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## Thanksgiving

As we express our happiness and heartfelt appreciation for all life's abundant treasures, and each of our many joys...let's remember the meaning and spirit that our forefathers gave to Thanksgiving, and their message of love and respect, warmth and sharing. Happy holiday.

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### REPORT FROM JAPAN

Hiroshima Nishi P.O. Box 62  
Hiroshima 733, Japan  
October 2, 1985

Dear Elder H.C. Vanderpool and readers of the Banner;

In our prayer we remember you and your Baptist people, who have been behind us with prayer and financial supporting for years when we carry the words of God in this pagan land. It is always our joy whenever we think of you. May God richly bless all of you.

At last those hot and steamy tropical summer days have gone about 10 days ago, and now we have good and nice weather, for which we are thankful. We thank the Lord for giving us good health condition to serve the risen Saviour in the place He set us for. Both Michiko and I are fine and doing fine for the Lord Jesus and for people. Our daughter Kyoko got back to the school in Kobe two weeks ago. Again we miss her. She helped us a lot during summer vacation.

Those extremely hot and long summer days were the times of Satan's challenging over us and our work for the Lord in this land. We have combated with Satan to have victories over him by the power of the Lord, and we praise the Lord.

August 4th, Sunday afternoon, we held a wedding for Hirota, age 28, and Ushijima, age 23. This was a blessing to all. When Hirota was 4 years old, his mother put him at an orphanage and disappeared somewhere since then. He doesn't know his father. Now he is working under Tanaka, a gardner, after having and quitting many jobs. They said there

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### ADDRESS LABEL

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### NEWS FROM ALASKA

September 24, 1985

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With an expression of hope in the Lord to see His work progress, it is my pleasure to write to you once again and tell you that my family and I are all doing fine being held within the grace of our Master's care.

In the first week of July, Darrell and Peggy Hicks arrived in Anchorage, Alaska to assist us in the mission work. It was very nice to see them arrive safely after a nine day journey on the road. Elder Hicks has helped us in the laboring with God's word, as I am sure that was one of his desires before he left home in Ohio. Continue to pray for him and his wife while the time of readjusting to a new location and people are still upon their minds.

During the month of August, we were visited by David Wilburn from Mace's Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tennessee. We enjoyed his presence every week and trust that he enjoyed himself during his visit to Alaska. It was very hard to see him go after the good fellowship and love that had been expressed among all of us at the mission.

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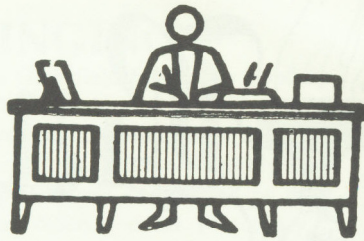
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**EDITORIAL  
NOTES**

By H. C. Vanderpool

**NEW EDITOR**

As I stated recently, the BANNER will have a new editor beginning January 1, 1986. Some misunderstood the announcement and thought he had already begun his work. The new editor will be elder Benny Maggart, pastor of Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tennessee. Next month, December, will be my final issue and I'll have some information concerning Bro. Maggart and the transition of the BANNER operation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** After November 10, please send all announcements, articles, news items, or anything concerning the BANNER, including your subscriptions and renewals to:

BAPTIST BANNER  
P.O. Box 536  
Lafayette, TN 37083

The reason for this is, the 10th of November will be the deadline for new for me to prepare the December issue for the printers.



**CUMBERLAND  
VALLEY MUSIC  
SCHOOL**

On page 4, you will note the announcement concerning our third annual Christmas supper and board meeting, along with the Christmas singing, of the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee.

As chaplain of the school, I wish to urge all students for the past three years, the parents and friends to come to the singing this year. (Please note in the article dates, time, etc.) I also take this opportunity to THANK all individuals, churches or groups who have in any way helped in prayer, labor or financially since the school began.

The cost of operating a school of this type for our people, especially our youth is much more expensive than many realize. In fact, the school needs several hundred

the additional expenses of the 1985 operation. Any individual, organization or church which wishes to do some of their mission work in this way, may do so. Send any contributions to: Mr. Key Dillard, President, Route 7, Box 492, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

During the third annual session this past June, there were 163 students enrolled from Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, West Virginia, Indiana, Mississippi and Texas. The fourth annual school will be June 15-27, 1986.

**NON-PRINTED  
ARTICLES**

Some of you submitted articles for publication, but due to space we were unable to publish them. We regret this and hope to print them next month. Any articles still unpublished next month will be turned over to Bro. Maggart to print as time and space permit.

**BIBLE LANDS  
TOUR**

The Lord willing, on November 20, 61 of us, including 13 Baptist ministers, will be leaving on our Bible Lands Tour. This will be my 9th tour. Our group will be traveling in Egypt, Israel, Belgium, Italy and Germany.

**ARKANSAS LETTER**

Dear Bro. Vanderpool and Baptist Banner readers:

Please permit my unworthy soul the privilege to most humbly thank you all for the reply to Br. M.V. Hammack's plea for us in your August issue. We were unaware of Bro. Hammack's gesture in the BANNER, but are grateful to him. Since our first acquaintance he, his darling wife, and humble mission have shown my unworthy soul and family unending love.

So, feeling so undeserving of the charity we have felt from his BANNER friends, we ask for the opportunity to thank them all for caring for us here, hopeful the Son of Righteousness will radiantly shine on them all for their concern.

We, yet, covet your prayers that the endeavor here might prosper in the Lord as well as Bro. Hammack's endeavor as we look to our God to direct his gospel in power. Again, "THANKS" to you and your readers and our dear Brother M.V. Hammack.

Your unworthy reader,  
Elder Rick Jones and family  
Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church  
Paragould, AR 72450

**SUBSCRIBE TO BAPTIST BANNER**

**Special Tapes Offered**

Dear Brother Vanderpool:

We have just concluded a three night seminar on the subject of "Humanism," presented by one of our church members, Bro. Jeff Moran. To me, this was one of the most enlightening subjects concerning our present day problems that I have ever heard. Bro. Moran put more 100 hours of research in the project and consulted about 20 or 25 books on the subject. Along with his educational background made this very interesting and informative.

To most of us, we have heard the word "Humanism" but most of us have no idea of what its doctrine and purpose is, in fact their manifesto is to destroy what every Christian believes. The first night presentation was "What is Humanism?" the second, "What Harm It Has Done," third "What Can We Do To Combat It."

We wanted everyone to have an opportunity to hear these speeches so we recorded them on cassette tape and I am making them available to anyone for an offering of any amount. Just send your request to: Eugene Brown, 2322 S. Post Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46239. Be sure to give us your complete address.

## REPORT FROM JAPAN

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won't be more than six people at the wedding including the couple. There were 30 people, and it was a blessed time for me to preach on sin, repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus who was crucified on the cross of Calvary at the wedding. Both Michiko and Kyoko worked out well for them.

In the first week of August we held our Youth Bible Camp out in the island, Miyajima, in Hiroshima Bay. We expected 30 or more, but had 22 children and 3 mothers of them. It was a good week for us to teach those people Baptist doctrines out there in "the island of gods."

In the second week of August we held Summer Vacation Bible School and in the third week nightly effort meetings for our revival both in our small church house. The attendance to both meetings were few. We had few new people to come, as it was during the Bon time. People go home, the source of family, to get together to worship their ancestors' dead soul at the family home altar and at the family grave with Buddhist priests. It is said dead souls will come home to be with the living during the Bon time both from heaven and hell and after those ancestor souls being sent back by fire, people would go back to their places. It seemed these "beautiful customs" were emphasized, more emphasized this year than any other past years. When Atom Bomb was dropped, when Japan was defeated last World War, it was during Bon. The Prime Minister began to go and worship publicly at the Yasukuni Shrine, which is on Shintoism, traditional national religion, to console the dead, from the year. He said dead souls were busy in moving in August. Pagan religions got more power with political co-operation this year.

September 1st night, Sunday, Sister Sueko Tanaka died with cancer, but did in peace, who was a faithful servant of the Lord. I was quite busy in dealing with the matter to give glory only to the Saviour and to avoid any heathenism sneaking into our way.

The following night 120 people came to our church house. Those people were supposed not to come for the funeral because of their jobs. Our small church house was packed with people: the entrance was full of people, and out in the lane in front of church house was full of people. They found there was no altar to worship, no place to offer any thing to the dead. No food and alcohol was served to anyone. No chanting to give permission for the dead to go to the Heaven. No burning incense at all. In full sweat I preached on the great salvation of the Lord Jesus. In fact, our old fashioned air cooler did not work well to cool the air down warmed by those packed people. I explained why we did this way and all about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Some were upset because I did not allow them to give farewell messages to the dead. I had to carry the ball myself, to please the Lord through this faithful christian lady.

On the following morning from 10:00 A.M. we held funeral service for Sister Tanaka. It was a hot day. There were 100 people attended. Again in full sweat I preached on sin, repentance and faith in the Lord. This was a beautiful time to give them whole gospel of Christ. After the meeting many people came up to me and said it was the most beautiful and cleanest funeral they had ever seen and attended, and wanted it for themselves... I said salvation must come first.

I wish I could tell you all about the matter in detail. I helped her remainders so much nad they appreciated me greatly. I helped them from those Japanese funeralists like sharks to eat up and swallow the survivor's money, and from those avaricious Buddhist priests. It is good for me to see Sister Tanaka's son began to attend our services and to listen to the living words of God since then. Lord must have spoken something precious to his soul through my non-profitable and sacrificial testimonies. We hope he gets saved before long by the power of the Blood of Jesus. We would like for you to pray for this man, age 53, too.

Following is the report of donations I received from churches and individuals for the third quarter of 1985.

July - Mt. Tabor Baptist, Smith County, TN, 87.12; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 157.76; Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN,

## NEWS FROM ALASKA

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Over the Labor Day weekend, I traveled to Southern California for the Western States Missionary Baptist Association that was held at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Santa Paula, California. Elder Jeff Elliott preached the afternoon sermon on Saturday and I finished out the day with the evening message. As most of you already know, Elder Elliott has been holding services in his house for several weeks now in Downey, California. I was privileged to preach at Elder Elliott's house Sunday morning with eleven in attendance, including children. The mission there is presently active with a total of three families that live in that area. One of the families that has been attending the mission was present for the Sunday morning service besides Jeff's family and myself. Art, which is the father of this young family, told during the service at the mission that he had been saved during the revival that took place at the Hauser church in Oregon. We that were present had a very good time in the Lord. Art's wife Darlene, expressed a desire for prayer on behalf of herself that she might know where she stands with the Lord. This work has developed very good, and I would ask all of you to pray for Elder Elliott and this mission work. Elder Elliott's new address is:

Elder Jeff Elliott  
5595 Gardendale Ave.  
Southgate, California 90280  
(213) 923-4382

The work here in Anchorage is still seeing progress in our having two new families to visit us. We would ask you to pray for the families that visit us, that the Lord would show them a need to return and make peace with our Savior. We are presently working with a total of seven adults, two teenagers, and five children under the age of four years old. Please remember to pray for us in a special way that the Lord might be pleased with this effort.

May God bless all of you according to our Savior's tender mercy and love.

Your Brother-in-Christ  
Elder Terry A. Lyles

435.52; Eld. & Mrs. Walter Dewese and East Side Baptist, Franklin, KY, 440.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, 75.00 & 150.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 175.55 & 150.06; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 97.34; Beech Grove Baptist, Tipton, IND, 25.00. Total \$1,793.35.

Aug. - Mrs. Sue Nell Harwood Class of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Holland, KY, 10.00; Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, 458.17; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, 50.00 & 50.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 356.68; Gay's Chapel Baptist, Statesville, NC, 150.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 153.95; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 93.65; Fairview Memorial Baptist, Bowling Green, KY, 174.59. Total \$1,497.04.

Sep. - Elder & Mrs. James Henry Smith, Santa Paula, CA, 50.00; Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, 417.05; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 71.30; Elder & Mrs. Walter Dewese and East Side Baptist, Franklin, KY, 430.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 149.55; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, 75.00 & 75.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 182.87; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, 50.00. Total \$1,500.77.

To Baptist Church:

July - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, TN, 143.55; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, KY, 200.00. Total \$343.55.

August - Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, TN 60.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, KY, 500.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, TN, 159.96. Total \$719.96.

Sep. - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, TN, 159.43.

We will keep on the work for the Lord in seasons and out of seasons with you behind us. We certainly appreciate your co-operation with us. We know our work is not in vain in the Lord.

May God richly bless you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Koji Tajima

## BENEFIT SINGING

There is to be a Benefit Singing at Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Greenbrier, Tenn. on Saturday night, October 26, beginning at 7:30 P.M. The money collected will go to assist William's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Adams, Tenn. This is a young church and trying to build a house of worship. Featured singers will be the Spiritual Crusaders of Lafayette, Tenn. and others from Mt. Poland, Ky. Everyone is invited to attend.

## CHURCH NEEDS A PASTOR

Hauser Missionary Baptist Church, North Bend, OR is in need of a pastor. We desire your prayers along with ours as we choose a shepherd to lead our flock. Any minister interested in coming can contact Deacon Larry Ross, 234 Ridge Rd., North Bend, OR 97459; Phone: (503) 756-5732.

Patricia Ann Conyers, Asst. Clerk

## ORDINATION

There is to be an ordination service at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, East 222 Epler, Indianapolis, Ind. on Saturday, November 2, for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Jeff Moran as a deacon. Services are to begin at 10:00 A.M.

Lunch is to be served at noon.

Churches of the following Missionary Baptist Associations are invited to assist in the ordination: Bethel, Wiseman, Siloam, Enon, Barren River and Southwestern District. This church is located near highways 31 and 465. See your map for location. Everyone who can is invited to attend.

## ORDINATION

Old Time Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth, W VA is to ordain Bro. Gary Fisher to the full work of the gospel ministry on Saturday, November 2, with services beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Lunch is to be served at noon.

Bro. Fisher has been called to the pastorate of this church, and his ordination has been called for. Churches of like faith and order are invited to assist in the work. The public is invited to attend. Anyone wishing to call for lodging information may call Bro. Fisher at (304) 489-2104.

## SERMONS DAY

Dear Brethren:

You are invited to come and worship with us on Saturday, November the 9th beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. The services will be as follows, 2 sermons in the morning, and 1 in the afternoon together with singing. Lunch will be served at noon at the fellowship hall. The Preachers are chosen for that day by the Church. They are: Kenneth Massey, Jerry Reynolds, and Jay Wilborn.

Do come and be with us.

William Overton, Pastor

## CUMBERLAND VALLEY MUSIC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL MEETING, SINGING AND CHRISTMAS SUPPER

By H.C. Vanderpool, Chaplain

On Saturday, December 7, the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music will have their annual meeting for the election of officers and board member, Christmas supper and singing, at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee.

The meeting of all officers and board members will be at 5:00 P.M., supper will be served in the school's cafeteria at 6:00 P.M. and the singing will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the Baird Auditorium. Everyone is invited to come and hear good gospel singing and enjoy the great fellowship.

## NEW YORK MISSIONS

September 18, 1985

Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Lord:

I wish to address each reader of the Baptist Banner to inform you of our recent move to the New York Long Island area. After 5 years of steady preaching in sister churches of like faith and order, I find myself at a climax of faith in the Lord and moved to this area for the benefit of lost humanity. Our move was not prompted by a whim but a call I received a few years ago. Since we have arrived, I have found myself telling a Jew that I am a Jew not of the flesh but of the Spirit. Later I was asked by the man that lives upstairs from us if I wanted to go jogging, something that I normally do not do. While trotting down the street with an Italian Roman Catholic, I found myself pouring out my heart, preaching about a soul felt salvation that flows directly from the throne of God. My jogging was some work out.

I have disputed with pastors of churches that call themselves Baptists, concluding that they do not know our Lord. At this time I have not found any sound churches in this area. Yet due to the shortage of preachers in this area, I will soon be privileged to preach the truth at a local assembly. I need your prayers. If you know of any one that we can contact in this area please notify us.

A servant of Christ,

Timothy Binion

839 5th Street

W. Babylon, New York 11704

(516) 884-3596

## SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The annual Fellowship Meeting and singing is to be held this year at Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Lakeland Dr. and McGavock Pike, Donelson, Tenn. on Wednesday night (night before Thanksgiving) November 27, with services beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Elder Hilman Duncan is the pastor of Gateway. There will be congregational singing and during the fellowship Elder Don Curtis will be preaching. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship together.

## GRACE CHURCH THANKS SUPPORTERS

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. wishes to thank everyone who prayed for and financially supported Elder Steve Perrigo, a member of the church, who went to Oregon in mission work and then pastored Hauser Baptist Church for a while. Bro. Perrigo has terminated his mission work and also his pastorate on the West Coast and moved to Ohio. Grace church asks that you continue your prayers for Bro. Perrigo and Grace church.

## ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AND REVIVAL

The Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church, 4th Avenue, Murfreesboro, Tenn. will celebrate their 1st anniversary on Sunday, November 10. Sunday school will be at 10:00 A.M. and worship at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at noon.

Their revival is to begin that night with Elder Charles Patterson assisting the pastor Elder Bill Green in the preaching. Services will be nightly at 7:00 P.M. Elder Ron Galloway will be in charge of the singing. Everyone is invited. Your prayers are requested for these services.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone, ministers, churches, friends, relatives, Sunday school classes for their prayers, visits, cards, letters, calls and gifts during my recent hospitalization and surgery. I am home now and doing fine. May the Lord richly bless all of you.

Mrs. Alta Vanderpool