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## ELDER STEVE PERRIGO BAPTIZING AT NORTH BEND, OREGON



Upon completing our revival, we want to report the Lord's blessings. Beginning May 19, 1985, Hauser Missionary Baptist Church, North Bend, Oregon, met for it's spring revival in hopes the Lord would save lost souls. It was evident from the expressions of the people the burden for the lost and their willingness to do God's will during this meeting. We were blessed on the first night with a larger than normal attendance which included many lost people and we thank God they continued to come night after night hearing the gospel message.

The pastor was ably assisted by Elder Jeff Elliott who was called by the church to help during the meeting. Bro. Elliott not only was liberated by the Spirit to effectively preach, but became immediately attracted to many of the lost children who were coming. Thanks be to God Brother Elliott was used to influence these young people.

On Thursday, May 23, 1985, the Lord blessed Hauser Church by saving five lost children in one night, while God was pouring out his spirit upon the church. Although only five were saved that night, there were others who were still seeking the Lord, and still others who were uncertain about their spiritual condition. We pray the Lord will continue to deal with their souls. On that Thursday night the church received five candidates for Baptism upon their declarations of salvation and profession

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New Bethel Baptist Church To Celebrate 191 Years

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. will be celebrating 191 years of history on Sunday, August 4, 1985. The church was organized in 1794.

In recent years the church has added extra rooms for Sunday school, library, office, baptistery and fellowship hall. At the present time extensive work is under way on church grounds and the church building. All contractors have promised to have work completed before the anniversary celebration August 4.

On the celebration date, Sunday School will be at 10:00 A.M. At 11:00 A.M. Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor, will be preaching.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour and ample time for fellowship and those coming from other services to come and eat with us.

There will be plenty of good old congregational singing, special songs, etc. Singers, song directors, members, former members and the public at large are invited to come and be with us on this great day for the Lord and his people.

ADDRESS LABEL

## Vatican-Italy Treaty Ends State Religion

Associated Press

Vatican City – The Vatican and Italy today signed a treaty that eliminates Roman Catholicism as Italy's state religion and declares Rome is no longer a sacred city.

The agreement, known as a concordat, revised a pact that was signed in 1929 by Pope Pius XI and Benito Mussolini, the late Fascist dictator.

The old concordat gave the Roman Catholic Church many privileges and alligned Italian law with church teachings. The old agreement declared that marriages could not be dissolved, but Italy has since legalized divorce. It has also allowed abortions, which are vigorously opposed by the church.

The documents were signed by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli and Socialist Premier Bettino Craxi. The premier was then received by Pope John Paul II for a half-hour meeting in the pope's library.

The new concordat also includes changes in religious education. Under the old treaty, Italians had to request specifically that their

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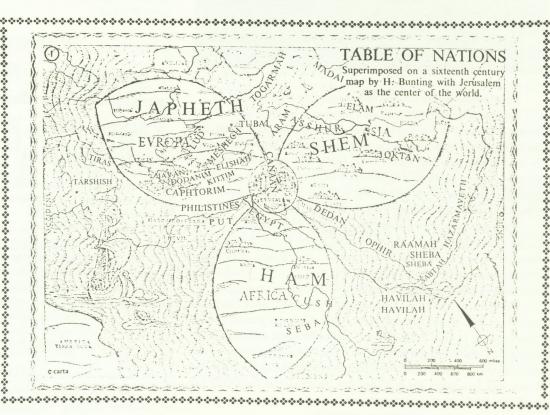
The BAPTIST BANNER has become a part of me.

However, after several months of prayer and serious consideration, I feel that a new publisher and a new editor could be valuable to our Missionary Baptist people across America and in foreign countries. I would be very happy to know it would be continued for many years to come.

If there is a church, a pastor who feels this would be a wonderful opportunity for you to expand your ministry. I would be very happy to discuss with you the operation entirely. You can turn to page 7, and see the wonderful support our churches are giving to this printed ministry. This of course in in addition to the hundreds of individuals who have, and continue, to support the paper.

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Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Editor



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## **BAPTIZING IN OREGON**

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of faith in Christ. On Sunday afternoon, May 26, 1985, Hauser Church met at the water's edge and witnessed the administration of Baptism to four young ladies. The fifth candidate, unfortunately, was unable to return for Baptism because of his parents lack of concern and ungodly behavior. We ask prayers for this new convert.

Even though our revival meeting has ended, the Lord is continuing to work with us and there is much yet to do. We all could use additional laborers in this field of labor to teach and instruct those who come to the Lord to remain faithful; to make strong Baptists that future generations will hear the gospel. We conclude by thanking all of our financial supporters. May they share in the Lord's blessings through this good news.

Your humble servants in the Lord, Steve Perrigo Jeff Elliott

## VATICAN TREATY ENDS

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children be exempt from religion lessons in school. The revised pact stipulates that parents who want Catholic instruction for their children will have to ask for it.

The treaty does not change the Vatican's status as an independent state run by the pope. The Vatican retains some privileges. For example, Italian priests remain exempt from military service.

Today's ceremony concluded nine years of negotiations. Craxi and Casaroli had signed the basic document in February 1984.

During the negotiations, Craxi told Parliament that Italy's relations with the church were unsuitable and out of date.

Twelve things to learn:

The value of time
The need of perseverence
The pleasure of serving
The dignity of simplicity
The true worth of character
The power of kindness
The influence of example
The obligation of duty
The wisdom of economy
The virtue of patience
The nobility of labor

The teachings of Him who said, "Learn of me."

## **INDIANA MISSION CLOSES**

NOTICE...Liberty Missionary Baptist Mission in Brownstown, Ind. will be closing May 26, 1985. Bro. Thompson, who has served as mission pastor under authority of Friendship M.B.C. at Columbus, Ind. for the past  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years will be (after much prayer) closing the mission and going to whatever field of labor the Lord leads him to Bro. Thompson will be available for appointments after June 1. Any church interested may write, John W. Thompson, 315 N. Main St., Brownstown, Ind. 47220; or phone 812-358-2889.

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

## **GATEWAY HOMECOMING**

Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Lakeland Dr. and McGavock Pike, Donelson, Tenn. will have all-day homecoming services on Sunday, July 28. Sunday school will be at 9:45 A.M. and preaching at 11:00 A.M. by the pastor, Elder Hilman Duncan.

Lunch will be served at noon.

Singing in the afternoon with the Southern Harmony Quartet and The Lyle Trio as featured groups and there will also be congregational singing. Everyone is invited. Revival services begin that night at 7:30 P.M. see revival announcements.

### MT. ZION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Holland, Ky. will have a Bible School July 15-19. Classes will be held each night at 6:00 P.M. There will be classs for all age groups. Elder Charles Reece is pastor. Everyone who can attend is invited.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There are 24 hours in a day; 168 hours in a week; 8,736 hours in a year. What are we doing with them?

SUPPOSE: Suppose we attended Sunday school 1 hour every Sun-

Suppose we attended church 1 hour every Sunday

Suppose we attended church 1 hour every Sunday night.

Suppose we attended Prayer Meeting 1 hour every Wednesday night.

Just suppose we had the above perfect attendance record as listed above. Well, Well, Well...this would be only 4 hours per week, and according to the above reference to the hours per week, we would still have 164 hours for ourselves!

## MT. JULIET HOMECOMING

Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. will have homecoming services on Sunday, July 21. Sunday School will be at 10:00 A.M. and Pastor Charles Patterson will preach during the worship services at 11:00 A.M.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

There will be singing in the afternoon featuring The Rayon City Quartet. There will also be congregational singing. Everyone is invited to attend. Revival begins that night. See revival announcements.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

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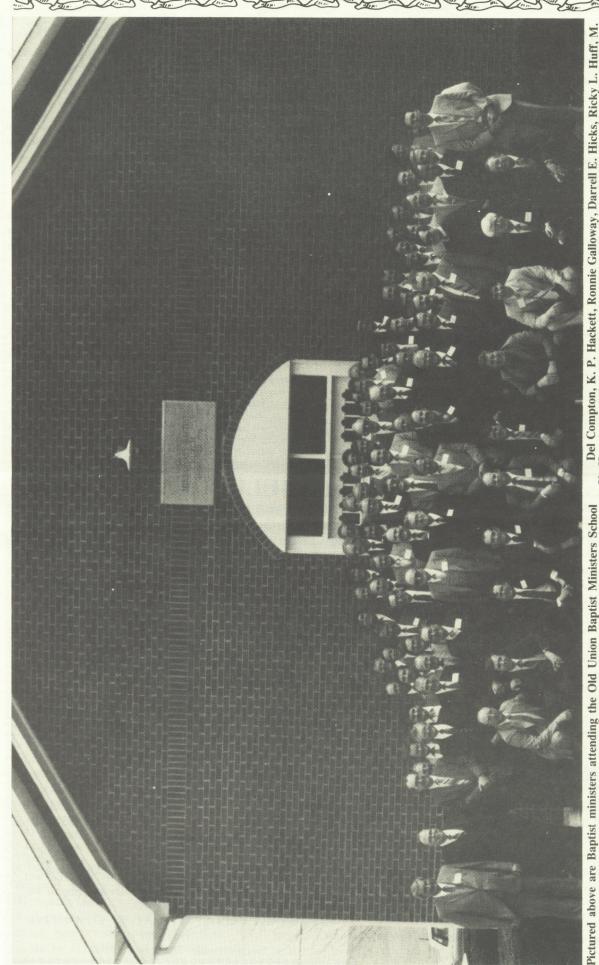
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During the 13th annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School, Bowling Green, Ky. which was held March 27-29, 1985, 90 Baptist Ministers from 13 states attended. March 27, 28, 29, 1985 - Bowling Green, Kentucky Thirteenth Annual Session

Willard Carr, Harold Carver, Danny Chandler, Charles Chapman, Jerry Crain, Don Curtis, Doug Curtis, Morris Cothron, Kenneth Davis, Jerry Donoho, Danny Lee Edwards, Jeff Elliott, Gary Fisher, Steve Franklin, Bobby Gann, Billy Green, Garry L. Green, A. Those attending were Timothy Binion, Dexter Bacon, Jr., Jerry Boze, J. W. Briley, James Brizendine, Eugene Brown, Jeff Brown, Paul Bryson, Bobby Butts, Ophie Carr, gan, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

G. Gregory, Wilson Gregory.



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Ann Reynolds, Sharon Richter, Diann Sharp, Annie Laura Smith, Betty Smith, Deborah Sutton, Joyce Shrum, Helen Perrigo, Bernice Thompson, Alta Vanderpool, Brenda Watson, Carol Watts, Brenda Wilburn, Margie York, Elaine Wilburn.

# In The End - Charles Darwin's Confession

It may surprise students of Evolution who do not know, to learn that in the closing days of his life Darwin returned to his faith in the Bible. Many a man, as he approaches the end and consequently comes more consciously into the presence of God and Eternity, has regretted both his views and his conduct. Such an one was Darwin.

The story is told by Lady Hope, of Northfield, England, a wonderful Christian woman who was often at his bedside before he died. She herself writes it, and not only is it interesting, it is most enlightening. Here it is in her own words:

It was one of those glorious autumn afternoons that we sometimes enjoy in England, when I was asked to go in and sit with the well-known professor, Charles Darwin. He was almost bedridden for some time before he died. I used to feel when I saw him that his fine presence would make a grand picture for our Royal Academy; but never did I think so more strongly than on this particular occasion.

He was sitting up in bed, wearing a soft embroidered dressing-gown of rather a rich purple shade. Propped up by pillows, he was gazing out on a farstretching scene of woods and cornfields, which glowed in the light of a marvelous sunset. His noble forehead and fine features seemed to be lit with pleasure as I entered the room.

He waved his hand toward the window as he pointed out the scene beyond, while in the other hand he held an open Bible, which he was always studying.

"What are you reading now?" I asked as I was seated by his bedside. "Hebrews," he answered—"still Hebrews. The Royal Book, I call it." Then placing his finger on certain passages, he commented on them.

I made some allusions to the strong opinions expressed by many persons on this history of the Creation, its grandeur, and then their treatment of the earlier chapters of the Book of Genesis.

He seemed greatly distressed, his fingers twitched nervously, and a look of agony came over his face as he said, "I was a young man with unformed ideas. I threw our queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them.

Then he paused, and after a few more sentences on "the holiness of God" and "the grandeur of this Book," looking at the Bible which he was holding tenderly all the time, he suddenly said. "I have a summerhouse in the garden which holds about thirty people It is over there," pointing through the open window. "I want you very much to speak there. I know you read the Bible in the villages. Tomorrow afternoon I should like the servants on the place, some tenants and a few of the neighbors to gather there. Will you speak to them?"

"What shall I speak about?" I asked. "Christ Jesus," he replied in a clear emphatic voice, adding in a lower tone, "and His salvation. Is not that the best theme? And then I want you to sing some hymns

with them. You lead on your small instrument, do you not?"

The wonderful look of brightness and animation on his face as he said this, I shall never forget, for he added, "If you take the meeting at three o'clock this window will be open, and you will know that I am joining in with the singing."

Was there ever a more dramatic scene? The very soul of tragedy is here exposed to us! Darwin, enthusiast for the Bible, speaking with glowing enthusiasm about "the grandeur of this Book," reminded of that modern evolutionary movement in theology which, linked with skeptical criticism, has become a blight in all the Churches and has destroyed Biblical faith in multitudes—Darwin, with a look of agony, deploring it all and declaring: "I was a young man with unformed ideas."

This remarkable picture of Darwin is a challenge to every Modernist. What an overwhelming criticism! The "unformed ideas" of the young man Darwin are the basis of modern evolutionary theology!

As a believer Darwin willed his fortune to Christian Missions.

It is either Evolution or Christ. With Charles Darwin it was Christ. Which will it be with you? "Put your trust in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

-Copied from Tract of the People's Church, Toronto, Canada

# HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

One of the nicest things I've read in a long time is an "item" submitted to us by Rosie L. Sullivan of Westmoreland. We don't usually print poems, but as Ms. Sullivan said in her cover letter, "it may help some of the readers of your paper. P.S. I will pay later if you charge anything; but don't worry about the Pay--God will bless you for it." Lord knows, we all need a little help, so we won't worry about the pay. Here is the "item, Entitled 'Heaven's Grocery Store' ", submitted by Rosie Sullivan:

"I was walking down life's highway

A long time ago

When I saw a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store'.

As I got a little closer The door came open wide, and when I came to myself I was standing inside.

I saw a host of Angels, They were standing everywhere: one handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needs was in that Grocery Store, and all you couldn't carry you could come back the next day for more.

First I got some Patience; Love was in the same row. Farther down was Understanding, you need that everywhere you go-I got a box of Wisdom, a bag or two of Faith. I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, for he was All Over the Place.

I stopped to get some strength and courage, To help me run the race; By then my basket was getting full; But I remembered I needed some Grace. I didn't forget Salvation, for Salvation, that was Free. So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to Pay My Grocery Bill. For I thought I had everything to do the master's will.

As I went up the aisle I saw Prayer and I just had to put that in for I knew when I stepped outside I would run right into sin.

Peace and Joy were plentiful, they were on each shelf. Songs and Praises were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, 'How Much Do I Owe?'. He smiled and said, 'Just take them everywhere you go.'

Again I looked at Him and said, 'Just how much do I really owe?'.

He smiled again and said to me, 'My child, Jesus Paid Your Bill in Full, a long time ago.' "

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Cedar Cross Missionary Baptist Church S	cottsville, Ky.
Colorado Missionary Baptist Church	Denver, Col.
Corinth Missionary Baptist Church	Franklin, Ky.

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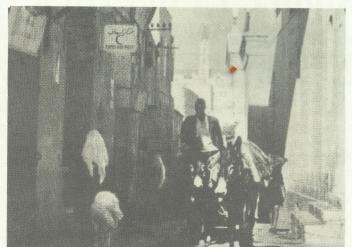
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Southside Missionary Baptist Church	Indianapolis, Ind.

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The Menorah (candlestick) near the "Knesset" building (above)

The seven-branched Menorah is the official symbol of the State of Israel.



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