

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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Louisville Church Has A New Home



LYONS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, in Louisville, Ky., was organized in March, 1953, with seven charter members. Hia-watha Baptist Church is given as the mother church or source of origin. The first place of worship was a dwelling house located on Lyons Avenue, from which the church received its name. That structure would seat about fifty people.

In 1954, a block structure 40' x 75' was built at the corner of Euclid and the Colorado Streets and was valued at \$18,500. Lyons Church is now the Mother church of other bodies in the Louisville area. Last year the church bought property and erected the above pictured building which is 62' x 92' with ten Sunday school rooms and central heating and air-conditioning. The present property is valued at \$90,000 and is located at 904 Gagle Ave.

Elder R. J. Hunt was ordained to the ministry by this church on May 31, 1959. Elder L. W. Smith, Elder Willie Riggs hold membership with Lyons church and also one licensed minister, Bro. Edward

Kurger. The deacons who have and are presently serving the church are: Robert Logsdon, Herman Kinkade, Spencer Lobb, Otto Terry, Voss Carter, P. C. Arbra, Raymond Reynolds, William Martin, Claude Galloway, H. G. Jewell, Carlos Bloyd and Hillard Vinson.

Pastors: Elder Hollis Templeman, 1953-1954; Elder Clifford Ward, 1954-1956; Elder D. C. Russell, 1956-1962; Elder W. H. Howard, 1963 and 1964; Elder L. W. Smith, 1965 to present. During the four-year pastorate of Bro. Smith there have been 60 additions to the church thirty by letters and thirty by baptism.

The editor has enjoyed three revivals with this church, in 1959, 1965 and 1968. This is a progressive church with a Sunday school, prayer meeting and full-time preaching. The membership is now over 200. They support Home and Foreign missions.

May the Lord continue to bless Lyons church and Bro. Smith as they work together to win lost souls to the Lord and to advance the work of the Kingdom of God.

Missionary Reports From Japan

Higashi-Ku, Kita-Kotoshiba
Ube City, Yamaguchi Ken,
Japan
June 10, 1968

Greetings in the name of our Lord:

We always look forward to receiving the BAPTIST BANNER, and enjoy reading it very much.

Our God has been very good to us in every way. He is giving grace, strength, and understanding as needed. He is proving to us that He has power to overcome obstacles and touch the hearts of lost sinners. We feel that God has already answered prayers. In the last few weeks, several new persons have attended the services both in Ube and Yamaguchi. A few of them are still attending. We are thankful for the opportunity of preaching to new people, for even if they do not come back, the precious Gospel is being spread around and that is God's desire.

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SHOULD A PREACHER BE REFERRED TO AS REVEREND?

By Pastor F. R. Bingham

The other day I received a communication from a brother who objected strongly to being addressed as "Rev. (so and so)" He said, "I am not a reverend." I have heard this objection for all the years of my ministry (35 of them), from various preachers, and almost as if it were sinful and blasphemous for a minister to use this title. The objection is always based on Psalm 111:9, where it said "...reverend is his name," meaning, of course, the Lord. And this would mean for anyone else to use this name is to appropriate unto himself the name of deity, with the identity of being God.

But just what does Psalm 111:9 mean?

Those preachers who object so strongly to using this title to identify a minister invariably say the word reverend occurs only this one time in the Bible. But Youngs Concordance shows us that the exact Hebrew word, "yare", that is

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Missionary Reports From Japan

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A few weeks ago, a young lady who had bowed in the altar for prayer, later told us she had been saved. However she missed some services after that, and knowing Japanese family customs and society, we were afraid she was receiving opposition at home. But for the past three weeks now she has attended regularly and seems to enjoy being in the services. We pray that she will grow in grace and let the Lord use her life.

We appreciate everything that is done for us; your prayers, your offerings, and the words of encouragement. May each of you be richly blessed for these things is our prayer. We remember you and the Lord's work there in our prayers.

Sincerely in His Service,

Dexter Bacon, Jr., and Family

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1968

JANUARY, 1968

Bro. and Sis. Woodie Clark—Indianapolis, Ind. \$20.00; Bro. and Sis. Calvin Meek—Tulsa, Oklahoma, \$100.00; Bro. and Sis. Bill Marrs—Mt. Herman, Ky. \$30.00; Sis. Maggie Morrison—Glasgow, Kentucky, \$20.00; Fellowship Church—Indianapolis, Ind., \$16.00; Becker Drive Church—Louisville, Kentucky, \$10.00; Siloam Church—Boyd's Creek, Kentucky, \$30.00; Lyons Church—Louisville, Kentucky, \$50.00; Bethel Church—Indianapolis, Ind., \$50.00; Mt. Tabor Church—Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$6.14; Union 2 Church—Nobob, Ky., \$15.00; Dover Church—Mt. Hermon, Ky., \$160.00; Eld. Rex Hunt—Austin, Ky. \$10.00; Bro. H. E. McIntyre—Kentucky, \$5.00; Sis. Edna Polson—Kentucky, \$10.00; McFerrin Church—Nashville, Tenn., \$87.01; Caney Fork Church—Etoile, Ky., \$60.25; Bro. and Sis. Lewis Hughes, Flippin, Ky., \$20.00; Bro. and Sis. Joe D. Bacon—Eighty Eight, Ky., \$20.00; Poplar Springs Church—Poplar Springs, Ky., \$30.00; East Side Church—Franklin, Ky., \$75.00; Harmony Church—Indianapolis, Ind., \$40.00. Total for month—\$864.40.

FEBRUARY, 1968

Faith Church—Nashville, Tennessee, \$60.00; Lafayette Church—Lafayette, Tenn., \$24.60; West End Church—Gallatin, Tenn., \$35.20; Old Union Church—Bowling Green, Ky., \$79.70; McFerrin Church—Nashville, Tenn., \$49.11; Union 2 Church—Nobob, Ky., \$30.00; Mt. Tabor Church—Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$13.07; Bethel Church—Indianapolis, Ind., \$50.00; Becker Drive Church—Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Sis. Grace Simmons—Fountain Run Ky., \$40.00. Total for Month, \$391.68.

MARCH, 1968

Fellowship Church—Indianapolis, Ind., \$15.23; Becker Drive Church—Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Union 2 Church—Nobob, Ky., \$29.09; Mt. Tabor Church—Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$10.72; Bro. and Sis. Earl Bradley—Glasgow, Ky., \$5.00; Bethel Church—Indianapolis, Ind., \$50.00; Bro. and Sis. Woodie Clark—Indianapolis, Ind., \$25.00; Bethel Church—Toledo, Ohio, \$51.16; Bro. and Sis. Joe D. Bacon—Eighty Eight, Ky., \$35.00; Faith Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$30.00; McFerrin Church Nashville, Tenn., \$57.78; Cave Springs Church—Liberty, Tenn., \$73.47. Total for month, \$392.45.

Prayer

What is prayer? Someone might say. It's talk with the Lord at the close of day. It's a word of thanks. . . in the morning light,

For keeping us safe through the night, It's a petition for some needy cause, Or for a friend, who's soul is lost. It's a plea to help this world of sin, To bring Peace among all men.

There's so many things for which we need to pray,

And our Lord will answer both night and day.

But it seems we're so busy with our worldly goals,

We're neglecting the lost and dying souls. We should be so thankful for the gift of prayer,

It's our light of hope in dark despair.

When we have troubles we just can't bare, We can steal away to the Lord in prayer.

At one time the Lord was here on earth, And the king was troubled at his birth,

He was the Son of God, this baby boy, And his mother, Mary's, pride and joy.

He grew into a fine young man, And taught and preached upon the land.

Before they hung Him on the tree, He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane.

He knew the time had been fulfilled, So they carried Him away to Golgotha Hill.

As He hung on the cross there for me and for you,

He prayed, "Forgive, for they know not what they do."

Each drop of blood He shed in pain, Was as God planned, and not in vain. It was for your sins and mine He was willing to pay,

If we will sincerely and earnestly pray. The gift of Salvation we all can receive.

If we humbly repent, and truly believe. He's now up in Heaven at God's right hand,

Where He intercedes with God for man.

Your earthly treasures can vanish away, But the gift of prayer is here to stay.

Mrs. Everett L. Fields
Elmwood, Tennessee

SHOULD A PREACHER BE REFERRED TO AS "REVEREND?"

here translated "reverend" is also found in Psalm 89:7 where it is said that He is to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him. The word is also used in Leviticus 19:30 and Leviticus 26:2.

In Psalm 111: it certainly does not mean that word "everend" is a name for God by which He is to be called, or addressed. No one, either in scripture or out, in speaking to God calls Him Reverend. They address Him as God, or Father, or Jesus. He is addressed by the names Lord, Jehovah, and others in the Old Testament. He told Moses that His name was "I Am that I am." In the New Testament His name is Jesus. But nowhere, absolutely nowhere is it ever said "Thou Shalt call him Reverend" as if that were a name that only Deity should wear.

Psalm 111:9 simply means that His name, whatever it is by which He may be called, is to be revered, to be respected; it is not to be taken in vain; it is never to be used in any form of disrespect. From Bible teaching that He, and everything pertaining to Him is to be revered. His name is to be revered, His Word is to be revered; His House is to be revered; His day is to be revered. Even the Tithe is to be looked upon with reverence and proper respect for that is also Holy unto the Lord. Anything that is peculiarly holy unto the Lord is to be revered; and as such, it becomes a Reverend person or thing. And, inasmuch as Preachers are also Holy unto the Lord, and are to be respected, or revered as belonging to the Lord, they become a reverend person, by virtue of being the Lord's Prophet.

The title, "Reverend" as applied to preachers simply means that here is a person who is entirely devoted to the service of the Lord, and as such is entitled to the respect and reverence that should be shown to God's servants.

Among my friends and acquaintances and fellow Christians I prefer to be called "Brother Bingham." Some call me "Pastor, which office I bear at Jordan Baptist Church. Some call me "Preacher," which I am, and I don't mind at all being called preacher if it is not used in a disrespectful manner. None of my close associates, nor acquaintances, Among Christians call me "Reverend" except possibly one or two persons. But in dealing with the general public, the unchristian public, who do not know me, and even with some who are acquainted with me, the title "Reverend" instantly lets everyone know that I am a man, who, by virtue of being a minister of God's Gospel, is due to be treated with the respect and reverence that God demands for His Name,

His Day, His Word, His House, and His Prophets.

It is NOT unscriptural to use the title "Reverend" in applying it to a minister; after all it is only a title, not a name of a person.

Preachers could be called "Elder" but few people in the unchristian world would know what that means. Pastors may be called "bishop" for such they are but that could become objectionable in this day. Not every preacher could be called "Pastor" for some are not Pastors, but are evangelists, and would need to be "Evangelist" as some call themselves today. But all called and ordained preachers may easily be identified by this title which sets them forth as a Person who is to be revered and respected because of his devoted service to God.

I do not argue here that this title must be applied to ministers, and adopted and used. Neither do I plead that all use the title. I only argue that its use is not wrong, not unscriptural, not ungodly. And I simply plead that those who have been so strongly set against its use, based on Psalm 111:9, come to a clear understanding of that verse, and adopt a kinder and more charitable understanding in regard to those who do use the title for official identification.

But there have always been those who strain at gnats and swallow camels; who are pharisaically hyper-critical of others over little things of no real consequence after all; and I suppose there will always be such among us.

I believe that one of the most crying sins of this day, one sin that is doing more to wreck America, and the whole world; tearing up churches and causing them to die spiritually; the one sin that is basically back of the growing sin rate, is that people, in general, do not have the Respect and Reverence for God's Preachers, for men who preach the Word, and stand for Right and truth, that they ought to have. God's true preachers have been ridiculed in the movies, in the press, on radio and television, in peoples homes and in the hearts, until their effectiveness has been nullified. He preaches the truth, and people pay no attention, they just laugh at him. They do not regard him as God's mouthpiece, but look upon him as "just a man, like any other man," not to be respected any more than any other man, if as much.

If the time ever comes when people will once again have proper respect for And preachers, by their life, by their testimony, and every means available must draw unto themselves that respect and reverence so sorely needed.

God's preachers, and will heed them and their message, then there may come about a revival of moral living, and spiritual religion.

How Far Can You See?

By H. C. Vanderpool

For we walk by faith, not by sight; II Cor. 5:7. The Apostle Paul made this statement in the second letter that he wrote to the church at Corinth. Teaching them and us that in the service of God, it takes faith to live a life pleasing to the Lord.

How far can you see? Physically, it depends upon where you are seated or standing and your surroundings. If you were in a house with four walls or some other place that your view was obstructed, you would be unable to see very far. If you should stand on the top of a real high structure, you could probably see an entire city. By being at a certain place on Lookout Mountains near Chattanooga, and with certain equipment you can see seven states.

In the work of the Lord, we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet Spiritually speaking our environment has much to do with how far we can see. This includes our church life and religious surroundings. If our faith is weak our Spiritual vision will be blurred and limited. If our faith is strong, we can overlook the things of the world and look into the future concerning the work of God and what He wants us to do.

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God Is There

God is there

And people live,
desire, fret, and bother
Trying to make their God.

God is there

unrelenting
he waits on us and
for us.

We make our god

work diligently for it
it decays

A degradation that calls on us.

The means is now our God

It has become our end
and our end

We do and become undone

And people live,
desire, fret, and bother

God is there

unrelenting
he waits for us.

Ronnie Hall,
Gallatin, Tenn.

HOW FAR CAN YOU SEE?

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When Noah began building the ark, it was many years before the flood came. He could not see one drop of that water by the natural eyes, but by faith he could see the entire flood. Abraham was ready to take the life of his son, Isaac, on the altar. With his eyes he could only see the end of the life of his son, but by faith he could see beyond his death, even to him being made to live again and all nations being blessed through him. Heb. 11:17-19.

Moses saw the riches of Egypt with his eyes, but by faith he saw the Lord and his rich promises. Heb. 11:27. How far can you see? Are the things of the world obstructing your Spiritual vision which comes by faith? Where there is no vision, the people perish: Pro. 29:18a. Are we as servants and children of God today letting poor lost souls perish because we like faith to launch out on the promises of God. When you sing, "Standing On The Promises of God," do you mean it, or you just singing because the rest are singing? How far can you see?

Job knew he would die and that the skin worms would destroy his body, yet he could see the day when he would be in the glorious presence of the Lord. Even in his affliction on earth, his Spiritual vision was much stronger than the physical.

Paul, after many years in the service of the Lord, and being in prison waiting death with poor eye sight and walls that surrounded him, could see beyond death and the grave. He could rejoice concerning the crown of righteousness that he was to receive. By faith he could see far into the future.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Heb. 1:13. This is what the Bible has to say concerning the old servants of the Lord even before the New Testament was written.

As I pen these words and think of the faithful soldiers of the Lord, I sit here in my study and rejoice. I see four walls, but by faith I can see the many promises of God that will be fulfilled and one day I, too, with every blood bought soul shall leave the shores of this old sinful world and anchor in that harbor where the tempest comes no more and the weary shall be at rest. Let us remember that we are saved by the grace of God. Salvation is a gift. Rom. 6:23. But our rewards will be according to our works. Rev. 20:12. Our works will be according to our faith and Spiritual vision. How far can you see?

Revival Announcements**FIRST SUNDAY — JULY**

East Side Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Pastor W. V. Deweese is to be assisted by Elder Paul Oldham.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Warren Co., Kentucky. Pastor Charles Moore is

SECOND SUNDAY—JULY

Cave Springs Baptist Church, DeKalb Co., Tenn. Pastor Charles A. Gentry is to be assisted by Elder Cordell Earps. Elder Tommie Lankford is to be in charge of the singing.

Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Tennessee. Pastor W. R. Overton is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

THIRD SUNDAY—JULY

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith. Bro. Duncan Houchens is to be in charge of the singing.

FOURTH SUNDAY—JULY

Indian Creek Baptist Church, DeKalb Co., Tenn. Preaching by the Pastor, Elder James Gibbs.

Green Valley Baptist Church, Smith Co., Tenn. Pastor Phocian Gibbs is to be assisted by Elder W. B. Deweese and Bro. Harold Carter is to be in charge of the singing.

**Mrs. Scott Dies;
250 Descendents**

Mrs. Hester Ann Scott died at her home, near Gulley Creek, June 8, 1968, at the age of 96 years. Mrs. Scott was the widow of the late Frank Scott, and left 250 descendents as survivors.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Mary Stearns, Albany, Ky., Mrs. Maggie Franklin, Greensburg, Ky.; five sons, Harrison Scott, Waverly, Tenn., Jewel Scott, Celina, Tenn., Bird Scott, Dave Scott and Obie Scott, all of Tompkinsville; and one sister, Mrs. Ada Leaster, Nashville, Tenn. There are 53 grandchildren, 152 great grandchildren and 45 great great grandchildren.

The Tompkinsville News

Sister Napier Dies

Sister Amy Mae Napier, age 69, died at Allen County War Memorial Hospital Scottsville, Ky. on May 15. Funeral services were held at New Salem Baptist Church, Allen County, on Friday, May 17, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Lucy Ella Lane, Bowling Green, Ky. and a brother, Robert N. Napier, Scottsville, Ky.

Revival Reports

McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville. One profession of faith with one addition to the church. Pastor A. G. Gregory was assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Two professions of faith with four additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth Massey was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Bro. and Sister Danny Woodward were in charge of the singing and music.

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Two professions of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor W. T. Russell was assisted by Elder Bobby G. Sutton. Bro. Ray White was song leader.

West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. There were five professions of faith. Pastor C. C. Gregory was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

**Singing School At
McFerrin Baptist Church**

There is to be a singing school for ten nights at McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville. The sessions will be Monday through Friday, July 15-19 and Monday through Friday, July 22-26. The school classes are to begin each night at 7:30 p.m.

Thank You!

I have received a number of letters in recent weeks in which congratulations were sent to me upon receiving a degree. This is appreciated and gives us a greater spirit of humility.

Some of the letters were intended for publication, but not having space to print all of them I felt it best not to print any. I ask that you continue to pray for me and the work I endeavor to do for our Master. To all who were concerned and sent congratulations I say, THANK YOU. The Editor