

# Baptist Banner

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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displeased because of the truth. Psalms 60:4  
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## Enon Baptist Association To Convene In 123rd Annual Session

The Enon Baptist Association is to convene in its one hundred and twenty-third annual session on Friday, October 6, 1972, at 10:00 A. M. with Bethany Baptist Church, five miles north of Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.

Officers elected last year were: Elder J. C. Austin, Mod.; Elder J. E. Shoulder, Clerk and Elder Floyd Ferguson, Treas.

Elder Thomas Carter is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday; on Saturday Elder J. E. Shoulders is to preach the Memorial Sermon; Elder Larry Bakken will preach the Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday. Several items and subjects of interest will be discussed during the three-day session.

## Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church 1957-1972

By Calvin Perrigo

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the organization in an all day service the 5th Sunday in October, (29th) 1972. The public is invited to attend this service. Services begin at 10:00 A. M. and continue through the day with lunch served at the noon hour.

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church was organized October 27, 1957, in Indianapolis with 20 charter members. Eight of these original 20 remain on the church record. Fellowship has provided a church home for 306 members during her history and now has a membership of 203. Probably the largest increase for any one

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## Southwestern District Baptist Association Will Meet October 6-8, 1972

On Friday, October 6, 1972, the Southwestern District Baptist Association is to meet for three days in the 124th annual session with White's Chapel Baptist Church three and one-half miles northeast of Jackson, Tenn., on the Bedford-White Rd., at 10:00 A. M.

Subjects of Sunday Schools, Orphans Home, Missions, Christian Education, Prayer meetings and others of interest will be discussed during the three-day session.

Officers elected last year were: Elder C. F. Carter, Mod., and Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk. Names of preachers for the annual sermons were not available.

## Wiseman Baptist Association To Convene In 81st Annual Session

The Wiseman Baptist Association is to convene in its eighty-first annual session on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, 1972, with Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.

Elder Harold D. Linville is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday and on Saturday Elder W. T. Russell is to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. A number of subjects concerning true Baptist principles and work are to be discussed.

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

## Revival

A revival is to begin at Mountain View Baptist Church on Sunday night, Oct. 1, 1972, at Cullman, Ala. Elder Thurman Tillman, Wadsworth, Ohio, and Elder Kenneth Massey, Bowling Green, Ky., are to do the preaching.

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## Baptist Banner Policy

The purpose and intent of this publication is to do a mission work by which the work of God may be advanced. This may be done by articles of history, revival announcements and reports, subjects of Bible doctrines, ordinations, missions, radio work, church organizations, associations and their work, Orphans Home, educational matters, debates, singings, reports from missionaries at home and in foreign countries, the distribution of good sound Baptist books and literature and other announcements and articles of general interest.

I reserve the right to refuse publication of articles that are not written in the proper spirit, those that reflect upon another to the detriment of the Lord's cause or those judged to be unsound.

However, there is the possibility that in some articles or announcements there would be things said or stated that would be of general information, but would not have editorial endorsement. — Editor.

## 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.

## Fellowship Missionary

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month was experienced in November of 1966 when 22 united with the church.

Six pastors have served the church: Elders C. D. Williams, 1957-59; C. C. Gregory, 1959-63; Calvin Halliburton, 1963-64; James Oliver, 1964-69; Carlos Gammons, 1969-71; Calvin Perrigo, 1971 to present. All these pastors have baptism from Enon Association churches and 5 were ordained by Enon and Wiseman Association churches. Elder Carlos Gammons was ordained by Fellowship church. Four of these pastors were baptized by Elder Calvin Gregory.

The following brethren have served the church as clerk: Deacon J. L. Gregory, Joseph H. Turner, Donald C. Wright, and Nathan York is the present clerk.

The church has offered and supported full time services in Indianapolis. Sunday School, Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening services are being maintained at the present time. The evening services have an average attendance of 30 to 35 on Sunday and 20 to 25 on Wednesday nights.

The church engages in two effort meetings per year. The spring meeting starts the second Sunday night in May and the fall meeting begins Sunday night before Thanksgiving in November. The majority of the preachers assisting in these meetings have come from Enon, Wiseman, and Siloam Association churches. Fellowship church has received great strength from God thru the work of these churches and their ministers and has no desire to sever relationship with these sister churches.

The church has ordained 7 deacons, Bros. Herb Anderson, O. D. Kemp, and W. G. Massey in August of 1958. In November, 1961, Bros. Billy R. Gregory, William Kemp, Forrest Oldham, and Joseph H. Turner were ordained. Other deacons have been, Charlie Turner, Richard Willis, Hules Keen, Tom Patterson, and J. L. Gregory. Present deacons are Billy R. Gregory, Hules Keen, W. G. Massey, Forrest Oldham, Joseph H. Turner, and Richard Willis.

The church has ordained the following to the work of the ministry: Elders Jim Carter, Carlos Gammons, Hugh Hudson, Wayne Shoulders, and Bobby Walden. These brethren were ordained in December, 1963. Three of these men have pastoral experience. Thirteen ordained ministers have held membership with Fellowship Church. The present ordained ministers are Elders Herb Anderson, Calvin Perrigo, and Othel Russell.

There are six licensed ministers within the church at the present time, Bros. Oliver Day, Dewey Fay Jones, W. G. Massey, Jimmy Parker, Donald C. Wright, and Nathan York. Most of these brethren are active and all are an asset to the church.

One of the greatest blessings Fellowship church enjoys is the character of the young

people that take such an active part in the work of the church. We thank God for their labor of love and their willingness to serve the Lord in the church.

Fellowship Church lettered out the majority of the charter members of Southside and Liberty Missionary Baptist Churches of Indianapolis and maintains a close fellowship with these sister churches at this time. Various missions have operated out of Fellowship and there is an active mission point at the present time under the care of Bro. Jimmy Parker.

The present church building, located at 1032 South Holmes Avenue was occupied in February, 1961, after the membership had practically built it themselves. The Lord has blessed those efforts and continues to bless the membership at this time. There was a move in the May conference, 1970, to pay off the building debt, this was done and on the 5th Sunday in August, 1970, an all day service dedicated the building to the Lord. Since this dedication service, the building has been air conditioned, carpet, and a sound system installed. All these blessings are free of debt. The church is aware of these material blessings from God.

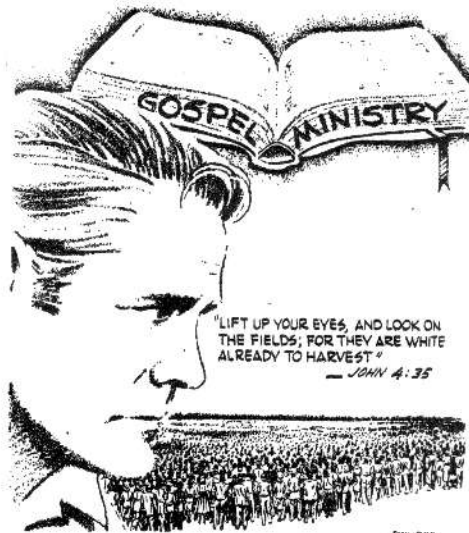
The Lord continues to bless the work in saving the lost and adding them to the church. Eleven have been baptized the past 15 months and three additions by letter.

We could say, without fear of contradiction, Fellowship Church has experienced this prediction of Jesus, "In the world ye shall have tribulation", but she also knows the truth of "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We give thanks and praise to God for every effort put forth in the work of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church to this present time and face the future with faith in His word, "That with God all things are possible."

(This was read before Conference No. 178, August 19, 1972.)

"Then said I, Here am I; send me." — Isa. 6:8





# The Theology of John the Baptist

(An Outline Survey)

John, the first Baptist, believed and taught a good deal more Baptist (Bible) doctrine than is commonly attributed to him. Some have even tried to call his baptism "pre-Christian" or "sub-Christian." If that were true, then the baptism of Christ was not Christian baptism—an absurdity beyond reason. Consider the following list of doctrines from the ministry of John as stated in Scripture, and decide for yourself.

John believed in:

1. the necessity of preaching—Matt. 3:1;
2. repentance—Matt. 3:2, 8, 11;
3. the Kingdom—Matt. 3:2;
4. faith ("at hand" points forward, a sign of faith)—Matt. 3:2, Acts 19:4;
5. inspiration of Scripture—Matt. 3:3, Luke 3:2, John 1:17;
6. the Messiah (Christ, Anointed One of God)—Matt. 3:3, 11, and 11:3;
7. the immersion of accountable, confessing individuals on divine authority—Matt. 3:6, 11, and 21:24-27, Mark 1:5, John 1:6, 33, and 3:23;
8. public confession of sins—Mt. 3:6;
9. the fact of sin—Matt. 3:6-7.
10. the worthlessness of an impersonal religion—Matt. 3:7, 9;
11. coming judgment—Mt. 3:7, 10, 11, 12;
12. the necessity of fruits of a righteous life before baptism—Matt. 3:8;
13. the omnipotence of God—Matt. 3:9;
14. the Holy Spirit—Matt. 3:11;
15. the baptism in the Holy Spirit to be performed by Christ—Mt. 3:11;
16. eternal punishment of the lost (hell)—Matt. 3:12;
17. the importance of truth even in times of testing—Mt. 14:3-12;
18. discipleship (following to be a learner)—Matt. 11:2, 14:12;
19. the necessity of high moral standards for all—Mt. 14:3-4, 21:32;
20. the gospel of Jesus Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection—Mark 1:1;
21. the remission of sin—Mark 1:4 (upon repentance, not upon baptism; else why demand fruits before baptism?);
22. salvation—Luke 3:6;
23. prayer—Luke 11:1;
24. social justice and honesty—Luke 3:10-14;
25. the pre-existence of Christ—John 1:15; 30;
26. grace—John 1:16-17;
27. God a Spirit—John 1:18;
28. Christ is one with God, and He has shown us God—John 1:18, 34;
29. atonement—John 1:29, 36;
30. communion with God—John 1:33 (see Luke 11:1);
31. the helplessness of man—John 3:27;
32. the bride of Christ—Jn. 3:29;
33. witnessing—John 5:33, 35.

Do you believe as much of the truth of God as John did?—Baptist Bible College Herald.

## Church tax exemption misuse is reported

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Church-related persons are using state sales-tax exemption certificates to illegally evade paying the tax on personal items, according to the Covington office of the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

T. J. Averdick, Covington district manager, said church-affiliated persons are purchasing cosmetics, foods and other items at area stores, then presenting state sales tax purchase exemption certificates.

Averdick said "audits will be conducted of the known violators, and retailers accepting the fraudulent certificates will be held liable" under law.

Conviction on misuse of the exemption certificates carries a jail term of up to 30 days and fine up to \$100, according to the Department of Revenue.

## LEANING ON THEE

Lord, who am I to teach the way  
To little children day by day  
So prone myself to go astray.

I teach them knowledge, but I know  
How faint the flicker and how slow  
The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them power to will and do  
But only now to learn anew  
My own great weakness thru and thru.

I teach them love for all mankind  
And all God's creatures, but I find  
My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be  
Oh, let the little children see  
The teacher leaning hard on Thee.

## Country Parson



"A fellow can never be sure what kind of descendants he'll have, but he can give them a good ancestor." —CJ

## Was The Church In Existence Before Pentecost?

Everything essential to a Scriptural church was in existence before Pentecost

1. Jesus was a King before Pentecost. John 18:37.
2. His kingdom suffered before Pentecost, Matt. 11:12.
3. Men pressed into the kingdom before Pentecost, Luke 16:16.
4. Some hindered others from entering the kingdom before Pentecost, Matt. 23:13.
5. There was an ordained ministry before Pentecost, Mark 3:13-14.
6. There was a commission to preach before Pentecost, Luke 9:1-6.
7. They were authorized to baptize before Pentecost, John 4:2.
8. They had the Lord's Supper before Pentecost, Luke 22:19.
9. They had a rule of discipline before Pentecost, Matt. 18:15-17.
10. They had the gospel before Pentecost, Matt. 24:14, Mark 1:1.
11. Jesus said there was no doubt about its real existence before Pentecost, Luke 11:20.
12. Peter said that the company had existed from the baptism of John, Acts 1:21.
13. The Lord's kingdom thus begun shall have no end, Luke 1:33.
14. All power of authority was in Jesus hands before Pentecost, Matt. 28:18-20.
15. The Bridegroom had His bride before Pentecost, John 3:28-29.
16. All things had been given into Christ's hands before Pentecost, Jno. 13:3-4.
17. When Jesus left the world, He left His "House" and gave His servants "a work to do" and "authority" and commanded them watch, for they know not when the Master of the House cometh Mark 13:31-37. Now, I Timothy 3:15, reads, "The house is the church." If the house is the church as the Bible says, and Jesus "left his house" when He ascended, then the church was in existence when Jesus left the world and before Pentecost.

## REVIVAL HELD

A good meeting is reported from Chestnut Mound Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. One was saved. Pastor C. B. Huddleston was assisted by Bro. Robert Hughes.

## Revival

A revival is to begin on Sunday night, Oct. 22, 1972, at Beech Bottom Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Elder Frank Carr, the pastor, is to be assisted by Elder Landon C. Long. Bro. Clemons Evetts is to be in charge of the singing. The public is invited to attend.

### ARE CHRISTIANS SAVED FOREVER?

The answer to this lies in the simple meaning of the word, SAVED!

If a thing is SAVED it is never lost. If anything is ever lost, it is because it was not saved. That which is saved is not lost, and if it is ever lost then it isn't saved.

The Lord is not in the losing business, but in the Saving and Keeping business. We are told in John 17:12, and II Timothy 1:12, and in I Peter 1:5, and in Jude, verse 25, that the Lord is able to Keep, and that He does Keep, all who believe on Him. And that those who do believe upon Him ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD. Now, if the Devil has power enough to get a saved person, then that shows that Satan has more power to get than God has to save and keep.

This is unthinkable to anyone who knows anything about the Bible, and the power of Almighty God.

Furthermore, if the Devil could get one of God's children he could get two; and then he could also get 4; then 8, and if he could get 8, he could go on and get 16, and 32 and 64, and 132, and 264, and 528, and then could go on to get 1,056, and on and on and on, until he got every one of God's children.

Now, if the devil does not, then, recapture all of God's children, WHY DOES HE NOT DO IT?

There can be but one answer to this last question, and that is, "He doesn't get them because he loves them so much He doesn't want to pull them down to hell with himself." That would make the salvation of sinners depend upon the grace and love and mercy of the Devil, instead of on the grace and love and mercy of God.

This, too, is unthinkable.

Thank God, He does not cast off His children, but saves them unto the uttermost of time and eternity.—The Baptist Instructor.

## QUOTES

Believe me, no truer word was ever spoken than that the drinking nation is the carpenter of its own coffin and the digger of its own grave.—J. A. Cullen

The Bible, as no other book, will lift our vision from the murky flats of life's low levels to the sunlit summits of faith and prayer.—George H. Ferris

America is great because it is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.—Dwight D. Eisenhower



Rachel's tomb in Bethlehem (Genesis 35:19).

## Revival Report

A revival recently closed at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Ind. Five were saved during the revival. A good meeting was reported. Elder Billy Moran, the pastor, was assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

### Population Growing By 85,000 a Year

Israel's population grows by 80,000-85,000 a year, at present immigration rates. The increase is 25-27 per 1,000 Jews, of whom 17 derive from natural increase, and the rest from immigration.

Among Arabs, the increase is 40 per 1,000 inhabitants, all of them deriving from natural increase, according to Dr. Moshe Sikron.

He was presenting the "Statistical Abstract for 1971"—a slim volume containing almost 800 pages printed for the first time on extra-thin paper. Its price is IL15.

Dr. Sikron pointed out that the fertility of the Jewish community is on the rise. Birth expectancies per mother were 3.2 in 1967, and 3.4 last year. At present rates of population increase (including immigration), there should be 4,250,000 inhabitants in Israel (excluding the administered areas) by 1985, including 3.5m. Jews.

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

## Bro. Don Curtis Preparing For Mission Field In Israel

Another God-called man is preparing for the mission field. Bro. Don Curtis has made public his call to the ministry and also his call to do mission work in Israel. He is married, has two children, ages 11 and 7. He is a member of Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. This church represents annually in the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association.

Some time will be involved in his visiting the churches here and becoming better acquainted with the people. Also the churches becoming better informed about his call and his intentions in Israel.

Bro. Curtis is available for appointments in our churches. You may write him as follows: Bro. Don Curtis, Route 1, Westmoreland, Tenn. 37186. If you want to call him you may do so at (615) 644-2702. We hope to publish a picture of Bro. Curtis and his family in the BANNER in a later issue. Let us remember him in our prayers and financial support.