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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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A Mother In 'Israel' Passes



Mrs. Rebecca Langford

Sister Rebecca Martin Langford, age 90, passed away on Monday, December 30, 1968, at Barberton Citizens Hospital, Barberton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted on Friday, January 3, 1969, at 2:00 p.m. at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs Tenn., by her pastor, Elder Calvin Perigo and Elders D. C. Barton, E. C. Butler, and H. C. Vanderpool. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was born April 5, 1878, the daughter of Hiram and Alemeda Martin, in the Dotson Branch community of Jackson County, Tenn.

"Granny" as she was known to many, was married to Thomas B. Langford in 1892. Ten children were born to this union, eight survive; Don Langford and Davis Langford, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.; Eulis and William Langford, Barberton, Ohio; Mrs. Arlona Pharris, Barberton, Ohio; Mrs. Levona Spivey, Gains-

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That The Ministry Be Not Blamed

(II Cor. 6:3)

It has often been said "a church is no stronger than its pulpit." There are many Bible truths that substantiate this statement. The pupil receives no more than the teacher teaches. If elders are required to feed the flock of God (for love's sake), that flock will reflect the diet it receives and there are many other New Testament teachings that make clear the truths of the opening statement. Then if the ministry is to influence the Body, there should be great care taken to prepare and maintain a strong preaching influence throughout the entire work of God. We realize the church has no voice in the selection of the ministry (God calls), but certainly there is enough experience and sound judgement left within the church to determine if one has truly been called of God into the field of labor or if the individual has answered a call from Dad, Mom, the church, or even a call to be pitied by the people of the community; and there is always that call to popularity, as preachers often seem to have with people. Another call often answered is that one that follows a period of disobedience, and as God deals for obedience and service men mistake this for the call to preach. There must be many more

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Revival

A revival meeting is to begin Sunday night, February 9, 1969, at the Camp Grounds near Hilham in Overton County, Tenn. Services are to be conducted in the old Presbyterian church building there which is located just off highway 85.

Services will be conducted by two Baptist ministers, Bro. John Reneau and Bro. A. M. Maynard. Services each night, with hour to be announced. Everyone is invited to attend.

A Faithful One Goes Home



Mrs. Marie G. Raines

Sister Marie Galloway Raines went home to be with the Lord on January 7, 1969. She died at Bowling Green, Warren County Hospital, Bowling Green, Ky. after a brief illness. She was 52.

Funeral services were conducted at Old Union Baptist Church, Warren County, Ky., on Thursday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m. by the pastor Eld. H.C. Vanderpool, assisted by Eld. W.T. Russell. Burial was in the Old Union Cemetery.

She was a native of Simpson County, Ky., born on July 20, 1916, the daughter of Charlie and Grace Meador Galloway.

She was a teacher in the Warren County School system. She had taught Sunday School and served as Clerk of the Old Union Baptist Church 16 years, 1952-1967. She was a devoted and faithful member of this church.

She was married to J.O. Raines on January 1, 1938, and to this union were born four daughters; Mrs. David Williams and Mrs. William Carlo both of Bowling Green, Ky.; Mrs. C. David Harrison, Lexington, Ky. and Mrs. John Gugel, Overland Park, Kansas. In addition

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situations that led to mistaken calls from God, but these are common to us as Baptist.

The day is upon us when it is not necessary to look across the fence of denomination and different beliefs or practices to see a minister that brings shame and reproach to God. Just look among our ranks, and it does not require a long extensive search to find these things. Boldness is the thing today with our preachers, "I'm human and subject to these things" is a logical explanation from both the accused preacher and people that support it by their unconcern or blindness toward it. The man God calls to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ can find strength to avoid these common temptations if he wants to avoid them. God is the source of strength. We just fail to call upon that power as we should.

The possibility of the mistaken call explains many things to us—why preachers do these things or quit preaching altogether. But what about the experienced, successful God-called preacher that has fell into this snare of ungodly living. Confidence in a preacher's past work is hard to shake with many of us,

so there must be an attempt to explain this situation that we may have a clear view of the "why do these men do these things?"

Has it ever occurred to us what God can let happen in direct disobedience to His desire. Rebellion is a road of destruction for God's children, especially with his selected ministry. A preacher rebels against God's will. He turns toward "Tarshish" to flee from the presence of the Lord. It is here that he endangers the life and future of others (the adverse influence will drive people away from the opportunity to hear the gospel). Down among the sea weeds and darkness of rebellion he can come to his senses and obey the will of God or totally perish in his rebellion. I fear many walk among us dead. "For me to live is Christ."

Don't accuse me of painting a dark picture. The picture is being painted daily by the deeds and misdeeds of men and it is not beautiful. My goal is to place a frame around that portion of the painting that concerns you; that part you, the reader, has a responsibility toward in the hope and prayer to God that we can improve its image and enlighten it to where it can reflect Jesus Christ to a world of complete darkness.

Symptoms have brought diagnosis. Now for the remedy (always remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure).

First, within our churches we need to maintain a close watch on the ministry and follow the Bible in what we do toward it. Uphold the high standards found in the word of God, both in qualifications and support. Our church standards should never be based on anything lower than the Word. Personal friendship, pity of blood lines must take second place to God's qualifications and expectations. Let us know our preachers before we set them aside to the full work of the ministry. God requires as much. "To know them which labour among you." 1st Thes. 5:12. Close contact by the church with its preaching brethren is of great value to both. The first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas is one proof of this. They reported to the church at Antioch of their work: Acts 14:26-27, and we know also of Paul's desire to check up on the established work of this first journey by Acts 15:36. Are we of that mind today? Respect the actions of

sister churches. Be slow to take offense to their work of labor and love.

Finally to the church: At the first sign of any problem within your ministry, call it before the church that the ministry may know of your desire to keep it unspotted from the world, blameless, pure, maintaining its report good among them that are without.

The ministry also has the opportunity to help with our problem and all of us should recognize it as a responsibility to God and man, to help one another through love. The God-called men have something in common that no one else can experience, the call to preach and the burden that accompanies this call. Experience is of great value to the preacher. Those that have it have a duty to help the novice and most are eager to give advice, but often there is hesitation due to many things; often it is our lack of accepting it when it is given. Let us give and receive in the same spirit.

Accusations thru rumor should be discouraged. "Against an elder receive not an accusation" (1st Timothy, 5:19) Let us be as Paul was toward Peter (Gal. 2:11 thru 21) and Aquila and Priscilla toward Appollos, (Acts 18:26) in matters of living and of the teaching of God's word.

Ordinations should come from God due to necessity, not our desire just to be ordained, or as a step to encourage a discouraged or lazy minister. The ministry should be bold enough not to recommend the laying on of hands if the candidate is not qualified. I fear we are reaping a harvest of regret today due to our part in remaining silent when we should have stood for "thus saith the Lord" in our ordinations. No offense will be taken from the God-called novice, but he will strive to prove his work unto God that he may rightly divide the word of truth. Many of us have church heritage that has boldly refused to ordain men that were not ready for the full work of the ministry.

Let us strive without ceasing to strengthen our ministry that the Lord's desire might spread to all the earth. "Not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance."

Calvin Perrigo, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Barberton, Ohio

Report From McFerrin Church

Dear Brother Vanderpool,

As we start this New Year, I feel like I should write to the Baptist Banner. I want to do more that I feel the Lord would have me do this year.

We had a wonderful service on the first Sunday of the year, many good testimonies by the Christian people. They were rejoicing and praising God from the front to the back of the Church, many were on the floor at the same time, surely everyone that knew the Lord felt his presence. Two came forth and united with the Church telling their wonderful experience (our Church requires anyone who unites with it to tell their experience with the Lord). A man and his wife who are raising children, may God bless them as they take this step.

We also sung some old songs that were sung twenty one years ago (singing lead by Bro. Winnie Smith), when a group of Christian people lead by Eld. Henry Smith organized this McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. We are so grateful for them and their works. Bro. Henry Smith and his wife have meant so much to so many of us, they have truly showed their faith by their works.

At the very beginning of this New Year, we were assembled at the house of the Lord, where we had a New Year's Eve singing, which we enjoyed praising the Lord in songs. We had visiting singers from several counties (Smith, Trousdale, Macon, Sumner and Davidson), there may be others, I can't recall just now. About midnight, we sung the old song, Amazing Grace, then knelt and prayed. Enjoyed the humble prayer by our Pastor, Eld. A.G. Gregory and others whom we could hear praying. The Eld. F.L. Ray lead "Precious Memories". We could feel something in this old song, as we think of the good times we've had in the Lord and his Amazing Grace he's bestowed upon us.

Pray for us here at McFerrin in this wicked city, according to the daily paper there wasn't enough seats in the night clubs here on New Year's Eve. Although, we had a good crowd at our singing, we had seats left.

Thanks be to the Lord that things are well as they are with God's people.

Your Brother in Christ,
J. W. Hines

PREYING EVANGELIST SENTENCED FOR FRAUD

By Tom Ingram

J. Charles Jessup, who "preyed on the multitude" while claiming he was praying for them, will never again be the same Rev. Jessup, a Nashville attorney who helped indict the convicted evangelist said.

The lawyer, James F. Neal, was U. S. attorney in 1964 when Jessup, a nationally known "healer" working out of Gulfport, Miss., was charged here with mail fraud.

"IN MY FIVE years with the federal government I prosecuted, and since I resigned and began private practice in 1966, I have defended many persons charged with heinous offenses," Neal said, "but I have never been involved with any individual I thought more deserving of punishment than the Reverend J. Charles Jessup."

Jessup finally got that punishment last month in federal court in Biloxi, Miss., where he was convicted on two counts of scheming to defraud.

During the proceedings, Jessup collapsed as U. S. District Judge Dan M. Russell, Jr., read from letters mailed by Jessup's front organization, the Fellowship Revival Association.

Russell instructed court officers to sit Jessup in a chair and continued reading Jessup's claims of visions and offers of cures for cancer, heart ailments, gall bladders, kidney and other physical disorders.

For his services, the 'Reverend' Jessup wanted 'contributions,' of course, Neal said.

"Instead of praying for the multitude, he'd preyed on the multitude. I have no sympathy for him, frankly," the judge said, and sentenced Jessup to one year and \$1,000 on one count and a suspended sentence and \$1,000 on the second count.

He is to report to a U. S. marshal at Biloxi next month to begin serving his sentence, which will be followed by five years of probation.

Neal, reflecting on years of investigations and court proceedings against Jessup, said "the sentence and the fine does not seem to equal 'Brother' Jessup's transgressions, but the final realization that now has dawned on 'Brother' Jessup that he has no immunity from, and is not above, the law is the most important thing of all."

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God's Call To Man

By H. C. Vanderpool

"And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them." Acts 16:10

After the fall of man, God still loved lost humanity and desired fellowship with his creation. He promised to give His only begotten Son to redeem mankind. Gen. 3:15 and John 3:16.

In every age of the world, God has called upon men to go into the world and proclaim His truths to the sinful that they might repent of their sins and turn to God and be saved. When lost people hear the gospel in sincerity, and become convicted of sin, repenting and trusting in Christ with all the heart, they become children of God and have that fellowship with Him.

God called Moses to go to Egypt to bring a message of deliverance to those in bondage. Ex. 3:4,10. He was obedient to that call as found in Ex. 4:20. He, with Aaron, spoke to the children of Israel the word which God bid them speak. Ex. 4:29-30. Then in verse 31, we are told that the hearers believed. They were delivered. Ex. 14:30.

Isaiah heard the calling of God. Isa. 6:8. And as we must be willing to go into the world today and preach the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation, so Isaiah was submissive to the Lord's call in the long age. Isa. 6:8. As the prophet went forth—did he carry a man-made doctrine? Did he present a message of law for salvation? No! He delivered a message of the coming Saviour. Isa. 7:14.

After Jesus had called and sent out the twelve apostles, he called and sent out seventy more to work in His vineyard. Luke 10:1. Two by two they went out. They returned rejoicing because of the results. Luke 10:17. Jesus reminded them the thing to rejoice most over, was the fact that their names were written in heaven.

We, as God's blood bought children can rejoice, because our names are written in Heaven. But first, someone must hear the call from God and take the message to the lost before they can know of God's saving grace. This is the Lord's way. Read Rom. 10:13-15.

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MRS. REBECCA LANGFORD

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boro, Tenn.; Mrs. Jewell Parham, Akron, Ohio and Mrs. Nettie Newberry, Lodi, Ohio. Also surviving are 34 grandchildren, 68 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

After the death of her husband in 1942, she lived most of her life in the Barberton, Ohio area. She was a member of the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, and was known to be one of the most faithful, courageous and true Baptists anywhere. She was truly an inspiration to all who knew her. She was moved to her new home but her works will follow on. She was a mother in Israel.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DO MISSION WORK

Any church, individual or group, who wishes to assist in the great missionary work of the Lord, has now the opportunity to do so. The matters here under consideration has been discussed and it was felt that there are churches, individuals, Sunday school classes and others who would like to help.

Bro. J. H. Smith and his wife will be returning, the Lord willing, to Israel in the near future. He plans to buy a small type bus to be used not only for his transportation, but also to use in his missionary activities and the transportation for people for church services.

One of the faithful workers of the Lord has agreed to take charge of all contributions to assist in buying the bus and to forward it on to Bro. Smith. He is Bro. Claude Galloway. So, any church, Sunday school class or individual who wishes to assist in this worthy missionary cause, may send your contribution to: Mr. Claude Galloway, 6002 Greenwood Road, Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky. 40258.

Would you pastors, teachers and anyone who has an opportunity to encourage this support, do so?

— Editor

PREYING EVANGELIST SENTENCED FOR FRAUD

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"With some of the contributions" bilked out of converts before his indictments, Jessup went through four wives and purchased such major items as a \$11,000 seaplane and a \$4,000 boat, Neal said. — The Nashville Tennessean

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Sister Clark Is Called Home

Anna J. Clark was called home to be with the Lord on December 30, 1968. She was born February 8, 1923 in Barren County, Ky., the daughter of Clarence G. and Maggie Morrison. She was 45.

Funeral services were conducted at A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home, Glasgow, Ky. on January 1, 1969 at 2:00 p.m. by Eld. D.C. Russell and Eld. Billy Moran.

Sister Clark was saved at Siloam Baptist Church near Glasgow, Ky. at an early age. Then later, she moved her membership to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. She enjoyed going to church and she enjoyed testifying of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, both publicly and privately.

She was married to Walter W. (Woody) Clark in 1952. Other survivors are her mother, Mrs. Maggie Morrison, Glasgow, Ky.; two brothers, Robert Morrison and C.G. Morrison, Glasgow, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. Jocille Wright, Louisville, Ky. and Mrs. Shirley Bacon, Glasgow, Ky., and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and nephews and nieces.

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to her husband and four daughters, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Grace Galloway, Bowling Green, Ky., two brothers, Claude and Stanley Galloway, Louisville, Ky., two sisters, Mrs. Dumont Stringer, Franklin, Ky. and Mrs. William Winnicke, Jeffersonville, Ind., and three grandchildren.

Sister Raines was a true Baptist and the works of her life will live on.

GOD'S CALL TO MAN

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Luke tells us as he writes that Paul and Silas went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches. After arriving at Derbe and Lystra, they met Timothy and took him with them on their mission. Certainly, we must be led of God into our work as we can not know the right way to go without Him. So it was with these brethren. When they had gone through Phrygia and Galatia, they were forbidden of the Holy Spirit to go into Asia. Then they planned to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit did not lead in that direction. Acts 16:7

Then in the night, Paul saw in a vision a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying Come over and help us. I believe today that we as God's people could hear the Macedonia call if we would be willing for the Lord to lead and then listen. Ministers are often rebuked because of their fields of labor in both missions and pastoral work. The only sure way to please God is to let the Lord's will be done and then labor for Him and He will take care of the results. "And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them." Acts 16:10.

Jewish Aid To Israel Increases

TEL AVIV (AP) — Jews outside the United States have increased their contributions to Israel by 12 times in the year since the 1967 Middle East War, the United Israel Appeal announced. No figures were available, but it was believed donations ran to about \$14 million a year before the war.