

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE "RESTORATION MOVEMENT"

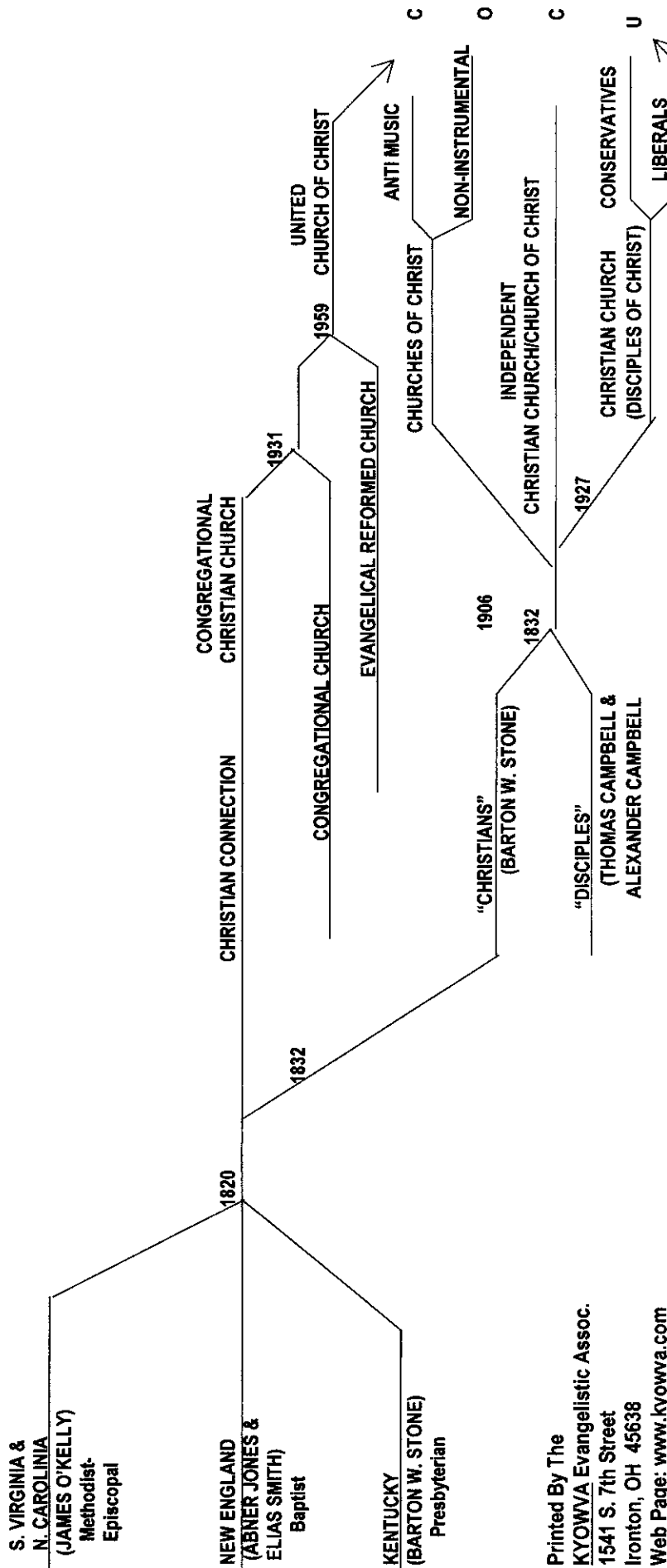
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In the late 1700's there was an unrest among many people. They desired to be "Christians Only", and not a member of a man made denomination, which they knew that the Scriptures taught against. They were convinced that division among God's People was sin (John 17:21, I Corinthians 1:10). Little by little various groups began to withdraw from man-made denominations, which wore man-made names and taught man-made doctrines. These people desired to wear Bible names, call Bible things by Bible names, do Bible things by the Bible's ways, and to address the church by the name of the One who founded it (Jesus Christ).

Historians called this movement the "RESTORATION MOVEMENT", as those who became a part of it wanted to restore the church found in the Scriptures.

However, after tremendous growth and being called by many, "The Fastest Religious Movement in American History", the devil has done "his work" and has been busy attempting to cause division again.

As of this writing, the group known as Christian Church/Church of Christ has made an impact in the U.S.A. and the world. They have well over a million members in over 6,000 congregations, which govern themselves. They have over 100 youth camps, numerous Benevolent Associations (Children's works, Homes for elderly and homeless, Nursing Homes), Campus ministries, Christian Pre-schools and Day-schools, Christian colleges and Graduate Schools, Liberal Arts Colleges, many Counseling Centers and Evangelistic Associations, as well as many miscellaneous ministries and over 1,000 missionaries serving all over God's earth.



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