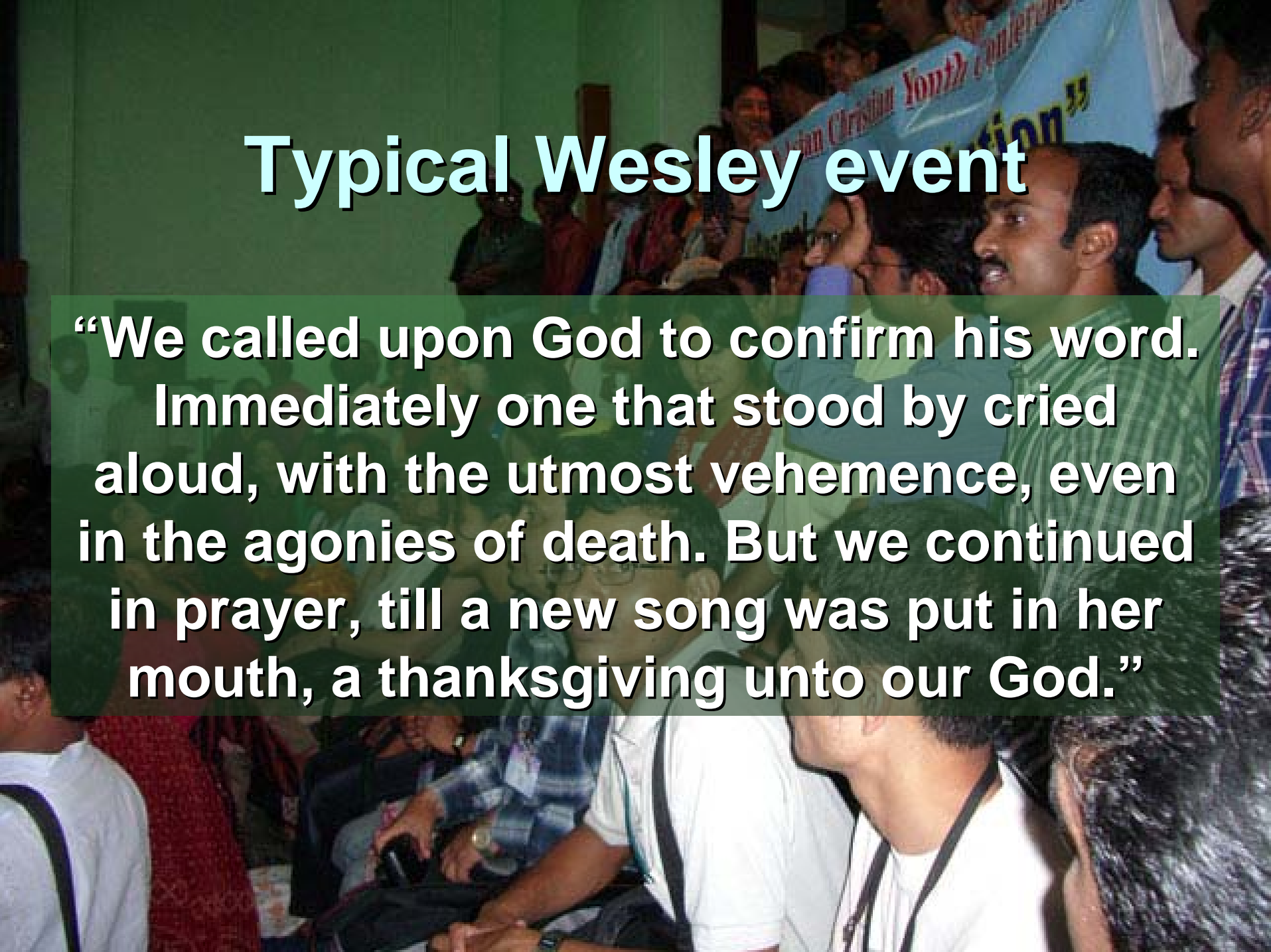
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8 p.m. - preach in London on Christ' cleansing blood

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**“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.”**

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**“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

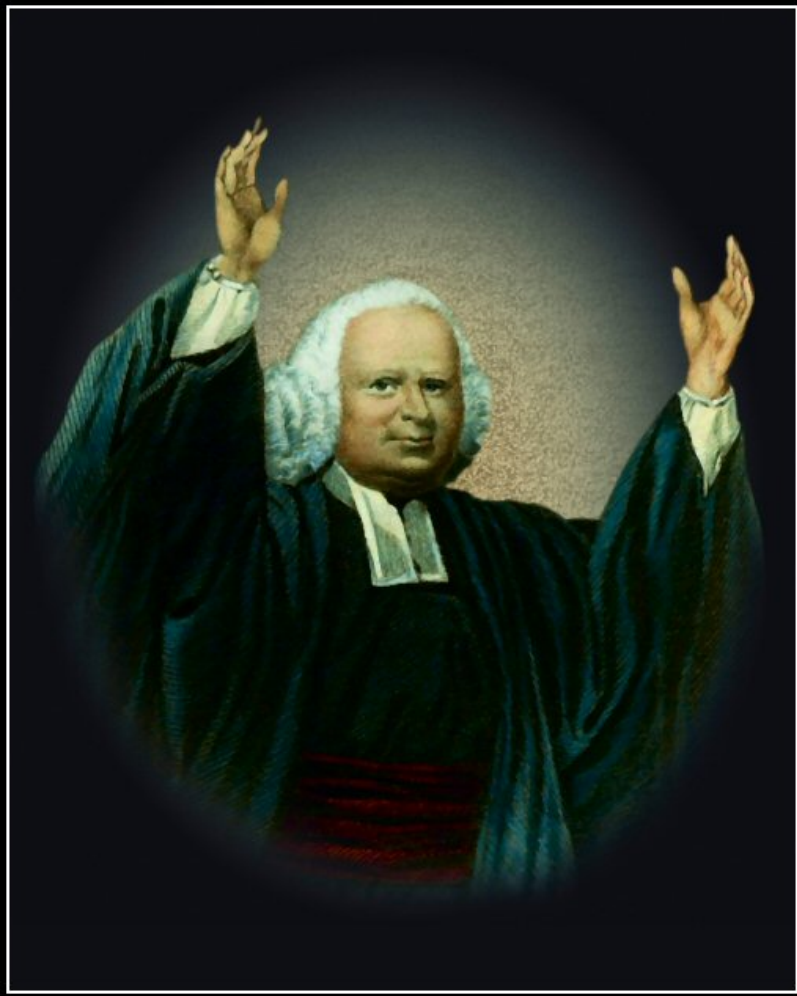
# Whitefield in America



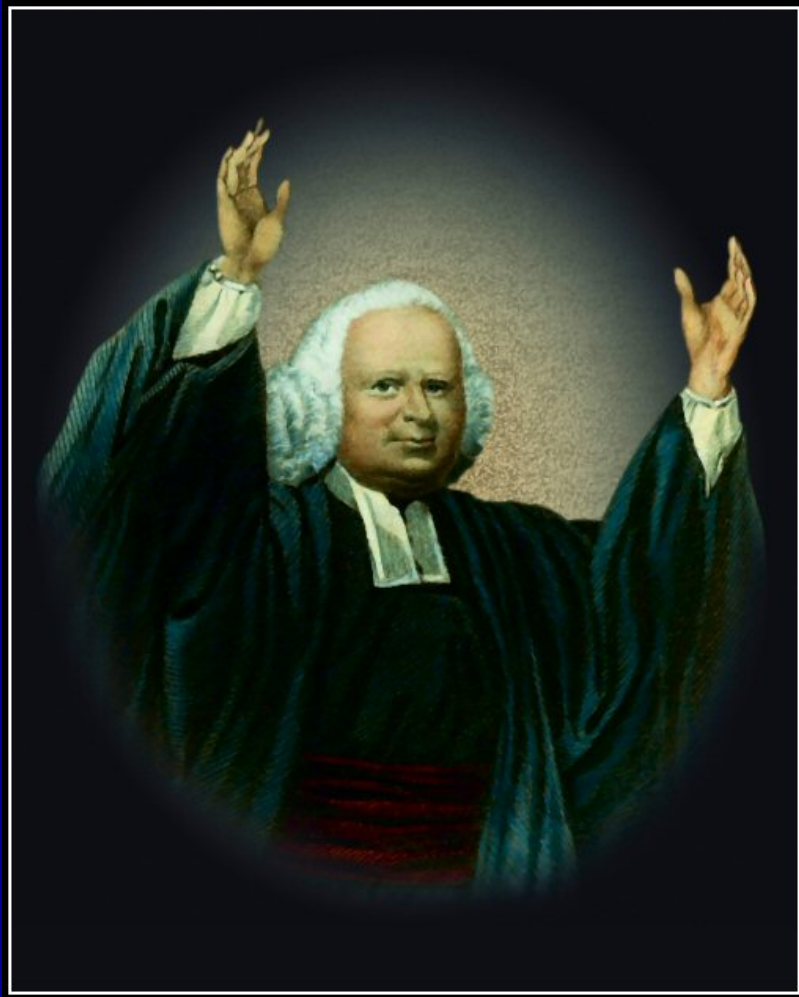
Bethesda Home for Boys - Savannah, Ga.



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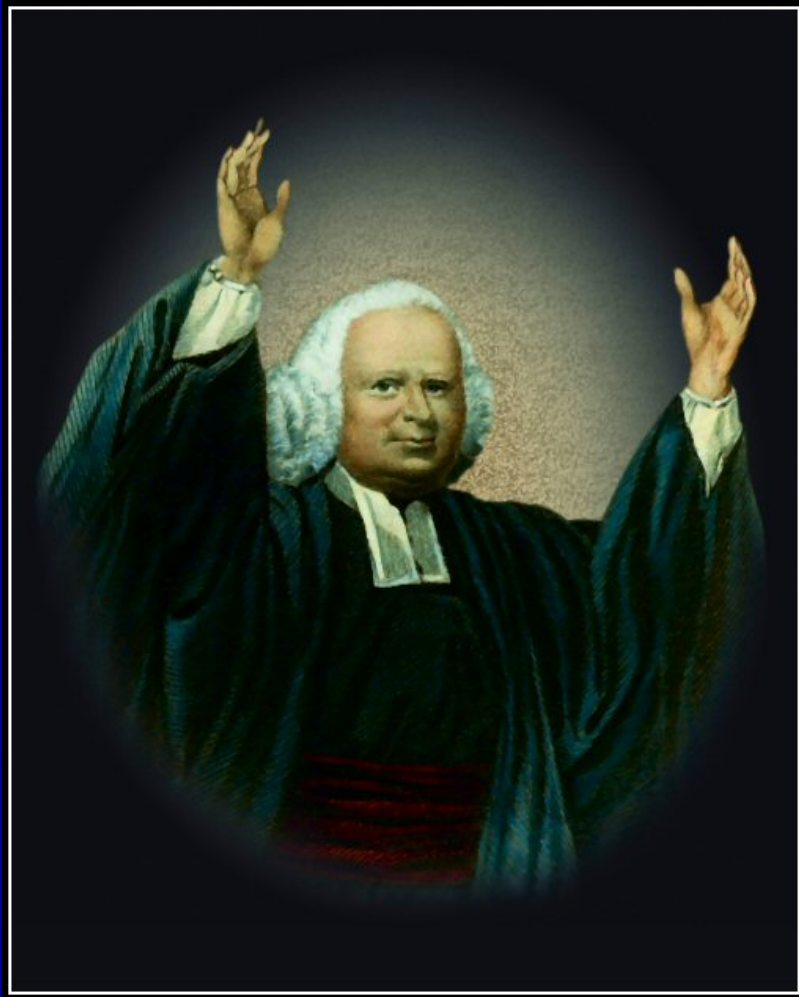


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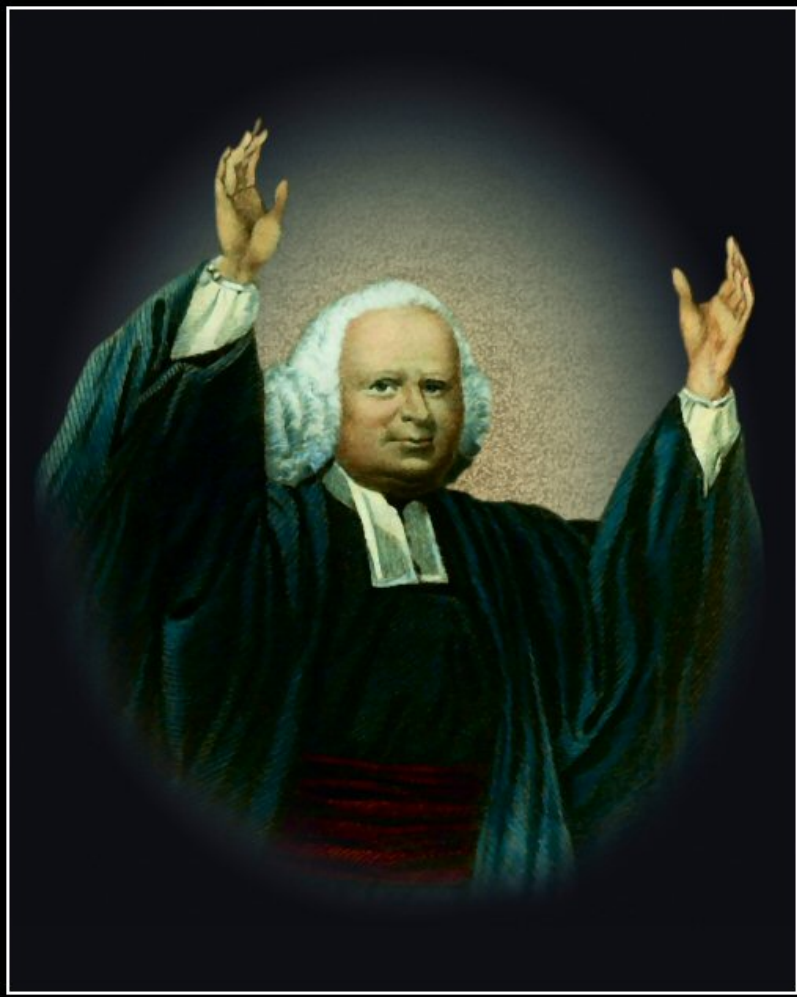


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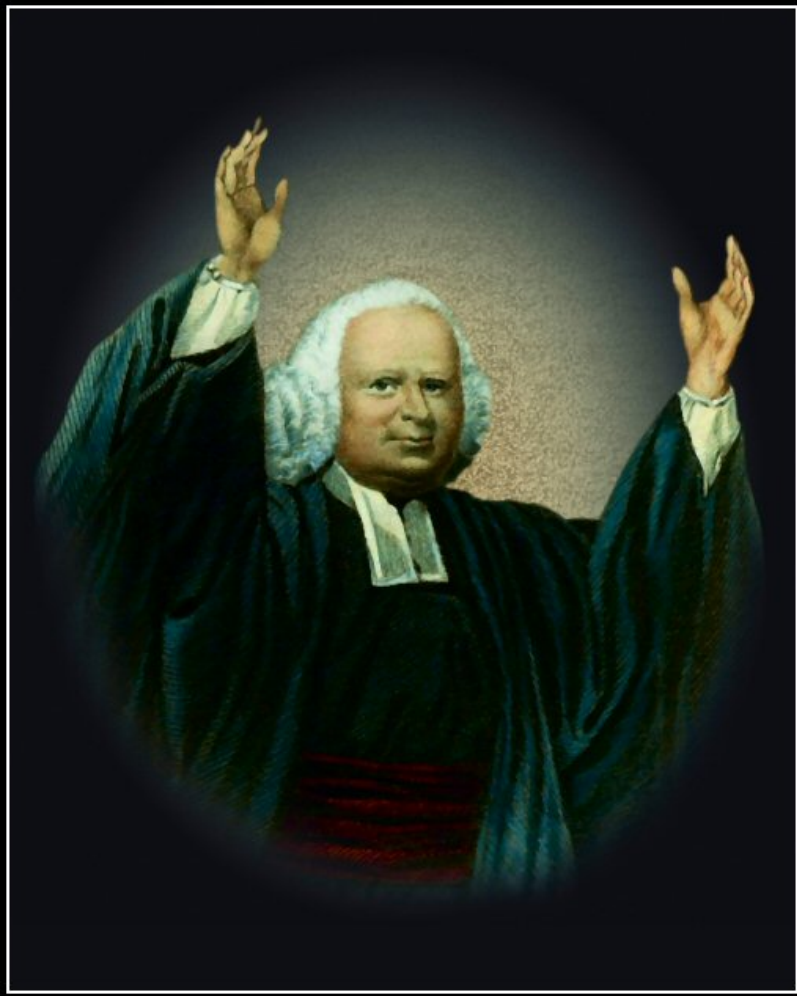
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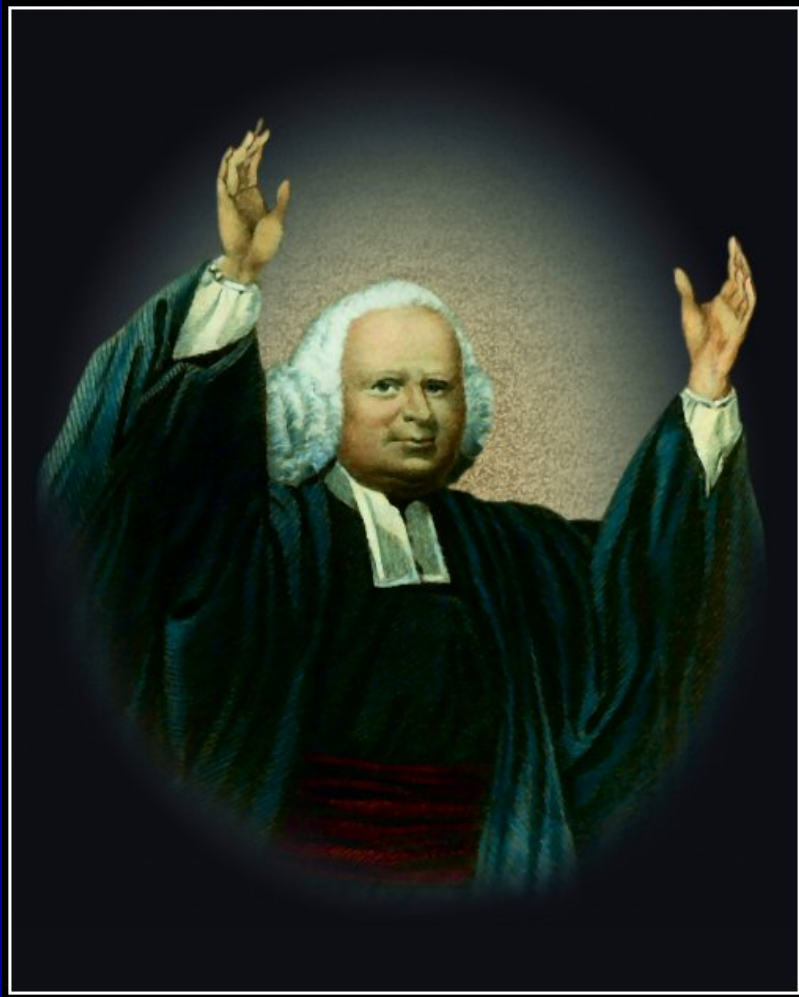
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I'd give a hundred guineas if I could say "Oh!" like Mr. Whitefield



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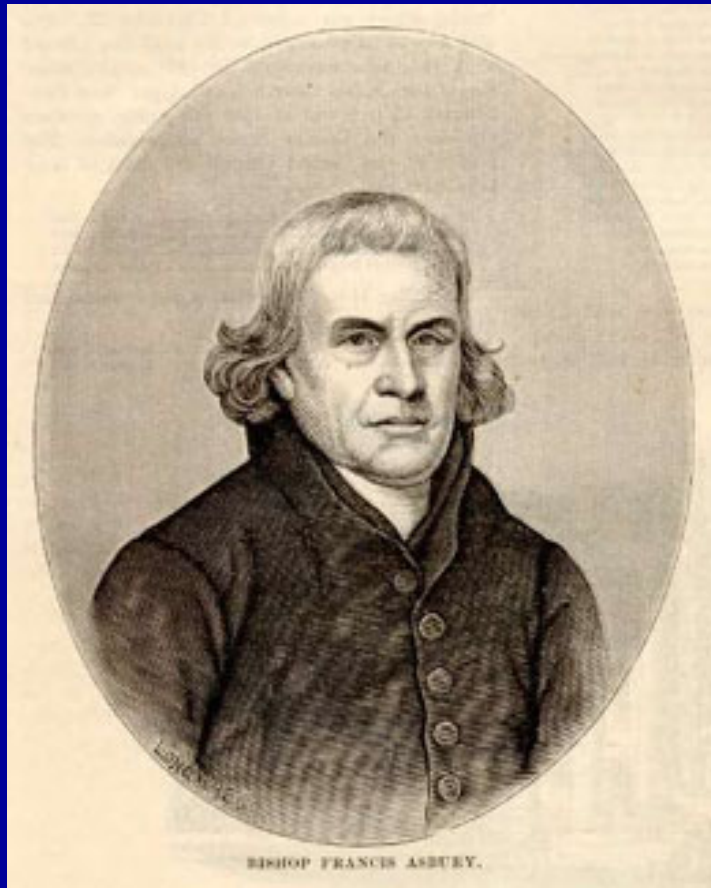
He could bring an audience to tears with his delivery of the word, "Mesopotamia."



# Wesley and Whitefield

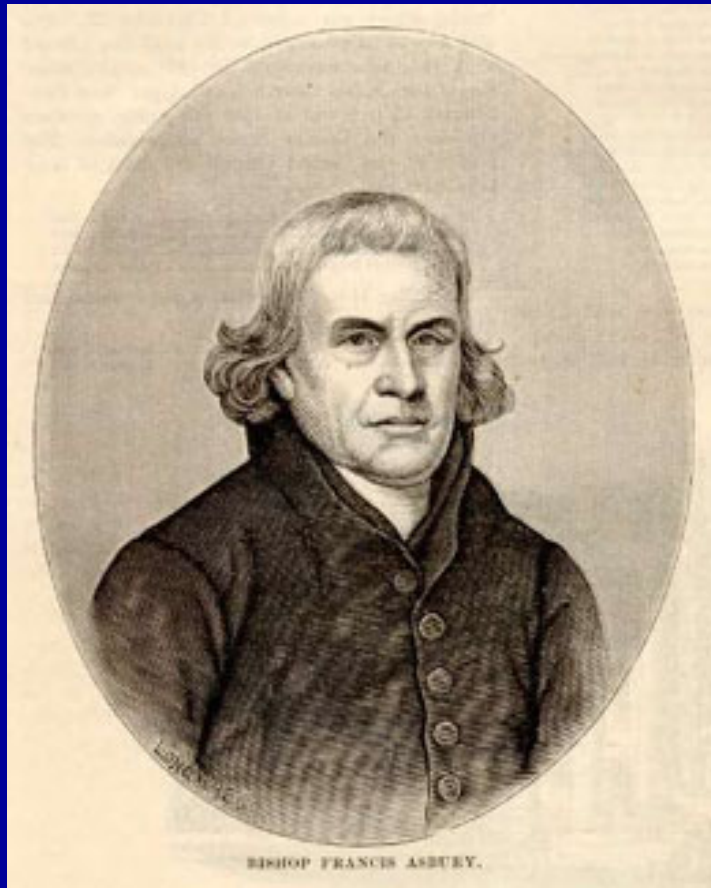


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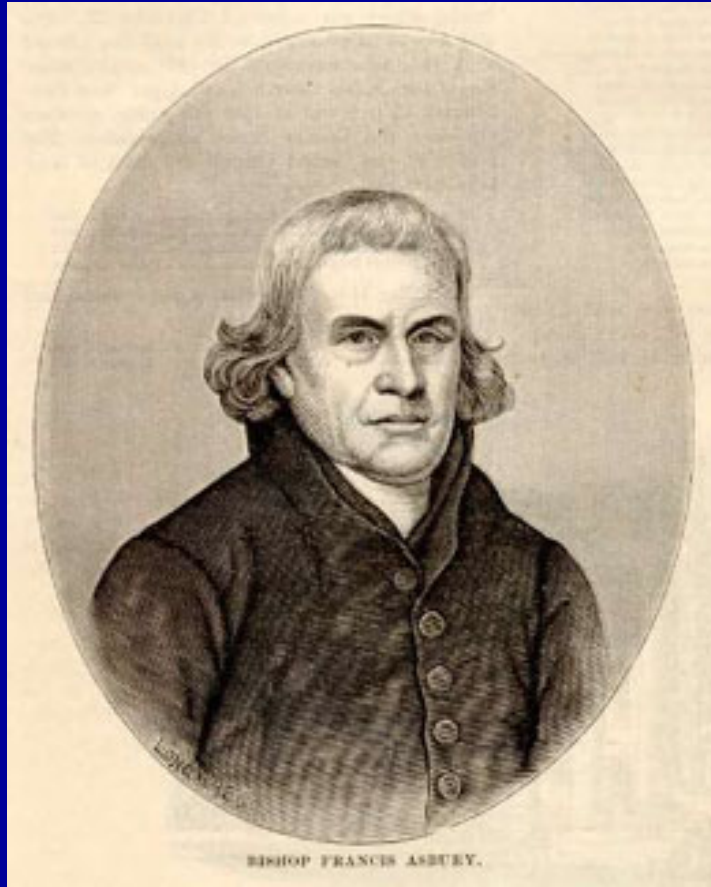
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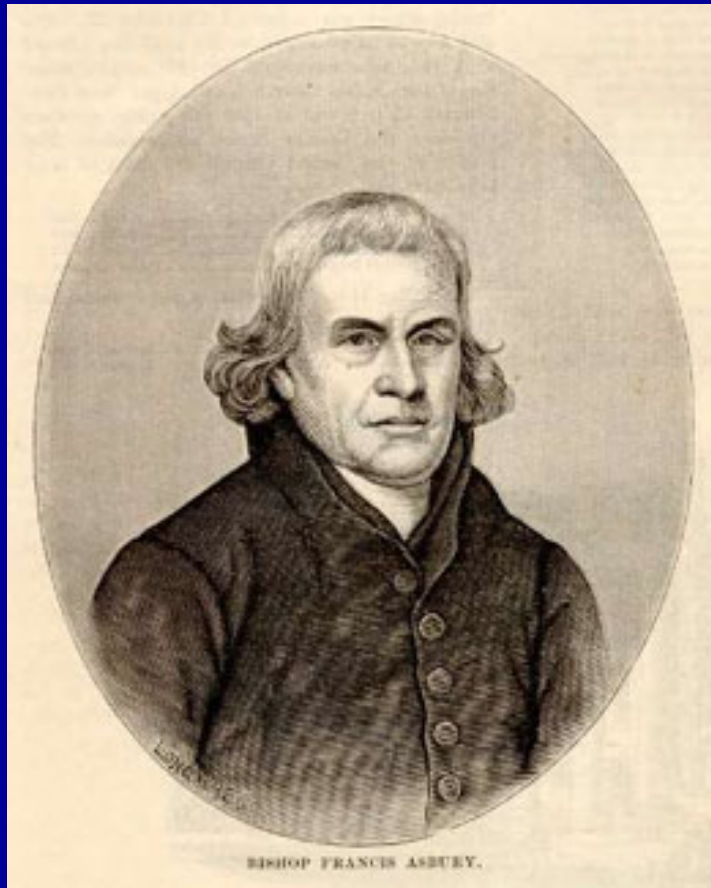
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“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash another’s feet.” (John 13:12-14)

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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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“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