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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 church building of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Michigan in the Detroit area. Elder Bobby G. Sutton is the pastor.

FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Faith Missionary Baptist Church is located at 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Michigan just out of Detroit. This Church was organized on September 10, 1949, with eight charter members. They first worshipped at 10115 Kercheval, Detroit. In January, 1951, they bought a frame building. Then in March, 1962, the Church bought the present property in Roseville, Michigan.

Elder Henry Meyers was the leading minister in the gathering of this body and became their first pastor.

Pastors: Elder Henry Meyers, September 10, 1949-May 21, 1950; Elder E. E. Patterson, July, 1950-July 8, 1951; Elder William R. Overton, October 13, 1951-August 8, 1954; Elder Ferndee Robinson, September 11, 1954-February 13, 1955; Elder John M. Jones, November 12, 1955-September 8, 1956; Elder Eugene Brown, October 13, 1956-May 31, 1959; Elder Buddy Seals, September 12, 1959-January 15, 1961; Elder Eugene Brown, June 4, 1961-September 24, 1967; Elder Robert Wardlow, July 28, 1968-October 13, 1968; Elder William Overton, November 2, 1968-February 1971; Elder Bobby

Sutton, April, 1971 to the present.

The following brethren of the Church have been ordained to the deaconship; Ernest Green, Ernest Patterson, Thomas Nance, Ted Hensley, Kenneth Hackett, Herbert Bennett, J. R. Brock, Eugene Winningham, Carl Brown and Warren Greer. The present deacons are: Johnnie Collins, John Leonhardt, Charles Hicks, Jimmy Thompson, Glenn Jordan, Charlie Howell and Marshal Jones.

Many souls have been won through the efforts of this church. Elder Bobby Sutton began his pastorate of the Church on April 18, 1971. Since that time, God has blessed the Church with eight souls saved and twenty one additions to the church. Faith Church needs the prayers of our sister Churches as we strive to labor in God's vineyard where the opportunity and responsibility is so great. The Church represents in Siloam Baptist Association.



Elder Sutton

ORDINATION SERVICE

An ordination service was held at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. on Sunday, Sept. 12, 1971. Bro. Don McDonald and Bro. Glen Webster were ordained to the full-work of the ministry and Bro. Charlie Estes and Bro. Pete Sutton were ordained as deacons. Six churches were represented as follows: Bethel, Toledo, Ohio, Elder Charles Stapleton and Deacon Estel Carter; McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., Elder A. G. Gregory; Union Hill Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., Elder D. C. Barton; Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., Deacon O. O. Terry; Faith Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., Elder Bobby Sutton, Deacons, Johnnie Collins, John Leonhardt and Charlie Howell; Grace Church, Elder L. W. Smith, Deacons Jack Doss, Clyde Pierce and B. W. Dirting.

Elder L. W. Smith, pastor of Grace Church, served as moderator of the presbytery and Elder D. C. Barton served as clerk. The ordination sermon was preached by Elder A. G. Gregory. The candidates for ordination were presented by Deacon Jack Doss and Elder D. C. Barton led the interrogation. Elder Bobby Sutton prayed the ordaining prayer after which Elder Charles Stapleton charged the newly ordained brethren. The charge to the church was given by Elder A. G. Gregory. Deacon B. W. Dirting presented the Bible. Bro. Smith said, "We had a full house, a bountiful lunch and a wonderful day."

SILAM ASSOCIATION MET

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association met in its 19th annual session on Oct. 1, 2, and 3 with Siloam Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. Officers elected were Elder F. W. Lambert, moderator, Elder H. C. Vanderpool, clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treas. Thirty churches from four states represented.

Elder Douglas Curtis preached the Introductory Sermon the first day. On the second day Elder H. C. Vanderpool preached the Memorial sermon. On the third day the Doctrinal sermon was delivered by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Subjects discussed during the three-day session were Missions, Orphans Home, Finances, Church Discipline, Sunday Schools, Literature and other related subjects. The 1972 session is to be held with Old Union Baptist Church, Matlock Rd., Highway 240, Bowling

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ENON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN 122ND ANNUAL SESSION

The Enon Missionary Baptist Association convened in its 122nd annual session October 8-10, with Knob Springs Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn.

Officers elected were Elder J. C. Austin, moderator; Elder J. E. Shoulders, Clerk and Elder Floyd Ferguson, Treas.

Elder Gerald Dias preached the Introductory sermon on the first day. On the second day Elder J. E. Shoulders preached the Memorial sermon. Elder Larry Bakken preached the Doctrinal sermon the last day of the three-day session.

In addition to the sermons a number of related subjects to the Baptist work was discussed during the associational meeting.

A good session is reported. The association will meet with Bethany Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. in 1972.

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House May Vote Soon On School Prayer Amendment

B.F.O. CARR RECEIVES LETTER FROM MISSIONARY IN JAPAN

The following letter was received by Elder J. Frank Carr, New Middleton, Tenn., from Elder Koji Tajima in Japan. Bro. Carr and family returned some time ago from Japan where he served several years as a Baptist Missionary. Bro. Carr asked to have the letter printed in this publication.

Hiroshima, Japan
September 30, 1971

Dear Elder & Mrs. Carr and family:

We enjoyed your nice letter of Sept. 23, and were so happy to have heard from you once again. It was so good to have your encouraging words. That is more than anything.

My family and I are fine and doing fine for His glory. The weather is good and refreshing for the past week.

I found your name in the paper as a speaker which we felt you so closely. May God bless your ministry. We still talk a lot of you, and that is wonderful time. (A barber in Koi asked me of you. To my surprise he still remembers your name. Quite some years I haven't been to his shop. To tell the truth that is something wonderful. Ishada San still remembers you had on a straw hat when you were in his shop.)

This week I will go to Yamaguchi church once again and have two services. Bro. Mijahara, he is a quite Baptist. His son got saved some time ago. Church there may vote to receive him with Baptist baptism. Then I will baptize him at the place you used to do when you were in Yamaguchi. If we get picture of it, I will send it to you then. Bro. Mijahara will then have a Baptist wife, Baptist son and a Baptist daughter. Isn't that wonderful in the land of Japan and a good testimony to our neighbors?

Koi Church will have revival third week in October. We need your prayers. Thank you for the cashier's check in the amount of \$5.00. We received it with thanks. That is to be used in the Lord's work. Enclosed you find a book marker, Psalms 23:1. "Ehoba wa wage bakusha nari, ware tobeshiki kete areji." I believe you still remember it. May God richly bless you all.

In His name,
Koji Tajima

By RONALD SARRO

WASHINGTON — The long-smoldering school prayer controversy has been rekindled in Congress and may come to a vote soon.

Few members anticipated that Rep. Chalmers P. Wylie, R-Ohio, would have much success when he filed a petition April 1 to force a House vote on the issue.

But at the close of House business last week, 208 of the 218 members required had signed the petition, and it appeared that Wylie might obtain the necessary signatures.

Opposing religious groups have launched a counter campaign to get congressmen not to sign, or remove their names if they already have.

At issue is a proposed constitutional amendment that has been locked in the House Judiciary Committee for seven years. Wylie's petition would force the committee to release the amendment for a House vote.

Amendment would void court bans

Supporters say the amendment would put prayer back in the classrooms and overcome 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court decisions banning organized prayer in public schools.

Opponents say the amendment actually would take away individual religious freedom. A committee of 38 national religious leaders and organizations urged Congress Friday not to tamper with First Amendment religious rights, and to reject the amendment.

Support for a vote in the House has been building steadily, mainly because of the lobbying successes of Mrs. Ben Ruhlman of Cuyahoga, Ohio, and her 30-member prayer campaign committee.

Wylie said public petitions bearing more than 100,000 names stimulated him to take up the school prayer fight, which previously had been led by the late Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, R-Ill.

The congressman is critical of the Judiciary Committee — which decided against any action after extensive hearings in 1964 — for refusing to bring the issue to the House floor for a vote.

Wylie's proposed amendment says: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."



Deacon Otis Berry, 1907-1971

On Wednesday night, July 14, 1971 loved ones and friends sadly stood by with grieved and aching hearts as God called the spirit of Otis Berry home. He was 64.

He was born on April 24, 1907 the son of Jasper and Janie Berry of Tracy, Ky. At the age of 19 he was married to Beulah Helm on Dec. 2, 1926. This union was blessed with one daughter.

He was reared in the Tracy community and at the age of twenty he went to Detroit, Mich. There he worked with the Ford Motor Co. for 34 years.

In September, 1928, while working on his job he became concerned and disturbed about his lost condition thinking of the many opportunities that he had had to be saved and had turned them down. With tears streaming down his face he made a promise, "If I ever get out of this wicked place, and God will let me live to go back to my home state I'll go to church." He kept that promise.

A few days later, standing in the same place, he received a message, it read, "Your wife's mother has suddenly passed away in Kentucky." His first thought was the promise he had made the Lord only a few days before.

After the funeral of his mother-in-law he had the opportunity of attending a number of revivals. Some with Bro. W. T. Russell who was then a young lad very concerned in the Lord's work. Late that fall, 1928, all the revivals of the community had come to a close. He was still unsaved but was still concerned and under heavy conviction.

A few days after the last revival had closed, November, 1928, about 1:30 P. M. on the John T. Russell farm, he left the house and said, "I don't know when I'll be back." One of the good old saints of the community heard he was in deep trouble over his soul. This old man with long white beard, and a few others of the community met in an old cabin on the same farm where they thought Otis might have been since about 1:30 that afternoon. This was about 7:30 P.M. Otis heard singing coming from the old cabin at the top of the hill and soon made his way to it. There was much rejoicing when he told them what the Lord had done for him. He pointed down the hill side and said, "I found peace down there in the old cedar thicket."

He kept the promise he had made in Detroit, Mich. only two months before.

No doubt, if he could speak to us today he would tell friends and loved ones to make such promises and then keep them. That they would have bliss eternal.

He became a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Austin, Ky. and was baptized on Dec. 2, 1928 through broken ice with four others. He received many blessings as a young Christian and working for the Lord. He started his new life with family prayer each night before going to bed. This he continued throughout his years. He gave God praise for all things and for all he had done for him.

The Lord was his refuge in every time of trouble and was his burden bearer. He depended upon God for strength and comfort during his afflictions for almost twelve years.

In 1955 he became a charter member of Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. The same year he was ordained a deacon. He was the Adult Sunday School teacher at Grace Church until his death having served in this service for 16 years.

May we, too, commend ourselves to the same Lord that sheltered him through the raging storms of life and stood by him in the chilly hour of death.

(NOTE: I was personally acquainted with Bro. Otis Berry, having been in his home on various occasions, in his church and in associational meetings. We mourn his passing. Our sympathy is extended to Sister Beulah Berry—his wife— and the family and Grace Church. I trust the testimony and record of his life recorded here will be the means of sinners being saved, God's people being more devoted to God and that God will be glorified.—Editor).

GOODBYE TO A FRIEND

By Harold Houchens
Taylor, Mich.

On July 14, 1971 God called one of His children home. He was Bro. Otis Berry. He was my cousin in the flesh, but most of all my brother in Christ. Back in April, 1958 he called at my house and invited me to attend church with him, especially the revival. Bro. Vanderpool had been called by the church to preach. I went with him on a Saturday night, and for the first time I heard the gospel preached in the power and purity of the Holy Spirit. On May 4, 1958 I made peace with God.

First and always I give God all the
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credit, but I'm sure God used Bro. Berry to help bring me into the fold, as well as others. He never cared for anyone to brag on him. He loved the church and prayed for it to grow. Now that he is gone we must realize his wishes would be for us to carry on.

Many years I sat under his voice in the Adult Sunday School class and heard him praise God's name. Always encouraging us to do more for the Lord. We have lost a dear friend and brother for awhile, but I'm sure that by his leaving we will grow stronger and take up where he left off.

I say goodbye to Bro. Berry for a short while and give thanks for his tireless efforts to help me and others to find the Lord.

May the children of God everywhere that knew Bro. Berry remember to pray for his good wife in her sorrow.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT TALBOT, INDIANA

Dear Bro. Vanderpool,

Just a few lines to the Baptist Banner to say we enjoy hearing the good news from our Lord's churches. We are most happy to report and let our good Brothers and Sisters know that there is a good work going on in East Central Illinois and West Central Indiana.

Saturday, September 25, 1971, a group of churches were called together by the Old-Fashion United Baptist Church, of Independence, Ind. The meeting took place at Talbot, Ind. to organize another Old-Fashion Baptist Church, it was organized with 15 charter members.

Elder D. C. Russell of Bethel Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. was moderator. Elder Larry Taylor from Old-Fashion United Baptist Church was clerk.

Elder Mitchell Rigsby from Beautiful Home Missionary Baptist church in Milford, Ill. preached the organization sermon.

We need your prayers in this part of the country. There are 4 churches in about 30 miles square, they are all small, but the Lord is in them, with his great power.

Please pray for us!

Elder Mitchell G. Rigsby

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Ps. 126:6.

Country Parson



"You'll never know whether you have courage to defend your beliefs until you are sure of what you believe."

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REVIVAL REPORT

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich. (Detroit). Five were saved and there were ten additions to the church. Pastor Bobby Sutton was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Members of the church were in charge of the music and singing.

BARBERTON, OHIO CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio recently called Elder Kenneth Davis as pastor. He succeeded Elder Calvin Perrigo who had pastored the church for over six years.

Bro. Davis is a native of Macon County, Tennessee but has been on the west coast since June, 1968 where he has served as pastor of Gloria Gardens Missionary Baptist Church, Downey, Calif. until going to Nyland Missionary Baptist Church at El Rio, Calif. After resigning from the Nyland Church he received the call at Barberton.

He has accepted the call and has moved with his family onto the field. If you have loved ones or friends in the Barberton-Akron area and would like for Bro. Davis to visit and invite them to church, you may write him at; 198 15th St., N. W., Barberton, Ohio 44203.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION CONVENED

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association convened in its 123rd annual session with Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 3966 Hawkins Mill Rd., Memphis, Tenn., on October 8-10. Officers elected were Elder C. F. Carter, moderator, and Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk.

Missions, Christian Education, Prayer Meetings, Finance, Sunday Schools were some of the subjects discussed during the three-day session.

Elder Eugene Blankenship preached the Introductory sermon the first day. On the second day Elder Robert Noles preached the Doctrinal sermon and Elder Mitchell Rayburn the Missionary sermon the third day.

The 124th session is to be held with White's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church three and one-half miles northeast of Jackson, Tenn. on the Bedford-White Rd. on Oct. 6, 7, 8, 1972.

NOTE: Mrs. Vanderpool and I along with Bro. and Mrs. William Martin from Louisville were privileged to be with these people for the first two days of this association and were made to rejoice over the fine Christian fellowship we had together and the good services we were in.—Editor.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is the vibration of the soul's heartstrings under the soft touch of God's benevolence.

It is better to speak of benefits received rather than those you bestow.

Some people grumble because God placed thorns among roses, yet never thank Him for placing roses among the thorns.

When you think, you will thank.

EDITOR LEAVING ON TOUR OF BIBLE LAND

The editor and Mrs. Vanderpool, some members of Lyons Baptist Church in Louisville and others from Tennessee and Kentucky are to leave Nov. 29, on a tour reaching into Europe, Africa and Asia.

They fly from Louisville to Cyprus. A large Greek ship will cruise the Mediterranean Sea from one country to another at night serving also as a hotel. The tour will be in Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey and Israel.

If anyone else would like to join in on this trip of a lifetime, you would need to make reservations this week. Call collect (502) 361-5786, this is the editor's phone number.