# Baptist Banner

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 home where Elder and Mrs. James H. Smith live in Jerusalem. Israel.

#### MISSIONARY REPORT FROM ISRAEL

P. O. Box 7305 Jerusalem, Israel June 4, 1971

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all of you from Jerusalem in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our hope of glory, (Col. 1:27). So, "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's

The Arab girl, about whom I have written before, was here last week and gave a wonderful testimony of how the Lord had saved her. She told a wonderful experience. She had made professions before, but professions without possession. She was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith and has been very confused for a long time. How I wish. hope and pray that preachers would start telling people how vain it is to make professions without possession! The Catholics are already working to frighten this poor Arab girl, and trying to turn her away from the truth. She needs your prayers. Please pray for her and for all of

Sarah, my Hebrew teacher, shows some evidences that she has believed in

#### LYONS BAPTIST CHURCH **BEGINS BROADCAST**

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky., begins a radio broadcast on Sunday, July 4, 1971. The broadcast will be each Sunday at 4:00 p.m., and will be heard on radio station WFIA in Louisville which is 900 on the radio dial.

This station covers a listening area of over one million people in Kentucky and Indiana. The church feels this is a good way to do additional mission work at home to the foreign mission work they support monthly.

These broadcasts each week will be conducted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor of Lyons Church, All who are in listening distance are invited to hear these programs. If you live too far away to listen but have friends or relatives in the listening area please write or call them and invite them to listen.

#### NOTICE!

The editor is interested in buying old books on religious subjects, especially Baptist church history. A good price would be paid for the two volumes of "History of Kentucky Baptists,' by J. H. Spencer. If you have books for sale or know of someone that does, write to the editor at the address in the masthead on page two.

#### SINGING SCHOOL AT McFERRIN BAPTIST CHURCH

There is to be a singing school conducted at McFerrin Baptist Church. 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn., beginning on Monday night, July 12, and will be each night through Friday. July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Elder A. G. Gregory is the pastor of McFerrin Church and Bro. Donny Hines, a member of the church is to teach the school.

On Sunday, July 18, following the singing school, there is to be an all-day service. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; preaching at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and then the afternoon will be given to singing beginning at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to the singing school and then the all-day service on Sunday closing out the church activities of that week.

#### REVIVAL REPORTS

Grace Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Street., Detroit, Mich. one addition to the church. Elder L. W. Smith, the pastor, did the preaching.

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. There were three saved. Pastor Thomas Carter was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Elder Tommie Lankford was in charge of the singing.

Salem Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. One Was saved. Pastor William Johnson was assisted by Elder Calvin Perrige.

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, 1202 Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. There was one addition to the church. Pastor W. T. Russell was assisted by elder Floyd Ferguson. Members of the church in charge of music of music and the singing.

McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. There were three saved and there were four additions to the church. Pastor A. G. Gregory was assisted by Elde H. C. Vanderpool. Local talent was in charge of music and singing.

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#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* ISRAEL REPORT

(Continued from page 1) the Messiah, but she, like almost all Jews, is afraid to say much about her faith. Her attitude has changed so much, and when she talks about it she fills up to overflowing. I know the Holy Spirit is working in this land, in the hearts of its people, but satan too is working so hard, and our task is not at all easy. All of the conflicting teachings, and missionaries trying to buy followers, there are such a few believers, somebody is after everyone of them, all of this and more, makes pain in the heart. But since when did the Lord promise us an easy road, anyway? What we need is grace, and more grace. His grace is sufficient for us, and so we continue to ask for your prayers.

Our health seems to be fairly good. Annie Laura seems to be feeling much better of late. Thank the Lord for all His benefits toward us.

> Sincerely in His Service, Henry and Annie Laura Smith

#### LETTER FROM A THANKFUL MOTHER

Route 6 Franklin, Ky. May 9, 1971

Dear Bro. Vanderpool: Here is a true account of how the Lord has answered another prayer. It has been on my heart ever since our little boy was in Bowling Green hospital. We almost lost him, but the Lord spared him, and I don't want to fail to tell what the Lord has done for us. I felt that I wanted to send it to you and if you feel led to print it. please do.

The Lord saved my soul when I was an is - PLEASE DO! - Editor.

eleven year old girl one night about midnight at Drake's Creek Missionary Baptist Church. I have failed the Lord so many times, but he has answered so many prayers aind is always there to help again.

> Your Sister in Christ, Mrs. Dean Cline.

MY MESSAGE TO TELL

When our two year old son became very ill and as we were making preparation to take him to the hospital, he wanted "mommie" to stop and sing to him. "Mommie," he said, "Sing At The Cross." I couldn't think of how it went so I picked up a song book. He took it from me and the book opened to the dear old song. He sat quietly as I sang and it seemed my heart would break.

Several times during the following days in the hospital he would look at me and say "at the cross, mommie." The song stayed on my heart and I began to think about how weak and unworthy I was and how that dear Saviour died for such a worm as I. It seemed we had a cross to bear but nothing to compare with what my dear Saviour had to suffer, and that was not for his crimes, but mine and yours.

As our little boy went to the operating room, the last stanza rang out in my mind. The drops of grief that we must suffer here could never repay the debt of love I owe My Savior. It seemed I had to say "Here he is Lord. He is yours. I love him. but he is in your hands. You know what is best. Do with him what you see fit."

The dear Lord did see fit to let him live and come home again. He will have a problem for several years, but I know the dear Saviour looking down from above will be with us.

We have another child and most of all in this world I want them to get prepared for the hereafter. It would be better for them to die while they are small than to grow up and leave this world unprepared.

As parents, let us never fail to teach our children about that dear Saviour that died for their sins. Let's not let the things of the world creep into our homes so that our children would forget Jesus and the true plan of salvation. The Lord has love beyond degree for our children and let us not fail to teach them.

Mrs. Dean Cline

Recently, I've received word from individuals and churches that you had not received your paper or bundle. When this happens, let me know as soon as possible so we, editor or printer, can check this out and see where the failure

#### **EDITORIALS**

By. H. C. Vanderpool

Instead of writing an editorial this month, I'm printing here an editorial written by Elder W. S. Gordon, who is editor of The Missouri Missionary Baptist.

DEADWOOD Deadwood is the kind that is always around but does not appear to have life. It reminds one of a "paper church" is meant a large membership on the roll and record book W. S. Gordon



which are never on hand except when trouble arises and their vote is needed by

I'm told that all deadwood hurts the tree; therefore, it needs to be clipped in the pruning process. Every indifferent church member becomes a potential for Satan's use in the destruction of fellowship in a Baptist church. Why not think of these and try to help them in activities worthy and commendable? It's from the "laggards" and "do nothings" that Satan summons his recruits, Have you noticed the "deadwood", "the laggards" and the "do nothings" who are skilled in issuing complaints? Satan often sells them on the idea that a new pastor can settle all problems allowed by the Lord to test our faith.

The best way to handle the above church members causing trouble is for a church to believe and practice church discipline It can be believed and practiced in the Spirit of Christ, I Cor. 5. Jesus knew the class of "do-nothings" for he mentioned them in Matthew 12:30. "He that is not with me is against me....." As a Church member whom do you love and work for? It's time to think and pray.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If we claim God as our Father, we should act as God's children.

There is a difference between defending your principles and defending your prejudices.

Some who think they are on their way to heaven seem to be headed in the wrong

The church cannot win its way in the world by following the ways of the

You can't change the nature of sin by giving it a high-sounding psychological, innocent-looking name.

What have you done today that nobody but a Christian would do?

#### LETTER FROM

OREGON June 8, 1971

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

For quite some time now I have been intending to write you and say "God bless you" for the wonderful work you are doing in your publication. In this day and age a paper of this quality is especially encouraging to me.

I don't know you personally, but I feel that we are the same kind of Baptists. I was reared in Polk County, Missouri, left there when I was seventeen. All of my ministerial work has been in California and Oregon except for approxiately one year at Red Top Baptist Church in Dallas County, Mo.

I am acquainted with three Ministers from your area. They are Bro. Davis, Bro. Bryson, and Bro. Oakley Cook, They all seem to stand for the old-time way as far as I know.

The church I pastor in Hauser, Oregon is small but we do have good spiritual services and there seems to be a greater interest as of late. We do need the prayers of your people as it certainly is time for true Baptists everywhere to unite their prayers for one another.

The one thing I really miss out here on the West Coast is the Associational work that you people have the privilege of enjoying. You should really cherish that, There is nothing like an old-fashioned Baptist Association I used to attend in Missouri when I was young. Once again I say God bless you and keep up the good work. We will remember you in our

Your Bro. in Christ. Eld. Richard Salsman 1851 Madronna St.

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# Southern Baptist Sunday School Teachers Polled

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS) — A minority of Southern Baptist Sunday school teachers and pastors showed willingness here to accept for membership, without "re-baptism" any person who "has been immersed by any church."

REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SUNDAY-JULY Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. Pastor J. D. Sanders is to be assisted by F. W. Lambert.

East Side Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Elder W. V. Deweese is the pastor of the church and will be doing some of the preaching.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Bruceton, Tenn. Pastor E. J. Baker is to be assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Concord Baptist Church, White House, Tenn. Pastor G. C. Smith is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

SECOND SUNDAY JULY

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 214 Maple St., Madison, Tenn. (No names of preachers mailed in with the report.) Services each night at 7:30 P.M.

Independent Baptist Church. Huntingdon, Tenn. Pastor E. J. Baker is to be assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

THIRD SUNDAY-JULY

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder C. L. (Dee) Deweese.

Green Valley Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor Phecian Gibbs is to be assisted by Elder W. V. Deweese.

Drakes Creek Baptist Church Franklin, Ky. Pastor Wesley Briley is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Woodall. Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth W. Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. The singing is to be under the direction of Bro. Lonnie Cockriel. -

FOURTH SUNDAY-JULY South Carthage Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor W. V. DeWeese is to to be assisted by Elder R. C. Bennett.

More than one-fourth of Sunday school teachers and about one-fifth of the pastors favored this stand in responding to the latest Baptist VIEWpoll.

In the survey, the two groups were asked, "Who should be admitted into membership of a Southern Baptist church without being 're-baptized'?"

Respondents were given four alternatives. The alternatives listed, with the results of the balloting in each of the following groups, follow:

- · "Any person transferring from any, or almost any, Baptist church." (Pastors, 52.6 per cent; Sunday school teachers, 31.6 per cent.)
- "Only persons transferring from a Southern Baptist church." tore, 31.1 per cent; teachers, 22.4 per cent.)
- "Any person who has been im-mersed by any church." (Sunday school teachers, 27.9 per cent; pastors, 19.7 per cent.)
- "Any person 'baptized' in any manner by any church." (Teachers, 7.4 per cent; pastors, 2 per cent.)

A total of 3.3 per cent of the Sun-day school teachers and 2 per cent of the pastors failed to respond.

#### And the Messsengers

The same question with one change, was put before messengers attending 1969 (delegates) the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans. In the "any persons transferring from any Baptist church," the words "or almost any" were omitted.

The largest group of messengers at the convention (36.4 per cent) favored "any person who has been immersed by any church." In the other alternatives, 28 per cent fav-ored transfer from "any Baptist ored transfer from "any Baptist church," and 27.2 per cent chose persons from a Southern Baptist church only.

An official for VIEWpoll, in

analyzing the results, said:
"The survey of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention is not considered to be representative of Southern Baptists, as the VIEWpoll is for pastors and teachers. The poll of convention messengers indicated a less traditional position on the question than did the VIEWpoll panel.'

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### MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR JET CRUISE 9 Days Escorted & All Inclusive

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TUESDAY 2nd Day — CYPRUS — Arrive at Nicosia about noon where we will be met and transferred to Limassol. Sightseeing en route will include Kato-Paphos. The apostles, Paul and Barnabas visited Kato-Paphos on their first missionary journey in 45 A.D. Here Sergius Paulus, the Roman Governor of the island, invited them to his palace to hear the word of God. He heard the word and became a Christian — the first country in the world to have a Christian governor! At Limassol we go aboard our ship, which is for the next week our floating hotel, thus eliminating the tedious and frequent packing and unpacking necessary when flying from city to city. Sail in the evening.

WEDNESDAY 3rd Day — ALEXANDRIA / CAIRO While we enjoy our dinner and a good night's sleep, our ship cruised from Limassol to the fabled port of Alexandria, Egypt. Sightseeing will consist of the great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. See the Citadel and the Mohammed Ali Mosque offering a beautiful view of Cairo and the Nile, historical dwellings and mosques, and a walk through the exciting bazaars, where you can bargain for treasures and trinkets. Return to Alexandria for dinner and departure.

THURSDAY 4th Day — BEIRUT / BAALBEK Dock at Beirut in the morning and then proceed on an excursion to Dog River and Byblos. Drive along the Tripoli Road to the Dog River. See the Rock Inscriptions left by the different conquerors of Lebanon. Continue to Byblos, the holy city of the Phoenicians from which the Bible derived its name. Visit the excavations with the old burial jars and huge sarcophagi of Pheonician Kings. In the afternoon visit the city of the Pagan God, Baal, and the Temple of Jupiter, Bacchus and Venus and then return to our ship.

FRIDAY 5th Day — MERSIN / TARSUS / ANTIOCH / ISKENDERUN Arrive at Mersin, then to Tarsus, the birthplace of Paul. Tarsus is known as the frontier between the Christian and Islamic worlds, Visit the Well of Paul near the house where he lived. Passing by the Cleopatra Gate (one of the six gates in the walls which used to surround the town), continue to drive to Antioch. Arrival at Antioch where Peter founded the first church and spent a number of years, Visit the Church of St. Peter. Here, the first Christians used to meet secretly in a cave and Peter preached. Water dripping from the rock on the right is believed to have healing properties. There is also a secret tunnel used by the early Christians for escape in times of danger. Proceed to the Museum, a wonderful collection of Roman Mosaics worked from natural colored stones. Reboard ship at Iskenderun and sail for Israel.

SATURDAY 6th Day — HAIFA / NAZARETH / SEA OF GALILEE Arrive at the port of Haifa in the early morning. After transferring to our motorcoaches, we will drive to Tiberias where we will board a motorlaunch for a cruise on the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, center of Jesus' ministry. After our visit to the ruins of the 2nd century synagogue, we proceed to Tabgha, place of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, Peter's Church and the Mount of Beatitudes. Our next stop is at Magdala, home of

Mary Magdalene, before we leave the land of Gennesaret via the Horns of Hattin to Cana of Galilee, scene of the first miracle of Jesus. As we continue our journey, we view in the distance Mt. Tabor, traditional place of the Transfiguration. Then, past the "Hill of Precipitation" into Nazareth, Jesus' home, for visits to the Chamber of Annunciation and Columns of Gabriel and Martha and Martha's Well. Return to our ship for dinner and overnight.

SUNDAY 7th Day - MEGIDDO / CAESAREA / SAMARIA / JERICHO / JERUSALEM — Drive to Megiddo, Biblical Armageddon, then to Caesarea, the capitol of the Roman Procurator, and the main Roman Port; view the Roman theatre and aquaduct. Drive via Tel Karem to Nablus (Sechem). View in the distance Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then, to the Jordan River, site of the Baptism. Proceed to the ancient Cananite city of Jericho and view the Mount of Temptation. Continue via the Inn of the Good Samaritan and Bethany, home of Mary and Martha to Lazarus' tomb and Elisha's Fountain.

MONDAY 8th Day - JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM Morning visit to the Garden Tomb (Gordon's Calvary), Orientation from Calvary of the City of Jerusalem, Walking tour of the Old City, St. Stephen's Gate, visit the Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of the Flagellation, the Ecce Homo Arch, view of the Gabbatha of the Fortress of Antonio where Jesus was tried before Pilate, proceed to the Temple area on Mt. Moriah. Visit the Dome of the Rock, built on the ancient site of Solomon's Temple, See the Mosque El Agsa and then proceed to the Western Wall, Continue on through the Bazaar to the last Stations of the Via Dolorosa, centered in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the traditional site of the Calvary. After lunch, drive to the Mt, of Olives with an outstanding view of the City and surrounding area, visit the Chapel of the Ascension, Church of Pater Noster, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of All Nations, and the Traditional Tomb of Mary, See the Kidron Valley; Tomb of Absalom, Zacharia and James; general view of the Church of St. Peter in Gallincantu; continue to Mt. Zion; visit the Room of the Last Supper; King David's Tomb, Drive to Bethlehem for a visit to the Church of the Nativity, view the Shepherd's Field and the Field of Boaz and Ruth, Return to the ship and sail late

TUESDAY 9th Day — LARNACA / NICOSIA / NEW YORK / HOMETOWN Arrive Larnaca in the early morning and bid farewell to the friends we made on board our cruise ship. Thence to Nicosia Airport for our flight back home where we arrive in the evening of the same day. END OF TOUR

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