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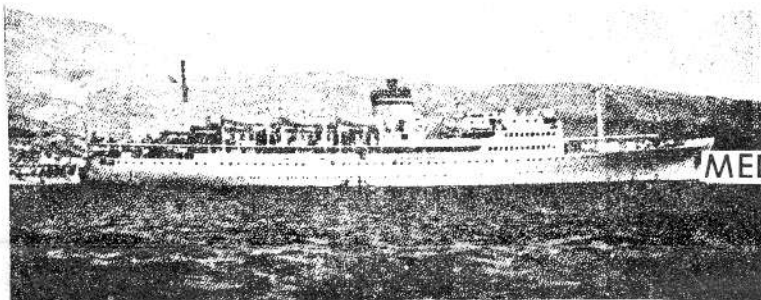
Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:1

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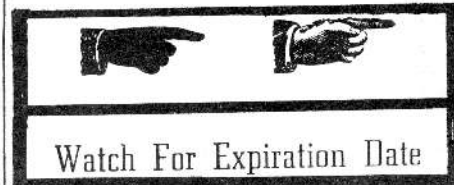
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Therefore Choose Life

By J. H. Smith

(Continued from "Therefore Choose Life" in the Nov. issue. This is the second in a series of articles on this subject by the writer — Editor.)

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

It seems rather strange, but it is true, that men had rather work their way into favor with God and receive life, or purchase it with their money, than to receive it as a gift from God. Of course human pride is the main reason for this; and because of his pride man likes to boast and say, just look what I have done, am I not a pretty good fellow? Like the Pharisee that we read of in Luke 18:11-12, who prayed within himself, and said, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican, I fast twice in a week, I give tithes of all that I possess." This Pharisee didn't ask God for anything, as you can plainly see, he was only telling God how good he was; and he expected God to justify him on the basis of what he had done, but the man must have been badly disappointed, for he didn't receive anything from God, as we can see in the rest of this parable. The publican, that the Pharisee was referring to, when he was thanking God that he was not like even this publican, prayed also there in the temple like this, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Then Jesus said of the publican, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other." Luke 18:13-14. The publican received at the hand of the Lord, but the Pharisee went home empty handed. The world is full of

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EDITOR REPORTS ON THIRD TOUR OF BIBLE LANDS

By H. C. Vanderpool

(I was blessed with the opportunity to make my third tour of Bible lands — Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel — Oct. 30-Nov. 8, 1972. My wife was my co-host on this tour and we were privileged to be with people from many areas of the United States. There were 243 in our tour group. Pictures and reports of this tour are being published in the BAPTIST BANNER. This is article No. 1 of the series. — Editor.)

Monday, Oct. 30, 1972 — On this date we, with those from Louisville, arrived at Standiford Field, checked our baggage through to Atlanta, and at 8:40 A. M. were on our way on Flight 651.

We had in our group some from various cities and towns who were meeting us in Atlanta. All were soon accounted for, baggage all checked through to Nicosia, Cyprus and at 12:25 P. M. (E. S. T.) we boarded our Overseas National Airways plane. We stopped in New York to pick up some additional passengers there. We were delayed here for awhile, but at 5:40 P. M. we left Kennedy International Airport. We were now beginning our long flight across the Atlantic for the Middle East.

We were served supper and before too long we had music and singing from one end of the plane to the other. One minister had his accordion with him and as he played we sang many spiritual songs according to the requests made from the tourists. Traveling east and due to the time change, midnight comes quickly. The first

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PASTORAL CALLS

Cornwell Chapel Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn., has called Elder Floyd Ferguson, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., as pastor. He succeeds Elder F. W. Lambert.

New Home Baptist Church, DeKalb County, Tenn., has called Elder John Reneau of Smithville, Tenn., to her pastorate.

Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., recently called Elder James Suttle, Bethpage, Tenn., as pastor. He is to succeed Elder Paul Hogue.

Long Fork Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn., has called Elder Levi W. Smith of Detroit, Mich., as pastor. He succeeds Elder J. W. Briley.

West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., called Elder W. E. Massey, Lafayette, Tenn., to her pastorate. He succeeds Elder William House.

Good Will Baptist Church, Hartsville, Tenn., called Elder Douglas Curtis, Westmoreland, Tenn., to her full-time pastorate.

Rayon City Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tenn., recently called Elder D. W. Story, Nashville, Tenn., as pastor. He succeeds the late Elder T. C. Jones.

Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn., called Elder Larry Bakken, Lafayette, Tenn., as pastor. He succeeds Elder C. C. Gregory.

Siloam Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., has called Elder Guthrie Thompson to her pastorate. Bro. Thompson is from Westmoreland and succeeds Elder J. D. Sanders.

White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn., called Elder James Gardner of Goodlettsville, as pastor to succeed Elder C. L. Russell.

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky., recently called Elder Jesse Farley, Jr., Lafayette, Tenn., for pastor. He succeeds Elder James Suttle.

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., has called Elder Charles Moore, of Bowling Green, Ky., to its pastorate, succeeding Elder W. E. Massey.

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EDITOR REPORTS ON TOUR

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day is now history.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1972 — This new day begins while we're in flight. At 6:50 A. M. we landed at Malaga, Spain, for a short time. This was for refueling. At 7:40 A. M. we were back in the air on our way to Nicosia. We flew at an altitude of 33,000 ft. The pilot asked us to notice the ice formed outside our windows and informed us that out there the temperature stood at 45 degrees below zero. At 12:50 P. M., local time, we landed at the airport in Nicosia, Cyprus. The temperature was 73 degrees. We boarded our buses (six in all) and began our journey across the island of Cyprus. The population of Cyprus is 640,000 and the city of Nicosia is 110,000. This country has free schools and it is compulsory for children ages 6 through 12 to attend school. Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean. Our guide was Mrs. Rika. In all these countries we are furnished with English speaking guides.

During the afternoon we visited the birthplace of Barnabas (Acts 4:36). We toured the area of Salamis. When Paul and Barnabas were sent from the church at Antioch on their first missionary tour, Salamis, Cyprus, was the first stop they made (Acts 13:1-5).

From here we went to the port of Famagusta where we boarded the ship MTV Sounion which was to be our floating hotel for the next several nights. Before night we had time to go to downtown Famagusta for shopping. Returning to our ship we had supper. After eating we had a



Paul's Well at Tarsus, Turkey.

fire drill. This is required at certain times on the ships. Passing the inspection, at 9:30 P. M. we set sail northeastwardly on the Mediterranean for Turkey.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1972 — We had traveled during the night on the ship from Cyprus and were now at the port of Mersin, Turkey. After breakfast, and the excitement of getting ready for another day in Bible Lands, we went ashore and boarded our buses ready for another epoch in our journey. Our Turkish guide was John Cagelli, a fine young gentleman.

Our first city to visit was Tarsus, the birthplace of the Apostle Paul (Acts 9:11 and Acts 21:39). At that time the area was called Cilicia. We visited Paul's well. The top of the well has been rebuilt but the well itself continues to furnish water as it did during Paul's childhood. We stopped to view Cleopatra's Gate, a portion of the old city wall built about 300 B. C. It was here after the battle of Philippi that Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, met Mark Anthony in 42 B. C. and he followed her to Egypt. It was near Alexandria that he committed suicide.

Geographically, Tarsus as an ancient city stood at an important location. Paul seemed to have been a member of a Jewish sect which had lived at Tarsus since about 171 B. C. Tarsus was once a center of Greek culture. Paul was a Roman citizen (Acts 23:27). The habits, cultures and the mores of the Romans and Greeks existed at Tarsus during the Apostle's lifetime.

Leaving this Biblical and historical city, we traveled down to the seaport of Iskenderun. Here we ate lunch by the sea side as we relaxed and gazed into the beautiful mountains above us. The horizon on this sunlit day was a blend of the beauties of heaven and earth.

After eating, we journey across mountains and through valleys to the city of Antioch (ANTAKYA), which stands on the banks of the Orontes River. In Bible days it was in Syria and was an ancient capital of Syria. The city was founded about 300 B. C. by Seleucus I, the son of Antiochus. At

various times it was the home of Syrian kings and governors. In the days of its glory, it was called "Queen of the East". It was almost as great as Rome and Alexandria.

Antioch means more to Christians because of the Bible records. "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). The early church at Antioch sent out Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary tour (Acts 13:1-3). After their return and before they left again, they went from Antioch to Jerusalem and investigated to see if the church there had sent men to Antioch to preach that circumcision was essential to salvation. Finding they had not, the Jerusalem brethren sent letters back to the church at Antioch clearing up this matter (Please read Acts 15:1-29).

After touring the city, now in Turkey near the Syrian-Turkish boundary, we returned to Iskenderun where our ship had docked, sailing from Mersin during the day. We drove through the Antioch Valley and across the mountains back to the port. We went aboard and at 6:00 P. M. we began our voyage south on the Mediterranean. We were to arrive at Beirut, Lebanon, next morning. After supper, I attended a tour host meeting and then retired for the night. While we slept we crossed the areas where the apostles sailed the sea many times carrying the gospel of Christ to lost humanity.

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Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,

I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way. The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;

And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,

For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done.

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true;

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Minister's prayer: May the members of my congregation be as free with money as they are with advice, and their minds as open as their mouths.

Therefore Choose Life

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the Pharisee type of people today, who talk of what they have done instead of telling of what Jesus has done for them, giving glory to themselves instead of glorifying Him. But in God's plan, He has fixed it so that the glory will return to Him, where it belongs. He isn't paying off a debt when He issues to us eternal life, He is imparting a gift, an unmerited favor, on the basis of the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

This Gift Of Life Is Free To All

On God's part everything that is needed for man's salvation has been fixed, all has been made ready, as we find illustrated in one of the parables of Jesus in Luke 14:16-17, "Come; for all things are now ready". Not only do we find in this parable that all things are made ready, but we see our Lord's great invitation, Come. The way is open, and the offer is free, and so if men go to hell, they have nobody to blame but themselves; certainly no one can bring any charge against Almighty God who loves sinners and offered up His only begotten Son (John 3:16).

The greatest values of all time and for all men are not bought with money, nor worked for by our hands. Some people seem to think that if they have money they can have whatever they want, but such is not true, far from it. Give an ear to this; "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation

received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:18-19. When Jesus was hanging on that old rugged cross, He was paying my sin debt and yours. Jesus payed it all, He bought my soul at Calvary, and by His blood He made life free for you and me.

On one autumn night forty-seven years ago the Lord graciously saved me, He quickened my soul and gave me life; but if there had been a price to pay, I would have gone sadly without it, because I didn't have any price to pay, not even one ten cent piece did I have in my pocket. I can say, however, as Paul said, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift". II Corinthians 9:15. My heart was yearning for the Bread of life, and my soul was thirsty for the water of life, and Jesus satisfied my soul, after I had tried everything else." And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

God Gives Life To Those Who Have Given Nothing

When Jesus was dying on the cross, giving His life for sinners, there were two thieves being crucified with Him, one on either side of Him. One of these thieves turned to Jesus and said, "Lord remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom". And Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43.

Here was a hardened criminal, a man who had spent all his life taking from others that which did not belong to him; and even right up to a few minutes before he died, he, with his partner in crime, together with the mob standing around,

were scoffing, scolding, and hurling insults at the Saviour. What did this man, this outlaw, have to give in exchange for life? His past life was very black, indeed, and he didn't have time to do any good works, not even to be baptised, because his life was ebbing out. But when he repented and turned to Jesus and said, "Lord remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom" the Lord tenderly spoke and said, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise". This thief received life from the Lord right then, and Jesus gave him the promise that very shortly he would live with him in paradise. The Lord gave the thief more than he asked for; he asked Jesus to remember him when he comes in His kingdom, but Jesus said, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise."

None of us, not just thieves, but including thieves, have done anything to bring the Lord under obligation to save us, but He is merciful to all who call upon His name, even to those who have gone down into the very gutter of sin and degradation. So to anyone who thinks that he has gone too far in sin to be saved, let him take courage in the fact that Jesus can and will save the chiefest of sinners, and the thief is just one example of that.

(To be continued)

REPORT OF OFFERINGS FOR SECOND QUARTER OF 1972

APRIL — Parkwood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$48.78; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$103.73; Sister Ana Hargis, Ind., \$3.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Macedonia Baptist, Adolphus, Ky., \$10.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$171.54; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$50.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, (Continued on Page 4)

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

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Route 3, Highway 240
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First Session: March 27, 28, 29, 1973

SUBJECTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Ministerial Duties, Ethics and Habits Elder F. W. Lambert
Study Methods for Sermon Preparation Elder F. L. Ray
Church History Elder H. C. Vanderpool
Harmony of Old and New Testaments Elder W. T. Russell

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FINANCIAL REPORT FROM ISRAEL

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Ky., \$30.00; Lafayette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$40.25; Sulfer Fork Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$10.00; Bro. Kenneth Woodall, Gallatin, Tenn., \$25.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$200.00; Kokomo Baptist, Kokomo, Ind., \$46.15; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., \$73.01; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$13.30; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$150.00; Lafayette S. S. class, Lafayette, Tenn., \$25.00, and Praters Creek Baptist, Pickens, S. C., \$150.00. TOTAL, \$1,184.86.

MAY — Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$106.18; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$233.33; Salem Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$123.01; Macednia Baptist, Adolphus, Ky., \$27.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$40.00; Faith Baptist, Roseville, Mich., \$75.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$19.65; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$112.10; Fairview Baptist, Westmoreland, Tenn., \$30.00. TOTAL \$871.27.

JUNE — Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$40.00; Dixon Creek Baptist, \$102.83; Concord Baptist, White House, Tenn., \$223.12; Meadorville Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$55.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$124.48; Old Pleasant Point Baptist, Ingle, Ky., \$33.00; Friendly Baptist, Detroit, Mich., \$175.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$85.01; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., \$37.50; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$109.41. TOTAL \$921.41.

All of the offerings listed above were recorded in the month in which they were received. I mention this because sometimes the offering is sent the month before, but it doesn't reach us till the next.

If I have made no mistake, I acknowledged each gift with a letter to each individual church, but if I fail to do this, I would appreciate you informing me about the failure.

We thank each church and individual again for your support, both prayerful and financial. May the Lord richly bless and reward you.

Sincerely in His name,
Henry and Annie Laurie Smith



Evangelist Eugene Blankenship

WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

Nov. 24, 1972
Route 4, Box 162
Camden, Tenn., 38320

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord. I am writing to let you know about some changes the Lord has made for us in our ministry.

First let me thank you for all the prayers and the support you have graciously given to our ministry, may God bless you in our prayer.

Yes He did it again, the Lord answered our prayer for full-time work for Him. I am the full-time pastor of the Chalk Hill Baptist Church and have been for the last eight months. My family and I now live in the church's parsonage beside the church in Camden, Tennessee. A few Sundays ago we had 124 in Sunday School and the house was packed out for preaching. I have been blessed in preaching to more people in the last year than ever before. I now have a program on the WFWL radio station in Camden, Tennessee, which can be heard daily Monday through Friday at 11:30 A. M. In the last eight months I have preached 283 sermons and saw many people make public profession of faith in Christ; also performed 5 weddings, 3 funerals and had 2 baptizings in the Tennessee River. In doing all this we

traveled several thousand miles by car and airplane. In all this we give all the glory and praise to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Because of the heavy lifting involved in the putting up of the big tent I began to have trouble with my back. The doctors advised me not to lift for a time if I wanted to avoid serious injury to my back. After much prayer I made the decision to sell the tent so I could continue full-speed ahead in the work God called me to do. At this point I want to thank everyone who supported our tent ministry the two years we had the tent.

Before I close this letter let me say to you I see a greater need to send out the Gospel to a lost world than ever before. At the same time I see a greater opportunity than ever before, because of radio, television, the printed page, and the fast ways of communication and travel. But all of these ways costs a lot in this modern day we live in. Please join me in prayer that God will raise up a great host of Christians who will "Win the Lost at any Cost".

I would like to preach in more churches, be on more radio stations, preach more revivals, and see more lost souls saved, do more mission work, see more churches established than ever before. I believe this is your desire too.

Please let me invite you to share with me in our God given ministry. "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." Phil 4:17 Write me and let me know if you would like to pray and help me in this work for our Lord.

Sincerely yours,
Eugene Blankenship
Phone (901) 584-4241

Deadline For Announcements

The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL - CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. Old Union Missionary Baptist Church voted in regular business October, 1972, to organize the Old Union Baptist Ministers School.

ARTICLE 2. Our purpose is to aid God-called Preachers in obtaining a greater knowledge of the Bible that they may have a burning zeal to win the lost, establish and build true Baptist churches, teach His word, and accept and

fulfill His purpose in their lives.

ARTICLE 3. All instructors shall be chosen by a unanimous vote of the school committee, and subject for approval by the church.

ARTICLE 4. All applicants must furnish evidence of a genuine experience of salvation and a call from God to preach the gospel.

ARTICLE 5. All applicants must be approved by unanimous vote
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of the school committee.
ARTICLE 6. It shall not be the purpose of this school to provide a place for discussion or debate of the differences that may exist among churches or ministers. The Old Union Baptist School Committee will have the authority to terminate such discussion and in the case of extreme circumstances ask participants to absent themselves from the school.