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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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Singing Schools

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. 1088 Old Dickerson Pike. Goodlettsville. Tenn. April 28, 30, May 2, 5, 7, 9. Classes on Mon., Wed Fri. nights at 7 p.m. Bro. Don Xavier Hines, Teache



Hartsville Missionary Baptist Mission. Hartsville, Hartsville, Tenn. May 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29. Classes on Sun., Tues., Thurs. nights at 7 p.m. Bro. Don Xavier Hines. Teacher.

Elder Jimmy Hogue was ordained to the full work of the ministry on April 5, 1980. by Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Bro. Hogue had been called to the pastorate of Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville. which had called for his ordination.

The ordination services began at 1:00 P.M. Twelve churches were represented by twenty ministers and deacons in the presbytery. Elder Kenneth Davis, pastor of Lyons church, served as moderator. Elder Tom



ELDER JIMMY HOGUE

Armstrong was clerk. The candidate was presented to the presbytery by Deacon Herman Kincade. The interrogation was led by Elder J. H. Smith. Elder Paul W. Bryson led the ordination prayer. After the laying on of hands by the presbytery, Elder H. C. Vanderpool gave the charge to Bro. Hogue. The charge to the church was given by Elder Don Curtis and the Bible was presented by Elder Alton Lewis.

This was a good ordination service, being enjoyed by those in attendance. An enjoyable meal was served immediately following the service. We pray God's richest blessings upon Bro. Hogue and family as they go forth in the work of the Master's vinevard. He is a promising young minister.



NAZARETH

One of the main Christian holy cities of The Holy Land, stands at a height of 1,230 feet above sea level. This city, enshrined amongst hills, was the place chosen by God for the annunciation of the birth of His Son, and where He grew to manhood. (Luke 1:26-35). Here "the word became flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:14). Here Jesus spent his childhood playing in the streets and on the hills with nothing to distinguish him from the other children of Nazareth. Here he spent his hidden thirty years working probably as a carpenter with Joseph. St. Luke calls him "The Carpenter." The streets of Nazareth which must have looked like the narrow present ones, its hills which are the same, had been the scene of the life of Jesus for thirty years. At the time of Jesus, it seems that Nazareth as a little town, had a bad reputation, which made Nathanael from the neighbouring village of Cana, hearing people talk of Jesus of Nazareth, exclaim: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Jesus himself was not understood in his home city. "Amen I say to you that no prophet is accepted in his own country." (Luke 4:24). The first attempt on Jesus' life was made in Nazareth. Hearing his criticism and his speaking as a teacher of authority "They were filled with wrath, rose up and thrust him out of the city, and led him into the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong." (Luke 4:28-29). The hill has long been identified as the Mount of Precipitation. After this attempt, Jesus abandoned Nazareth and went down to Capernaum, which became his city. There is no definite the people of Israel, were gathered together, date when Nazareth came into being

FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Eugene Brown

Lesson Text: Acts 4:23-35

23. And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25. Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26. The kings of the earth stood up and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and

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BENEFIT SINGING

On Saturday night, May 17, 1980, a benefit singing is to be held at the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast Studios, Rutland Rd., Mt. Juliet, Tenn. Rutland Rd. is one half mile north of the Mt. Juliet exit off I-40. Turn east on Rutland Rd. and drive one and a half miles to the church building.

In addition to congregational singing, others to be there will be the Beckwith Singers, Four County Singers and the Spiritual Crusaders. Portions of the service will be taped for TV showing later. The contributions at the singing will go to pay for the televising in Johnstown, Penn. of the TV Revival which will be taped. See this page for the TV Revival announcement. The singing is to begin at 6:00 P.M. EVERYONE IS INVITED!



Longview Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Johnny Carver is to be assisted by Elder Tom Armstrong. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY - MAY 11

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. Pastor Elmer Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder William House. Services nightly at 7:00 P.M. You are invited.

Gospel Truth Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Luther Tuttle is to be assisted by Elder Houston Tillman. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich. Pastor Charles Moore is to be assisted by Elder W. R. Overton. Time of services not in the report. You are invited.

the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast Studios at Mt. Juliet, Tenn., located on Rutland Rd. and a half mile north of I-40. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. and the services will be taped and sent to WJNL-TV, Johnstown, Penn. for televising there May 25-June 1, 1980.

Everyone is asked to come and help out. Baptist ministers who will be preaching in the

revival are as follows: May 18 - Elder Paul W. Bryson May 19 - Elder Thomas Carter

May 20 - Elder A. G. Gregory

May 21 - Elder William House May 22 - Elder William Johnson

May 23 - Bro. Bobby Pitt May 24 - Elder Billie Joe Shoulders

May 25 - Elder H. C. Vanderpool

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS?

By H. C. Vanderpool

Each day that we live we hear people talking of the various styles and what is being worn and what should be worn. The styles of garments some people like and wear, others re-

sent. Probably those resenting hav: a taste for apparel that others dislike. So we find ourselves in the midst of a disagreeing generation concerning the proper dress.

How should we dress? We should dress to please God. Paul told Timothy, Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. II Tim. 2.3. If Timothy was a soldier in the army of God, we the people of God today are soldiers. If we are soldiers, we should be willing to wear with graditude a soldier's uniform. Our enemy is Satan. Our dress should have a two fold purpose. First, to manifest to the world that we are soldiers identified with God and His army. Second, that our garments are dependable, protectable, and sufficient to withstand our enemy-satan.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about the truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness:

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quence all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph. 6:13-17.

How should we dress? To be sure that God is pleased regardless of what the world of critics say, let us wear the following garments:

A. TRUTH to girt the loins.

B. RIGHTEOUSNESS for a breast-

plate.
C. The GOSPEL OF PEACE for our feet.

D. FAITH for a shield.

E. SALVATION for a helmet.

If we wear these we will be properly dressed. Then take with usthe sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph. 6:17B.

"If God Should Go On Strike

IT'S JUST A GOOD THING GOD ABOVE HAS NEVER GONE ON STRIKE, BECAUSE HE WASN'T TREATED FAIR OR THINGS HE DIDN'T LIKE.

IF HE HAD ONCE SAT DOWN AND SAID "THAT'S IT - I'M THROUGH, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THOSE ON EARTH SO THIS IS WHAT I'LL DO."

I'LL GIVE MY ORDERS TO THE SUN AND CUT OFF YOUR HEAT SUPPLY, AND TO THE MOON, GIVE NO MORE LIGHT AND RUN YOUR OCEANS DRY.

THEN, JUST TO REALLY MAKE IT TOUGH AND PUT THE PRESSURE ON, TURN OFF THE AIR AND OXYGEN TILL EVERY BREATH IS GONE."

DO YOU KNOW HE'D BE JUSTIFIED IF FAIRNESS WERE THE GAME, FOR NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE ABUSED OR TREATED WITH DISDAIN.

THAN GOD, AND YET HE CARRIES ON SUPPLYING YOU AND ME WITH ALL THE FAVORS OF HIS GRACE AND EVERYTHING, FOR FREE!

MEN SAY THEY WANT A BETTER DEAL AND SO ON STRIKE THEY GO BUT WHAT A DEAL WE'VE GIVEN GOD WHOM EVERYTHING WE OWE.

WE DON'T CARE WHOM WE HURT OR HARM TO GAIN THE THINGS WE LIKE, BUT WHAT A MESS WE'D ALL BE IN IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE!



MATTHEW 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy According to the late

80,000,000 estimates Americans are not members of any church or religious group. Of the 132,000,000 who are members, only about fifty per cent have any active relationship with a church in their community. Using the term in a broad sense, we can therefore refer to 146,000,000 Americans as being "unchurched." Here is the "mission field" in the United States which embraces nearly three out of four Baptist



History

By H. C. Vanderpool



ANNOUNCEMENT

Hope Missionary Baptist Church is now located on Woodbury Highway in Manchester, Tenn. Elder Harold Dunn is the pastor. Anyone having friends, relative or acquaintances in the Manchester, Woodbury or Tullahoma area are asked to contact Pastor Dunn at 615-226-3080, in Nashville, or Bobby Earps at 615-455-2057, in Tullahoma, Tenn. They have moved into a church building and are beginning to grow. Your prayers are asked for the pastor and the work there.

NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone, churches and individuals for your cards, flowers and prayers for me while I was in West Side Hospital in Nashville. I have had several operations in the past few years and have had many hours of pain, sorrow and trials. Continue to pray for me and my family.

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Old Mulkey Meeting House

Tompkinsville, Ky.—The Old Mulkey Meeting House is located on Highway 63, near Tompkinville in Monroe County Kentucky. It is now a State Shrine.

The Meeting House was erected about 1800 and is one of the oldest church buildings in the state. Some of Kentucky's early Baptists worshiped

Elder John Mulkey preached at this location. He gathered the Mill Creek Church which was organized in 1798. On the wall of the Old Mulkey Meeting House, neatly framed, is a roll of the Mill Creek Church, 1798-1799. There were 170 members. Also on the wall of this historic structure are the pictures of Elder Mulkey and his wife.

The way in which the building was

constructed it has twelve corners. It is said that these represented the twelve Apostles. The five windows are believed to represent the five wise virgins. Symbolic of the Godhead are the three doors. The pulpit is located in the north side of the building. The seats are hewn with two legs at each end. One is located just in front of the pulpit at the altar.

The editor has been privileged to visit this historic place on two occasions and has found it to be inspirational.

In the woods nearby there is a sign on a tree with these words, "Original site where the Thirteen Pilgrims built." In a cemetery nearby one may read the following on one monument; "Art, Elmira, Jeggy and Gemima, son and daughters of Isaac and Lumira Hagan Jackson, cousins of Stonewall Jackson." On another monument is the following: "Hannah Boone, born in Berks County, Pa., August 24, 1746, died in Monroe County, Kentucky, 1828"—she is a sister of Daniel Boone.

FELLOWSHIP

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For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

29. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30. By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.34. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors

of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35. And laid them down at the apostles feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

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And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. (Acts 4:32)

I. ONE HEART

The church on this occasion is found as a group of people so much in accord that the scriptures tell us that they were "of one heart and of one soul." (v.32) God does not want a man who is of one heart, but a church that is of one heart. That is, not working as individuals, but as a united group. We all have a job to do in the church's mission, we need not ask for a mission of our own.

It is a hard thing to lay aside all our own goals, to share in the work of the church. One great help in doing this was that God gave them grace for the work. "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." (v.33) They shared this grace which God gave to them. Not only did the church share in a spiritual manner, but also in a physical manner. Some of the apostles were of a poorer nature than others. The needs of a brother should be shared by all. On this occasion, the people who had houses and lands sold them to give to the needy. Their houses were not taken from them by anyone, but they donated them of free choice. "Neither said. any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." (v.32) We need to feel in our hearts that we own nothing, but that all we have is Gods. If his cause demands it, we must give up all things. Even our life is not our own. God is not as interested in our willingness to die for his cause, as he is in our willingness to live for his cause. He is not as interested in what we would do with ten thousand dollars we don't have, as he is in the ten cents we do have. In other words God wants us to use what he has given us to give glory to his name.

God's cause is the mission of the church. If you are now a member of one of His churches, you have some type of responsibility to that church. If it is nothing more than rejoicing with and praying for your more advanced members. This is simply what is meant by the word fellowship. To join in the work when possible, and helping others in the work of our great cause. This is fellowship in the church.

II. UNITED WE STAND

Peter and John had just been released by the rulers in Jerusalem. They went directly to the church. They shared their victory with the other disciples. Today we have too many Christians among us who feel that they are able to do the will of God without the church. They feel that they can work and worship alone and receive the same blessings that they could receive if in the church. The apostles were not under the same impression. They returned to the church as soon as they were released. There must have been some reason. Why didn't they just go home and thank God for his help? Why go to tell the church? All through the bible we see conduct among the disciples that plainly shows us that none of them had a self-sufficient attitude. They

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labored as a group. God did not give the commission to one man, but rather, to a group. The idea of sharing is basic to our belief. We share the work, and share the reward. If one or two men receive a blessing, it is to edify the whole church. We are in the battle together. Even when one man does the work, the victory is to the whole. When one man loses, the loss is to the whole.

The apostles reported what had happened to them and the church rejoiced with them. In one accord they lifted their hearts to God in prayer. The prayer is worthy of notice. They recognized God as the great creator of Heaven and Earth. We need to remember that the God we serve is the almighty creator of the universe. There is nothing that is too hard for him to do.

They recalled the prophecy of David that the world be against Jesus. He had faced the same opposition that the apostles now face. God had a plan and a purpose in the death of Jesus. They knew that God had let the enemies of the truth work against Jesus, in order to bring about the great plan of salvation. They knew that the enemy could only go as far as God had before determined. (v.28) For this reason they were thankful for their trials and confidence that God could take care of them. When we stand together, and God stands with us, we will win the victory over all things.

III. HELP FROM ABOVE

The disciples' prayer took on the need of the present time. "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings." (v.29) Our God is a present help in the time of need. Their problems were the threatenings of the priests and rulers as to what would happen if they kept on telling about the resurrection of Christ. (v.21)

The disciples did not ask for a way to get out of the job they had, but rather "that with all boldness they may speak thy word." (v.29) We should not ask God to let us do less, but rather ask for strength to do more. When trouble comes, we don't need a way to retreat, but grace to stand.

They were not working for themselves but for God. They asked him to help in the work by granting "signs and wonders" to approve their words. To prove they spoke the truth, God would give the power to do miracles. Not to glorify them, but to glorify Jesus his Son. Through the name of Jesus they had found power, and they prayed for more power to go forward.

God gave them an answer on the spot. They prayed for signs, and a sign was given. The place was shaken where they were assembled together. (v.31) This was to let them know that help would be given if they would continue to speak in the name of Jesus. They were also filled with the Holy Ghost. The inward witness of God is worth all the words of man. They were reassured that God was still with them in spirit and power. The result was that they spoke the word of God with boldness again.

LOOKING BACK

Peter and John returned to report and rejoice over their release with the church. There, prayer was offered to God for more power, grace and boldness in preaching his word. They did what they could do in providing for the welfare of the church, and prayed to God for what they could not do.



HISTORY OF GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON HER 25TH ANNIVERSARY

By: Don McDonald

This Church is located at 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich. (formerly located at 9151 Hall St., Detroit, Mich.)

An arm was extended from Old Union Baptist Church in Warren County, Kentucky, to Detroit. The first meeting place was at 10601 East Warren Ave., where the Church was organized on May 29, 1955 with 54 charter members. Elder William R. Overton was the leading minister in this work and was called as first pastor on June 12, 1955.

This Church purchased a building at 9151 Hall St. and a powerful work for our God was in process that saw Catholics and many, yes many, souls converted through her influence and have come into her membership. This writer being one of them.

As I write this history, my mind goes back through the years of joyful blessings God has bestowed upon us as we met and sang, prayed, and shouted the praise of God for saving our souls and the blessings that accompany salvation. Our heart rejoices as we try to write the history of one of God's true churches.

This church united with Siloam Missionary Baptist Association in the fall of 1955 while convening with Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Holland, Allen County, Kentucky. Three new churches have been organized from Grace Church, viz; Liberty, at Barberton, Ohio, 1957; Bethel, Toledo, Ohio, 1960, and Grace No. 2, Doylestown, Ohio, 1961.

The first building purchased for \$13,000.00 and was paid off in 1964. The second building purchased in 1967 for \$70,000.00 and was paid off Aug., 1979. God has richly blessed this body of Baptists in many ways in these twenty-five years. She has seen the mountain top and the valleys too. The tide has ebbed and flowed as time has passed on. Present membership 169. Value of church property - \$160,000.00. Association host - 1969.

Pastors: Elder W. R. Overton, June 12, 1955 to Sept. 1, 1960; Elder L. W. Smith, Sept. 1, 1960 to Jan. 1, 1965; Elder D. C. Barton, Jan. 1, 1965 to Sept. 1, 1968; Elder Billy Moran, Sept. 1, 1968 to Feb. 1, 1971; Elder L. W. Smith, Feb. 1, 1971 to Jan. 1, 1973; Elder Don H. McDonald, Jan. 1, 1973 to Sept. 1, 1973; Elder Eugene Brown, Sept. 1, 1973 to Jan. 1, 1978, Charles R. Moore, Jan. 1, 1978 to present.

Licensed the following ministers: Bro. Hubert Rogers, Don H. McDonald, Glen M. Webster, Ted Mannikka.

Ordained the following ministers: Eld. Don H. McDonald, Eld. Glen M. Webster.

Deacons who have served this Church and ordained by her: Bro. Bert Bailes, Otis Berry, B. W. Dirting, A. J. Doss, Hubert Dyer, Charles Estes, Lester Hayes, Don H. McDonald, Kenneth Mason, Thomas Nance, Clyde Pierce, Virgil Russell, Chelsey (Pete) Sutton, Garland Shawver and Eugene Winningham.

Clerks: Ray D. Baker, Don H. McDonald, Harold Houchens & Leda Pierce.

Many of the members that have made up this body of Baptists over the years have come from the various parts of the south and other places as well. Certainly this Baptist body has been a lighthouse in this wicked city of Detroit, Mich.

In this twenty-fifth year of her existance, Eld. W. R. Overton has been called to help in the spring revival beginning May 11, 1980.

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Some members are like wheelbarrows — not good unless pushed.

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Some are like kites — if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Some are like kittens — they are more content when petted.

Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they are going to bounce.

Some are like balloons — full of wind and likely to blow up unless handled carefully.

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—George Jessel

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While I respect your right to determine which programs you will sponsor, I also have the right to refuse to support or use the products of companies which promote the type of programs indicated above.

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If you continue to sponsor such programs after the three month period is completed, my pledge not to buy your products will automatically be extended for an additional three months on the same basis and will continue to be renewed each three months for a minimum of one year.

May I emphasize again that I am extremely serious about this matter and that if such a promise is made I

May I emphasize again that I am extremely serious about this matter and that it such a promise is made I will regard it as a matter of conscience and will not knowingly violate it under any circumstances.

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