

# Voice of Baptists

**"The Voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."** **Isaiah 40:3**

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## HISTORY OF NEW BETHEL

by the late A. J. Sloan

**"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee." Deuteronomy 32:7**

The following sermon outline was delivered on Homecoming Day 1942. Bro. F. W. Lambert received this memoir by Bro. Sloan and he has graciously passed it on to us that we may all enjoy a treasure from the past.

In the days of old God sent John the Baptist to this world to prepare a people for him to constitute his church. "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins." (Luke 1:76,77) "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection." (Acts 1:21,22)

Here we want to begin to consider the years of many generations and ask the fathers about New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Davidson County, Tennessee.

Does New Bethel have connection with this beginning? What do the fathers have to say about it?

New Bethel (known as White's Creek Church until 1854) was gathered under the ministry of Daniel Brown, Joshua White, Joseph Dorris, Nathan Arnett, Patrick Mooney, Ambrose Dudley and John Taylor in 1794. (Benedict's History, Vol. 2, Pages 219-

220) Taylor and Dudley traveled over 200 miles mostly through a wilderness and were thought to have been destroyed by Indians. These early ministers to Tennessee came from North Carolina and Virginia.

Baptists of these states were converted through the labors of missionaries from England. The first Baptist church ever established in Virginia was in Isle of Wight, at a place called "Burlley," about 1727. Richard Nordin was their first pastor. These Welsh Baptists were planted by Paul.

Clement was a fellow labourer with Paul. "And I intreat thee also, true yoke-  
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## MT. JULIET CHURCH TO ORDAIN

Bro. Ronnie Stewart will be ordained to the ministry and Bros. Johnnie Brewer and Otis Agee to the office of deacon on Saturday morning, August 14, 1982 beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Bro. Stewart has been called to pastor New Bethel Baptist Church of Henry, Tennessee.

Pastor Thomas Armstrong and all the members of Mt. Juliet extend a cordial invitation for all churches of like faith and order to assist with their ordained brethren and all visitors are welcome.

## WEAPONS OF WARFARE

by Danny Chandler  
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Several months ago, I attended a management seminar as part of my secular employment. The subject of the seminar was **Motivating People**, or in other words "how to get people to do what you want them to do." The solution is simple. You appeal to their basic human needs, and if you can control these needs you can control the individual. It became immediately apparent to me that this was the same concept that Satan uses to keep a sinner from seeking God, and to cause the Christian to serve the flesh rather than the Spirit.

The carnal man is motivated by five basic needs and desires (food, security, social acceptance, self-esteem, and accomplishment) and we can all be found at some level on this hierarchy. The motivating structure can be pictured as an ascending ladder with each need as a rung in that ladder. The prime need of all human beings is food. We **must** have this before all else, so it is therefore the bottom rung of the ladder. Control a man's food supply, or any other of his needs, and you can control the man. Once a man's need for food has been satisfied, he is no longer motivated by it so he moves up the ladder and becomes motivated by the next carnal need, "security" - a warm place to sleep, a steady job, an assurance that he will be well fed and comfortable in the days to come. When this level is satisfied, the man moves up the ladder to "social acceptance." He is then motivated not by the other two needs that have already been met, but by the new need to be liked and accepted by those about him. He begins to take notice of what others think of him, and he seeks after their approval.

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His basic need at this point is to be like everyone else. Once he has been accepted and is equal with those about him, he then desires to be just a little bit better than others. He then moves up to the level of self-esteem. Now self-esteem is nothing more than pride, but it is a basic motivating factor in all men. The carnal man **must** feel his worth. He **must** be able to hold his head high. When a man has completely satisfied these four needs and desires, he then moves to the last level where he will make great accomplishments entirely for the sake of satisfying himself.

All of this may seem like "bunk" to some, but let me assure you that it is true and it works. If we as mere men control our fellow men by these means, just think what the "god of this world" can do by employing the same tactics. Let us examine this from a scriptural standpoint and see what we can learn about ourselves and our adversary, Satan.

We know that Satan is the "god of this world" and that our mortal bodies are made from the dust of it, therefore our bodies are subject unto Satan's influences. We also know that the regenerated spirit within us is the place of God's working and control, and that the soul is the battleground between the inner man of God and the outer man under Satan's power. God seeks to control the outer man from within while Satan seeks to control the inner man from without. Thus the warfare. These basic human needs are the weapons of Satan's warfare. If he can control us with these needs, he can keep us from following the Spirit.

When Eve was in the Garden of Eden she did not have a need for food or security because God had provided these for her. She had no need for social acceptance because her and Adam were

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# I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T LIVE IT

by James Moody  
Lexington, TN

When Jesus cried out to Peter and Andrew, He said "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19. Jesus' first two words were "Follow Me." The word "follow" here is the combination of two Greek words **deute** and **opiso** which means come behind me. Jesus said, I will lead, you come behind me (hence "Follow Me"). The word "disciple" means a follower.

One of the most touching illustrations in the gospels can be found in John, chapter 10 - The Good Shepherd. John 10:9, "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:10-11, "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." The shepherd leads and the sheep follows, the shepherd protects, the shepherd provides the way to food and protection, and the shepherd loves. Our Shepherd loves us and laid down His life for us. We are saved when we enter through Christ. Jesus is the only way of salvation. Acts 5:4-12. We trust the Shepherd and all we must do to follow after Him is to follow in His footsteps.

When Jesus saved us He gave us the tools needed to follow after Him. The tools at our disposal are: the Holy Spirit, the Holy Bible and the complete armour of God.

We have the Holy Spirit to guide us. John 16:3, "But when He, the spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatsoever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."

We have the Holy Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for correction, for training in righteousness."

God has the full armour for us that we will be successful in our life for Christ. Ephesians 6:10-18, "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armour of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against

the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the full armour of God, that you may be able to resist the evil day and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

You can live a Christian life. In John chapter seventeen Jesus prayed for you. After we follow after Jesus, we can be assured that Satan will tempt us and try to deceive us. Satan tells us that there is no use in following Jesus because we are doomed to failure. Jesus Himself invited us to follow Him, since all power has been given to Christ. He has asked to do nothing that we cannot do with His help. You can follow Him. Trust Him. The Christian life is exciting and joyful. Please don't allow Satan to cheat you out of knowing this joy. 1 John 5:4, "For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith."

## IF YOU WERE

If you were busy being kind,  
Before you knew it, you would find  
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true  
That someone was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad,  
And cheering people who are sad,  
Although your heart might ache a bit,  
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being good,  
And doing just the best you could,  
You'd not have time to blame some man  
Who's doing just the best he can.

If you were busy being right,  
You'd find yourself too busy quite  
To criticize your neighbor long  
Because he's busy being wrong.

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"as one." Satan, however, knew her need for self-esteem and he tempted her through her desire to exalt herself. Satan said, "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:5) Through this appeal to her pride Satan accomplished his goal, which was to separate her from God and cause her to serve the flesh (which he could influence) rather than the spirit (which God could influence).

Now let us look at Esau. We all know the story of how Jacob beguiled Esau of his birthright, but have we ever stopped to think what made it possible for Jacob to do that? Esau was at his lowest possible human need. He was about to starve to death, and it was through his basic need that Jacob manipulated him. Esau's carnal need had control of him and Jacob had control of the means to satisfy the need. In order to ease the flesh, Esau forfeited his spiritual rights as family priest and propagator of the covenant. He counted his need for food greater than the promises of God, and though he later sought it with tears there was found no place of repentance. Satan once again working through the needs of the flesh had accomplished his end.

The idea of security as a motivating factor always brings to mind the parable of the rich fool. This rich man had so much goods that his barns could not hold them all. In his mind he tore down the old ones and built bigger ones and when they were all full, he said, "Soul, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee, then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:19-20) Jesus was trying to point out the foolishness of providing security for the outer man before securing safety for the soul. This rich man was driven by the desire to be safe in wealth and comfort, and Satan used that desire to keep him busy until it was too late.

I especially want to comment on the need for "social acceptance." This has been a stumbling block for God's people all down through the ages. The first thing God did with Abraham was to separate him from those who might have a bad influence on him. We find on nearly every occasion of God instructing Israel, that they are to remain separate and not mingle with the ungodly. Practically every occasion of Israel's downfall can be traced to the social interaction with the ungodly inhabitants of the land (which they were supposed to have destroyed when they entered the land). God

knew that social pressures and ambitions were a basic desire that when manipulated by Satan would cause his people to follow the flesh. I need only to mention the incident with Balaam to prove my point. God would not let Balaam curse the people of Israel, so Balaam had Balak to corrupt the people from within. This social interaction caused Israel to marry the women of Moab, defile their separation and abandon their pilgrim character.

The desire for "social acceptance" among God's people has led to the current chaotic state of religious liberty that runs rampant today. Satan has used this desire for social acceptance to cause God's people to compromise many of their beliefs and allow footholds for false doctrines. It is time that true Christians remember that they are a called out and separated people, and that they are not to be just separated from the world, but unto God.

In closing, I want to remind each of you that when Christ was tempted in the wilderness, it was not from within, but from without. Satan appealed to the basic human need of His flesh, just as he appeals to ours. Satan used the greatest weapon that he had upon Christ, which was Christ's own humanity. Christ overcame the tempter by the Spirit within, just as we must let the Spirit within us overcome the adversary that seeks to devour us.

## IN APPRECIATION

Just a note to express my heart-felt gratitude to Bro. John A. Keen, Sr. for taking vacation to attend and record a master tape of the recent debate held in Louisville between Rader and Massey. For the benefit of you desiring to obtain a cassette copy of that discussion you may notify Bro. Keen.

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## REVIVALS

## AUGUST 1

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 921 East 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor C. B. Huddleston is to be assisted by Bro. J. E. Suttle. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. EVERYONE IS INVITED!

PARKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH - 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Eugene Brown will be assisted by Elder Billy Moran. Services nightly at 7:30 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## AUGUST 8

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH - Camden, Tenn. Pastor W. T. Russell will be assisted by Elder Arzelle Douglas. Services each day at 10:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. YOU ARE INVITED!

NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH - Henry, Tenn. Bro. Ronnie Stewart will be assisted by Elder Landon Long. Services each day at 10:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GOOD  
REVIVALS  
REPORTED

Elk Creek Baptist Church - Erin, Tenn. Nine professions of faith with eight additions to the church. Pastor Benny Maggart was assisted by Bro. Jackie Wilburn.

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church - Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. Six professions of faith with ten additions. Pastor Billy Moran was assisted by Bro. Paul Bryson.

McFerrin Ave. Baptist Church - McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Five professions of faith with four additions to the church. Elder Howard Taylor is pastor of the church.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH - Huntingdon, Tenn., Fourteen professions of faith and fifteen additions to the church.



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fellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow-labourers, whose names are in the book of life." (Phil. 4:3)

Right here I wish to mention some of the former pastors of this church, Joshua White, James Whitsett, William Kirk, Peter Fuqua who was pastor 100 years ago today, W. D. Baldwin, and A. Malone.

We should thank God for this great church!

Let's look into history for the last 148 years. The first 35 years were pleasant. During this time she sent out directly or indirectly the following churches: Station Camp (directly), Dixon's Creek (indirectly), East Station Camp now Pleasant Hill (indirectly), New Harmony (great granddaughter), Rock Bridge (great granddaughter), Old Hopewell (directly), Hopewell No. 2 (granddaughter), Hogan's Creek (great granddaughter), Union Hill (directly).

In fact, New Bethel Church is the mother of nearly all the churches in this section and for miles around. There have been some great preachers in this old church in the past and God is still blessing her with some great talents.

Now, let's connect Rome and England. Claudia came to Rome from England for a visit and was converted under Paul's preaching. She later married the Roman Soldier, Pudens, who was also saved under Paul and these two carried the good news back to England. "Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren" (2 Tim. 4:21)

Paul obtained the word of patience and was thrown into captivity seven times and was compelled to flee that he might preach righteousness to the whole world.

"Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it." (Acts 28:28)

"But I say, have they not heard? Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." (Rom. 10:18)

(This is just a skeletal outline of the sermon Bro. Sloan preached at New Bethel Church. He was the greatest preacher and debater I have ever heard.

-F. W. Lambert)

## THAT'S GOD

In a recent speech class, we received an assignment to speak about someone we admire. Although I considered many people who possess qualities I admire and would like to see in myself, I couldn't find a subject I admire enough to speak about.

So, I decided to speak about Someone all of us can relate to in some way or other, the one personage I respect, admire and esteem above all others - that's God.

First of all, He is my Friend. Even when I am not strong and find myself putting day-to-day tasks first and God second (or 3rd or 4th), His amazing grace and abundant love are still there. He is always ready to listen patiently to my concerns and problems. He is a kind, compassionate Friend whose tender-hearted willingness to forgive is His most beautiful attribute.

Second, He is my Guidance Counselor. He provides instruction and direction when I have a need. He has an unending well of wisdom and knowledge which He will gladly share with us; all we have to do is ask, in faith believing. And because He loves us so much, He provides correction when we walk in pathways too far from His own.

Third, God is my refuge. He has given me a beautiful inner peace which I wish I could express in such a way that everyone could understand. It's truly an experience to be shared. He provides strength in time of weakness and He is the Someone who is always there to help me when I know I can't make it by myself.

Think with me for a moment - Can you imagine Someone so tender-hearted, so unselfish they could be a Friend, even when you're not, and Someone who loves you, whether or not that love is returned; and Someone who listens to your problems, even if you haven't bothered to talk to Him for ages? Do you have a friend that close?

I do - that's God.

Bev Compton  
10/81

## Letter

Thanks so much for sending me the "Voice of Baptists." I enjoy it and pray it will continue.

Josie Cook  
Lake Park, FL

## DIRTY BUSINESS

Many Christians believe that "politics is dirty business" and that they should keep out of it. This is a wrong concept. If Christians do not take an interest in the government of our country and are not helping to formulate laws which will lead to righteousness in our land, they should not be surprised if Satan takes a hand in their legislation. A few references to be carefully and prayerfully meditated on are 2 Samuel 10:12, 1 Chronicles 19:13, Nehemiah 1:4, 2:3, Psalms 137:1.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There are even some Christians who do not vote. Did you know that: It was one vote that gave Oliver Cromwell control of England in 1656? It was one vote that gave America the English instead of the German language in 1776? It was one vote that changed France from a Monarchy into a Republic in 1875? It was one vote that gave the Presidency of the United States to Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876? It was one vote that gave Adolf Hitler the leadership of the Nazi party in 1923? Never underestimate the power of your vote and your witness.

## Shall I Make My Children Go To Church?

"Yes," is the answer with no further discussion about the matter. Are you startled? Why? How do you answer Junior when he comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces to you that he isn't going to school anymore? You know! Junior goes! How do you answer him when he comes in very bemused and says, "I'm not going to take a bath." Junior bathes, doesn't he?

Why all this timidity, then, in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Are you going to wait and let him decide what church he will go to when he is old enough? Quit kidding! You didn't wait until he was old enough to decide whether or not he wishes to remain dirty or be clean. Do you wait until he is old enough to decide if he wants to take medicine when he is sick?

What will you say when Junior announces he does not like to go to church? That's easy to answer. Just be consistent. Tell him, "Junior, in our family we all go to church, and that includes you!" Your firmness and example will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion travels into rich and satisfying experiences in personal religious living.

-J. Edgar Hoover