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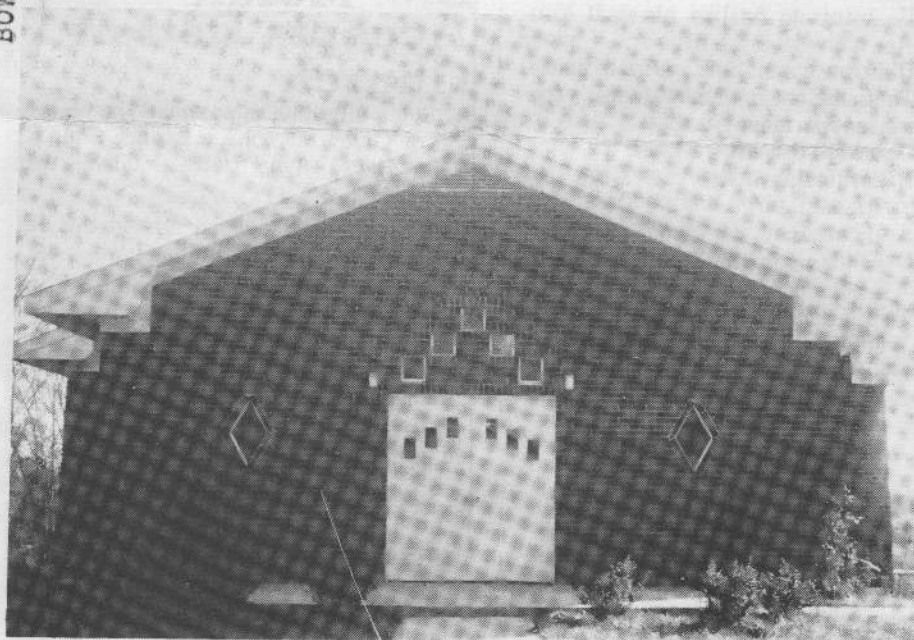
Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church



Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave. Nashville, Tenn., came into existence through efforts which officially began April 2, 1961. On this date, a number of Christian people met in a rented building at 1100 North Second Street, Nashville, to begin an effort meeting and to establish a mission.

Elder B. G. Sutton held services at this location each Sunday afternoon until June, 1961. Eld. Sutton and Eld. O. E. Russell then began to hold services each Sunday morning. In March, 1962, they began to hold services on Sunday nights.

The Lord blessed the work and the attendance and interest increased over the weeks and months. They were extended an arm from New Bethel Church, Goodlettsville, to receive members. Eld. W. T. Russell was pastor of the mother Church at the time.

The people felt it to be God's will that they organize an independent church. November, 1962, the Church was organized with eleven charter members. They were Bobby Pulley, Joann Pulley, Porter Rawls, Jeanette Rawls, Wilma Craf-

ton, Iva Craugue, Lena Cherry, Larrie Mai White, Louise Sutton, Bobby Sutton and Annette Sutton.

Those brethren participating in the organizational council were: Elder W. T. Russell, moderator; Elder O. E. Russell, clerk; Elder Howard G. Taylor read the articles of faith; Elder Burton Massey read the Church covenant; Elder C. R. Moore led the organizational prayer; Eld. F. L. Ray charged the new Church.

The Church called Elder B. G. Sutton as pastor and he continues to serve them until the present.

Soon after the organization, the Church was notified that the building they were using would be torn down. They bought a lot and erected a 40 by 60 foot basement building at 1401 Lischey Avenue.

In the summer of 1967, they erected an auditorium onto the basement with measurements of 40 by 75 feet. The brethren of the Church did most of the work of building this place of worship themselves.

Their present membership is about 80. They have full time services, with Sunday

morning and Sunday night preaching each week. Bible study is conducted by the pastor on each Wednesday night.

The Church represents in the Wiseman Association annually. Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will host the general associational meeting of the Wiseman, Siloam and Enon Associations, on March 29, 1969.

Editor And Others On Tour of Bible Lands

The Lord willing, the editor and others will be on a tour of Bible Lands from March 3 through March 17. Eld. L. W. Smith is to be in the tour. He is pastor of Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Eld. W. T. Russell, pastor of Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. and Eld. Bobby G. Sutton, pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. are also to be on this tour. The editor is pastor of Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.

The fifteen day tour will be to Athens, Greece, then to Israel for several days and then on to Rome before returning home. We are to fly T W A through the Gotaas World Travel Agency.

Reports will be given on this tour in following issues of the BANNER.

ERROR

Last month it appeared in the masthead that the subscription to the BANNER for five years was \$3.00. This happened once before.

This was an error. It should have been three years for \$5.00. I received several subscriptions the two times this appeared for five years and have gone ahead and marked them up for the five years, but it was an error in printing.

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Churches

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

Just Like His Dad

"Well, what are you going to be, my boy,

When you have reached manhood's years;

A doctor, lawyer, or actor great,
Throngs moving to laughter and tears?"

But he shook his head, as he gave reply

In a serious way that he had:

"I don't think I'd care to be any of them—

I want to be like my dad."

He wants to be like his dad! You men—

Did you ever think, as you pause
That the boy who watches your every move

Is building a set of laws?

He's molding a life you're the model for,

And whether it's good or bad
Depends upon the kind of example set

To the boy who'd be like his dad.

Would you have him go every-
where you go?

Have him do just the things you do?

And see everything that your eyes behold,

And woo all the gods you woo?

When you see the worship that shines in the eyes

Of your lovable lad,

Could you rest content if he gets his wish

And grows to be like his dad?

It's a job that none but yourself can fill;

It's a charge you must answer for:

It's a duty to show him the road to tread

Ere he reaches his manhood's door;

It's a debt you owe for the greatest joy

On this old earth to be had:

The pleasure of having a boy to raise

Who wants to be like his dad!

World's Largest City At 11.3 Million People

TOKYO (AP) — The population of Tokyo, the world's largest city, grew to an estimated 11.3 million in 1968, the metropolitan government announced.

Officials said that was a jump of 153,007 but added the rate of increase was slackening because more persons are moving out of the capital than are moving in.

Indianapolis Church Calls Pastor

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Indiana has called Elder D. C. Russell of Franklin, Ky. to the pastorate of the church.

Bro. Russell had been serving Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Bethel Church represents in the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association of the Indianapolis area.

Bro. Moran Accepts Detroit Church

Elder Billy Moran accepted the pastorate of Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich., this past fall.

Bro. Moran had been serving the Bethel Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

Grace Church represents in the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association with the churches in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky. The 1969 session of the Association is to meet with Grace Church.

Faith Baptist Church Calls Pastor

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich., recently called Eld. W. R. Overton to her pastorate. He had served the Madison Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, Tenn. Faith church represents in the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association.

Sulphur Fork Calls Bro. Fields

Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn., recently called Bro. Everett L. Fields of Elmwood, Tenn. to her pastorate. Bro. Fields is to be ordained as this is his first pastoral call. He is a member of Chestnut Mound Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn.

Eld. Ted Smith Accepts Call At Caney Fork

Eld. Ted Smith has accepted a call to pastor Caney Fork Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. He succeeds Eld. Cordell Earps who resigned and accepted the pastorate of Piper's Chapel Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn.

El Bethel Baptist Church Calls Pastor

El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. called Elder Elmer Perigo for pastor recently. This church is located three blocks from the square on Cedar Street in Franklin, in Grangers Village.

Anyone who would like to contact Bro. Perigo that he might visit or invite people to attend services at El Bethel can get in touch with him at Wayne Drive, Gallatin, Tenn. 37066, or call him at 452-1447. He may also be reached by calling 452-6636.

(NOTE: I am sorry that I failed to get this announcement made sooner as it was intended.) —Editor

Pornography And Sex Crimes

MANY OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE anti-pornography legislation contend that pornographic literature does not lead to crime. Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI disagrees. He believes that pornography, in all its forms, is one major cause of sex crimes, sexual aberrations and perversions. The FBI chief recently issued a statement in which he said that sexual violence is increasing at an alarming pace, and that publishing, theatrical entertainment productions are overshadowed by too much emphasis on obscenity, vulgarity, incest and homosexuality. To quote Mr. Hoover: "In case after case, the sex criminal has on his person or in his possession pornographic literature or pictures." Mr. Hoover recommended stiff punishment for the "filth purveyors" to bring the evil under control.

Any reasonable person knows that repeated exposure to any kind of literature, good or bad, is bound to influence an individual. Consistent reading of the Bible will produce one kind of character; constant reading of Karl Marx will produce another. It is impossible to extricate ourselves from the influences about us, not the least of which is the influences of the printed page. Mr. Hoover has well stated the case against obscene literature. It is high time for the American people to wake up and support the FBI and all law enforcement agencies in a great crusade to squelch the traffic in filth.

—Christian Economics

Treasures

By H. C. Vanderpool

TEXT: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21.

From the study of God's word and from the experience of life, we know there are worldly treasures and also heavenly treasures. The scriptures teach us that world treasures will decay and slip from our grasp, leaving one empty handed; or the one possessing them will move out of this world into eternity, leaving them behind. See Luke 12:20-21.

In contrast to the insecurity of the above mentioned treasures, we turn our thoughts to the heavenly treasures. Jesus spoke the following words in Matt. 6:19-21: Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

God wants people to have the things in life that are needed. He created them for us, but not to take all our attention and interest to the extent that we would overlook the real treasures which come to us through His Son that died to save our souls from eternal night. I would like to pass on to the readers the following information that I received some time ago.

In 1923, a very important meeting was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Attending this meeting were nine of the world's most successful financiers. Those present were: the president of the largest independent steel company; the president of the largest utility company; the president of the largest gas company; the greatest wheat speculator; the president of the New York Stock Exchange; a member of the president's cabinet; the greatest "bear" in Wall Street; Head of the world's greatest monopoly; president of the Bank of International Settlements.

Certainly we must admit that here were gathered a group of the world's most successful men. At least men who had found the secret of making money.

Twenty-five years later let's see where these men are:

The president of the largest independent steel company—Charles Schwab—died a bankrupt and lived on borrowed money for five years before his death.

The president of the greatest utility company—Samuel Insull—died a fugitive from justice and penniless in a foreign land.

The president of the largest gas company—Howard Hopson—was insane.

The greatest wheat speculator—Arthur Cutton—died abroad, insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange—Richard Whitney—was released from Sing Sing Penitentiary.

The member of the president's cabinet—Albert Fall—was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street—Jesse Livermore—died a suicide.

The head of the greatest monopoly—Ivan Krueger—died a suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlement—Leon Fraser—died a suicide.

All of these men learned well the art of making money, but not one of them learned how to live. Read Luke 12:16-21.

Church Puts Pastor On The Flight

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., has put their pastor on the flight. The flight is with T W A through the Gotaas World Travel.

Eld. H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor and also the editor of the BANNER, is on tour to Italy, Greece and Israel, March 3-17. Old Union Church is sponsoring the all-expense paid tour, for which the editor is thankful.

Bro. Hargis Accepts Illinois Church

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Washington, Ill. recently called Eld. Raymond Hargis, Bowling Green, Ky. as pastor. Bro. Hargis has accepted the call and will soon move on the field.

History Republished

There has been a republication recently of "History of Alien Immersion and Valid Baptism" which was first written and published by Elder J. H. Grime in 1909.

His son, Eld. J. Hall Grime, route 3, Lebanon, Tenn. 37087, had the book with 79 pages republished and I believe everyone, especially sincere Baptists should have a copy. Price is 50¢ per copy. Ministers, churches and individuals order this book from Bro. Grime at the above address.

—Editor

President of S.B.C., W. A. Criswell, Reaffirms Stand Against Alien Immersion

By PASTOR ROSS L. RANGE

"For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men." (I Cor. 3:3)

It would be wonderful if all Baptist churches agreed on every point of doctrine and could work together co-operatively for the cause of Christ. We realize that every Baptist church is an independent body in itself and can do as she desires. Even the churches of Asia that the Lord wrote to in the book of Revelation did not agree on every point. We should be concerned about our differences that we do not separate so far that we cannot work together. This matter of accepting alien immersion is a very serious matter and is dividing our churches.

It seems as though the Baptist people, in general are opposed to alien immersion, but many of our pastors are responsible for persuading their churches to accept baptism which is not scriptural. I am thankful to see that the president of the S. B. C. has reaffirmed his stand on this issue.

Below I reprint part of an editorial from the Virginia Baptist state paper, The Religious Herald of January 16, where Dr. Criswell is quoted.

"From the beginning, I would suppose the Baptist churches of Virginia and Maryland—the most of them—have been 'alien' immersionists and 'open' commun-

ionists. I suppose that practically all of the Baptist world is that way—English Baptists, Irish Baptists, American Baptists, the Federation of Baptists in Canada, and on and on and on. They are 'open' communionists, and I think, the most of them 'alien' immersionists. That is the Baptist world.

"I have never lived in that world, nor have I ever ministered in it. From my youth up I have been in a world where our people were very strict in these doctrinal matters. People who come to us from other denominations are baptized. .

"... I have no other choice but to tell you that I am torn in my heart over this. I am one way, I have lived one way. I minister in a church one way. But my brethren, these that I have spoken of, are another way in that. Well, God has to decide, to lead, to direct. There are some basic things that I have come to in my own heart about it:

"One is: If we divide over this, what are you going to do about Virginia, about Maryland, in our Southern Baptist Convention? I don't want us to divide. . . .

"But the First Church in Dallas will not go that way. We are not preparing to go that way. If you are a Presbyterian or an Episcopalian and you are coming to First Baptist Church, Dallas, you will have to be baptized. You just will. But I don't want us to separate on these great worldwide commitments that God has given us to do and bog down in those doctrinal altercations that could literally destroy us."

Churches who love the Lord should be much in prayer concerning this matter. How far can we go and still have fellowship together? How far can we go and still give forth a true witness for our Lord? —Ashland Avenue Baptist

LYONS CHURCH SPONSORS TRIP FOR PASTOR

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. is sponsoring the all-expense paid trip for their pastor, Eld. L. W. Smith, on a 15-day tour of the Bible Lands.

Bro. Smith will tour Greece, Israel and Italy. He has expressed his thanks and appreciation for the church's action.

Letter From California

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

Listed below are the names of those that have sent us offerings since we came to California in June, 1968, to pastor Gloria Gardens Missionary Baptist Church, Downey, California.

We would like to thank each one for the offerings and if we have overlooked anyone, forgive us. This is up until February 1, 1969.

Enon Church and Sunday School, Macon Co., Tenn., \$187.79; Bethany Church and Sunday School, Macon Co., Tenn., \$35.00; Bro. Eugene Porter, Portland, Tenn., \$25.00; Eld. Truman Gerald, Gamaliel, Ky., \$10.00; Maces Hill Church, Macon Co., Tenn., \$50.00; Bro. Delbert Emmitt, Moss, Tenn., \$10.00; Bro. Charles Swindle, Lafayette, Tenn., \$5.00; Mrs. Oakley Cook, Lafayette, Tenn., \$10.00; Bro. George Wilson, Lafayette, Tenn., \$1.00; Bro. J. C. York, Lafayette, Tenn., \$10.00; Bethlehem Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$158.78.

Remember us in prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Eld. Kenneth Davis

General Association of Missionary Baptists To Be Held March 29

There is to be a general association of Missionary Baptists of the Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Missionary Baptist Associations at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischev Ave., Nashville, Tenn., on March 29, 1969. This is located in East Nashville.

A picture and history of this church appears on page 1. Services are to begin at 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP BEATITUDES

Blessed is he who will not strain at a drizzle and swallow a down pour.

Blessed is he who tries a little harder when all around say, "It can't be

Blessed is he whose program contains prayer meeting night.

Blessed is he who serves faithfully on a committee.

Blessed is he who loves his church before his business.

Blessed is he who invited people to church and comes along himself.

Blessed are those who never gossip about the faults of the church but work to make it better.

Blessed is the church officer who is not pessimistic.