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## ANCIENT BIBLES ON DISPLAY

The Church History Research and Archives of Gallatin, Tenn. will present a most rare collection of Ancient Bibles and manuscripts at 7:00 nightly June 8, 9, 10, and 11 at Volunteer State Community College Auditorium, Hwy. 31E, Gallatin, Tennessee (Free Admission).

Elder Jewell E. Smith, long time pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida will be presenting "YOUR BIBLICAL HERITAGE," a history of the English Bible. He will also be focusing on the present and antagonistic attack upon the Word of God. This collection of Bibles at one time belonged to the world's largest private collection and were displayed at the coronation of the present Queen of England.

The Bibles and manuscripts date as far back as 2040 B.C. (from Ur of Chaldees—Genesis 11) to the present. This magnificent collection of Bibles has been carefully planned and are brought together to inform an individual about the development of the English Bible. It also represents the crafts of the ancient scribe, artist, navigator, printer, and binder.

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## KANSAS MISSION HAS NEW PASTOR

In June, 1984 a mission began in Emporia, Kansas under the authority of Cedar Cross Missionary Baptist Church of Scottsville, Kentucky. Bro. Gerald Cherry went to the mission once a month for a period of time. Bros. Richard Crain of Missouri and William House of Tennessee have also helped in this mission effort.

A revival was conducted at the mission in September, 1984 by Bros. Gerald Cherry and Billy Moran. Another meeting was held in May, 1985 by Bros. Cherry and Crain in which Tom Glass was saved. Bro. Glass was baptized in August, 1985 through the extended arm of Cedar Cross Church.

The families attending the mission are very faithful and dedicated Christians. They have prayed earnestly for God to burden a preacher to move on the mission field.

Bro. Ricky Huff, a member of Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, preached a few times at the mission and felt the call of God to work at this location. Bro. Huff, his wife, and daughter will soon be moving to Emporia for him to pastor the mission there. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Bro. Huff's ordination was set for April 12, 1986.)

Please pray for this family and for the work in Kansas. Anyone wishing to help support this mission work may send communications to:

Cedar Cross Baptist Mission  
P. O. Box 37  
Emporia, Kansas 66801

## GOD WANTS OUR ATTENTION

*by Elder J. H. Smith*

"And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto Him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I." Exodus 3:3,4.

Moses was busy attending his father-in-law's flocks, and he seemed to be content with his occupation; but God had other plans for him, and He showed him an unusual sight to get his attention. Perhaps if this bush had just been burning and had burned up it wouldn't have attracted Moses' attention in such a way. The fact that the bush wasn't being consumed is why he turned aside to see, and this is what God wanted, and when he turned aside to see is when the Lord spoke to him to let him know about the work He had for him. Moses was born and grew up in Egypt and was the adopted son of the king's daughter, and had known what the Lord wanted with him while he was still in Egypt, but his people didn't understand how that God by his hand would deliver them from their terrible bondage, Acts 7:25; they accused him of trying to be a judge and ruler over them; they also charged him of wanting to kill them like he had the Egyptian the day before. Exodus 2:11-15. Because of this and the fact that Pharaoh sought to slay him, Moses fled to the land of Midian where he joined himself to Jethro, who later became his father-in-law; he married Jethro's daughter and became a shepherd for Jethro's flocks; and as he advanced toward the back side of the desert to the mount of God, Horeb, God halted Moses with the strange sight, and it was here that the Lord reminded him that he must go back to Egypt.

Maybe Moses had been discouraged about what had happened to him in Egypt, he wanted to be used of God and deliver His people from their bondage, but the people wouldn't listen, and his life was in jeopardy. So in the land of Midian he seemed to find a good life, married to Jethro's daughter, and there were born to them two sons; he had employment, and I would guess a good livelihood. So he contented himself to dwell with his father-in-law in the land of Midian,

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## DEACON'S SCHOOL

Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church  
Dear Brothers and Sisters;

On Feb. 22, 1986 the church voted to start a Deacon's School for the purpose of strengthening our Deacons and their wives in the work of the Lord, and for teaching potential candidates whom their church may or not choose to ordain to the office of deacon at some future date; also the wives of potential candidates if any and Sisters who may someday be the wife of a potential candidate.

The school will begin on Saturday night, May 3, 1986 at

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# A NOTE of Joy

The Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music will conduct its fourth annual session June 15-27, 1986 at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN. Excellent instructors; day and night classes for on campus students or commuters; levels of instruction for all abilities and ages; and some special activities this year.

For details and application contact:

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# ANNUAL MACON COUNTY SINGING CONV. REVIVED

Over 3000 communities in TN are having special activities in 1986 as part of a Tennessee Homecoming '86 celebration. The Lafayette, TN homecoming committee decided as their main project to reestablish the yearly Macon Co. Singing Convention all day singing. This used to draw large crowds for a day of gospel singing and fellowship, but for a number of years was discontinued.

Sunday, May 25, 1986, has been set to again hold the all day service. The singing will take place at Key Park just off the square in Lafayette, TN. (In case of inclement weather the Lafayette High School Auditorium will be used.) Singers wishing to get an early start will meet at 10:30 a.m. You may bring your own lunch or buy lunch at the concession stand. Also lunch will be provided by various churches holding homecoming services.

The afternoon singing will begin at 1:00 and continue until 4:00. At that time a community worship service will be conducted. Everyone, with special encouragement to former Macon Countians, is invited to attend this singing and day of fellowship.

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# LAFAYETTE CHURCH CHANGES TIME FOR SERVICES

The Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, 302 College St., Lafayette, TN, in conjunction with the Homecoming '86 activities is having homecoming services May 25, 1986. For this day only, Sun. Sch. begins at 9:00 and Worship Service at 10:00 with preaching by the pastor, Bro. Benny Maggart. Lunch will be served following these services.

In the afternoon we will join in the Macon County Singing Convention singing. Everyone is welcome. A special invitation is given to Lafayette Church members that live away and former members. Also any singers that would like to attend our services or just come and eat with us are invited.

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# ATTENTION!! OLD UNION MINISTER'S SCHOOL STUDENTS

It has been discovered that some of the tapes from the 1986 minister's school and wife's fellowship did not record properly when duplicated. If you received any bad tapes please write for replacements. Do not send any bad tape back. Just bring them to the school next year. The school committee apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. For replacements write:

Jerry Reynolds

289 Meadow Hill Rd

Bowling Green, KY 42101

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# BIBLE QUESTION

Who killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day?

*Answer next month.*

*April Answer:* About 100 lbs. by Nicodemus. (John 19:39)

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*A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.*

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# DEACON'S SCHOOL

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6:30 p.m. and meet the first Saturday in each month. On May 3, the subject will be "Introduction of the School and Its Purpose," Kenneth Roe teacher. On June 7, the subject will be "Choosing a Man for the Office of Deacon," Jack Kidwell teacher, and "Willingness to Serve," Calvin Perrigo teacher.

More information will be given at the school concerning future subjects and teachers.

The Church adopted the following rules for the Deacon's school.

1. The school shall be composed of Brothers and Sisters from churches of like faith and order who are in fellowship.
2. All Deacons and their wives and all potential candidates and their wives if any and the Sisters who may someday be the wives of potential candidates, whom their respective churches may choose, are welcome. The Pastors and their wives are also cordially invited.
3. The Deacon's School has been authorized and set forth by the authority of Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church who has approved the subjects and teachers for this school.
4. All teachers for the school must be ordained.

We invite you to come and be with us and let us study together the Word of God.

Deacon's School Committee  
Eld. Don Watts  
Deacon Kenneth Roe  
Deacon Jack Kidwell

## \*\*\*\*\* GOD WANTS OUR ATTENTION . . .

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Exodus 2:21. But God had a way of calling his attention away from his present occupation to the work that He had raised him up for.

### GOD HAS A WAY OF GETTING OUR ATTENTION

It seems to me that God is trying to get the attention of America today, but most people are too busy with the affairs of this life to take time out to listen. How much more does He have to send on this nation before we are going to give Him our attention? God has blessed this country with so much prosperity, more than any in the world, but these material goods have become the god of many, many people, even those who profess to be children of God. The God who gives can also take away, and He seems to be well on the way in doing just that. It appears that the judgement of God is being unleashed on our country, and every year that passes on us with violent force; and all kinds of tragedies are occurring, one after another. In all of this God must be trying to say something to us. I'm sure God would like to speak to us in a still small voice, like He did to Elijah, the prophet, 1 King 19:12, but when He can't get our attention by tenderly pleading, He can resort to judgement. If we study God's dealings with ancient Israel we can understand this. For centuries the Lord pled with His people to persuade them to turn back to Him, but they were stubborn and refused to listen, and then He would send a curse upon them. God said to His ancient people through His prophet, "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." You see, God was trying to reason with them, He didn't necessarily want to send a curse upon them, He wanted them to come and have their sins cleansed and become obedient to Him. But He did warn them of what would happen if they didn't; as He said further, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 1:18-20.

There must be people in the United States, and in other countries too, that think they can hide under a nuclear umbrella, but there is a force that is far stronger than nuclear energy; and He, Almighty God, can destroy what men have tried to build up, and He has His own method of doing so. Men would like to just go their own way and do things their own way, and leave God out. People are saying by their actions that they don't want God to rule their lives; but God will have the last word. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7.

### GOD DESERVES OUR ATTENTION

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22.

First of all God is saying, Look unto me, turn your attention to me and be saved, and then He said, I am God and beside me there is none else. Some religious people have many gods, but there is only one that deserves our love, our devotion and worship, for He alone can save us, keep us, and work for our good; and finally deliver us to eternal glory and bliss.

The religious people of Jesus's day, whom He called hypocrites, wanted the attention of the public and be honored for their giving and their praying; they would sound a trumpet to call the attention of the people when they would give their alms, stand on the corners of the street and pray to be seen of men. (Matthew 5:1-5) According to what Jesus said, we will have no reward of our Father in heaven if we do things to be seen of men. We must strive to attract the minds of the people to God and not to ourselves; for He doeth the works, and we are just little instruments in His mighty hand.

Men sometimes get carried away with what they see, even the mighty works of God, but fail to return to Him their heart's attention, and fail to give Him honor for His works; like the lepers whom Jesus cleansed, all ten of them received the cleansing but just one of them turned back to give glory to God. The one returned to Jesus, "With a loud voice glorified God." See Luke 17:12-18. The other nine went on their way enjoying what the Lord had done for them, but they failed to look back to Him from whom their blessing came. This seems to be the trend in our times, we are enjoying the good things of God, but how much love and gratitude is there being expressed to our heavenly Father? God is creator, and we are His creatures; He is Master, and we are servants; He is the Potter and we are the clay, and He is trying to shape us; God is Almighty, all wise, gracious and merciful, and why doesn't He deserve all that we can give Him. Maybe we don't have much to give, but we can give Him what we have; our life; our talents; our love and devotions. Like the leper mentioned above, "And he fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks." He wanted Jesus to know how much he appreciated what He had done for him, and he expressed his feelings in a very humble way.

### ANCIENT BIBLES ON DISPLAY . . .

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Included in this enlightening school of instruction are over eighteen first editions of which Tyndale, Coverdale, Matthews, Great Bible, Geneva, Bishop's and A.V. 1611 are represented. Among the 150 items of antiquity are the Bibles of the martyrs, Puritans, Pilgrims, William Shakespeare, and John Bunyan. Such unusual Bibles as the Buggs Bible, Breeches Bible, Wife Beaters' Bible, and the Wicked Bible are available for close and exact examination.

Pastor Smith is grateful to those martyred Saints who gave us such a rich spiritual heritage and is concerned with preserving for God's people these rare Bibles. He is interested in sharing this fascinating collection with God's people.

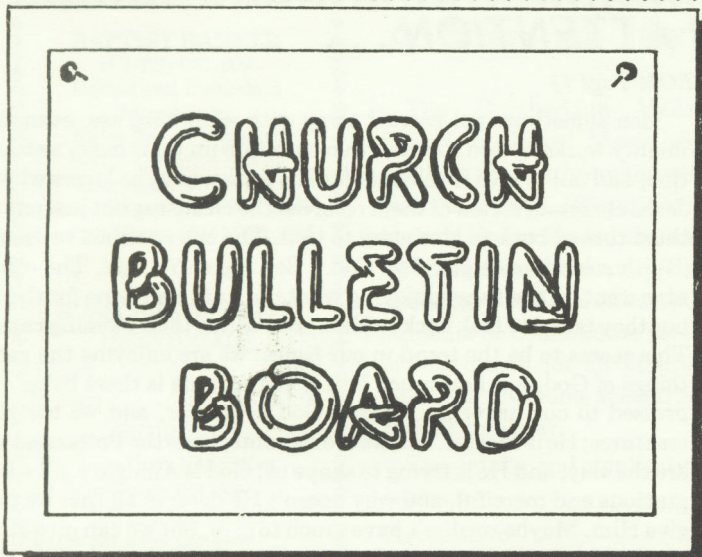
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## TEN THINGS I WISH I HAD KNOWN BEFORE I WAS TWENTY-ONE

1. That being a Christian is really important.
2. That my life's vocation would be what it is.
3. That my health after thirty would depend to a great degree on what I ate before I was twenty-one.
4. That I am really a trustee of my money and possessions.
5. That being neatly and sensibly dressed is an asset.
6. That habits are mighty hard to change after you're twenty-one.
7. That worthwhile things require time, patience, and work.
8. That the world gives a person just about what he deserves.
9. That a thorough education brings not only better wages, but the best of everything.
10. That absolute truthfulness in everything is invaluable.
11. And one more for extra thought: That my parents weren't "old fogies" after all!



### REVIVALS

Support them with your prayers and presence.

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**Longview Missionary Baptist Church**  
Corner of Spencer and Elleta St., Gallatin, TN

May 4, 1986 — 7:00 Nightly  
Pastor: Elder Bobby Pitt  
Helper: Elder Gary Duncan

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**Southside Missionary Baptist Church**  
1850 E. Summer Ave., Indianapolis, IN

May 11, 1986 — 7:00 Nightly  
Pastor: Elder Paul Roy  
Helper: Elder William House

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**Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church**  
Fourth Ave., Murfreesboro, TN

May 16-18, 1986 — 7:00 Nightly  
Pastor: Elder Bill Green  
Helpers: Elders Larry Smith and Tommie Parkhurst

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**Cedar Cross Missionary Baptist Mission**  
Odd Fellow & Rebekah Center, 882 W. 5th Ave., Emporia, KA

May 22, 1986 — 7:00 Nightly & 11:00 Sunday  
Pastor: Elder Ricky Huff  
Helper: Elder Gerald Cherry

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### ORDINATION AT FELLOWSHIP

On May 3, 1986 at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, IN Bros. Nathan York, Timothy Binion, and Jerry Miller are to be considered for ordination to the full work of the ministry. For further information contact Bro. Calvin Perrigo, 415 N. Berwick, Indianapolis, IN 46222. Phone: (317) 637-8694.

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*In diagnosing the illness of modern society, many are willing to write the prescription but few are willing to take the medicine.*

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## PLEASANT VALLEY 25th ANNIVERSARY

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church of Washington, Illinois will be holding their 25th anniversary on May 4th with all day services. Elder Raymond Hargis from Tennessee will be preaching. The Patterson Quartet will also be there for song services along with our own youth quartet. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome! For more information contact:

Pastor Larry Taylor  
1936 Canteberry Ct. Apt. 2K  
Washington, Il. 61571  
Ph. 309 - 444-4701

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## MT. CALVARY HOMECOMING '86

Sunday, May 4, 1986, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, TN, will have all day Homecoming services. Sun. Sch.: 10:00, Worship Service: 11:00 with preaching by Bro. D. W. Story, the pastor. Lunch will be served following the morning services, with a singing in the afternoon beginning at 2:00. The featured singers will be the McKameys from Clinton, TN — one of the best, most spiritual groups singing today.

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## YOUTH DAY

May 24, 1986 marks the annual Youth Day meeting at Natchez Trace TN State Park. The speaker this year will again be Bud Hulsey, a sergeant on the Kingsport, TN police force. His topic will be "Teen Suicide." Also, the Wilburn Family of Carthage, TN will be singing. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks are provided. The park is located in west TN off I-40. At the Natchez Trace exit follow the signs. Come and bring the youth of your church and community.

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## COOKEVILLE CHURCH REQUEST PRAYERS

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, N. Washington St. and Jere Witson Rd., Cookeville, TN request the prayers of sister churches and individuals. The church has recently moved to this location from Smyrna, TN. Bro. Larry Gregory from Mace's Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Smith Co., TN has been called to pastor New Zion. Bro. Gregory is living in Cookeville and his ordination is forthcoming.

Services at New Zion are Sun. Sch. at 10:00 and Worship at 11:00. Residents or college students wanting an old fashioned Baptist church to attend are welcome. If you know of anyone in the Cookeville area that you would like Bro. Gregory to contact about the church, call him at (615) 528-5106.

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## ARKANSAS MISSION TO ORGANIZE

The Bethel Missionary Baptist Mission located one mile south of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas off Highway 167 has set an organizational service for Saturday, May 24, 1986 at 10:00 a.m. Following the organization, two brethren, Floyd Davis and Reid Brock, are to be considered for ordination to the office of deacon.

Elder M. V. Hammock has led this mission work with an extended arm from Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. For further information contact Bro. Hammock at Rt. 1, Box 265, Bald Knob, Arkansas 72010, or phone (501) 724-5871.

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*Sin causes the cup of joy to spring a leak.*