

# Baptist Banner

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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4  
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## Old Historic Church Remodeled

## Moral Standards The Basis of Law

By Howard E. Kershner

LAW REPRESENTS THE EFFORTS of men to codify moral standards and to fix penalties for those who will not observe them. Moral standards preceded law. They came from man's concept of the ethical ideals which he derives from God. When men cease to believe in God, there are no such ideals. Hence, there are no moral standards to be translated into law.

We are forced to conclude that men who do not believe in God have few, if any, moral ideals upon which to erect a moral law. That's why when faith in God disappears, moral standards crumble. Laws against crime are ignored or repealed. The new idea is that men do not sin and do wrong; they are ill, uninformed, their diet has been inadequate, their training insufficient, or the standards themselves are not valid.

This leads us once more to observe that freedom, free government and economic well-being are possible only for men whose faith in God leads them to accept moral standards which, in turn, impose upon them the necessity to tell the truth, to be honest, fair, generous and kind in their dealings with their fellows. If they believe such ideals come from God, they will observe them. If they have no God, they have no ideals and the only important thing to them is to get what they

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## Ordination To Be Held At Durham's Springs

An ordination service is to be held at Durham's Springs Missionary Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday afternoon in December, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Six Deacons and two Ministers are to be ordained. Churches of same faith and order are invited to participate.

Durham's Springs church is located on Highway 98, four miles east of Scottsville, Ky.



## Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.

Old Union Baptist Church in Warren County, Ky., located south of Bowling Green on Highway 240, has remodeled its house of worship. During this year, 1968, the remodeling has included building additional Sunday School rooms, a new roof, steeple, concrete walks, steps, landscaping, refinishing the interior, bricking the entire structure and central air-condition. Elder W. T. Russell was the contractor and supervisor.

The church closed a revival in November with two profession of faith and two additions to the church. Another revival closed the first Sunday in August with ten professions of faith and eleven additions to the church.

Old Union church was organized in 1795. The first house of worship was a log building which was shared with other denominations. In the last century a brick building was erected and used for some time. But for some reason it was replaced with a frame structure in 1866, and it has been kept in a good state of re-

pair until the present remodeling. A picture of the church made about fifty years ago, 1918, is on page 3.

A history of this church, 1795-1966, can be purchased by sending \$1.00 to the editor of the BANNER.

Elder H. C. Vanderpool is pastor of this church and has served since Nov. 17, 1951 except 1961-1962. On Jan. 1, he will begin his sixteenth pastoral year.

Since 1951 there have been 194 additions by letter and 192 by baptism - a total of 386. The church has granted letters during this period for the organization of two other Baptist churches; Grace Baptist Church, Detroit Michigan, organized in 1955, and Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tennessee, organized in 1967.

The church has full-time services on Sunday and Sunday night, and Wednesday nights. It supports Home and For-

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## Meditations

By G. H. Dillard

Read the questions, write your answers. Then read the answers in the Bible and grade yourself. Each question counts 20 points.

1. What became of the mummy of Joseph? Ex. 13:19, Joshua 24:32.
2. Why was Moses not permitted to enter the promised land? Numbers 20:8, see also verses 11-12.
3. Was it an error in Aaron's life that caused him to fall short of his goal in life? Numbers 20:24.
4. How old was Aaron when he died? Numbers 33:38.
5. How many of the Israelites that departed from Egypt, reached the promised land? Deut. 1:35-39.

## HISTORIES OF "Twentieth Century Baptists" ALMOST SOLD OUT

The histories "Twentieth Century Baptists" written by Elders W. T. Russell and H. C. Vanderpool are almost sold out.

Recently in the BANNER, it was announced that the special price of \$2.00 would remain on the books until Jan. 1, when the price would be \$5.00, if any were left. Since then, I have sold out and have no more to offer the public. Bro. Russell has a few more copies left and if you want one write him at: Elder W. T. Russell, 125 Magnolia, Bowling Green, Kentucky. 42101 — Editor

## Mission Work At Home

The "Great Commission" of our Lord given to the Jews, but rejected by them in Acts 28:25 and 26 and Romans 11:27 thru 32, then given to the Christians of all ages in Mark 16:15 and 16 and Acts 1:8, gave us the motive and duty of our Faith. "To go ye into all the world," the result Missionary Baptists.

The need for Missions in our Country and all over the World is greater today than it has ever been in history. We, as Missionary Baptists should be more MISSION MINDED. It is our duty for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God to expand and reach the unsaved. "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Romans 10:13-15). If the Gospel of Christ is to spread it must be accomplished by the churches through expansion of Missions.

A word of praise for the good, God fearing people of Union Hill Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee. They saw the need in and around the Coffee County area. With a lot of work, a Mission has been established on Highway 55 about halfway between Tullahoma and Manchester.

If we could make it known to God's people where the Missions are, I believe they could support them better with their prayers, attendance and names of friends and relatives that have moved away from their home church.

Anyone who has friends or relatives that have moved into the areas of Winchester, Hillsboro, Shelbyville, Lynchburg, Tullahoma or Manchester, please contact the writer and may God bless you for it.

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## What Is Life?

By H. C. Vanderpool

TEXT: For what is your life? James 4:14b.

In the Epistle from which our text is taken, James in the final verses of the 4th chapter, points out the way in which people may look at life. He states that people make plans as to what they will do on the morrow and how then can go into a city and continue for a time buying and selling and getting gain. No doubt this has been true through the centuries of time. Often we hear someone making statements of this kind. Certainly because of human nature many have this attitude concerning life not really thinking of the question that James asked, For what is your life?

As you read this, may I ask you, what is YOUR life? Is life to you an opportunity to gain wealth and worldly fame? You may have these in life, but they are not the basic things. The reason is because they are perishable and short lived. One should be concerned about eternal things that will exist beyond this life. James had this to say about our lives here on earth. It is even as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14c.

Then because life is short and uncertain, he continues in verse fifteen by saying, For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Our lives are in the hands of God. When we are born into this life, we step as it were onto a stage of action. This period of activity, life on earth, can not be determined by man. Even though it be for many years, yet comparing it with eternity it is as a vapor. The poor die, but so do the rich. God's people die and go to be with the Lord, but the unsaved also die and realize they are in hell. All mankind must pass the way of all the earth.

Sinners, your life is a period of time on earth, in which you have an opportunity to repent of your sins and believe in the Lord for the salvation of your souls.

Christians, in life you have the chance to search out and find the right church and to work with it in serving God.

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OLD UNION BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING ABOUT 1918

eign Mission work and has sponsored a weekly broadcast on radio station WKCT in Bowling Green, Ky. for seven years.

#### MORAL STANDARDS

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want. This they will then seek to do anywhere, any time and in anyway they can. We are told that it is not sin, it is not violation of moral standards, for without God there are no such concepts.

When men arrive at this state, the strong exploit, the weak and tyranny is inevitable. In place of voluntary discipline, which men accept as a concomitant of their belief in God, we have only the discipline imposed upon them by the secret police who owe allegiance only to the dictator. Men who do not believe in God turn to the state as the only other means of establishing discipline. Instead of the voluntary discipline which one imposes upon himself because he believes it is the will of God, we then have only the cruel discipline enforced by the Totalitarian State.

Careful reasoning, therefore, leads us to the conclusion that the decline of the West arises straight out of its loss of faith in God. Men become interested in crime, sexual abuses, in power, aggrandizement, riches and fame in inverse proportion as they lose their faith in God and the moral ideals which He has ordained. There is no hope for the West if it does not recover its faith in God. Without Him, our destiny will be atheistic, humanistic Communism. --- Christian Economics

## General Association of Missionary Baptists To Be Held

There is to be a general association of Missionary Baptists on March 29, 1969 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Services are to begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue all day.

Churches in Enon, Wiseman and Si-loam Missionary Baptist Associations will receive letters in the near future on this meeting. Each church is requested to choose three messengers to represent it at the general association.

Another announcement on this will be made in the BANNER previous to the meeting date.

Recently, I've received word from individuals and churches that you had not received your paper or bundle. When this happens, let me know as soon as possible so we, editor or printer, can check this out and see where the failure is - PLEASE DO! - Editor.

## How Far Have We Strayed?

Today my mind wanders back to a time nearly two thousand years ago when Jesus, the Saviour of the world, was born. No place throughout the pages of the Bible have I ever found where Jesus was the owner of houses, land, silver, gold, or any other earthly wealth. There is, one thing I read about that was more precious to Him than all the wealth of of this world, His Church. The church that he set up and organized yonder on the mountain in Jerusalem. The church that he purchased with His own blood. When the time came for him to return back to His Father, He left his church here to carry on his work for Him. Today I wonder how grieved and disappointed He must be with the things that are happening to His church. How heart-broken He must be to see numerous branches of His church upholding and endorsing every ungodly, unbaptistic practice that could be thought of. No doubt He is just as sad today as He was when He was denied by Peter, and when He was betrayed by Judas. No doubt He's just as angered with the church today as he was when He took a whip and drove the money changers out of the Temple. No doubt that in the days to come the whipping hand of the Lord will again prevail. The Lord is still the head and authority of His Church, and in the final day of Judgement it will be He, Himself, who will do the weeding out of His Church.

Is it any wonder that more lost souls will not attend church today? Is it any wonder that lost people has so little confidence in the Church today, when they uphold so many ungodly things? Is it any wonder that so few lost people are saved anymore? Is it any wonder that the few faithful preachers and churches are so discouraged when they're persecuted and hindered on every hand?

We should be so proud of our Church, the only possession our Lord had, and He left it here for us. A spiritual home where we could worship together in love and in peace. A place where we could carry on His work and where lost souls could come, hear the true gospel and be saved. It seems that so many people have

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Baptists, may we use our lives to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. As we tell the world what we are AGAINST, let's not forget to preach that we are for SOMETHING also. The Bible teaches BOTH.

Since we are pilgrims on earth and our stay here is but for a while, let's use our lives to win lost souls and for the glory of God.

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." Job 14:1-2. "The days of our years are threescore and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Psalms 90:10.

## Sunday School

### Wiseman Baptist Association Minutes, 1894

We consider the Sunday School, and the lessons therein taught, as a moral theological course, and an auxiliary to the church. A training of the mind of the young and old alike in that direction will lead them to Christ, and will educate Christians in the revealed law of God, that they may better serve Him in the manner that will redound to their eternal happiness in the courts of Heaven.

We urge upon all the churches an adherence to the cause of the Sunday Schools. We are commanded by Jesus Christ to "Search the Scriptures," John 5:39. Again it is written, "But these are written that ye might have life through His name" John 10:31.

Hence, if we give our children a thorough education, the better they are qualified to read and understand the written evidence that Jesus is the Christ. By—I. L.

Roark.

Common honesty would suggest that those who do not believe in Christ should not take commercial advantage of the Christmas season.

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## The Ladder's Still There

Some years ago, on Lincoln's Birthday, a cartoonist drew a very effective picture. At the bottom of the picture he drew a log cabin. At the top of the picture he drew a picture of the White House. He then drew a ladder reaching from the log cabin to the White House and the title under the picture was this, "The Ladder is Still There." I would like to draw you another picture. At the bottom of that picture I would place the world with all its sin, suffering and sorrow. At the top of the picture I would paint a scene of the Heavenly Glory, if I could. And, then I would place the Lord Jesus Christ as the ladder that leads from earth to glory. The ladder has been there throughout the centuries. It is there today and will still be there for all of those who will come his way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

## Revival Reports

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. There were six professions of faith with fourteen additions to the church. Pastor W. E. Massey was assisted by Elder Robert Gregory.

Meadorville Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. There were sixteen professions of faith with seventeen additions to the church. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson and Elder Tommy Lankford was song leader.

Dixon Creek Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tenn. Two professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Elder Huey Brooks.

West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. There were two professions of faith with one addition to the church. Pastor C. C. Gregory was assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. There were two professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool did the preaching and Brother Duncan Houchens was song leader.

## Sister Laura Sloan Dies At Age 87

Funeral services for Sister Laura Sloan, aged 87, widow of the late Jack Sloan, were conducted recently at Siloam Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. by Elder F. W. Lambert. She bore 12 children. There were also 55 grandchildren, 142 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren — a total of 239 direct descendants.

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forgotten the real purpose of the church. It has become, to some people, a house of fashion, pride, jealousy, prestige, and confusion. In Corinthians 14:33, we find these words, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." How far have Gods preachers and his Church strayed from the faith that was once delivered unto the saints?

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