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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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Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

Again we send to you our greetings from Jerusalem in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Thank you, everyone, who remember us in prayer and with your gifts. Thanks also to all of you who write letters of kindness and encouragement. "We thank God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3.



Elder Smith

The Lord made a place available for us here in Jerusalem, and on August 3rd we moved to it. Truly we are thankful to the Lord for opening up such a good place to us. It is in one of the best sections of the city, on a high spot, and

from our window, or better from the roof top, we can get a good view of parts of the old city, the Mount of Olives, and the Kidron Valley. It is a good roomy house, and has all the conveniences, and is really the best place we've ever had on any mission field. The Lord brought us into contact with this place

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Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association To Meet Oct. 23-24

The Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association is to meet on Friday, October 23, 1970, at 10:00 a.m. with Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Lakeland Dr., Donelson, Tenn.

Officers elected last year were: Elder F. L. Ray, Moderator; Elder W. T. Russell, Clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treasurer.

The Association voted last year to have two days session instead of three days with the option of meeting on Friday night if necessary. Elder H. D. Linville is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday and on Saturday Elder W. T. Russell is to deliver the Doctrinal Sermon.



SOUTHWEST SHOPS IN THE AGORA OF CORINTH

Pictured above are some of the best preserved shops in the southwestern area of the Agora of the ancient city of Corinth. Our tour group toured this area on March 5, 1969. Editor

MINIS INCREASE RAPE CHANCE?

TORONTO (UPI) — Ninety-one percent of Toronto policemen think a woman in a "revealing miniskirt" is more likely to be a rape victim than her more modest sister, a spokesman for the Toronto force said yesterday.

Since 1964, the year the mini was introduced to the female fashion market,

rapes have increased 68% in the United States and 90% in England, said "The Law Officers," a police publication.

"Abbreviated costumes are no doubt a factor in offenses against women," said Sgt. George Gough of Toronto's morality squad. "When a girl in a short skirt is followed by a man after she gets off a streetcar at night, there isn't much doubt as to what attracted her assailant."

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NOT MUCH TO LIVE FOR WHEN NOT NEEDED

By Mrs. H. R. Overton

The best friends I ever had were my mother and dad. What will you do with mom and dad when they have grown old and sad? You have a nice home and a good room to sleep in, but will you send them off to an old-folks home? They still have pride left even though they are old and don't want to impose upon someone. They would still like to be with their children.

You might have to wash out some of their old and faded clothes, but have you forgotten what they did for you when you were young and the long nights they sat by your bed side praying. Now you are enjoying a nice home while mom and dad are in the old-folks home. A neighbor of mine took his life when he learned he was to be taken away to a home for the aged. His heart was broken because his children with whom he lived said he was peculiar. What's wrong in a country when old furniture is wanted but not old folks? I'm thankful that we have some who care. We are told to honor our fathers and mothers that our days may be long upon the earth.

We could profit from the experiences and lives of the aged if we would teach children to love and respect the older people. I think fathers and mothers should live righteous lives. I love the Lord because he heard my prayer and supplications.



Comments From Editor

Some reports that I receive are not complete and therefore I have to give a partial report or omit it altogether. I've received Radio Broadcast reports but with the time of day omitted. Revival reports or announcements with names left out. Please give full information on these matters and I'm always more than happy to make them.

Also, in the masthead of the BANNER it states that the 1 year subscription of the paper is \$2.00, or \$1.50 in bundles to churches. Some have misunderstood this and send \$1.50 and ask that a bundle be sent to them or their church. This means of course \$1.50 per paper per year. If you want 20 papers this would be \$30.00 per year, 50 papers \$75.00, 10 papers \$15.00, etc. However, if you want the BANNER sent to your home or place of business for 3 years it is \$5.00.

I also appreciate articles sent for publication. However, some are handwritten and it takes a lot of time for me to type all these and prepare them for the printer. So, if possible type the articles, if you can't your articles of interest are still welcomed and I will work them into publication when possible.

I appreciate, too, the number of churches now that are supporting the BANNER by bundle subscriptions. They receive these papers each month and then distribute them at church, hospitals and other places. Sometimes a church will decide to let each person who wants to subscribe. This winds up often without anyone doing so. You pastors who have never asked your church in the past five years to subscribe could help in this type mission work by doing so. We have some opportunities afforded to us now that we may not have some day. May we take the advantage of these through our churches, papers, radio programs or other means God blesses us with.

A magazine writer says we need a new religion, but let us not do anything rash until we try the old one.

LIFE BEGINS AT EIGHTY

By Mrs. Laura Gregory

I have been celebrating my eightieth birthday for three months, attending revivals. I've been reminded by some spiritual acts that I'm old enough to brag and be happy about it. I was glad I was young enough to be there. You don't judge age by gray hair, wrinkles or false teeth or by the number of years that you have lived.

Physically, we should judge age by the tongue instead of the teeth. I'm as old as my tongue and older than my teeth. Most people are afraid of getting old. To them age is like love and smallpox — neither can be hid. The scripture teaches us that Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural force abated. Moses began his most important work at the age of eighty.

His first forty years were spent in education in Egypt. The next forty years he was trained and hardened in the desert for the job that God was going to give him to do. The third forty years he struggled to get Israel out of Egypt, and then to get Egypt out of Israel.

Men and women look and speak to me with a surprised look as if to say, "eighty years old and alive." They would not be surprised if I were eighty and dead. If you have a young mind in an old body you will still be young. For this reason forty is old to the young while it is the youth of old age.

Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. If you have the spirit of youth, with its courage you are young. You may go on enjoying life at the fullest. Even though the body cannot meet all the requirements of youth, the real test of age is not the number of birthdays you have had, but the quality of spirit animating the body.

Someone may ask you how you are. Tell them the house you live in is becoming delapidated, its walls are tottering on the foundation, its roof is in need of repairs. I think I am going to move out of the old house into another one not made with hands. II Cor. 5:1.

East Jerusalemites Entitled To Pre-1948 Property—Kollek

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem believes that the Arabs of East Jerusalem are entitled to reclaim whatever property they may have abandoned in 1948 "throughout Israel, and not only in West Jerusalem."

He was replying to a question put by the editor of *Al-Anba*, Mr. Ya'acov Khazma. An interview with Mr. Kollek appeared in a recent issue of the Jerusalem Arabic-language daily. —AAJE

Revival Reports

Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Two professions of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor Hilman Duncan was assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor.

Cave Springs Baptist Church, DeKalb County, Tenn. One profession of faith with two additions. Pastor C. C. Ramsey was assisted by Elder J. E. Shoulders.

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Three professions of faith with six additions to the church. Pastor James Suttle was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Elder Everett L. Fields was singing director.

Trammel Fork Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. Six professions of faith and seven additions to the church. Pastor Ralph Garmon was assisted by Elder Baxter Powell, Jr.

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Three professions of faith with five additions. Pastor L. W. Smith was assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor.

CHURCHLESS CITY DOESN'T STOP WEDDING

JACKPOT, Nev. — Weddings are few and far between in this city near this Nevada-Idaho line because there aren't any churches here.

Catherine Black and John Strang were married here at a club where they work by the Rev. Robert Cook who came from Elko 120 miles away. He was 90 minutes late due to road construction.

Although the city has no churches, it has church services which are held in a laundromat.

REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND SUNDAY—OCTOBER

Dixon Creek Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell.

THIRD SUNDAY—OCTOBER

South Side Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. (Names of pastor and helper were not given in the report.

Meadorville Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder William Johnson and Elder Tommy Lankford is to lead the singing.

FOURTH SUNDAY—OCTOBER

Beech Bottom Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor J. Frank Carr is to be assisted by Elder James Allen Oliver. Bro. Clemon Evetts will be in charge of the singing.

New Bethel Baptist Church News

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Dear Brother Vanderpool:

Our revival at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Goodlettsville began on the third Sunday night in August. Elder F. W. Lambert was the helper in the preaching services.

The Lord gave us a great revival among the christians and saved eleven, there were twelve additions to the church.

New Bethel Church is growing, there were 164 in Sunday School last Sunday also a large attendance at the eleven o'clock service.



Eld. Ray

The church met at the waters edge at 2:30 p.m. on the 5th Sunday for a Baptismal service. A large attendance at this service, and nine were Baptized.

We are very grateful for the many who visited our revival and rendered so much help. Thanks to all of you, we trust you will visit us again soon.

We humbly thank God for his love, goodness and mercy that was shown during the meeting.

Your Brother in Christ
F. L. Ray, Pastor

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in a most remarkable way. One evening a young Jewish couple asked me to take them to look at some furniture that some foreigner had for sale. I took them to see the things, and while I was there I learned that these foreigners were leaving the country and that this place was for rent. So I inquired into it and found that we could get it, and so we did. We thank all our friends who helped us pray for a more permanent place for our living quarters; we are sure that this is an answer to prayer.

On August 10th the Jews observed the nineteen hundredth anniversary of the destruction of their temple by the Romans. It is called Tisha B'va, and is a holiday throughout Israel. Jews by the tens of thousands flocked to the Western Wall, or Wailing Wall, a remnant of the temple compound, to offer prayers and lament the destruction of their beautiful temple 1900 years ago. The police estimated that there were 50,000 Jews at the wall by midnight, August 10th, and the prayer area in front of the wall was filled to capacity with mourners, who sat on the ground in small circles reading from the book of Lamentations. I visited the Wall the next day with two Jewish friends, and there were still great throngs of Jews there before this wall weaving back and forth in their way of prayer and worship.

Brother Abu'Igal, the Arab pastor in Ramallah is very ill and has had a serious operation, and he has asked me to preach on Sunday mornings to the church. He also wanted me to take some of the other responsibilities of that work, but I don't know yet whether or not I can. I am starting the new term of the Hebrew classes this coming week, and I don't know about taking on anything further. We still have our service at our house on Thursday nights, and we have a few Jews to come to this service. We need your prayers in a very special way. Don't forget to pray for us and the work we are trying to do for our Lord.

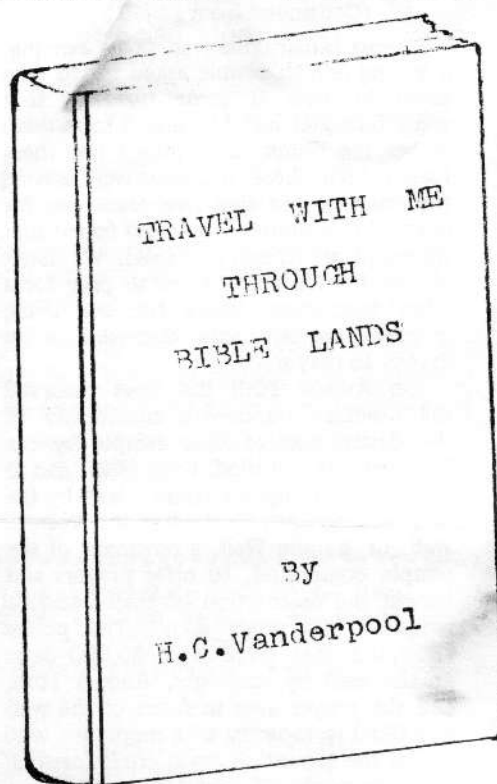
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In His marvelous grace,
Henry & Annie L. Smith

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It Is So Easy To Stay Home and Find Fault

C. C. Bishop

"But Thomas was not with them when Jesus came . . . But he said unto them . . . I will not believe" John 20:24-25.

Read the whole story of doubting Thomas and find whether he did worse than the others or whether you do better. The whole secret in the matter is this: Thomas was gone when the Lord appeared. All had doubted the stories that had been told about the resurrection of Jesus.

They, no doubt, reasoned on this order: The women were led by Mary Magdalene. Christ had cast seven devils out of her and she probably was telling fancied stories to shield her past. Peter and John were the men and Peter had been guilty of "cussing" and a preacher that would lie and "cuss" just couldn't be trusted. He was no doubt pulling a few tricks to get back into the leadership of the people. Then John was such a bosom friend to Jesus that he would do anything to shield a fallen prophet." They had lost sight of Christ and were looking at the faults of the disciples. I fear this is too true of the world and even the church today. Thomas just took out, and didn't come. The Lord appeared, and showed them marvelous things, assured peace to them, empowered them to forgive each other, commissioned them to 'go' and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.

Thomas missed the blessing He failed to get the revival the others got. They went after Thomas and told him what happened. Thomas began finding fault. "Unless, etc . . . I will not believe" How sad! It wasn't the weak disciples he was taking out on, but the Lord Himself. Occasionally a member will get OFF and POUT, and tell the minister, "I'm through until, etc., ETC." It is good to let such see sometimes that Jesus can get along without them. When Jesus appeared He offered Thomas all the proof he wanted, but He gave him a sharp rebuke. This was what Thomas needed. He proclaimed "My Lord and my God" If you have been staying at home and finding fault, try going out to meet the Lord and see what difference it makes.

- Mo. Miss. Bapt.

Never do what you cannot ask Christ to bless - and never go into any place in which you cannot ask Christ Jesus to go with you.