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Thus saith the LORD, Stand
for the old paths, where is the
ye shall find rest



ye in the ways, and see, and ask
good way, and walk therein, and
for your souls.

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Merry Christmas

BETHLEHEM, ISRAEL
Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:1-5



First Tangible Evidence of Babylonian Destruction

Four ancient arrowheads uncovered in a 15-meter-deep pit in the Jewish Quarter are believed to be the first tangible evidence ever found of the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem 2,500 years ago.

The arrowheads were found by Prof. Nahman Avigad on the last day of the seventh season of archaeological excavations in the Jewish Quarter.

BIBLE LANDS TOUR

By H. C. Vanderpool

One day before this issue of the BANNER was to be prepared and sent to the printer, I, with a large group, returned from our tour of the Holy Land and other Bible countries. We visited Bethlehem. Reports of tour will be in future issues.

O, Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shineth,
The ever lasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Im-man-u-el!

KENTUCKY CHURCH CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. celebrated their 25th anniversary in all day services on Sunday, August 29, 1976. Sunday School was held at 10:00 A. M. and Elder L. W. Smith, the first pastor of the church, preached at the 11:00 A. M. service. Lunch was served at the noon hour. Afternoon services began with singing and prayer. The history of the church, written by the present pastor, Elder Bernard Skaggs, was read by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Special groups were featured during the afternoon singing. A good day of fellowship was enjoyed. The history of the church, written by the pastor and read as stated above, appears here in this article.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Editor and Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool

MINISTER NEEDS HELP

It has come to the attention of the editor that Bro. Alfred Cook is in need of financial help. Any church or individual who wishes to assist this aged minister may send your donation directly to him. Mail the offering to Elder Alfred Cook, Box 75, Lafayette, Tenn. 37083.

Ordination

There is to be an ordination service at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1976, with services beginning at 2:00 P. M.

Brethren Odie Shoulders, Terry Hall, Tony Tidwell and Glen Flemming are to be ordained to the deaconship. Churches of "like faith and order" are invited to assist in the ordination. Elder Bobby G. Sutton is pastor of the church.

PASTORAL CALLS

Elder G. W. Knight has been called to the pastorate of Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Tenn.

Elder F. L. Ray has accepted a call to Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Huntingdon, Tenn. Services on 2nd and 4th Sundays and Sunday nights.

Revival Report

Liberty hill Missionary Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn. There were five professions of faith with thirteen additions to the church. Pastor Huey Brooks was assisted by his son, Bro. Roy F. Brooks.

The Disease of Sin

By H. C. Vanderpool

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

As the Israelites journeyed from Mount Hor to compass the land of Edom, they became discouraged and began to murmur against God and against Moses. The Lord sent fiery

serpents among the people and they were bitten by the serpents, and many died.

God gave Moses a command to make a serpent of brass and place it upon a pole. Moses did this and it came to pass that any man who beheld the serpent of brass lived, though he had been bitten.

As the bite of the serpent brought death to the Israelites, so does sin bring death to the sinner. But as God has a remedy for those that would look and live, even so those that look to Christ by faith may live and not die.

The Joy Of Being Editor

- Getting out this little paper is no picnic.
- If we print jokes, people say we are silly.
- If we don't, they say we are too serious.
- If we clip things from other sources, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.
- If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff.
- If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius.
- If we do print them, the paper is full of junk.
- If we make a change in the other person's writing, we are too critical.
- If we don't we are asleep.
- Now, likely as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other publication.
- WE DID.

HOMOSEXUALS

With increasing numbers of homosexuals "coming out of the closet" and asking for recognition in their churches, the issue of what to do with gays in the church has stirred debate throughout the ranks of Protestantism.

Most sources attribute the furor to the gays themselves, who have become increasingly vocal about their lifestyle. Others cite a recent vote by the American Psychiatric Association that took homosexuality off the list of mental illnesses.

Dr. Leon Smith, director of Educational Ministries in Marriage for the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, said that in the statistically average family - two grandparents who have two children who marry and have two children - at least one person in the family is gay. (Hogwash!) He also cited the 1945 Kinsey report that set the commonly accepted number of homosexuals at 10 per cent of the population. Taking the statistics from the Kinsey report, the United Methodist Gay Caucus used the slogan "One Million Methodist Can't Be Wrong" at the church's General Conference this spring to promote their viewpoint.

Homosexuality is one of the most abominable sins mentioned in Scripture. Nations have been destroyed because of it. Yet religious infidels wish to dialogue with the degenerates. (Gen. 19 and Romans 1 would settle it.)

Norman Pyle

Country Parson



"A good leader is one who thinks he doesn't know all the answers."

Why Attend Church?

BECAUSE OF WHAT THE CHURCH IS. It is the institution ordained of God to preach the Gospel. It is more than an organization but is an organism, made so by the life given her by God.

BECAUSE OF HER COMMISSION. The Lord commissioned his church and charged her with the responsibility to preach the Gospel. We would not deny the fact that all saved men are to lead others to Christ but the agency commissioned to promulgate the Gospel is the true church.

BECAUSE OF OUR FELLOWSHIP IN HER. The bond of fellowship between spiritual church members can not be found in any other organization.

BECAUSE IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT WE ATTEND. It is not an optional matter. God has not left us to separate ourselves from the services of the church without being disobedient to him.

—G. H. Gordon, Bulletin.

Sunday School

Wiseman Baptist Association
Minutes, 1894

We consider the Sunday School, and the lessons therein taught, as a moral theological course, and an auxiliary to the church. A training of the mind of the young and old alike in that direction will lead them to Christ, and will educate Christians in the revealed law of God, that they may better serve Him in the manner that will redound to their eternal happiness in the courts of Heaven.

We urge upon all the churches an adherence to the cause of the Sunday Schools. We are commanded by Jesus Christ to "Search the Scriptures." John 5:39. Again it is written, "But these are written that ye might have life through His name" John 10:31.

Hence, if we give our children a thorough education, the better they are qualified to read and understand the written evidence that Jesus is the Christ. By—I. L. Roark.

What Does A Pastor Do ?

The pastor teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills and knife.

He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor; a bit of a philosopher and entertainer, a salesman.

He's a decorative piece for public functions; he is supposed to be a scholar.

He visits the sick, marries people buries the dead, labors to console those who sorrow. He admonishes those who sin and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty.

He plans programs, appoints committees—when he can get them; spends considerable time keeping people out of each other's hair.

Between times he prepares a sermon and preaches it on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagement. Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chap roars, what a job—one day a week!

—Author Unknown

Radio Ministry

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:00 A. M. conducted by Elder James (Pete) Porter and Elder J. W. Briley on WHIN (1010) Gallatin, Tenn.

Each Sunday at 7:30 A. M. Elder Rex Hunt can be heard on WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn.

Elder Cordell Earps broadcasts each Saturday at 8:45 A. M. on WNAH (1360) Nashville, Tenn.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Program each Sunday at 2:00 P. M. over WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Charles Moore in charge.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Ind. Broadcast on WNTS (1590) Indianapolis. Pastor E. Moran is the speaker.

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:30 A. M. on WAMG (1130) Gallatin, Tenn. The speakers are Elders Bobby Sutton, Harold Dunn, and Tommy Oldham.

Elder Tommy Ashford has a radio broadcast each first and third Sunday at 7:30 A. M. on Station WJLE, Smithville, Tenn. The programs are broadcast at the same time on AM 1480 and FM 101.7.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Broadcast each Sunday at 1:30 P. M. on WKCT (930) Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Massey in charge of programs.

Bro. Jimmy Cox of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. can be heard each 2nd and 4th Sunday on WEVT (1600) Huntsville, Ala. at 8:30 A. M.

Each first Sunday at 9:30 A. M. Elder Doc Johnson can be heard on WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn.

Each Sunday at 9:30 A. M. broadcasts are presented on WLCK (1260) Scottsville, Ky. by Elders Earl Patterson, Charles Brunsen, Johnny Meador, David Taylor and Douglas Blankenship.

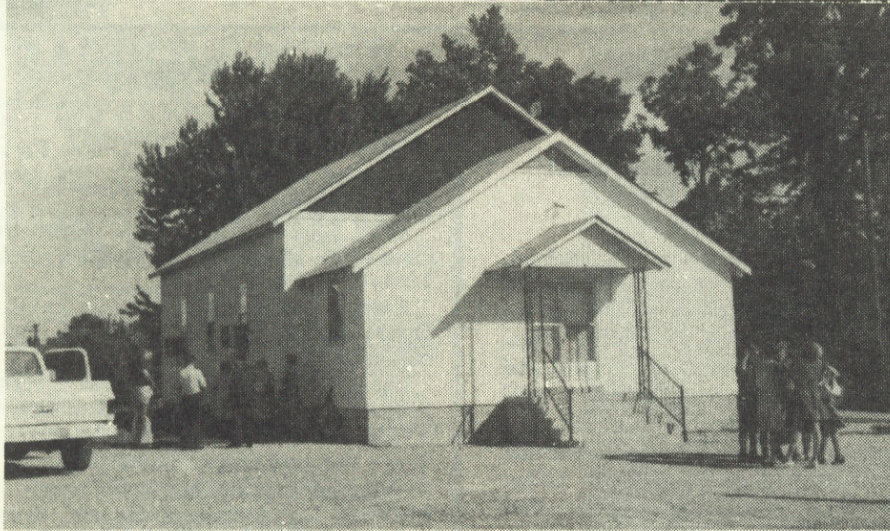
Each 1st and 4th Sunday on WRKM (1350) Carthage, Tenn. Bro. Donnie Skelton can be heard at 1:30 P. M.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Broadcasts each Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., at 4:10 P. M. and Sunday at 8:00 A. M. on WNAH (1360) Nashville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool conducts the broadcasts.

AMBASSADORS—MISSIONS



Matt. 28:19-20



FAIRVIEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WOODBURN, KY.

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THE FIRST TWENTY FIVE YEARS

A History of Fairview Missionary Baptist Church. By: Pastor Bernard M. Skaggs Aug. 29, 1976

On Oct. 15, 1950 Elders L. W. Smith and H. C. Vanderpool went into the town of Woodburn in south Warren county, Ky. to hold a two-week revival meeting. They were permitted to use a theatre building for two weeks. The results of this meeting were very good, there being seven souls saved.

After this meeting Eld. Smith began to preach there once each month. After a few months of preaching there a need was felt to organize a church at this location. A Methodist building was found to meet in and a date was set to meet and organize. Sister churches of the area were invited to send their ordained help to assist.

The organization was held on April 27, 1951. The organizing council was made up of twelve ordained preachers and four deacons from ten churches. The churches represented in the council were; Drakes Creek, Fifth Street (now Fairview Memorial), Meadorville, New Bethel, Union Hill, Siloam, Plano, Mt. Zion, Bays Fork and Salem. Eld. L. W. Smith was elected moderator; Eld. D. C. Russell, clerk; Eld. W. T. Russell to preach the sermon; Eld. L. A. Stewart to read the articles of faith, Eld. H. C. Vanderpool to read the church covenant; Eld. F. L. Ray to pray the prayer and Eld. Lloyd Fishburn to give the charge to the new church.

After the council had performed its function and the new church had declared itself an independent Baptist body, Eld. L. W. Smith was elected pastor and Bro. C. E. Taylor was elected clerk. The name Fairview Missionary Baptist Church was adopted.

There were seven charter members with letters of good standing from four different churches. The charter members were; Sis. Henretta Belcher and Bro. C. E. Taylor from Fifth Street; Sis. Mallie Russell from Hillsdale; Sis. Diasey Johnson from Mt.

Zion, and Sis. Gladys Perry, Sis. Leana McPeak and Bro. B. McPeak from Old Union. Three of these are still members here at Fairview. They are Sis. Gladys Perry, Sis. Mallie Russell and Sis. Daisy Johnson.

The new church met once a month for some time then went to twice a month. In Nov., 1965 she started full time. This church still meets each Sunday morning with Sunday School and preaching and each second Sunday night for preaching and business conference.

In the past twenty five years she has had seven pastors; Eld. L. W. Smith, Eld. Wm. Johnson, Eld. C. B. Huddleston, Eld. Jimmy Suttle, Eld. Junior Farley, Eld. Earl Patterson and Eld. Bernard M. Skaggs. She has been served by three clerks; Bro. C. E. Taylor, Bro. O. L. Gregory and Bro. J. B. Clark. Those presently holding offices in the church are as follows: Deacons, Brothers Robert Pirtle, J. B. Clark, Obie Cothron, Aubrey Johnson, Ernest Sanford and James Combs. Trustees are Bros. Herman Clark, J. B. Clark and Ottis Gammon. Bro. J. B. Clark is the clerk, Bro. Ottis Gammon is treasurer, Bro. Robert Pirtle is the Sunday School superintendent and Eld. Bernard M. Skaggs is the pastor.

This church has baptized 55 converts and has over the years furnished a spiritual home for 133 of God's children. She has a present membership of 70. In 1951 and 1952 she represented in the Wiseman Association and was a constituent member of the Siloam Association. She has represented in this association each year since. She was also host church to this association in 1959.

She has been faithful in keeping house for the Lord and in upholding His truths. For the past 25 years she has "earnestly contended for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints". (Jude 3.) It is our hope and prayer that she will continue to do so in the years to come. And when the Lord returns will be found still preaching and practicing the truths as laid down in His Holy Word.

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HISTORY

The History of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. has been written by the pastor. Features are: 182 years of history; Historical connections to many churches and associations; Twenty Chapters; Approximately 150 pages; Over 50 pictures and maps; Large print for easy reading; Hard Back Cover. Price is \$5.00 per copy, including postage and handling. Mail orders to: New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, c-o H. C. Vanderpool, 104 Hasty Dr., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072.