

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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Missionary Report From Japan

Hiroshima, Japan
April 3, 1976

Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Readers,
We are sending you our Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Japan.

Months have passed so quickly since my family and I left States last summer, yet our sweet and precious memories have been fresh day after day, and we have remembered you all in our prayer. Surely it was an inspiration to each of us when we had a privilege to visit your country and to be in your fellowship.



Elder Koji Tajima

Young adult class of South Carthage Baptist Church, first of all worked out to invite my family and I, and then whole church, and many of churches and individuals joined this plan and made enough money to bring us to your country. Truly we had a wonderful hospitality while we were there. We thank you again for your kind and hearty fellowship in the Lord. We have good and blessed Christian friends in you.

We visited Hawaii, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oregon, and California, and found America is a great country. We enjoyed each different places. People are nice and good. We will never forget what we had. We will never forget the tears that was shed when we had to say good-by. Shakehand, smile, song, prayer. Oh, that was a wonderful time. We will never forget a lady who sewed dresses for Michiko and Kyoko, doing the work all night. Luke and Kyoko won't forget the experiences they had. It was good for them to see how Baptist people are and how they practice their New

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Ordination Service

There is to be an ordination service at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich., on Saturday, May 29, 1976. Services are to begin at 10:00 A. M.

Bro. Darrell Hicks is to be ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. He has been called to the pastorate of Nyland Missionary Baptist Church in Oxnard, Calif., and that church has called for his ordination. Bro. Hicks is also working on the revision of the Twentieth Century Baptists, a Baptist history. Elders W. T. Russell and H. C. Vanderpool are the authors of the first volume and Bro. Hicks is gathering material at present for volume two, with permission and assistance from them.

Some churches will receive an invitation to assist in this service. A general invitation is given to churches of "like faith and order". By vote of the church, any church or individuals involved in alien immersion are asked to please abstain from the service for the works sake.

Baptist CHURCH HISTORY

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Missionary Report



Bro. and Mrs. Thomas C. Cook and children, left to right, Joe, Jeff, Andy.

March 30, 1976

The Churches of our Lord, scattered abroad

Dear Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to give a brief testimony of my Christian experience, and the calling of the Lord.

On the first Wednesday night of September 1973, I found peace with God in the second week of revival at Sun Rise Missionary Baptist Church, east of Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. A few weeks later I was led by the Holy Spirit to unite with Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tennessee.

After uniting with the church, I made a solemn promise to the Lord, that if he would give me a Christian home, I would testify whenever, go wherever, and do whatever he wanted me to if he would impress me and give me the knowledge to understand. A few weeks later my wife was saved in the October revival at Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tenn. I felt then that my promise to the Lord was a covenant and not just a promise.

After a year and a half of trying to serve the (Continued on page 2)

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Lord in Spirit and Truth, the Lord called me by his Divine Grace to carry the Gospel. The following Sunday, in much fear and trembling, I owned my calling, and made my first attempt to preach the Gospel.

After four months the hand of the Lord was once again heavy upon me. With much deliberation and prayer I felt that my work was to be on the mission field. In keeping with our Church Covenant, which states in the third paragraph that we will seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, I felt that my obligation was to my wife's family because there isn't any churches of our faith in this community or surrounding communities.

In July 1975, we set out to try and do that, that is pleasing to God. We moved to Merritt, Michigan, to settle and find a place to preach the Gospel. The Lord was gracious and the door was gloriously opened for us.

In mid-September we started trying to preach the Gospel from our home. In October 1975, our pastor, Elder D. C. Barton, came up for a weekend and we had a three day service. The Lord was gracious and the following Tuesday night our next door neighbor was saved. In about a month our neighbor's 12-year old son was saved during our Sunday morning service.

We now have two candidates for baptism as soon as the weather permits. Hopefully, by that time there will be others that can testify of salvation by the Grace of God.

I also want to humbly thank all the churches, and individuals that have supported us financially and most especially for the prayers that have been prayed in our behalf, and for the mission.

I sincerely ask the prayers of my brethren everywhere in behalf of the Mission, and the Lord's work that needs to be done here, that by and through the Grace of God we will have a glorious harvest.

After returning from Old Union Ministers

School, I feel the need to devote all my time to the Gospel, and the furthering of the Lord's work. Pray that the Lord will multiply our faith and love that we might bring forth a hundred fold, and be worthy of the vocation wherein we have been called.

The following is an account of offerings and donations from the beginning of my ministry in March 1975, until March 30, 1976. A few of the offerings are recalled from memory. Please excuse any mistakes that may have been made.

Russell Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 38.00; Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., 46.00; Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., 11.00; Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., 81.00; Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., 180.00; Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, 43.00; Brattontown Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., 25.00; Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., 100.00; McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 200.00; Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., 155.80; Union (Camp) Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., 140.00; Pipers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn., 100.00; New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn., 50.00; Enon Chapel Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn., 100.00; Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., 50.00; Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, Hartsville, Tenn., 200.00; Sun Rise Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., 88.50; Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., 53.19; Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., 200.00; Union Baptist Church, Fountain Run, Ky., 31.00; Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., 75.00; Bethany Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., 63.00; Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donaldson, Tenn., 50.00; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 100.00; Long Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., 50.00; Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tenn., 75.00; Drakes Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., 100.00; Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 100.00; Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 100.00; Hendersonville Missionary Baptist Church, 100.00; Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 100.00; Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., 100.00; Cedar Bluff Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., 73.63; Willette Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs Tenn., 45.25; Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., 50.00; Bro. Dale Gregory & Bro. Charles Jones and members of Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., 96.00; Union Hill, Gallatin, Tenn., monthly support \$50.00 per month, 250.00; Elder Tommy Parkhurst, Toledo, Ohio, 25.00; Bro. Stanley Carter, Portland, Tenn., 100.00; Elder Curtis Carter, Portland, Tenn., 50.00; Bro. and Sister Sam Dillihay, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., 10.00; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Russell, Gallatin, Tenn., 20.00; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Hendersonville, Tenn., 5.00; Old Union Baptist Ministers School, Bowling Green, Ky., (Free will offering from Brethren), 56.00.

Your Brother and servant of the Lord
Thomas C. Cook

1009 S. Merritt Road Merritt, Michigan 49667



The Editor Says

By H. C. Vanderpool

NEWS ITEMS

I received a number of items or articles this month, but didn't have space to print them in this issue. I will use them as space permits.

OLD UNION SCHOOL

The Fourth Session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School, Bowling Green, Ky., was held the last week in March. The attendance this year increased and there were sixty-two Baptist ministers from seven states. I hope to have a picture and an article on the school in the next issue. See announcement on the next page as to how you can order tapes of the entire 15 classes conducted.

BANNER'S 10TH YEAR

With this issue, the BAPTIST BANNER completes ten years of publication. Again, I would like to thank everyone who has made it possible to continue this work. I ask your continued support in the future.

PLEASE COOPERATE

As you ministers and church clerks receive the questionnaires from Bro. Darrell Hicks in Detroit for the revision of the history, "Twentieth Century Baptists", please cooperate and fill out the questionnaires as soon as possible and return them to Bro. Hicks. He is to be ordained soon and will move to California where he will become pastor of Nyland Missionary Baptist Church, but he will continue the work on the history. Bro. W. T. Russell and I appreciate his assistance on this volume. In fact, he is doing most of the work at present on the new volume.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I appreciate the announcements and reports received each month for publication in the BANNER. Many, however, fail to send in revival announcements, reports or other church news. These are printed FREE. I don't believe you can beat that price. Also remember how many times prices have gone up, up, and up in the past ten years. The BAPTIST BANNER price remains the same as it was at the beginning ten years ago!!!

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OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

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Ordination Service

There was an ordination service at Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, 1723 N. Lindsay, Kokomo, Ind., on April 3, 1976. Services began at 7 P. M.

Bro. Jack Kidwell was ordained a deacon. Elder Mitchell Smith was moderator of the presbytery and Elder Carlos served as clerk. The candidate was presented by Elder Floyd Mince and Elder M. V. Hammock led the interrogation. Elder J. C. Shaffner led the ordaining prayer and the charge to the new deacon was given by Elder Jimmy Parker. Elder Marvin Emberton charged the church and the Bible was presented by Elder John Hill. A good service is reported.

Singing

Sunday, May 9, a singing is to be at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Time: 2 P. M. Featured singers will be the Eastsiders, Franklin, Ky., and the Turner Family, of Bowling Green, Ky.

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The Hope Within Us

BY H. C. VANDERPOOL

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." II Cor. 4:16.

Forty years ago, when I was a small boy, God saved my soul at Caney Fork Baptist Church in Smith County, Tenn. I have had eternal life since that time. Many times since that time I have experienced bodily pain and I've heard or have seen things that brought heartaches and disappointments, but that hope within me has always been a comfort and a rock upon which I could depend.

Paul said that while the outward man (the flesh) perished, the inward man (the soul) was renewed daily. As I write these words, I rejoice in this truth. Thank God for eternal salvation-Satan tempts God's children, the world scorns them, they are hated by evil forces, the bodies suffer pain, but by the grace of God the souls are renewed day by day.

The hope within us should help in a great way to look above the cares of this world to that eternal abode that we will have with God in eternity.

Each week in my visitation in homes and hospitals, I talk with people that have

sick and worn bodies, many who have lived long lives and the fleshly tabernacles are bent, weak, trembling and perishing. Sometimes daily I hear testimonies from these people that the hope within them is stronger and stronger with the passing of time.

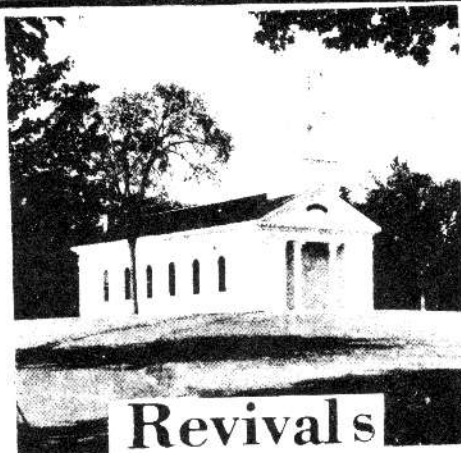
Job, a man of patience and afflictions, said, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job

We, the people of God, should continue to preach Christ and do all within us to help those who are dead in sin that they too can have a hope within them of eternal life and the glory of God.

A dying man once said in substance: "I have at this moment a particular impression of the immortality of the soul for my body is already half dead. I have lost the use of both legs and one arm, and if my soul were not immortal it would be half dead also. But instead of that, I am constantly thinking of God and Heaven, and I think with great ease and freedom."

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." I Peter 3:15.

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FRIDAY, MAY 7

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes St., Detroit, Mich. Pastor Eugene Brown is to be assisted by Elder Jerry Reynolds.

FIRST SUNDAY — MAY

Longview Missionary Baptist Church, Galatin, Tenn. Pastor F. L. Ray is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert. Bro. Mike Patterson is to be in charge of the singing.

SECOND SUNDAY — MAY

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor C. B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory.

FOURTH SUNDAY — MAY

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Cookeville Highway, Carthage, Tenn. Pastor Thomas Carter is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Elder Tommie Lankford was called to direct the singing.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor W. T. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

FIRST SUNDAY — JUNE

McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis.

Ordination

There was an ordination service at Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday, April 4, 1976, at 2 P. M. Bro. Gary Andrews was ordained as a deacon.

Elder C. B. Massey was moderator of the presbytery and Elder H. C. Vanderpool served as clerk. The candidate was presented to the presbytery by Deacon W. F. Steele, Sr. and Elder Henry Smith led the interrogation. Elder Clyde Grizzle led the ordination prayer and Deacon Dennis Evetts gave the charge to the new deacon. The charge to the church was given by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Deacon W. F. Steele, Sr. presented the Bible. A good fellowship and service was enjoyed.

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REPORT FROM JAPAN

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Testament Churches in America. Most wonderful thing we had was a fact that Luke got saved in the revival of South Carthage. That was a very something precious that gave us a great impression.

We have to say we are sorry to many of churches that invited us to come, yet we at last couldn't make it. If we have a chance to visit you and your churches in the future, we like to do. And if not, we will see you up in Heaven face to face. That is our hope.

We have cherry blossom now. Yesterday unexpectedly we had snow. Cherry blossom and snow at a same time. And today we had a Christian wedding ceremony here in Hiroshima with Miss Kyoko Endo. She got saved when she was 13 years old. (That was very exception we had until our son, Luke, got saved, for the one while young here in Japan. We usually go to adults because of cultural background.) She has been like my daughter born in our missionary work. She has been a good Baptist for passed years. I married her to Nakamura today. The church house was packed with people. There were about seventy people. We never had such number in our church house before. You see it was a right time to preach the gospel of Christ to the attendant. Many of them never heard the Words of God before. It was a beautiful service.

We have been a plenty of busy in the Lord's work, and we are happy to be busy. My family and I are fine now, for which we are thankful. I need some break and rest, however. I keep on the work. Usually I don't go to bed before two o'clock in the night. I have so many things to do for His glory in our field of this land. I am doing the work for the next publishing of tracts of Baptist growth series. We truly need your prayer for the work here in Japan. We will keep praying for you all.

I make a report of donations we received from churches and individuals with so much thanks for the first quarter of 1976.

January — Kokomo, Kokomo, Indiana, \$66.00; Plunketts Creek, Carthage, Tenn., \$204.24; Knob Spring & Eld. J. F. Carr, Tenn., \$63.25; Lyons, Louisville, Ky., \$150.00; Beckwith, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., \$30.00; South Carthage, Carthage, Tenn., \$75.00; Calvary, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; Faith, Nashville, Tenn., \$34.84 & \$27.12; Cave Spring, Liberty, Tenn., \$60.00, Total \$760.45.

February — East Side, Franklin, Ky., \$180.00; Plunketts Creek, Carthage, Tenn., \$211.35; South Carthage, Carthage, Tenn., \$65.00; Mt. Tabor, Riddleton, Tenn., \$55.56; Parkwood, Nashville, Tenn., \$150.00; Calvary, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; North Carthage, Carthage, Tenn., \$237.32 & \$236.82. Total \$1,186.05.

March — Plunketts Creek, Carthage, Tenn., \$245.46; Beckwith, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., \$30.00 & \$30.00; Faith, Nashville, Tenn., \$27.56; South Carthage, Carthage, Tenn., \$82.80, Total \$415.82.

To Koi Baptist Church: Jan. — Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Jacobs, Nashville, Tenn., \$25.00; McFerrin, Nashville, Tenn., \$80.24. Feb. — Drakes Creek, Franklin, Ky., \$100.00; McFerrin, Nashville, Tenn., \$91.87.

May God richly bless you.

Yours sincerely in His name
Koji Tajima & Family

Singings In The Nashville Area

May 1976

First Sunday — Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Madison, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

First Sunday — Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn. Time: 6:30 P. M.

Second Sunday — Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 209 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

Second Sunday — Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Old Shackle Island Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

Second Sunday — White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Time: 6 P. M.

Second Sunday — Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

Third Sunday — New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

Third Sunday — Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Lakeland and McGavock, Donelson, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

Fourth Sunday — Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

Fourth Sunday — Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

Fifth Sunday — McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Time: 2 P. M.

(NOTE: Due to the difficulty of keeping up with the many groups who sing at all the churches, I will run this announcement each month, or as space permits, without trying to list all singers. I trust everyone will understand.) — Editor

SIX REASONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. THE BEST BOOK is studied and taught; and I want to know it and follow it in my every day life.

2. THE BEST DAY is utilized and observed; and I wish to keep holy the holy day.

3. THE BEST PEOPLE are assembled and enlisted; and I desire the blessing of their fellowship and friendship.

4. THE BEST INSTITUTION is awake and at work for the Master; and I ought to invest myself where I will do my utmost for Christ and the Church.

5. THE BEST DEVELOPMENT is assured and attained; and I yearn to grow mentally, morally, and spiritually.

6. THE BEST EQUIPMENT is supplied, adapted and inspired; and I want to be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.