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Lafayette Baptist Orphans Home



Back row, left to right: James Johnson, 16; Glen Thomas, Home Supt.; Mrs. Velma Thomas, Matron; John Young, 17. Middle row, left to right: Warren Johnson, 7; John Johnson, 9; James Jones, 10. Front row, left to right: Mary Ann Johnson, 5; Martha Bell Johnson, 3.

LAFAYETTE, TENN.—The Johnson children are from Amos, Ky.; the Jones boy is from White House, Tenn., and John Young is from Sparta, Tenn.

The Lafayette Baptist Orphans Home is located two and one-half miles north of Lafayette, Tenn., on the Scottsville Road. The Home is owned by churches representing in the South Western District, Enon and Wiseman Baptist Associations. Siloam Baptist Association supports the Home, as do individuals and other churches. Bro. and Mrs. Glen Thomas are superintendent and matron of the Home.

The boys in the Home all attend school in Lafayette. Each of the children owns a cow and after the calves are sold they have them to milk. They also help with the crops. Corn, hay and tobacco are grown on the farm.

Any inquiries or offerings may be addressed to Hobart Barton, Treasurer, Lafayette, Tennessee.

Eternal Life or The Wrath of God

By Robert Gregory

(This is the second in a series of articles on this subject. The first was published in the June issue of the BANNER.—Editor)

4. In the fourth place, eternal life is life of highest knowledge.

Our Lord brings that out in a wonderful way in an utterance that He made at one of the supreme moments of His life, in His prayer with His disciples the night before His crucifixion, when as He lifted up His eyes to Heaven and spoke to the Father, He said "This is eternal life, that they should know thee the only true God, and him who thou didst send, even Jesus Christ" (John 17:3, A.S.V.)

Eternal life is full knowledge of the Infinite. The knowledge the most erudite scholar has gathered from books, the knowledge the profoundest philosopher has reasoned out for himself in his reasonings, the knowledge the most brilliant scientist has discovered as he studied the rocks beneath his feet or the stars above his head, is nothing to the knowledge that the humblest man or woman obtains who enters into eternal life, knowledge of God, full knowledge of the Infinite.

5. In the fifth place, eternal life is perfect life, completeness of life.

It is life in its perfection, in its completeness. All other life than the eternal life which we receive when we trust in Jesus Christ is partial, fragmentary, unsymmetrical, unbalanced, incomplete. "Eternal life" is life perfected, filled out, symmetrical, perfectly balanced, complete.

We have a suggestion of this in the words of Paul to Timothy in II Timothy 3:15-17 where he says, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Every Scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for Doctrine of for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may

Letter from Japan

323 Koi Naka Machi
Hiroshima, Japan
June 21, 1966

Elder H. C. Vanderpool
2303 Grandview Drive
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Brother Vanderpool:

I received your letter and the two copies of the paper, Baptist Banner. Thank you very much, and I will say that I am glad that you have started the paper. I believe that you will try to carry on for the good of the cause, and that is what we really need.

I don't have too much to write just now, but I will try to write as much as I

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Letter from Japan

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can, and as often as I can.

I am keeping rather busy, studying language with Brother Tajima, our Japanese pastor, and preaching all I can. I preach occasionally here at Koi Church. I have preached in Brother Bacon's services twice, and I plan to go back to their place this coming Sunday and speak. I have preached at Brother Carr's church in Yamaguchi once since I returned to Japan. It seems that I am enjoying preaching in Japanese more than ever before. I am trying my best to develop more of the language so that I can do more work in various fields. I have been searching for a place to start a new work, and we found a place, where I believe the Lord led us; it is in Tokuyama, a city of about 100,000 population, southwest of Hiroshima. It is about 50 miles from here, which takes about two hours to drive in a car, according to Japanese speed laws. We can also live in this house till we can find another one for a dwelling. I had rather have our residence separate from our meeting place, if a place can be found, and I think it can be in due time. There is a Christian lady, who is a member of Brother Carr's church in Yamaguchi, living in a town near to Tokuyama, and she found the place for us; and she is still looking out for us a place of residence. I have looked in various cities for us a place, but nothing seemed to work out for us. Tokuyama came to mind and we began to search

there, and this is where we found the place. So it must be the Lord's will for us. This is a good location for us, because it is centrally located between Hiroshima and where Brother Bacon and Brother Carr's work is. Churches here need fellowship with each other, and of course we missionaries need to work close together in this lonely and needy field.

Annie Laura is making preparation to come over to join me. I guess she will get here sometime in July. We ask all our friends and God's people to pray earnestly for us and the work here. I plan to start holding services in our new location very soon. Please pray for our efforts and that the Word of the Lord will prosper in this new field and that souls will be saved.

I will send you a late picture of Annie Laura and myself when she gets here. You may run this address in the paper till further notice. Just as soon as we get permanently settled I will let you know. If we get moved before I inform you of the new address, all correspondence will be forwarded to us at the new location.

Just a few words about the church here at Koi. The attendance has gone down quite a bit since we left in '63, but this kind of condition has existed all along since the church was started; the attendance goes up and down. There has been one soul saved in recent weeks. A high school boy was saved and the pastor baptized him into the fellowship of the church on Sunday of June 12th. The biggest hindrance in church attendance here is Sunday work; everybody goes or here on Sunday as any other day, and the people who have jobs have to work or be without a job. Some members just quit church for various reasons, and it seems there is little or nothing that we, as missionaries, can do about it. But there is work to do, and we must be about the Master's business. We need everyone's prayers. So, please pray for us.

I trust that you and family are well and prosperous in the work of the Lord. I hope that all our churches and pastors are having good success.

Sincerely in His name,
James H. Smith

Revival Reports

Grace Baptist Church, Detroit. Four professions of faith, with four additions to the church. Pastor D. C. Barton was assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Nine professions of faith and 19 additions to the church. Pastor W. E. Massey was assisted by Elder Robert W. Gregory.

West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. One profession of faith and one addition to the church. Pastor C. C. Gregory, Tenn. Four professions of faith, with pool.

McFerrin Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville. Six professions of faith and six additions to the church.

Rayon City Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tenn. Four professions of faith, with two additions. Pastor H. A. Newberry was assisted by Elder Bobby Sutton.

Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Five professions of faith, with four additions to the church. Pastor Raymond Smith was assisted by Elder Robert W. Gregory.

Hopewell Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. One profession of faith, with one addition to the church. Pastor B. D. Carter was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Mission Revival, Cheatham County Tenn. This is an arm of White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Elder Ronald Veteto, mission minister, was assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory. There were three professions of faith, with two additions to the church. Pastor Hollis Atnip was assisted by Elder Bobby Sutton.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill. Three professions of faith, with five additions to the church. Pastor Calvin Perrigo was assisted by Elder D. C. Barton.

Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. One profession of faith, with four additions to the church. Pastor Calvin Perrigo was assisted by Elder D. C. Barton.

Wrath or Life

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be complete, thoroughly furnished unto every good work."

Here we see that a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ comes through the written Word, and thus eternal life comes through the Word, as John puts it in John 20:31, "these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." And we further see that by receiving the eternal life through the Word a man becomes "complete", obtains complete life, Eternal Life.

6. In the sixth place, eternal life is having life, the very life of God imparted to us.

The Apostle John says in his first epistle, 1st chapter and 2nd verse, "and the life was manifested that is manifested in the person of Jesus Christ, and we have seen and bear witness and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the father, and was manifested unto us.

Eternal life, then, is the life of the infinitely Holy and Blessed God, the infinite life, imparted to us. O! think of it, that it is your privilege and my privilege, the privilege of me, a poor sinner, an ignoramus, a worm of the dust, one whose heart was once set upon the silly follies of the world and revolting sin, to have the life of the Blessed God, the very life of God Himself, this infinite life, imparted to me!

7. In the seventh place eternal life is endless life.

Endlessness is not the most essential characteristic of eternal life; its qualities is more than its duration, but nevertheless it is endless. I thank God it is. I thank God that He offers me a life that is not only infinite in its quality but endless in its duration.

I cannot be satisfied with anything that ever comes to an end. I love flowers. I look in joy upon the little daisy in the grass, on the pansy with its happy sweetly speaking face, upon the lily of the valley, in its modesty and purity and matchless beauty, to me the clearest of all flowers, upon the rose in its rich, superb splendor; but, as I look upon an exquisite bunch of roses, sadness steals over me for I cannot but think how soon they will fade. "Leaf by leaf, the roses fall; drop by drop, the springs run dry."

I love nature, especially the glorious beauty of a sunset in the mountains or by the sea. But as I look at the green and the crimson, the azure and the gold and

it seems as if the very gates of Heaven were about to swing open, it all fades, and it is night and I am chilled and lonely.

I love high and noble and ennobling human friendships (in which I have been peculiarly favoured of God); but a few years pass and they are broken by separation or by death and it is all over, and nothing but a memory and a heartache remain.

So it is with everything on earth—it ends. Thank God for something that never ends, something that always has in it the freshness of the dawn, something that ever stretches on and on and on into the illimitable spaces of ever increasing glory before you. Thank God for "everlasting life," O what a life it is.

Such then is eternal life, real life, fullness of life, satisfying life, life of highest knowledge, complete life, the life of God imparted to us, and life that never ends. Do you not desire it? Do you not desire it with an intensity that will not take "No" for an answer? I do. I would if necessary, sacrifice everything I hold dear on earth to obtain it, and still think I had made a good bargain even if it should cost me the sacrifice of everything that men hold dear on earth. Think God, eternal life is mine! I have it now.

I already have it in its beginnings and I have the sure promise of its fulness. I shall never lose it (John 10:28-29). Will you have it too?

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Missionary's Father Dies

Thomas D. Carr, 70, father of Elder J. Frank Carr, a Baptist Missionary to Japan, now at home, died at Smith County Hospital, Carthage, Tennessee, on July 11, after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Carr was born in Putnam County, Tennessee, but had spent most of his life in the New Middleton Community, Smith County. He was a farmer and a member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted on July 13, by Elders Phocian Gibbs and W. V. Deweese, at a Lebanon Funeral Chapel.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Gerie Stallings Carr; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Nelle Enoch, Carthage; sons, Thomas Lee Carr, Vancouver, Wash., William Howard Carr, New Middleton, Tenn., Robert D. and Donald Carr, Carthage; a sister, Mrs. Etta Wauford, Toledo, Ohio; three brothers, Walter and Brice Carr, Lebanon, Tenn. and William Carr, Flint, Mich.; and 17 grandchildren.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Carr and family.

Old Union Church Celebrates 171st Anniversary

On July 17, Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Warren County, Ky., celebrated her 171st anniversary.

There were all-day services with Sunday school and the regular worship service in the morning, lunch was served at noon, and in the afternoon there was special singing by the Dixieaires and The Hargis Children Trio. Elder J. Hall Grime, Lebanon, Tenn. was the guest speaker in the afternoon service.

An 86-page history of the church, 1795-1966, had been compiled and written by the pastor, Elder H. C. Vanderpool, which was distributed on that day. The church enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship. A good crowd was in attendance.

A revival meeting began that night and is in progress with good interest as the BANNER goes to press.

BOOKS

You may order a copy of the 86-page History Of Old Union Missionary Baptist Church for \$1.00 per copy.

There are a few copies of Twentieth Century Baptists that are also available at \$2.00 per copy.

You may order these books from: BAPTIST BANNER, 2303 Grandview Dr., Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

Bible Reading In Our Public Schools

By P. D. Ballard

There seems to be differences of opinion relative to whether or not the Bible should be read in the public schools of our country. I am sure this sounds odd to the infidels of the world, since we claim to be a Christian nation.

Now allow me to call this to your attention and I think you will readily see who is the author of all this opposition to Bible reading and prayer in the schools. Along about 1914 we find the teachers in the public schools of the Philippine Islands were not allowed to conduct any kind of religious services in the public schools.

"Note for instance, the fact that in the Philippine Islands, a Protestant school-teacher is not permitted to conduct any sort of religious services in the isolated and spiritual desolations where they teach schools, or to use any influence whatsoever that would awaken the conscience or win to Christ and His truth the souls of their pupils." (Romanism and Ruin, P.45)

The above is relative to what was taking place in the Philippines in 1914. Now read what happened in the Islands in about 1919, while Mr. Woodrow Wilson was the President of our beloved union:

"Other Presidents have feared the power of the holy Church and have courted its support, politically, by granting it childish favors, which deceived no one. But this is the first time in the history of the country when the President and a great political party have openly sought an equal and honest alliance with the Catholic Church, and before seeking this political alliance, the President and his party have shown their good faith by works. Through the efforts of Hon. Joseph Tumulty, President Wilson has practically granted that education in the Philippines shall be under control of the Catholic Church: and that religious activity in the great American Army shall be under the direction of the Knights of Columbus.—All these things, and more, show that President Wilson and the Democratic party are sincere in their friendship for the Catholic Church." (Quoted from the National Catholic Register)

As you can easily see, prayer and Bible reading in the schools in the Philippines ceased when Romanism took over. Five years prior to the President

giving the Catholics the control of the school system in the above mentioned Islands, Protestants were barred from any and all religious services in the public schools of the Philippines. This very thing happened when Rome took over the school system of the U.S.A. Today (1966) our state laws are ignored and the federal government, which is predominantly Roman Catholic, has the control of our school system. They have even stepped in to take over the lunch programs of our public schools.

Just a word about Romanisms power in our armed forces. I wondered while in the U.S. Army, why we ate fish on Friday. Now I know. Catholics controlled the menu.

With these barefaced facts before us, how dare any Protestant or Baptist sign a petition with a number of Roman Catholics to ban prayer and Bible reading in our schools? Rome is opposed, to Bible study, unless it be under the jurisdiction of the church(?).

The leaders of our country may be successful in getting some of our citizens to believe that an infidel woman was successful in getting a ban on prayer and Bible reading, but they can't make me believe one woman has that much authority in our government. Catholics seemed to think it wise to use someone for a scape goat in order to keep the public ignorant of their tactics.

Catholics, Protestants, and mislead Baptists have lured the people of this country into looking at Moscow while Rome took over. No religionists can hollow "Communism" any louder than Roman Catholics. The wolves are the ones that can hollow "wolf" the loudest and longest. May the God of all grace pity those that side Romanism in banning prayer and Bible reading in the schools.

Letter from Brother Vetetoe

Goodlettsville, Tennessee
July 11, 1966

Bro. Vanderpool:

We received the paper last month and enjoyed reading it. I really missed it the few months it was not published.

As you know we have been doing mission work for the past 23 months. It has been hard work but we have enjoyed every minute of it. Of course we have some discouraging moments, but a lot of encouraging ones, too.

There have been 10 souls saved since we began this work. We baptized two last Sunday into the fellowship of White Hill Church.

Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY — AUGUST

Drake's Creek Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Pastor James (Pete) Porter is to be assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson.

Hogan's Creek Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor R. D. Brooks is to be assisted by Elder Curtis McClanahan.

Parkwood Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville. Pastor Robert W. Gregory is to be assisted by Bro. Horace Head.

SECOND SUNDAY — AUGUST

Plunkett's Creek Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor W. V. Deeweese is to be assisted by Elder Curtis McClanahan.

Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Hilman Duncan is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

THIRD SUNDAY — AUGUST

Bethel Baptist Church, 879 Orchard St., Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Charles Stapleton is to be assisted by Elder J. C. Austin.

New Salem Baptist Church, Elmwood, Tenn. Pastor Curtis McClanahan is to be assisted by Elder Paul D. Oldham.

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This Mission is located 7½ miles north of Germantown, and 5¼ miles south of Pleasant View on Clarksville Highway in the old Pennicar Church building.

Elder A. G. Gregory has helped me this past week in a wonderful revival, where three souls were saved and two additions to White Hill Church where we have an extended arm.

We have an average Sunday morning attendance of 20 to 30, and about the same number on Sunday night.

We enjoyed an all-day service on the first Sunday of July with about 75 to 80 people present and had a wonderful service.

We could tell you more about the mission and how the Lord has really blessed us but will not take up too much space this time.

We need the prayers and support of God's people. So remember us when you pray and may God richly bless you in the work that you are doing.

Elder Ronald R. Vetetoe
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