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

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OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL



Pictured above are most of the ministers attending the 9th annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School on March 25, 26, 27, 1981, at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. There were 88 Baptist ministers attending from Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Idaho, California and Georgia. Some were absent when the photo was made.

Those attending were: Brad Adams, Thomas Armstrong, Dexter Bacon, Jr., D. C. Barton, Harold Beaty, R. C. Bennett, Timothy Binion, J. W. Briley, P. H. Brooks, Eugene Brown, Jr., Paul Bryson, Bobby Butts, Ophie Carr, Harold Carver, Charles R. Chandler, Rufus Chandler, Charles Chapman, Delbert Compton, Morris Cothron, Don Curtis, Doug Curtis, Kenneth Davis, H. B. Eaton.

Gary Edward Fisher, Neal Forshee, Roger Fowler, Larry Galloway, Ronald Galloway, Bobby Gann, Billy Green, James Gardner, Joe Greer, A. G. Gregory, Wilson Gregory, Clarence Hagan, M. V. Hammock, Darrell Hicks, Jimmy Hogue, Lewis Holland, William House, C. B. Huddleston, Rex Hunt, Rick Huskins, Ancil Jones, James Jones, Doug Kearbey, John A. Keen, Jr., F. W. Lambert, Landon Long.

Larry McClain, Benny Maggart, Kenneth Massey, W. E. Massey, Doug Matthews, Floyd Mince, James Moody, Billy Moran, Larry Morgan, Terry Nicode-

mus, W. R. Overton, Kent Parson, Charles Patterson, Calvin Perrigo, Bob Pitt, James 'Pete' Porter, E. F. Prince, Charles Reece, Jerry Reynolds, C. L. Russell, Wayne Shoulders, William Shoulders, Terrell Simmons, Bryon Smith, Henry Smith, Homer 'Al' Smith, Bernard Skaggs, Kenneth Stapleton, D. W. Story, James Suttle, Raymond Sutton, William Stewart, Howard Taylor, Grover Thompson.

H. C. Vanderpool, Don Watts, Keith Watts, Jackie Wilburn, Nathaniel York.

These were days of study, fellowship, praise unto God, and a refreshing of minds, bodies and souls for the ministers working in various field throughout the nation. Teachers in the school were Elders F. W. Lambert, J. H. Smith, Howard Taylor (for W. T. Russell who was in the hospital), and H. C. Vanderpool. Elder Paul Bryson is the pastor of Old Union Baptist Church. Photos were made by Elder Jackie Wilburn. Deacons Dumont Stringer and Steve Wheeler were in charge of records, and Elders Eugene Brown, Jr. and Darrell Hicks were in charge of tape recording all lessons that were taught.

Lunch was enjoyed each day at the Neel Masonic Lodge Hall which is located near by. The meals were prepared by the Sisters of Old Union Church. We are grateful unto the Lord for this 9th annual sessions of the school. (See page 4 for the report on the ministers' wives and their study sessions, and also photo).

Smiles is the longest word in the world—there is a mile between the first and last letters of the word.

He smiled—and his home was a place of happiness.

He smiled—and his co-workers in business worked better than in any other place of employment.

He smiled—and his business clients and callers spoke well of him, and business increased.

He smiled—and all who entered his office door were pleased to be greeted as friend and equal.

He smiled—and followed the smile with a brotherly handclasp; and those who were discouraged and downcast went out and took a new grip on life and their work.

He smiled—and while the years rolled on, he grew younger, because—he smiled.

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EDITORIAL

By H. C. Vanderpool
 SIN

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." II Chro. 7:14.

About 1004 B. C. God gave the above message to Solomon. He had just finished praying the dedication prayer for the temple which he had built on Mt. Moriah. This prayer can be read from II Chro. 6:12-42, and also in I Kings 8:22-54.

Solomon spoke to God in his prayer concerning the sins and errors of the people of Israel. He wanted to know "if" the people sinned against one another and against God to the extent that God would send pestilence among the people, that he would shut up heaven that there be no rain, would he hear their prayers and forgive them and bless the land.

God heard Solomon's prayer and answered, "If" my people will do certain things he would hear, he would forgive their sin, he would heal their land. What were these things? They were to humble themselves. They were to pray. They were to seek the face of God and turn from their wicked ways.

This nation today is "sinsick" and the sins of America are great, but the people in America that are wearing the name of God are so mixed up with the world and are so cold and unconcerned about

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Evangelistic Services

REVIVALS

POLK COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE

The Polk County Missionary Baptist Association is to convene in its 114th annual session on August 11-12, with Mt. View Missionary Baptist Church, Polk, Missouri. Officers elected last year were, Elder Austin McGinnis, moderator; Elder Stephen Skinner, Asst. mod.; Bro. David Gallivan, Clerk-Treas.; Bro. Marvin Ashlock, Asst. Clerk-Treas.

Services will begin the first day at 10:00 A.M. Elder Wilburn Foster was elected last year to preach the annual sermon with Elder Stephen Skinner being elected as the alternate.

McFERRIN BAPTIST SINGING SCHOOL

There is to be a singing school held at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. on August 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26, with the classes beginning each evening at 7:00 P.M. The closing out of the school will be on Sunday, August 30, when the church will have all-day services with the afternoon given to singing.

Bro. Don Xavier Hines will be the teacher and would appreciate all who can, to attend. Elder Howard G. Taylor is the pastor of McFerrin Church.



Just as the wheel is more useful inside the watch... so the Christian is more useful as an active member of the church.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 2
 Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Henry Smith is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. Sunday night services at 6:00 P.M., and week nights at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Trammel Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. Pastor Brad Adams is to be assisted by Elder D. W. Story. You are invited.

White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor C. B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory. Services nightly at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 921 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor C. B. Huddleston is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Eugene Brown is to be assisted by Elder Tom Armstrong. Sunday night services at 6:00 P.M., week nights at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Pastor Doug Matthews is to be assisted by Elder Jesse Farley, Jr. Services each night at 7:15. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Bobby G. Sutton is to be assisted by Elder Paul Patterson. Services daily at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder K. W. Massey. Service each night at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 879 Orchard St., Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Charles Stapleton is to be assisted by Elder Bobby Gann. The public is invited to attend.

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor J. B.

Shoulders is to be assisted by Elder James Deering. Nightly services at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

East Main Street Missionary Baptist Church, East Main St., Hartsville, Tenn. Pastor Harold D. Linville is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. The public is invited to attend.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory. Everyone is invited to attend.

OLD FASHION GOSPEL

HOOR FINANCIAL REPORT

Dear Brethren and Sisters,

We again are happy to inform you that there has been another station added to our network of television stations that carry the Old Fashion Gospel Hour to millions of potential viewers across the nation.

The station is WKYH (NBC affiliated) located in Hazard, Ky. Also it goes out to all the outlying cable systems carrying it into northern Tennessee and also western, West Virginia.

If your church is not supporting this great work we do make a plea for your support. We ask your church to pray and consider this important matter in spreading the Gospel to people that may never have the opportunity to hear the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elder Bob Pitt and Brother J. C. Frye of the East Main Street Missionary Baptist Church advisory committee.

CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENSES
April 1981 \$1,561.95	\$1,652.08
May 1981 2,708.97	1,274.21
June 1981 1,084.65	2,477.99
Totals \$5,355.57	\$5,404.28

Balance in Bank as of June 30, 1981 \$1,971.47

All bills are paid up to date.

Expenses itemized:

Ashland Ave. Baptist Publications (Trail of Blood).....\$	29.30
CATV-9 - Huntsville, Ala.	552.50
Charles Claridary - Install air conditioners (Rutland Church).....	150.00
Consolidated Media Systems	415.20
Hartsville Printing Co. - Financial Statements	16.01
Water Bills Rutland Church.....	6.36
Travel and Phone Expense	131.47
Repair of Camera - Technical Inds. (Invoice #7158).....	710.00

Total	847.83
Mid-Tenn Office Supply - Ledger Sheets	8.84
Bob Pitt - Travel and Phone Expense	165.00
Postage	18.00
Rutland Church Water Bill - May '81	6.36
Sainte' Broadcasting - Modesto, Calif.	1,105.00
Tenn. Telephone Co. - Phone Rutland Church.....	84.61
THETA Cable TV - Los Angeles, Calif.	109.87
West Wilson Water District - 6-4-81	5.76
WJNL-TV - Johnstown, Pa.	840.00
WRIP-TV - Rossville, Ga.	1,050.00

\$48.71 deficit this quarter.

J. C. Frye, Treasurer
 RFD 1, Insurance Building
 Hartsville, Tn. 37074

INDIANA CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

On June 13, 1981, Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, 230 W. Morris St., Indianapolis, Ind. called Elder Carlos Gammon to her pastorate. He succeeds Elder Hugh Hudson. Other churches served by Bro. Gammon have been, Fellowship Church in Indianapolis, 1969-1971; Rossville Church, Rossville, Ill., 1973-1975; Liberty Church, 1976-1977. He has also served the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association as Treasurer since 1973.

On June 28, 1981, Liberty Church celebrated her 10th anniversary in all-day services. The sermon was delivered by a former pastor, Elder Marvin Emberton. After the dinner hour, singing was in the afternoon by The Singing Sands and The Patterson Family, all of Indianapolis.

Bobby E. Pitt, Co-ordinator

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM JAPAN



Following is the report of offerings received for the first quarter of 1981 with so much thanks.

Jan. - Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Smith, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., 50.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 157.82; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 279.66; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 62.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 150.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Elder & Mrs. W. V. Dewese, Franklin, Ky., 200.00; Mr. Lucius Reed, Franklin, Ky., 50.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 134.96; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 124.50. Total \$1,283.94.

Feb. - Missionary Larry Hagen, New Ulm, Minn., 25.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 151.08; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 56.33; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 109.83; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 327.23; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 75.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00. Total \$794.47.

March - Faith Baptist Nashville, Tenn., 65.50; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 135.75; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 321.16; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 149.17; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 305.00; Mr. & Mrs. Carolyn Harper and Mr. & Mrs. Nancy Pettross, Carthage, Tenn., 100.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Eld. & Mrs. James H. Smith, Nashville, Tenn., 50.00; Pitman Creek Baptist, Somerset, Ky. (Through Eld. John R. Blalock of Portland, Oregon), 65.00. Total \$1,241.58.

To Koi Baptist Church:

Jan. - Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., 45.00; Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Jacobs, Nashville, Tenn., 25.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 71.15; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 200.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., 417.50. Total \$778.65.

Feb. - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 76.66; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00. Total \$96.66.

March - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 72.41 and 82.55; Mt. Calvary Baptist,

Nashville, Tenn., 20.00. Total \$174.96.

We really appreciate your cooperation. May God richly bless you all. Let me write you again at the end of June. Yours truly in His name.

Koji Tajima & family

Hiroshima Nishi
P. O. Box 62
Hiroshima 733, Japan
June 30, 1981

Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool;

Thank you sending me the Banner every month by air mail. The other day I put some articles into Japanese out of new farmed June issue, and put them on the bulletin board like I did many a time. They are welcomed by our people. Your paper has helped our believers in many ways. We pray that Lord bless all of your work for the Lord and people.

Lord has blessed our work testifying Jesus Christ to the pagan people of this land, for which we are thankful. We had six new adults attended to our Sunday morning preaching service this month. We understand Lord has led them come to our services. Let me tell you of them. Otsubo, an old woman; Ishizu's son, (Ishizu is a Lutheran, but comes to us occasionally as he likes our services. He brought his son to let him hear my sermon on salvation in Jesus); Tamamoto, a student of business school; and three high school girls. Miss Tamamoto is the most sincere person to the words of God. The attendance is increasing. We have 25 adults in average in the morning services. This is something great in this land. We need your prayer very much.

Three Sundays ago we had a good picnic in the afternoon, which was purposed for Sunday School children and their parents, especially for parents. They send their children to our school, but don't come themselves except special events. That is what Japanese do. We chartered a bus to take us to the Hiroshima Botanical Park. The parents took part in this picnic were rather young people, and without exception they had problems and problems. It goes without saying, without having the Saviour no one has peace in his soul. So this was a good chance to talk with them personally, and to testify the Lord Jesus. I found a man in the picnic who used turn his face whenever I see him on the street. He is opening his heart. I wondered why I did not think of this kind of way to reach people more earlier.

My family and I are in good health condition, for which we are thankful. We still have cool

summer. Last weekend I fixed water pump which was frozed to burst in the cold winter, that was for the air conditioner of the church house. We may not need it if this cool weather lasts. Schools are not out yet. They need to go three more weeks, then they will have summer vacation for 40 days. The attendance may go down during summer vacation. I have plans to hold summer vacation Bible school and family Bible camp. We would like for you to pray for us.

We will keep praying for you and for the readers here in Japan.

Following is the report of donations received for the second quarter of 1981 with so much thanks.

April - Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 434.92; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 101.66; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 161.58; Cave Springs Baptist, Liberty, Tenn., 192.85; Miss Connie Nesbitt, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., 25.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 75.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 77.20; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00. Total \$1,118.21.

May - Hartsville Baptist, Hartsville, Tenn., 300.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 363.32; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 170.65 & 132.40; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 191.98; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 75.00 & 75.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 62.13; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Total \$1,420.48.

June - North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 155.83; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 368.17; East Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 148.64; Elder James H. Smith, Nashville, Tenn., 50.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 75.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 68.52; Pitman Creek Baptist, Somerset, Ky. (Through Elder John R. Blalock of Portland, Oregon), 55.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 171.25. Total \$1,142.41.

To Koi Baptist Church:

April - Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., 45.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 82.60; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 200.00; Total \$174.96.

May - Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00;



PEOPLE OF THE HOLY LAND

McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 93.61. Total \$113.61.

June - Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., 454.54. Total \$474.54.

May God richly bless each of you.

Yours sincerely,

Koji Tajima

Revival Reports

New Harmony Baptist Church, Auburn, Ky. Five professions of faith with seven additions to the church. Pastor William House was assisted by Elder Paul Bryson.

Hope Baptist Church, Manchester, Tenn. Two additions to the church. Pastor Bob Pitt was assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville.

Lula Baptist Church, Springfield, Tenn. Good fellowship and Spiritual services. Pastor James Gardner was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Three professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor Howard G. Taylor was assisted by Elder Paul Patterson.

Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Good Spiritual services. Pastor Paul Patterson was assisted by Elder Bobby Gann.

Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. One profession of faith. Pastor Curtis Davis was assisted by Elder Terry Patterson.

Rayon City Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tenn. Good fellowship and some wonderful services. Pastor Charles Patterson was assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson.

Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Six professions of faith and six additions to the church. Pastor A. G. Gregory was assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville.

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lost souls and the Lord's work in general that we need to do what God told Solomon that Israel should do if he was to heal their land and forgive their sin.

"If" we as God's people expect God to save the lost and send His Spirit upon us, we will have to do what is mentioned in the text. "IF" PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY HIS NAME continue to live like the world, be more interested in worldly things than things of God, then we cannot expect the power and Spirit of God to come upon his people, and without the power of God our lost friends and loved ones will continue in sin and be eternally lost in hell.

God sent Jeremiah to the potter's house to view a situation to present to him the picture of the condition of Israel. God had in store punishment and he had blessings. It was up to Israel as to which they received. Again note the word "if" in the following verses.

"If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them." Jere. 18:8-10.

MINISTERS WIVES' FELLOWSHIP

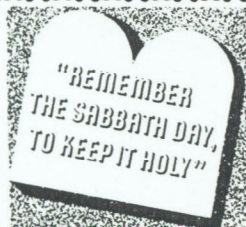


Pictured above are the wives of ministers attending the Ministers' Wives Fellowship during the Old Union Baptist Ministers School on March 25, 26, 27, 1981, Bowling Green, Ky. They met each day at the Neel Masonic Hall near Old Union Baptist Church for their fellowship and study. Two of the sisters were absent when the photo was made. Those conducting the fellowship meetings were Mrs. W. E. (Evelle) Massey, Mrs. Henry (Annie Laura) Smith and Mrs. H. C. (Alta) Vanderpool.

Those in attendance were: Mrs. Tom (Retta) Armstrong, Mrs. D. C. (Evelyn) Barton, Mrs. Dexter (Shirley) Bacon, Mrs. Tim (Angela) Binion, Mrs. Paul (Bernice) Bryson, Mrs. Bobby (Julie) Butts, Mrs. Charles (Linda) Chapman, Mrs. Delbert (Bev) Compton, Mrs. Kenneth (Eva) Davis, Mrs. Joe (Kathy) Greer, Mrs. M. V. (Dorothy) Hammock, Mrs. Richard (Virgie) Huskins, Mrs. Benny (Linda) Maggart, Mrs. W. E. (Evelle) Massey, Mrs. Larry (Vickie) McClain, Mrs. Floyd (Lovie) Mince, Mrs. Terry (Shelia) Nicodemus, Mrs. Calvin (Helen) Perrigo, Mrs. Bob (Robbie) Pitt, Mrs. Terrell (Shirley) Simmons, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. Henry (Annie Laura) Smith, Mrs. William (Kristi) Stewart, Mrs. H. C. (Alta) Vanderpool and Mrs. Nathan (Margie) York. (For report on ministers and photo, see page 1).

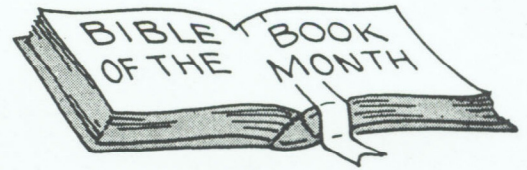
THANKS

I would like to say "THANKS" to the many readers of the BANNER for your letters of appreciation for the paper and the encouragement given to me for the work. Since space does not permit the printing of all of them, I felt it better to insert this "Thank You" note. - Editor



ATTENTION

Any Missionary Baptist Church, minister, laymember, who has an announcement, article or report, is invited to send the same to the BANNER for publication. Get it to me by the 10th of the month previous to publication. - Editor



By H. C. Vanderpool

DANIEL

The book of Daniel is one that has never failed to excite interest. It has captivated readers with accounts of heroism in time of critical danger and comforted multitudes of God's faithful followers as they read stirring accounts of His presence and blessings.

The first chapters of Daniel relate certain experiences of Jewish youths, Daniel and his three friends, who are part of the Jewish captivity in Babylon in the sixth century B.C. Their refusal to be seduced by the pagan world in which they live and the dangers that threaten them because of their faithfulness are the essence of drama. Their deliverances, Daniel from the lions' den and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fiery furnace, demonstrate the power and love of God.

Nebuchadrezzar, proud and secure in his despotism, is brought low until he comes to recognize that God's providence rules even a monarch's life. The drama of "the handwriting on the wall" has made that phrase a proverbial part of our language to this present time. The dreadful sin of

arrogance toward God, of which Belshazzar was guilty, brings certain death and defeat. The contents' of the book hold our interest because of their relevance whenever materialism and paganism threaten to endanger the children of God.

The visions given in the book of Daniel, either to pagan rulers or to Daniel himself, are accounted by earnest Bible students to be a preview of the world throughout history and to the last days. Especially, in chapter 2, the telling of the kingdom which God would establish (church), verse 35, is called a "stone" at first and then the transition to "a great mountain" which would fill the whole earth, explains what is taught in Isaiah 2:2 and Micah 4:1. No mountain has ever become large enough to "fill the whole earth" but the "large mountain" referring to the "church" has filled the earth.

Historically both Judaism and Christendom have received Daniel into the canon as a genuine work of the period from which it alleges to speak, the sixth century B.C. written by Daniel.

TENNESSEE STATE GOSPEL SINGING CONVENTION

Homecoming

There will be all-day homecoming services at Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. on Sunday, August 9. Sunday school 10 A.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. by Pastor Charles Patterson. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing in the afternoon by the Southern Harmony Quartet, Christian Aires and the Beckwith Singers. Everyone is invited.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The late President Woodrow Wilson's father was a Minister. One day Bro. Wilson was driving his fine horse down the street when one of his members said to him, "Pastor, your horse looks better than you do." To which the preacher replied, "Yes, I take care of my horse, my congregation looks after me."

The 48th annual Tennessee State Gospel Singing Convention is to be held with Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. on September 12-13, 1981. On Saturday, September 12, the singing is to begin at 7:00 P.M. On Sunday, September 13, the all-day singing is to begin at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

This convention is supported by freewill offerings. Those who wish to donate to this cause, those who would like to have a brochure on the singing, or would like to have other information including rooms while visiting in Nashville for the convention may call Key Dillard, Pres. at (615) 890-0288, or one of the five vice-presidents, Dormon Grubbs (615) 883-4229; Oliver Jennings (615) 847-3884; Wayne Scott (615) 824-5929; Eldie Roberts (615) 623-6278; Danny Patterson (615) 666-3438.

Elder J. H. Smith is pastor of the host church. All who love and are concerned about good gospel singing are invited to make plans to attend this singing convention.