

The impact of
Family
In our society today

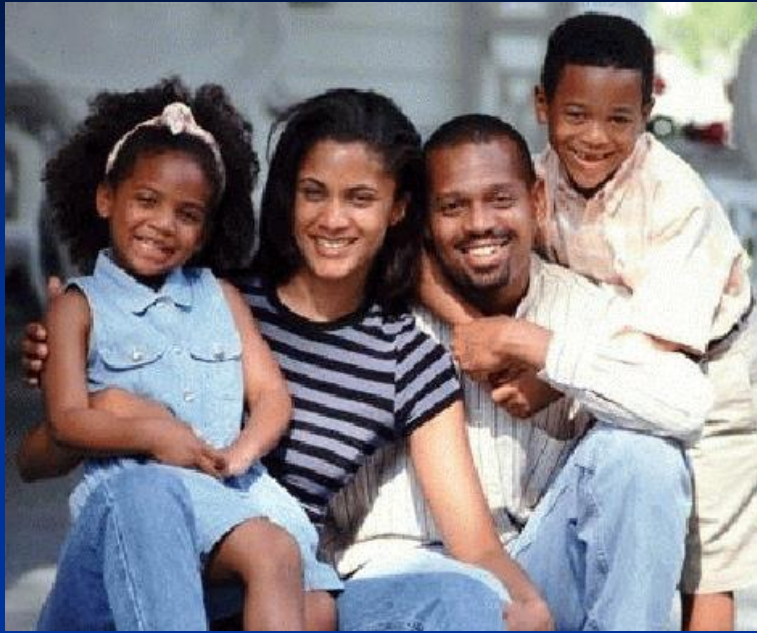
Family

The good, bad, and ugly

“The family is the most important single factor in the molding of a human being. . .

Tim LaHaye
Spirit Controlled Family Living, 1978

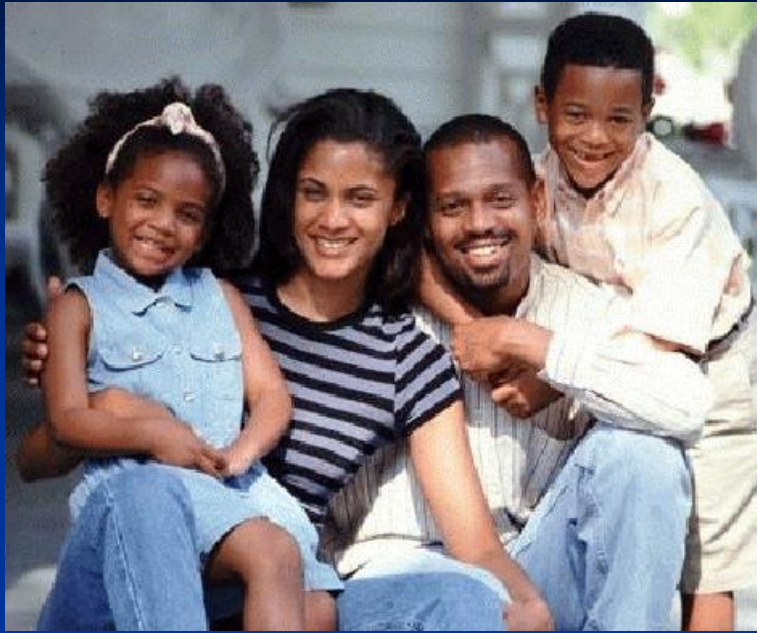
... It either prepares one to reach for his or her ultimate destiny and fulfillment, or it cripples and inhibits one from attaining his or her potential.”



"As the family goes, so
goes the **family**."



"As the family goes, so
goes the **church**."



"As the family goes, so
goes the **individual**."



"As the family goes, so goes the society."

Definition

“Family is the basic social unit. Family represents people living together by ties of marriage, blood or adaptation, thus representing a single household. . .

Definition

...According to sociology, the family has the primary function of reproducing society; biologically, socially, or both.”

The Bahamas

Decades ago family in The Bahamas was known by its:

Closeness

How members work together

Extended family

Living closely together and/or the involvement of grandparents in upbringing of grandchildren.

The Bahamas

Today, family in The Bahamas
is known by its:

Coldness

Disconnectedness

Dysfunction

Drugs, alcohol, promiscuity, illiteracy, violent behavior

The Bahamas

The “good old days “were not really that good. Why? Because the religious teachings of the “good old days” led to more toxic family relationships than healthy ones.

Toxic Traditional Beliefs

- Children were to be seen and not heard
- Women did not have equal authority with men
- An over emphasis on who was in charge (the male)
- Not enough teaching on partnership, cooperation
- The church pastor had greater authority over the individual than the Holy Spirit

Types of

30 Family Units

30 Types of Families

1. Nuclear families (married mom and dad with children)
2. One married parent with dependents while the other parent is in prison
3. Never-married single adult families (mom or dad alone with children)
4. Divorced with no children
5. Divorced with dependent children

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6. Separated with dependent children
7. Separated with no dependent children
8. Widowed with dependent children
9. Widowed with no children
10. Step and blended families (One or both adults have children for previous marriage or relationship)

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11. Extended families (Adult relatives (not parents) living together with children
12. Grandparent with dependent children.
13. Teenager with young siblings. This is surprisingly common in our country.
14. Common-law relationship (long- term adults living together with no commitment or plans to marry)

30 Types of Families

15. Seasonal (or nomadic) union. When on partner lives aboard for extremely long periods or permanent only seeing each other annually or very rare occasions.
16. Emotionally separated or divorced union. This is a husband and wife who are living together but are going through severe problems and refuses to improve or refuses to divorce.

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17. Affair-compromised union. One partner is aware that the other partner is having an affair and either tolerate or accept it. Or the innocent partner finds it difficult to leave because of financial reasons.
18. Same-sex union/marriage. Yes, some of these couples are in your church.
19. Homosexual/lesbian adult living alone.

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- 20. Transgender/transsexual individuals living alone or with other adults or family members
- 21. Racially or ethnically mixed couples/families.
(race, language or nationality)
- 22. A single, heterosexual, emerging adult (age 18-25) living with other single emerging adults (all non married males and/or females) - Communal living.

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- 23. Single adults (one man and one woman-heterosexuals) living together before marriage (shaking up)
- 24. Senior family member (very old) who has Alzheimer's, or Dementia, or other mental challenges living with other family members.
- 25. A family unit with a severely developmentally disabled child/adult (Autistic, Down Syndrome, etc)

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- 26. A family unit with a wounded war veteran.
- 27. A family unit with a member who has a long-term physical illness (Crohn's disease, cancer, kidney failure and on dialysis, AIDS, etc)
- 28. Aged retired couple living alone with severe limitations.

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- 29. Spiritually single family unit. One spouse is a Christian or religious or both partners are of different faiths or religions.
- 30. High profile leaders' family unit. (This can include government leaders, pastors, or any one in a high profile position). Too often children and spouses of high profile leaders are neglected.

Marriage?
Divorce?

Facts

1975: 99 divorces

2005: 689 divorces

The population grew 65%

Divorce grew 700%

Facts

The highest incidents
of rape per-capita in
the world

One the highest child
abuse incidents in the
world

Statistics

2010 Population Bahamas: 353,658

Total Males: 170,926

Total Females: 182,732

Total Dwelling Units: 128,858

Total Occupied Units: 104,711

Total Vacant Units: 24,147

Average Household Size: 3.4

Statistics

2009 Percentage of Births Out of Wedlock:
62%

2009 Percentage of Births In Wedlock:
38%

PEACE

Caught between the Devil and the deep blue sea.

PAIN

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It's because of this deadly formula.

Rigid traditional family beliefs.

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Rigid religious beliefs.

Abuse

The painful truth:

“Religion is harmful if its tenets and application create the conditions for and perpetuate gender-based discrimination.”

The painful truth:

“Practically all religions in the world are dominated by males, and gender discrimination has its genesis in these religions. . .

The painful truth:

“... How did men and women come to believe, accept, and institutionalize gender discrimination?”

The Problem?

- Too many homes with single parents?
- Homosexuality?
- Too many divorces?
- Too much alcoholism and illegal drugs?
- High incidents of rape?
- Violent anger?
- Too much crime?
- The media?

The Real Problem

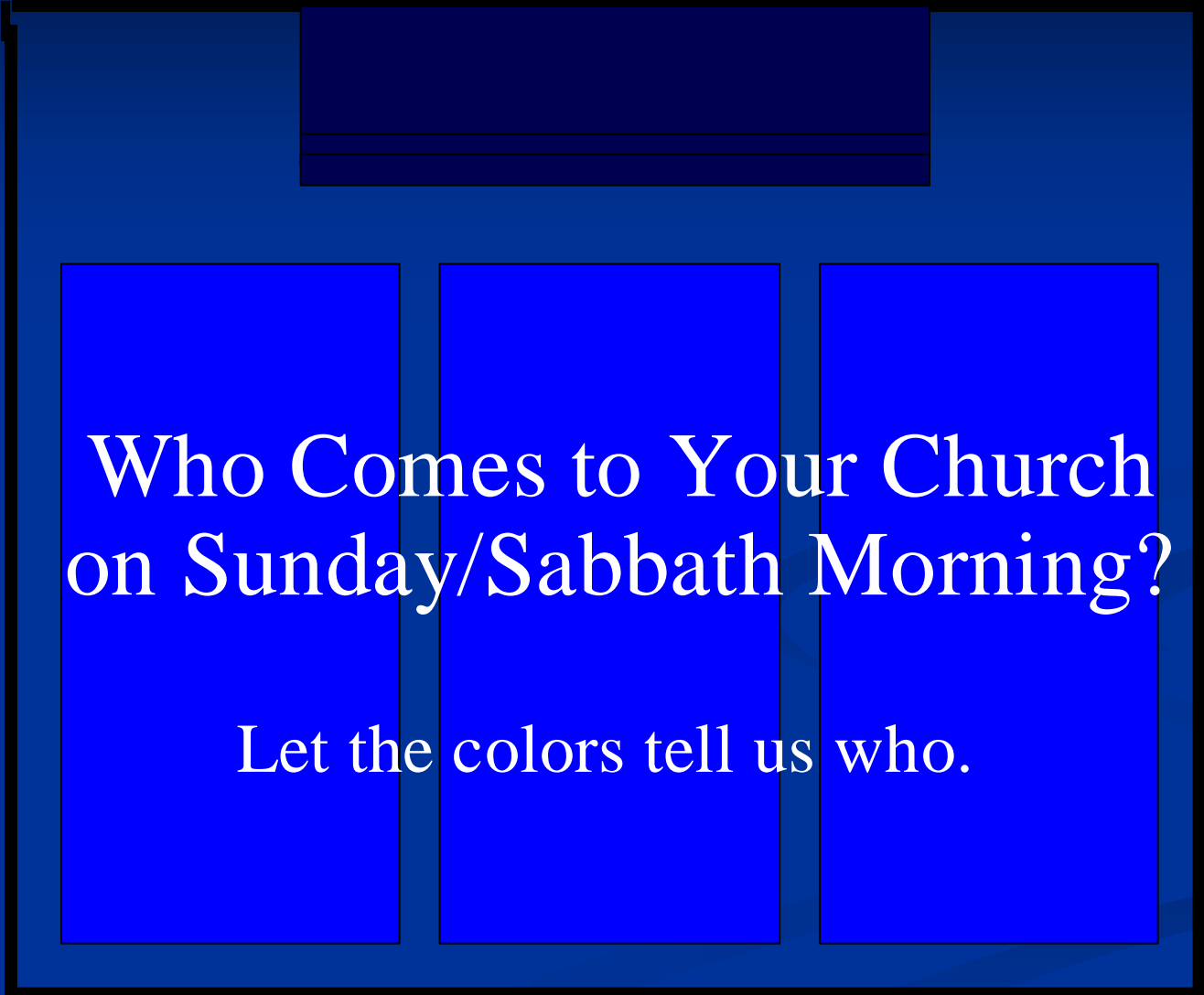
- Poor parenting styles
- Toxic teachings and practices - *Family and religion*
- Too many uneducated people

What to Do?

- LOVE: Focus on loving unconditionally
- EDUCATION: *Increase levels of comprehension and understanding.*

We must remember that
Rules without
relationships
breed chaos.





Who Comes to Your Church on Sunday/Sabbath Morning?

Let the colors tell us who.

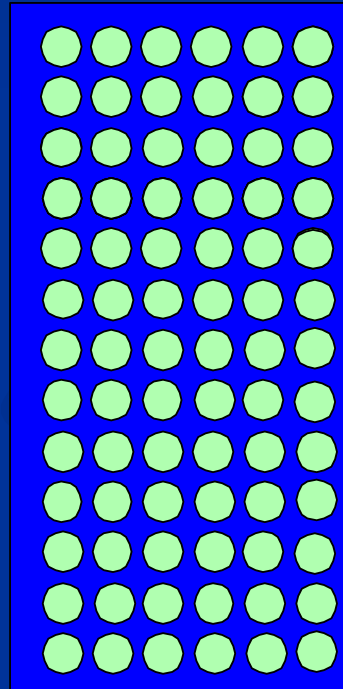
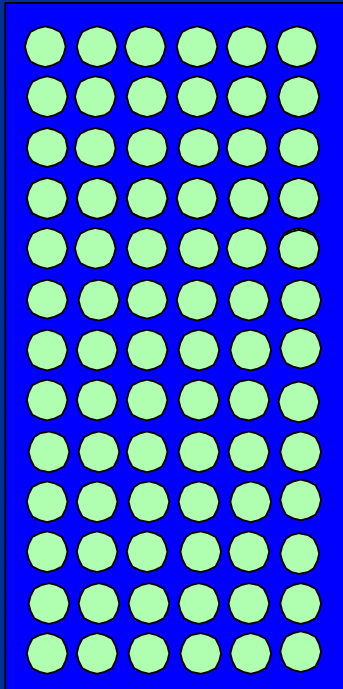
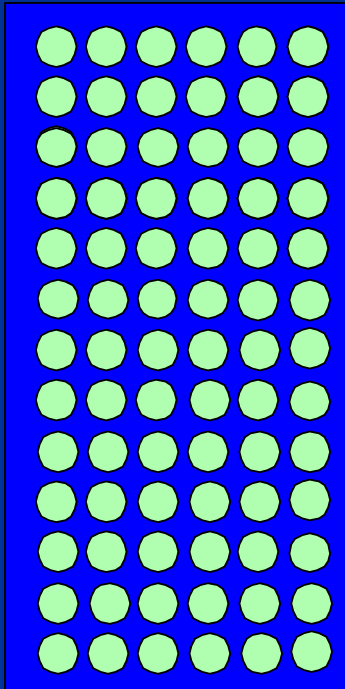
The Dream Church

A church filled with only nuclear families on Sabbath morning.



Nuclear
Families

Married
dad,
mom,
children.



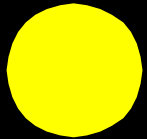
Many Christians have a "Dream Church" in their minds. They think or act as though their church has only nuclear families (married mom and dad with children). Is the real?

Is this a real picture?

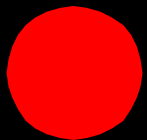


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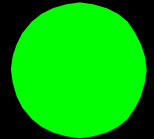
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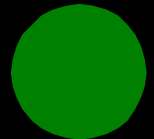
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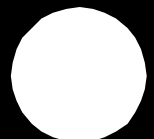
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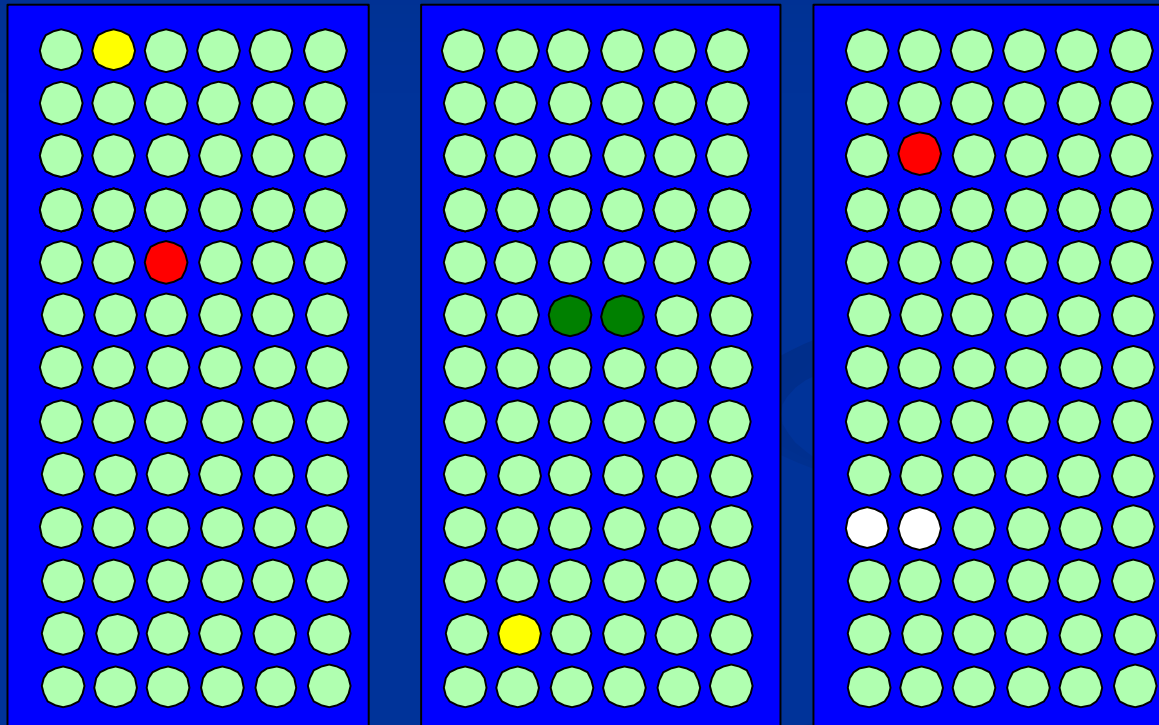
Single
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Drugs
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The Real Church?

A church almost filled with only nuclear families.

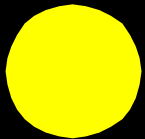


Who Are We Preaching To?

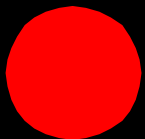


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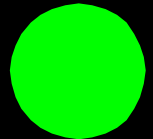
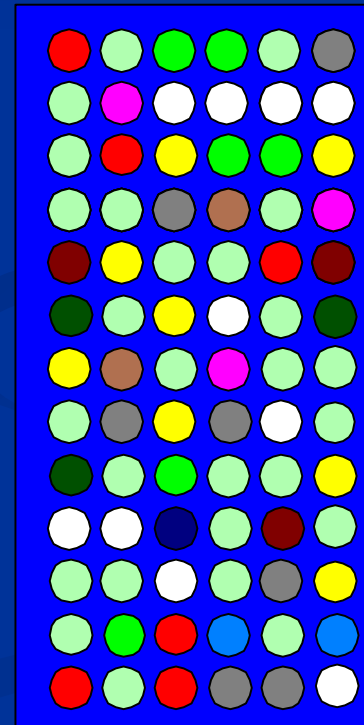
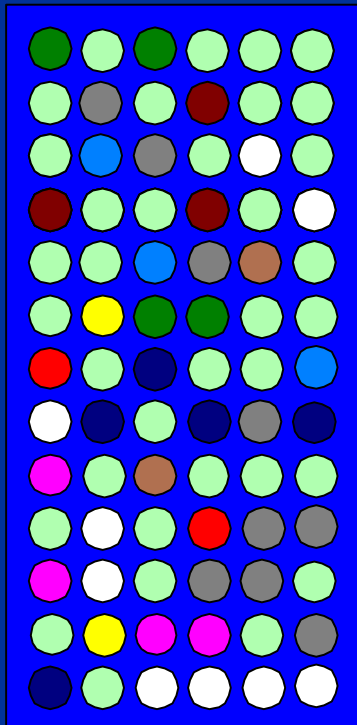
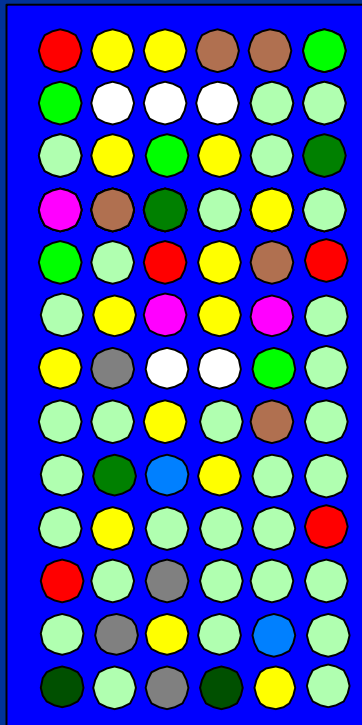


Divorced
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Blended Family
Only teen
Elderly alone
Common law

The Real, Real, Church

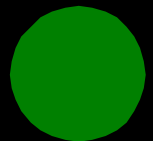
A church filled with a variety of family types.



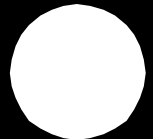
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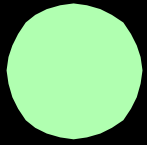


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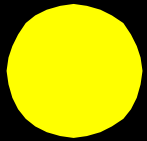
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We have this

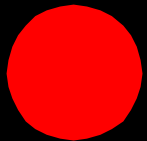


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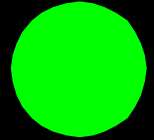
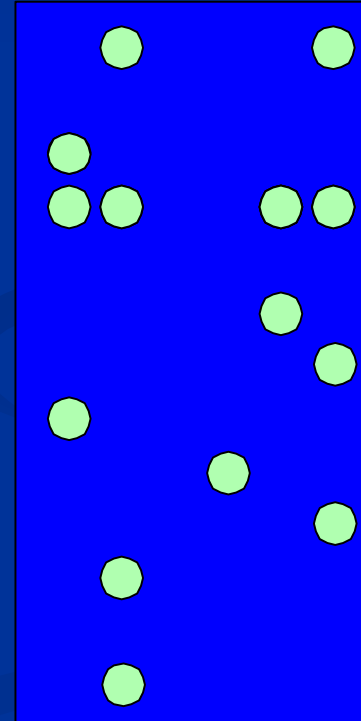
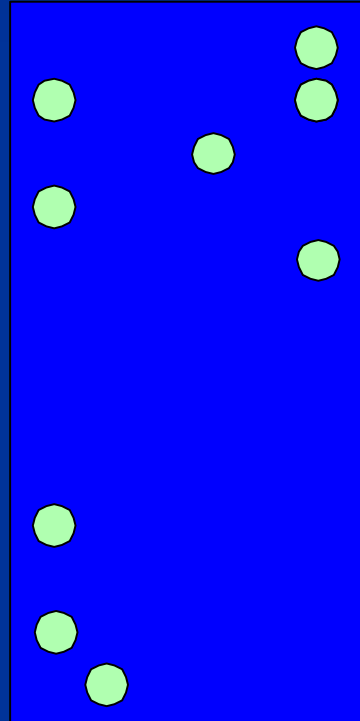
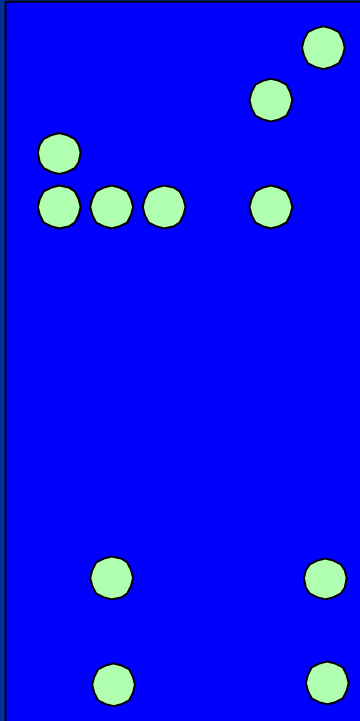


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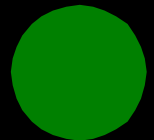
What most churches look like if
all other families are gone.



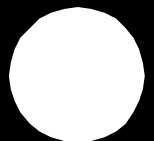
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Back to Basics

Basic Individual Values
Needed for Healthy
Nation Building

Back to Basics

Literacy

Community

Equality

Faithfulness

Friendliness

Industriousness

Integrity and honesty

Loyalty

Justice

Mercy

Reliability

Selflessness

Sobriety

Righteousness

The impact of
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