

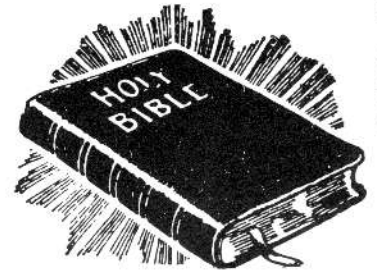
# Baptist Banner



Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. A-men"

Matt. 28:19-20



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## WHY I AM A BAPTIST AND NOT A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

*"Be ready to give every man a reason for the hope that is within you."—(I Peter 3:15.)*

By The Late D. B. EASTEP

It is out of the Bible I will give five reasons why I am a Baptist and not a Seventh Day Adventist:

1. Because I have not found in the New Testament one single sentence where God ever commanded a Gentile to keep the law—not one. I am a Gentile and the church is a Gentile church. When a Jew is saved the "middle wall of partition is broken down," and he is NOT commanded to keep the law (Eph. 2:14).

2. Because the Word of God teaches me that I am NOT saved by keeping the law—and the keeping of the sabbath is keeping the law. In Romans 3:20-28 we read:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets . . . being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus . . . therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law;" and

"For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2:16); and

"Wherefore the law was our school-master to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith . . . for we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:14-16).

3. Because I do not believe what they teach that Catholics were the first to observe Sunday as a day of worship.

The Catholic Church did not begin until the fifth century after Christ. Anyone who knows history knows that this is so.

Baptists are not Protestants—we did not come out of the Catholic Church—the Catholic Church came out of us.

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CORINTH—The city of Corinth is located about 60 miles west of Athens, Greece. Paul came to this city from Athens and preached for several months. Acts 18:1-11. He was instrumental in gathering a church here. Years later while at Philippi, Paul wrote two letters to this church, I and II Corinthians. Pictured above, the editor and tour group stand beside the old Lechaon Road, the main street of the ancient city.

## Treasures

By H. C. Vanderpool

TEXT: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21.

From the study of God's word and from the experience of life, we know there are worldly treasures and also heavenly treasures. The scriptures teach us that world treasures will decay and slip from our grasp, leaving one empty handed; or the one possessing them will move out of this world into eternity, leaving them behind. See Luke 12:20-21.

In contrast to the insecurity of the above mentioned treasures, we turn our thoughts to the heavenly treasures. Jesus spoke the following words in Matt. 6:19-21: Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

God wants people to have the things in life that are needed. He created them for us, but not to take all our attention and interest to the extent that we would overlook the real treasures which come to us through His Son that died to save our souls from eternal night. I would like to pass on to the readers the following information that I received some time ago.

In 1923, a very important meeting was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Attending this meeting were nine of the world's most successful financiers. Those present were: the president of the largest independent steel company; the president of the largest utility company; the president of the largest gas company; the greatest wheat

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## Ordination Service

There is to be an all-day ordination service at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, January 10, 1976. Services are to begin at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

## Bible Study

There is to be a Bible Study at West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., each Tuesday and Thursday night January 6 through February 26, 1976. Services are to begin at 7 p. m. with Elder W. T. Russell as teacher. Everyone is invited.

## WHY I AM A BAPTIST AND NOT A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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Baptists of today are not all they ought to be. Some of them are so far from the truth that they will never get back; but the Baptist Churches were the first Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has not always been known by the name "Baptist," but the early

Christians believed just what we believe, that all men are saved by faith, that no group or organization within or without it has any jurisdiction over it. That was the New Testament Church.

Now, who did start the observance of the first day of the week as the day of worship? "Now upon the **FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK**, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them" (Luke 24:1).

It is rather interesting that the Lord Jesus arose on the first day of the week. The devil is shrewd. He would be happy if he could get God's people to abolish the Lord's day as a day of worship . . . it would be a tremendous victory for him. If I worship on Saturday, so far as I am concerned, I might as well worship Christ on the crucifix. The risen Lord appeared to the disciples on the first day of the week. Why did He not appear on the sabbath?

"The same day at evening, being the first day of the week . . . came Jesus and stood in the midst, and said unto them, Peace be unto you" (John 20:19).

The early disciples of the risen Lord worshiped Him on the first day of the week, and you will search the New Testament in vain for one instance where the New Testament Christians worshiped on the old Jewish Sabbath.

And there is another interesting fact. The early Christians gathered together their offerings on the first day of the week.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:2).

Why not on the seventh day? Adventists say that when we worship on Sunday we are worshipping on a heathen day because Sunday means "the day of the sun." Every one of the days of the week are named after a heathen deity:

Sunday means "The Day of the Sun"; Monday means "Day Sacred to the Moon";

Tuesday means "Day of Mars";

Wednesday means "Woden's Day";

Thursday is named for Thor, the "God of Thunder";

Friday means "Day of Sacred Frigg";

Saturday means "Saturn's Day"; this is the Jewish Sabbath.

4. Because of the difficulty of harmonizing some of the practices and teachings of the Seventh Day Adventists, I will give you a few of them:

If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, or the Sabbath,

(1) Why do Adventists depart from their dwellings on that day?

"For the Lord hath given you the sabbath . . . abide ye every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day" (Ex. 16:29).

If the Adventists are going to be consistent, the only thing for them to do is stay at home on the Sabbath. That is what the Word of God commands. They do not do that.

(2) If the Adventists keep the Sabbath, the seventh day, why do they not keep them all—the seventh year, the year of jubilee? (Lev. 25:1-22).

(3) If Christians were to keep the law,

they would have to live in warm climates.

"Ye shall kindle no fire through your habitations upon the sabbath day" (Ex. 35:3).

(4) If Christians are to keep the seventh day, then who is to put to death all who fail to do so?

"And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day . . . and the Lord spake unto Moses, The man shall surely be put to death . . . and the congregation . . . stoned him with stones, and he died . . ." (Num. 15:32ff).

The law doesn't mean a thing if you do away with the penalty.

(5) If God required the keeping of the law to be saved, then why did He not require the young rich ruler to keep the sabbath? (Matt. 19:16-20.) Jesus did not tell the rich young ruler to keep the law.

(6) If you are going back and take up the law of the sabbath, then what about circumcision? Why do the Seventh Day Adventists not observe the law of circumcision? (Read Gen 17:1-14.)

(7) If the early Christians observed the sabbath, why did they "break bread on the first day of the week?" (Acts 20:7.) They gathered on the first day of the week to worship God in recognition of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

(8) If Christians are to keep the sabbath, then why did not the New Testament writers command it? They commanded just the opposite.

"Let no man judge you therefore in meat, or drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of sabbath days, which are a shadow of things to come" (Col. 2:14ff).

The law of the Lord is the law of the New Testament.

(9) Why should anyone insist on observing the sabbath, when God said that Israel's sabbaths would cease?

"And I will cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and her solemn vows" (Hosea 2:11).

5. Because, to me, the first day of the week has a greater significance for this gospel age than the seventh. Not one time does God ever command a believer to observe Saturday.

. . . Sunday is our day of worship, and there is a reason. Keeping the sabbath won't save you. Baptism won't save you. Good works won't save you. Joining a church won't save you. The Lord Jesus Christ, and He alone, is the Savior of every sinner. There is no other way. Hell is filled with people who have joined the church and tried to keep the law, but have spurned the Lord Jesus and His cleansing blood (Eph. 2:8-9).

Seventh Day Adventists deny the resurrection by observing the Sabbath. We come to church on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to worship Him who "died for our sins, and rose again for our justification." We worship a living Savior, and with thanksgiving, can sing:

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!"

If I worship Christ on Saturday I deny that His work is finished, that He is a resurrected, living Savior.

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Lexington Baptist College



Pictured above are the teachers for the school. Left to right: Eld. H.C. Vanderpool, Eld. F. L. Ray, Eld. F. W. Lambert, Eld. W. T. Russell and Eld. J. H. Smith.

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Faith As Found in General Context Of The Bible .....	(1 hr.) .....	F. L. Ray
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The Doctrine of Last Things .....	(1 hr.) .....	W. T. Russell
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## Treasures

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speculator; the president of the New York Stock Exchange; a member of the presi-  
dent's cabinet; the greatest "bear" in  
Wall Street; Head of the world's greatest  
monopoly; president of the Bank of  
International Settlements.

Certainly we must admit that here  
were gathered a group of the world's  
most successful men. At least men who  
had found the secret of making money.

Twenty-five years later let's see where  
these men are:

The president of the largest indepen-  
dent steel company—Charles Schwab—  
died a bankrupt and lived on borrowed

money for five years before his death.

The president of the greatest utility  
company—Samuel Insull—died a fugitive  
from justice and penniless in a foreign  
land.

The president of the largest gas com-  
pany—Howard Hopson—was insane.

The greatest wheat speculator—Arthur  
Cutton—died abroad, insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock  
Exchange—Richard Whitney—was released  
from Sing Sing Penitentiary.

The member of the president's cabi-  
net—Albert Fall—was pardoned from pri-  
son so he could die at home.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street—  
Jesse Livermore—died a suicide.

The head of the greatest monopoly—  
Ivan Krueger—died a suicide.

The president of the Bank of In-  
ternational Settlement—Leon Fraser—died  
a suicide.

All of these men learned well the art  
of making money, but not one of them  
learned how to live. Read Luke 12:16-21.

## Church Calls Pastor

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church,  
1401 Lischey Avenue, Nashville, Tennes-  
see, recently called Elder Bobby Sutton to  
the pastorate of the church.

He is to succeed Elder O. E. Russell, who  
resigned from the pastoral duties of the  
church due to his health conditions.  
Bro. Sutton has served Rocky Mound Mis-  
sionary Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tennes-  
see, as pastor for the past two years. He  
expects to begin his work with Bethlehem  
church sometime in January.





*"No time, no time to study  
To meditate and pray,  
And yet much time for doing  
In a fleshly, worldly way;  
No time for things eternal,  
But much for things of earth;  
The things important set aside  
For things of little worth.  
Some things, tis true, are needful,  
But first things come first;  
And what displaces God's own Word,  
Of God it shall be cursed."*

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

## Ordination Service

An ordination service was held at Rocky Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tennessee, on Sunday, November 30, 1975. Services began at 2:00 P. M. The following churches were represented in the ordination: Bethlehem, Buffalo Springs, Faith No. 2, Greenfield, McFerrin Avenue, Rocky Grove and Town Creek.

Brethren Jerry Jones and Farley Smith were ordained as Deacons.

Elder Bobby G. Sutton, pastor of the church, was elected moderator, and Bro. Dean Cornwell served as clerk. The candidates were presented by Deacon Thomas Bennett and the interrogation was led by Elder A. G. Gregory. The ordination prayer was led by Elder E. L. Waincott. Elder Thomas Shoemake gave the charge to the newly ordained Deacons and the charge to the church was given by Elder Harold Dunn. Elder Raines presented the Bible. A good ordination service was reported.

## Singing

There is to be a singing at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, on Tenth St., Bowling Green, Ky., the second Sunday in January, beginning at 2:00 P. M. The singers will be The Friendly Aires, from Burkesville, Ky., and The Travelers Quartet, of Morgantown, Ky. Everyone is invited.

## Majority Oppose Separation Of State, Religion

TEL AVIV—Some 55 per cent of Israelis oppose separating religion from State, 36 per cent were in favour, and nine per cent gave no opinion. This came from the latest public opinion survey conducted by Gallup Israel.

The pollsters, Zvi Friedman and Yaacov Levi, noted that support for the separation of religion and State rose with educational level.

—Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

# World Mission Of The Church

By H. C. Vanderpool

The Bible teaches us that the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is here in the world for many reasons. Jesus said to the young church just before he ascended back to heaven, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19-20.

From the above scripture we learn that the church has been given the responsibility to preach the gospel to the whole world. Those saved are to be baptized by the authority of a scriptural church, by a scriptural administrator and then the church has the responsibility to teach them the things God has commanded that they be taught.

Another work of the church is to discipline those who are her members, Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17; I Cor. 5:9-13; and the following: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." II Thess. 3:6.

The church is to be the light of the world, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14a. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

In true churches God finds a dwelling place, Eph. 2:20-22, and in Eph. 4:11-16, we are taught that the church is to serve to the edifying of its members.

"Ye are the salt of the earth," Matt. 5:13a. Here Jesus reminds the church in its early life that they are to preserve the doctrine and principles of Christ. Paul writes later telling the world that the church is the foundation that has upheld the truth. He was writing to Timothy, but the whole world was to know. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Tim. 3:15.

God was to get glory by Jesus in all ages through the church. "Unto Him (God) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph. 3:21.

Let all of us today who are given the opportunities of being in a true Baptist church, recognize our responsibilities and be thankful that we have these glorious privileges and make use of them while it is day.