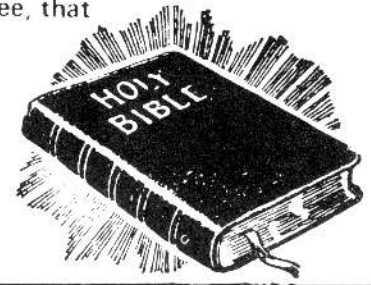
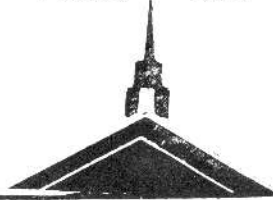


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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Psalms 60:4



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Editor In School At Hendersonville

Elder H. C. Vanderpool is conducting a series of lessons at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 323 Old Shackle Island Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn.

The Eighteen Articles of Faith or the Declaration of Faith are being studied. This school is being conducted by request of, and by the authority of Grace Church.

Classes are being held each Thursday night, beginning at 7:00 P. M. All sister churches or any individual wishing to attend are welcomed. These studies began on Feb. 14, with good attendance. Pray for the school, the teacher, and come if you can.

Ordination Service

There is to be an ordination service at Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, Greenbriar, Tenn., on Sunday, March 31, 1974. Services are to begin at 2:00 P. M.

Bro. Charles Watts is to be ordained to the ministry and Bro. J. B. Swindle is to be ordained a deacon. Elder Thomas Shoemaker is pastor of the church. Sister churches of like faith and order are invited to attend and assist in the ordination.

Missionary To Africa

By Eld. Malcolm Grizzle
Route 9, Box 31
Lebanon, Tenn. 37087

To bring you up to date on what has happened concerning my work in North Africa. We left here the 9th of November as planned. I arrived in Algiers, North Africa and they would not let me enter due to lack of a visa. I had been instructed I did not need a visa. I returned home and obtained a visa and when I arrived back in that country, there was a meeting on the

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Baptist Mission

There is a Baptist Mission located at 1701 Batts Blvd., Springfield, Tenn. Bro. Charles Watts is conducting the services. Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M., worship service at 11:00 A. M. and each Sunday night at 6:00 P. M. Pray for the work there. Everyone who can attend is invited to come.

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By Sharon Witzler

(Miss Witzler has been saved about a year. She is a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. Eld. Charles Stapleton is pastor. She wrote this

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article and gave it in her speech class at school. — Editor)

Who is He? What is He like? How can we be sure He exists? When did He begin? Can we know Him?

Everyone has asked these questions either aloud or to himself about our world and its creator and creations.

We are faced daily with the miracle of life and the mystery of death, the glory of the flowering trees and the magnitude of the mountains and the seas.

Who made all this? Who conceived the law of gravity? Who ordered the night with the regular procession of the seasons? The only possible answer is that all these things and many more are the works of a supreme creator.

A watch has a designer, so our precision like Universe has a great designer. We call him God. His name is familiar with the whole human race. From our earliest childhood we have breathed his name. The Bible declares that the God we talk about, sing about, the God "from whom all blessings flow" is the God who created this world and placed us in it. But who is He? We ask. Where is He? We all know his name, we call upon him in hours of greatest difficulty and grief. Many of us let our waking moments give Him praise. Others say they don't believe in him. Still others say "explain to me about God and maybe I'll believe Him". Everyone should be seeking to find out about God and His being before they receive or reject Him.

Scholars tell us God is the expression of



Elder F. W. Lambert



Elder H. C. Vanderpool

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nature and life. Philosophers tell us God is the master dynamo that keeps the world in motion with no beginning and no end.

There are many varied definitions of God. Every country, every race of people, every family and every individual has tried to explain the Great Being behind the Universe. Which of these explanations are we to believe? By whose theories are we to be guided?

God has revealed himself in the book we call the Bible. If we believe in the Bible we have a revelation of God. If we read the Bible as carefully and as regularly as the daily newspaper, then we would be as familiar and as informed about God as we are about our favorite players' batting average during baseball season. As a diamond has many facets, there are innumerable aspects of God's revelations of Himself written in the Bible.

First, the Bible declares God to be "Spirit". Jesus, talking to the woman at the well at Sychar, made the statement, "God is Spirit". John 4:24. What comes to your mind when the word "Spirit" is mentioned — a ghost on Halloween, a formless being, a vapor drifting across the sky? Is that what Jesus meant when he said, "God is Spirit"?

After turning to the Bible, after the resurrection of Christ, Jesus said "A spirit hath not a body and flesh as you see me have". Luke 24:39. Therefore, we can be sure that the Spirit is without body.

Some cannot understand Spirit because we are trying to understand it with finite minds. It is like trying to explain the ocean to a person who has only seen a mud puddle. It has endless boundaries, rushing

water, but it can be calm. A person may go to the ocean and scoop up a handful of water, but has he got the whole ocean? Someone 1,000 miles away may be scooping the same water.

God is not limited to body or form, therefore, He is spirit. He knows our every movement because He can be everywhere at once.

Second, God is revealed as a person. The Bible says, "God loves, God does". Everything we attribute to a person is attributed to God. A person is one who thinks, who feels, wishes, desires, and has all the expressions of a personality. What a revelation it would be if we could realize that personality has no identified body, yet he is a person. He feels, He thinks, He loves, He forgives, He sympathizes with our daily problems of life we face.

Third, God is "Holy and Righteous". From Genesis to Revelations, God reveals Himself as the pure and most utterly, absolute perfect being in the whole universe. The scripture declares that His throne is established on the basis of His holiness. Again, this is hard for man to conceive a perfect being capable of everything, because we, with our faults, and shortcomings, called sins, are unable to believe in God.

In the beginning God created Adam and Eve perfect, but the devil made Adam eat of the fruit which God had forbidden. Adam broke this fellowship with God and made up imperfect. Because of God's holiness, He does not deal with unrepentant sinners. God, because He is so righteous, He gave us His only begotten son to enable

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us to be perfect. Only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ can we re-establish this fellowship with God. God gives us the plan of salvation to create the broken fellowship. After the individual God-Man relationship has been developed, we are children of God.

A child reaches the age of accountability, which means the ability to know right from wrong. When a person reaches this age, he has to establish his own fellowship. God is just when it comes to his children. All sins will be forgiven, but our just God still holds us responsible and we will be judged on Judgement Day.

Fourth, God is love. Love to many people means different things. Some people love to eat chocolate cake; some people love to travel, but everyone also relates love as a person-to-person relationship. Don't be mistaken that because God is love that everything will be rosy and sweet. God punishes us for our sins.

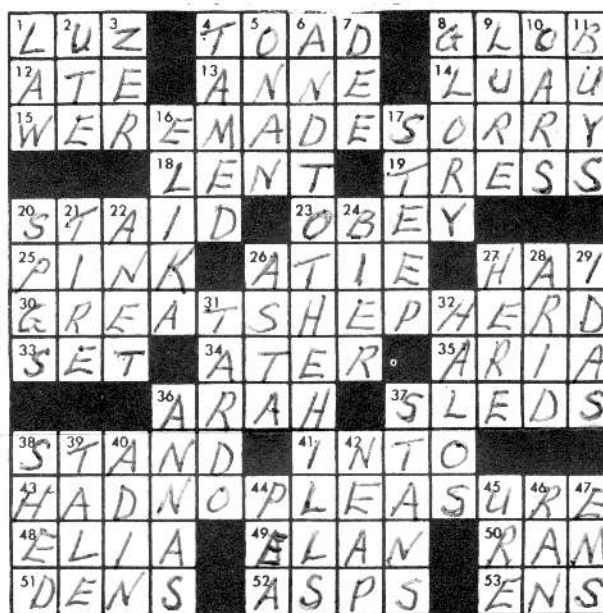
When you were a child, did your father ever go to spank you and say, "this is going to hurt me more than it will you"? God is our Father in Heaven and you can be sure that He will punish you, but He, our Father, loves us. You have God by faith, by faith in His son Jesus Christ, and when his happens, all your questions will be answered and you will have no doubts about God because he will be in your heart.

The clouds were blowing across the sky one day as a little boy was flying his kite hidden among the clouds. "What are you doing?" a man asked the little boy. "I'm flying a kite," replied the little boy. "Flying a kite are you?" the man questioned. "How do you know it's there, you can't see it?" "No," said the boy, "I can't see it, but every once in a while I feel a tug, so I know it's there for sure." Don't take anyone else's word for God. Find him for yourself and you, too, will feel His warm tug upon your heart, and know that God does exist.

Man—Highest of God's Creation



"WHEN I LOOK INTO THE NIGHT SKIES AND SEE THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS—THE MOON AND STARS YOU HAVE MADE—I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN BOTHER WITH ME—PEONY MAN, TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ME—I AND YET YOU HAVE."
—PSA. 8:3-5 (TAYLOR'S 24th PSALMS)

SCRIPTURE-BASED
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Later called Bethel (Gen. 28:19)
- 4 A contemptible person
- 8 Large lump
- 12 "and the sacrifices of the dead" (Psa. 106:28)
- 13 Wife of Henry VIII
- 14 Hawaiian feast
- 15 "I rejoice, not that ye" (2 Cor. 7:9; three words)
- 18 "I have him to the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:28)
- 19 Braid
- 20 Settled
- 23 "Children, your parents" (Eph. 6:1)
- 25 Flower

- 26 When the scores are even (two words)
- 27 It was on the east (Gen. 12:8)
- 30 Name for Jesus (Heb. 13:20; two words)
- 33 "your affections on things above" (Col. 3:2)
- 34 His children returned from captivity (Ezra 2:42)
- 35 Diva's forte
- 36 An Asherite (1 Chron. 7:39)
- 37 Snow vehicles
- 38 Hive
- 41 To the inside
- 43 "In ... sacrifices for sin thou hast" (Heb. 10:6; three words)
- 48 Charles Lamb
- 49 vital (impulse of life)

- 50 Caught in a thicket (Gen. 22:13)
- 51 Comfortable room (pl.)
- 52 They are poisonous (Rom. 3:13)
- 53 Naval officer (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 We are not justified by works of it (Gal. 2:16)
- 2 American Indian
- 3 Fortified town (Josh. 19:35)
- 4 Man has done this to the beasts and birds (Jas. 3:7)
- 5 Son of Judah (Gen. 38:4)
- 6 "Cover us" (Luke 23:30; four words)
- 7 Letter
- 8 Man is crowned with it (Psa. 8:5)
- 9 Fisherman's need
- 10 Paddles
- 11 Purchases
- 16 A Harodite (2 Sam. 23:25)
- 17 Soak
- 20 Springs (abbr.)
- 21 Weary
- 22 The dill
- 24 Jesus touched it (Luke 7:14)
- 26 Dog of fiction
- 27 Where wisdom is (Rev. 13:18)
- 28 Dry
- 29 Mountain on Crete (poss.)
- 31 Slow (mus.)
- 32 Nimbus (pl.)
- 36 He was the high priest (Acts 4:6)
- 37 Man's nickname (poss.)
- 38 "the love of God is abroad" (Rom. 5:5)
- 39 Narrative
- 40 One of those sealed (Neh. 10:16)
- 42 Kind of tide
- 44 Kind of Jacket
- 45 Suffix
- 46 "they the ship aground" (Acts 27:41)
- 47 Letter (pl.)

World Mission Of
The Church

By H. C. Vanderpool

The Bible teaches us that the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is here in the world for many reasons. Jesus said to the young church just before he ascended back to heaven, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19-20.

From the above scripture we learn that the church has been given the responsibility to preach the gospel to the whole world. Those saved are to be baptized by the

authority of a scriptural church, by a scriptural administrator and then the church has the responsibility to teach them the things God has commanded that they be taught.

Another work of the church is to discipline those who are her members, Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; and the following: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." 11 Thess. 3:6.

The church is to be the light of the world, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14a. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

In true churches God finds a dwelling place, Eph. 2:20-22, and in Eph. 4:11-16, we are taught that the church is to serve to the edifying of its members.

"Ye are the salt of the earth." Matt.

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I'm A Part Of God's Plan

By Ethelene Driver

My underlying philosophy of life for years has been, "All things work together for my good, if I love God." (Rom. 8:28). So when things were kinda rough I would ask myself, "Are you sure you love God?" Upon examination, my answer would always come back, "Yes, I sure do." So even though I couldn't understand it, I knew that all things were working for my good, because the Word of God said so.

Then sometime last year I ran across Ephesians 2:20, which told me to give thanks always for all things, in the Name of Jesus Christ my Lord. So I added this to my philosophy and it made it sweeter. Because all things were working for my good, I could certainly be thankful for all things, even when circumstances seemed to be in a complete mess. I still didn't understand it, but I believed it because God said so.

Last week I was studying the Bible and I discovered Romans 8:29, the verse immediately following my basic assumption about all things working together for my good. It says that the reason this is true is because God is using all these things to conform me to the image of Jesus. Isn't that beautiful? It seems that this has been the plan of God for His people all along, and I didn't know it.

I guess that's what God had in mind from the very beginning when He said, "Let us make man in our image." Then Adam came along and messed up the plan and God sent Jesus, the second Adam, so that he could resume his original plan in His people. Now all of us who are in Jesus Christ are back in the hand of God, being made into His image. Since I found Romans 8:29, I am so excited and thankful about what God is doing in me. Even the pain, the disappointments and the heartaches make sense now; they are making me like Jesus. Praise His precious Name; I'm so glad I'm a part of His Plan.

SUGGESTION

Some churches have chosen someone from the church to make reports, announcements, etc. to the BAPTIST BANNER when there was need to do so. This is a good way to get your church news printed. I suggest that each church do this and to those selected, I would ask you to send these articles for the BANNER to me so I can receive them by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication. — Editor.

Singings In The Nashville Area

First Sunday — March

Madison Missionary Baptist Church,
Maple St., Madison, Tenn., 2:00 P. M.

Second Sunday — March

Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church,
205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. 2:00
P. M.

Third Sunday — March

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church,
Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn.
2:00 P. M.

Fourth Sunday — March

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church,
901 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 2:00 P.
M.

Fifth Sunday — March

McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist
Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville,
Tenn. 2:00 P. M.

MINISTERS REQUESTED TO SEND APPOINTMENTS

The editor of the BANNER has received word to request ministers who can and will, to send for appointments at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. Elder Kenneth Davis, the pastor, resigned recently to accept a call to the pastorate of Lyons Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. He is expected to begin his pastorate on the Louisville field the first of March.

Liberty has not yet called a pastor, and those concerned about appointments should take under consideration the need there and if their going would be in the will of the Lord. May the Lord direct in this matter. For appointment, write to M. T. Tillman, 521 Wilson, Barberton, Ohio 44203, or Robert O. Langford, 2737 Berry Rd., Akron, Ohio 44302.

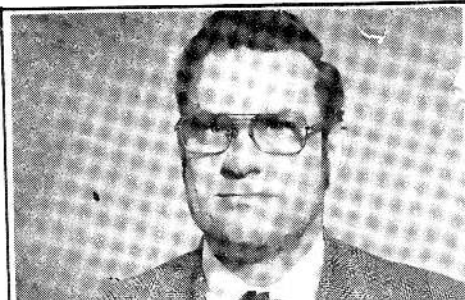
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5:13a. Here Jesus reminds the church in its early life that they are to preserve the doctrine and principles of Christ. Paul writes later telling the world that the church is the foundation that has upheld the truth. He was writing to Timothy, but the whole world was to know. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Tim. 3:15.

God was to get glory by Jesus in all ages through the church. "Unto Him (God) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph. 3:21.

Let all of us today who are given the opportunities of being in a true Baptist church, recognize our responsibilities and be thankful that we have these glorious privileges and make use of them while it is day.



Missionary To Africa

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Elder Malcolm Grizzle

Mid-East war and oil crisis and there would be no place to stay for six days except on the streets or airport.

I learned while on the trip, Morocco was also an Arab country and this is the people I must preach to. These are the same people as in Algiers and they are on more friendly terms with the U. S. I have obtained all the papers needed and will be leaving for Casablanca, Morocco, North Africa, the last of March.

I don't feel my time was in vain for I was able to talk to several people, including an Arab boy from North Africa and told them how to be saved. My word shall not return unto me void. Isa. 55:11.

So we must remember that we must suffer for His sake. Phil. 1:29. It cost much to do the will of God, we must forsake much but it pays more than it cost. Christ gave all he had even His life but think how much it has paid, you and I were cleansed by His blood.

I would like to thank everyone that has given me financial support and prayers that was offered in my behalf. My prayer is God bless you all. There are many churches that I have not been able to visit but time has not permitted.

The total offerings from last report was \$2,646.14, and this list will bring my report up to date. Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, 252.50; Harold Williams, 20.00; New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 100.00; Elsie Pulley, 5.00; Tiny Elrod, 5.00; Dovie Gregory, 10.00; Happiness Quartet, 115.50; Myrtle Perkins, 2.00; Billy Dan Carter, 20.00; J. D. Perigo, 5.00; Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 16.00; J. B. Smith, 10.00; New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 61.50; Spiritual Airs, 27.26; Bryce Oldham, 10.00; F. W. Dillard, 10.00; David Armstead, 10.00; South Carthage, 44.00; Bethlehem, 16.00; East Side in Franklin, 134.20; Goodwill, 100.00; Springfield Mission, 31.50; Grant Missionary Baptist Church, 42.25; North Carthage Missionary Baptist Church, 49.00; Mt. Tabor, 61.15; Plunketts Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 45.13; Sis Evettes, 20.00; Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 27.29; Caney Fork Missionary Baptist Church, 90.26; Hagan's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 14.00, and Hendersonville Missionary Baptist Church, 98.00, and total is 1,452.53, making a total of \$4,098.67.

Humbly submitted,
A servant of God
Eld. Malcolm Grizzle