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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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Churches Make Pastoral Calls

Grace Missionary Baptist Church

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes St., Detroit, Mich., has called Elder L. W. Smith, of Louisville, Ky., as pastor. Elder Billy Moran had been pastor of Grace Church.

Bro. Smith had been pastor of Lyons Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville for six years. He is to begin his work on the Detroit field in February.

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky., recently called Elder H. C. Vanderpool of Bowling Green, Ky., for pastor. He succeeds Elder L. W. Smith who resigned to accept the pastorate of Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit.

Elder Vanderpool, editor of the Banner, resigned from the pastorate of Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. He was in his 18th pastoral year of the church. He has accepted the pastoral call to Lyons and is to begin his work on the Louisville field the first Sunday in February.

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Matlock Rd., Bowling Green, Ky., has called Elder Kenneth W. Massey, of Carthage, Tenn., as pastor to succeed the editor who is going to Louisville as pastor of Lyons Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Massey has held pastorates at Calvary and Chestnut Mound Missionary Baptist Churches in Smith County, Tenn., in recent years, and he is expected to move onto the Kentucky field soon.

Missionary Report From Israel

P. O. Box 7305
Jerusalem, Israel
January 5, 1971

Dear Friends:

First of all, we thank the Lord for His marvelous grace and His many blessings through the past year, 1970; and we

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Missionary And Family In Japan



Michiko, Ruka, Kyoko, and Elder Koji Tajima

IT'S HERE!

After a long wait, its here! My book, "Travel With Me Through Bible Lands", was to be off the press and in Nashville for the bindery work the last week in January. You who have ordered the books should receive them soon by mail. Should you fail to receive your copy or copies in the next few days, please notify me. Write me at the address in the paper. My new address in Louisville will appear in the next issue of the Banner.

I am happy with the number of orders that I've received and you who haven't ordered yet, see the announcement and order blank on page 3. Almost one-half of the publication is already sold. -Editor.

MINUTES MAILED

As Clerk of Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, I received the minutes of the 1970 session of the Association just before Christmas and had the responsibility to get them to the churches. I mailed them on December 30. Please let me know if your church failed to get them. -Editor

Missionary Report From Japan

Hiroshima Nishi P. O. Box 62
Hiroshima 733, Japan

Dear Elder Vanderpool,

We enjoyed your nice Christmas card and the paper, "Baptist Banner" which arrived on Christmas Day. We were glad and happy to have them. Thank you for sending them to us.

We had wonderful and blessed Christmas here in Japan holding services in churches, in private house and in the hospital hall. Services were evangelical in nature, preaching Christ Himself and on repentance and trusting the Lord Jesus. That is one of the best time to testify Christ to the world idol-worshippers who don't know anything about Lord Jesus sing Silent Night in so-called X-mas party. To tell the truth, this is a country of idol-worship, for example, according to the report of National Police, New Year's days (this we mean 1st, 2nd and 3rd of January) are the time for them to go up to Shinto temples for happiness.

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MY DAD!

(The following poem was written by
Mrs. Willie Mai Johns, Franklin, Ky., in
memory of her father, Howell Lambert,
who passed away in the church house at
Siloam Baptist Church, Westmoreland,
Tenn., November 15, 1963. — Editor.

I was born into a family many years ago;
They had no earthly possessions, just
a rented place to go.

But there was an old country church in
our neighborhood;

Dad clothed us and carried us as oft
as he could.

And with the Spirit of God our hearts
would fill;

As shouts would ring out from the
old church on the hill.

Dad left this old world on one Sunday
night;

From this old country church he took
his heavenly flight.

He had no earthly possessions to be
bought or sold;

But he left something more precious
than silver or gold.

I've gained no earthly treasures while
here I roam;

Not even a house to call my own.

When I see mansions of beauty so rare;
I think of the mansions that Jesus
went to prepare.

I go back to that old church once or
two a year;

I have precious memories of my Dad
so dear.

In heaven I'll have a mansion which
will be pure gold;

It cannot be bought nor even be sold.

Kentucky Church Withdraws From Southern Baptists

By Ross L. Range
Pastor, Ashland Avenue Baptist Church

Lexington, Ky. — On November 11 at the regular business meeting, Ashland Avenue Baptist Church voted unanimously to withdraw fellowship from the Elkhorn Baptist Association of Southern Baptists. This decision has been a matter of concern and prayer for several months. It is with deep regret that we have to take this stand against the liberalism, ecumenicalism and heresy within our association, state convention and Southern Baptist conventions. But to be true to the word of God and our Baptist convictions, there was no alternative.

"Can two walk together except they be
agreed?" (Amos 3:3)

Ashland Avenue Church cannot have
fellowship with an association of churches
which have become so liberal and ecumenical that doctrine is no longer important. Baptists have been known for their belief in, and stand for, Bible doctrine through the centuries. God has blessed them for it. Baptists are the only ones who can trace their church history back to the time of Christ.

We firmly believe that Baptist churches who believe the Bible truths concerning salvation by grace, eternal security of the believer, autonomy of the local church; and its ordinances; and commission, are the Lord's true churches, and no others. We cannot fellowship with churches who deny these truths and the word of God.

We will continue to cooperate with Baptist churches of like faith and order. We will continue to give to work that is scriptural and sound. We cannot give through a program in which part of the money goes to support liberalism, ecumenicalism and heresy.

All Efforts Failed

"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition rejects" (Titus 3:10).

We have tried to get Elkhorn Association to take a stand against the liberal practices of some of the churches in order to have unity, but to no avail. We have spoken out in the state convention against some of the liberal trends in our institutions, but nothing has been done to correct the situation. Instead of "contending for the faith once delivered to the saints," there is a continued

departure from things Baptists have stood for through the centuries.

Can't Be Hypocrites

The time has come when we here at Ashland Avenue must take a public stand and unaffiliate ourselves from this heresy. It would be spiritual hypocrisy to say we believe the Bible as the very word of God and continue to fellowship with and support this liberal, ecumenical, compromising trend. How could any church which claims to love the Lord and the truth of His word continue to support and be a part of such modernism?

The local church, the Lord's church, is the pillar and ground of the truth. (I Tim. 3:15). It, and it alone, has the authority to preach the Gospel; make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to observe all things which He has commanded (Matt. 28:19-20). Evangelism, the ordinances, and teaching should be done through, and by the authority of the local church. This gives the glory and praise to Christ, who loved the church and gave Himself for it, and promised He would be with it until the end of the age. To Him be glory and dominion now and forever.

Watch For Expiration Date

Each subscriber to the BANNER is asked to watch for the date at the end of your name and address on the paper. This is the month that your subscription expires. Please renew as soon as possible, for this saves time and work on the editor and the printer.

Eternal Revenue

I work for the Department of Internal Revenue. Yes, I am the chap that everyone loathes. I go over your income tax returns.

The other day I checked a queer return. Some guy with an income under \$5,000 claimed he gave \$624 to some church. Sure he was within the 15 per cent limit. But it looked mighty suspicious to me. So I hopped a trolley and dropped in on the guy and asked him about his contribution.

I thought he'd get nervous like most of them do and say that he might have made a mistake. But not this guy! He came back at me with that figure of \$624 without bating an eyelash.

"Do you have a receipt from the church?" I asked, figuring that would make him squirm. Sure, he said, I always drop them in the drawer where I keep my envelopes. And off he went to fetch his receipts.

Well he had me. One look at the receipts and I knew he was on the level. So I apologized for bothering him, explaining that I have to check up on deductions that seem unusually high.

The Man With The Consecrated Car

He couldn't speak before a crowd;
he couldn't teach a class.

But when he came to Sunday school, he brought the folks "enmasse."

He couldn't sing to save his life;
in public couldn't pray.

But always his "jalopy" was just crammed on each Lord's Day.

And although he could not sing,
nor teach, nor lead in prayer,
He listened well, he had a smile,
and he was always there.

With all the others whom he brought,
who lived both near and far—

And God's work prospered for he had a consecrated car.

—Selected.

—R. P. Campbell, Bulletin



HARBOR IN ACRE, ISRAEL

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Report From Israel

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thank our many friends who have remembered us in their prayers and with their gifts, and for the many beautiful Christmas cards which came to us during the Christmas season. May the dear Lord richly bless you, everyone.

The year, 1970, has passed into history, and we have entered into a new year. Will it be better, or worse? Who knows? The great men of the world make their predictions, and they do a lot of guessing, but that is their limit. There is only one who knows the future, Almighty God, creator and preserver of all creation, He and He alone knows what will happen in the future, for He is not dead but is a living God and reigning on His throne, working out His great plans and purposes among the nations of the earth, whether they realize it or not.

The cease-fire continues on all the main battle fronts in this part of the world, but there remains a lot of tension and unrest among the populations of the countries involved in this war. Most people are wondering, what next? There is much talk about peace, Saying peace, peace when there is no peace. (Jer. 8:11). And we have the prophets of doom in Jerusalem too. Annie Laura and I were walking down one of the little crowded, narrow lanes of the old city some time ago, and we saw a young man walking through the crowd with a big cross swinging from his neck by a chain, and he was preaching. I didn't get much of what he said, but I did hear him telling the many people, both Arabs and Jews, that the city was going to be destroyed and within two or three years they wouldn't have any streets to walk on. This could be true, of course, but we don't base our views on what this young man said but on what the true prophets of the Lord have said. Jerusalem has been destroyed many times and there are great forces at work to destroy her again. We go through periods of days and weeks when all seems to be peace and quiet in this city, but suddenly the thing least expected happens. Just before Christmas two rockets were fired on Jerusalem from the direction of Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus. The terrorist said that they did this to scare the tourist away from Israel.

In closing this letter, I request your prayers for one thing especially. We have been thinking and praying about this and want you to pray. I would like to start a mission somewhere in or near the old city, where we might be able to get both peoples to come to services. Buildings are hard to find for this purpose,

Report From Japan

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Atsuta Temple had 1,850,000 people. Tsuruga Oka Temple had 1,820,000 Fushimi Inari (known as fox worshipping) 1,480,000, Meiji jingu (Emperor worshipping) 1,450,000, Narita Budhist Temple 1,380,000. Could you believe that number? Thousands of temples, hundreds of religions, in this small land. All confused, all went astray.

Though we have persecutions and oppositions from enemies of God when we carry out the Gospel of Christ to the lost, we can reach people and get them saved, get them baptized by Baptist baptism, and organize baptist churches if He is with us. We will continue to do that work, asking for power of God.

We had Christmas greetings and donations from many of dear friends. They were good enough to encourage us do Lord's work. We thank each of them for their remembering us that way.

Following is a report of contributions received for the fourth quarter of last year. We received them so much thanks. Oct.—Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 60.75; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., 20.00; From Selling Cookbooks of South Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 48.00; Elder Larry Hagen, Owatonna, Minn., 25.00; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 50.00. Total \$203.75.

Sep.—Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 66.00; Rock Bridge Sunday School, Gallatin, Tenn., 112.73; North Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 30.65; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., 25.00; Mr. & Mrs. George Hefner, Phoenix, Ariz., 26.00; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 50.00. Total \$310.38.

Dec.—Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 60.00; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 50.00; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Selling Cookbooks of South Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 7.50; Mrs. Dossie Jones, Nashville, Tenn., 2.00; Mrs. Estelene Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 10.00; Elder Jesse Robinson, East Detroit, Mich., 70.00; Mr. & Mrs. Joe Harper, Carthage, Tenn., 5.00; Elder William House, Nashville, Tenn., 10.00; Elder Rex Hunt, Austin, Ky., 20.00; Union No. 2 Baptist Church, Glasgow, Ky., 20.00; Mr. &

but nothing is impossible with our God. Pray for us too, we always need prayers. May His love and mercy rest and abide with you, one and all.

Yours in His love,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

A Wonderful Lesson

By Laura Gregory

Franklin, Ky.

In the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes there is a wonderful lesson to the young and the old. I am so glad I learned this 68 years ago. (She is 80—Ed.) The Lord has wonderfully blessed me.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Ecc. 12:1.

The Greek word — ekklesia — means an assembly or church as in the New Testament. In verse 3, the house refers to the physical body. The keepers of the house are the hands which shake and tremble in old age. The grinders are the teeth which become fewer as the years pass on, while those that look out the windows are the eyes which grow dim toward the end of life.

The doors in the streets are the ears which often lose their keenest in riper years. The daughters of music are the vocal chords of those who sing. The almond tree may hint at the appearance of gray hair, the grasshopper may symbolize any trifling weight which to old people may seem heavy.

The silver cord is the spinal cord, the golden bowl to the skull, the pitcher is the heart, the wheel broken at the cistern or other parts of the body which give way during failing years.

Verse 7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." And finally we look at the two last verses. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Mrs. S. B. Vaden, Carthage, Tenn., 5.00; Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hughes, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Adult S. S. Class of South Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 175.00. Total \$484.50.

From McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church to Koi Baptist Church— Oct., 98.69; Nov., 111.00.

We thank everyone for support to help our missionary work here in Japan. We would like for you remember us in prayer, and will keep praying for you.

May God richly bless you.

Yours sincerely in Him,
Koji Tajima

P. S. Enclosed you find five dollars. Please send me a copy of your book when comes from the press. Thank you.