

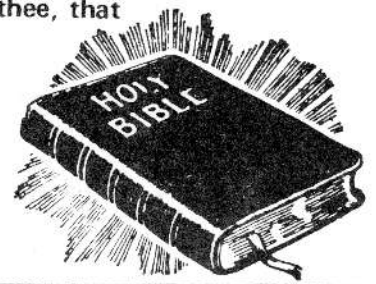
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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Psalms 60:4



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Pictured above is the family of Elder Koji Tajima, who is a Baptist Missionary in Japan. Left to right: Mrs. Michiko Tajima, Ruka, Kyoko and Bro. Tajima.

## Singings

April

First Sunday - Madison Baptist Church, 214 Maple St., Madison, Tenn., 2:00 p. m.

Second Sunday - Rayon City Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. The Crusaders will be featured.

Second Sunday night - White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Time 6:00 p. m.

Third Sunday - New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 2:00 p. m. Featured singers will be the Lyle Singers.

Fourth Sunday - Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 2:00 p. m.

Fourth Sunday - Harmony Baptist Church, East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. 2:00 p. m.

## Missionary Report From Japan

By Koji Tajima

March 3, 1975  
Hiroshima, Japan

Dear Elder Vanderpool and Readers of the "Baptist Banner",

We are sending you our christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Japan.

We truly hope this find you well and enjoy the blessings from above there in States. We remember you in our prayer from the mission field of Japan. We have had so much snow, even snow blizzards, a number of times this winter down in Hiroshima. That is very unusual weather we never had before. Yet Spring will come soon. My family and I are just fine and are

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## ENDURING TO THE END

EVERY BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER IN CHRIST  
PERSEVERES THROUGH GRACE TO GLORY

By ROSCO BRONG

Dean, Lexington Baptist College

*"He that endureth to the end shall be saved . . . He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Mat. 10:22; 24:13.)*  
*"His seed also will I make to endure for ever . . . His seed shall endure for ever." (Ps. 89:29, 36.)*

In their lusty pursuit of worldly position, popularity and pelf, promoters of Baptist programs, properties, and prelates have departed from the historic faith of Baptists—which is another way of saying that they have departed from faith in the Bible. When men turn from divinely inspired revelation to satanically inspired reason, it is not surprising if they wind up entangled with the "doctrines of devils" (1 Tim. 4:1).

### FAKE SALVATION

One popular notion brought by demons to the minds of men is the doctrine of a partial, temporary, spiritual salvation—the idea that a sinner can

be spiritually saved for a while, actually a child of God, and then lose his holy standing before God, become lost again, and go to hell.

Such an idea is contrary to all Bible teaching, and reveals gross ignorance or unbelief of all the promises of God concerning His salvation.

A salvation that is never finished, a

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## Missionary Report (Continued From Page 1)

doing fine for His glory, for which we are thankful unto the Keeper of our souls.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Akiko Shimamoto got saved. After our Sunday morning service here in Hiroshima she came to me and told me of her conversion. I was really happy to know that. I told her not to make it a secret of her own, but tell other people of the great salvation in Jesus Christ. She said she would do it in church at first, and other people around her place. I have been dealing with her and her husband since last Christmas time. We rejoice that a soul got saved, and I am sure you do, too. I humbly say you have a part in her conversion.

We have a fine brother in Christ. Bro. Deguchi is the one. Lately his brother, Seiji Deguchi, a mocker and opposer to Christianity for years, began to attend our every service regularly. He told me that he was deeply impressed with his brother's daily life, and wanted to know what makes it that way. He is under conviction now. He needs your prayer very much.

People are getting saved and are growing in the grace of our Lord, for which

we are thankful to the True and Living God. At the other hand there are backsliders, over whom we grieve with heartache and tears. And yet we are encouraged to keep on the work by the Holy Spirit. He urges us go tell them His great tidings, day after day, as we are in the midst of heathen. There are souls to be saved.

With Bro. Larry Hagen in Wakkanai, Hokkaido, we started distributing Baptist literature since last October. This is non-profit service in the name of Baptist Truths Publisher and the service is handled through local independent Baptist church. Koi Baptist Church, in Hiroshima, to distribute Baptist literatures as cheap as possible to our Japanese people in their language. The literatures to the day are, "The Trail of Blood," by J. M. Carroll; "Why Baptist are no Protestant" by V. C. Lyons; "The Christian Life" by James H. Smith; "Why Be A Baptist" by Boyce Taylor, and "Questions and Answers" by Ted Estridge. All were translated into Japanese by me. This is rather hard and sacrificial work, yet it is blessed one. We have learned the fact that these are required by the people, as we get words of appreciation from many places from time to time. This is not our main work, but we know it necessary. We are doing this also only to give glory to Him. That's all. (Anyone who request these literature may get it as my compliment. Please feel free to write me)

I will make a report of donations we received from churches and individuals with so much thanks. (The fourth quarter of 1974)

October - Mace's Hill Baptist Church, Riddleton, Tenn., 75.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 180.80; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00 and 50.00; Elder J. Frank Carr, Gordonsville, Tenn., 5.00; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 32.36; Beckwith Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 30.00; Parkwood Baptist Church, White Bluff, Tenn., 100.00; Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 150.00; Ham's Grove Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C., 43.98; Elder John R. Blalock, Portland, Oregon, 6.02. Total \$723.16.

November - Old Union Sunday School, Bowling Green, Ky., 92.90; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 43.31; Long Creek Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., 46.00; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., 40.00; Red Hill Baptist Church, Scottsville, Ky., 25.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 184.15; Adult S. S. Class of South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 200.00; Mr. D. R. Perrigo, Gallatin, Tenn., 25.00; Beckwith Baptist Church,

Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 30.00; North Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 95.57 and 94.35. Total \$876.28.

December - Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 37.96; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 199.49; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Mrs. Estelene Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 20.00; East Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 118.19; Bro. Charles Kemp's Class of South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Beckwith Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 30.00; Rock Bridge Sunday School, Gallatin, Tenn., 209.71; Mrs. Dossie Jones, Gallatin, Tenn., 5.00; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 30.46; East side Baptist Church and Elder W. V. Deweese, Franklin, Ky., 200.00; Park Wood Baptist Church, White Bluff, Tenn., 100.00 and 100.00; Mr. Bill Petty, Carthage Tenn., 25.00; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 150.00 and 100.00; Mr. Ernest Hughes, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Elder J. Frank Carr, Gordonsville, Tenn., 25.00 Total \$1,475.81.

To Koi Baptist Church: McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 76.39 (October); 63.64 (December) Mr. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00 (October) To Yamaguchi First Baptist Church: McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 76.46 (October); Mr. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00 (October)

We will keep praying for you and for your work there in States. We would like for you to remember us in prayer.

May God richly bless you,

Yours sincerely in His name  
Koji Tajima and Family

## Indiana Church Ordains Minister

Bro. Donald Watts was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Columbus, Ind. on Sunday, March 2, 1975.

The presbytery was organized of Deacons and Ministers from Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky and Illinois. Elder Lewis Holland served as moderator, and Deacon Jerry Taylor as clerk. The sermon was preached by Bro. Donald Watts. The candidate was presented by Elder Alvin Coffee and the interrogation was led by Elder Richard Huskins. Elder Mike Froedge led the ordination prayer and the charge to the newly ordained brother and to the church was given by Elder Shelby Monte. The Bible was presented to Bro. Watts by his brother, Elder Keith Watts. A good, all-day service is reported.



# People Should Try Harder to Do God's Will; Mrs. Armistead

By Mrs. Floyd Armistead,  
age 81

Adult Sunday School Teacher at  
New Salem Baptist Church,  
Elmwood Tennessee

The Pioneers complained that they were run down from physical exhaustion. But the trouble with us is that we are wound up from hypertension. Undue emphasis is placed upon the importance of the body, our looks and trying to keep up with some one else. We are more concerned with the accommodations of life's journey than with its destination. We never stop to think or try to please God who grants us all things.

This generation is dying, not from external pressures, but from internal combustion. External luxury is a cheap substitute for spiritual wholeness. The less grace there is in our hearts the more desire there is for the outward man and his desires and the more fig leaves we use to cover ourselves.

If we center on anything short

of doing God's will, for us frustration and defeat are inevitable. We create our troubles and thus try to cure them without God's help. The anxious seat or mourners bench of old has been replaced by the psychiatrists' couch. The psychiatrists treatment can relieve

the mind, physicians can help the body, but God only can save the soul and heal the mind. The soul of man cannot be satisfied apart from God. When we are yoked with Christ pulling as a team, life's burdens are easily borne. He won't tempt us above that we are able to bear. He shares our burdens. He does not heal our infirmities but says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Life is like a grindstone but whether it grinds or polishes us depends on the stuff we are made of.

Six guide lines for living: 1. If you have Christian parents, live by your raising. 2. Trust in the Lord, not in yourself. 3. Listen to instructions of others. 4. Guard your speech, control your

tempers, appetites and desires. 5. Get along with other people. 6. Read your Bible, it is a manual for living. It is God's only communication to man. He inspired men to write it. It is trustworthy and true, every word of it.

If you are a child of God you are not your own. You are bought with a price. Our bodies are the temple of God for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Why would you defile the body by drinking strong drinks or taking God's name in vain?

The peace of the soul consists in absolute resignation to the will of God. The World is stumbling in darkness from one crisis to another. We may be approaching the moment that the Scriptures talk about when the Lord Jesus Christ will come again.

Christ says to us, "I am the light of the World." Jesus said, "I am the door." There are many doors today that people are going through which do not lead to the Kingdom of God.

Jesus said, whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." God never changes. He punishes the guilty and rewards the innocent. Its time America is waking up. We will suffer for our sins. Don't blame the young people. Bible reading and prayer were taken out of our schools and sex education put in. "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." 11 Chronicles 7-14.

Let's not have another 1974 but do our best to make 1975 a good year.

(Editor's Note: This article appeared in the Carthage Courier. Sister Armistead was one of my Sunday School teachers when I was a child and was attending Sunday School at Caney Fork Baptist Church in Smith County, Tennessee.)

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salvation that can be lost, is a fake salvation.

If salvation were a product merely of human will, human effort, human faithfulness, then it would be reasonable to suppose not only that it might but that it must fail—but such a supposed salvation is fake from the beginning.

### SALVATION OF THE LORD

Jonah learned in the fish's belly what neophytic preachers are not taught in modernistic seminaries: "Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:9.)

Paul had a confidence not shared by modern infidels parading their false learning under the banner of Christianity: confidence that the God Who begins a good work in His people will finish it up until the day of Jesus Christ. (Philip. 1:6.)

According to the Lord Jesus, every true believer in the Son of God (Jn. 3:36), every person who truly comes to Christ for salvation (Jn. 6:37), every true sheep belonging to the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:27-30), is in present possession of everlasting life, will never be cast out, and can never

be taken out of the loving hand of God.

Now, either God's word is true, or it is not. Either we believe Him, or we do not. Either He has provided salvation for lost sinners, or He has not. And if He has provided salvation, either His salvation is as He describes it, or we have no way of knowing what or of what sort it is.

Surely if we have any real faith at all in the truth of God's word and in His saving power, we must agree that the salvation of the Lord is complete (Col. 2:10) and everlasting (Heb. 7:25; 10:14).

### PERSEVERANCE IN WHAT?

Of course, Baptists do not claim that any Christian, much less every Christian, lives as good a life here in the flesh as he ought. We leave such claims to the false holiness sects. Yet I read recently the following words from a confused brother who calls himself a Baptist:

"Just what did the brethren [who wrote the New Hampshire Confession] mean by the 'perseverance of the saints'? I think they made themselves clear: 'their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professions.' . . .

"This poses a question . . . How much lapse, how much carelessness, does 'persevere' allow? . . . The dictionary defines 'perseverance' as 'persistence; steadfast pursuit of an undertaking or aim, steadfastness.' I ask How steadfast?"

If our brother had read a little farther in the dictionary, he might have found another definition better fitted to theological discussion. From Webster's Third New International Dictionary, unabridged, I quote the following definition of perseverance:

"Continuance in a state of religious or spiritual grace until it is succeeded by a state of glory."

No intelligent and informed Baptist has ever before, to my knowledge, confused perseverance with steadfastness, or eternal security with faithful service. But let us "strive not about words to no profit" (II Tim. 2:14): the point at issue is not the advisability of faithfulness in the Christian's life, but the certainty of permanence in the salvation he receives from Christ.

### KNOWN BY THEIR FRUITS

Viewing individual human lives in terms of their general effects or issues, Jesus compared them to trees and in this figure declared:

"By their fruits ye shall know them." (Mat. 7:15-20; see also Mat. 12:33; Lu. 6:43, 44.)

Yet it would be absurd to argue from such figurative language that a generally good man cannot do a single bad deed, or that a generally bad man cannot do any (outwardly) good deeds. After all,

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## REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday — April 11

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell. Services each night at 7:30 p. m. (E.D.T.)

Thursday — April 17

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Services daily at 7:30 p. m. Elder Kenneth W. Massey, the pastor, will be doing the preaching.

Fourth Sunday — April

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor L. W. Smith is to be assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor. Bro. Don Hines will be in charge of the singing.

Friday — May 2

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes St., Detroit, Mich. Pastor Eugene Brown is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

First Sunday — May

Long View Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Paul Patterson. Assistant in revival will be announced in the May issue.

## REVIVAL REPORT

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. A very spiritual meeting with good attendance and interest in reported. There were two additions to the church. Pastor Hugh Hudson was assisted by Elder Edgar Copeland.

## BOOK

Bro. William T. Russell, Jr. has written a book entitled "Salvation: God's True Plan and Great Deceptions." This book has gone to its second printing. It is a valuable book for study in Sunday School, Bible Studies or any course of study on the scriptures. It is especially recommended for young people. For price, orders, etc., write the author at 1125 Magnolia, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

## BOOK BY EDITOR

A book by the editor is now with the printer. It is entitled "I Became Rich During The Depression." The price of the book, handling and mailing is \$1.00 per copy. Order blanks have been sent to churches giving them the opportunity to have several sent to each church for distribution to save on the mailing costs and other handling charges. Single copies, however, may be ordered. Books will be mailed when they come off the press. You may order now. Send orders to H. C. Vanderpool, 104 Hasty Drive, Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072.

## Radio Ministry

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, College St., Lafayette, Tenn. Each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. on Station WEEN, 1460, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Charles R. Moore conducts the broadcasts.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Broadcast each Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P. M. on Station WKCT, 930, Bowling Green, Ky. Elder Kenneth Massey, the Pastor, is in charge of the programs.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Ind. Radio Station WNTS, 1590, Indianapolis. Pastor Billy Moran is the speaker.

A broadcast can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 A.M. over station WHIN, 1010, at Gallatin, Tenn. Programs under the direction of Elder James (Pete) Porter and Elder J. W. Briley.

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:30 A. M., Station WAMG, 1130, Gallatin, Tenn. Elders Bobby Sutton, Harold Dunn, Tommy Oldham and Tommy Ashford are the speakers.

Elder Rex Hunt can be heard each Sunday at 7:30 A. M. over Station WEEN, 1460, Lafayette, Tenn.

Broadcast each Sunday at 9:30 A. M. over Station WLCK, 1260, Scottsville, Ky. Conducted by Elders Earl Patterson, Charles Brunson, Johnny Meador, David Taylor and Douglas Blankenship.

Elder Doc J. Johnson can be heard each first Sunday at 9:30 A. M. on Station WEEN, 1460, Lafayette, Tenn.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Broadcast each Sunday morning at 8:00 A. M. on Station WNAH, 1360, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is in charge of the broadcasts.

Elder Cordell Earps, pastor of Piper's Chapel Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn., and Elder Rodney Boyd, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. share a broadcast on Radio Station WNAH, 1360 on the dial, Nashville, Tenn. each Saturday morning at 8:45 A. M.

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we do sometimes find wormy or rotten fruit even on a good tree. And while some varieties of trees are quite unlike, others are so similar that only an expert can tell them apart, especially out of the fruitbearing season.

Under another figure, in the parable of the tares (Mat. 13:24-30, 36-43), Jesus

emphasizes this very fact that many false professors are practically indistinguishable in this world from true believers.

"Let us not therefore judge one another any more; but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." (Rom. 14:13.)

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Examining the individual life more closely, we find that human nature since Adam sinned is pretty well disintegrated, a battlefield of conflicting thoughts and motives. Especially is this true in the life of a Christian, where the old man's sepulcher has become the new man's shrine; where, in the words of the apostle,

"The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Gal. 5:17.)

So Paul exhorted Timothy, and through him us, to "fight the good fight of faith." (I Tim. 6:12.) The only people in this world who have no quarrel with sin are those who feel right at home in sin; like the loafer who is so unafraid of work that he can lie right down by it and go to sleep.

Only those souls that endure to the end shall be saved. We need not try to limit the application of these words of Jesus. They are for general application, and the truth here declared, if declared once, is declared a hundred times and a hundred ways in the word of God. Let's face it: God's people are engaged in spiritual warfare, and only those who win the war are truly the people of God.

## MORE THAN CONQUERORS

But praise His holy name! His seed shall endure for ever! The same Captain Who won His victory has insured it at the cost of His own blood and with the wielding of His own resurrection power!

"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." (I Jn. 5:4.) Now, if you can't believe God on this point, don't pretend to believe Him at all. If He made a mistake here, who knows how many other mistakes He made? But thank God, He cannot lie (Tit. 1:2), and He tells us plainly that every true child of His overcomes the world. Moreover:

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." (I Jn. 5:18.) Remember that it is only in spirit that we have been born of God in this life; our bodies remain sinful until the resurrection.

Our victory as God's people is more than mere survival. Read the list of adversaries in Rom. 8:35-39, and then take comfort from the inspired promise in verse 37:

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

## GIFTS AND REWARDS

Again, let us not confuse salvation with service, or gifts with rewards. The gift of God is eternal life, and we are justified freely by His grace. (Rom. 6:23; 3:24.) But some of His people will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven, and others will be called great. (Mat. 5:19.) Our Savior's gifts are free, but His rewards are for those of His people that earn them. (Rev. 22:12.)