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HAPPY
NEW YEAR

"I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord."
Ps. 122:1

Make your resolution NOW to attend every service at your church this year!

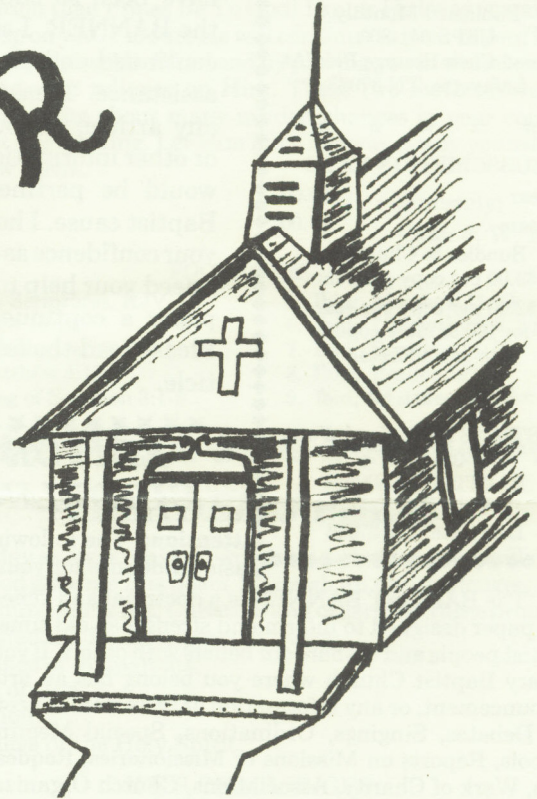
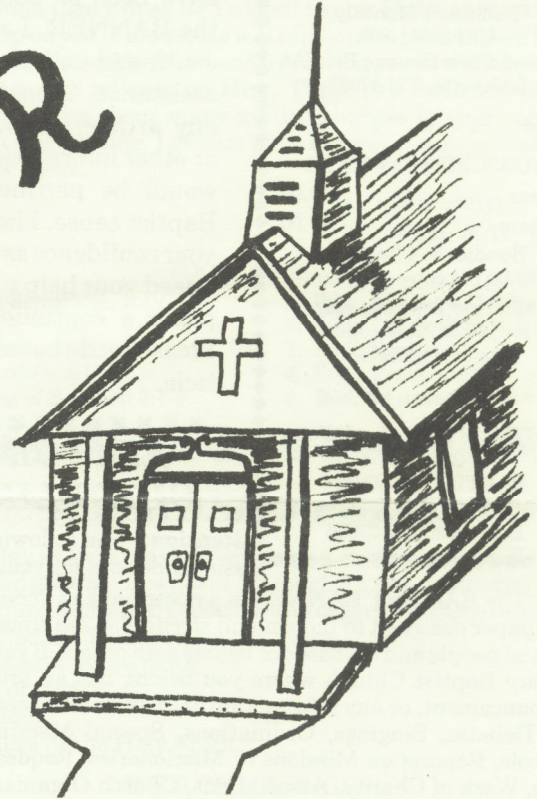
A JOB WELL DONE

By Elder Benny Maggart

June 1, 1966, the first issue of the BAPTIST BANNER was published. From its conceptional stages to the December, 1985 issue the BANNER was capably guided by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Not one month of this time has passed without an issue being printed.

Scores of people have received blessings through the doctrinal and general information gleaned from the BANNER's pages. I can remember when tears of joy flowed down my cheeks when reading of people being saved or how God had helped someone in troubled times. Also, I remember the tears of sorrow that instigated prayer after reading of someone's trials or a plea for help. Both good and bad news have come to its readers through this little monthly paper.

Brother Vanderpool diligently labored to provide the readers with an enjoyable and informative paper. Every church and individual that has benefitted from his work with the BANNER should be grateful and let him know it.



ADDRESS LABEL

Sister Alta, Brother Vanderpool's faithful companion, has always been supportive of his work in the Master's vineyard. May the Lord bless you both in your future endeavors for His cause.

As the new editor of the BAPTIST BANNER, I hope to be able to maintain a portion of the respectability Brother Vanderpool brought to the paper. As a regular reader of the BANNER since 1972, I would like to say to Brother Vanderpool, thank you for a job well done.

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NEW EDITOR NEEDS HELP

Pray for me! After careful and prayerful consideration I accepted the responsibility to edit and publish the BAPTIST BANNER. With my meager abilities and the help of the Lord I will try.

To you, the readers, that have been so supportive of the BANNER, I solicit your continued endorsement and assistance. Please send me any article, announcement, or other information you feel would be pertinent to the Baptist cause. I hope to earn your confidence as editor, but I need your help to make the paper a continued success. Please read the following article.



EDITOR'S GUIDELINES

Attention: The following are some basic guidelines for your awareness.

1. The BAPTIST BANNER is a doctrinal and general information paper designed to inform and strengthen old time Missionary Baptist people and to share our beliefs with others. If you or the Missionary Baptist Church where you belong has an article, report, announcement, or any information or news item concerning Revivals, Debates, Singings, Ordinations, Special Meetings, Singing Schools, Reports on Missions or Missionaries, Request for assistance, Work of Charity, Associations, Church Organizations, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Minister Schools or Meetings, T.V. Work, Radio Programs, etc. please send them to the BANNER for publication.
2. Decisions to publish, or not, any item submitted will be mine, and I will be responsible for all the contents (except typographical errors) of the BAPTIST BANNER.
3. Some information or articles printed may not have editorial endorsement but, in my opinion, will inform or benefit the general readership.
4. All articles, reports, and information (except for short announcements) should be typed and double spaced if possible. Please check for proper spelling and punctuation before sending any correspondence for publication. Any hand-written submission *must be legible*, preferably printed.
5. For publication in a given month, your correspondence should be in the BANNER mailbox by the 10th of the preceding month (example: publication date, month of May —information received by me by April 10th).
6. Any pictures sent for publication should be in black and white, if possible, as they will print better than color.
7. I reserve the right to change for clarity, shorten, or add notes to any submission published, and to use it at the most appropriate and convenient opportunity. No changes will be made with any intent to alter the objective of the writer.

LET OUR COMPASSION SHOW

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently Elders Ray Sutton and A. G. Gregory lost their companions to death under tragic circumstances. Our sympathy is extended to these brethren along with our prayers that they be strengthened by God's grace.)

Dear Brother Maggart,

In the past few weeks we have lost two sisters in Christ. As I tried to understand the reasons for their untimely deaths, I remembered this article (printed below) I found in the paper while we were in Oregon.

I feel we as God's people need to get back in the "people business." Not only trying to reach the lost people in our churches and in our neighborhoods, those we come in contact with at work, but our own people who have been deceived by Satan. He is as active now as he ever has been. He cannot get the soul of God's children, but he can certainly ruin the influence of their lives and those around them who claim to have a Savior to find rest unto their souls as in Matthew 11:28-30.

We need to take the time to be more compassionate with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Their problems, trials and tribulations should be ours also. We need to pray for one another and look to the Lord for answers and not we ourselves. When we depend on "self," Satan gets in there and deceives us into his ways, which are destructive.

If we can help just one person in this life, whether they are Saint or Sinner, maybe we have done what we were put on this Earth to do. I love the Lord and desire to see His work progress, not fail.

Your Sister in Christ,
 Connie Perrigo

THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

By William Franklin Summerour

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

AN OLD MAN of the sea was observed by a young woman walking early one morning on the beach. He was picking up starfish and flinging them out to sea.

When she asked him "Why?" he said, "If left to the morning sun, the starfish will die."

"But," she said, "the beach is forever and there must be millions of starfish. How can you make any difference?" Holding one in his hand, he said, "It will make a difference to this one."

Sometimes we wonder what good we can do by trying to feed the few of the million of starving people in the world. The same thing could be said about introducing them to Christ. Individually we cannot do it all. Together we can do more. But whatever we do . . . just for one person it will make a difference. Isaiah 55:11 indicates when we act in faith, God does the rest. God's people are in the "people business!" As we remember we are only one, and sometimes one is all we may be able to reach — it will make a difference to that one — eternally.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SAVED MEN TODAY?

Our dear Jesus told us, "if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." ¹ Now if a man is following our Lord there's not much else you can ask of him. It is obvious though, not many of you are doing this. Look at the first thing required in following Jesus. Are you denying yourself? Your no answer is an admittance to selfishness and that's what's wrong with saved men today!

All of your goals, desires, and even needs take a back seat to God's and those of others when you deny yourself. Many of you follow your own path. You seek to satisfy your every desire and every pleasure. Your wife and children have become corrupted by your mis-directed leadership and may never know the depth of fellowship with Christ. You're not being accused of laziness. Most of you have worked and worked hard to achieve *your goals*. The problem is not that you end up with a desire or pleasure that is inherently bad. It's that you have invested so much time in something that is empty and contains no spiritual benefit.² Worse yet you have forever lost the time you needed to fulfill your God-given responsibilities to others.

Selfishness! That's the problem. Didn't you hear Jesus say to you, "follow me." ³ He called you in the same way He called Peter and the only acceptable response is to forsake all and follow Him whom your soul loveth.⁴ As you approach your dear Lord you'll hear Him say, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." ⁵ Are you learning about the Holy One? You can read all about Him in the Scriptures or you can visit the land where He walked, but you've only scratched the surface until you walk side by side with Him. That's the real, first hand knowledge that runs deep and smooth.

As you walk with Jesus you will quickly discover that you are living for others. You will even deny yourself in order to serve others. You'll have to do that if you're going to walk with Jesus because that's the path He takes everytime. Look at home first in your search for others to serve. A saved man is responsible to God for his family's needs (physical, mental, and spiritual). You have denied the faith and you are unfit for other responsibilities if you neglect your family.⁶ The fifth and sixth chapters in the book of Ephesians will be a good place to review your responsibilities to your wife and children.

Turning to the fifth chapter you'll discover just how great a responsibility it is to take care of a wife. It will take a major portion of your time, but it's worth it. A saved man with an unhappy wife is greatly hindered in doing anything else. The Lord even says it is better to live in the wilderness, than with a quarreling and an angry woman.⁷ You probably already realize it is a big job keeping your wife happy. If she's unsaved it's even a bigger job. Nevertheless, it is your responsibility to do it. Fortunately, your Lord tells you how. It requires denying yourself and taking care of others, just like everything else when you follow Jesus. Notice the 25th verse in this chapter. You are to love your wife as Christ loves His church. Now Jesus sees to His church that she is nourished and He cherishes her as His loving bride. All of this happens because He puts her ahead of Himself in everything. Now that's how to keep a wife happy. Love her like you love yourself, even better. It's not a hard job because God steps in to help whenever you start. It does, however, take everyday dedication. You have to make the effort even on days when you're not in a good mood or she's not in one either. Remember, with a happy wife you'll have *twice* your strength to do everything else.

While your Bible is open to Ephesians, read the first four verses of chapter six. Here you find another of your family responsibilities — your children. Notice the words "nurture" and "admonition." That means training and counseling. There's no getting around it, you're responsible to see to it that your children are raised in the Lord. You've heard of the man who spends more time training his dog than his children. Then he ties up the dog at night and lets his children run loose. Aren't children more important than dogs? In fact they are called God's heritage⁸ and that means they belong to God. You're just training and counseling them for Him. As our Savior showed us, when it comes to training it's always best to train by example. You ought to be leading the way in home prayer, Bible

study, worshiping God, honesty, truthfulness, moral purity, and all types of righteous living. The other part of raising children is counseling them. Two things are required to do this. First, you must know good counsel. You'll find that in the Holy Scriptures. Second, you must be able to talk to your children in a way they will listen and obey. If you lead by good example and show more concern for them than for yourself, they'll be anxious to honor you. With honoring comes obeying. The excuse, "the children today just won't listen to their parents," was first spoken by fathers who failed in their responsibility. Remember your guiding principle — "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."⁹

Perhaps our Lord is convicting your heart of your errors and you are beginning to see the root of the problem is your selfishness. If this is the situation then Praise Be To God! I know He loves you and He won't give up on you. I'm sure He will continue to work in your life by continually applying His Word and by placing you in situations that will demand your reliance on Him. These two methods working together will bring about many needed changes in your conduct. Don't resist His working. Let Him have His way. Deny yourself and come follow Jesus.

Sincerely,
Elder J. W. Berry

FOOTNOTES

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| 1. The Holy Scriptures, KJV,
Matthew 16:24 | 5. Ibid; Matthew 11:29 |
| 2. Ibid; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 | 6. Ibid; I Timothy 5:8, 3:5 & 12 |
| 3. Ibid; Matthew 4:19 | 7. Ibid; Proverbs 21:19 |
| 4. Ibid; Song of Solomon 3:1-5 | 8. Ibid; Psalms 127:3 |
| | 9. Ibid; Matthew 19:26 |



A READER'S POEM

The other day as I was praying, wondering what it is that will not let me quit, God gave me this poem. Through all the challenges, hardships, and hurts of my life, Christian and otherwise, these principles have prepared me for all aspects of living;
The teachings of my parents,
The Grace of God,
My Salvation,
The teachings of the Holy Spirit.

LIFE'S CHALLENGES

Looming up ahead is a mountain of fear,
Untouchable, yet always near;
An unmoveable object,
An irresistible force;
Now barricading my homeward course.

Awakening within is my childhood faith,
Invincible, enduring, safe.
An unshakeable belief,
An uncompromising soul;
Clearing the way to my homeward goal.

Casting this hindrance into life's memory,
Suffocating eternally.
A forgiveable spirit,
A compassionate being,
Forgetting all remorseful feeling.

Tomorrow may loom another mount to climb,
Unexplainable to the blind.
Hope's formidable ascents,
Hope's redoubtable terrains;
Scaling life's challenges . . . faith remains!

Patricia Ann Conyers
Laymember of Hauser Missionary Baptist Church
Hauser, Oregon

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGINGS

Gateway Missionary Baptist church, Lakeland Drive and McGavock Pike, Donelson, Tenn. will have a New Year's Eve Singing on Tuesday night, Dec. 31, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Miller Family of Manchester, Tenn. will be the featured singers. There will also be congregational singings. Everyone is invited.

There is to be a New Year's Singing at **Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church**, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. on Tuesday night, Dec. 31, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The Wilburn Family will be the featured group. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church of 904 Gagel Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky will host a New Year's Singing, starting at 8 p.m. The featured singers will be: The Ferguson Family, The Potters Clay Quartet, The Harvesters Quartet, and the Sunrise Singers. Everyone is invited to attend. Elder Paul Bryson - pastor.

ORDINATION

The New Design Missionary Baptist Church, located four miles from Fountain Run, Kentucky, will have an ordination service beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday in January, 1986. Two men are to be ordained as deacons and one to the full work of the ministry. Elder Jerry Swindle -pastor.

ORDINATION REPORT

To The Readers Of The Baptist Banner,

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana ordained Brother Jeff Moran to the office of deacon on Saturday, November 2, 1985. A presbytery of 15 deacons and 14 ministers was formed representing 14 churches. Serving the presbytery were the following brethren: Elder Euene Brown - Moderator, Elder John A. Keen, Jr. - Clerk, Elder Don Watts - Ordination Sermon, Elder Billy Moran - Presentation of Candidate (Jeff is the son of Elder Moran), Elder Calvin Perrigo - Interrogation of Candidate, Elder Dexter Bacon - Ordination Prayer, Elder Paul Roy - Charge Newly Ordained Deacon, Elder Dwayne Greer - Charge Bethel Church, Deacon J. W. Lyons - Presentation of Bible.

This all day service was a blessing to all who attended. Each person who participated did a wonderful job. The fellowship was sweet and the food delicious. Above all, God's Holy Name was honored.

Deacon Jeff Moran and his lovely wife Lisa are valuable assets to the Lord's work at Bethel Church. Please remember them in prayer.

John A. Keen, Jr.
Clerk

BRO. LYLES BACK FROM ALASKA

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind. would like to inform you that Eld. Terry Lyles has returned from Anchorage, Alaska.

Bro. Lyles has been called to Pastor the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church (Sumner County Tenn.). He plans to fill that office in the near future. He plans to reside in Franklin, Ky. as of now.

Due to these circumstances Fellowship Church has withdrawn its extended arm to the Anchorage, Alaska mission. Please continue to pray for Bro. Lyles as he endeavors to do God's will and remember in prayer those in Anchorage, Alaska who united with Fellowship Church through the extended arm.

Dean Hauskins, Church Clerk

I HELPED MY CHURCH

I helped my church. I was there. I knew the pastor would be there, so I was there. My presence helped. I was one more. That cheered the pastor and gave him spiritual strength.

I helped my church. I paid my way. I did not let others pay my way any more than I permit them to buy my clothes or feed my children. I pay my household bills. I pay my way at church too. A manly, ample, competent sum must be my investment in my church.

I helped my church. I prayed for my church. I never have wanted much for myself—except strength—but I want all the blessings and power possible for my church. I pray for it as naturally as I do for my dearest loved ones. To forget my church would be to forget everything lovely. I helped my church by praying for it.

I helped my church. I was the hand and voice of my church in the homes of those who had forgotten or neglected the most important thing on earth. I went to them not with a brilliant sermon or convincing argument but with love and compassion. I witnessed for my Lord. I went as a friend to friends and found the door already open for me. I not only helped a home that needed God and the church, but I helped myself. What a joy to serve God through my church!

MUSIC SCHOOL OFFICERS ELECTED

Saturday, December 7, 1985, the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music held its annual election of officers, Christmas dinner and singing. A fine meal was served by the cafeteria staff of Cumberland University, where the music school is conducted each June. After dinner a good representation of former students and others gathered for an enjoyable two hours of gospel singing.

Before the evening meal an open business meeting of the school was held with the following officers elected for 1986:

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It's difficult, if not impossible, to get along with folks who have a "Do not disturb" sign on their opinions.