

Baptist Banner

Second-Class Postage Paid At Goodlettsville, TN 37072

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

VOLUME 16

GOODLETTSVILLE, TENN. 37072

JANUARY, 1981

NUMBER 3

Happy New Year

THE SAMARITANS



With the fall of the House of Israel in 721 B.C., and its dispersion by the Assyrians, the countryside was repopulated by a pagan people who assumed Jewish rites and actually claimed descent from Ephraim and Menasseh. These Samaritans were never accepted as Jewish by the Jewish returnees from Babylon. The refusal to allow them to partake in the Temple's reconstruction led to an irreconcilable schism between Samaritan and Jew. Their own temple on Gerizim, an affront to Jerusalem, was destroyed by John Hyrcanus in 128 B.C. A hardy people, the Samaritans withstood many attacks against them by the Romans and Byzantines and instigated a few of their own.

A small remnant has survived to this day. Their 450 members reside in either Nablus or in Holon (near Tel Aviv). They accept only the Pentateuch, and their Passover is celebrated each year on Mount Gerizim with the slaughter of the pascal lambs just as prescribed in Exodus 12, 5. On the left, their High Priest is seated beside an ancient Pentateuch scroll.

Help Offered By Church

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. has a committee of young married women of the church who are in charge of collecting, storing, and preparing clothes for distribution to individuals or families who need them because of the destroying of a home by fire or for some other reason. If a need arises in your community, you are invited to call us, giving ages, sizes, and stating whether the clothes are for men, women, boys or girls. We will be happy to help in these situations. You may call either of these numbers: 615-822-4974; 615-859-2432; 615-859-5780.

A BALANCED MINISTRY

By J. H. Smith
(Continued from December issue)
DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER. BASED ON THE FIRST EPITILE OF PETER.

TESTING OF FAITH

The Lord saves people, gives them joy and peace in their hearts, and blessed assurance that they have found the true Saviour. Yes, we tell people that they can have these wonderful experiences when they trust in Jesus Christ; but do we tell them also that as they go out to face the world that they will experience some

Ordination Service



Bro. Brad Adams

On Sunday, January 11, 1981, there is to be an ordination service at Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, McGavock and Lakeland Dr., Donelson, Tenn. Service is to begin at 2:00 P.M. Bro. Brad Adams is to be ordained to the full work of the ministry, and Bro. Lewis Dotson and Bro. Gary Duncan are to be ordained as Deacons.

Bro. Adams has been called to the pastorate of Trammel Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Kentucky. He has already begun the work there. Churches of the Wiseman, Enon and Siloam Baptist Associations and Mt. Calvary and Greenfield Baptist Churches have been invited to assist in the ordination. Elder Hilman Duncan is pastor of Gateway church.

Baptist History



By H. C. Vanderpool

Elder John Gano was one of the pioneer Baptist ministers in America. He was a direct descendant of the Huguenots of France. He was born at Hopewell, New Jersey on July 22, 1727. He was converted in early life and united with the Baptist Church at Hopewell. He was ordained to the ministry by that church on May 29, 1754. Elder Isaac Eaton preached the ordination sermon. He preached in New York, New Jersey, North Carolina and other states including Kentucky where he died in Frankfort in 1804.

He assisted in the organization of the First Baptist Church in New York City on June 10, 1762, and was elected the first pastor of the

church. He was a Chaplin in the Revolutionary War, serving with General George Washington, later the first president of the United States. In fact, he baptized Gen. Washington into the fellowship of the New York Church.

"Gano served as Chaplin through the war and after the war was still with the troops expounding the Word of God. General Washington had heard him preach and had been searching the scriptures. Approaching the Chaplin (Gano), he requested baptism that was taught in the scriptures. The baptism took place quietly and simply in the Hudson River with only 42 witnesses." - History of The Baptists, Armitage pp. 753-756. Record taken by Charles W. Koller, Pres., Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill.



things that will make their heart heavy, and make them hurt on the inside? Such things will come and if we don't tell young converts that they will come, and that these
(Continued on Page 3)

ATTENTION!

In order to prepare copy of the BANNER for the printers, their printing and returning the issue to me for mailing, IT IS NEEDFUL that anyone sending in an article or announcement, or calling in an announcement, SHOULD DO SO by the 10th of the preceding month of publication. Sometimes I get announcements for the paper about the time it is already coming from the press. WE WANT ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ARTICLES you wish to have printed, but we have the above date deadline. YOUR cooperation will help us all. - Editor

A scandal is a breeze stirred up by a couple of windbags.

Some people read just enough to keep themselves mis-informed.

BAPTIST BANNER
 Founded June 1, 1966
 Publication No. (USPS 041-800)

H. C. Vanderpool, Editor-Publisher

Second-Class Postage Paid At
 Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Mail all Correspondence to:
 H. C. Vanderpool, Editor
 104 Hasty Drive
 Goodlettsville, TN 37072
 Phone: (615) 859-5780

POSTMASTER: Send 3579 to:
 104 Hasty Drive
 Goodlettsville, TN 37072

SUBSCRIPTION RATE
 1 Year.....\$3.00
 2 Years.....\$5.00
 In bundles to churches, \$2.00
 per copy per year. For 100 or
 more copies to one address.
 \$1.50 per copy per year.

Church Organized In Indiana

Dear Brother Vanderpool,
 I am sending to you the information on the organization of an old fashion Missionary Baptist Church.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1980 the Beechgrove Baptist Mission organized themselves into an old fashion Baptist Church at Tipton, Indiana. There were 9 charter members with the assisting organizational council gathered from the following churches. Kokomo Missionary Baptist, Liberty Missionary Baptist in Indianapolis, Salem, Southside, Pleasant Valley, and The Old Fashion Baptist Church. Those serving the council were Elder Hugh Hudson moderator, Elder Larry Taylor as clerk, Elder James Jones preached the sermon, Elder Mince read the articles of faith, Deacon Donald Gregory read the covenant, Elder W. B. Elrod lead organizational prayer, and Elder Charles Chapman charged the church and also presented the Bible. The charter members were gathered from 3 churches. Kokomo, East Hopewell, and Grace Missionary Baptist Church. Names as follows: Elder Richard T. Huskins, Sister Virgie Huskins, Brother Richard Kent Huskins, Sister Karen (Ramsey) Huskins, Sister Maxine McGinnis, Deacon Darrel Perdue, Sister Peggy Purdue, Sister Marjorie Ramsey, and Sister Tamie Huskins, with the extending arm from the Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church.

Elder Richard T. Huskins has taken lead in this work but would not accept the call of pastor because of recent health problems. The church has called a young minister, Brother Mark Duncan for their leader at this time. Our services are full time.

This work is one of the most prominent that we have been involved in. As it is in a very good location and that we have had good cooperation from our sister churches.

The Beechgrove Missionary Baptist Church would like to extend a sincere thanks to our sister churches for their assisting us in our organization. Anyone having any relatives or family in the Tipton County Community please advise them of our church. For additional information you may contact Elder Richard Huskins, Box 404, Windfall, IN 46076, phone no. 945-7389.

OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR TELECAST

By H. C. Vanderpool

You probably have been reading for months in the BANNER about the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast, with Bro. Bobby Pitt as coordinator, working with his home church and many other Missionary Baptist Churches to tape and distribute the telecast to several states. The TV Studios are located on Rutland Road, Mt. Juliet,

Harvest Missionary Baptist Church Acquires Permanent Home

Harvest Missionary Baptist Church of Hendersonville, TN has recently acquired a permanent home. The church has purchased a piece of property and building located at 192 Curtis Cross Roads, Hendersonville, TN. The church members have renovated the old building and converted it into a house of worship. Harvest Church was organized January 5, 1980, and have been worshipping in Nannie Berry Elementary School, in Hendersonville, since that date. An All Day Service is planned for Sunday, January 4, 1981, to celebrate the first anniversary of the church.

We the Harvest Missionary Baptist Church want to thank everyone who has helped us so much, and especially 19 of our sister churches, who sent us financial assistance to help us in the purchase of the property.

The Sunday, January 4 service will begin at 10:00 A.M. with preaching by our Pastor, Eld. Landon C. Long, at the 11:00 A.M. hour. Lunch will be served at the noon hour and Eld. Benny Maggart will deliver the afternoon message, at 2:00 P.M. Special Singing will be enjoyed during the day. Everyone is invited to come and be with us on this special day. Curtis Cross Roads connects Sanders Ferry Road and Walton Ferry Roads.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
 Harvest Missionary Baptist Church
 William H. Woodall, Clerk
 113 LaPlaza Dr., Hendersonville
 Tel. 824-7534

THE GIFT

This gift I gave for all of you
 A symbol of my love,
 A gift that can't be bought with gold,
 A gift from high above.

I died for you upon a cross
 I paid your debt of sin.
 Eternal life I give to you
 If you will let me in.

I'll save you by my wondrous grace
 Your every burden share
 I'll never place upon your heart
 More than a heart can bear.

I'll be your friend, I'll be your guide
 And watch o'er you each day
 Though often times the road gets rough,
 I'll be there all the way.

I'll cheer you when you're sad and blue,
 If you will follow me.
 I'll give you strength to face each day
 And set your spirit free.

This gift to you is greater far
 Than all the world can hold.
 A gift of love so rich and deep
 It can't be bought with gold.

No greater gift hath any man
 Than this I give to you.
 For when I died upon the cross
 I gave my life for you.

STELLA JENKINS
 Member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
 Nashville, Tenn.

Tenn. There have been several people from time to time wanting to know what day of the week, and what time of the day the telecast was aired in various states so they could notify their friends and relatives living in those areas that they might be able to see the services. Bro. Pitt has given me that information and I'm giving it here so you can pass the information to those living where the telecasts are shown. Our Old Fashion Missionary Baptist preachers are now preaching to millions each week. The total number of homes reached by the stations listed are 584,986, and counting four persons per household this would mean the potential viewers would be 2,339,944 people each week. States, cities, channels, days and time are listed below.

ALABAMA

Huntsville - Ch. 9.....Mon. 9:00 P.M.
 Scottsboro - Ch. 6.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.

CALIFORNIA

Beverly Hills - Ch. 9.....Sun. 6:00 P.M.
 Hollywood - Ch. 9.....Sun. 6:00 P.M.
 Los Angeles - Ch. 9.....Sun. 6:00 P.M.
 Angles Camp - Ch. 4.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Auburn - Ch. 8.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Carmicheal - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Citrus Heights - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Jackson - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Lodi - Ch. 10.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Maryville - Ch. 8.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Mantea - Ch. 6.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Mercer - Ch. 3.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Modesta - Ch. 12.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Newman - Ch. 3.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 No. Sacramento - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Oakdale - Ch. 4.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Orangeville - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Patterson - Ch. 3.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Placerville - Ch. 5.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Placer County - Ch. 8.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Rockland - Ch. 12.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Rossville - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Sacramento - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 San Andreas - Ch. 4.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Sorra - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Stockton - Ch. 4.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Turlock - Ch. 9.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Youba City - Ch. 8.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.

GEORGIA

Catoosa Co. - Ch. 9.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Chickamauga - Ch. 9.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Dalton - Ch. 7.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Ft. Oglethorpe - Ch. 9.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Lafayette - Ch. 11.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Linwood - Ch. 11.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Ringgold - Ch. 7.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Rossville - Ch. 9.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Summerville - Ch. 13.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Trenton - Ch. 13.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Tunnel Hill - Ch. 7.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Walker Co. - Ch. 9.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.

INDIANA

Indianapolis - Ch. 40.....Sun. 1:30 P.M.

NEVADA

Castle A.F. Base-Ch. 19...Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Dixon - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Rio Vista - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.
 Trokee - Ch. 19.....Tue. 10:30 A.M.

NEW JERSEY

Bricktown - Ch. 6.....Tue. 7:30 P.M.
 Point Pleasant - Ch. 6.....Tue. 7:30 P.M.
 Point Pleasant B. - Ch. 6.....Tue. 7:30 P.M.

PENNSYLVANIA

Altoona - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Adams - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Barr - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Bakertown - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Barnsboro - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Berlin - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.

Beaverdale - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Cambria - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Carroll - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Carrolltown - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Central City - Ch. 5.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Clearfield - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Clymer - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Conemaugh - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Croyle - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Davidsville - Ch. 12.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Dixonville - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Ebensburg - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Ehrenfield - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Elder - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Hastings - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Holsopple - Ch. 12.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Indiana - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Johnstown - Ch. 12.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Liberty - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Nanty Glo - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Patton - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Portage - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Roaring Springs - Ch. 6.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Saxton-Hopewell - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Sidman - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Southfork - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Spangler - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 St. Michael - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Summerhill - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Susquehanna - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Thornas Mills - Ch. 12.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Tire Hill - Ch. 12.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 W. Carroll - Ch. 8.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 White - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.
 Windber - Ch. 7.....Sun. 8:30 P.M.

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga - Ch. 11.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 East Ridge - Ch. 11.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Harriman - Ch. 5.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Jasper - Ch. 12.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Kimball - Ch. 12.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Kingston - Ch. 4.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Knoxville - Ch. 1.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Redbank - Ch. 11.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Ridgeview - Ch. 11.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Rockwood - Ch. 5.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Sweetwater - Ch. 4.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 So. Pittsburg - Ch. 12.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.

TEXAS

A B C Network

Bay City - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Bloomington - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Cuero - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Eagle Lake - Ch. 12.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Edna - Ch. 7.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 El Campo - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Ganada - Ch. 7.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Goland - Ch. 13.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Lolita - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Palacios - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Port Lavaca - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Port O'Connor - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Pt. Comfort - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Shariff - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Shilner - Ch. 13.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Victoria - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Wharton - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Yorktown - Ch. 3.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.
 Yorkum - Ch. 13.....Sun. 10:00 A.M.

Listed above are 124 cities in eight states where the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast is viewed each week. phone calls and letters have been coming in from across the nation and some reports of people being saved. There is no plea or request for any money on the telecasts, they are supported entirely from donations from our old fashion Baptist Churches. PLEASE KEEP UP THESE DONATIONS SO THESE BAPTIST TELECASTS WILL CONTINUE TO REACH MILLIONS EACH WEEK! Send Old Fashion Hour Gospel Telecast, c/o Elder Billy Shoulders, P. O. Box 34, Monoville, TN 37121.

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Ninth Annual Session - March 25, 26, 27, 1981



H. C. Vanderpool J. H. Smith F. W. Lambert W. T. Russell

The application form below is for ministers who will be attending the school for the first time. All who have attended previous to this session, your form and record are already on file.

FULL NAME _____
 ST. & NO. _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 CITY _____ CHURCH _____
 CHURCH ADDRESS _____
 I HAVE BEEN IN THE MINISTRY _____ YEARS
 CHECK ONE: I AM ORDAINED _____ LICENSED _____
 ARE YOU NOW PASTORING A CHURCH _____ YES _____ NO _____
 IF SO, GIVE NAME OF CHURCH _____
 ADDRESS OF CHURCH _____
 RELATE EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION: } USE ADDITIONAL PAPER
 RELATE CALL TO THE MINISTRY: }

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1981

- 9:00 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - A Model Church - J. H. Smith
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - The Book of Ruth - H. C. Vanderpool
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - The True Bride, The Lamb's Wife - W. T. Russell
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - The Gospel of The Grace of God - F. W. Lambert
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1981

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - The Basis For Eternal Security - W. T. Russell
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - The Book of Jonah - H. C. Vanderpool
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - The Gospel of The Riches of Grace - F. W. Lambert
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - The Calling and Gifts of The Ministry - J. H. Smith
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1981

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - Making Void The Grace of God - F. W. Lambert
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - Missions and Missionaries - J. H. Smith
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - The Book of Titus - H. C. Vanderpool
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - The General Resurrection of The Dead - W. T. Russell
- 2:45 P.M. - Presentation of Certificates and Benediction

NOTE: The tuition is \$20.00 for each minister. If his wife attends the studies for Ministers' Wives, the tuition for both is \$25.00. The study periods for the Ministers' Wives will be conducted at the Neel Masonic Lodge Hall. Those in charge will be Sister Estell Ray, Sister Anna Laura Smith and Sister Alta Vanderpool. For any information, contact:

Dr. C. R. Hayes
 Route 3
 Bowling Green, KY 42101
 Phone: (502) 842-3742

Elder Paul W. Bryson
 Route 9, Box 84
 Bowling Green, KY 42101
 Phone: (502) 843-9339

Balanced Ministry

(Continued from Page 1)

are tests that God permits to come for their Good, they might throw up their hands and say, I didn't expect it to be like this. God wants His children to grow and not become spiritual runts; and one of the ways He makes them to grow is to put them through trials of fire. Peter said, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7. Fire makes gold better, it makes it shine brighter, because the fire purges out the dross and leaves the gold much prettier and stronger.

AFTER THE TEST, JOY BECOMES GREATER

James in his writing said this: "My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4. Temptations in this verse means, trials, or testings. So count it all joy when you are tested, because it will make you stronger when you have endured, and you can have such joy that will make you forget all about the trial. Not only that, but it will cause you to praise the Lord and thank Him for putting you through such trials; and furthermore, this will be to the praise and honour and glory of our Lord when He comes. (1 Peter 1:7)

DON'T BE DRIVEN BACK TO OLD PRACTICES

Young Christians before they become established in the faith, when trials come, are sometimes, through the evil influence of old companions, drawn back to some of their old habits which they practiced when they lived in spiritual ignorance. God wants this to be prevented; and that is why the apostle Peter is writing as he did, as we note: "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance; But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;" 1 Peter 1:13-15. The wherefore in verse 13 refers back to verses above from 9 through 12, where it speaks of the salvation that the prophets told about, and how they searched to know more about grace that would come through Jesus Christ, as they didn't know all about their own prophecy, especially the time of fulfillment. It also speaks of the angels who were students, desiring to look into this marvelous salvation. So the apostle is drawing their attention to such great blessings that they were now recipients of. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your minds" he said, or strengthen your mind. This was so needful lest they go back to fashioning themselves according to their former lusts in their ignorance, verse 14.

I once knew a man who got saved, I witnessed his conversion, and I truly believed that he was really saved. This man had followed drinking before he was converted, and he had some companions that drank with him; these people kept after him to drink after he was saved, and the way I heard it, he gave in and drank

with them, and in a state of intoxication he struck his wife and thought maybe he had killed her. This sobered him up, and when he did realize what he had done he went and took his own life. When a child of God begins to go back and engage in his old habits, worse can come to worse, and too many times this happens. The devil cannot get the soul that has been washed in the blood of Christ, but he can work through the weakness of the flesh and get the person's influence, and destroy his usefulness for the Lord. God not only wants the souls of men, but He wants their lives also; and He wills that these lives be nourished and surrendered to Him.

A HOLY LIFE

"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." 1 Peter 1:15.

I think some might want to steer away from this subject because of extremist groups who teach sanctification of soul and body and that sin is removed from the body at conversion. I know that the Bible doesn't teach that God removes sin out of our flesh when He saves the soul; that will happen in the resurrection, when this mortal shall put on immortality (1 Cor. 15:54). But He does teach as to what we should do with our weak, sinful bodies. We are to surrender our bodies to Him for His service, and not be conformed to this world. See Romans 12:1-2. Dedication, separation, or sanctification, which is a continual process. Our old bodies have to be brought under, and because of the nature of the body, it takes a great deal of effort to bring it under subjection, it is a continual warfare. The Apostle Paul gives us a lot of light on the subject of how to deal with the flesh. "This I say then, walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." The flesh still has lust in it, even after conversion, but Paul tells us how to avoid fulfilling that lust. "Walk in the Spirit." The flesh doesn't want to go that way, it is contrary. So again I say it takes a lot of effort, and this effort must continue till our dying day.

There are two main reasons that many professed Christians don't live lives separated from the world. First, they are not taught about this after they are saved, as it should be. Secondly, some Christians don't seem to want to be taught. Maybe in some cases, their profession was empty, they didn't get saved in the first place; and of course in such a case they don't have the Spirit to walk in. Anyway, God's little children have to be told, from the Word of God, what is right, and what is wrong. We must tell as to what to expect in the Christian life. That it will not all be a bed of roses, but if they will live for the Lord and strive to do His will, He will give grace to face the temptations of the devil, grace to meet the trials of life, the frowns and ridicules of this unfriendly world, and work all things for their good and for His glory. (Romans 8:28)

(To be continued)

A Mother In Israel Goes Home



Sister Mary L. Gammon

Sister Mary Letha Gammon went home to be with the Lord on October 27, 1980. She was 101. She was born on April 15, 1879, the daughter of William Cox and Arzelia Wilburn Cox. Her husband, Johnnie E. Gammon preceded her in death in Feb., 1931. She was saved at the age of 20 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. on Nov. 4, 1899, and was baptized into the fellowship of that church on Sunday, Nov. 12, 1899 by Elder J. F. Lambert. He was the grandfather of Elder F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.

At the time of her death she was the oldest member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. She was loved by many and her great love for the Lord and for others was manifested throughout her Christian life. She is survived by three daughters, Effie Fishburn, Alice Jent and Pearl Law, all of Indianapolis; sixteen grandchildren; forty-three great grandchildren and nineteen great great grandchildren. Six of her children preceded her in death.

Truly, Sister Gammon was a mother in Israel. While she is missed and mourned for here on earth, God's footstool, she rejoices in His presence. To die is gain when dying in the Lord! Phil. 1:21. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

Plants of Bible Times Flourish In Israel

The Biblical patriarchs, the world's first ecologists, counted their wealth with carob seeds and air conditioned their tents with tamarisk trees.

So says helen Frenkley, who, as part of a unique team of modern day ecologists, is growing all the plants mentioned in the Bible and Talmudic literature in a garden network halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

At Neot Kedumim, or "The Gardens of Israel," grow those exotic plants people have read about in the Bible but have never seen—balm and ladanum, hyssop and caper. The gardens are still being planted and won't be open to the public for two years, but they are already a focus of interest for Jews and for Christian scholars.

Bible Guides Planting

"The Bible is a chronicle of the Jews' love and care for the land of Israel," says Miss Frenkley, director of Neot

Kedumim. For her, the Bible is not only a book of morality and history, but also a practical guide on how to plant a field or build a terrace.

"Here we are growing a vineyard exactly according to the description of the Prophet Isaiah," she says, standing atop one of the hills in the 500-acre garden. "First we had to bring in thousands of tons of soil and then we were able to follow the words of Isaiah in Chapter 5 and build terraces, plant grapevine cuttings and cover the terrace walls with small prickly bushes to keep the gazelles from entering the vineyard and eating the young grape leaves."

Learning Bible and Botany

Miss Frenkley, 36, knew nothing of agriculture and little about the Bible when she first met the founder and director general of Neot-Kedumim in New York in 1969. "A friend of mine introduced me to Nogah Hareuveni, who mut-

tered something about researching 'Jewish flowers.' It sounded crazy, but I decided to help him out for a month before finding a 'real' job. The concepts I learned fascinated me and when I returned to Israel in 1973, it was clear that Neot Kedumim was to be my life's work." Since then she has become steeped in the rich body of plant lore, metaphor and symbolism of the Bible and knowledgeable in the ecological awareness which permeated the lives and words of the patriarchs and prophets.

"These carob seeds were the smallest Biblical weight, and the English word, 'carat,' comes from the hebrew name for the carob seed, gera," she said.

"They have the peculiar characteristic that they are all almost identical in weight to the standard jeweler's measure, about .0069 of an ounce." To illustrate the fact, she once took carob seeds to a New York jeweler to be weighed. "They weighed exactly 7.0001 carats, and not one of the seeds varied from the norm by more than one-thousandth of a carat."

Biblical Air Conditioning

Not far from the carob is a grove of tamarisk saplings, which Abraham planted in Beersheba. "The leaves of the tamarisk exude salt," she explains. "The salt absorbs the moisture in the night air, and releases it in the heat of the day. Since the major climatic problem in a desert like the Negev is dryness, adding moisture to the air cools and humidifies, significantly lowering the temperature."

The Neot Kedumim team of workers had to move tons of earth to build irrigation reservoirs and then bring that soil to the many barren slopes. "Thousands of years of neglect and erosion left these once fertile hills denuded of all plants and with little or no soil," she said. "We hauled soil back up the hills and rebuilt the stone terraces using the remnants of 3,000-year-old terraces as blueprints."

At one point they came across a deep stone cistern, perched on the shoulder of a hill. "The terrain had been changed by erosion," she said. "When we recontered the land, the water from the first winter rains funneled down into the mouth of the cistern as it had done thousands of years ago, and the cistern refilled. We use it today."

Tennessee Farm Bureau News, October, 1980



BIBLICAL PLANTS—At left, a worker harvests grapes near Zichron Yaakov, Israel. One of the ancient olive trees located in Upper Galilee is shown at right.



TRACTS

By H. C. Vanderpool

Tract Number	Subjects
Number 101	Catechism
Number 102	Was The Church in Existence Before Pentecost? The Christian Path. Communist Rules For Revolution.
Number 103	Search The Scriptures.
Number 104	The Disease of Sin. Sinner—You Are Invited.
Number 105	Treasures.
Number 106	Let's leave Something Behind.
Number 107	What Is Life?
Number 108	How Should We Dress?
Number 109	Scriptures and Headlines Coincide.
Number 110	World Mission of The Church. Where Art Thou?
Number 111	Who Are The Foolish?
Number 112	The Love of Money.
Number 113	Ministerial Education.
Number 114	The Hope Within Us. The Bible and Our Children.
Number 115	How Far Can You See?
Number 116	God's Call To Man.
100.....	\$5.00

Your Order may be for any one tract or they may be mixed. Please be sure to give TRACT number and number desired.

ORDER FROM:
BAPTIST BANNER TRACTS
 104 Hasty Drive
 Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072

History Republished

Several years ago I found an original copy of "The Annual Register of The Baptist Denomination in North America," by John Asplund, 1791. We have had it republished. While I paid \$35.00 for the copy, the valuable volume is now offered to you for \$10.00 per copy, including handling and mailing.

Order from: Elder H. C. Vanderpool, 104 Hasty Dr., Goodlettsville, TN 37072. For a called in order, call: (615) 859-5780.

Watch For Expiration Date

Each subscriber to the BANNER is asked to watch for the date at the end of your name and address on the paper. This is the month that your subscription expires. Please renew as soon as possible, for this saves time and work on the editor and the printer.

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