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## THE TESTIMONY OF MY SALVATION

By

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One cold February day of 1952, I met a foreigner on the street of Yamaguchi City, an old historical city of over 1,000 years, located in west part of the Honshu, main island of Japan, who was a young single American and a Baptist missionary to Japan from middle Tennessee by name of J. Frank Carr. He was a different type of man compared with uniformed American soldiers and officers came to occupy the incendiary shell bombed ruins of Japan with General MacAuther after the World War II. This gentleman dressed in suit and hat, on a bicycle, spoke to me, "Come to my Bible Class" in English. At that time I did not know this running across with the man and his words of invitation would change

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## OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

By

Elder H. C. Vanderpool

The twelfth annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School was held at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. on March 28, 29, 30, 1984.

There were 85 ministers attending the school from California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Japan. There were over thirty wives of the ministers who attended the daily Ministers Wives Fellowship meeting at the Neel Masonic Lodge Hall near the church. This was also the place where lunch was served each day.

There were four 45-minute lessons taught each day. Teachers this year were Elders Billy Moran, Calvin Perigo, Jerry Reynolds, J. H. Smith, Howard Taylor and H. C. Vanderpool. Ministers wives conducting the daily fellowship meetings were Mrs. Annie Laura Smith, Mrs. Evelle Massey and Mrs. Alta Vanderpool.

Elder Paul Bryson, pastor of Old Union Church, his wife, brethren and sisters of the church worked hard to host this twelfth annual session of the school at the church and also the sisters meeting place and furnishing a bountiful meal each day.

Elder Koji Tajima from Hiroshima, Japan, a Baptist Missionary and pastor for many years attended the school. He preached a wonderful sermon on Thursday night. His text was "John the Baptist." He preached at many of our churches during his stay in America. Bro. Jeff Brown did the recording of all the lessons taught. These tapes are available to anyone wishing to have them. For the tape information, call: Pastor Paul Bryson, (502) 843-9339. Pictures of the 1984 class of ministers and also the wives will be published when made available. We wish to say "THANKS" to all who helped to make this a good year.

## BANNER COMPLETES 18 YEARS THE KNEE ROUTE WAY

With this issue of the BAPTIST BANNER we complete 18 years of publication. By the grace of God, good health, the support of churches and individuals, we have been able to publish the paper each month for the past 216 months without missing a single issue.

During these 18 years we have printed and distributed 316,892 copies. Our subscribers have been, and still are, in over one-half of the states in America plus some foreign countries.

The Lord willing, we will begin our 19th year next month. We wish to thank every church and every individual, writers, staff members, printers, correspondents and anyone else, who has contributed to the work of this printed ministry. May the Lord bless you all. Your continued prayers, support and assistance in any way will be greatly appreciated.

-Editor



"The fool has said in his heart there is no God..." (Psalm 14:1)

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17)

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## THE KNEE ROUTE WAY

By

Timothy Don Binion  
Indianapolis, Indiana

As we review this slogan that is often used by us all, we encounter many questions. Realizing its usage is with good intentions, yet often it is left beside itself and deception is still possible. I personally found life and salvation with my knees to the floor, yet there are still others that were saved on their back, on their front (or face), standing up, sitting down, and other positions. So the condition or position of the body is irrelevant, yet the condition or situation of the heart of a person is essential to obtaining salvation. The Lord told Samuel that he seeth not as man seeth: "for man looketh on the outward ap-

pearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) (see also Genesis 6:5) "For I (am) the Lord, I change not." (Malachi 3:6). So the Lord still has a clear view of man's heart, **focused solely on the intermost being of a person.**

There are many modern organizations that still allow the sinner to kneel in their search for salvation and promote "A" knee route way. Through their process of dealing with those bowed, a voice or whisper is heard by the seekers ear, asking questions, quoting promises and reading scripture. Before you know it they have made the individual a two fold more the child of

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**EDITORIAL  
NOTES**

By H. C. Vanderpool



**MINISTERIAL  
SUPPORT**

Beginning on this page is the fifth and final article by Bro. Jerry Reynolds on Ministerial Support. I trust our people have been carefully reading these Biblical and timely articles and are willing to prayerfully apply the truths found therein.

**MUSIC SCHOOL**

On page five you will find an announcement of the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music. God has blessed the institution thus far, and let us as God's people take the advantage of the privilege and glorious opportunities available to us to further educate our people, especially our youth, in gospel music. Let all of us who are pastors and church leaders encourage participation in this school at Cumberland College in Lebanon, Tennessee.

**MISSIONS**

Month after month you read of various missions and new Baptist Churches being established throughout the country. When we are satisfied of the soundness and sincerity of this work, let us all support them with our prayers and financial means. Some churches feel the need to support foreign missions while others wish to support home missions. Each church is at liberty to support missions as they feel to do, but let us somehow, somehow, do what we can to advance the kingdom of God through scriptural mission endeavors.

**MINISTERIAL  
EDUCATION**

I deeply believe in scriptural ministerial education. I have been criticized for my idea and efforts in this work. God teaches us in the Bible the need of this preparation for our work in His kingdom. There are those at this present date, who to our sorrow, are hindering this great need among us instead of trying to help. It is pathetic that some believe to be ignorant is old fashioned. We acquire "knowledge" by experience and study. We receive "wisdom" from God (James 1:5). Wisdom is the ability to properly use the knowledge we have. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee.." Hosea 4:6.

**SCHOOL LESSONS**

In the months ahead, I plan to print some of the good, sound, scriptural lessons that were taught during the Old Union Baptist Ministers School at Bowling Green, Ky. Those who were unable to attend, including laymembers, can benefit from them.

**MINISTERIAL  
SUPPORT**

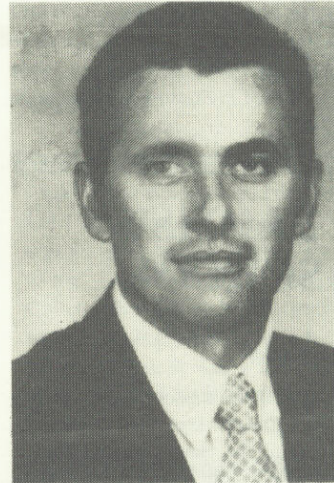
By

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

(Editor's Note: Bro. Reynolds' time and efforts in furnishing this important material is appreciated).

**PART 5 - WHAT SYSTEM?**

How shall we afford a supported ministry? What system shall we use to collect the needed funds? Perhaps no aspect of this subject has been so controversial as this one. Any method which will fulfill that which God has ordained by providing adequate support for the ministers who preach the gospel and labor in the word and doctrine is satisfactory, if it be within the guidelines of the Holy Scriptures. It is agreed among us that the expenses of the churches should be met by the donations



of the people of God. If all of us would ask God each week the amount we should give, as earnestly as we ask other knowledge of him, and obey his promptings, there would be an adequate supply so that the gospel would not be hindered. However, this method of collecting "free will offerings" does not seem to work very well when the church is not as spiritual as it ought to be.

Most men, especially in this age of free spending, need some type of system in order to save a few dollars even for their own use. Few people are able to save anything without one. Yet we

persist in the impractical course of allowing each person to give spontaneously of what happens to be in his pocket at the moment his heart is moved. In many cases there is nothing to derive the Lord's portion from when the Spirit does grip the heart. It is all spent.

We have an excellent pattern for a system of giving laid out for us in the Old Testament Bible. Many diligent Baptist people have looked to this system as a guideline in the regulation of their voluntary giving of their offerings to the Lord's work. They were not compelled by the church or the ministry to do so. The system of tithes and offerings is a practical one which if made to fairly fit the ways of our modern life does well as a method of giving. However, at the mention of tithing, although it be left voluntary to each person whether or not to use this method, we have had many able ministers to rise in opposition to this or any plan of proposed systematic giving.

The New Testament instructs each church member to give "as God hath prospered him" (1st Corinthians 16:2), "according to that a man hath" (2nd Corinthians 8:12), and "every man according to his ability" (Acts 11:29). These scripture passages all agree that the giving is to be proportional to the prosperity of the giver. Too often in our churches it is not that way. The rich among us should give the most. That is the purpose of their riches (1st Timothy 6:17-19), though there be but few rich men among us. We are all well aware that some could more easily give twenty percent of their income than others could part with five percent of theirs. When it is done as it should be, the wealthy will give far more than a tithe, while some of the poor might have to look to the church for assistance. Yet this inequality of wealth should offer no excuse for withholding from the Lord, for it was Him who richly praised the poor widow who cast in all that she had.

We are also instructed to "lay by in store," "upon the first day of the week" (1st Corinthians

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## THE KNEE ROUTE WAY

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hell than before. (see Matt. 23:15) What instruction can be given after a sinner has heard the true way of salvation that comes through repentance and faith, and is diligently, sincerely, convicted, broken hearted, contritely, seeking to be saved? When a sinner is seeking with all his or her heart to be saved, turning from satan, the world and self, trying with all the soul, mind and spirit to trust in and rely upon a living savior, would a human whispering voice in that sinner's ear hinder or help toward salvation of the soul? What is the purpose for having a place set aside for sinners to come to? Is it for instruction or prayer? I sincerely feel the bench is set aside for sinners to seek the Lord and not a place for instruction. Don't misunderstand my position, a lost person needs to be instructed, they need to hear the testimonies of God's people, but they don't need it whispered in their ear while bowed in humility reverencing God, crying out from the heart for mercy. When you consider a man in water over his head, unable to swim, in his struggle to survive, he will grab a straw to sustain himself. True Baptists offer no straws to those drowning in sin. We offer only a sure tried foundation, which is Christ Jesus. I want everybody to be sure that they are building on the right foundation. Merely being on your knees is not enough, if so salvation would be of works and not of grace. Jesus told Nicodemus (see St. John 3:1 thru 8) "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God", he went on to say, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound there of, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither is goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." True Baptists' settle for nothing less for membership, neither will God at the Judgment. We **must** be born again (or from above) which is an **ISOLATED PERSONAL EXPERIENCE** between the **seeking soul** and **God**. Godly sorrow or penitence must be so great, that every thought not relative to finding soul salvation is stripped away. Repentance cannot take place while the mind is thinking about worldly pleasures or sorrows.

CHURCHES THAT GUARD THEIR MOURNERS BENCH, GUARD AGAINST DECEPTION. In order that the Gospel might continue to be preserved in purity for our children as well as others, we must not yield or submit even for a moment. (see Galatians 2:4&5). A good sister told me of how her father (who is a Deacon, large in stature) was very protective of his family when they were seeking the Lord. Standing guard directly behind them, with his legs slightly apart, arms folded across his chest, as though he dared anyone to trespass and hinder them from finding genuine salvation. I

We desire and see to it that the True way is preached, guarding our pulpits against error. Likewise we should protect our mourners bench from becoming a bench of deception, making sure the True Way is practiced. No doubt there are some cases in our churches where a confession is made with the mouth, without a change taking place in the heart, wherein the confessor deceived themselves. When a sinner is prompted by the work of a deceiver to make a false confession at the place set aside in our churches, then that church stands responsible before God for this deception. The Lord knows what is being done, he knows what is not being done, and what is allowed to take place in his church. (see Rev. Chapter 2&3)

COACHING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. I don't believe anyone truly saved would intentionally deceive someone that is lost. Yet we are not as cautious as we once were. The Spirit of the Lord leads or impresses God's children from time to time to say something or testify for the advantage of a lost person, which is scriptural as in (Psalm 107:2) let the redeemed of the Lord continue to say so. (also see Acts 20:21 & Eph. 4:30). When we have done all we can do, we need to (or must) wait upon the Lord. Let's not be impatient or over zealous and try to coach a sinner into salvation. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. (see Romans 1:16) The Gospel, when empowered by the

## 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!

# 1984 BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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Holy Spirit, is that which coaches, instructs, directs, and prompts the sinner toward salvation.

Suggestions: If the Spirit of the Lord leads us to say something, we should say it openly. If it is meant for one on the mourners bench, they will hear. If we feel the need to talk privately or express our concern to a person seeking God, do it before service, after service, or in their home, but use extreme caution at the mourner's bench. Modernism won't come suddenly, it creeps in slowly so that the elect may not see a change. (see

Matthew 24:24 and Galatians 1:6) True Baptists' understand the knee route way to mean **PRAYING THROUGH**.



God is Love. It is written  
Throughout the universe,  
Upon the cross of Calvary,  
In the Holy Bible,  
In the heart of every believer,  
Upon everything the disciple  
touches,  
In eternity.

—Author Unknown

## MY SALVATION

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my life completely later on. I was 17 years old and was a 2nd-year-high school student of the city.

My father, Teruichi Tajima, was a normal type of man of that age, who was honest, diligent and faithful to the traditional religions of the land handed down from fathers for over 2,000 years. My mother, Oshizu, was a quiet woman as her name meant. They had 6 sons and a daughter between them, which was a common number of family in those days. I was the fourth son born July 6, 1934, or in the 9th year of our Emperor's reign. Before the war started against China my parents and their four sons moved to the city from Wakayama with some other relatives to promote Japanese laquerware business. It was a good time with the business. My grandmother, Oyuki, who lived with us, used to take me out to those Buddhist temples or Shinto Shrines. She would give me something good if I could memorize some of big Buddhist long and hard sutras when I was a small boy. She would proudly show the guests to the house and say, "See, he is smart, isn't he?"

After the war got jammed in China, and even after 1940 with America, our business got down and a small income with it. Two of my older brothers were taken to the army, and one went to the navy, and we did not know where they were: we did not know if they were alive. One of my uncles died somewhere in the Pacific by the attack of American submarines. Our house in Wakayama was destroyed by the bombing. My grandmother died with cancer without good medical treatment just before the war ended. Then my mother died with a kind of muscle inflammation, which is as nothing today, but was fatal to her because of her malnutrition. She was looking forward to get a shot of penicillin known as the latest specific medicine, provided by Red Cross Hospital in Tokyo, for which we paid 500 Yen, same amount of a-month-living cost at that time. She died before the penicillin arrived. It was when I was 11 years old. All three of my brothers came home alive, got married, and left home. I was the one to take care of young brothers and sister. It was a dark time to any one of the land, but the after-war reconstruction was being carried on to get back the lost social systems and orders.

I visited Bro. Carr's Bible Class, which was used to be held in his rented room in the Eifukuji Buddhist Temple. (It is strange to say, but it was true. Gospel of Christ was being preached in the heathen house of paganism. Some time later he got a rented house in Dosocho of the city, to which he moved and started a mission till he organized a Baptist Church.) There were several people. A man of mid 40's was the interpreter. A clerk in the registration office by name of Harada, a university student by name of Hamano, were there with some other people. I kept attending the services, but soon I got disappointed. There was no intellectual satisfaction in the knowledge I got there. It was same old story of Jesus crucified on the cross of Calvary. Repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus. It seemed I had heard the same sermon every time I attended. But I kept attending because it was the only place I could have living English. My father, my old brothers and their wives encouraged me go and get good education there believing it would help when I got upper education in university.

One day in June of 1952, it was after attending his services four months, missionary J. Frank Carr told me he was praying for me. He told me he was praying for my salvation, salvation for eternity in the Lord Jesus. It really touched my heart. It also reminded me of a time that I heard him praying in big and loud voice reached the way I was walking along one spring night. It was the prayer that I heard by chance, which was an earnest prayer like burning fire.

Since then I began to look into my soul. The Holy Spirit was working on me all the way since I was born, no, even before I was born, but I did not realize it. It was He that brought me to the Truth, not me. I came to realize I was a sinner and I needed to get saved. Lord told me I had to repent of my sins and trust Him as my only Saviour of the world. I didn't know how. I hadn't seen anybody saved before my eyes, hadn't

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## OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR

One of the stations that the Old Fashion Gospel Hour is televised over is W I Y E Channel 55, Leesburg, Florida. Recently the cost of each weekly 30-minute telecast went to \$175.00. This would be close to \$10,000.00 per year. Bro. Bob Pitt, Co-ordinator, for the Old Fashion Gospel Hour received the following letter from Mr. Marcus McGowan, Administrative Assistant, of W I Y E.

### THE LETTER

February 17, 1984

Mr. Bob Pitt  
OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR  
309 Andrews Ave.  
Hartsville, TN 37074  
Dear Bob:

I am pleased to advise you that due to the generosity of a friend of your ministry, your program will be aired on our station through the end of 1984.

If I can assist you in any way, please contact me.  
Thank you.

In Christ's Service,  
Marcus McGowan  
Administrative Assistant  
W I Y E

### BRO. PITT'S LETTER TO OUR BANNER READERS

This letter (the one above) is in reference to a Bro. John Cunningham. He has for the last two years paid our bill at this T. V. Station (W I Y E). The cost for 30 minutes each Sunday at 9:00 A.M. is \$175.00.

Some seven years ago his son-in-law was saved at a television revival that was in progress in Crossville, Tennessee that some of our preacher brethren were conducting.

If any of our people would like to drop this Brother a word of thanks, I believe it would certainly be in order. His name and address:

Mr. John Cunningham  
P. O. Box 608  
Crossville, TN 38555

Elder Bobby E. Pitt, Co-Ordinator  
Old Fashion Gospel Hour  
309 Andrews Ave.  
Hartsville, TN 37074  
Phone: (615) 374-2723

## MEETING SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS BAPTIST WORK

In recent months several meetings have been held in Gallatin, Tennessee to discuss the work of Missionary Baptist Churches. In the past several years a number of Bible Studies and Schools have been conducted for ministers and also for laymembers of our churches.

Also, The Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast has been shown across the nation for the past eight years. We have reached a time when better facilities to tape and produce our TV services is needed. More people are interested in Bible study and a general Christian edu-

cation among our Baptist people.

Due to the needs, and also due to the fact many are interested in helping in this work, these meetings have been held to discuss the possibility and feasibility of purchasing property where this work can be done.

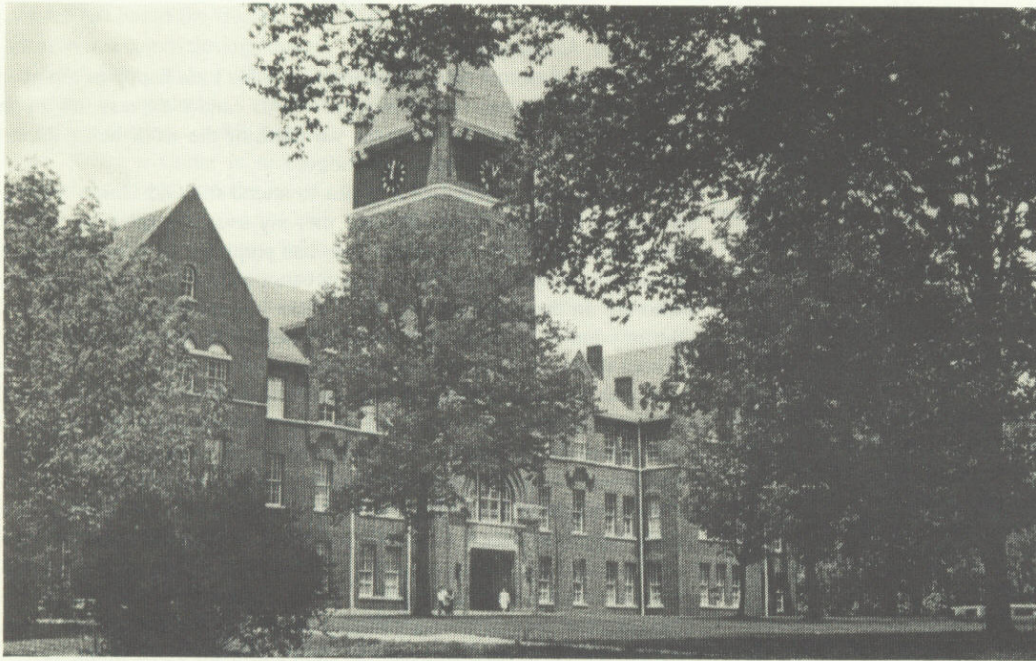
Our next meeting is Monday night, May 21, 1984, at Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta Sts., Gallatin, Tenn. Time: 7:00 P.M. All our pastors, missionaries, and laymembers are INVITED to attend.

## BENEFIT SINGING

There is to be a benefit singing at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 323 Old Shackle Island Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn. on Saturday night, May 19, 1984. Services are to begin at 7:00 P.M. The Spiritual Crusaders of

Lafayette, Tenn. will be the featured singers. The benefit is for Bro. Steve Perrigo, a member of the church, who is leaving to do mission work in Oregon. Everyone is invited to attend.

# CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL OF GOSPEL MUSIC



## CUMBERLAND COLLEGE Lebanon, Tennessee

### SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

By

Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Chaplain

The Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music, Inc. was organized in January, 1983. During the First Annual Session, June 19 - July 1, 1983, there were 185 students in attendance. This brought joy to every one who was associated with the school because it was far more than any of us had expected. A lot of people have worked hard and long hours to see this institution come into being and to witness the initial work, by God's grace, moving forward as it has.

Preparation is now being made for the Second Annual Session June 17 - June 29, 1984. All of you who are planning on attending this year should get your application in as soon as possible. This will help the officers, staff members, etc. to keep abreast with the heavy work load associated with the school.

Personally, I would like to ask of every pastor to encourage this school and to ask your church to support it with their prayers, financial means and students from your attendance.

Anyone attending the school must be 8 years of age or older. Many adults attended last year. Our young people were very happy with the school. Room-Parents are carefully selected to be in charge of the Dorms for those staying on campus. For an application, brochure and full information, write to:

Cumberland Valley School of  
Gospel Music  
c/o Mr. Key Dillard, Pres.  
Route 7, Rucker Lane  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

For those who may wish to call for the information, call: (615) 890-0288.

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An artist makes himself an artist by painting, a musician makes himself a musician by playing, an athlete makes himself an athlete by running or rowing or wrestling, a merchant makes himself a merchant by buying and selling, and so a professing Christian makes himself a real Christian by doing Christlike things.

-Charles E. Jefferson

### ORDINATION SERVICE AT MAPLE GROVE

There is to be an ordination service at Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Rd., Lafayette, Tenn. on Saturday, June 2, 1984, beginning at 1:30 P.M. Bro. Ophie Carr and Bro. Willard Carr are to be ordained to the full work of the ministry, and Bro. Dean Dyer, Bro. Earl Claiborne, Bro. Carl Kemp and Bro. William McClard are to be ordained to the deaconship.

A general invitation is given to sister churches of the Siloam Baptist Association, Enon Baptist Association, Wiseman Baptist Association, Southwestern Baptist Association, Bethel Baptist Association in Indiana and Polk County Baptist Association in Missouri. Elder Don Curtis, moderator; Hollis C. McDonald, clerk. All who can are invited to attend the services.

**"Create in me a clean  
heart, O God; and renew  
a right spirit within me"  
(Psalm 51:10)**

### THE MEANEST MOTHER IN ALL THE WORLD

Have you ever heard the story of the meanest mother in all the world? Well, let me tell it to you, for it happened to me.

I had the meanest mother in all the world. Other kids had candy for lunch, but I had to eat soup and sandwiches (with whole wheat bread). Supper was different, too. Vegetables, fruit and sometimes prunes - ugh! I wasn't the only one who had this mean mother - my brothers and sisters had her, too.

Mother was so nosey. She insisted on knowing where we were at all times. "Who are your friends?" "Where are you going?" "When will you be back?" You won't believe it, but we had to be back the very time we said we would be back. It was like having a ball and chain around your leg. When we didn't do what was right, she would actually strike us (I'm ashamed to admit it); and not just once, but just about every time we disobeyed. Can you imagine actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed? Now you can begin to see how mean she really was.

The worst is yet to come. In bed at nine - up at seven. Man, we never even got to watch the late-late show. We couldn't sleep until noon like a lot of our friends. If you have never heard about the child-labor law, you and my mother would get along fine. It was work all the time. Wash the dishes, make the beds, cut the grass, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel and inhuman things. She and Dad must have lain awake at night just thinking up chores for us to do.

Here's something you just won't believe. Mother sounded like a judge for we always had to "Tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"...even if it killed us, and sometimes it nearly did!

When I was twelve, I really thought my mother was about the dumbest thing around. But by the time we were teen-agers, she was

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# MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

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16:2). The Lord gets his first. He has always demanded the firstfruits of our substance; and be our offerings money, time, energy, or whatever else. God does not accept the part left over as a sacrifice well pleasing unto him. He expects the first and best that we have.

Opposers of systematic giving often say, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2nd Corinthians 9:7) I am afraid that often while that rule is followed many give practically nothing. Paul, in this verse, was already aware of the generous intent of the brethren to whom he was writing. This intent they had "purposed in their hearts" as much as a year before. (See 2nd Corinthians 9:2) Many seem to reason that it is better not to give at all than to give "of necessity," but certainly no such ill logic as that is found in the Bible.

I think it reasonable to suppose that any of our Baptist families who have good fortune and a comfortable living could afford a tithe (ten percent) for the Lord. They would be well rewarded for so giving if it would be a willing sacrifice. Each Baptist would profit from the exercise of keeping account one year of the amount given to the Lord that he might examine his own deeds to see if he has in truth given "according as the Lord hath prospered him."

Paul was not ashamed or afraid to refer to the temple worship for his example to justify ministerial support from the offerings brought by the people as a sacrifice to God. He asked, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? EVEN SO hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." (1st Corinthians 9:13) The gospel ministry is to be sup-

ported by the offerings of the church just as the Levites were supported by the temple offerings. Paul made that comparison. "And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve" (Numbers 18:21), said the Lord, and again "But the tithes of the children of Israel which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance." (Numbers 18:24) We are also shown by example what happened when the Levites were not awarded the portion that God gave to them: "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were FLED EVERY ONE TO HIS FIELD. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, WHY IS THE HOUSE OF GOD FORSAKEN? And I gathered them together and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the TITHE OF THE CORN AND THE NEW WINE AND THE OIL UNTO THE TREASURIES." (Nehemiah 13:10-12) Likewise, when the gospel ministry is not given the portion God allotted it, it will be found that the ministers have fled every one to his field (or job) and the question is in order, "WHY IS THE HOUSE OF GOD FORSAKEN?" The Levites comprised a twelfth part of Israel. God made a plan whereby the tithes and offerings of all Israel would adequately keep up the house of God, and its ministers on an equal level with the rest of Israel. It was a practical one. It worked then, and it will work now also. God designed it. Although the New Testament ministers are not commanded to take tithes of their brethren as the Levites were, the apostle Paul has clearly placed the example of the Levitical ministry before the churches with reference to the support of the gospel ministry. It is an interesting exercise to approximate the ratio of the family mem-

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# EVANGELISTIC REPORT

1502 Calvert Court, West  
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Dear Bro. Vanderpool,

As we close out the first quarter of 1984, I am happy to report that God is still blessing in a great way. Words cannot express the joy and gladness we feel in our hearts as we think of the work being done by the old time Baptist churches of today.

We were privileged once again to attend the Old Union Ministers School at Bowling Green. Believe me, my soul was filled each day by the able teachers and the lessons they had prepared, the sweet fellowship among so many brethren, and getting better acquainted with the brothers who are on the mission field. Also those who are planning to leave for the mission field in the near future. I would certainly recommend the school to all our God called preachers.

Our prayers (and recommendation) are that all our Old Time Baptist Churches would pray very hard for our missionaries and help support them as much as possible. No matter how small the support, I know it would be so appreciated. If any church is in doubt of any of the brethren please contact me and I think I can assure you of their soundness in the faith and their sincere desire to carry the Gospel to a lost and dying world. I sometimes hear statements such as "We would support a missionary if we knew one to support", Please contact me and I can give you the names of several who are worthy of our support. Someone must talk for our missionaries that are in the field and if the Lord wants me to do so then I am very glad to do it and try to keep our people abreast of their needs.

Now as to the Evangelistic work we are doing. During the bad weather we have been very busy on weekends and trying to work a few days during the week so as to help with our own expenses. Now that the weather is better we are beginning to get back on the road and will try to devote all our time to the work.

Following is a financial report for January, February and March 1984. The following Missionary Baptist Churches and individuals have helped us during this period:

- Michigan ..... Faith
- Indiana ..... Kokomo, Salem, Beech Grove and Calvary
- Kentucky ..... Corinth, Lyons, Faith and Mt. Zion
- Tennessee ..... Faith, New Bethel-Henry Co., Harvest, Mt. Tabor, Gateway, New Harmony, Brattontown, Long Creek, Longview, Rayon City, Eastside-Gallatin, Mt. Calvary and Fairview.

The individuals are as follows:

- Bro. and Sister William Woodall
- Bro. and Sister Charles Travis
- Bro. and Sister Tim Caldwell
- Sister Ardelia Roberts
- Bro. and Sister Joe Gueinn
- Bro. and Sister Clarence Woodard
- Bro. and Sister Robert Johnson

Our average monthly support for the quarter has been:

- Direct support \$753.33 per month
- Other income \$231.67 per month

Total income \$985.00 per month

We want to thank each church and individual for their continued support and ask that you continue to pray for us as we go on in the work. Pray that the power of God will accompany his word as it goes forth.

Your Brother in Christ,

Elder Landon C. Long

# MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP MEETING

A Ministers Fellowship Meeting will be held Saturday, May 5, 1984 at Victory Missionary Baptist Church, Johnny Cash Parkway, Hendersonville, Tenn. Services are to begin at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be served.

Featured speakers will be Bro. Bill Allgood, Bro. Paul Bryson and Bro. Rex Hunt. The featured singers will be the Reid Family. Everyone is invited. Bro. Billy D. Carter, Pastor

# MY SALVATION

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seen any example of that kind in any form, hadn't heard it in my life. I was heavy hearted. It was an important time that I was in because Satan was challenging to take me to dangerous circumstances. There was a struggle in my soul what to do with the matter: to flee away from this heavy hearted condition, or to go through. More I heard the gospel, the more Satan disturbed. I was almost dead. Satan whispered to me go back to that peaceful Buddhism that was handed down from loving fathers, that historical tradition and heritage, but the Lord was calling me come, and surely He was.

The truth says, "...ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

July 18th of the year I visited Bro. Carr personally with tired and worried heart. I was almost dead. I knew I had to do something. He and I kneeled down on the floor. He asked me plead for remission of my sin repenting it all. He encouraged me praying by my side. Humbly he did. Honestly I did. I trusted in Him as my only Saviour of the world. There were a lot of sweat and tears on the floor. The **Lord saved my soul that summer afternoon.** He set me free from care and uneasiness. He set me free from Hell and lake of fire eternally. I got saved wonderfully that afternoon, and was filled with great joy and peace that I had never had before. All these came from heaven. There were great tears of joy.

I brought it home and told my father all about my experience I had from the Lord that afternoon. In the beginning he listened to me quietly. But soon I realized he was so mad and angry by his expression on his face. He knocked me down. He told me I was deceived by that foreign devil. I was too young to have right religion by my young experience of life. I would understand it when I would reach 40 years of age. He told me that christianity was a wicked religion of the world. I knew how Spanish Catholic missionaries and priests came over to Japan 400 years ago and what they did. I knew why the Japanese government of that time forbade it as a wicked and dangerous religion, and how hard and cruel persecutions were upon those Catholic followers, and Japan closed its door to any foreign countries for 300 years since then. But that was a different thing with me. He told me all kind of thing for me to get away from what I got from my heavenly Father that afternoon. But I could not change it.

Since then he called his family members and his relatives many a time what to do with this careless, silly, brain-washed, stupid, thoughtless, non-Japanese, polluted, non-respected hearted for the honorable ancestors, and foolish son. Everybody opposed me strongly at a time, and pleaded to me to abandon it for the better mutual relationship and for the better blood-ties of our own at a time. I had a hard time, but I tried to avoid fussing with them. I believed it was not of the Lord. After several days of family conference, they decided to cut all the relationship with me and my family and to kick me out of all family ties. I had mixed feeling: I was sad with all the reactions of my father and family to the right thing everybody must have with the Lord, yet I was happy with the Lord. I loved them all. It was true.

I soon realized what Jesus said in Luke 12:52-53 was real. "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father..." His words were ringing in my heart. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). "Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." (Mark 10:29-30).

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# DAVIDSON COUNTY SINGING

The Davidson County (Tennessee) Singing will be at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on Sunday, May 27, 1984. The singing will

begin at 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and singing together to the glory of God. Bro. Rhea Dyer is president of the singing.

Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle.

*John S. Swift Co., Inc.*

# REPORT FROM DENVER

April 2, 1984

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I am sending a two-month report this month. Bill was ill and had to go into the hospital last month so I neglected to get a report to you. He is doing much better and we thank the Lord for His goodness.

We are getting a little good weather now. We didn't get to work on the building this past Saturday, but did the week before. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but each time we get to work we can see a big difference. Next we will be getting the ground iron in the basement and pouring the floor in it. We got all the steel posts in under the steel beams and most of the grade work done in the basement floor, then the roof, doors and windows come next.

We hope to be able to meet all codes and get a C. O. to hold services in the building before the summer is gone this year. We had to pay taxes this year because we aren't using the building for church work yet.

The Lord has provided our needs as the needs have come. We wish to "THANK" everyone who has helped us. May the Lord bless them as they have blessed us. It feels so good to get a letter telling us they are praying for us. The fellowship and prayers of our sister churches gives us courage to keep on going in times of discouragement.

Those sending financial help in February were:

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| Sister Greggs, Ohio .....                          | \$ 5.00 |
| Sister Christine Green, Nashville, TN .....        | 50.00   |
| Crossroads M. Baptist Church, Camden, TN .....     | 500.00  |
| Mt. Juliet M. Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN ..... | 50.00   |
| Union M. Baptist Church, Fountain Run, KY .....    | 163.50  |

Those sending financial help in March were:

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| Maces Hill M. Baptist Church, Smith Co., TN .....  | 200.00   |
| Faith M. Baptist Church, Nashville, TN .....       | 1,000.00 |
| East Side M. Baptist Church, Gallatin, TN .....    | 250.00   |
| Mt. Juliet M. Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN ..... | 50.00    |
| R. C. and Sue Alexander, Nashville, TN .....       | 50.00    |

Total.....\$2,318.50

We "THANK" everyone! Pray for us that we will use it wisely to glorify the Lord, that many souls will be saved in this area.

Yours in Christ,  
Colorado Missionary Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 31864  
Aurora, CO 80041



## Honoring MOTHER

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much wiser, and life became more and more unbearable. No tootin' the horn out front for us to come running. Can you imagine, when we went out on dates, our friends had to come to the door to get us? Speaking of dates, while our mature friends were "hotrodding it" at 12 or 13, our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date before we were 15, and then it had to be those old "group dates" at some church activity. She said we needed more experience.

As a mother, I think mine was a colossal flop. None of us have ever been arrested or beaten up on each other. My brothers all served their country and received honorable discharges. We each have deep convictions of right and wrong and have found a productive place in society. And whom do you think we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right - our mean mother. Look at all the things we missed: We never burned buildings or took part in a riot. We didn't smoke pot, we didn't even call the policemen "pigs". We didn't even get to burn our draft cards. She somehow managed to force us into God-fearing, educated, honest-to-goodness adults.

Now when my son or daughter comes around, and in the struggle of the moment calls me "mean". I just lean back, smile, look up and say, "Thank you, God, that when I was coming up, I had the meanest mother in all the world!"



## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

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bers of gospel preachers to total church members in our associations and churches today. Considered as a whole that ratio is remarkably close to the one twelfth ratio of Levites to Israelites. I would not quarrel with any brother about the subject of tithing. I would only ask in light of the facts here presented, "How much would be required of each church member to support the Lord's work in keeping with that which he has ordained?" Voluntary tithing would certainly provide the required finances.

One of the greatest deterrents to generous giving to support the gospel has been the saying, "God doesn't need your money." HE never has! HIS ministers are the ones in need, and God has ordained HIS money, not yours, to support them. What you withhold from God of his due you rob from HIM. I believe that God would instruct each church member what to give if he would seek God's will in prayer. I also believe that in general the combined amount of offerings in all our churches would be sufficient to support the gospel ministry. God is a God of providence; and surely he will not instruct contrary to that he has ordained.

Most of our worthy preachers would be willing to go on indefinitely, warring at their own charges, if they believed that it was God's will for it to be so; but when they feel torn continually between two legitimate responsibilities, neither of which can be fully met, they have a burdensome life which no man and family should be subjected to. It appears that most of our churches which have met the responsibility of supporting the ministry are the same ones which contain a considerable number of members who are convinced of their obligation to give at least a tithe of their increase unto the Lord. God bless those who willingly offer this acceptable sacrifice!

## REVIVALS

SUNDAY - MAY 13

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Michigan. Pastor Kenneth Stapleton is to be assisted by Elder Eugene Brown. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

FRIDAY - JUNE 1

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, 1150 Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Billy Moran is to be assisted by Elder Tom Armstrong. Services nightly at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta Sts., Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Paul Patterson is to be assisted by Elder Hilman Duncan. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

FRIDAY - JUNE 8

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Maco Rd., Norton, Ohio. Pastor Berlon Roy is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. The services will be held at 7:00 P.M. each night. You are invited to attend.

## MY SALVATION

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I had no where to go. My dead mother's brother had a little understanding with me and was in sympathy with me. I had some appearance of his dead sister. His company in Osaka was destroyed while the war was going on. He started a store of cloth and fancy goods after returning from the Navy. He took me to his store, where I opened it at six in the morning and closed it at eleven in the night, seven days a week. I was out of it except school time in the beginning.

September 17, 1952, I was baptized by Baptist baptism in a river of Yamaguchi into the fellowship of Plunket's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tennessee by Bro. J. Frank Carr with the authority of the church.

I was very sorry when I heard my father had gone bankrupt and left his own house with desparated heart. It was after I left home. Since then I had a few times of meeting him; on each time I testified to him of the Lord Jesus and he seemed to think himself deeply. Last time I met him was 20 years after he kicked me out. He shed his tears as he was listening to me. I was telling him that old same gospel of Christ on the cross of Calvary that I first heard from Bro. Carr when I was 17 years old. He was becoming senile a little bit, but he was clear in mind. **I was happy he got saved.** It was a long distance for him to have blessed salvation. When I heard he died, I cried a lot, but was happy because he had a home up in Heaven through the Lord Jesus Christ.

The best thing men can do is to spread the Bible and to get it read and obeyed. This would be the end of hard times, of poverty, of unemployment, of injustice, of wrong, of war.

-Robert E. Speer

The longer I live the more I am convinced that the one thing worth living for and dying for is the privilege of making someone more happy and more useful. No man who ever does anything to lift his fellows ever makes a sacrifice.

-Booker T. Washington

There are one hundred and thirty-five passages in the New Testament where life is referred to, and only in seven of these is the reference to mere physical life. Life is an endowment in the body, but the reality of life is a thing of the mind, the heart, the will and the activities of the whole man. It becomes clear that life can only, therefore, be completely fulfilled and enjoyed in the spiritual capacities of character and service.

-J. H. C. Macaulay