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OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

Pictured above are the sixty-six Baptist ministers from seven states that attended the fifth annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School March 30 — April 1, 1977, at Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.

There were five forty-five minute classes conducted each day, which made a total of fifteen subjects taught during the session. This was the largest attendance in the history of the school.

Each year the school provides an opportunity for one of the best fellowship meetings among our Baptist ministers that we have plus the time used in study.

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And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more.
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

39 people died while you read this short poem. Every hour 5,417 go to meet their Maker. You could have been among them. Sooner or later you will be. Are you ready?

Singing School At McFerrin Baptist Church

There is to be a Singing School conducted at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. on July 18, 19, 20 and one July 25, 26, 27 with the services being concluded on Sunday, July 31 when the church will have all-day services with the singing in the afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at the noon hour. Bro. Don Havier Hines will be the teacher. The night classes are to begin at 7:00 p.m. Elder Howard G. Taylor is pastor of the church.

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EDITORIAL

By H.C. Vanderpool

You may read or hear about the Soviet Bill of Rights. Christian friends and all people everywhere that loves freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press or freedom in all other areas of life should not be "hoodwinked" and "brain-washed" into believing the communists allow such in Russia or any other country where they have control.

The cartoon on this page reveals to us the truth of this matter. It guarantees freedom of all press and all speech and all religions "that we agree with." That's like saying to the chickens that got caught locked in the henhouse with the fox. You can all go free if "it is agreeable with the fox."

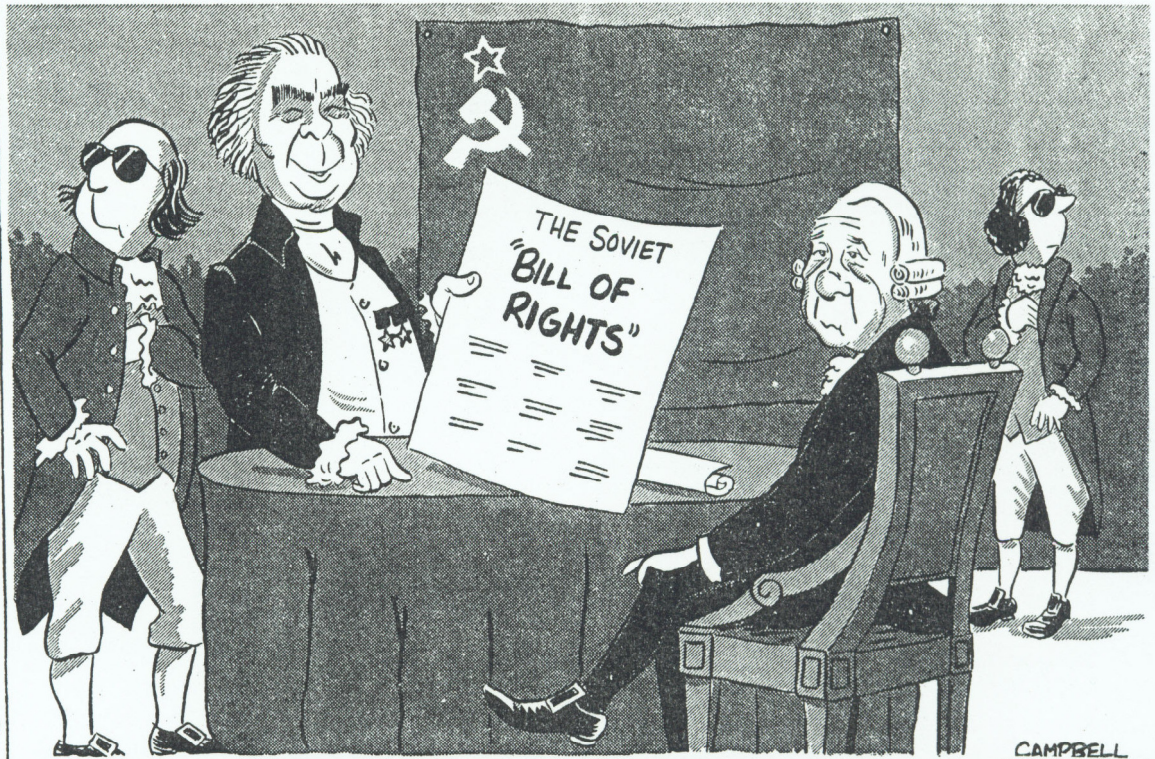
The communist world is anti-Christ, anti-God, anti-anything that has to do with Christianity and the Supreme Being who created heaven and earth and all things therein. If America wishes to continue as a Christian (?) nation, it should not try to please Russia, Cuba or any of the other communist nations that are trying to destroy our very foundation. **THE COMMUNISTS CANNOT BE TRUSTED!**

It has been a known fact for many years that they desire to influence our young people and corrupt our nation until the family unit is broken and destroyed, the churches become so involved with worldly activities that they are only social organizations and disrupt our entire system.

We already see this happening in schools, in homes, churches and in so many public places. T.V. has become a curse in many ways because of the violence, sex, crimes and every other rotten element the devil has been able to use through this medium. Those who write, direct, publish and place these ungodly programs before the American people do not have any concern about the good clean life for our children, nor the eternal destiny of their souls, but rather in the money they make by producing such filth and trash and the mud and rot of the business they themselves can wallow in to satisfy their own passions.

Some of the rules the Communists have to bring about a revolution in this country are - Corrupt the young, get them away

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from religion. Get them interested in sex.

- + Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention to athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

- + Bring about divisions among the people by constantly harping on matters of no worth.

- + Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

- + By encouraging government extravagance, destroy all its credit, produce fear by inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

- + Promote unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of the government toward such disorders.

- + Promote breakdowns of the old moral virtues: honesty, sobriety, continence, and faith in the pledged word.

- + Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

When people go on tour in Russia, there is a place in Moscow where the American tourists are taken, shown a Baptist Church, as if to say, there is freedom of worship in this country. In the June issue of the BAPTIST BANNER there was an article titled "Southern Baptist Visitors." In that article it listed Michael Zhidkov and Alexsei Bychkov as guests at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. on Nov. 11, 1976. It is said that the two were Baptist ministers and co-pastors of the Moscow Baptist Church. The two also attended the Virginia Baptist Convention and the Kentucky State Baptist Convention. As they attended the Seminary in Louisville, Dr. Lewis Drummond, according to a news release, had them to address his classes in chapel services. Bychkov while speaking in that service avoided reading from the Bible. Why? While claiming to be a Baptist pastor in Moscow, the truth of the matter is he is known among the Christians in Russia as

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Missionary Baptist Literature Committee

By H. C. Vanderpool

At this time the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee wishes to report that a staff of writers is writing the first quarter of Sunday School literature and is scheduled to finish the writing the last of July. We plan then to prepare the editorial work and get all the materials to the printer in early August allowing August and September for the printer to print the Quarterlies.

The Committee could then have copies of all Quarterlies to present for review at all the Baptist Associations in October.

The first Quarter will be the Spring Quarter for March, April, May, 1978. This will give ample time for churches to get

their orders in and the Committee to prepare and mail the orders back out to the churches.

Of course the work on the second Quarter has begun already as this type of work has to be planned and prepared several months in advance due to many reasons.

We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation for the churches throughout the country that have offered help, sent contributions to get the work started and made their endorsement of this work. Any questions on this matter should be mailed to: Missionary Baptist Literature Committee, P.O. Box 1001, Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072.

Baptist



History

"The following is taken from The Welsh Baptists by J. Davis, pp. 86-87, published in 1835." — Editor

"In time of persecution, when the followers of the Lamb, were holding their meetings in secret places, for fear of being discovered by the wolves, the agents of the infernal foe, they were under the necessity of making as little noise as they could, and consequently never had any singing.

"They became so habituated to this custom, that they would not suffer it to be introduced among them for many years after the time of what is commonly called the liberty of conscience; and it was with some difficulty that it was at all admitted into the church.

"When it is recollected that the original constituents of the first Baptist church in Pennsylvania, were formerly members of Dolau, and that they left Wales in the time of persecution, the citizens of the Western World, will cease to wonder, that there has been a dispute in the church of Penepeck about 'singing of psalms.'"

REVIVAL REPORTS

Jericho Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. There were six saved and eleven united with the church. Pastor Marshall Henderson was assisted by Elder Carl DeFreece.

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Twelve were saved and seven united with the church. Pastor Melvin Link was assisted by Elder Gorden Wheeler and Elder Tommy Lankford led the singing.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. Three professions of faith with three additions. Pastor Eugene Brown was assisted by Elder D. C. Barton.

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. There were two saved and four additions to the church. Pastor W. T. Russell was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. No visible results. Pastor Billy Moran was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

A Renewed Life

By Aaron Bortz

I was raised in the bastion of Reformed Judaism and was consecrated at Wise Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio. Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the Temple, was also one of the great founders of Reformed Judaism in this country. From there I went to Temple Shalom. My reformed upbringing taught that we were to be humane people and that we were Jewish. We learned the Hebrew language and many of the Jewish traditions, but of course, not as thoroughly as the Orthodox Jewish person would learn them. But at any rate I knew I was Jewish. And if my teachers did not ingrain it in me the rest of the world would and did. I'm not saying that I received a lot of persecution, but being Jewish is just something that's there - a stark reality.

Also I thought I had a very good idea of Who God was. I did believe in God or at least thought there was somebody up there. I had the general idea that everybody believes in God and relates to Him in their own way or another. However, I, being a Jew, I had a real track! We were the only people that really knew or understood what was going on. Furthermore, the Old Testament was fine, and it said a lot of nice things. But one must look at, and understand it in a certain way - the Reformed Jewish way. To do otherwise was foolish.

Then at the age of fourteen I met Marty Chernoff. He told me that Yeshua (Jesus) was the Messiah of the Jewish people. Up to this point I thought of Jesus as the God of the Gentiles, just as one would think of Buddha as the God of the Japanese or Chinese, or as the Hindu gods of the Indian and other Eastern peoples. Jesus was simply the God of the Gentiles - just their way of relating to the God who is over us all and who we, being Jews, KNOW. There was something about Marty - his looks, his tone, his manner that let me KNOW that there was something real in what he had to say. It was something he HAD to say but I passed it off and sort of understood it in a mental way. There was absolutely nothing in my heart that said "buy it" or "find it" or even "what is it?"

I merely continued in my schoolwork and my social life. I was very involved in the theater and in singing, but not so involved in schoolwork. Then in college extracurricular activities shortened my stay there.

At that time, the draft was very big. The United States government was taking men constantly for Vietnam. So knowing that "they would get me one way or another" I enlisted. I traveled over parts of the United States and to Korea. In these experiences a new and very interesting thing was happening to me. For the first time in my life I was the only Jew in a group situation or in a geographical area of the world. I was always in one way or another being pointed out, whether kiddingly or seriously. It confronted me with the question, "What does it mean to be Jewish?" Is it just matza-ball soup? Is it merely what one is raised with? As a child I thought that everybody was Jewish and that when the Jewish holidays came around nobody, even in public schools, went to school. So here I was shockingly confronted with my Judaism. What is it really? In my family, you're Jewish because you're born Jewish - like it or not, that's it. You don't want to run from it, but it's not necessarily the greatest thing that has ever happened to you either. But here away from home was a strange, new confrontation with Judaism. It HAD to be something more than just being born Jewish and something more than my food, friends and culture. It was something spiritual. In past years I had tried to find the spiritual things. I had

attended a Conservative synagogue which leaned toward Orthodox Judaism. There I had participated in the choir with the Cantor on the High Holidays but I didn't really find anything.

In the Army I was in charge of a mental testing section at an examining station. There I met an individual who had brains. And he was a believer to boot! He believed in Jesus Christ, Yeshua Hamashiach, as the Son of God. I always thought that only silly Baptists believed that type of stuff, and the stuff about the blood, etc. But this was an individual who had some common sense. In fact he was a real scholar and a very fine man besides. Something happened. I envied him. And I saw in him something that I, as a Jew, should have and I didn't. He told me that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah and that Jewish people were to believe in Him. Because I was a Jew did not mean that I didn't have a spiritual void in my life. Here reality confronted me again. I did not have a communication with God that I could and should have. For some reason or other it seemed to me that this communication was very closely linked to my being Jewish. Jewishness should not be just a form of religion but what I should have inside of me. So I started to take this Jesus a little more seriously - although I could never say His name. It was a "bone in my throat" and made me feel like a traitor. I couldn't think of facing my parents, my family and my friends or anything else of my past. But God was making me aware of the fact that I had a decision to make if I really wanted to know Him and know what being Jewish was all about. I simply had to put God to a test to see if He was really there. And I asked Him honestly from my heart. It was probably the most sincere conversation I had ever had with God. I said, "If Jesus is the Messiah prove it to me, because I'm not going to be a traitor for anyone but You." I would not want to feel that I was a traitor unless I was doing it for God and that it was right with God. If God asked it of me, however, then to heck with the rest of the world. I had already accepted the fact that we are all sinners. I knew of my personal sinful nature, although I always thought I was a good guy. But now I was painfully aware that I was in rebellion against God and I repented of this. I asked Him to prove to me that Yeshua is the Messiah and then I would WANT to accept Him into my life. And in a final step I addressed Yeshua, "If You are real I want you in my life." And God did the rest of the work. I continued to read about the Mashiach and I continued to study about His Jewishness and just what Jewishness is in the Brit Hahadasha (New Testament).

Unexpectedly one day when I was driving a car 70 miles an hour down the expressway, believe it or not, a very real thing happened to me. The Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob made His presence felt in a very physical manner. I've always been one to doubt any kind of supernatural experience. But in that moment God spoke to me. I knew that God stepped into my life and that the Lord God was filling me with His Holy Spirit - the Ruach Hakodesh. I felt Him come into me. And suddenly Jesus was no longer a bone in my throat. He was no longer someone I could not understand or feel or know. It was just as if I had walked right up to God and shaken hands personally. Only, Praise God, He walked up to me and shook MY hand. He shook my soul and He shook my very being.

I did not think to note the exact day I became a believer as it was such a tumultuous experience at the time. But it has been four years now this month and they have been the best years of my

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Revivals

First Sunday — July

Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. Pastor J. D. Sanders is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Services daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Second Sunday — July

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Madison, Tenn. Pastor William House is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell. Services at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night and 7:30 p.m. week nights.

Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor H. D. Linville is to be assisted by Elder James "Pete" Porter.

Third Sunday — July

Haysville Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Rd., Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Doc Johnson is to be assisted by Bro. Bobby Gann. Services each night at 7:45 p.m.

Union Camp Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor Thomas Carter is to be assisted by Elder F. L. Ray. Services daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Bro. Terry Thornton is to direct the singing. Services daily at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Fourth Sunday — July

Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn. Pastor Hilman Duncan is to be assisted by Elder D. W. Story. Services each night at 7:30 p.m.

Cave Springs Missionary Baptist Church, DeKalb County, Tenn. Pastor John Renau is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter.

Pennsylvania Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Tommy Ashford is to be assisted by Elder Charlie Watts.

First Sunday — August

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor James H. Smith is to be assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor James Gardner is to be assisted by Elder C. R. "Dee" Russell.

Long Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor James "Pete" Porter is to be assisted by Elder Harold Linville.

Second Sunday — August

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Sutton is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory.

Third Sunday — August

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. Services each night at 7:15 p.m.

HOME COMING

There is to be all-day homecoming services at Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind. on Sunday, July 10. There will be preaching at 11:00 a.m. by Bro. Bobby Gann of Lafayette, Tenn.

There will be lunch at the noon hour. Singing is to begin at 2:00 p.m. The visiting singers will be the Inspiration Trio also from Lafayette, Tenn. All who can are invited to attend.

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an atheist!

"For such are false apostles, deceiving workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN



THE CARMANS

Harold — Helen — Gene — Ray

Pictured above is Elder Harold G. Carman, Jr., his wife and children. They went to Japan earlier this year as missionaries. Bro. Carman was saved when a young boy and united with Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.

He surrendered to the call of the ministry in 1973 and began his preaching immediately in Baptist Churches. He had been in the real estate business with his family before going to Japan.

Sister Carman is the former Helen Thomas of Carthage, Tenn. Their two sons are Harold Gene III, age 2, and Ray Wilson, age 1.

Elder Carman took an Associate of Arts Degree at Cumberland College, Lebanon, Tenn. before joining his father's real estate business. He also attended the Reppert School of Auctioneering and Live Stock Judging and Pedigree Study in Decatur, Indiana. Previous to leaving for Japan he studied the Japanese language under Mr. Masato Imaishi at Peabody College in Nashville.

While on leave for home in March he was privileged to attend the Old Union Baptist Ministers School at Bowling Green, Ky. Bro. Carman was ordained to the ministry and set apart for Foreign Mission work by Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. on Saturday, January 29, 1977 with a large number of churches represented by many ministers and deacons. It was a great day in the Lord.

Let's remember this missionary and his family in our prayers and offerings. You may send your mission money for him to: The Harold G. Carman, Jr. Mission Fund, c/o Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, 302 College St., Lafayette, Tenn. 37083. In writing to him in Japan address him: Elder Harold G. Carman, Jr., P. O. Box 1, Karuizawa Machi, Nagano-Ken, Japan 389-01

ORDINATION

There was an ordination service at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Graham Rd., Franklin, Indiana on Sunday, May 15, 1977. Services began at 2:00 p.m. Bro. Gerald Roy was ordained to the diaconship.

Elder Edward Bradley served the presbytery as moderator. The clerk was Elder Carlos Gammom and Elder Doyle VanMeter preached the sermon. The candidate was presented by Elder Clellon Buster. Bro. Larry Hainey led the ordination prayer after the interrogation by Elder Hugh Hudson. Elder James Jones gave the charge to the church and the charge to the newly ordained deacon was given by Elder Ronald Walden. Elder Glen Yaden presented the Bible. A wonderful ordination service is reported.

How to kill your church

Here are several good ways all can take part of:

1. Don't come. If you do, come late.
2. When you come, come with a grouch.
3. At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
4. Never accept an office. It is better to stay outside and criticize.
5. Be independent. Visit other churches about half time.
6. Set pretty far back and never sing. Let others do that.
7. Let the pastor do all the work, earn his money anyway.
8. Never pay in advance. Especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth.
9. Never encourage the preacher. Many have been ruined by flattery. You don't want his blood on your hands.
10. It is good to tell your pastor's faults to any stranger that may happen in. They might be a long time finding them out.
11. Tell outsiders the church troubles, too. They want to know. Besides, they will agree with you too.
12. If there happens to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a protest. You don't want the church run by a clique.
13. Stand on your rights even if everyone else agrees. After all, you are a member in good standing too.

THIS WILL KILL YOUR CHURCH

A Renewed Life

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life. All of life has taken on a new meaning. There's not one detail in my life that has not changed as a result of knowing the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I have a new appreciation for my mind, my studies, my walking, my breathing, my eating. Everything has been brought to a new reality by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And I know what it is to be Jewish. I know what it is to be a believer in the Messiah. I know what it is to be a friend of God and to know God in a personal way and to study His Word. And I praise God for Yeshua Hamashiach! •• JEWISH VOICE

Bored Stiff

A 7-year-old boy attending church with his parents noticed a white flag with gold stars on it, and asked, "What's that, daddy?"

His father whispered, "That's a reminder of all those who have died in service."

The youngster thought a moment, and in a loud whisper asked, "Daddy, did they die in the 9:30 or the 11 o'clock service?" — Joys of Life



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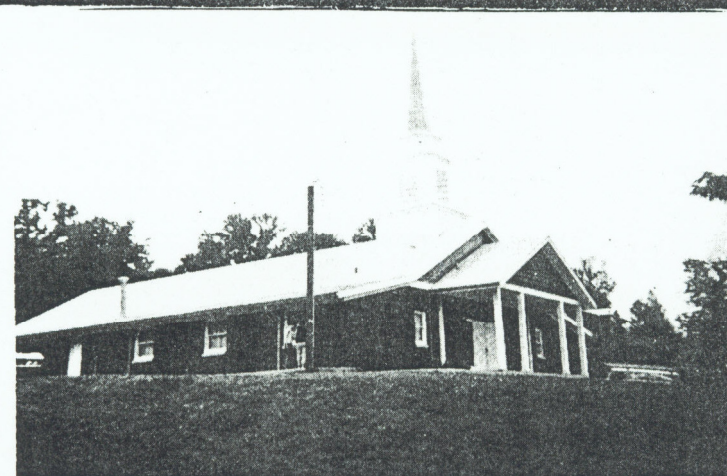
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LYONS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

DEDICATION SERVICES

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. will have all-day Dedication Services to dedicate their church building, on Sunday, July 31, 1977.

Services are to begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The pastor, Elder Kenneth Davis, is to preach the sermon for the dedication. Former pastors who have served the church since the new church was built. Elders L. W. Smith, H. C.

Vanderpool and F. L. Ray have been invited to attend.

Lyons church was organized in 1953, and met in a building on Lyons Ave. Property at the present location was purchased and the new church built in 1967, during the pastorate of Elder L. W. Smith. The present value of the property is \$100,000.00 and this being fully paid for, the church is dedicating it to the services of God.

All who may be able to attend these services are invited to come and enjoy the day and fellowship.

Homecoming

Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn. will be having all-day homecoming services on Sunday, July 24. Regular services will be conducted in the morning and at noon lunch will be served.

There will be singing in the afternoon with The Landmark Ambassadors Quartet being the featured group. Everyone is invited to attend. Elder Hillman Duncan is the pastor. Their revival is to begin that night, see announcements of revivals.

Singing

There will be a singing at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Tenth Street, Bowling Green, Ky. on Sunday, July 10. This service is to begin at 2:00 p.m. The visiting singers will be the Reid Family of Hendersonville, Tenn. Anyone who can attend is invited to come.

HISTORY

The 182-year history of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Davidson County, Tenn. has been written and published. The hard bound, large volume is \$5.00 per copy including postage. Order from New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072.