

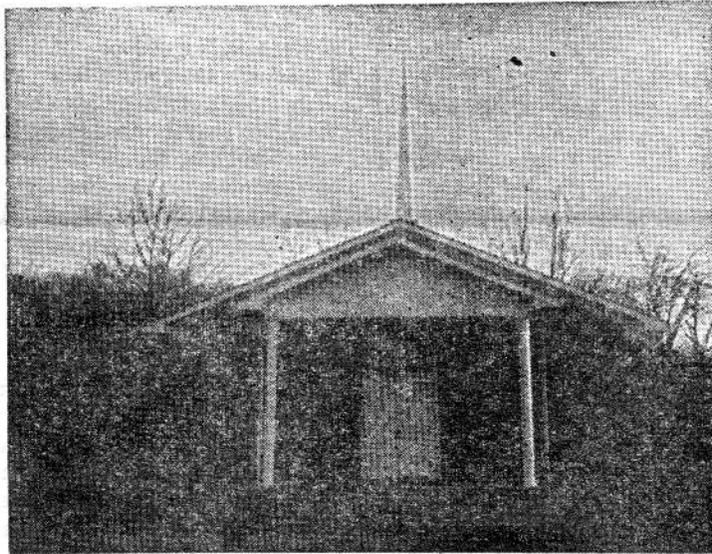
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Calvary Baptist Church



Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tennessee

By H. C. Vanderpool

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church was organized on Sunday, April 23, 1967. The organization services were held in the new brick building, located about one and one-half miles east of Carthage, Tenn., on Highway 70, where the brethren and sisters had worshiped as a Mission. The mission work had been conducted since October, 1966 under the authority of Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.

Calvary church was organized with 12 charter members as follows: Charlie Hughes and wife Lorene Hughes, daughter Holly Hughes; Frank Paris and wife, Lorene Paris; Fite Hughes, Sr. and wife, Marie Hughes; Eugene Agee and wife, Elizabeth Agee, daughter, Sherri Beth Agee; Fite Hughes, Jr. and wife, Cristol Hughes. Letters of all charter members were granted by the Old Union Baptist Church. Three of the charter members are Deacons. They are: Fite Hughes, Sr., Eugene Agee and Charlie Hughes.

Eleven churches from Tennessee and Kentucky were represented in the organizational council by 26 ministers and deacons. Eld. H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of Old Union, served as Moderator, and Eld. C. B. Huddleston served as Clerk.

The sermon was preached by Eld. D. C. Russell. Deacon Everett L. Fields read the letters of the prospective members. The New Hampshire Confession of Faith, XVIII Articles, were read by Eld. C. C. Ramsey, and Eld. Bill McDonald read the Church Covenant, both found in J. M. Pendleton's Baptist Church Manual. Eld. E. C. Butler prayed the organizational prayer. The charge to the new church was given by Eld. Willard McDonald.

After the organizational council was dissolved the new church was called to business order. Officers were elected and other pertinent business was transacted. The small Sunday School of a few months ago has now reached an attendance of around 50.

During the early months of mission work of the brethren, they combined desire, vision, work, money, prayers and the grace of God and built the above pictured brick structure with vestibule, rest rooms and Sunday School rooms. Additional building and expansion, the Lord willing, is planned for the future.

A large crowd was in attendance for the organization. Services began at 2:00 P. M. and throughout the afternoon people were made to rejoice and praise God. The Spirit and power of God pre-

The Cross of Christ

By Raymond Smith

Surely you will agree with me that the greatest preacher this side of Christ was the Apostle Paul. When this God-called man came down to the end of life he exclaimed, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Christ." The Apostle could have gloried in many things but he turned from all of these to glory in the cross of Christ.

Death upon the cross was the most shameful death that one could die. It meant the most humiliation that could be imposed upon a human being, yet Christ died on the cross for our sins.

FIRST

THE CROSS EXPRESSES THE DEPTH OF HUMAN SIN.

We think we know something about human sin. We read about it in our newspapers. We see it in the lives of those around us. We find it in our hearts. But we can never realize the depth of human sin until we go to the cross and realize that our sin crucified the son of God. During the war, in Germany and France, I saw little Jewish children that had suffered at the hands of Hitler. Some starved to death, some froze to death, and we say that sin caused this. You go into a drunkard's home and you see a broken-

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Fellowship Meeting

A Baptist fellowship meeting was held at the new Mission in Hendersonville, Tenn. on Friday night, April 28. The sermon was preached by Eld. D. C. Russell. There was a general discussion on the young people in our churches and the importance of their work among us. Means of retaining them in our true churches was the main concern.

The next meeting is to be held at Fairview, Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky., on Friday night, June 9, at 8:30 Daylight Saving Time. Everyone is invited.

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A Personal Letter To The Lord

Last year I promised to give \$5 a week to help carry out your work in the church. I felt confident I could pay it because it was only three per cent of my salary, but since I have fallen behind in my giving, I thought I had better make an explanation direct to You.

Shortly after I made this promise to give \$5 a week, the Christmas bills came in. I will admit that I over-extended myself on Christmas gifts, but as you no doubt have heard, nice presents are expensive in this time of inflation. I did intend to put in a little extra, but after buying for all on my list, I just could not afford it.

After Christmas, I had to get up some additional money on my income tax. Last year I got a nice raise in salary and that put me in a higher tax bracket. Also, my exemptions were limited this year because there was no sickness in my family. Also, being moved up in my company, naturally, we needed to increase our standard of living in order to keep pace with others, and as You know, these cost money.

I had not intended to get a new car but nearly everyone in my salary bracket did get a new one last year and I did not want to appear cheap.

Having a new car our family got the travel fever. There were a number of

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hearted wife and little children being deprived of the necessities of life because the husband and father spends all of his earnings upon drink, then you say "This is what sin can do." But my friends, we know nothing of the awful depth of sin until you go to the cross. We look upon the one that is dying there and we say, "Who is this that is dying and why is he dying?" And the answer comes back from heaven, "This is my only begotten son, dying not for his own sin, but for the sins of others." And when you and I come to realize that our sin plucked the son of God out of the fathers bosom and brought him down to this world to die upon the cross, we come to realize something of the awful depth of human sin.

SECOND

THE CROSS EXPRESSES THE HIGHEST LOVE IN HEAVEN AND EARTH.

We realize not only how deep a man can go in sin, but how high God can go in his love. God so loved the world he gave. He gave not the gold and silver, though they are his, but he gave his only begotten son for our redemption. When a friend tells me he loves me I believe it, but when he is willing to suffer in my stead, I know it. We believe that Jesus loves us when we see him leaving heaven's glory, when we see him walking his lonely way through this world, when we hear him praying in Gethsemane. But when he goes to Calvary and dies for us, we know of a truth that he loves us. We know that he loves us more than anyone else ever could love us.

THREE

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS IS THE ONLY MESSAGE OF THE MINISTRY.

Ministers may disagree on many things, but they must never disagree on the fact that the cross should be the center of their ministry, and in every message which they preach. We are told that there was a time when every rope in the British Navy had a scarlet thread running through the center of it. This thread strengthened and identified the rope. In like manner, our sermons should have as their center the red thread of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Paul said, "We preach Christ crucified." This is the message which this old world needs today. While we preach on lighter themes, men are going down to death

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Brethren Ordained By New Life Baptist Church

On Sunday, April 30, Bro. Lewis Holland was ordained to the full work of the ministry and Bro. Millard Gibson was ordained to the deaconship by New Life Missionary Baptist Church, Columbus, Indiana.

Elder Garnet Edwards, the pastor, served as moderator and Elder Carlos Gammons served as clerk of the presbytery. The sermon was preached by Bro. Lewis Holland. Elder Garnet Edwards presented the candidate and Elder _____ Billings led the interrogation. The prayer was led by Elder Herbert Anderson. Elder Guy Harper gave the charges to the newly ordained brethren and to the church. The Bible was presented by Elder Emmett Strode. The all-day service was a spiritual one and was enjoyed by all.

Notice

We are sorry that we were unable to carry all articles that were presented this month for publication. We still invite you to send in articles and church announcements or reports. We will endeavor to publish all that we possibly can.

Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY—JUNE

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Bro. Kenneth Massey is to be assisted in the preaching by Eld. H. C. Vanderpool.

FRIDAY BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY—JUNE

Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. Elder Calvin Perrigo, pastor, is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter.

SECOND SUNDAY—JUNE

Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. The pastor, Elder Norman Cliburn, Sr., is to be assisted by Elder Cordell Earps.

THIRD SUNDAY—JUNE

Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Elder V. C. Harris will be assisted by Elder Gerald Dias.

FIRST SUNDAY—JULY

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Boyce, Ky. Elder Odell Willoughby, pastor is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

The Finished Work of Christ

By C. B. Huddleston

Part III of His Work

We come to the third and final part of our Saviour's work on earth, which is the death of our Saviour on the cross. The death of Jesus was a must, in order for the price of our redemption to be paid. Jesus clarified this in Matthew 26:53-54.

From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised again the third day. Matthew 16:21. We find in the beginning of the first book of the Bible a record of the fall of man from his holy state, which brought sin upon the human race, and death by sin. Rom. 5:12. God's love for man that he had created was so great, that he made a way for fallen man to come back into relationship with God. John 3:16.

This plan for the redemption of man was made complete in the mind of God from the foundation of the world. Rev. 13:8. This was brought into reality when Jesus was hanging on the cross and he said, it is finished. In the work of completing the plan of redemption, our Saviour bore much suffering. We read in the prophecy of Isaiah 53rd chapter, how he would suffer to bear the sin of the world.

In the new Testament, we have the record of His crucifixion, how He willingly suffered all the agony that could be brought upon Him. In Matthew 27:46, we see the Father forsaking his Son that the prophecy might be fulfilled, Isaiah 53:10, when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin.

I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. John 10:11. We realize when Christ was crucified, that this was the end of all of his suffering, agony, and his work on this earth was completed. But we would like to go a little farther, for I am thankful for a living Saviour; our Saviour is not dead, but much alive.

In Luke 24:1-6 the 5th verse, why seek ye the living among the dead. Our Saviour was taken from the cross and placed in the tomb to stay for three days and three nights. On the third day, he came forth from the tomb by the great power of God. After Jesus had walked with His disciples and instructed

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week end trips that caused us to miss church so many Sundays. We also had a lovely vacation and thoroughly enjoyed the many luxurious motels scattered all over the United States.

After the summer vacation, it was school again and You know how expensive that is. When I was a kid, I felt lucky to get one pair of new shoes and one pair of trousers, but these days it takes a lot of new clothes. I want my children to dress nicely and surely You don't blame me for that. My wife needed a new coat and since nearly all the women in our set have furs, I wanted her to have one, too. Lord, have You priced mink lately?

So, You can easily see Lord; I just can't give to the church what I promised. I want You to know however, that just as soon as I can, I am going to give more. My house will be paid for in two years and then maybe I can give a little more.

You have been mighty good to me and please do not think that I am ungrateful. In fact, my wife and I have talked of tithing. Just as soon as we get the kids through school we ought to be in shape to do some work for the church, too. We think this shouldn't be more than ten years away. In the meantime, thank You, Lord, for being so good to us and I want You to know we love YOU.

Your Devoted Friend,

Rossville Church Has Revival

A revival was conducted at Rossville Baptist Church, Rossville, Illinois, from April 16 through April 25. There were three professions of faith. Pastor Larry Taylor was assisted in the meeting by Elder Willie Elrod and Elder Carlos Gammon.

Missionary Baptist Hour

Those who are in listening distance of Radio Station WEEN, Lafayette, Tenn., are invited to listen to the Missionary Baptist Hour each Sunday morning at 8:30. Services are conducted as follows: First Sunday—Elder Huey Brooks; Second Sunday—Elder Carlos Gammon; Third Sunday—Elder Ray Jones; Fourth Sunday—Elder Stanley Cook; Fifth Sunday—Elder J. C. Austin.

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and destruction. The only message of a God-called and divinely sent minister should be the message of the cross of Christ.

FOUR

THE CROSS IS THE PLACE WHERE EVERY NEED OF MANKIND IS MET. Have you had some great sorrow to come into your life? Has some tragedy broken your heart? Look up into the face of Christ and say to him, "Oh, thou who hast suffered more than any man has ever suffered, help me in my trouble." And He will give you comfort and grace and the peace that passeth all understanding.

Do you have any differences with anybody in the world? Is there someone toward whom you do not speak cordially? Then you ought to bring that difference to the foot of the cross and permit it to be melted in the warmth of his love and sacrifice.

FIVE

THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT MAN CAN BE SAVED. We are not saved by our good works. We are not saved by our generous gifts. We are not saved by trying to keep the ten Commandments, nor or we saved by living up to the principles of the sermon on the mount. We are not saved by the golden rule. We are saved by the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on the cross, through our repentance for sin and our faith in the Saviour. My friend, when you come face to face with the picture of your sin, I would tell again the sweet, wonderful old story of Jesus and his love and I would to God, that every one that is lost and in sin, could understand that Jesus died in their stead. He died that we might have life and have it everlastingly.

Memorial Services At Sulphur Fork

Memorial Day services will be held at Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn., on Sunday, June 18. Regular services in the morning will be followed by lunch, served at the noon hour. There will be singing in the afternoon.

Revival services are to begin that night, with Elder Gerald Dias assisting the pastor, Elder V. C. Harris. Everyone is invited to attend all services.

Mission In Peach Bottom, Penn.



Mission Work In Pennsylvania

By Joseph A. Dillman

On Easter Sunday, March 26, services were started at the Cherry Hill Baptist Mission at Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania. The services are being held in the old Cherry Hill school building each Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

On Easter Sunday the attendance was 22, the following Sunday 12, and the next 15. I am a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church (Tenn.) I would like to ask everyone to pray for this mission that souls may be saved.

(Editor—Let us remember this new mission in our prayers. We are thankful that this work has begun and that our communication through the BAPTIST BANNER has extended into another state.)

Banner Begins 2nd Year

With this issue, the BANNER begins Vol. 2. If you are keeping all the copies you will want to renumber last month's issue. There was an error and the issue carried the Number 11. It should have been Number 12.

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them in the scriptures for about 40 days, he then was parted from them and carried up into heaven. Christ has entered into heaven to appear in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:24.

In I Tim. 2:5, we see that Jesus has taken up the work in heaven as our mediator. Our hearts are made to rejoice when we think of what a Saviour we have. In choosing this article, we would ask a question: Do you believe in this Saviour? Have you trusted him with all of your heart for salvation? If not, then you are still in your sins and on your way to hell. Repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus Christ, will bring life. Acts 20:21.

Louisville Church Has Successful Revival

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., was blessed recently with a wonderful and successful revival meeting. There were seven professions of faith and nine additions to the church.

Elder L. W. Smith, the pastor, was assisted in the preaching by Elder Willie Riggs.

Annual Homecoming At White Hill Church

The Annual Homecoming at White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tennessee, will be held Sunday, June 11, 1967, with Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. and preaching at 11:00 A. M. by Elder William I. House, pastor. A basket lunch will be served at the noon hour. There will be singing all afternoon by: The Dixie Sunshine Quartet, Good News Trio. Inspirations No. 1, Inspirations No. 2 and congregational singing. Everyone is cordially invited.

Brethren Ordained At Rossville, Illinois

An ordination service was held at Rossville Missionary Baptist Church, Rossville, Illinois, on April 15. Brethren Mitchell Rigby and Willie Elrod were ordained to the full work of the ministry.

Elder Larry Taylor served as moderator of the presbytery and Deacon Jerry Taylor was elected clerk. The sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Taylor. Elder Bill Marvin presented the candidates and the interrogation was led by Elder Lester Parker. The ordaining prayer was led by Elder Carlos Gammon. Elder Jim Carter gave the charge to the newly ordained ministers and the charge to the church was given by Elder Ben R. Taylor. A Bro. Riggewood, deacon, presented the Bible.

A wonderful service was enjoyed in which the Lord blessed His people in a great way.

Bro. Blalock Writes From Oregon

Portland, Oregon—

Dear Friends:

This is to let you know that we have moved from 220 S. E. 53rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, to a larger house at 4327 N. E. Ave., Portland, Ore. 97211. Phone 282-4811.

After our boy, Rickey, had been home a couple of times we realized that we must rent a larger house. He is improving fast in his health now, and he gets around the hospital halls by himself in a little wheel chair we rented for him. We keep hoping for more recovery in his fingers and legs, but we trust God for the best. May God richly bless you.

Yours sincerely,

John and Mary Blalock and Boys