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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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TENNESSEE STATE GOSPEL SINGING CONVENTION

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

THE 1981 ANNUAL SESSION



By H. C. Vanderpool

The 48th Annual Tennessee State Gospel Singing Convention was held on September 12-13, 1981, with Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Key Dillard, Murfreesboro, Tenn. was the president, and his

wife, Mrs. Shirley Dillard, was the Sec.-Treas., Vice-Presidents were: Dormon Grubbs, Hermitage; Oliver Jennings, Old Hickory; Danny Patterson, Lafayette; Eldie Roberts, Newport and Wayne Scott, Hendersonville. The Executive Council consisted of W. C. Taylor, Jr., Conner Hall and Don Xavier Hines.

The Chaplin for the convention was Elder J. H. Smith, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Hostesses were: Mrs. Betty Grubbs, Mrs. Eldie Roberts, Mrs. Annie Laura Smith, Mrs. Alma Jennings, Mrs. Pat Scott, Mrs. Ona Moses, Mrs. Rebecca Vanderpool, Mrs. Donna Patterson, Mrs. Linda Harmon and Mrs. Avanel Peck.

Pictured on p.1 are some of the scenes from the singing session. Standing on stage in the left photo, is Bro. Key Dillard, Pres., speaking to the convention. Seated in the same photo at bottom center, is Sister Shirley Dillard, Sec.-Treas. at her desk with her work.

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GODLY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Bobby Vanderpool
Hendersonville, Tenn.

1 Timothy 2:8-15

8. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

9. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10. But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

11. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13. For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

15. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

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BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

The Old Union Baptist Ministers School, Bowling Green, Ky. was on March 24, 25, 26, 1982. Pictures and a full report will be given in a later issue of the BANNER. There were 83 Baptist ministers attending from several states, and

about thirty ministers' wives also attended the Fellowship conducted each day for them. The interest and fellowship were good. There were six teachers this session instead of four. —Editor



Memory Selection: I commend unto you Phē'-bē our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cēn'chrē'ā: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints,

and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Romans 16:1-2

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the Bible we find records of Godly women who were very instrumental in carrying on the work of the Lord. Without them, the world would be a pitiful place. They are a necessity today. Young women should be aware of what the Bible teaches about women and their responsibility to the church and to the world.

PROPER ATTIRE

We find in this lesson that the proper mode of dress is very important to the Godly woman. We should make note, at this point,

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Honoring MOTHER



Elder Ronnie Galloway

MOM—THE ONE AND ONLY

By Ronnie Galloway
Akron, Ohio

I used to think that every-one had just the same as me; until I heard some in disgust refer to "THEIR OLD LADY" Now to each his own, I've come to see; but by their own description...They just couldn't have.. just couldn't have had the same as me!

In younger days, I don't recall too much about such stuff, but I've been told that you were there when things were pretty rough. As I grew up.... more out than up, I spent more time inside; to help you with the little boys, and learned a lot besides!

I'm number two in a list of eight, one is older and six are younger. But through the test of time, to the current date, my love grows even stronger!

I've shared my joys, my tears, my thrills, and disappointments plenty! But through it all you've been right there, never missing any!

As much as I would credit you for much of my up-bringing, I know you have a lot of help, and on HIM you are still depending! You taught me of the LOVE of GOD, that

PEACE within was needed; and have told me often of your joy, when I your lesson heeded!

Now we share on a Higher Plane, our prayers, our hopes, our needs! Turning them over to HIS Open Arms, trusting HIS Will indeed!

Though today we are apart by many miles, the distance just can't erase, the memory of your loving-kiss and the warmth of your embrace!

I've told others before and I'll tell you now; I've counted HIS Blessings toward me! And one of the "BEST" that I've shared with the rest...IS YOU MOM—THE ONE AND ONLY!

This is sincerely dedicated to my MOM, DORIS M. GALLOWAY. Even though she holds a special "ONE AND ONLY" place in my heart, because of some of the things I shared with you today, I hold many other mothers in high esteem, who like her, have raised up their children in the way they should go!...and to GOD Be Given The Praise!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
1982



GODLY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

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that it is also important for the Godly man. Although it is not mentioned in this lesson, it is taught in other scriptures that men should dress in a Godly manner.

Our lesson refers to modest apparel. We must realize that 'modest' in one century or era may not be 'modest' in another. We have to realize that the standards of the society we live in have much to do with determining what is modest and what is not.

100 years ago, women wore dresses down to the tops of their shoes. Anything above the ankle was immodest and immoral. We find today that such apparel is usually worn only on special occasions. We must ask ourselves what is considered modest in our present society. Regardless of the standards of society there is always a modest and an immodest mode of dress.

Down through the ages, a 'skimpy outfit' have never been considered modest. It has always been a symbol of 'show' and 'seduction'. The Bible teaches in our lesson that this is unbecoming to a woman.

In the period of our lesson, it was easy for the women of Ephesus to array themselves with many jewels on their

persons and in their hair. Evidently this attire was being worn to the house of God. Paul is saying that such a 'gawdy' appearance could take away from the effectiveness of these women in the Lord's work. They were bringing more attention to themselves than they were to the work of the Lord.

We realize that jewelry and nice clothes are a part of our society today. We also realize that many formal modes of dress as well as casual modes are not only immodest but immoral. Exposing one's body in public is a disgrace to any woman who calls herself a Christian.

I hope that the young ladies who read this lesson realize that it is not a sin to want to dress and look 'nice', but keep in mind that a person can dress nice without dressing seductive and alluring.

THE LIMITED RESPONSIBILITY

Paul says in verses 11 and 12 of today's lesson that the woman should remain silent in the church. It also says she should not teach or usurp authority over the man.

Paul says in Heb. 6:12, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat." He is telling them they have

not matured in the Lord's work. They are not yet qualified to be teachers. He was speaking to the church and, therefore, was speaking to the women as well as the men.

What does Paul mean in our lesson when he says, "suffer (permit) a woman not to teach"? The two offices of ordination authorized by Christ and given to the church are the office of preacher and the office of deacon. We find nowhere in the scriptures where a woman was ever ordained to either office. Therefore, women should remain silent in these two offices.

When a woman is baptized into the church, she is given all rights and privileges of the church. The offices of preacher and deacon are not rights and privileges of women. They are restricted by the Holy Scriptures. However, there are other positions in the church that are available to women. Women can pray, testify, teach Sunday School, sing, serve as clerk or treasurer or other jobs. There are some committees that are handled much better by women than by men.

If we say emphatically that women must remain silent, we must take away the above mentioned privileges. We have to understand what Paul is teaching and for what purpose.

In our Memory Selection, Paul has

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Letters received each month are read with great interest. Space does not permit the printing of them, but THANKS TO ALL OF YOU! They are encouraging to the staff and me.

With this issue, we are completing 16 years of publication without missing a single monthly issue, this being the 192nd, with God's grace and help.

This month our mail has been from California, Tennessee, Indiana, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio.

LECTURES ON THE HOME AND FAMILY LIFE



Elder Eugene Brown

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church
244 Ewing Lane
Nashville, Tenn. 37207

Thursday, May 20 - 7:15 P.M.
Friday, May 21 - 7:15 P.M.
Saturday, May 22 - 10:00 A.M.

Come and let us share what God has to say about family life.

We will have three sessions on the dates and hours listed above. The subjects will be centered around the family, the family member's need, our privileges and obligations as members.

As our homes go, so goes the church, and then, so goes the nation. Fifty percent of the families in America are in trouble. I feel we have been too silent on this matter. God ordained marriage, he also established the church. Therefore, we should not turn the matter over to the world to destroy the home. Services conducted by, and the lectures given by the pastor of the church, Elder Eugene Brown, Jr.

Anyone attending from out of town and wishing to stay overnight, the Howard Johnson Motel is less than a mile away. They have reasonable rates. Contact them at (615) 226-4600.

PASTORAL CALL

Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church, located in Barren County, Kentucky, recently called Elder Marcus Sherfey of Tompkinsville, Kentucky to their pastorate. Bro. Sherfey has pastored other Missionary Baptist churches in the southcentral area of that state.

He is also a school teacher and his talents, experience, etc. will be available to us later in our Sunday School literature work and Missionary Baptist Schools, for which we are thankful.

Poplar Springs services are such Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

NOTICE

Some articles arrived in the BANNER mail just as copy was being finished for the printer. These will appear in next issue. All articles, announcements, reports, etc. are appreciated. Keep them coming to us! The DEADLINE for us to receive material for publication is the 10th of the month previous to publication.

-Editor



For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Romans 6:23

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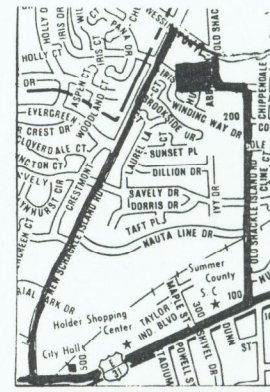
Elder Koji Tajima of Hiroshima, Japan, expects to be visiting in the United States during the month of May with his wife and daughter, the Lord willing. They are to attend the graduation of their son, Luke at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, Owatonna, Minn. Bro. Tajima said, "I am looking forward to being with brethren this coming May, with my family, if

possible. I have plans to come to our dear Baptist friends in Tennessee and Kentucky. I will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petty, 508 Jackson Ave., Carthage, Tenn. 37030. Phone: (615) 735-0497. I love to see as many people as I can, who supported me in past years. I may be in Colorado and Oregon on my way home to Japan. We ask you pray also for the trip."

FOUR COUNTY SINGING

The Four-County Singing (Macon, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale) of Tennessee, will be meeting with Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 323 Old Shackle Island Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn. On Sunday, May 2, beginning at 2:00 P.M.

Coming into Hendersonville on 31-E, you turn north on either New Shackle Island Rd., or Old Shackle Island Rd., which leads to Grace Baptist Church, the location which is indicated by the black square marked below. Everyone who can, is invited to attend.



REVIVALS

SUNDAY - MAY 2

Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta Sts., Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Dwayne Greer is to be assisted by Elder William E. Massey. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY - MAY 9

Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, 1724 N. Lindsay St., Kokomo, Ind. Pastor Charles Chapman is to be assisted by Bro. Ronald Cook. The public is invited to attend. Services daily at 7:00 P.M.

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 70, Carthage, Tenn. Pastor Melvin Link is to be assisted by Elder Gordon Wheeler and Elder Everret L. Fields is to direct the singing. Services nightly at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY - MAY 30

Elk Creek Missionary Baptist Church, seven miles north of Erin, Tenn. on Demark Rd. Pastor Benny Maggart is to be assisted by Elder Jackie Wilburn and Bro. Jimmy Hale is to direct the singing. The church asks for your prayers and presence. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY - JUNE 11

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, 2806 Maco Rd., Barberton, Ohio. Pastor Ronnie Galloway is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Services each evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

SUNDAY - JUNE 13

Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, 5900 S. Parker Rd., Denver, Col. Pastor Ottis L. Jones is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis. For hours of service you may call: (303) 750-9621, or (303) 377-5050. You who have relatives or friends in the Denver area are invited to contact them and ask them to attend this meeting.

Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, Ky. Pastor Neal Forshee is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE

There is one person in your church,
Who knows your preacher's life.
She's wept and smiled and prayed with him,
And that's your preacher's wife!

She knows one prophet's weakest point,
And knows his greatest power.
She's heard him speak in trumpet tone,
In his great triumph hour.

She's heard him groaning in his soul,
When bitter raged the strife,
As hand in his she knelt with him,
For she's a preacher's wife.

You tell your tales of prophets brave,
Who walked across the world.
And changed the course of history,
By burning words they hurled.

And I will tell how back of them,
Some women lived their lives,
Who wept with them and smiled with them,
They are the preachers' wives!



FELLOWSHIP MEETING

MEETING

The Bethel Missionary Baptist Association of Indiana, will hold its quarterly Fellowship Meeting at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, 216 W. Morris St., Indianapolis, Ind. on Saturday night, May 29, 1982. The guest preacher will be Elder Landon C. Long of Hendersonville, Tenn. Everyone is invited to attend.



SINGING CONVENTION

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The Young people were given a special place in this singing which was especially appreciated by church pastors and those with places of responsibility in teaching our boys and girls the value of Christian service. Youth groups were led in singing by Wayne Scott, Don Hines and Danny Patterson.

There was a Proclamation by Gov. Lamar Alexander, Governor of Tennessee, proclaiming Sept. 11-18, 1981 as "Gospel Singing Week," in the state of Tennessee.

Pictured here on p. 4 are more photos of the Youth Singers, directors and others associated with the singing convention. Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, members and pastor, did a wonderful job in hosting the 1981 annual session of this singing. The 1982 session is to be held in Dickson, Tenn. More information on this will be given later.

GODLY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

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commended unto the church at Rome that faithful woman Phebe. He also told them to "aid" her in whatever business she could use them. If she were to remain 'silent', how could she carry on the business of the Lord? It appears, from this verse, that Phebe had some designated responsibility with the churches.

IMPORTANCE OF GODLY WOMEN

As stated previously, the world would be a pitiful place if it were not for Godly women. Phebe, mentioned in our Memory Selection, was one of many recorded in the scriptures. Women have always played an important part of teaching the principles of God in the home. Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel, prayed that if the Lord would give her a son, she would return him to the Lord. The Lord gave her a son, and Samuel became one of the best known judges and prophets of Bible times.

God chose a virtuous woman named Mary to be the mother of Jesus. The Mother of Moses was responsible for raising him in the nature and admonition of the Lord although he was raised by Egyptians.

Proverbs 6:4 states, "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she

that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones." Proverbs 31:10 says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." A woman can be an honour or a disgrace to her husband, family and church.

The Lord's church is referred to in the feminine gender. It is referred to as the bride of Christ. The first church at Jerusalem is referred to as the Mother Church. In speaking of Christ and the Church, Revelation 21:9 says, "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife." This shows us the importance the woman plays in the work of the Lord.

As recorded in Genesis, the woman was given to the man as a help meet. She was not to be superior or inferior as far as importance. The man was given the rule over all things because he was made first. Each has his own designated obligations before God. This is the reason some tasks mentioned in the Bible were given strictly to men while others are given strictly to women.

SAVED IN CHILDBEARING

The statement that Paul made "she shall be saved in childbearing", has a much deeper meaning than what many people think. There is a doctrine today that teaches

a woman will be saved if she dies while giving birth. Knowing that there is only one plan of salvation, childbearing not being a part of it, let's see what is really meant.

The first man and woman never knew each other intimately until after they had transgressed God's law and took of the fruit, then knowing good from evil and becoming separated from God. When God brought their sins into the open, he told the woman that she would bear children and replenish the earth. Genesis 3:16 says, "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

New people and new generations were born. After several generations, Jesus was born by the Holy Spirit through the childbearing of the virgin Mary. This is the childbearing that Paul was referring to.

Any person who has or ever will be saved is because of the childbearing of the woman. If Jesus had not been born into the world, all of us would be without any hope in the world. Therefore, you must understand that in childbearing (birth of Jesus) all can be saved.

I trust that all of you will take this lesson into account and study it more. Study all of the Godly women in the Bible; Space would not allow discussion on each in this lesson.