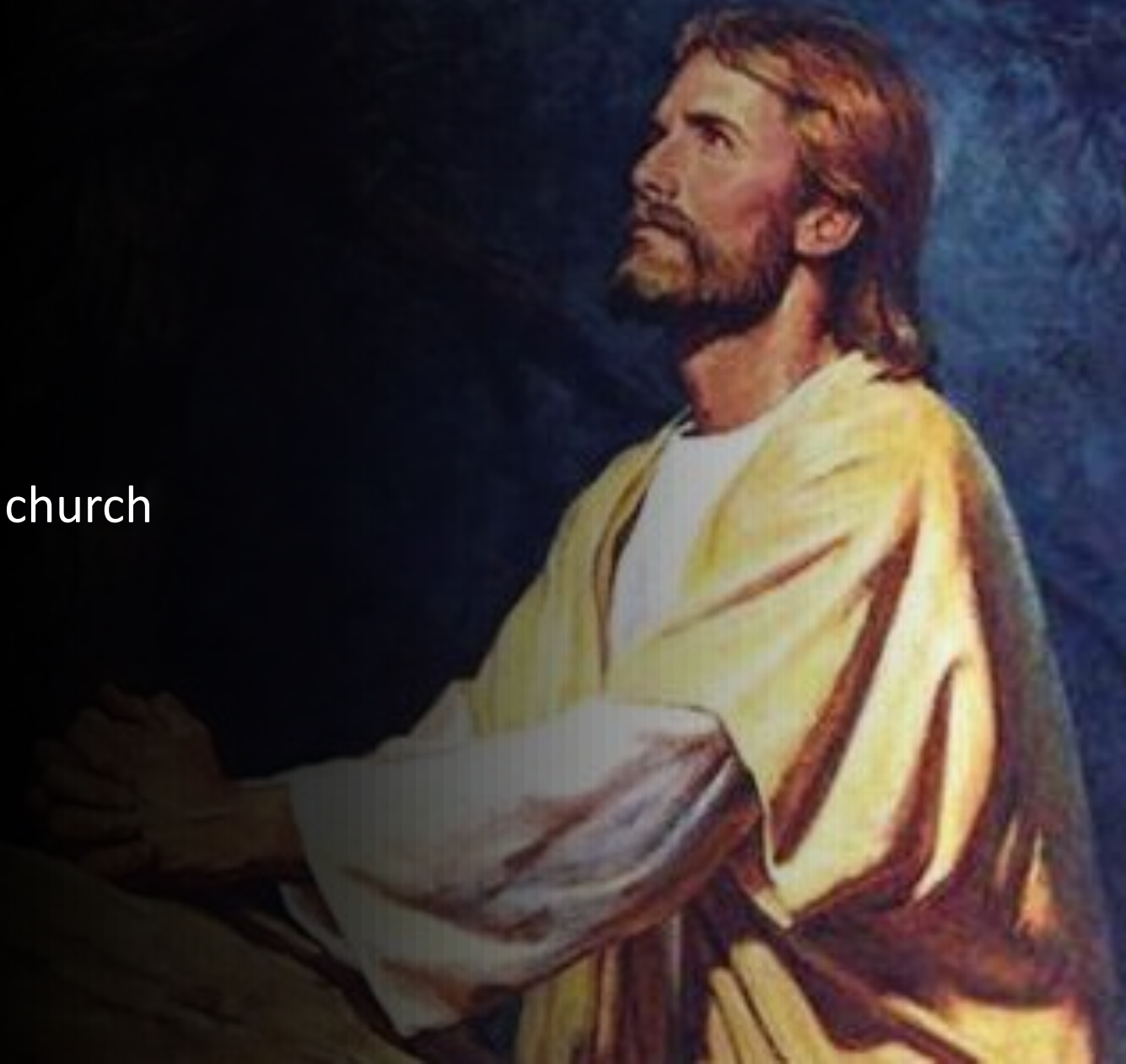


The Restoration Movement

*Thomas and Alexander
Campbell*

Review: History of Christianity

- 1st – 18th Centuries:
 - Jesus' prayer for unity
 - Struggle for unity in early church
 - Roman Catholic Church
 - Reformation
 - Printing Press
- Restoration Movement
 - Barton W Stone
 - Cane Ridge Revival



Creeds

Historic Christian Creeds

- Apostles Creed (AD 120-250)
- Creed of Nicaea (325), Nicene Creed (381)
- Chalcedonian Creed (451)
- Athanasian Creed (500)
- +11 others in this era

Denominational Creeds

- 125 in 24 denominations

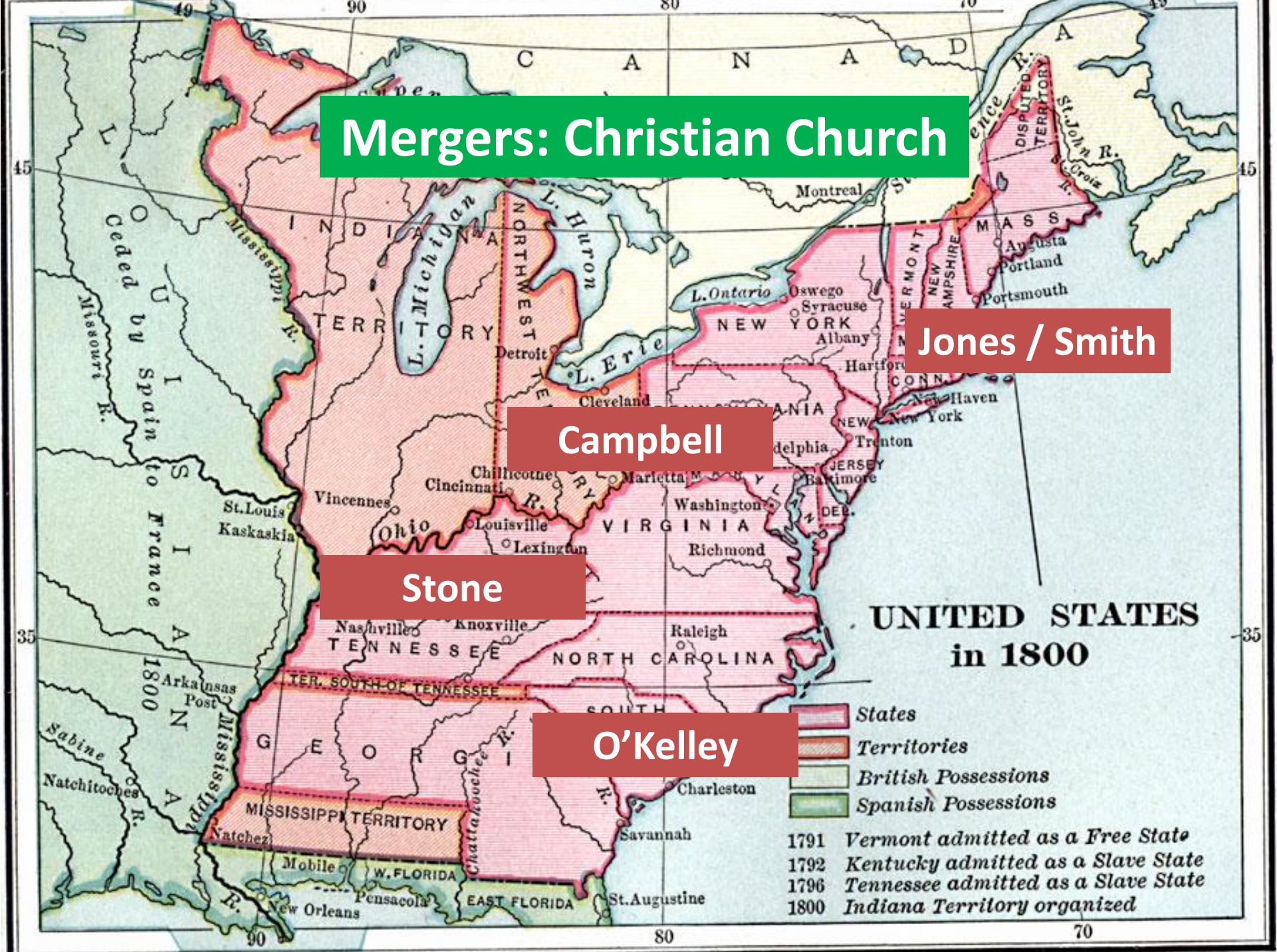
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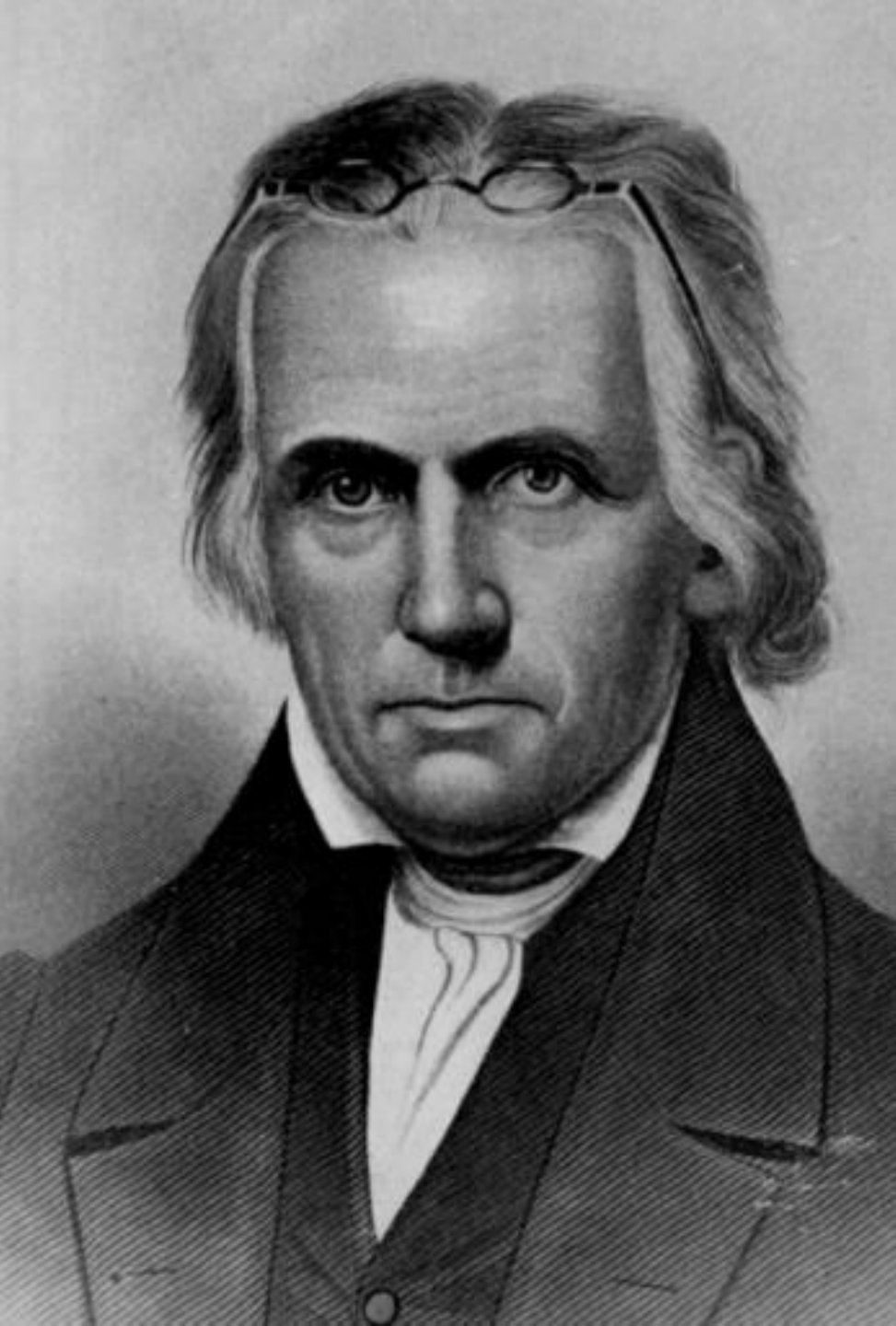
Jones / Smith

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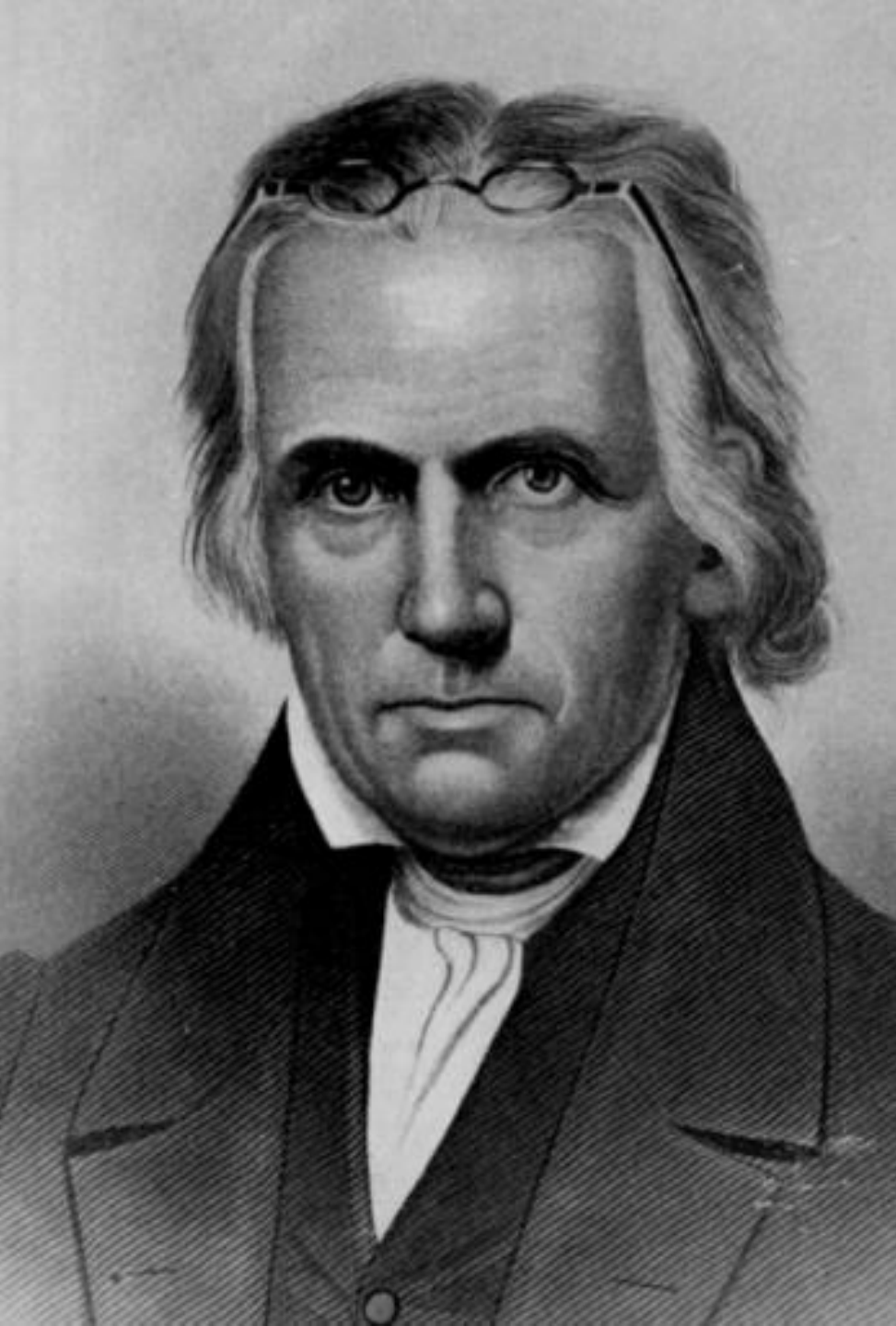
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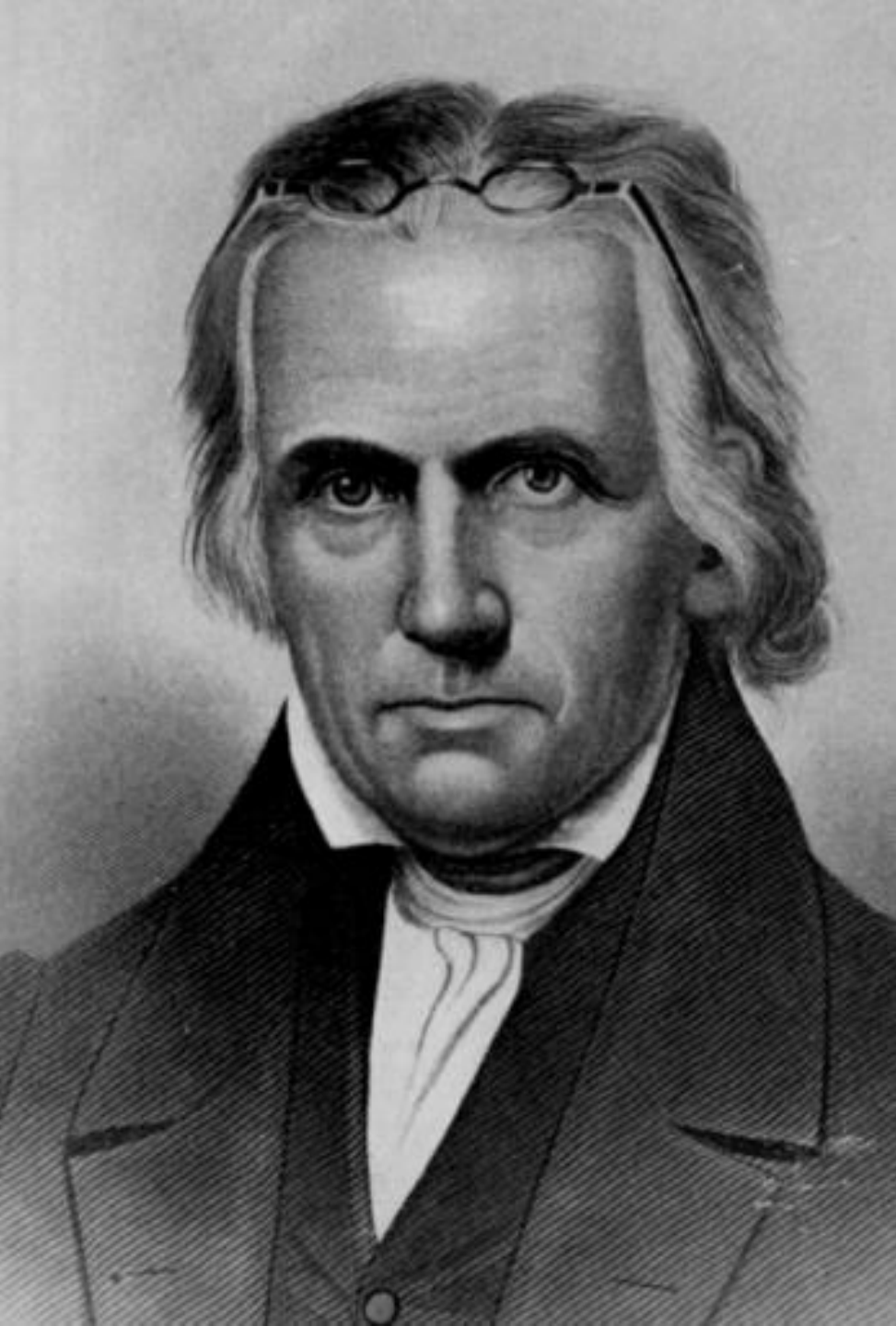
Thomas Campbell (1763 – 1854)

- Presbyterian minister in Ireland, Scotland, and Pennsylvania
 - Anti-Burgher Seceder Old Light Presbyterian (Protestant) Church
- Move to Pennsylvania in 1807
 - family to follow after getting settled.
- Common practices Campbell objected to:
 - predestination
 - conversion experience and story required
 - baptism of infants
 - communion administered by ordained minister



Thomas Campbell

- Relationship with Presbyterians was severed in 1809 because:
 - he served communion to all Presbyterians
 - preached to some churches without Synod approval.
- *Declaration and Address* (1809), a plea for Christian unity by restoring the ideal New Testament church. Recognized as beginning of the Restoration Movement.
 - The church of Christ on earth “is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one”, in which case schism is a “horrid evil”.
 - Only the authority of Jesus Christ and his apostles, as enjoined upon the New Testament church either “in express terms or by approved precedent” is binding upon Christians and sets the “terms of communion” in the church.



Thomas Campbell

- Preacher, professor, role model, as well as wise counselor and guide for son
- Educated, humble and irenic
 - *Irenic: favoring, conducive to, or operating toward peace, moderation, or conciliation*
- 1812 – Campbells baptized, Alexander ordained and takes lead in movement
- “I knew no man that so uniformly, so undeviatingly, practiced what he taught”.
 - Alexander Campbell’s eulogy of his father
 - TC was 90 years old

Alexander Campbell

(1788 – 1866)

- Scotland, Univ of Glasgow (1807 – 1809)
- Communion
- Migration to America, Ordination, and Marriage (Bethany WV, 1809 – 1812)
- Sermons: logical arrangement, exhaustive analysis of scripture, clarity of expression
- Baptism
 - Study prompted by birth of first daughter – joining Baptists
 - Believer's immersion for remission of sins
 - Debates with Presbyterians (1820) – regarding baptism - published



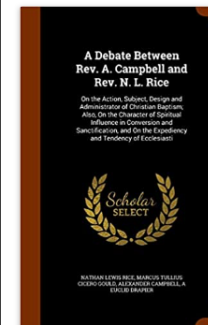
The Aggressive Years (1823 – 1830)

- Campbell, the editor (*Christian Baptist* 1823 - 1830)
- The Living Oracles: Translation of New Testament
- Virginia Constitutional Convention
 - advocated anti-slavery position
- Campbell-Owen debate, Cincinnati, 1829
 - Fear in death?
 - 8 days, 1,200 in attendance
 - convincing Campbell win, published



Maturing Movement (1830 – 1866)

- *The Millennial Harbinger* 1830 – 1866
- Campbell 'Disciples' united with Stone 'Christians' in 1832
 - Emotional vs Rational
- More Debates
 - Purcell: Protestant vs Catholic – highest ranking Catholic to debate
 - Rice on baptism: 16 days, 912-page manuscript, best seller
- Publications, prolific writer
- Extensive Traveler, evangelist.



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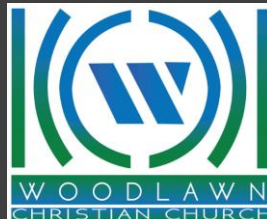
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Maturing Movement (1830 – 1866)

- Founded Bethany College (1840)
- American Christian Missionary Society (president)
- Impact of Civil War
- The 'bishop' maintains unity in movement
- Diverse Interests: preaching, farmer (wool), educator, debater, publisher, postmaster, politician (slavery), hymnologist, linguist



Alexander Campbell

(1788 – 1866)

- Pious, articulate, intellectual, irenic.
- Farmer and friend of presidents.
 - President James Madison: “It was my pleasure to hear him (A. Campbell) very often as a preacher, and I regard him as the ablest and most original expounder of the scriptures that I have ever heard.”



Alexander Campbell

Grief and Wealth

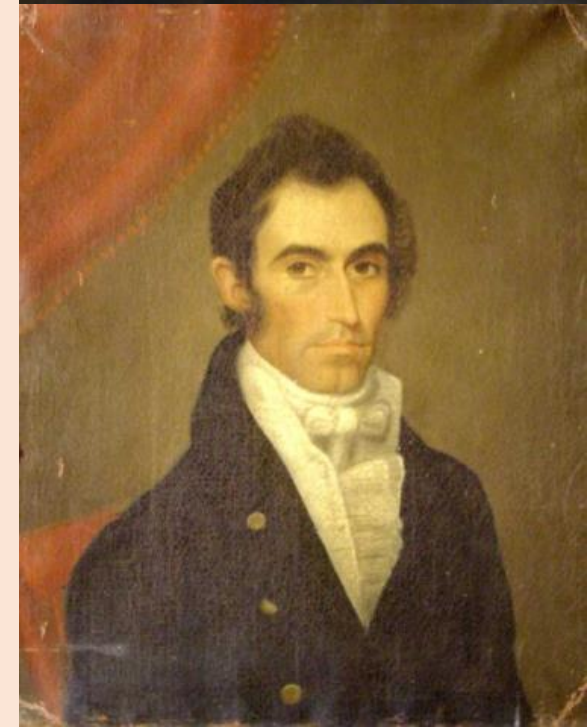
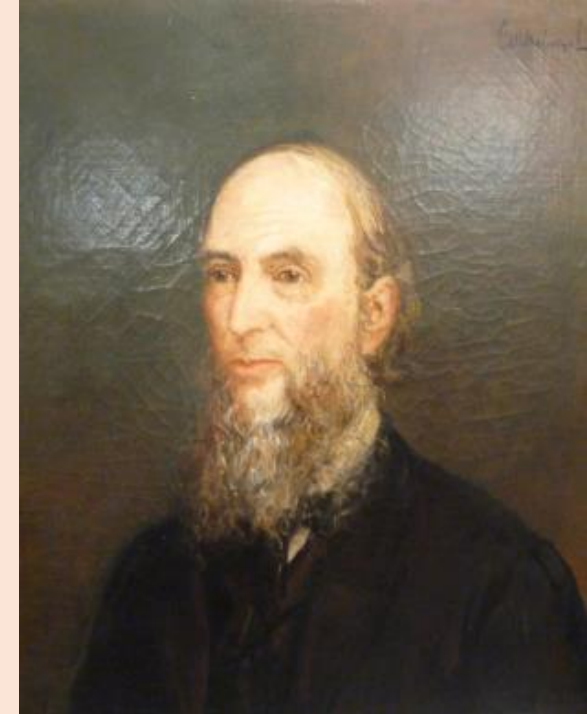
- Family:
 - Margaret, m. 1811, d. 1827,
 - 7 children, 5 died as 'young mothers'
 - Selina, m. 1828, d. 1897, 7 children
 - Alexander buried a wife and 10 of 14 children
 - all but one by TB
- Self made farmer and real estate investor
 - no salary from churches
 - died with \$200k estate, not counting Bethany College
 - one of wealthiest in Virginia
- At his death in 1866:
 - over 2,000 churches
 - over 300,000 members
 - growing to over 1.1 million members by the end of the century.





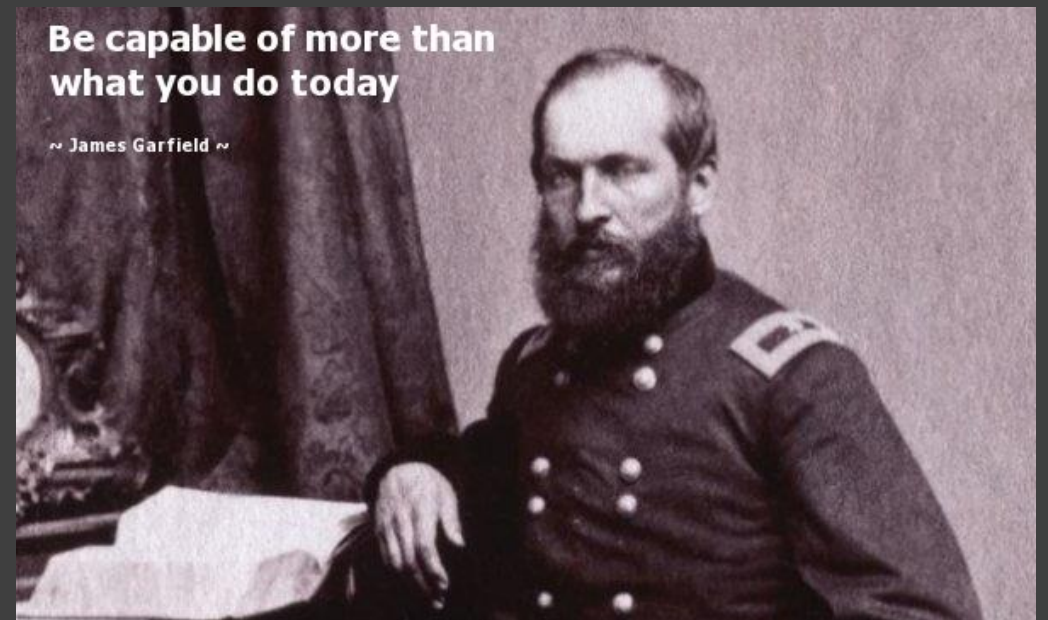
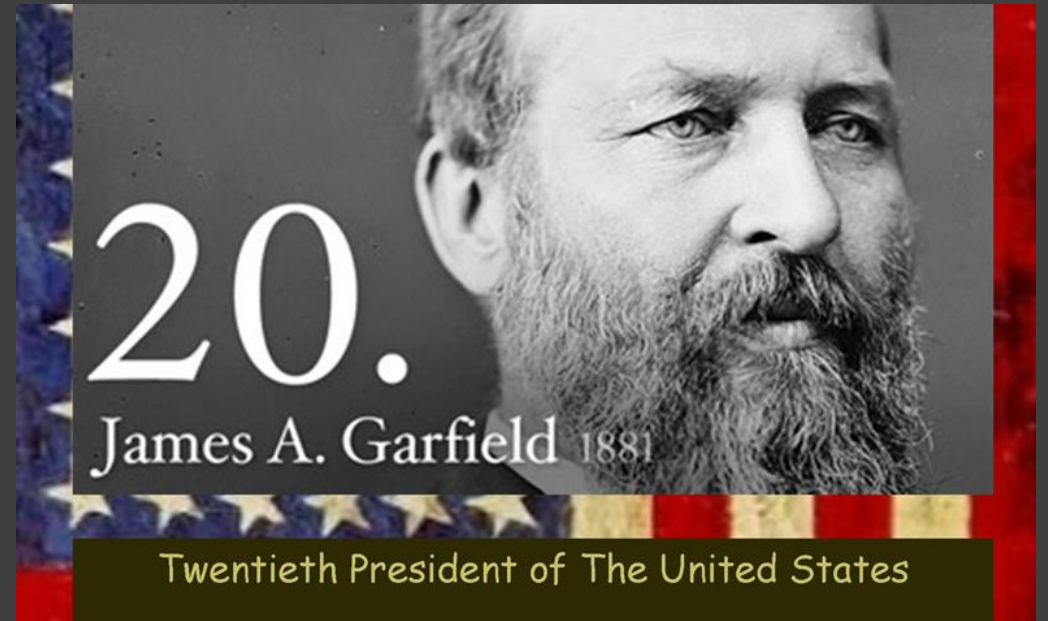
Other Prominent Leaders

- Walter Scott (1796 – 1861),
 - Traveling evangelist, baptized thousands
 - Five finger exercise: believe, repent, confess, be baptized, live christian life
- Raccoon John Smith (1784 – 1868)
 - TN / KY Baptist
 - powerful, eccentric, rural evangelist
 - helped unite movements
 - could get a crowd
- John Johnson (1788 – 1856)
 - Kentucky lawyer, brother of US VP
 - instrumental in bringing Stone and Campbell movements together
- Dr. Robert Richardson (1806 – 1876)
 - AC's confidant, advisor, biographer, writer



James A. Garfield

- 1831 – 1881
- 20th U.S. President
- Garfield is the only President of the United States to have been a clergyman. He also served as an elder in the Church of Christ. When elected President, regarding his stepping down as an elder in his home congregation, he stated, "I resign the highest office in the land to become President of the United States."





QUESTIONS?

Next week: Divisions