

Baptist Banner



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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Brother Bob Pitt

Old Fashion Gospel Hour

Several months ago an article appeared in the BANNER on the T V mission work that Bro. Bob Pitt, Hartsville, Tenn. who is a member of Russell Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. was doing over WCPT Channel 55, Crossville, Tenn.

Several Baptist ministers and churches presented telecasts over a period of time in cooperation with Bro. Pitt. While a number of churches made donations, Bro.

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Missionary Report From Japan

Hiroshima, Japan
August 21, 1978

Dear Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Vanderpool,

We really hope you well and enjoy the blessings from above. We do remember you in prayer from Japan. Weather reporters say it is the hottest summer in their history of Japan. We realize it is so. We haven't had rain for a long time. This makes us feel it hot and hard. However, we are happy in the Lord, and are doing fine for the glory of God, for which we are thankful.

Enclosed you see pictures of our baptismal service took place two Sundays ago. We went into mountains to find a good place where much water was to do a Baptist baptism which met all the requirements of the New Testament. There was little water in any rivers in Hiroshima city area, and the bay was polluted. It was good for us to look for the place in the valley. We had a blessed service. We like to share the blessing and the joy with you together which were given from above.

The article on late Elder T.L. Blalock, a missionary to China, in May-June issue of the Landmarks published by Elder John R. Blalock of Portland, Oregon, led us consider what was a Baptist missionary. We thanked the Lord for the article, as we could look into ourselves what we were and how we were before the Lord. He puts his comment at the end of the article as follows: The great desire of the life of Elder T.L. Blalock was to glorify his Lord

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Elder and Mrs. Henry Smith

Baptist Associations To Convene

ENON

The Enon Baptist Association is to convene on October 6, 7, 8, 1978, with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, near Red Boiling Springs in Macon County, Tennessee. This 129th annual session is to begin on the first day at 10:00 a.m.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

The Southwestern District Baptist Association will convene in their 130th annual session on October 6, 7, 8, 1978, with New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church about six miles Northeast of McKenzie, Tenn. in Henry County. On Friday, the first day, services are to begin at 10:00 a.m.

WISEMAN

The Wiseman Baptist Association is to convene with McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. in their 87th annual session on October 20, 21, 1978. Services are to begin at 10:00 a.m. the first day.

Plans To Visit Japan

By James H. Smith

The Lord willing, Annie Laura and I intend to visit Japan sometime this fall, perhaps late in October. I feel that we should go there and stay for a while, maybe a month or so, and view the situation. I hope to make a report to the churches that helped to establish that work when we return home. There were churches in Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, North and South Carolinas, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, and California that helped us to stay in Japan and preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to establish a church in the city of Hiroshima, called Koi Baptist Church. It was our home church, McFerrin Baptist Church, that set me apart for the work and sent us to Japan, and all of these other churches volunteered to send their offerings, and to send up their prayers, to help us in establishing a witness for our Lord in Japan.

Our missionary to Japan was one of faith, and I don't mean to say here that I have great faith, but I do believe in faith principles, I did then, and I still do; and by this plan the Lord, in a most gracious way, took care of all our needs. I still believe that a missionary should be sent out by a local Baptist church, without having to apply to any other organization in this world. Paul and Barnabas were sent out by the Antioch Church, and they went from there and preached the Gospel in various countries and then returned to Antioch and gave a report of what the Lord had done with them. (See all of the 13th chapter of Acts.)

I fully believe that if the missionary stays in the will of the Lord He will take

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Missionary Harold Carman Hospitalized

Macon County Times, Sept. 7, 1978

Harold Gene Carman, Jr., is in Parkview Hospital in Nashville with an illness that has not been definitely identified, according to reports this week from his family.

Carman, formerly a real estate broker in Macon County, has been serving as a Baptist Missionary in Karuizawa, Japan, since February, 1977.

His brother, Darrell, said Tuesday that Harold Gene returned home to Nashville from Japan last Friday night.

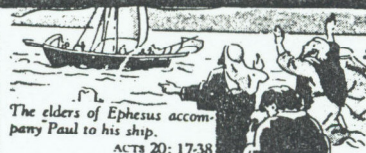
"They wanted to hospitalize him in Tokyo," Darrell said. "But he decided he would like to be nearer home."

Darrell said that Harold Gene has been ill for several weeks and doctors have been unable to diagnose his illness exactly.

"They said it might have something to do with his kidneys," the younger Carman said.

In addition to his missionary work, Harold has been teaching English to Japanese and learning Japanese.

His wife, Helen, and his two boys, Gene and Ray, have returned to the United States with him. They are staying for the time being with relatives in Macon and Trousdale Counties.



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EDITORIAL

By H. C. Vanderpool

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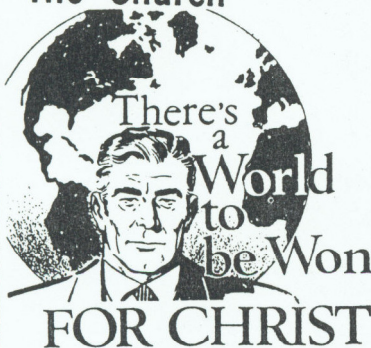
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." II Chro. 7:14.

About 1004 B. C. God gave the above message to Solomon. He had just finished praying the dedication prayer for the temple which he had built on Mt. Moriah. This prayer can be read from II Chro. 6:12-42, and also in I Kings 8:22-54.

Solomon spoke to God in his prayer concerning the sins and errors of the people of Israel. He wanted to know "if" the people sinned against one another and against God to the extent that God would send pestilence among the people, that he would shut up heaven that there be no rain, would he hear their prayers and forgive them and bless the land.

God heard Solomon's prayer and answered. "If" my people will do certain things he would hear, he would forgive their sin, he would heal their land. What

World Mission Of The Church



were these things? They were to humble themselves. They were to pray. They were to seek the face of God and turn from their wicked ways.

This nation today is "sinsick" and the sins of America are great, but the people in America that are wearing the name of God are so mixed up with the world and are so cold and unconcerned about lost souls and the Lord's work in general that we need to do what God told Solomon that Israel should do if he was to heal their land and forgive their sin.

"If" we as God's people expect God to save the lost and send His Spirit upon us, we will have to do what is mentioned in the text. "If" PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY HIS NAME continue to live like the world, be more interested in worldly things than things of God, then we cannot expect the power and Spirit of God to come upon his people, and without the power of God our lost friends and loved ones will continue in sin and be eternally lost in hell.

Note the word, "if" in the following scripture when God was talking with Cain. "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Gen. 4:7. Cain failed to meet God's requirements, but Abel did and was saved. Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4.

God sent Jeremiah to the potter's house to view a situation to present to him the picture of the condition of Israel. God had in store punishment and he had blessings. It was up to Israel as to which they received. Again note the word "if" in the following verses.

"If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the veil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them." Jer. 18:8-10.

"If" sinners turn from their sins and turn to God in repentance and faith they can be saved. "If" they fail to do so they will perish. Luke 13:3. "If" God's people turn from their sins and turn to God in humility and prayer and confess their sins, God will bless and heal our land. "If" we fail to do so we must suffer the consequences. II Chro. 7:14.

Come and Let Us Reason Together

By James H. Smith

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

God is reasonable in His demands and in all of His approaches toward this sinful, human race, and nobody is justified in saying that God is unjust and unreasonable; though we hear this said, or indicated by many people. In the above text the Lord is only making a loving and compassionate appeal; He is inviting sinful men to come to Him, for He has a reasonable message for the individual who will come. I have heard people say, "I am afraid of God" and so for this reason some will not come to Him. Instead of being afraid to come to Him, men need to fear the dreadful consequence of not coming, because sin must receive its punishment. But in coming to God we can receive pardon and forgiveness. So God is inviting men to come to Him for their good; He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (1 Peter 3:9).

GOD HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE FOR OUR SALVATION

The Bible tells us that all men have gone astray from God, as we learn here: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6. First, we want to see in this text that we have gone astray from God, and secondly we want to see that God has made a way for us to come back to Him. Man is separated from God because of his sins, but notice in the Word of God, it says that the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. This means that God took our sins and laid them on Jesus, His beloved Son, and Jesus bore them for us. Jesus took our sins to the cross and there he bore our punishment, for our sins, of you please. When Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood this was enough to satisfy God, whose Law man has broken, and so if sinners will come to God by faith in Jesus Christ they can have forgiveness and eternal life and never perish. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

BLESSINGS FOR THOSE WHO COME

Sinners can come to God without having to reform before they come; you may come with all your sins, just as you are without one plea, and God will cleanse you and make you free. He says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." God has cleansing for the sinner, but the sinner must respond to His invitation and come to where the cleansing really is. You can be sure that if you come God's way He will not turn you away. Jesus, our blessed Saviour said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I shall in no wise cast out." John 6:37. You must come to him realizing and acknowledging your sins, repenting of all your sins, trusting alone in Jesus Christ for relief from guilt and condemnation and rest for the soul. Sin is a heavy weight on the souls of men; sin causes restlessness, it causes turmoil and suffering, and will finally bring the soul down to eternal hell. God doesn't want you to carry your sins any longer. He wants you to bring your heavy load of sin and come to Jesus. Jesus wills that you come without delay; for He said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

DON'T ABUSE GOD'S GRACIOUS OFFER

You may refuse and abuse some privileges and offers that are open to you and they not become fatal to you, but if you refuse God's offer of salvation this will prove fatal, there is no way of escape from eternal burning for those who trample God's mercy under foot. Sometimes sinners become angry with those who come to them with the message of salvation and God's offer of forgiveness through the blood of Christ; but did you ever realize that the time might come when you would be glad for someone to tell you about the Saviour and salvation, and even pray for you, but they would be out of your reach? The greatest favor that anybody could do for the sinner is to tell him how to be saved, but sinners can not be saved by somebody just coming to them and telling them of salvation; the sinner man, or woman, boy or girl must take heed to what they hear and let the message sink into their heart. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to convict of sin; and you, sinner friend, could never come to Jesus without conviction. So you had better be careful how you treat the Word of God and the one who brings it to you.

Letter From Indianapolis

BAPTIST BANNER

August 30, 1978

H.C. Vanderpool, Editor

Dear Brother Vanderpool,

Please print the following in the aforementioned publication for the benefit of
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Statement Of Ownership Management And Circulation

Statement required by the Act of August 1912, as amended by the Acts of March 3, 1933, July 2, 1946, June 11, 1960, and October 23, 1962. (74 Stat. 297). Showing the owner, management and circulation of:

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H. C. Vanderpool

Pastoral Call

Unity Missionary Baptist Church, 2700 South Holt Road, Indianapolis, IN called Elder Billy Moran to her pastorate earlier this year. The delay in the announcement was due to the information getting misplaced in the editor's files.

The Joy Of Being Editor

Getting out this little paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't, they say we are too serious. If we clip things from other sources, we are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius. If we do print them, the paper is full of junk. If we make a change in the other person's writing, we are too critical. If we don't we are asleep. Now, likely as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other publication. WE DID.



Elder Tajima baptizing Sister Akiko Shimamoto in Japan on August 6, 1978.

Missionary Report From Japan

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Jesus Christ, and to prove by his own life the faithfulness of God's words and that the plan of missions as set forth in the New Testament will also work in these days, if we'll only believe it.

There were interesting places in whole article. One of them that touched our hearts was; In those years there had been many trials on the field. Some of the new missionaries gave up and came home, some went over to the board and some went into the Pentecostalism that was then spreading through the work of the Southern Baptists nearby in Shantung Province. When we think of the things, we have a double image on the present even in this land. We need to carry out the gospel of Christ and keep on the work in this pagan land, overcoming the difficulties and trials by the faith in Lord Jesus.

My family and I are fine and are doing fine, for which we are thankful. Our son, Luke, went to the States two weeks ago to see friends in Tennessee and Kentucky at first, and then to go onto Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, Minnesota, to pursue Christian education. Lord opened the way for him and many of our friends help him greatly come to your country, for which we are thankful. We were told that Luke was welcomed and treated nicely by your people.

I have been a plenty busy all the time in taking care of our small Baptist Churches and missions, plus in working at the bakery store to get our need to keep on church work. It is wonderful for us to serve the Lord in any situation.

Bro. Harold Carmen visited us and stayed in our home whole fourth week of July. We enjoyed having him in our area. He is doing good in Japanese language. We would like for you to pray for him also.

Following is the report of donations we received for the second quarter of '78 with so much thanks.

April—Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, TN, 160.29; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, TN, 300.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 130.66; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 85.51; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, 50.00; Elder John R. Blalock, Portland, OR, 50.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 49.66; East Side Baptist, Franklin, KY, 140.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, 50.00. Total \$1,016.12.

May—Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, 236.46; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 109.56; Beckwith Baptist,

Mt. Juliet, TN, 50.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, 50.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 20.97. Total \$466.99

June—East Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 95.83; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 136.34; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 50.53; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, 50.00; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 100.00. Total \$507.80.

To Koi Baptist Church: Lyons Baptist, Louisville, KY, 150.00; (April); Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, KY, 45.00 & 45.00 (May).

We will keep praying for you and readers, and we would like for you to pray for us and our work here in this land.

May God richly bless you,
Yours Sincerely in His name,
Koji Tajima & Family

Revival Reports

Beckwith Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN. One profession of faith with one addition to the church. Pastor Tom Armstrong was assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Bethpage, TN. Two professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor Paul Patterson was assisted by Elder C.D. Miller.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, TN. Five professions of faith with nine additions to the church. Four more additions after revival. Pastor H.C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, OH. Two professions of faith at last report. Pastor Charles Stapleton was being assisted by Elder Jerry Reynolds.

Singing

On Sunday, October 15, there is to be a singing at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, TN. Services are to begin at 2:00 P.M. In addition to congregational singing the Barren River Boys of Glasgow, KY will be the featured group. Everyone is invited.

It Is So Easy To Stay Home and Find Fault

C. C. Bishop

"But Thomas was not with them when Jesus came . . . But he said unto them . . . I will not believe" John 20:24-25.

Read the whole story of doubting Thomas and find whether he did worse than the others or whether you do better. The whole secret in the matter is this: Thomas was gone when the Lord appeared. All had doubted the stories that had been told about the resurrection of Jesus.

They, no doubt, reasoned on this order: The women were led by Mary Magdalene. Christ had cast seven devils out of her and she probably was telling fancied stories to shield her past. Peter and John were the men and Peter had been guilty of "cussing" and a preacher that would lie and "cuss" just couldn't be trusted. He was no doubt pulling a few tricks to get back into the leadership of the people. Then John was such a bosom friend to Jesus that he would do anything to shield a fallen prophet." They had lost sight of Christ and were looking at the faults of the disciples. I fear this is too true of the world and even the church today. Thomas just took out, and didn't come. The Lord appeared, and showed them marvelous things, assured peace to them, empowered them to forgive each other, commissioned them to 'go' and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.

Thomas missed the blessing He failed to get the revival the others got. They went after Thomas and told him what happened. Thomas began finding fault. "Unless, etc . . . I will not believe" How sad! It wasn't the weak disciples he was taking out on, but the Lord Himself. Occasionally a member will get OFF and POUT, and tell the minister, "I'm through until, etc., ETC." It is good to let such see sometimes that Jesus can get along without them. When Jesus appeared He offered Thomas all the proof he wanted, but He gave him a sharp rebuke. This was what Thomas needed. He proclaimed "My Lord and my God" If you have been staying at home and finding fault, try going out to meet the Lord and see what difference it makes.

LIFE'S SUNSET

By Lassie Franklin
Indianapolis, Ind.

When we come to the end of life's journey,
And we look far away to the west,
There we find a beautiful sunset,
And we know we will soon come to rest.

Then I looked far behind the horizon,
There's a pathway the pilgrims have trod
And there by the peaceful quiet river,
Is the beautiful city of God.

So I traveled until I had reached it,
Its beauty has never been told.
There were mansions and mansions in glory,
And the streets were paved of pure gold.

And there in the midst of the city,
I saw a beautiful throne.
And there was my blessed Redeemer,
He had guided me all the way home.

And when I shall reach that bright city,
And behold my dear Savior's face.
It will be because of His mercy,
And His loving and dear saving grace.



MOUNT CARMEL

Mount Carmel is the seaward extension of the Samaria range. It stretches along fourteen miles and is 3-4 miles wide, jutting across the coastal plain to meet the sea at Haifa.

Carmel was extolled by the prophets for its beauty and fertility (Songs 7:5, Isa. 35:2, Amos 1:2) and as a place of worship and retreat (I Kings 18:19, II Kings 2:25, Amos 9:3). Today the mountain is covered with oak and carob groves with several settlements scattered on its broad rolling plateau. In biblical times this plateau was heavily cultivated.

MISSION

Franklin, KY
August 20, 1978

Dear Brother Vanderpool:

We read the paper each month. During this last July my wife's two nieces came down to Pleasant Hill to attend the revival. They both got saved before the meeting closed. They are from Murray, KY. I understand that there isn't any old fashioned Missionary Baptist church up there.

Since that time I have been led of the Lord to go there to begin a mission work. The services will be each Sunday 11:00 A.M. beginning the fourth Sunday in August. Would like for you to print this letter in the paper. If anyone having relatives or friends there, I would like for them to contact me. The mission is in Callaway County at Murray, KY. Take Highway south 121. Go about four miles to sign on left. Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church is about 1/2 mile off 121. The mission is in the old Salem Primitive Baptist Church building. There is a cemetery on each side of the road.

I want to request the prayers of any one reading the paper. I am a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Simpson County, Ky.

Thanking you,
Elder Edgar Cowles
523 Portland Avenue
Franklin, KY 42134

Country Parson



"Kids sure can embarrass parents
—when they do in public what
they learned to do at home."

Old Fashion Gospel Hour

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Pitt spent over \$5,000.00 of his own money helping to keep the work going. He didn't feel he could continue the work under these circumstances and gave it up.

Later he received some phone calls from the station officials and they said that due to the requests of the people and the response from the public, they wanted him to return to the work by faith and would work with him and the Baptist people on the matter.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1978, Russell Hill Missionary Baptist Church voted in their regular business meeting to appoint a committee composed of Bro. William House, their pastor, Bro. Bob Pitt and Bro. Wash Thompson to be in charge of the work. The committee is known as Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast Committee, Elder William House was appointed as treasurer of the committee.

That committee was authorized to ask the moderator, clerk and treasurer of Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Baptist Associations to assist them as an advisory committee, giving all our old fashion Missionary Baptist Churches an opportunity to make donations, which is to be deposited in a bank under the name of the church-appointed committee to be used only for the telecasts.

Each Missionary Baptist Church should have already received a letter explaining the great need that we have of taking the advantage of these doors that are now open to us. While we support foreign missions, may we not forget the need also for these home missions. With the combined effort of all our churches, other stations can eventually be added. Any church wishing to make a donation may send it to Elder William House, 934 W. Delmas Ave., Nashville, TN 37216. Phone: (615) 262-1123. Some churches have already voted to send a certain amount each month. If our churches will do this, we will be able to reach several hundred thousand people with the gospel and be doing what the Lord commanded us to do.

If you wish to contact Bro. Pitt, write to Bro. Bob Pitt, 309 Andrews Ave., Harts-ville, TN 37074. Phone: (615) 374-2723.

May our Baptist churches, pastors and people give of our means to this worthy cause. The T V station is now installing additional equipment which will enable thousands of additional viewers. It is possible that a little later an additional station in the Nashville area can be added. May the Lord help us to meet this great challenge! The telecasts are taped each Saturday afternoon and then telecast on Sunday 8:30-9:00 A.M.



OCTOBER 1

McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville TN. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder F. L. Ray. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M. and week nights at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

OCTOBER 8

West End Missionary Baptist Church West Main St., Gallatin, TN. Pastor W.E. Massey is to be assisted by Elder H.C. Vanderpool. The public is invited to attend. Services nightly at 7:00 P.M.

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, TN. Pastor Eugene Brown is to be assisted by Elder Benny Maggart. Services each night at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

OCTOBER 22

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gage Ave., Louisville, KY. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder A.G. Gregory. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M. and week nights at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

Letter From Indianapolis

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the many that have contributed toward this cause.

We, Salem Missionary Baptist Church, take great pleasure in announcing the construction of our new house of worship is underway. On August 27 the concrete foundation was poured, and God willing, we hope to erect and occupy it before the severe weathers of winter arrive.

The building shall be of brick and frame construction, 40' X 86'. The sanctuary will be approximately 40' X 50', the structure includes four Sunday School rooms.

The new building site is located in the vicinity of Bargersville, Indiana, at Johnson county roads 500N and 400W. The building we now use is located at roads 600N and 600W.

In our excitement we wish not to forget the loving and kind considerations of the many churches and individuals who have made the aforesaid possible. To all of you THANKS. May our heavenly Father reward you in time and eternity for your financial aid and prayers.

Elder James C. Jones, Pastor
3894 S. Randolph Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Measure Of A Man

I wish I were big enough to honestly admit all my shortcomings: broad enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant; tall enough to tower above deceit; strong enough to treasure love; brave enough to welcome criticism; compassionate enough to understand human frailties; wise enough to stand by my friends; human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor; and righteous enough to be devoted to the laws of God.

What Shall We Call the Preacher?

Vi Maclin

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

In this day of informality which has drastically swept across our great nation, we find even some of God's people giving way to the tide of looseness.

Many children no longer address aunts and uncles as such but by first names and no wonder when parents are called the "Old man" and the "Old Lady". Amazingly some have begun to call the preacher or pastor by his first name or more astoundingly by a nick name. This may become easy to do especially if he is a younger person.

One may ask, why make a fuss about it? Well, little things lead to big things and there is such a word as respect. Respect is due the office which God hath ordained. God's Anointed are never to be taken lightly and we as God's called out people would do well to turn the tide and bring respect back to its proper place. Brother or Elder has served well for many years as a proper term.

Who could argue with the Apostle Paul when he stated, "I magnify mine office"? Romans 11:13. The preacher carries a great responsibility in fulfilling the duties of his office. We should pray unceasingly for him, the one who carries the Gospel message of God "unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1-18.

Let us meditate on the beautiful passage of Romans 10 verses 13, 14, and 15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Population 3,677,000 after 30 years

Israel's population, as the country celebrates its 30th anniversary, stands at 3,677,000.

Releasing its annual pre-Independence Day demographic report, the Central Bureau of Statistics added that, of this total, 581,000 Israelis belong to religious faiths other than Jewish.

In May 1948, when Israel was proclaimed, the country had a population of 650,000 of which 156,000 were non-Jews.

Over the past 30 years, says the bureau, the 2,445,000 increase in the Jewish population was the result not only of natural increase—the excess of births over deaths—but also of the so-called "net immigration-emigration ratio." Thus, 1,112,000 Jews were added to the population by natural increase, and another 1,333,000 through the excess of immigration over emigration.

When Israel was proclaimed only 36 per cent of the Jewish population were native-born. Today, an estimated 53 per cent of Israel's Jews are *sabras*.

Why Attend Church?

BECAUSE OF WHAT THE CHURCH IS. It is the institution ordained of God to preach the Gospel. It is more than an organization but is an organism, made so by the life given her by God.

BECAUSE OF HER COMMISSION. The Lord commissioned his church and charged her with the responsibility to preach the Gospel. We would not deny the fact that all saved men are to lead others to Christ but the agency commissioned to promulgate the Gospel is the true church.

BECAUSE OF OUR FELLOWSHIP IN HER. The bond of fellowship between spiritual church members can not be found in any other organization.

BECAUSE IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT WE ATTEND. It is not an optional matter. God has not left us to separate ourselves from the services of the church without being disobedient to him.

—G. H. Gordon, Bulletin.

Radio Ministry

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Broadcasts each Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., at 4:10 P. M. and Sunday at 8:00 A. M. on WNAH (1360) Nashville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool conducts the broadcasts.



Let's make
**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT**
a church night
for the
whole family!

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Minister's prayer: May the members of my congregation be as free with money as they are with advice, and their minds as open as their mouths.

To Visit Japan

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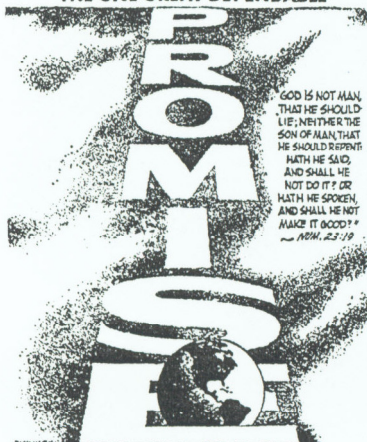
care of all his needs. Everything that he might want will not be available to him, but the Master will see to it that he gets all he needs. The missionary will not always have smooth sailing, of course not, for we are not promised that in any phase of the Lord's service, but His grace is sufficient to keep us sailing whatever the conditions; storms, floods, or raging seas, for He is the Master of the ship; and He speaks to those on board, "Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid."

We hope to be with Brother Carmen and family for a while there in Karuizawa and then go on to Hiroshima and Koi Baptist Church, to be with Brother Tajima and family, of course worship with them. I hope and pray that we will be able to contact some of the old members of Koi Church who are scattered all over Japan. We love these people dearly and long to see them again. Yes, and we want to see the church and dear friends in Yamaguchi, the church that was established there of the Lord by the ministry of Brother Frank Carr. Please pray for us as we make ready for this trip, and pray for us that we may be used of the Lord while in Japan.

Country Parson

"Your enjoyment of a sunset depends upon your faith that it will rise again."

THE ONE GREAT DEPENDABLE



I WILL COME AGAIN...

Go to church just for entertainment and soon you will be forsaking the church to find entertainment elsewhere.