

# Baptist Banner

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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4  
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Our tour group at the Garden Tomb (John 19:41)

## Editor Reports On Bible Lands Tour

By H. C. Vanderpool

In the January issue of the BANNER I reported on the first four days of our fourth tour of Bible Lands. The tour was November 8-17, 1976. Here I am reporting on the next three days.

Friday, November 12, 1976. We had spent the night at the Ron Hotel in the mountain-top city of Safed. This is located in the height of the northern mountains of Galilee. We traveled westward through Galilee to the port of Haifa. After spending some time in a diamond exchange and exhibition center, we went up to the top of Mt. Carmel. It was here Elijah had his encounter with the prophets of Baal, (1 Kings 18:19-40). The scenes at Haifa compare with the most beautiful cities of the world. The beauty of the city is combined with the magnificent range of

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## Revivals

Second Sunday — April

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson of Alto, Georgia. Services nightly at 7:30 p. m. except Sunday nights when services will be at 6:00 p. m.

Monday Night — April 25

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Santa Paula, Calif. Pastor Kent Parson is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis of Louisville, Ky. Services nightly, time not given.

## Gospel Singing

There is to be a singing at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 901 10th St., Bowling Green, Kentucky on Sunday, April 10, 1977. Services are to begin at 2:00 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Baptist Mission

A new Baptist Mission has begun in Madisonville, Ky. Services are being conducted in the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall on Highway 85-70. Going east from Madisonville, the location is about 100 yards past Ligon Truck Lines on the right.

Bro. Ottis Lee Jones and Bro. Bobby L. Gann, young Baptist ministers from Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. are conducting these services. There is Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 a. m. and preaching services at 11:00 a. m.

These brethren would appreciate any information concerning people living in the Madisonville area who would be interested in this Baptist work. If you know of someone that you would like to be contacted concerning the mission get in touch with, Bro. Ottis L. Jones, Route 3, Lafayette, Tenn. 37083, Phone (615) 666-2706 or Bro. Bobby L. Gann, 203 Cothron Dr., Lafayette, Tenn. 37083, Phone (615) 666-3051.

Let's remember these brethren in this work that God will bless them and their labors, and that this Mission may grow until another sound, scriptural Missionary Baptist Church can be established in that community.

## From West Virginia

Elder Jerry A. Reynolds, who did mission work for some time in West Virginia before organizing a church in Elizabeth, made the following statement, "Sunday, April 17, 1977, will be the first anniversary of the Old Time Baptist Church, Elizabeth, W. Va. On this occasion we are having all-day services at the meeting place where we were organized one year ago. We invite all of our brethren and friends to come and be with us. For those of you who can't we want to thank you for helping us to come this far."

**TIBERIAS** — A cemetery dating back to the Roman Period has been uncovered at Moshav Sharona, near Yavne'el, in Lower Galilee. It came to light when heavy equipment employed in earth moving sank into a pit exposing some tombstones, erected in Roman style.



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## Missionary Baptist Literature Committee

By

H. C. Vanderpool, Editor of Publications

For the past two months, articles have appeared in the BANNER on the appointment and work of a committee to be in charge of writing, printing and the distribution of Sunday School literature to be used in Missionary Baptist Churches.

As stated in last month's issue the MISSIONARY BAPTIST LITERATURE COMMITTEE has been established under the authority of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn., and the committee has been able already to get writers for some of the Quarterlies and efforts are being made to get enough writers for the entire line of Sunday School



**WASHINGTON'S WINTER OF DISCONTENT** — After George Washington's forces suffered setbacks at Brandywine and Germantown, near Philadelphia, he took his troops into winter quarters at Valley Forge. Seldom in military history has a general faced such want and misery as Washington did in the winter of 1777-78 but his greatness matched every problem and in the spring he emerged with increased powers from Congress and a well-trained fighting force.

The winter at Valley Forge was one of discontent for Washington and here he is pictured in a moment of deep thought. —RNS Photo

classes so that when the trial or pilot publication is ready, they can offer the entire line for study and evaluation instead of the original two classes as had been planned.

The number of churches in various states and Associations that have endorsed this movement and sent contributions to assist in the expenses of said work, has been the reason for endeavoring to increase the number of classes to have the trial Quarterlies printed for. The interest continues to grow and its very encouraging to the Committee.

We are expecting to have a schedule soon of lessons to be used. These will be given to the writers to work on. We want the churches that are interested to know that we must set up a date several months in advance for the actual use of the

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## Church Establishes Library

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn., recently established a church library. The library room is in the new addition the church built, which will also be used as the office and headquarters for the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee which has been set up to be in charge of the proposed work of writing, publishing and distribution of Sunday School literature to be used among Missionary Baptist Churches.

New furniture and equipment have been purchased and moved into the library room and two orders of books have arrived and ready for use. Anyone who has a book or books and they are good sound literature, and feel they would be acceptable to the Library Committee, and wishes to donate them, may do so and they would be placed in the library. Your name would be placed in the book and you may have the book placed there in memory of someone.

In writing to the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee, or in sending books to the library, address all mail, books or request for information to Missionary Baptist Literature Committee, P. O. Box 1001, Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072.

## Winning Happiness

Real happiness is more of a habit than a goal, more of an attitude than an attainment. It is the companion of cheerfulness, not the creature of circumstance. Happiness is what overtakes us when we forget ourselves. When we learn to open our eyes in optimism and close the door in the face of defeat, we win happiness when we lose ourselves in service to others.

— William Arthur Ward, quoted in Herald of Holiness



# Baptist

By H. C. Vanderpool

(This column "Baptist History" will be an added feature to the BANNER in the future. The purpose is to better inform the public and especially Baptists, of the activities of our people in the centuries past, that we may appreciate more our rich Baptist heritage. — Editor)

## PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD AT NEW YORK October 2, 3, 4, 5, 1977

"The first church in New York queried: Whether a person applying to one of our churches for admission as a member, and satisfies the church that he has been previously baptized by immersion, on a profession of his faith in Christ; but at the same time confesses, the person who administered the ordinance was, at the time, **neither** ordained to the work of the ministry, nor baptized himself by immersion, but only chosen and called by a religious society to officiate as the teacher or minister, should be received.

"Resolved, That the above query be held over on consideration till next Association, and that our brethren Holmes, Ferris, S. Jones, D. Jones, or any of the brethren, who choose to engage in it, be requested to deliver their thoughts in writing, upon the subject at the next Association."

## PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD AT

PHILADELPHIA October 7, 8, 9, 1978

"In answer to a query from the first church in New York, of last year, held over to this time, respecting the validity of baptism, administered by a person who had never been baptized himself, nor yet ordained; we reply, that we deem such baptism null and void:

"First, Because a person that has not been baptized must be disqualified to administer baptism to others, and especially if he be also unordained.

"Second, Because to admit such baptism as valid, would make void the ordinances of Christ, throw contempt on his authority, and tend to confusion: for if baptism be not necessary for an administrator of it, neither can it be for church communion, which is an inferior act: and if such baptism be valid, then ordination is unnecessary, contrary to Acts 14:23; 1 Tim. 4:14; Titus 1:5, and our Confession of Faith, Chapter 27.

"Third, Of this opinion we find were our Associations in times past; who put a negative on such baptisms in 1729, 1732, 1744, 1749 and 1768.

"Fourth, Because such administrator has no commission to baptize, for the words of the commission were addressed to the apostles, and their successors in the ministry, to the end of the world, and these are such, whom the church of Christ



# History

## Archaeologists Uncover Ancient Dead Sea Farm

EIN BOKEK—An archaeological excavation on behalf of Tel Aviv University led by Dr. Mordechai Gihon, archaeologist and military historian, has uncovered a Jewish farm from 70 C.E. and a Roman fortress dating from 350 C.E. Dr. Gihon told the press that the farm, which extended over a distance of three kilometers and was 400 metres wide, belonged to the royal household of King Herod and was operated by tenant farmers. Its main products were balsam and various spices, which were mentioned by Plinius and Josephus Flavius.

The farm was destroyed in the year 70 by Jewish rebels because the tenants were suspected of collaboration. The skeleton of a man was found there, with a Titus coin on each eye, and a Bar Cochba coin on the ground next to him. Also found there were agricultural implements made of stone, wood, bronze and iron.

—H. Ben-Adi, Jerusalem Post Reporter

## Literature Committee

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literature. The reason for this is the writers must have time to write thirteen lessons for the Quarterly. These must go to the printer which will take time. After the release from the printer, the Committee will then send copies to the churches for their study, inspection and opinion. With enough churches wanting the literature to justify the work to become permanent, then the Committee in turn goes back to the printer for enough Quarterlies to fill all the orders from the churches. Then the printer must have time for the printing and getting the literature back to the Committee.

The Committee then must have time to mail the literature to the churches in time for them to distribute it to the classes to use. We will try to publish the time for the first Quarter, or the time set to work toward, sometime soon in the BANNER.

For information concerning the literature, a church sending a contribution to assist in the pilot project, or anything that you may wish to contact us about relative to this work, write to:

Missionary Baptist Literature Committee  
P. O. Box 1001  
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appoint to the whole work of the ministry." (Minutes of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, pp. 229, 238)

## SONG BOOKS WANTED

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Michigan 48066, would like to buy up to 75 of the song books compiled by Bro. Sammy Cornwell, "Songs To Remember." If anyone has, or knows where these books can be purchased, please contact Elder William Shoulders, 17970 Glendale, Roseville, Mich. 48066, or call him at (313) 777-2121.

## NOTE OF THANKS

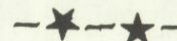
Elder Alfred Cook of Lafayette, Tenn., wishes to thank everyone who sent offerings these past few months to help him in his needs. He asked the editor to extend his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the readers of the BAPTIST BANNER for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Should you wish yet to send an offering to him, send it to, Elder Alfred Cook, Box 75, Lafayette, Tenn. 37083.



*A bee flies 5,000 miles to  
make a pound of honey.  
Then someone comes  
along and steals it from  
him. No wonder bees have  
such lousy dispositions.*

— General Features Corp.

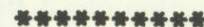
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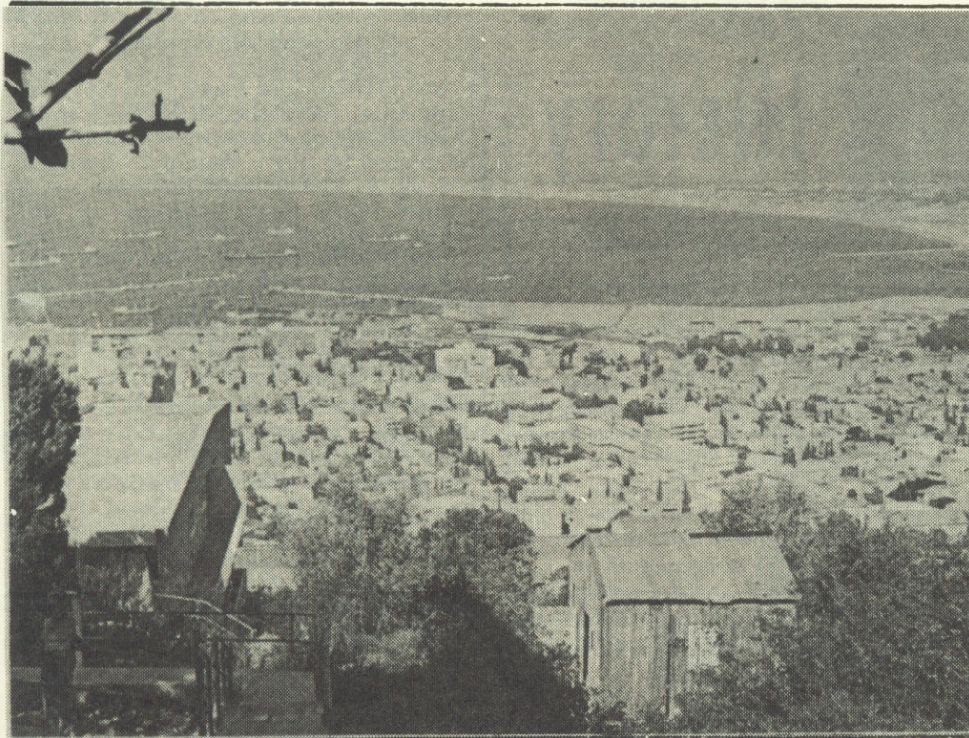
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Haifa Bay

## Editor Reports On Bible Lands Tour

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the Carmel Mountains and the majestic loop of the seacoast that swings from the south of the city to the jutting tip of Lebanon to the north. The golden beaches of Haifa stretch out between these.

Solomon sang of the beauty of this place, (Song of Solomon 7:5) and Isaiah wrote of the excellency of Carmel, (Isaiah 35:2). Standing here we viewed for miles and miles the beautiful Mediterranean Sea and the mountains of Lebanon.

We descended from the mountain into the Valley of Jezreel and Esdraelon. On the western slopes of this valley is the mound of Megiddo a place where many battles have been fought through the centuries of time. On the east are the hills where Gideon won his battle against the Midianites, (Judges 7:15-25). Also Mt. Gilboa is there where Saul fought his last battle and took his own life, (I Sam. 31:1-6).

We then journeyed south to Caesarea where Peter preached to the household of Cornelius, (Acts 10 and 11). The old Roman Theatre is here and we sat down while a quartet composed of Bro. Dariel Meador and wife, Betty Sue; Sister Rebecca McDonald and Bro. Glen B. McCurry went to the far side and sang a number of hymns. The sound was wonderful here in this open-air theatre and we discussed the possibility of coming back for a singing later, but did not get to work this into our schedule. We then traveled back to Jerusalem for the night.

Saturday, November 13, 1976. Today we were to tour the city of Jerusalem which meant we would ride very little and would be walking most of the time. A book could

be written with scriptures given on what we visited and saw on this day, but for the sake of space I must briefly give an account of today's activities.

We went to Calvary where Jesus was crucified. What an experience! We visited the Garden Tomb, the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection. We conducted a devotional service here with ministers in our group participating. The day continued as we went to the Judgment Hall, Mt. Moriah where Solomon's Temple stood, and to Mt. Zion, the city of David. We visited the Wailing (Western) Wall and back to our hotel. The rest of the day was spent relaxing, eating, and walking through shopping areas. However, the Jewish shops did not open until 6:00 p. m. They were closed at 6:00 p. m. on Friday as this was the Jewish Sabbath. We spent another night in Jerusalem at the St. George Hotel.

Sunday, November 14, 1977. We boarded our bus early and headed down the Jericho road toward the Dead Sea. On this beautiful Sunday morning we had our service on the bus which included scripture reading, prayer, singing and testimonies. This was a wonderful experience, worshipping in the Holy Land!

We came to the Dead Sea and then traveled southward to Masada the mountain-top fortress where the 960 Jews had out against the Romans in 73 A. D. It took several hours going onto this mountain, viewing it with the background history being explained by the Jewish guide, and then descending back into the valley to make our trip over to the desert city of Arad where we had our Sunday dinner of chicken, dressing and the usual trimmings.

After eating we went to Beersheba the home of Abraham for sometime (Gen. 21:33-34). From Beersheba we went by Hebron back to Jerusalem. After supper we had a Sunday night singing in the lobby of our hotel and then retired for our last night in the Holy Land. (To be continued)

## PEARL BUCK AND LIVING BIBLE

The New Evangelicalist Tyndale House of Wheaton, publishers of the Living Bible, have just published a huge 536-page volume designed to sell millions of copies to children, entitled "The Story Bible".

The author is the noted Pearl Buck, who died on March 6, 1973 after publishing 85 books and winning the Pulitzer and Nobel prizes. When she died, according to the Oakland Tribune: "There was no religious service and no minister, just a brief eulogy. . . ." She was a very liberal missionary in China who was the storm center of Presbyterian missions in the modernist - fundamentalist controversy.

In Harpers magazine for January 1933 and in the Cosmopolitan magazine for May 1933 she wrote articles in which she expressed serious doubt about Christ's existence, but still confessed that she was enamored of the concept of the life of Christ. She was the arch enemy of J. Gresham Machen in the Presbyterian struggle for the Faith. He listed her as Exhibit A of the apostasy in the Presbyterian church USA. Dr. Ned Stonehouse's biography of Dr. J. Gresham Machen quoted Pearl Buck's words on page 473: "But above all, let the spread of the spirit of Christ be rather by mode of life than preaching. I am weary unto death with this incessant preaching. It deadens all thought, it confuses all issues, it is producing in our Chinese church a horde of hypocrites and in our theological seminaries a body of Chinese ministers which makes one despair for the future."

Read I Corinthians 1:17-21. One cannot imagine anyone with greater contempt for the historic Christian Faith as revealed in the sacred Scriptures than Pearl Buck whom Ken Taylor has elevated to a place of great honor before the children of this century. This is a public repudiation of the authority of the Scriptures. Gal. 1:6-9; II John 9-11; Titus 3:10.

## Country Parson



"If only we could accept a truth spoken by an enemy as readily as if it had been said by a friend."