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

19 ¶ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. A-men'

Matt. 28:19-20



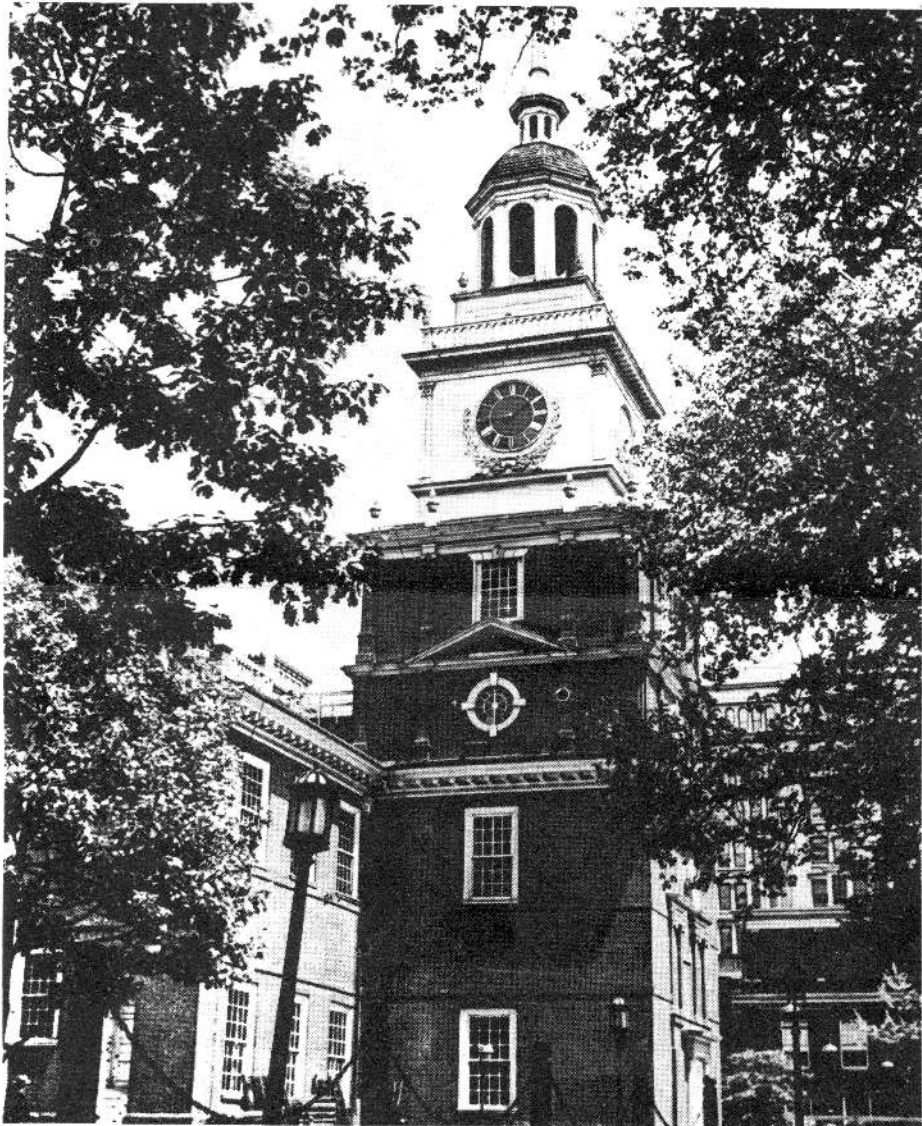
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FROM EARLY DAYS OF INDEPENDENCE



Philadelphia's Independence Hall, which houses Liberty Bell, witnessed the signing

of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Constitution was framed here, too.

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION

Recently the editor received a challenge from Mr. Howard See for a public discussion on the plan of salvation. After some correspondence, propositions acceptable to both ministers were signed.

The Plan of Salvation will be discussed, with two nights given to each proposition. There will be four nights in all with four thirty-minute speeches each night.

The exact time and place will be announced in the March issue of the BAPTIST BANNER. It is to be held in the Nashville area and the tentative dates are the third week of March, the week before the Session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School at Bowling Green.

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THE TRUTH

The very government under which we live was formed and fashioned upon the model of a Baptist church. Thomason Jefferson frequently attended a Baptist church near Monticello, Va. of which Elder Andrew Tribble was pastor. Mr. Jefferson, who often witnessed the congregation transacting business, was much impressed with their democratic way of doing things, and concluded that their plan of government would be the best possible one for the American colonies. Mrs. James Madison says: "Mr. Jefferson did gather those views from a Baptist church."

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Qualifications of A True Witness Of Jesus Christ

By Henry Smith

Our Lord Jesus Christ said in the closing days of His ministry on this earth: "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:46-48. Notice carefully that Jesus said, "And ye are witnesses of these things." What things? That it behoved Him to suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remissions of sins should be preached in His name among all nations. Those are the things that Our Lord was talking about. To witness of these things is the greatest subject that we could ever talk about; and what a privilege it is to tell of the great things of Jesus and redemption through His shed blood! Therefore, we certainly

ought to see the pressing need of being witnesses unto our Lord Jesus Christ in a sinful world. But, how does one qualify for such witnessing?

FIRST OF ALL: In order for anybody to be a true witness for our Lord, he must know that One to whom he bears witness, he must have become acquainted with the Master and have that personal knowledge himself; or else he would be the blind leading the blind. We would do a very poor job of representing somebody whom we don't know ourselves; we can't be a witness if we don't have something to tell. The Apostle Paul was a great witness for Jesus Christ, and he said, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." II Timothy 1:12. You see, Paul knew the Lord in a very personal way, he knew Him experimentally; because he had become acquainted with Him on the Damascus Road. (Acts 9:1-5). This experience was so real to Paul that he related it two other times that we find recorded in the book of Acts. See Acts 22:6-11; 26:12-18. Yes, and after the Lord had so transformed Paul's life. He sent him out to tell a world of sinners about this saving grace. Take note of what Jesus said to Paul, as he relates when he stood before King Agrippa: "Delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:17,18.

Could we not at least tell what we know about Jesus and our relationship with Him, who has done so much to make it all possible? The youngest babe in Christ could do that much. Jesus told the man out of whom He had cast out an evil spirit, "Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." "And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him; and all men did marvel." Mark 5:19-20. Friend, if you have really experienced forgiveness of sins through the precious blood of Christ, and you truly have the witness of the Holy Spirit within you, you can get a great blessing from telling others about this wonderful experience. You can say as the Psalmist said, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Psalms 126:3.

SECONDLY: For someone to be an effective witness, he must live such a life that people will believe what he says. It is a sad fact that we hear some people say about some Christian that they know: "If that is Christianity, I don't want any; or that his or her life speaks so much louder than their words, I can't hear what they say. Of course this is no excuse for sinners, but too often Christians give them some cause to say such things. Such a situation has never been more prevalent than today. So many Christians, church members, live such lives that you can't distinguish them from the world. Their actions, conversation, and even their manner of dress speaks of worldliness. All such conformity

veils the testimony of God's child, and renders it ineffective. The Bible teaches that we should not be like the world, but to the very opposite. Take note of this: "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2. Jesus taught the disciples to let their light shine before men, that they may see their good works. (Matthew 5:16). Even if we do good works, men will not see them unless we let our light shine. A person can have the Light, but he can, like so many do, cover the light by the ugly life he lives. But may I say here, that if a young convert would start right out to witnessing for the Lord from the time that he is saved, he wouldn't be near so inclined to get off on the wrong course and living a life of worldliness and prove his life ineffective for the Master. And people wouldn't be saying, well, I am as good as you are, so don't talk to me about your Christianity.

CONCLUSION:

Do you, dear Christian friend, want to have the joy of the Lord in your life and be a real fruit bearing tree for the Master? If the answer to this question is yes, then start right now to be a witness to His great name and His saving grace. You can win somebody to Him by telling the Good News, by sowing the good seed of the Kingdom of God. There are great promises in the Word of God to those who will go out bearing precious seed. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

Singings In The Nashville Area

FIRST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY —
Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Madison, Tenn., 2:00 P. M., Christian Aires, of Lafayette, Tenn.

SECOND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY —
Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn., 2:00 P. M., Bud Stevens Quartet.

THIRD SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY —
Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn., 2:00 P. M., name of featured group not available.

THIRD SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY —
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn., 2:00 P. M., Cockriel Family, of Bowling Green, Ky.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY —
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 2:00 P. M., Gospel Four Quarter, of Pleasant Shade, Tenn.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY —
Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn., 2:00 P. M., Names of featured group not available.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY —
McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 2:00 P. M., Congregational singing and possibly featured groups.

Radio Ministry

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:00 A. M. conducted by Elder James (Pete) Porter and Elder J. W. Briley on WHIN (1010) Gallatin, Tenn.

Each Sunday at 7:30 A. M. Elder Rex Hunt can be heard on WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn.

Elder Cordell Earps broadcasts each Saturday at 8:45 A. M. on WNAH (1360) Nashville, Tenn.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Program each Sunday at 2:00 P. M. over WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Charles Moore in charge.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Ind. Broadcasts on WNTS (1590) Indianapolis. Pastor Billy Moran is the speaker.

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:30 A. M. on WAMG (1130) Gallatin, Tenn. The speakers are Elders Bobby Sutton, Harold Dunn, and Tommy Oldham.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Broadcast each Sunday at 1:30 P. M. on WKCT (930) Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Massey in charge of programs.

Bro. Jimmy Cox of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. can be heard each 2nd and 4th Sunday on WEVT (1600) Huntsville, Ala. at 8:30 A. M.

Each first Sunday at 9:30 A. M. Elder Doc Johnson can be heard on WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn.

Each Sunday at 9:30 A. M. broadcasts are presented on WLCK (1260) Scottsville, Ky. by Elders Earl Patterson, Charles Brunsen, Johnny Meador, David Taylor and Douglas Blankenship.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Broadcasts each Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., at 4:10 P. M. and Sunday at 8:00 A. M. on WNAH (1360) Nashville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool conducts the broadcasts.

On The Lighter Side

An Indian petitioned a judge in Arizona court to give him a shorter name. "What is your name now?" asked the judge. "Chief Shrill Train Whistle," he said. "And how to do you propose to shorten it?" asked the judge. The Indian folded his arms and solemnly grunted, "Toots."

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BIBLE STUDY

A Bible Study has been conducted each Tuesday and Thursday night since January 6, at West End Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. This study is to continue through February 26, on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00 P. M. Elder W. T. Russell is the teacher. The book of Ephesians is being taught. The public is invited to attend.

Singing

There is to be a singing at Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Road, Lebanon, Tenn., on Sunday, February 8, at 2:00 P. M. The Gloryland Singers will be featured group. Everyone is invited.

BROADCAST

Elder Marvin Emberton, of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, and Bro. Nathan York, of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, both in Indianapolis, Indiana, share a broadcast on Radio Station WCVL, 1550 AM DIAL, Crawfordsville, Indiana. These broadcasts are heard each Sunday at 8:30 A. M. Those in the area are invited to listen.

Church Calls Pastor

Elder Ronald Vetetoe has accepted a call to the pastorate of Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 509 1/2 So. Jackson St., Tullahoma, Tennessee. Bro. Vetetoe began his work with this church the third Sunday in December, 1975.

Anyone having friends or relatives living in that area is asked to write Bro. Vetetoe at 311 Moncrief Ave., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072, or call him at (615) 859-2381.

Singing

The Gospel Four, of Pleasant Shade, Tenn., and the Gospel Crusaders Quartet, of Scottsville, Ky., are to be the featured singers at the Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky., on Sunday, February 8, at 2:00 p. m. The public is invited.

BROADCAST

Elder Tommy Ashford has a radio broadcast each first and third Sunday at 7:30 A. M. on Station WJLE, Smithville, Tenn. The programs are broadcast at the same time on AM 1480 and FM 101.7.

Watch For Expiration Date

Each subscriber to the BANNER is asked to watch for the date at the end of your name and address on the paper. This is the month that your subscription expires.

Who Are The Foolish?

By H. C. Vanderpool

Many times people are called foolish by others because of the actions, decisions and other characteristics they have. Often people are called foolish because they are not educated, irresponsible or fail to understand the current events. I want to discuss the thought "Who Are The Foolish?" from the standpoint of the scriptures. Here we will study the characteristics of the foolish.

THEOLOGY: When we speak of theology we are speaking of the doctrine and study of God. For us to live for the honor and glory of God, we must first know Him in the free pardon of sin. We are in Christ and he is in us. Every saved person then is a new creature. II Cor. 5:17. The fool has a viewpoint concerning God; what is it? The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Ps. 14:1a.

THE WALK OF A FOOL: We, the people of God, walk in the light. I John 1:7. When a church is composed of individuals that are in Christ and walking in the light, we can understand why Jesus said to the infant church, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14a. What does the Bible say concerning the walk of a fool? "The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness." Ecc. 2:14a.

PLEASURE: Christian people delight in the things of God. David had the following to say concerning the joy or pleasure of the saved: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Ps. 1:1-2. The fool does not delight in the things of God. The things that he looks to for laughter and pleasure pass away quickly as a piece of light, dry material vanishes in roaring flames. "For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: This also is vanity." Ecc. 6:6.

HABITATION OF FOOL: The scriptures teach us there is quite a contrast between the habitation of the wise and the foolish. Jesus taught that the wise man was one that heard his words and did them. We must remember that he commanded repentance and faith. He likened the wise man unto one that built his house upon a rock. A spiritual house that would stand the storms of time. What about the fool? "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth

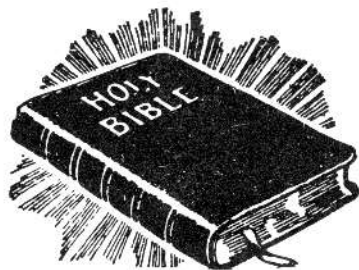
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OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

4th Session: March 24, 25, 26, 1976

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SUBJECT

TIME

TEACHER

Profile of A Minister	(3 hrs.)	F. W. Lambert
The Grace of God	(1 hr.)	F. L. Ray
Prayer-individually, Privately, Publicly	(1 hr.)	F. L. Ray
Faith in General Context Of The Bible	(1 hr.)	F. L. Ray
Doctrinal Defense	(1 hr.)	W. T. Russell
The Doctrine of Last Things	(1 hr.)	W. T. Russell
The Plan of Salvation	(1 hr.)	W. T. Russell
Priesthood of Christ.....	(1 hr.).....	J. H. Smith
Missions	(1 hr.).....	J. H. Smith
Spiritual Life	(1 hr.).....	J. H. Smith
English Bible Survey	(3 hrs.)	H. C. Vanderpool

Ordination Service



Elder and Mrs. John A. Keen, Jr.

Bro. John A. Keen, Jr. was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Indiana, on Saturday, January 10, 1976.

There were all-day services beginning at 10:00 A. M. Twenty churches from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee were represented in the ordaining presbytery by thirty-six deacons and ministers.

Elder Billy Moran, pastor of Bethel church, was elected moderator of the presbytery. Elder Kenneth Massey served as clerk and the ordination sermon was preached by Elder F. L. Ray. The candidate was presented to the presbytery by Deacon Fount Moran. Bro. Keen was interrogated by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Elder W. T. Taylor prayed the ordaining prayer. The charge to the newly ordained minister was given by Elder Rex Hunt and Elder William Shoulders gave the charge to the church. The Bible was presented by Elder Calvin Perrigo.

A good service and fellowship was enjoyed throughout the day.

Elder Keen is the great, great grandson of Elder Asbury (Berry) Keen, who preached and baptized under the authority of Rough Creek Baptist Church in Kentucky, and with this work organized Old Macedonia Baptist Church, Allen County, Kentucky, in 1873 (Twentieth Century Baptists, p. 86).

After high school, Bro. Keen attended the Rose Polytechnic Institute of Technology and has attended two sessions of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School, at Bowling Green, Ky. He was married to Miss Barbara Hinton on December 22, 1973. She is a graduate of Indiana University and is employed by the IRS. They have no children. Elder Keen has been doing mission work at Veedersburg, Indiana since October 1, 1975. He and Sister Keen reside at 2756 Embassy Row, Apt. 535, Speedway, Indiana. Let us all remember this brother as well as all the others in our prayers.

Six Reasons For Sunday School

1. THE BEST BOOK is studied and taught; and I want to know it and follow it in my every day life.

2. THE BEST DAY is utilized and observed; and I wish to keep holy the holy day.

3. THE BEST PEOPLE are assembled and enlisted; and I desire the blessing of their fellowship and friendship.

4. THE BEST INSTITUTION is awake and at work for the Master; and I ought to invest myself where I will do my utmost for Christ and the Church.

5. THE BEST DEVELOPMENT is assured and attained; and I yearn to grow mentally, morally, and spiritually.

6. THE BEST EQUIPMENT is supplied, adapted and inspired; and I want to be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand." Matt. 7:26. Jesus said such a foundation would fall.

THE END OF A FOOL: First, what is the end of a wise person? In the last thought presented in this article. I gave the scripture for proof of what a wise man was. One that built upon the rock of ages which is Christ. Elsewhere in the Bible the Lord says he is perfect and upright. Then we see that the end of a wise man is: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." Ps. 37:37. A fool, the Lord says, is one that is interested in the world and the things thereof and puts off salvation until it is too late. A man that had done this very thing was spoken to of God and told the following: "But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12:20.