

# Baptist Banner

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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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Tribune in the Agora of ancient Corinth. Note the small white sign on the wall right center. On the sign is the word "Bema" which means judgment seat. It was here that the Apostle Paul was brought before Gallio as recorded in Acts 18:12-17. The editor and other ministers were here on March 5, 1969, and stood on this spot. Our entire tour group was here.

## MISSIONARY REPORT FROM ISRAEL

P. O. Box 7305  
Jerusalem, Israel  
December 1, 1970

Dear Friends,

As this year, 1970, nears its end, we send our greetings to all of you from Jerusalem in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who was born in the little town of Bethlehem which is located very near to where we are, about fifteen minutes drive by car.

The Lord is merciful and has been mighty good to us in many, many ways, and for all His many blessings we give

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## Grasshopper Philosophy

Moses sent twelve men to spy out the land of Caanan. Ten of them brought back an evil report saying, "And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so were in their sight." A grasshopper philosophy always dooms to failure. There are opportunities which challenge the ability of each congregation of the Lord's church. When a congregation looks at itself as being made up of grasshoppers, it is already

defeated. We betray God's trust in us when we are afraid to tackle hard jobs or undertake difficult tasks and responsible duties.

## Court Rejects Challenge To 'In God We Trust' Motto

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday rejected a challenge to the constitutionality of the national motto "In God We Trust" and its use on the nation's currency and coins.

The court upheld a ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Lloyd Burke against Stefan Ray Aranow of Woodland, Calif., Sept. 30, 1968.

"It is quite obvious that the national motto and slogan, 'In God We Trust,' on coinage and currency has nothing whatsoever to do with the establishment of religion," said the court decision.

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## Unable To Print

I'm sorry that we were unable to print all the material that was received for the BANNER this month. Other articles will be printed when possible.



## BRIEF NOTES BY THE EDITOR

Due to the fact that we had articles of general interest in this issue, I did not use the space to advertise my book, "Travel With Me Through Bible Lands." I have done this already and would like to say that I certainly do appreciate the response that I've received for the book from individuals and also ministers who will be agents for the long awaited publication. It is due to be off the press this month. At least my publisher has promised to do everything possible to have it ready. You may send your order to me at the address to the left on this page. The book is \$3.50 per copy postpaid.

Alta and I would like to thank everyone for the many nice Christmas cards, messages and gifts that we received during the Holiday Season. We appreciate each one. We hope for all of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The year 1970 had many disappointments and trials I'm sure for all of us. There were probably many experiences

that we would not care to recall. However, when we look back at the many wonderful experiences that we had, the many blessings that our Heavenly Father showered upon us in our lives and churches, we can say it was a wonderful year. I like to think of all the reports from the various churches throughout the country of the souls that were saved. Then of the many saved who united with true Baptist churches. For all this we thank God. May 1971 still be a better year for us all in the work and vineyard of the Lord.

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Mrs. Vanderpool and I were blessed in the past year with a blessing we had never experienced before. Our first grandchild! We have only one child, a son, Bobby Kenneth. On July 22, 1970, he and his wonderful Christian wife, Marlene, became the parents of a fine, healthy baby girl who was named Dawn Renae. Alta and I have been acting like some other grandparents that you know of and if you are not a grandparent yet — just wait! You may want to excuse me for using this space for this announcement or you may not, but I feel better anyway. Oh, by the way, we are proud of Bob and Marlene, too. They are true Baptists and granddaddy is already praying that Dawn Renae will be saved by the grace of God when she is old enough to be accountable and will be a true Baptist also.

## Dead Sea Area: Health-Spa Resort

By FRED ROSENFELD  
Associated Press Writer

SODOM, Israel (AP) — The lowest point on earth—the biblical Dead Sea—is being turned into an ultramodern health-cure resort that could rival famous European spas.

The sea's curative powers are credited with the new development.

Recent experiments by Danish medical authorities reportedly proved that the Dead Sea waters—at 1,296 feet below sea level—are excellent for curing skin diseases and rheumatic disorders.

"Europe's health-cure season lasts only four months, whereas in Israel, resorts are open all year round," said the Israeli deputy minister of tourism, Yehuda Sha'ari.

Apart from skin and rheumatic problems, nearby Arad—perched on mountains overlooking this biblical city—with an average humidity of 5 per cent, is a boon for asthmatic sufferers.

Winter temperatures average 68 degrees and 104 degrees in the summer.

Denmark, Sweden and Holland have shown interest in arranging for patients to visit the Dead Sea and the sulphurous mineral springs at nearby Zohar.

"Israel offers prices and accommodations at highly competitive rates, compared with Europe," said ministry spokesman Menachem Eyal, "and in the off-season, it's even cheaper."

Eyal said Scandinavian government and labor union sick funds were particularly interested in the project because of the high prevalence of psoriasis and skin diseases in Scandinavia.

He claimed studies carried out by a sick fund medical team showed that cures, which require a month's hospitalization in Scandinavia, were better and quicker at the Dead Sea.

Another important attraction for the funds to cure their people here, Eyal added, was the

releasing of many hospital beds and medical personnel for other patients.

The special medical qualities of the "Salt Sea" come from its extremely high mineral content, namely phosphates and bromides. Because the sea has no outlet, evaporation has concentrated the waters from the Jordan River which has emptied into it for thousands of years.

This concentration of salts creates a buoyancy that makes it impossible for a person to sink beneath the waters.

Set in the rocky Negev Desert just north of the sin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Dead Sea scenery combines moon-scape mountains and "painted" sand deserts.

A few minutes drive away is the mountain fortress of Massada where the Jewish resistance fighters against the Romans made their last stand in the revolt of 70 A.D.

Boats sail daily from Ein Gedi—where David hid from Saul—north to the Qumran caves,

site of the Dead Sea scrolls discovery.

Accommodations are no problem, with two first class 100-room hotels on the shore, and three new hotels nearby, adding another 300 rooms.

For the economy-minded, there are a holiday village, camping grounds, a youth hostel and several inexpensive pensions.

**HOLY LAND TOUR**  
**\$599**

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## Report From Israel

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thanks to His good name. Annie Laura and I both have arthritis, I have it in my left shoulder and she has it in her jaw and back of neck, and this can be rather painful at times, but the peace and blessed comfort from the Lord outweighs all of this. So we must not complain but give glory to Him who doeth all things well and works toward the good of those who love Him, Romans 8:28.

We ask your prayers for the Arab girls that I am teaching on Sunday morning. Recently the Lord is working among them in a very special way. One evidence of this is the fact that Satan is at work also and doing his best to hinder, he always works hard when the Lord is at work drawing people to Himself. Some of the girls are opening their hearts to the Word of God, but others are fighting back. Annie Laura sits in the class with the girls and they ask her questions from time to time, and this gives her a wonderful opportunity to witness to them. They have great love and respect for her, and this, of course, is a great advantage, because in order for us to lead people to the Lord, we must first win their confidence. If people don't have confidence in us they will have none in our message that we are trying to deliver to them.

Jerusalem is peaceful and quiet right now and has been for the past several weeks, but it might be just a lull before the storm. The Moslems have been having one of their big feasts of the year, and it was feared that some violence might flare up from that but it finished without any major incidents; the feast ended yesterday. As to the Israelis, they were ready, as always, for any eventuality.

We have just been informed that our stay in Israel has been extended for another year, and I am sure that the Lord is making all this possible for us; I just filed an application, and it was approved, and a notice came for us to bring our passports to have them stamped. As I have said before, they only grant us one year at a time. We feel sure that many of the Lord's people are praying and the Lord is working. But what we will see in the coming year, nobody can predict. War and more war, at least. We just heard on radio that fighting has flared up in Jordan again. So this is the way it goes.

A merry Christmas to all of you and a happy and prosperous New Year. Please remember to pray for us and the Lord's work in this land.

Yours in His love,  
Henry and Annie Laura Smith



On Sunday, December 13, after Sunday school and church services at Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., the Sunday school class of Bro. J. P. Doss from the church along with the editor and wife and others visited the Lafayette Baptist Orphans Home at Lafayette, Tenn.

Pictured above are: Front row left to right: Craig Dowell, Kelly Glasscock and Dennis Williams; second row: J. P. Doss, Mrs. Alta Vanderpool, Mrs. Mary Doss, Mrs. Joe Caudill, Mrs. Carolyn Glasscock, Mrs. Sandra Sherrell, Mrs. Neal Forshee and David Williams; third row: Billy Palmer, Mrs. Lucille Palmer, Joe Caudill, Dewey Glasscock, Mike Sherrell, Neal Forshee and Mrs. David Williams; back row: Fred Dowell, Mrs. Bob Vanderpool, Bob Vanderpool and Mrs. Fred Dowell. Gifts and money from two Sunday School classes and also the church were presented to those of the Home. It was a wonderful visit and fellowship.



Pictured above are Bro. Glenn Thomas and wife, the superintendent and matron of the Lafayette Baptist Orphans Home, and the boys and girls in the Home. Some churches have supported the Home well, some fairly well, some very little and others not at all. Let us all do better in supporting this Home in 1971. Maple Grove Baptist Church is located across the highway from the Home and this is where the children and Bro. and Sister Thomas attend.



# In the Shadow of St. Peter's They Don't Believe Anything



(Wide World Photo)

## Vatican City

Rome (RNS) — A noted prelate reported here that many Catholics in the Diocese of Rome do not believe in heaven or hell or "even in eternal life."

Angelo Cardinal Dell'Acqua, papal vicar for Rome, made the revelation while addressing the first pastoral conference of Roman priests.

The information was included in findings of a survey being conducted by the Social Research Center of Jesuit-maintained Gregorian University.

Cardinal Dell'Acqua said that such disbelief or skepticism was due in part to the fact "that priests themselves did not talk about such doctrines."

"Dear brothers," he said, "let us look each other in the face and tell the truth. We do not talk about

such things either because we do not even believe them ourselves — and you know that that's not a mere hypothesis — or because we are ashamed to do so."

The cardinal proposed "a real missionary campaign" among Catholics of Rome. "Many of those who regularly attend Mass do not believe in eternal life," he said, "and they don't consider this illogical."

He noted that, while many Catholics — according to the survey — "prayed a lot," many of them prayed for "materialistic advantages." In this connection, the papal vicar for Rome said the survey findings indicated that Sunday church attendance was a "really unexpected" 35 per cent, but "conscious participation" in church life was low.

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