

Baptist Banner

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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GREETINGS FROM JERUSALEM



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BIBLE LANDS TOUR GROUP, MT. MORIAH, JERUSALEM. SITE OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

Standing left to right: Abraham, bus driver; H. C. Vanderpool, Bowling Green, Ky.; W. T. Russell, Bowling Green, Ky.; Mrs. Ruth Ball, Oak Park, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Lefner, Hemet, Calif.; Mrs. Adele Sindle, Gallatin, Tenn.; Mrs. Esther Lassiter, Nashville, Tenn.; Lloyd Christiansen and Mrs. Lloyd Christensen, Englishtown, N. J.; Mrs. Gladys C. Hawes, Hemet, Calif.; Miss Leola C.

Wold, Minneapolis, Minn.; Miss Alice Baum, Oak Park, Ill.; Miss Miriam Wheeler, Haguenau, France; Mrs. Agnes Colquhoun, Boca Raton, Fla.; Mrs. Josephine Hart, Lynbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. Virginia Seifert, San Jose, Calif.; Miss Ann Harrison, Darlington, S. C.

Seated left to right: Arthur T. Nelson, Oak Park, Ill.; Arje Genossar, our Israeli guide; Earl Shaffer, Roseburg,

Ore.; L. W. Smith, Louisville, Ky.; Bobby Sutton, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Blanche Stinson, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Howard C. Bach and Howard C. Bauch, Ventnor City, N. J.; Mrs. Ruth Witt, Lebanon, Tenn.; Miss Nell Pearson, Salzburg, Austria. (Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Harrison and Mr. Victor Seifert were not present due to illness). Ministers in the group are Bauch, Sutton, Smith, Shaffer, Russell and Vanderpool.

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Churches

Report From McFerrin Baptist Church Nashville, Tenn.

We are happy to say the power of
the Lord has been with us here in our
services. Sunday, April 20, two were
saved and six united with the church.
Many were made to rejoice. Eight were
baptized on Sunday, April 27. Our
attendance is good.

On Easter Sunday we had to add
seats and on other Sundays our services
are good. The faithful few attend night
services. Bro. and Sister C. S. Freeman,
who have just celebrated their 58th
wedding anniversary—April 6—are some
of the most faithful. He is 85 and she
is 83. They have meant a lot to us.

We are grateful to Bro. Vanderpool
and Bro. Galloway, all the churches and
individuals that had a part in buying a
V W Bus for our good and faithful
Missionaries, Bro. and Sister Henry
Smith. May the Lord bless you and
them.

All are invited to our church any-
time. Bro. A. G. Gregory is our pastor.

Your Bro. In Christ,
J. W. Hines

How frightful is that false ambition
which desolates the world with fire and
sword.

--George Washington

Gospel Singing School

There is to be a gospel singing school
at McFerrin Ave. Missionary Baptist
Church, 1210 McFerrin Ave., in Nash-
ville, Tenn., beginning on Monday night,
June 23 and continuing through Friday
night, June 27. Then having the final
singing on Sunday afternoon, June 29,
at 2:00 P.M. Bro. S. B. Cornwell is to
be the teacher.

Sister Effie Dillard Dies At Age 76

Sister Effie Dillard, Holland, Ky.,
died on April 11, 1969, at the age of 76.
She professed faith in Christ at an early
age and united with New Salem Baptist
Church. In 1934 she united with

Haysville Baptist Church by letter where
she continued to hold membership until
her death.

She was married to Galin H. Dillard
on September 4, 1918. They had no
children, but the children of the com-
munity loved and respected her.

She is survived by her husband and
many friends.

THE MOST SACKED CITY IN THE WORLD

Jerusalem is said to be the most sacked
city in the world.

In 1400 B.C. it was first wrested from
the Jebusites.

In 587 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar sacked
the city and took Judah into captivity.

In 332 B.C. Alexander the Great took
the city.

In 322 B.C. Ptolemy of Egypt smashed
his way through the defenses.

In 65 B.C. Pompey besieged and took
the city.

In A.D. 70 every stone was leveled to
the ground by Titus, who also inflicted
carnage on the inhabitants.

In 614 came Chosroes of Persia, and
the city was again sacked.

In 629 Heraclius defeated Chosroes
and entered the city.

In 637 Omar took the city from the
Romans.

In 1109 the Crusaders entered Jeru-
salem and subjugated it.

In 1187 it was conquered by Saladin.

In 1517 Selim I of Turkey took it from
the Egyptians.

In 1917 General Allenby took the city
peaceably from the Turks.

Since 1948 Arabs have caused serious
damage to the ancient part of the city.

In June, 1967, the Jews recaptured the
ancient part of the city.

—Prophetic News

I Need A Cross

If life were naught but pleasant
days,

My heart was never lonely,
And if I never came to grief,
But had the good things only;

And if my wishes all came true,
And every cross was spared me;
Well might I live on worldly, Lord,
And never come to know Thee.

I need as much a cross to bear,
As I need the light to see;
And from Thee, daily discipline
To draw my heart to Thee.

And, Lord, I need Your chastise-
ment

More than the food I eat,
To draw me closer to Thy side,
And bow me at Thy feet.

I need to feel some mental pangs
To make my dim eyes see
That all my earth-bound hopes
and dreams

Are sheer futility.

And I need to bear a burden
For other souls bowed down,
To banish pride and vanity,
Ere I deserve a crown.

—Chas. F. Smith.

Death Has Two Meanings

As I lay on my bed last night

Thinking of death, oh! how sure;
I realized the out look is not the
same

For the guilty and for the pure.
From two sides of Death we get a
picture

One of happiness and one of
woe,

A glorious beginning for the
children of God

A sad ending for the ones who
say no.

First I will give you Death for the
saint

A word made free of horror
For it means a land of beginning
again

On one continuous tomorrow.
D—is for Divinity; the God of love
E—is for Eternity with Him up
above

A—is for Angel who will bear us
away

T—is for the Tree of Life, where
we will live for aye

H—is for Heaven, for Happiness
and Home.

Read II Chro. 7:14



Elders W. T. Russell and H. C. Vanderpool standing on Marrs' Hill.

Editor Reports on Bible Lands Tour

By H. C. Vanderpool

(Continued from last issue. Report was for March 3-5.--Editor)

Last month I ended my report on the Bible Lands Tour at Athens on March 5. After lunch at the Electra Hotel in this capital city of Greece, we boarded our bus for a tour of Athens.

We saw scenes from the days of antiquity to the present. Signs of modern progress can be seen in the glass-fronted office buildings, multi-storied apartment houses and hotels.

We saw the Acropolis which was the beginning of Athens about 3500 B. C. The first inhabitants settled on the slopes of this natural citadel. It was here the first kings built their palaces about 1400 B. C.

As we toured this historical city, Demetrius, our guide, gave us detailed information and lectures of the points of interest. He was a learned man and we found his lectures very interesting and informative.

We saw the ruins of the Parthenon, the ruins of Agora the Administrative and Commercial center of ancient Athens. Among the other ancient structures that we saw were the gigantic columns of the Temple of Olympian Zeus, begun in 515 B. C. and finished in the second century A. D. by Hadrian.

I found our visit to Mars' Hill very interesting. It was a great inspiration to me to be able to see and stand where the Apostle Paul stood and preached his great sermon on repentance to the Athenians (Act 17:22-31).

Standing here my soul was filled with mixed emotions. I was happy to have this opportunity and at the same time I seemed to sense a burden anew for the lost millions of the earth. We walked down from this biblical and historical place to our bus. We rode through the city of Athens to the airport. There we checked our baggage for Tel Aviv.

We later boarded Flight 840 and sometime after sunset we arrived in Tel Aviv and here for the first time I set foot in the country that is called the Holy Land.

We checked through customs and took a bus to the Avia Hotel where we spent the night.

Thursday, March 6. After breakfast and a short walk in the fresh breezes of the morning--coming from the Mediterranean--we were ready for the adventures of the day.

Here we met our Israeli guide, Mr. Arje Genossar. Our bus driver was Abraham. We began our tour of southern Israel. On our way to Beersheba, we viewed the Judean hills and the shepherds with their flocks. We saw orange groves where the fruit grows from November until April.

In the valley near Beersheba we saw some Arabs plowing in the fields with ancient made plows pulled by burros. These people are the Bedouins. We got to take a camel ride and talk with some Bedouin children.



Plain near Beersheba

We continued on and crossed the Judean Desert to Masada, the mountain fortress. Josephus wrote about this mountain and the city that Herod built there. Here is the place where 960 Jewish zealots held out against the Romans. They finally decided to take their own lives instead of becoming slaves to the Romans.

After leaving Masada we made our way to the Dead Sea. Crossing the Judean wilderness we came to Arad where we stopped and had lunch. We arrived at the Dead Sea in late afternoon. Here at the southern end of the sea is where the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah once stood. The greatest depth of the Dead Sea is 1,310 ft. The Arabs call the sea 'the Bahr Lut,' meaning 'Sea of Lot.' This is because of the story of Lot and his wife as found in the book of Genesis.

It was now dark and we made our way back through the Judean wilderness to Beersheba. We spent the night at the Desert Inn Hotel.

On Friday, March 7, we left Beersheba and went to the Gaza Strip. The population of this area is 350,000. Gaza has a population of 100,000. It was the southern most city of the Philistines during the days of the Judges (Joshua 13:1-3).

We went from here to Ashkelon and Ashdod farther north on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. We visited the National Antiquity Park. We viewed the ruins of the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader periods.

From the western shore of Israel we traveled east to Jerusalem going through valley and the hills where Samson and Delilah were reared. We went through the Valley of Elah where David slew Goliath. Late in the afternoon we arrived in Jerusalem and checked in at the Mt. Scopus Hotel. After dinner, scripture reading and meditation, I retired for the night. For many years I had heard and read of this great city and had preached so often about it. On this night--I was in Jerusalem.

(Continued next issue.)



Valley of Elah where David killed Goliath.

Banner Begins 4th Year

With this issue the BAPTIST BANNER begins the fourth year of publication. The editor has realized through the past three years that much work, patience, time and prayer along with the cooperation of the subscribers and others has made it possible to make this publication available to the public.

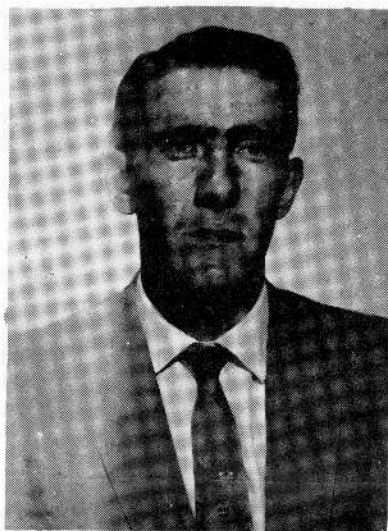
I realize it is a small paper and have wanted to enlarge it at times, but still there are a number of things that have to be taken under consideration. I still say that if enough pastors and churches and also individuals manifest enough interest that the subscription list can be increased to the extent that this is possible--I'M READY TO CONTINUE GIVING MY TIME TO THE PAPER AND ALL THE EXTRA EFFORT NECESSARY TO DOUBLE ITS SIZE.

To all of you the subscribers, the staff at the printing office and Mr. Clarence Martin, I say 'Thank You' for your interest and cooperation through the past three years and trust this will be a year of usefulness and inspiration of the BANNER to all who read it.

PLEASE! If you or someone you know are not receiving the paper after having subscribed for it--LET ME KNOW AT ONCE so this can be checked out and corrected.

I humbly desire your prayers and support for the BANNER through this fourth year.--Editor

Missionary In Mexico



Bro. James Vance

Bro. James Vance of Gordonsville, Tenn., has gone to the mission field in Mexico. He is from the Enon Baptist Association of middle Tennessee.

He is expecting to move his family to Mexico when arrangements for their settlement there is made.

Other reports will be made on him and his work later. Those churches or anyone desiring to help in this work may send your contributions to him as follows:

Bro. James Vance
Apdo. No. 3
1010 Las Americas
Guadalajara, Jalisco
Mexico

Let us remember also to support Bro. Vance with our prayers.

Additional Money Donated For Missionary's Bus

Last month we listed the churches and amounts donated toward the purchase of a V W Bus for Bro. Henry Smith who will soon be returning to Israel with his wife to the mission field there.

Previous Total \$3,003.98
Pleasant Valley Baptist
Church, Washington, Ill. 25.00
Madison Missionary Baptist
Church, Madison, Tenn. 109.88
Total \$3,038.86

Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY--JUNE

McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1210 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor W. T. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Charles Moore.

SECOND SUNDAY--JUNE

West End Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor C. C. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder Tommy Langford.

FRIDAY NIGHT--JUNE 13

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. Pastor Calvin Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

MONDAY NIGHT--JUNE 16

Temperance Hall Community Bldg., Temperance Hall, Tenn. Conducted by Elder Tommy C. Ashford. Services each night at 7:45.

THIRD SUNDAY--JUNE

Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Pastor Everett L. Fields is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Rose St. and Burbank Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter and Bro. J. W. Gregory is to be singing director.

FOURTH SUNDAY--JUNE

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Washington, Ill. Pastor Raymond Hargis is to be assisted by Elder Lawton Brewer.

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