



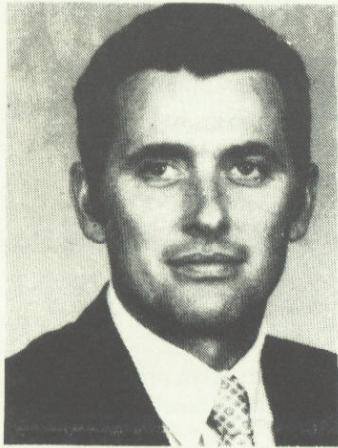
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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

By
Elder Jerry A. Reynolds
Davisville, W. VA.

PART I - HISTORICAL

The following three paragraphs under quotation marks were taken from pages 697 and 698 of R. S. Duncan's *History of the Baptists of Missouri*, published in 1882.

"In 1868 the association (Old
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APOLLOS WATERED

By
Elder James C. Jones
Indianapolis, Indiana

Our title is extracted from 1 Corinthians 3:6, thus written: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

To be a contemporary and cohort of the Apostle Paul attracts us to Apollos. I suppose the less revealed about a person, the more intriguing they become. Suppressing the imagination, we examine the scriptures:

(a) A Jew from Alexandria, a learned and mighty man in the (old) scriptures; (b) apparently a misplaced disciple of John the Baptist; (c) enlightened (more perfectly taught) as to the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and the events afterward; (d) he was a preacher - derived from Acts 18:24-28. From 1 Corinthians 3 we learn: (e) he labored at Corinth an undetermined time; and, (f) he
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CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL OF GOSPEL MUSIC HAS ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, December 3, 1983, Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music had its annual meeting at Cumberland College, Lebanon, Tennessee. The meeting began at 3:30 P.M. with reports from the president and treasurer, after minutes were read by the secretary.

Members of the Board of Directors for 1984 were elected as follows: Floyd Bowman, Frank Callahan, Sammy B. Cornwell, Key Dillard, Lester England, Melvidian Gregory, Lloyd Knowles, Joe Millsaps, Danny Patterson, Sara Sanders, Bob Vanderpool, Gaskell Warren and Barry Witcher.

Officers elected for 1984 were: Key Dillard, President; Dariel Meador, Vice-Pres. and Business Mgr.; Ann Millsaps, Secretary; Oliver Jennings, Treasurer and H. C. Vanderpool, Chaplain.

At 5:00 P.M. the annual Christmas supper was served in the college cafeteria. A fine meal was enjoyed and a great fellowship was shared by a good attendance.

At 6:30 P.M. the singing began. Many of the instructors, officers, board members and students of 1983 were present and participated in the singing. The first Saturday in December each year will be the date for this annual meeting.

The next school session will be held June 18-29, 1984. More announcements will be made in the BANNER from time to time. Let all churches, pastors and individuals keep this important work in mind and support it with prayer, work and money. For further information, contact Mr. Key Dillard, Pres., Route 7, Rucker Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37130, or call him at: (615) 890-0288.

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THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

By
Harold Carver
Buena Vista, Tennessee
Reporting for Bus Number Two

(NOTE: Since we had 93 passengers on our Bible Lands Tour we had to travel on two busses. As I will be reporting for Bus Number One, Bro. Carver will be reporting for Bus Number Two. Read all the reports for more information.

- H. C. Vanderpool, Host)

Tuesday, October 25, 1983

The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land began for many of us in the early morning hours of October 25, 1983. With our luggage and personal items in hand which had been checked and rechecked, packed and unpacked and repacked, we set out to meet the tour group at the Metropolitan Airport in Nashville. The appointed time for the arrival of tour members was 10:00 A.M. Without incident everyone who was supposed to embark from Nashville was there to receive tickets, boarding information, and last minute instructions.

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BIBLE VERSE



For I was an hungered, and
 ye gave me meat: I was thirsty,
 and ye gave me drink.
MATTHEW 25:35

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 SUPPORT**

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Path Baptist Association centered in Hickory County, Missouri) published the following endorsement... 'Instructed the clerk to arrange articles of faith in order, and that he include the article of faith relative to the support of the gospel, originally put forth by the elders and brethren of more than one hundred congregations of Christians (baptized upon a profession of their faith) in London in 1689, and adopted by the Philadelphia Association in 1742.' (Philadelphia Association is; the oldest Baptist Association in America. - Writer's note.) Said article reads as follows: "We believe the work of the pastor being constantly to

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BIBLE LANDS TOUR

By
H. C. Vanderpool
 Reporting for Bus Number One

(NOTE: As you will notice, our Bible Lands Tour group which left October 25, 1983, consisted of 93 passengers from Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee. We had enough to fill two busses. With me as Host, I had Elder Paul Bryson, Co-Host and Bro. Windell Flippin, Co-Host and their groups. On Bus Two with their passengers were Elder Doug Curtis, Co-Host; Mr. Eddie Wright, Co-Host; Mrs. Essie Yaden, Co-Host; Elder Harold Carver, Co-Host, who is reporting for Bus Two; Mrs. Claudine Vanderpool, Co-Host; Mrs. Beatrice Petty, Co-Host. While we were on two busses, we did share the wonderful TRIP OF A LIFETIME! We were together at night, for our evening meals, fellowship and breakfast and fellowship in the mornings before boarding our busses for the day's travels.

H. C. Vanderpool, Host-Advisor).

Tuesday, October 25, 1983

While some of our people were travelling from Missouri, Arkansas, Ohio, Indiana and Louisville, Ky., to meet us in New York, we had one plane load and a few over out of Nashville. One of the great joys of hosting Bible Lands Tours is seeing our co-hosts and their people coming together and cooperating to make a wonderful trip for everyone. This we witnessed on the morning of our departure from the Nashville Airport.

We had a stop in Pittsburg, while those on the other plane out of Nashville stopped in Philadelphia. Upon arriving in New York at Kennedy International Airport a count was taken and I enjoyed a great sigh of relief when all 93 passengers were present, all passports accounted for and everyone anxious to board our Royal Jordanian Airline for Amman, Jordan.

Approximately 11:00 P.M. (EDT) we began our overseas flight on Flight 264, a 747 that lets one travel in comfort. Travelling from West to East, eight hours are lost between home and the Middle East. We were served a good dinner while in flight. It is always interesting to observe the various ways people pass the time on these flights. Some read, some walk about visiting more than others, while some talk, read, practice with the new camera they bought just before leaving home. This is the shortest night through-out the trip.

Wednesday, October 26, 1983

When the sun begins to rise over the Atlantic Ocean the folks back home are just getting settled in good for sleeping, which is a few hours before the country roosters crow. As the bright morning rays of sunshine penetrated our windows, our people began to stir around, walking, washing up and getting ready for breakfast.

After eating, the fellowship and excitement continued. After a few hours we landed in Vienna, Austria for a while but we did not deplane. We were allowed to go to the open door and make pictures of the countryside. This was our only stop between New York and Amman, Jordan.

A few hours later we noticed the dark shades of night falling and realized we were flying over the Middle East. We were soon told that we were approaching the Amman International Airport. Upon our arrival, we deplaned and to our surprise, our Wholesale Tours International representative guided us to our busses without having to go through the regular hustle of going through customs. (Another great blessing!)

From the airport we made our way into Amman to our hotel for the night. This was the Tyche Hotel. WTI's Jordanian representative met with me and the co-hosts to attend to the regular business of passports, visas, travel arrangement for the next morning, etc. We had a good and interesting meal. Rooms for all our passengers were already arranged and I'm sure most everyone was ready for a

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**FELLOWSHIP MEETING
 AT OHIO CHURCH**

Elder H. C. Vanderpool,
 Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Norton, Ohio is having a fellowship meeting the first Saturday, January 6th, 1984 at 2:00 P.M. Eld. Darrell Hicks, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist, Toledo, Ohio will be preaching the sermon.
 Everyone is welcome.

Blaine Ashley, Clerk

REVIVAL

A weekend revival is to be held at Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, McGavock Pike and Lakeland Dr., Donelson, Tenn. on January 27, 28 and 29. Three young ministers of the church will be preaching: Brethren Brad Adams, Jeff Brown and Joe Clariday. Services nightly at 7 P.M. Everyone is invited.

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was probably with or near Paul at the writing of this Epistle, *ibid.* 16:12.

He is again mentioned in Titus 3:13, but apart from these brief clues we know nothing of him. Tradition makes him to have been the Pastor at Caesarea.

In the Corinthian letter Paul and Apollos were compared - likewise, today comparisons are being made of the two. However, current day comparisons often magnify the one and de-emphasize the other. Therein we fault.

I believe our text is the basis whereby "watering the word" is implied to mean singing, testifying, etc. This "watering" is suggested to be useful but not essential. Now I take not issue with singing, testifying and the like, rather the implications of "watering" - particularly because in so doing, Apollos and his activity are degraded. In fact, the very ones intending to magnify preaching are in reality de-emphasizing it. Not to mention wilfully misapplying the scripture.

Allow me to clearly state my position. I firmly believe that God provided the scriptures that they may be utilized by the Holy Spirit in order for conversion. Furthermore, the church was constituted and commissioned to spread the Word, primarily by means of a divinely called ministry. I believe singing, testifying and prayer are of great service in the worship of God and the Christian's life. But one would but put to task to prove the latter essential to the conversion of souls.

As you see, my complaint is not with any of the above, but with the habit of hanging the "watering" title on singing and testifying. Therefore, that I may substantiate my opinion, we shall explore the context, 1 Cor. 3:5-8.

1. VERSE 7 - The planter and waterer are on an equal plane. "Neither is he (either one of them) anything" when compared to God. If planting is preaching and singing is watering they are of equal importance.

2. VERSE 8 - The planter and waterer "ARE ONE," that is, one in harmony of purpose; engaged in one work; employed by the same (one) Lord.

3. VERSE 6 - The writer did not assume planting to be of greater need than watering. In fact, he placed God in the lead with all others trailing, or as verse 7 suggests - God is everything.

4. VERSE 5 - The apostle asks and answers his own question: WHO IS PAUL? WHO IS APOLLOS? "But MINISTERS by whom ye believed . . ."

CONCLUSION

Tis settled, Paul and Apollos were ministers, actively preaching the gospel around about Corinth. Souls were being saved as the Lord, in grace, granted faith.

The terminology - watered/planted - actually is a mere play-on-words, projecting an imaginary farming endeavor. Under such imagery, watering, being extended over the "season," must be accepted as equal, if not more important, than planting. Nonetheless, as far as the ministry of preaching is concerned, planting and watering are synonymous when appraising the laborer, purpose and results; and are merely used to illustrate the preaching of the gospel.

Finally, let the singers sing, the redeemed testify, and because pulpit time is valuable, let the preacher preach the Word and quit harping on a string apparently in need of tuning.

What is Christianity? In the home, it is kindness; in business, it is honesty; in society, it is courtesy; in work, it is thoroughness; in play, it is fairness; toward the fortunate, it is congratulation; toward the unfortunate, it is pity; toward the weak, it is help; toward the wicked, it is resistance; toward the strong, it is trust; toward the penitent, it is forgiveness; and toward God, it is reverence and love.

-DOUGLAS HYDE

1984 BIBLE LANDS TOUR

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 30, 1984

Our 1984 Bible Lands Tour is to begin October 30, 1984. Several reservations have been made already. For a brochure and full information contact me or one of the co-hosts listed below. This is truly THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

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Franklin, KY 42134
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Co-Host
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Lafayette, TN 37083
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LETTER FROM LAWRENCEBURG

Bro. Vanderpool:

We would like to let the readers of the Baptist Banner know there is still an Old Fashion Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Tennessee. The church is very small and needs the prayers of the readers of the Baptist Banner.

I was led to move from Hendersonville, Tenn. on June 2, 1969 to do mission work in Lawrence County. The church was organized August 8, 1971. It was named Heaven's Gateway Missionary Baptist Church.

Gateway Missionary Baptist Church of Donelson, Tenn. is the mother church. We have services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. If any of the readers of the Baptist Banner have friends or relatives living in or around Lawrence County, and would send me their names and addresses, I'll try to contact them about coming to our church.

Elder Norman Cliburn, Sr. Pastor
Heaven's Gateway Baptist Church
Route 7, Box 135, Miller Lane
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
Phone: (615) 762-9782



BUS NUMBER ONE

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warm bath and a good night's rest. However, due to my book work and papers I got into bed about 11:00 P.M. I awoke about 2:00 A.M. (less than 3 hours of sleep) and could never go back to sleep. The excitement and tension on these travels keeps your eyes open quite a bit.

After staying up for sometime and sitting in my window watching the stars over Amman and listening to various sounds coming from within the city, I decided to stay up. My wife joined me in early rising, so we had plenty of time to get ready for the day.

We checked with our co-hosts and tour members to be sure everyone would be up in time for breakfast and getting our luggage out to be picked up. This is what they told us the night before. Morning call to get up will be at 5:00 A.M. Have your luggage outside your doors at 5:15 A.M. We will have breakfast at 5:30 A.M. and then be ready to get on our busses at 6:00 A.M. Now, can you beat that for speed? You can see why most of us wanted extra time to get up and get ready. We didn't have to get up that early on other mornings, but we were due to travel down to the Jordan River and cross the Allenby Bridge early before several busses of tourists arrived.

Thursday, October 27, 1983

Well, well, well, we made the schedule just given above. Early in the morning some of us were out walking, some meeting in the lobby of the hotel for fellowship, and some were out getting their morning's exercise. This made breakfast better.

After breakfast our luggage was loaded onto two busses and we got loaded on also and headed west across Jordan. We saw a lot of

the city of Amman and also many of the barren hills, valleys and mountains of Moab in eastern Jordan. We passed through routine checkpoints until we came to the Jordan River. There we went through customs and on the other side we found two large busses and our guides and drivers waiting to pick us up to begin our journey into the Promised Land. The guide for Bus 1 was Theo and the guide for Bus 2 was Zach. Zach was a Jew and Theo was an Arab. We have never had better guides in all our travels in Bible Lands than these two men. The drivers were excellent.

We drove north through the Jordan Valley. We passed through Jericho where we had a short stop because we were scheduled to make a more extensive tour of the city later. We travelled north then to Tiberias. Here at the Ginton Hotel where we were to stay that night, we had our lunch. After eating we went around the Sea of Galilee through Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene, and on to Capernaum. We went to the Mt. of Beatitudes. Here we had our first service. As we read scripture, sang and had prayer, the Spirit was manifested among us. What a glorious feeling to stand on the hills where Jesus stood, read His precious word, sing unto His great name and through tear-filled eyes gaze into the Jordan Valley and the Sea of Galilee.

We returned to Tiberias where we were to spend the night. In a little while Bus 2 arrived and we were ready for our evening meal and a good time of fellowship. While this hotel has been called the Ginton Hotel for a long time, the name is being changed to The Washington Hotel. We soon retired for the night.

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BUS NUMBER TWO

THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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In the early afternoon we boarded U.S. Air flight No. 16 for New York via Pittsburg and arrived at Kennedy International Airport in the early evening. We had approximately five hours in New York before our scheduled flight to Amman, Jordan. The time soon passed as it gave an opportunity for tour members to renew old friendships and establish new ones. At approximately 11:00 P.M. we boarded the Alia Royal Jordanian Airlines Boeing 747 for the flight to Amman, Jordan via Vienna, Austria. Finally aboard and airborne, the long flight was passed in various ways. Some slept, others read, and many of us were content just to relax and enjoy the excitement of the journey. We were well cared for while aloft. The Alia crew served refreshments and good food at frequent intervals.

Wednesday, October 26, 1983

At approximately 5:00 P.M. on the second day, October 26, 1983 we touched down in Amman to a spontaneous applause by all aboard. We were met by representatives of Wholesale Tours International and efficiently transferred to our hotel. A good dinner was waiting for the tour group which was enjoyed by all. It was early to bed and after a brief night's sleep the 5:00 A.M. wake-up call came introducing the third day.

Thursday, October 27, 1983

Following a continental breakfast we were off to begin the journey into and through the Holy Land. At approximately 6:30 A.M. we boarded the bus that would transfer the group across the Allenby Bridge to the Israeli Custom Center. Having passed through routine security checks we met our W.T.I. tour guide, Zachariah and driver, Rezek who would be with us while in Israel.

Following a warm welcome from our guide we were off to Masada.

On the way to Masada the route took us by the Dead Sea. Nearly 1300 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the world's lowest point. It is supplied by the Jordan River which flows from Mt. Hermon in Galilee. It is one of Israel's most valuable natural resources. Potash, magnesium, and bromide are in abundant supply.

By the Dead Sea and passing through the Jordan Valley we came to Qumran to visit the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Accidentally discovered, the parchment fragments from eleven separate caves have thrown great light on the history of Israel.

Leaving Qumran the tour stopped at Ein Gedi, where David spared the life of King Saul. It also was to the caves above Ein Gedi that David fled from Saul's wrath (I Samuel 24).

The next stop was Masada, the Palace fort built by King Herod. Masada rises 1400 feet above the Dead Sea shoreline; the table-top mountain stands as a tribute to Jewish resistance against Rome. The fortress was designed by Herod the Great to protect against his enemies. The fortress contained sufficient food and water storage to sustain her inhabitants for long periods of time. The end finally came in 73 A.D., when 960 Jewish Zealots committed suicide rather than surrender to the Romans. The tour descending the mountain via the cable car enjoyed lunch at Herod's Hole Restaurant.

Leaving Masada the next destination was the ancient city of Jericho. Upon arriving in Jericho, a desert oasis of lovely trees, date palms and vineyards, we stopped at The Tel where the walls

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Anniversary Service

A service was held on Saturday night, October 15, 1983, at Union Missionary Baptist Church #1, near Fountain Run, Ky. to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Elder Rex Hunt's ministry. It was on October 15, 1943 that Elder Hunt preached his first sermon at Union, his home church. He was saved 48 years ago and was ordained to the ministry on Dec. 15, 1944. He has served 12 churches as pastor and eight of them were represented at this service.

Elder Hunt stated, "The joys of my ministry have far exceeded the sorrows which I have experienced." Elder Hunt gave special recognition to his wife, Christine Carter Hunt, his daughter, Sandra, and his in-laws, Brother and Sister Noah Carter, for the help and encouragement they have given to him.

Using the new Bible his family had presented to him, Elder Hunt read for a lesson John 3:14-16 and used the same text he used for his first sermon, John 3:16. His subject was "The Love of God." In the message Elder Hunt pointed out that although God is love, He is also sovereign, righteous, just, holy, eternal, and immutable. He stated that for God to be God, sin must be punished. Elder Hunt showed the depravity of man, and the inability to recover one's self from sin. He then told us of Christ who died for our sins and affirmed that we can have the knowledge of salvation by the remission of sin. Elder Hunt pointed out that even the punishment for sin is the product of God's love. His love for righteousness and holiness.

A number of ministers were present who have been associated in the ministry with Elder Hunt. There were 24 churches represented at the service and everyone enjoyed the wonderful sermon. There were many testimonies and a free will offering was received for Elder Hunt.

The church at Union presented a beautiful silver serving tray to Elder Hunt, with the following inscription: "In appreciation to Rex Hunt - 40 years in the ministry - 1943-1983 - presented by Union Church."

His daughter, Sandra, presented Elder Hunt with a cake in the shape of a Bible with his first text written on it.

Elder Hunt has preached on radio from Lafayette, Tn. for 19 years. He was chosen to preach the Doctrinal Sermon before the Siloam Association of Missionary Baptist Churches in 1984 when it convenes with Lyons Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky.

Elder Hunt is presently the pastor of Union Baptist Church, Lamb, Ky. There were 14 persons in attendance at this service who heard him preach his first sermon. May the Lord continue to bless this "Faithful Servant of the Lord."

REPORT FROM DENVER

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

Will try to put together a report for the paper of those that have helped financially this month.

Mt. Juliet M. Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN\$ 50.00
Elder Henry Smith, Nashville, TN90.00
Elder Kenneth Davis, Lafayette, TN100.00
Elder Terry Foster, Belton, MO120.00
Total	\$360.00

We have had a pretty bad snow storm, 20 to 22 inches of snow, and some very cold days. They are forecasting more for tonight and tomorrow. It has come very early this year.

We didn't get all our plywood on the roof but the men got all the snow out of the building yesterday and most of the plywood on. We have to put our water meter in by Dec. 14, or lose our water tap, and then we would have to pay another \$2,000.00 to extend it if they would let us. But the Lord willing they will get it in this coming week. They moved all the snow from the last storm out to the water main and the man with the backhoe said he would do the digging this week, the weather permitting.

Once again we have gone as far as our money lasted, but we know the Lord will provide. Again we wish to thank you for all the help and prayers you have given us and would you please pass our thanks to each one that has helped us. It helps so much knowing God's people are praying for us.

It helped Bill and me much being able to attend the Wiseman Associational meeting. I wish the whole church could have gone. Pray for us here that many souls will be saved by our little church preaching the true word of God. We have a very big field to work in.

Yours in Christ,
Colorado Missionary Baptist Church
Doreen Brown, Clerk
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Aurora, CO 80041

Missions Is



Our Business



JAMES 2:15, 16

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?



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attend the service of Christ in his Church in the ministry of the word, and prayer with watching for their souls as they that must give an account to Him; it is incumbent on the churches to whom they minister, not only to give them all due respect, but also to communicate to them of all their good things according to their ability...' (Acts 4:4; Hebrews 13:17; I Timothy 5:17-18; Galatians 6:6).

We have wondered why so many churches, and even not a few pastors, are so timid on the question of ministerial support, as nothing - no doctrine whatever - is more explicitly taught in the scriptures than the adequate support of the gospel preacher. Churches are often very careful as to the conduct of their members relative to other items of faith, or doctrines of

the Bible, and even in matters of less importance, but we have seldom known churches to call members to account for habitually neglecting to help defray church expenses.

We have known pastors to preach very earnestly for hours on Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the proper observance of the Sabbath and very many other things affecting Christian duty; but never a word about the support of the gospel. Why all this? Why leave out this one great question? Why demand that every applicant for church membership shall be a penitent, have faith in Christ, be baptized, etc., etc., and then keep such an one in the church for years, while he positively neglects, and, in thousands of cases, refuses to contribute even to the support of his pastor. It is an outrage upon the Christian name - an encouragement to infidelity.

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This is a question that the Old Path Association, and some if not all, of her churches were not afraid to handle. As an illustration of this we cite an event which occurred at a meeting in 1877. One of the ministers had been silenced from preaching on the grounds of opposition to ministerial support, denouncing ministers who received remuneration for labor as 'hirelings,' etc. The case was carried to the association in 1877, the action of the church was sustained, and the man's name was dropped from the list of ministers.

The effort was renewed in 1878 and a motion made to rescind the action of the preceding year, which after a long discussion was lost, and the friends of the deposed minister failed to secure his restoration. Why not revoke a preacher's credentials for opposition to ministerial support as unhesitatingly as for opposition to any other plain precept of the Holy Bible?"

I, Jerry Reynolds, was born and reared within the bounds of the Old Path Association here referred to. She and several sister associations and churches about her are yet steadfastly maintaining the basics of the faith of Christ while hundreds of churches all about her have departed from their former soundness. Yet despite such a commendation, there is not to my knowledge an adequately supported minister of the gospel in that entire region at this present day.

The Association's action of 1877 apparently did little that carried down to the present. Instead, I grew up being instructed that preachers ought to make their own livings for themselves and their families. I have known of a few preachers bragging about never having been chargeable to any church, and never having preached at any time on the subject of money. This I believed to be right, by the force of tradition and the one example from the Bible always given to defend that tradition, Paul's example of

self-support.

This practice became a distinguishing mark of our ministry and something we sometimes proudly (but vainly) boasted against the "modern" Baptists of our area. It is no wonder that I and many other young men and boys of our churches lived in stark terror of the call to preach. The burden that was heaped upon these magnificently Spiritual men in long-sleeved white shirts was awesome. It was amazing to see the transformation from plowman to preacher in preparation for God's work. Some served churches (from one to four) as pastor while half the year they were almost continually engaged in revival meeting efforts, sometimes twice a day, and yet they managed to derive the majority of their income from the work of their own hands even as others.

Supermen they were, I thought, and no less marvelous were their wives who often stayed home and did a man's work in addition to her own so her husband could serve as slave not only to God but also to his unthoughtful people. One could not help admire them, but no one wanted to be like them. With our minds we honored them, but not with our purses. We had not learned from the scriptures their true meaning, that when in obedience to God the "elders that rule well (among us) are counted worthy of double honor" (I Timothy 5:17) their bills are paid by us, thus relieving the slaves of Christ of the necessity of being a slave to the dollar also.

If we had understood the next verse of the Apostle's letter to Timothy we would not have dishonored the "ox that treadeth out the corn" by muzzling him nor withheld the wages of "the laborer (who) is worthy of his reward."

One of the most outstanding revivalists of our region became disabled a number of years before he died and was forced to quit preaching. Shortly before he died he replied to one who had commended his life's work, "I sure had a hard time getting people saved." We had no idea! He had made it

MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS BAPTIST WORK

On Monday night, December 12, 1983, a meeting was held in Gallatin, TN for discussion of Missionary Baptist Churches purchasing property to be used as a permanent Baptist school, TV studios for the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast and other meetings that our churches might wish to participate in, including a library.

There were 56 Baptist pastors, missionaries, deacons and laymembers in attendance. It was generally agreed that the property where the meeting was held, South Water St. and Park Ave. in Gallatin, would not be adequate for what the need would be.

A lengthy meeting produced various ideas, suggestions, considerations, etc. and the feasibility and possibility of the project under consideration. A central location was one main consideration and Gallatin seemed to be the number one choice. One of the considerations taken under advisement was to purchase land suitable for buildings and parking, and construct the buildings as needed.

It was suggested that those present return to their churches and discuss the matter with the churches and meet again to get a better understanding of the desires and wishes of our people.

An invitation was extended by Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta St., in Gallatin to meet with them. There was a unanimous vote to accept the invitation. The meeting is to be Monday night, February 6, 1984 at 7 P.M. All pastors, missionaries and laymembers of all our Missionary Baptist Churches everywhere ARE INVITED to attend that meeting.

NOTE OF THANKS

I went back to the doctor the other day for a checkup and he said the cancer situation was doing fine. I would like to THANK EVERYONE for praying for me while I was sick. May God bless all of you that prayed for me. I am a licensed minister and member of Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Bethpage, TN.

Your brother in Christ,
Bro. Garry Lee Green

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look so easy to serve the Lord. Perhaps that divinely gifted man could have given the rest of his years and more as well to God's service and our benefit if we had not worn him out with labor while muzzling his hungry mouth.

SINGING

There is to be a singing on Sunday night, January 29, at Rocky Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Rutledge Lane, Lebanon, Tenn. The Cockriel Family of Bowling Green, KY will be the featured singers. Everyone is invited to attend. Time: 6 P.M. Elder Vernon Roark is pastor.

ATTENTION

If you sent in an article or announcement and it isn't in this issue, it's because it did not reach the BANNER mailbox by the deadline. All communications must be sent in time for us to receive them by the 10th of the month preceding month of publication. Due to the fact I have several schedules to keep, our deadlines must be kept.

- Editor

Other of our able ministers have become disabled at an early age, died in their prime, suffered nervous breakdowns, or ruined their influence with resentment and bitterness as a

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result of such a hard life. Some have neglected their own families to their detriment while serving a selfish people. Some have reached old age in poverty because they spent their substance to preach the gospel, being set on the shelf, dishonored, and forgotten. While their useful days were over they lived on, unremembered by the purses, bank accounts, and refrigerators of those who still

praised their memories in public testimony. As often, their widows, who suffered so much for the gospel also, were left dishonored and in need. Shall there not be an accounting of such things in the day of judgment?

Although the dishonored preacher may never complain, what of the many who might have been led to God had the able and proven preacher had a full lifetime to minister the word?

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THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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came tumbling down in Joshua's day. This site is one of the most extensively excavated spots in the Holy Land.

Elisha's Fountain and the Mt. of Temptation were also visited while in Jericho. Returning from His baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus was imbued with the Holy Spirit and led into the wilderness (Luke 4:1). Here He spent forty days without food, and was tempted by the devil.

The afternoon hours seemingly melted away as we enjoyed the rich experiences around us. With the sun almost set, our driver turned the bus toward the Sea of Galilee where we would spend the night at the Ginton Hotel in Tiberias. Tiberias is a beautiful city situated on the shores of Galilee. Reaching the hotel our bodies were tired but our hearts had been refreshed and renewed by the sweet Holy Spirit. A wonderful dinner and a most welcome early to bed and the third day of our pilgrimage came to a close.

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NASHVILLE SINGINGS

On Saturday night, January 28, there is to be a gospel singing at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, TN. Services are to begin at 6:30 P.M. Elder D. W. Story is pastor of Mt. Calvary Church. Everyone is invited to attend the singing.

On Sunday, January 29, the Fifth Sunday Singing will be at McFerrin Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, TN. The singing is to begin at 2:00 P.M. Elder Howard G. Taylor is pastor of McFerrin Church. The public is invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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