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Peter's Tomb Was Recently Discovered In Jerusalem

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While visiting a friend in Switzerland, I heard of what seemed to me to be the greatest discovery since the time of Christ — that Peter was buried in Jerusalem and not in Rome. The source of this rumor, written in Italian, was not clear; and it left considerable room for doubt, or rather wonder. Rome was the place where I could investigate the matter; and if such proved encouraging, a trip even to Jerusalem might be necessary in order to gather valuable first-hand information on the subject.

I therefore went to Rome. After talking to a number of priests and investigating various possible sources of information, I finally was greatly rewarded by learning where I could buy the only known book on the subject, which was written in Italian. It is called *Gli Soavi del "Dominus Flevit,"* printed in 1958 at the Tipografia dei PP. Francescani in Jerusalem. It was written by P. B. Bagatti and J. T. Milik, both Roman Catholic priests.

The story of the discovery was there, but it was purposely hidden and much was lacking, it seemed to me. I consequently determined to go to Jerusalem to see for myself, if possible, that which seemed to me almost unbelievable, especially since it came from priests, who naturally, from existing ideas concerning the tomb of Peter, would be the last ones to welcome such a discovery or to bring it to the attention of the world.

In Jerusalem, I spoke to many Franciscan priests, who all agreed that the bones of Simon Bar Jona (St. Peter) were found in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, on the Franciscan monastery site, called "*Dominus Flevit*" (meaning "Jesus Wept").

The pictures, reproduced in my book, which I had a photographer take, show the story. One of the

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Historical Marker Erected



The Kentucky Highway Dept. recently erected a Historical Marker for Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. The Marker was furnished by the Kentucky Historical Society and was erected near the church on Highway 240. Each side of the Marker has the following inscription:

"Legislative Act of 1795 gave right to 200 acres for each settler in Green River country. This brought many from Carolinas. Among them were Baptists, two preachers, who constituted Union Church in 1795. John Hightower first pastor served until 1813. Meeting house shared with other denominations. Services thru Civil War while most did not. Present building erected in 1866."

An 84-page History of this church was written last year and anyone who wishes to have a copy may send \$1.00 to the editor of the BANNER.

Enon Baptist Association To Meet

The Enon Baptist Association is to meet in its 118th annual session on Friday, October, 6, with Oak Grove Baptist Church, near Red Boiling Springs, Macon County, Tenn. Services are to begin on the first day at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected last year were, Elder T. C. Jones, Mod.; Elder Bill McDonald, Clerk and Elder J. C. Austin Treas.

Elder Floyd Ferguson is to preach the introductory sermon on Friday; the memorial sermon on Saturday is to be preached by Elder E. C. Butler and Elder J. C. Austin is to bring the doctrinal sermon on Sunday.

Twenty-three churches represented in the Association in 1966 with a total membership of 4,081.

Wiseman Baptist Association Convenes

The Wiseman Baptist Association will convene in its seventy-sixth annual session on October 20, with Fairview Baptist Church, about 10 miles west of Lafayette, Tenn, off Highway 52, near Eulia. Services are to begin the first day at 10:00 A.M.

Last year, 27 churches represented in the body with a total membership of 5,080. Officers elected at the last annual session were, Elder F. L. Ray, Mod.; Elder W. T. Russell, Clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treas.

On the first day, Elder H. D. Linville is to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Howard G. Taylor preaches the memorial sermon on Saturday and the Doctrinal sermon will be preached on Sunday by Elder W. T. Russell.

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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.

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Thanks to all who are working in the interest of this publication. By so doing, you are working for the advancement of the Lord's cause. This is appreciated very much.

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What are Christians put into the world for if it is not to do the impossible by the grace of God?—Armstrong.

God Forgive Them

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In my 23 years, I have lived many places and have seen many things that made my heart burn with anger and with sympathy. So has the situation been during my eleven months in the armed forces.

As I lay on my bunk many nights I hear many discussions about many things, some of which are about our God. Some men seem to believe in God, but have ideas about His being that makes one shiver. Some think He is only in one's mind while others seem to realize that He really exists. Others deny His being. However, from conversation, none of them seem to have had the great experience with Him that I have had.

The only thing that seems to exist in their minds is the so-called enjoyment they receive from the evils the world has to offer. They often make sacrilegious statements about our great God. They indulge greatly in alcohol and narcotics and enjoy bragging about it to their buddies.

In one instance, a boy, whose father is supposed to be a Baptist minister, stated that both his parents now indulge in social drinking. He's so proud they have "learned how to enjoy life and no longer have old-fashioned ideas." This has had a great effect on this boy. He, as well as other, seem to think this is the only way to live.

I have seen men unconscious of their actions because they were under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. The men who indulge in these evils are from all parts of our nation. This can only mean that the America that has been known as a Christian nation is drifting further and further from God. Much of this is due to the action of parents while some of it is simply the individual himself.

If this situation continues, America will be defeated, not by a nuclear war, but by her own evils and negligence of God. It is our duty as Christians to work and pray that God will take the situation in His own hand and let His will be done.

We must pray that America will see her mistakes and get on her knees to God instead of depending on her own strength and knowledge. II Chronicles 7:12-14.

As the clouds of darkness separates

us from the light of a bright sun, so are the clouds of sin separating America from her God. We as Christians must look to our Saviour and pray "God forgive them." Luke 23:34.

Russell and Vanderpool Express Thanks

Elders W. T. Russell, pastor of Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. and H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of Old Union Baptist Church, Warren Co., Ky. wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all who attended and assisted in the Tent Revival that they conducted recently for two weeks in Bowling Green. People attended from many churches and communities from Louisville to Nashville in middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky.

Brethren Ray White, Duncan Houchens, Ed White and Lonnie Cockriel led the singing. Sisters Martha White, Mrs. Lonnie Cockriel, Sue Bullington and Bro. Marlin Hargis were the pianists. Special groups who sang were Cockriel-White Trio, Spiritulaires, The Majestics, Old Union Young People's Choir and others. The approximate expense of tent and relative material and services were \$600.00 and the brethren and sisters of the sponsoring churches and others paid that. May God richly bless everyone who helped in any way.

The services were well attended and it was two weeks of wonderful Christian fellowship. The Spirit and power of God was made manifest. Eight boys and girls were saved during the meeting and it was a blessing when they gathered on the stage the last night and sang two songs.

There were seven additions to Fairview Memorial and three to Old Union. Arms had been extended from Union. Arms had been extended from each church to the tent. Two united by letter and eight were baptized. The joint baptismal service of the two churches was held at Massey's Mill, Drake's Creek, Warren Co., Ky. on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 3 P.M. This service was an enjoyable one. Again, thanks to all who had part in this united effort and may God bless you all.

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Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.—Jean Paul Richter.

Revival Reports

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. one profession of faith. Pastor C. B. Huddleston was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Bro. Duncan Houchens was singing director.

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Drake's Creek Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Eight professions of faith with nine additions to the church. Pastor Hilman Duncan was assisted by Elder C. D. Miller.

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New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. There were 15 professions of faith with 25 additions to the church. Pastor F. L. Ray was assisted by Elder Bobby Sutton.

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Tent Revival, Bowling Green, Ky. conducted by Elder W. T. Russell, pastor of Fairview Memorial Baptist Church. There were 8 professions of faith with 7 additions to Fairview Memorial church and 3 to Old Union church through an extended arm of each church to the tent meeting. Singing was conducted by Bro. Ray White, Bro. Duncan Houchens, Bro. Ed White, and Lonnie Cockriel.

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Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Ten professions of faith with 14 additions to the church. Pastor Hilman Duncan was assisted by Elder C. D. Miller.

Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY, OCTOBER

Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Pastor Billy Moran is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith.

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Long Creek Baptist Church, Macon Co., Tenn. Pastor Floyd Ferguson is to be assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor.

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McFerrin Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor.

MONDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 2

Oak Forest Baptist Church, Hays, Ky. Pastor McCubbins is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

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SECOND SUNDAY, OCTOBER

Dixon Creek Baptist Church, Trousdale, Co., Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder J. D. Birdwell.

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THIRD SUNDAY, OCTOBER

Meadorville Baptist Church, Macon Co., Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson and Elder Tommie Lankford is to lead the singing.

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"As we keep or break the Sabbath, we nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope by which man rises." A. Lincoln.

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"The Sabbath is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week." Longfellow.

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"We are not poorer, but richer, because we have rested one day in seven."—Macaulay.

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If people stop going to church, soon there will be no church. THEN WHAT?

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"Of all Divine institutions, I maintain the most Divine is that which secures a day of rest for man. I hold Sunday to be the most valuable blessing ever conceded to man. It is the cornerstone of all civilization."—Earl of Beaconsfield.

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"Where there is no Christian Sabbath, there is no Christian morality; and without this free institutions cannot long be sustained."—Justice McLean.

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One of the sorriest spectacles is the anger of two persons who have got into an argument over something that neither of them knows anything about."—Youth's Companion.

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The real function of the Christian religion is not to show men how they ought to live, but to supply the power necessary for one to live that way.

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Spend thought before you spend money; you will have more for your money and more money for your thought.

Fellowship-Anniversary Service At Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio

There will be a Fellowship Meeting and 10th Anniversary service at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio on Saturday, night, Oct. 28 and Sunday, Oct. 29.

The Fellowship begins on Saturday afternoon with dinner being served at 5:00 P.M. at the church. Eastern Daylight Time. The service is to begin at 7:30. Young people of the churches will be in charge of the singing. A sermon is to follow. It was not learned who the speaker would be. Those attending are invited to stay overnight for services the next day.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, there is to be all-day services in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the organization of Liberty church which was organized on Oct. 27, 1957. Services begin with Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. Elder H. C. Vanderpool, a former pastor, is to preach at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at noon. There is to be singing in the afternoon and possibly a report on the work of church. All those who may be able to attend are invited to come.

(NOTE: I am looking forward to these services and hope to see many of you there—Editor)

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The stretch of road may seem mean and prosaic, but we never know at what turn in the road there will break on us the gleaming towers of the City of God.—Hugh Black.

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I am only one, but I am one. I can not do everything but I can do something. And what I can do I ought to do and by the grace of God will do.—Moody.

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Cheerfulness is what greases the axles of the world. Some people go through life creaking.

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What you are, when you are not trying to be anything, is the supreme test of what you are.—Anon

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Children have more need of models than of critics.

Peter's Tomb Recently Discovered In Jerusalem

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photographs shows an excavation where the names of Christian Biblical characters were found written on bone boxes. The names of Mary and Martha were found on one bone box, and right next to it was one with the name of Lazarus, their brother, written on it. Other names of early Christians were found on other boxes.

Of greatest interest, however, was that which was found within twelve feet from the place where the bones of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were found—THE REMAINS OF ST. PETER. They were found in a bonebox, on the outside of which was clearly and beautifully written in Aramaic, "SIMON BAR JONA."

I also spoke to a Franciscan priest in authority in the priest's printing plant within the walls of old Jerusalem, where the book on the subject was printed. He also admitted that the tomb of St. Peter is in Jerusalem.

Then, when I was visiting the Church of the Nativity in Bethelhem, I encountered a Franciscan monk. After declaring to him what a wonderful discovery the Franciscans had made, the discovery of the tomb of St. Peter, I asked him plainly, "Do you folks really believe that those are the bones of St. Peter?" He replied, "Yes, we do. We have no choice in the matter. The clear evidence is there."

Then I asked, "So Father Bagatti (co-writer of the book on the subject, and archaeologist) really believes that those are the bones of St. Peter?" "Yes, he does," he responded. Then I asked, "But what does the Pope think of all this?"

"Well," he answered, "Father Bagatti told me personally that three years ago he went to the Pope in Rome and showed him the evidence, and the Pope said to him, 'Well, we will have to make some changes, but for the time being, let us keep this thing quiet.'"

Then I said, "So the Pope (Pius XII) really believed that those were the bones of St. Peter?" "Yes", was his answer, "The documentary evidence is there; he could not help believing."

To Protestants, it matters little where Peter's body was buried, since they know he himself is in Heaven. But for the adherents of the Catholic Church to build their superstructure on Peter and to claim that he was their first Pope in Rome and that he was martyred and buried there, is a very unstable foundation. The Bible says in I Cor. 3:11, "Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

"Also, it is written, 'Cursed be man that trusteth in man.' I am reminded of a story which an expriest told me in Scotland. A discussion over religion with a Protestant caused him to study the Bible and to think seriously about his beliefs. Finally he found salvation through Christ and then left the priesthood.—American Baptist

300,000 Alcoholics Called Yearly Toll

ATHENS Ga.—an authority on the subject says there are approximately 300,000 new cases of alcoholism in the Southeast every year.

Ashton B. Risolara, for 18 years a teacher and presently executive director of the Committee of Alcoholism for Greater New Orleans, made the statement yesterday at the Southeast School of Alcohol Studies.

Alcohol experts from seven states ended a week-long series of meetings here with Risolara's admonition regarding alcoholics: "These are people who are hooked and need some kind of assistance. It is up to us to provide this help."

The sessions at the University of Georgia covered topics ranging from the psychology of drinking to alcoholism in business and industry. Participating were alcohol control officials from seven states, educators, doctors, clergymen and psychiatrists.

Fellowship Meeting

There is to be a fellowship meeting at Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. on Friday night, October 20. Bro. Melvin Link is to preach a subject for discussion.

Services are to begin at 7:30 P.M. Elder C. B. Huddleston is the pastor of the church. Ministers, deacons and laymen are invited to attend.

What Does A Pastor Do ?

The pastor teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills and knife.

He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor; a bit of a philosopher and entertainer, a salesman.

He's a decorative piece for public functions; he is supposed to be a scholar.

He visits the sick, marries people buries the dead, labors to console those who sorrow. He admonishes those who sin and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty.

He plans programs, appoints committees—when he can get them; spends considerable time keeping people out of each other's hair.

Between times he prepares a sermon and preaches it on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagement. Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chap roars, what a job—one day a week!

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