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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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Missionary Report From Japan

Dear Elder Vanderpool and Readers:

We are sending you our greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Japan. We are now in the rainy season-A lot of rain almost every day. While I am writing this letter, there goes a big cloud-burst, thundering and lightning out in the darkness. We remember our mighty God and His blessed people especially at this time.

We appreciate receiving the "Baptist Banner" which you send us every month by air mail. We enjoy them. I translated some articles into Japanese language out of your last issue, such as "Tragic Death" and others, and put them on the bulletin board. When we learn your revival announcements, we remember them in our prayer. We know some churches, and sometimes, we don't know some churches mentioned in the paper, yet we do pray for them. There are people who are praying for you from other part of the earth.

We do appreciate very much receiving letters and donations from churches and individuals. I don't know how to express our appreciation enough in English, and not even in Japanese, for your helping our missionary work here in Japan. Pretty soon I will get the first printed sheets for proof-reading of the "The Trail of Blood" by J.M. Carroll, which I translated some time ago. I believe it is a good booklet. It gives us what is Baptist, it's history and its principles. To tell of the history of our Baptists in our part of Japan, we can trace up our origin directly to you. We can tell how our missions have been supported by you and by your prayer. Following is the offering received for March and the second quarter of this year:

Arch - Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 41.60; Mr. D. P. Perrigo, Gallatin, Tenn., 10.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 150.85; Liberty M. Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio, 50.00; Bethel M. Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, 57.11; East Side Baptist Church, Franklin,

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Eld. Tajima

REVIVAL REPORTS

Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. There were four professions of faith with nine additions to the church. Pastor J.D. Sanders was assisted by Elder Don Curtis.

Mace's Hill Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. There were two professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor Wesley Briley was assisted by Elder Calvin Perrigo.

Long View Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. No professions or additions. Pastor Paul Patterson was assisted by Elder Don Curtis.

Independent Baptist Church, Huntingdon, Tenn. One profession of faith with one addition to the church. Pastor Mitchell Rayburn was assisted by Elder F.L. Ray.

Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn. There were two professions of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor Larry Bakken was assisted by Elder J.D. Sanders.

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, 1202 Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. There were four professions of faith with six additions to the church. Pastor W.T. Russell was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Alvaton, Ky. No professions or additions. Pastor C.D. Miller was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. Bro. Duncan led the singing.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. There were twelve professions of faith with seventeen additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth Massey was assisted by Elder H.C. Vanderpool. The singing was led by Elder Don Curtis.

Drake's Creek Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Two professions of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor Wesley Briley was assisted by Elder W.T. Russell. Brattontown Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. There were sixteen professions of faith with fourteen additions to the church. Pastor Melvin Stinson was assisted by Elder Douglas Curtis and Bro. W.T. Gross was in charge of the singing.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. No professions or additions. Pastor F.W. Lambert was assisted by Elder W.T. Russell.

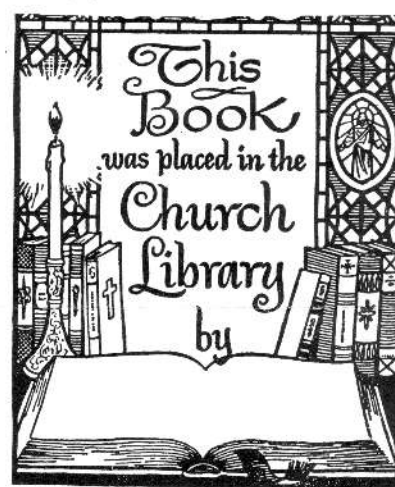
Lyons Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. There were four professions of faith and six additions to the church. Pastor H.C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. The music and singing was under the directions of members of the church.

Louisville Church Establishes Library

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky., recently voted to establish a church library. A few hundred dollars were appropriated for the purchase of books including Baptist Histories, commentaries, reference books, books for children, teenagers and adults. Many have already been purchased.

If anyone has a book or books that are sound and would like to donate same to this library you may mail them to: Elder H.C. Vanderpool, 1527 Glenrock Rd., Louisville, Ky., 40216.

You may clip the entire label below, writing or printing your name and address in the place provided and paste in front of the book on the fly leaf. This way you can be a helper in the work of the Lord.



Associational Letters Mailed

As clerk of Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, I have mailed the Associational letters to the clerks of all the churches representing in the Association. If or some reason any church has not received the letter forms for your church, call or write me immediately and I'll get some to you.--Editor.

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I reserve the right to refuse publication of articles that are not written in the proper spirit, those that reflect upon another to the detriment of the Lord's cause or those judged to be unsound.

However, there is the possibility that in some articles or announcements there would be things said or stated that would be of general information, but would not have editorial endorsement. — Editor.

Son Talks To Dad

Dear Dad:

I am just a little fellow but I have been doing some thinking. Some day I will be a big man just like you. You are my ideal. I think you can do anything. I like to hear you talk and watch you walk, and see you drive the car. You are so strong and it seems like you know how to handle any situation. I am never afraid when you are around.

But, Dad, there is something that is bothering me a bit. I know that I am going to be like you, even tho I should try to be different. Now, I like to go to Sunday School and church. When I get a little older very likely I will not, because you do not go. I like to study the Bible now, but will I when I get as big as you? You do not. When I get big like you, Daddy, I want to go to church with my wife, but will I? You do not go very often. I am going to be like you.

Dad, I want to give thanks at the table for food, clothing, and the home God has given us, but do you reckon I will? You do not and you are my ideal.

And Daddy, I want to help my wife win others to Christ when I grow up and get married, and especially our children, but how can I? You think only of your work and paying for our house, and buying food and clothing. This is very nice of you, Daddy, but the Bible says, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and I know this is true because men are dying every day and leaving their farms, filling stations, grocery stores, jobs, offices—they are leaving their pretty homes behind and their saving accounts, too. Daddy, I am afraid you will not take time off from your work to go to heaven.

Anyway, Dad, I have enjoyed talking to you about these things. I do hope you will become a Christian sometime, so I can be the kind of man I want to be, and still be like you, too.

Love,
Your son

Amen Corner

Dry hearing is responsible for much dry preaching.

Many church members are like the farmer's well. It had only two faults; it froze up in the winter and dried up in the summer.

Go to church just for entertainment and soon you will be forsaking the church to find entertainment elsewhere.

The grace of God still enables men to live straight in a crooked world.

REPORT FROM JAPAN

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Ky., 90.00; Kokomo M. Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind. 33.00; Gateway M. Baptist Church, Hermitage, Tenn., 50.00 Total \$482.56.

April - Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 42.90; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 163.05; North Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 175.87; Lyons M. Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 150.00; Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., 74.37; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn., 150.00. Total \$806.19

May - Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 35.12; Eld. J. Frank Carr, New Middleton, Tenn., 10.00 Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carathage, Tenn., 146.35; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 75.00; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00. Total \$316.47.

June - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., 55.00; Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Burke, Lebanon, Tenn., 5.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 138.43; North Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 197.26; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 40.65; East Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 145.82; Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 64.00. Total \$641.16.

From McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., to Yamaguchi First Baptist Church, 55.00 (March), 60.00 (May) and 63.45 (May); to Koi Baptist Church 55.00 (March) and 63.45 (May).

My family and I are fine and doing fine for His glory. Asian influenza has been among people for some time. Many of primary schools were closed lately. We didn't come down with the flu. It didn't do any influence on our ministry, for which we are thankful unto the Lord, the Keeper of our soul.

Last Sunday afternoon we went out to down town to give out tracts to the passer-by. Most people came to our morning service took part in this. Hundreds of people were wandering for seeking worldly pleasure. Stores are opened on Sunday. Then we went down to an island, Miyajima, where Shinto Shrines are, by the ferry boat. Many of the people came to the shrines and worshiped idols, and then went away. Some of them might have come for picnic and enjoy pretty scenery, I don't know, as it was fine after for some rain days. Our purpose was entirely different from those peoples' To testify Christ. To recommend them to Jesus as their own Savior. That night we observed Lord's Supper at our church remembering our Lord's body and blood. We were blessed so much.

Rainy season will get over a little over two more weeks, then we will have hot summer days. We will get more busier in the Lord's work. We would like for you to pray for us. We will keep praying for you.

May God richly bless you all,
Yours truly in His name

Koji Tajima

Revival



Announcements

SUNDAY--SEPTEMBER 2

Long View Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Paul Patterson is to be assisted by Elder Don Curtis. Services daily at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

East Main Street Baptist Church, Harts-ville, Tenn. Pastor J.C. Austin is to be assisted by Elder Douglas Curtis. Public invited to attend.

If Not Lived For Him

What joy would life hold,
What meaning could one find
If he had never known
The blessings of my Savior Divine.

No earthly pleasure could quite compare
With the wonder of His saving Grace
When He cleansed my soul through
prayer;
Covered my sins, and put love in their
place.

He turned my longings to peace,
Will never forsake, but stand close by
my side.
Since He wondrously saved and made me
complete,
My debt is my heart and my will to resign.

Now He lifts my heart's every load
On wings of joyous praise I'd never known,
Bringing peace and blessings untold
As they find their way to the foot of the
throne.

If never had I known His love redeeming,
How empty my purpose would have been
For surely, life has no meaning
And is not worth the living, if not lived for
Him!

Jean Galloway

Radio Ministry Of Old Union Church

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. sponsors a broadcast on Radio Station WKCT in Bowling Green each Sunday at 1:30 P. M. This is 930 on the radio dial.

Elder Kenneth W. Massey, pastor of the church, conducts the weekly broadcasts. Everyone is invited to listen to these programs.

Pupils in Israel Learn of Jesus

TEL AVIV — Israeli teenagers are getting a more favorable picture of Jesus in history studies.

A new booklet and a teachers' manual being tried out in state junior high schools portrays Jesus and the early Christians with deeper understanding than before in Jewish schools here.

Some teachers have protested that the new slant carries tolerance a little too far. They say the image of the nonconformist rebelling against both the rabbinical establishment and the foreign rulers of Palestine had made Jesus into something of a hero for 12- and 13-year-olds. The stress on his Judaic roots causes them to identify with Jesus, it is said.

However, the new policy has been acclaimed by Israelis who for nearly a decade have pressed for a more positive approach to the study of Christianity. They argued that ecumenism was a two-way street and they see the charge as a response to their pressure.

The director of the curriculum center in the Ministry of Education in Jerusalem, Dr. Shevach Eden, insisted in an interview that any contribution the reform made to ecumenism was strictly fortuitous. He said the change was part of an effort to teach history more scientifically and in greater detail.

The booklet on early Christianity is one of many dealing with various historic periods that, after testing in class, will be assembled in textbooks. They will be optional at the discretion of the instructor.

Association for Jewish Evangelism

Song Of Solomon

By Eld. A.J. Sloan
1882-1957

(Sister Laura Gregory, Franklin, Ky., recently sent the following sermon outline on Baptist Doctrine to me. The late Elder A.J. Sloan preached the sermon at the Wiseman Baptist Association on Sunday, Oct. 26, 1947 when convened at Long Creek Baptist Church near Lafayette, Tenn.).

---Editor. By Laura Gregory

Lesson read was Solomon 6th Chapter. The Text used was Song of Solomon 2:14, "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely."

Following are scriptures quoted and used during the message on the origin and perpetuity of Baptists.

Isa. 40:3, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

From the 3rd Chapter of Matthew the record of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus and also those who were saved and became members of the church as listed in Matthew 10.

1 Cor. 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps governments, diversities of tongues." He then quoted from 1 Cor. Chapter 2 and Luke 2nd Chapter.

Song of Solomon 6:8, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number." See the text, the dove is the church, the queens are the married persons, concubines-those not married.

Christ will purge the church, he will be married to it, Rev. 19:9. The holy city belongs to the Lord and the Church, the saved will visit it. Virgins without number are those saved but never did belong to the church. Other scriptures, Gen. 3:15; John 1; Eph. 6; 1 Cor. 2:2.

You
Will
Never



be TALLER

Than When You Are
On Your Knees to God

PRAY { For Yourself
For a Friend
For the Services
For the Preacher

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

CHARTERED BUS TO ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

There are plans at present for a chartered bus to Oneonta, Alabama for the Blount County Missionary Baptist Association which convenes on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16 and 17, 1973. This Association is composed of 70 old-fashioned Baptist Churches in the counties of Blount, Etowah, Marshall and Jefferson.

For information on the time of departure and return, motel accommodations and other schedules, in the Nashville, Tenn. area contact Elder F.L. Ray, 510 Alta Loma Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072, Phone 615-859-1078. Those in the Bowling Green, Ky. area may contact Elder Kenneth Massey, 2416 Shamrock Dr., Bowling Green, Ky. Phone 502-843-1590. Those in the Louisville, Ky. area may contact Elder H.C. Vanderpool, 1527 Glenrock Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40216. Phone 502-361-5786.

Games Christians Play

DROP THE HANDKERCHIEF - In this game a member accepts a responsibility and then runs in a circle until he can drop it behind some unsuspecting fellow-member, and runs very fast (usually out of town for a week-end) so that he won't get caught.

TAG- This is a real fun game because it puts the Pastor at a 250 or 500 to 1 disadvantage. The rules are simple. "Every time you visit me, I'll come to church one Sunday" or Tag me at home and I'll tag you at church". It sounds fair enough except that with one pastor playing against 200 to 500, the pastor always has a hard time knowing who's it.



Pastor F. R. Bingham

HIDE AND GO SEEK- Here is a game that has lots of excitement, and worlds of entertainment and personal satisfaction. A church member hides in a bed down a long corridor on the upper floor of a hospital, 20 or 25 miles away from

home base. The object of the game is for the pastor to find him, but it's against the rules for anyone to tell the pastor where the member is hiding. If the pastor loses the game the member can have the fun of telling everybody, "I was in the hospital for two whole weeks, and neither the pastor, nor any other of the church folk came to see me."

KICK-BAWL - The purpose of this game is to demoralize the spirit of the entire congregation. Only a small team is needed, and the rules are extremely simple; just kick about everything that is done or not done, and then bawl if you are asked to help out in any way.

(copied)

Pastor Bingham says "we all ought to quit playing games, and begin to really serve the Lord.- The Baptist Instructor.

Where Art Thou?

By H. C. Vanderpool

My subject is taken from the following scripture: And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

This was after Adam, the first man, had eaten of the forbidden fruit. He and his wife, Eve, heard the voice of God in the garden and they went and hid themselves. God called unto Adam and said, Where art thou? Adam said he was afraid and naked and he had hidden himself.

To the unsaved who read this paper, I ask you: Where art thou? Being unsaved and without knowledge of God in your heart, you are

in the state of condemnation and the bitterness of sin. See Acts 8: 18-23.

To the saved, I ask you: Where art thou? Are you a member of a true Baptist Church and doing your duty, or are you going on unconcerned and letting others shoulder the responsibility of God's work? You may feel that others can carry on the church work and you can remain out of the church. Where did you get saved? You may answer that it was at church or some other place, but still a church of the Lord was directly or indirectly responsible for you hearing the gospel and being saved. Where art thou?

A Dollar I Gave To God

Two thousand for my brand new car,

Three thousand for a piece of sod,

Ten thousand I paid to begin a house,

A dollar I gave to God.

A tidy sum to entertain

My friends in pointless chatter, And when the world goes crazy mad,

I ask, "Lord, what's the matter?"

Yet, there is one big question—

For the answer I still search,

With things so bad in this old world,

What's holding back my Church?"



ARE WE LOSING THESE?

THE WATERMELON

By William Jennings Bryan

"I was passing through Columbus, Ohio, some years ago," said William J. Bryan, "and stopped to eat in a restaurant in the depot. My attention was called to a slice of watermelon, and I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waiter to dry some of the seeds that I might take them home and plant them in my garden.

"That night a thought came into my mind—I would use that watermelon as an illustration. So, the next morning when I reached Chicago, I had enough seeds weighed to find out that it would take about five thousand watermelon seeds to weigh a pound and I estimated that the watermelon weighed about forty pounds.

"Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon. A few weeks before someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of sunshine and shower that little watermelon seed had taken off its coat and gone to work. It had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forced that enormous weight through a tiny stem and built a watermelon. On the outside it had put a covering of green; within that a rind of white and within that a core of red, and then it had scattered through the red, little seeds, each one capable of doing the same work over again.

"What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavoring extract and its coloring matter? How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty, or tell just what He would do, or how He would do it. The most learned man in the world cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant man can eat a watermelon and enjoy it.

"God has given us the things that we need, and He has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from us.

"So with Christianity; if you ask me if I can understand everything in the Bible, I answer: No, I understand some things that I did not understand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that are now obscure. But there is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible,—it is this: if we will only try to live up to the things that we DO understand we will not have time to worry about the things that we DO NOT understand."—Old Faith Contender.

Jesus Said

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25, 26.