



Baptist Banner

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

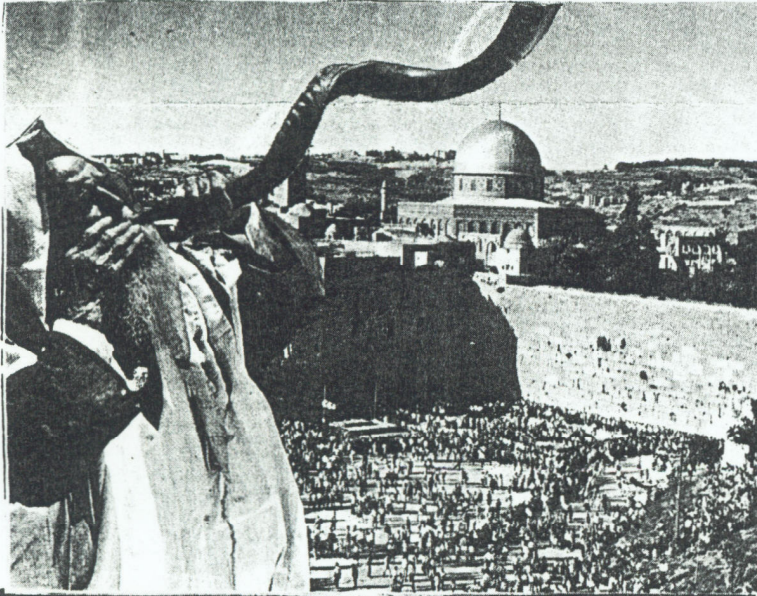
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GREETINGS FROM JERUSALEM



'No Curbs' On Religious Freedom

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, prompted by a complaint from American Jewish leaders, offered reassurances on Friday that a new Israeli law won't be used to restrict religious freedom of Christians.

A statement from Tamir was relayed here by telephone after an unprecedented consultation between church representatives in Israel and government officials.

"There is no intention whatsoever on the part of the Israel government to restrict in any way religious freedom of the Christian community or any other community in Israel," the statement said.

It was in the form of a letter to Richard Maass, president of the American Jewish Committee, who had protested that "sweeping provisions" of the law appear "intended to intimidate the Christian community."

The law, passed by the Knesset last December, makes it a prison offence to offer material benefits to get anyone to change his religion or to accept such benefits for changing religions.

Amid widespread Christian apprehensions about the law, Maass last month wrote to Prime Minister Begin and Justice Minister Tamir, citing the dismay among many Christians who have been firm supporters of Israel.



ELDER JOHN HARVEY GRIME
July 29, 1851 — August 8, 1941

In 1888, Elder J.H. Grime wrote a book, "Close Communion and Baptists," which received wide circulation. His son, Elder J. Hall Grime, has had the book reprinted. Every person, especially all Baptists, should have a copy. Churches would do well to order a bundle for distribution to their members. These valuable booklets are 60 cents per copy. Order from: Elder J. Hall Grime, Route 9, Box 390, Lebanon, TN 37087.

BAPTISM — A FIGURE

HONEST READING OF SCRIPTURE SHOWS THAT SALVATION IS IN CHRIST — NOT IN BAPTISM

By ROSCO BRONG
Dean, Lexington Baptist College

"... when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by (through) water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (I Peter 3:20-21.)

Verse 21 can be more accurately translated and punctuated as follows: "With reference to which also an antitype—baptism—now saves us: not a putting off of the filth of the flesh, but an asking of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

THE TYPE—FLOOD WATER

"Water" is the antecedent of "which" at the beginning of this verse—or the antecedent of "whereunto," as we have it in the King James version. A glance at the Greek text is enough to establish this fact with anyone who knows Greek.

That is, Peter is comparing New Testament baptism to the water of the flood "in the days of Noah." But did the water of the flood save souls? Figuratively speaking, the answer is yes:

"... the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein [literally, into which] few, that is, eight souls were saved by [better, through] water."

SAVED THROUGH WATER

How did the water of the flood save the lives of Noah and his family? If they had trusted in the water itself, they must have perished along with the ungodly who would not believe that the judgment of God was about to fall upon them. **Better that the water itself would have saving power must have been at least as fatal to their salvation as refusal to believe that the water would come. But—**

"Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his son's wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood." (Gen. 7:1.)

The water of which God warned him drove Noah and his family into the ark, and so through water they were saved into the ark.

No great intelligence is needed to see that actually these lives were

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Search The Scriptures

By H. C. Vanderpool

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life." John 5:39a.

There are many ideas in the minds of people today concerning the plan of salvation. Because of this fact there are various interpretation of the scriptures. Not only the plan of salvation but other subjects of the Bible are twisted and misunderstood. I believe much of this is due to the fact that so many people take what someone says and they have failed to search the scriptures for themselves.

How are we to search or study the scriptures? The following outline should be of help to sincere and honest people.

SERIOUSLY. We should be serious about our study. As we go into the world as ministers, deacons, Sunday School teachers or as laymen, we should have a desire to rightly divide the teachings of

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How To Be Saved

By Henry Smith

The Holy Scriptures only can reveal to us the way of salvation; or, as to how men and women can be saved. However, the world had rather make its own plans and try to be saved its own way. There is a common belief in men's minds that as long as we are sincere it doesn't make much difference what we believe. But does it make a difference? Do you think that God Almighty is so soft and compromising that He would set aside His Holy plan and accept ours just because we might be sincere? Certainly not; and don't ever get it in your mind and be so deceived as to think that God is a softy. It is so true that God is very gracious, merciful, and long suffering, but nevertheless, He does not accept anybody on their-own terms. Quite to the contrary; He says through His prophet: "Let the wicked forsake his way,

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June 4

Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Woods Ferry Rd. off Hwy. 109 south of Gallatin, TN. Pastor Raymond Swallows is to be assisted by Elder Woodrow Barrett.

McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, TN. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville.

June 9

Liberty Baptist Church, Maco Rd., Barberton, Ohio. Pastor Berlin Roy is to be assisted by Elder Calvin Perrigo.

June 11

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Holland, KY. Pastor F. L. Ray is to be assisted by Elder K. W. Massey.

June 18

Faith Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank, Nashville, TN. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Services nightly at 7:30 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Washington, IL. Pastor Larry Taylor is to be assisted by Elder Emmett Strode. Services nightly at 7:00 p.m.

Harmony Baptist Church, 1044 East Trinity Lane, Nashville, TN. Pastor Edgar Copeland is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith. Services each night at 7:30 p.m.

Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Bethpage, TN. Pastor Leon Jones is to be assisted by his son, Elder Charles Jones. Services nightly at 7:30 p.m.

June 23

Old Paths Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, TN. Pastor Kenneth Woodall is to be assisted by Elder Cordell Earps. Daily at 7:30 p.m.

June 25

Lula Baptist Church, 17th St. off old main highway, Springfield, TN. Pastor James Gardner is to be assisted by Elder Charles Watts.

Search The Scriptures

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the Bible. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

EARNESTLY. In our earnest search of the word of God, we will be strengthened. It is good for our meditation and will provide a progressive way of life. "This book of the law shall not depart out of my mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8.

ANXIOUSLY. When Thomas had doubted the person of Christ, Jesus told him later when Thomas was convinced that the Lord was alive when he was able to see him and touch His hands and His side, that he (Thomas) believed by seeing. Then Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." A record was made of this that we could study and have a knowledge of the blessings that come by faith. So John wrote the following: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:30-31.

REGULARLY. Most everyone feels that proper food and sleep are needed daily for the body. Without these the body becomes weak and sickness is sometime the result. The spiritual man also needs to be fed. This comes through listening to the preaching of the word of God, prayer, attending church and by studying the scriptures daily. See Ps. 1:2. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

CAREFULLY. We should be careful in searching and teaching the scriptures. This means we should prayerfully study and be sure that we get the proper meaning because the salvation of many souls will depend upon the right preaching of God's word. Jesus was careful in expounding the truths of the Old Testament. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:27. Then the apostle Paul told a young preacher by the name of Timothy, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:15-17.

HUMBLY. Finally we are to study the scriptures with a spirit of humility. The word of God is a message from the creator of heaven and earth to us the fallen race. By studying in this manner, the Lord will open our understanding of His teachings. See James 1:22. "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures," Luke 24:45.

July 2

Russell Hill Baptist Church, Red Boiling Spgs., TN. Pastor William House is to be assisted by Elder William Johnson.

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."

ISRAEL

Dead Sea Plant Ready for \$40m. Bromine Output

A new chlorine production facility is being put into regular operation at the Dead Sea Works after a smooth six-month run-in period. The plant will eliminate the costly transport of salt from the Dead Sea to Acre, where it was used to produce liquid chlorine, and then shipped back to Sdom.

The chlorine produced here will be used in the production of bromine—a mainstay of the Dead Sea Group's exports. Plant manager Daniel Yakir told *The Post* recently that he expects the new plant to produce 100 tons of chlorine a day—some 23,000 tons in the upcoming fiscal year, which will make possible the production of 46,000 tons of bromine. This is valued on the world market at about \$40m.

In addition, Yakir says that about 112 tons of caustic soda will be produced every day and utilized in the production of magnesite at the Negev Periclase factory.

Also given off in the process will be some three tons of hydrogen per day which will be used at the Bromine Compounds plant in Beersheba and as a fuel for the Dead Sea Works electricity generator.

Yakir predicted that the on-the-spot production of large amounts of chlorine at the Dead Sea will allow the expansion of the bromine operation by about 50 per cent every year. Renovations are now proceeding on the bromine facility which will raise its production this year from 40,000 tons to 60,000 tons.

The new plant, which employs about 70 people, was constructed at a cost of IL170m. with \$8m. being paid out in foreign currency for planning, technology and equipment. The plant was finished in September—on time and within its cost estimate.

THE CLOCK

The clock of life is wound but once, And no man has the power To tell just when the hands will stop At late or early hour. To lose one's health is sad indeed. 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. Are you ready?

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Eld. Koji Tajima & Family

Missionary Report From Japan

Hiroshima, Japan
April 11, 1978

Dear Elder and Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool, Spring has come after long and cold winter, and cherry blossom is in full bloom all out now here in Japan. April is beginning of new fiscal year, new school term and others that people like to start in this land. So we send you our christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ remembering you and your church with freshly inspired heart and vision from

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Abortion

It's not the color of my skin
I'm not a foreign spy
It's due to this new monstrous sin
That I am doomed to die.
You cannot blame one certain race
For this would be a lie,
Before you ever saw my face
The world I bid goodbye.
It's the proposed abortion law
That makes the angels cry,
If they should get it legalized
My birthright you deny.
No evil words have crossed my lips
I couldn't hurt a fly,
I'll never climb those mountain peaks
Because I'm doomed to die.
I am hated, I am despised
I'll never see the sky,
Those who are my next of kin
Decide that I must die.
I'll never see the gorgeous sun
Or view the heaven above
Have you the right to take away
My life and all my love?
Before I've had the chance to breathe
Before you've heard me sigh,
My mother in her mixed up mind
Destines me to die.
The law if passed will back them up
"Abortion on demand" they cry
No shred of love they offer me
So what is there but die?
They conceived me in their passion
Before I've had a chance to live,
Do they know how many talents
To the world I have to give?
I haven't harmed one single soul
So may I ask you why
You saw fit to order me
Then doom me that I die?

—TIGER LILY,
Saskatchewan, Canada

BAPTISM

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saved in and by virtue of the ark, and not in or by virtue of the water—from which, in fact, the ark saved them while others drowned in that same water.

Moreover, the same water which overwhelmed and destroyed the wicked became the means of lifting up the ark as the true refuge and savior of those who trusted not in the water but in the ark as God's appointed means of their deliverance.

THE LIKE FIGURE

Now, that water of Noah's day was the type of which baptism is an antitype, or "the like figure," as King James has it.

If the type or likeness is perfect, we must suppose that baptism does not really or literally save anyone, any more than did the water of the flood, but only symbolically or figuratively. And our supposition becomes certainty when Peter hastens to declare that baptism is "not a putting off of the filth of the flesh."

Obviously "the filth of the flesh" means sin, not merely physical dirt, since physical dirt can be washed off in baptism. But only the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from sin, and the merits of this blood are obtained through faith, not through baptism. John 3:16 should be sufficient evidence on this point.

A GOOD CONSCIENCE

For readers who think that the King James version is inspired, I would say that I have rather liked the word "answer" in our text and might have kept it if honesty permitted. But accurate translation tells us that baptism is "an asking of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Either way, baptism appears as a Christian duty, whether as an answer or an asking of a good conscience toward God. The believer in Christ who neglects or refuses to be baptized cannot possibly have a good conscience toward God on this point. If his conscience does not condemn him, then his conscience is as bad as his conduct.

THROUGH THE RESURRECTION

With the parentheses of the King James version we are made to read, "Baptism doth also now save us . . . by [through] the resurrection of Jesus Christ." This must mean simply that when we witness scriptural baptism we are reminded of the death, burial, and (especially) resurrection of Christ our Saviour, through Whose resurrection we are saved, since He "was raised again for our justification." (Rom. 4:25.)

Baptism which points us to Christ does not any more really save us than did the water of the flood save Noah and his family when it drove them into the ark for salvation. (Gen. 7:7.)

It is possible, and I think preferable, to connect the phrase "through the resurrection" with the noun "asking." Thus we read that baptism is "an asking of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

"Because I live," said Jesus, "ye shall live also." (John 14:19.)

So the born-again believer, already passed out of death into life (John 5:24), now in the "figure" or antitype of baptism draws a picture in this physical act of spiritual truth already spiritually received.

So through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, living the life of his risen Saviour, in this act of obedience he asks for a good conscience toward God—a good conscience such as is unknown to disobedient Christians.

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 Shriill 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."

How To Be Saved

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and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy; and to our God for He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7. So in light of this Scripture, and of course many others, man must lay aside his ways and thoughts and turn to the Lord for the pardon of his sins. More in detail:

1. Before men can be saved they must realize the need of a savior. Certainly we have a Savior, and He can save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. (Hebrews 7:25) He is the way, the truth, and the life, and no man cometh to the Father but by Him. (John 14:6) But men don't get the benefit of His saving power until they can see the need of it and will come to God by Him. Jesus came into the world to save sinners, the Scriptures tell us; Paul the apostle says: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." I Timothy 1:15. Jesus went to the cross to suffer and shed His precious blood; but those who do not see the need of this blood of the Covenant but trample under foot the Son of God, can't receive any benefit from this great provision; but will only suffer the dreadful punishment pronounced on those who reject. "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace." Hebrews 10:29.

2. Conviction by the Holy Spirit.

Men can not come to Jesus Christ for salvation without the Holy Spirit is working with him and convicting him of his sins. Jesus said in referring to the Holy Spirit, "and when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and judgment." John 16:8. A sinner just don't make any effort to come to Jesus Christ until he has been reprov'd, or convicted of sin; and this is what the Holy Spirit does when the sinner hears the Word of God and believes it to be the Truth. His coming to Jesus is not just a decision he makes in his own mind, it is not by his own will and strength, but it is the power of God

working through His previous means that draws him to Jesus Christ. Listen to this, the words of Jesus, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:44.

When a person gets convicted of his sins he is more than willing then to come to the Saviour, because he wants forgiveness and the blessed relief that only our Lord can give. And what a wonderful relief it is to be set free from sin and death! I have seen people laugh and make fun of the preaching of the Gospel, until the Holy Spirit began to work convicting of sin, and then I could see a change of attitude. It just makes a lot of difference when a person sees his sins begin to roll up in front of him like mountainous waves on the sea. He doesn't see himself anymore as the good guy, but he sees himself as a wretched sinner deserving of eternal hell.

3. Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul told the Ephesian elders how he had kept nothing that was profitable unto them; and this is what he taught them: "Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21. When a person is truly convicted of his sins becomes sorry for his sins, and this is a sorrow of a Godly sort, it is something that God has worked in him; and in this condition of heart he turns away from sin and turns to God. The Bible says that Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. (II Corinthians 7:10) Somebody walking down the aisle of some church with a broad smile on his face is not repenting, even if the preacher greets him with a big smile on his face too. A man who is repenting is troubled about his sins, and he wants, above everything else, to get rid of this load on his heart. He really hates his sins at this point, and so he turns from his sins and turns to God, putting his faith, or trust, in Jesus Christ. One who believes from the heart is saved, not just in the head, but in the heart. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:31. I sincerely pray that you will trust the blessed Saviour and be saved and know of this wonderful experience with the Lord.

Wichita Votes 5-1 To Repeal Gay Ordinance

WICHITA, Kan. (UPI) — The people of Wichita voted by an almost 5-1 margin yesterday to repeal the city's eight-month-old gay rights ordinance, the third such law to fall to organized anti-gay efforts in the last year.

The final vote count was 47,246 votes for repeal and 10,005 voted to retain the ordinance approved on a 3-2 City Commission vote last September. More than 44% of the city's registered voters took part, one of the largest voter turnouts in a city election in years.

THE LANDSLIDE repeal was much higher than the 2-1 margin predicted by the Rev. Ron Adrian, president of the anti-gay Concerned Citizens for Community Standards, and was surprising to Robert Lewis, codirector of the Sedgwick County Homophile Alliance, which had hoped for as high as a 40% vote to keep the law.

"It shows there are a lot of bigoted people in Wichita," Lewis said. "It certainly says there a lot of people who are willing to go to the polls and vote to discriminate."

It was the third gay-rights ordinance to be repealed in less than a year. In June, voters in Dade County (Miami), Fla., repealed a similar ordinance, and a gay rights law in St. Paul, Minn., was overturned by voters last month. Both of those repeal issues were strongly supported by singer Anita Bryant, who has become the figurehead of the American anti-gay movement.

ADRIAN CALLED yesterday's vote in Wichita a "strong mandate for righteousness" and expressed joy that the "rights of children and parents have been confirmed."

"The citizens of Wichita are to be congratulated for the positive yes vote, a mandate for righteousness and a confirmation of the rights of our children and families," Adrian said

"From the deep south of Miami to the liberal north of St. Paul and now to the heart of the nation, America believes that homosexuals are not a valid minority, that they are not born that way, that homosexuality is a chosen lifestyle, that it is immoral and degrading to society."

CASSETTES

The recent debate which was held in Indianapolis, Ind. between Elder W. T. Russell, Baptist and John Welch, church of Christ minister, was taped. There are four tapes with each being two hours, a total of 8 hours. The price for the four tapes is \$16.00. Also write for free book list.

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Japan.

We really hope all of you well and enjoy the blessings from above. We remember you in our prayer from time to time that the grace and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ be always yours.

My family and I are just fine and are keeping busy in the services of the Lord here in our missionary field, for which we are thankful. I am thankful to have Michiko as my helper in my serving the Lord, and in my whole life devoted to the Master. Kyoko is in 6th grade of primary school from April. She has already won some first prize and medals in several swimming games this year. Luke graduated from high school March 1st, and is asking His will if he could come to States to study. He is working hard at fish market from 2:00 through 7:00 a.m., and teaches some school subjects to a school boy in the evening three times a week to make money for his need. So we are all right in the Lord, and like you know that.

We have so many things we like to do for the glory of the Lord in this heathen country, but we ought to say, "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that" (James 4:15). Without Lord's will and help we cannot do anything. A small Baptist Church in the very northern town of Japan has asked me if I could come up to preach for them at my convenient time. I have a plan in my mind to visit Taiwan to carry out the gospel of Christ. I just don't know when and how, but wait on the Lord, and prepare myself. It must be different way with what I did when I visited Korea last November, as there are many differences between Taiwan and Korea as to language, nationality, history, climate, etc. We will be much appreciated if you remember us in your prayer.

Following is the report of donations we received for the 1st quarter of '78. Thank you.

Jan. — Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, 334.21; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 123.70; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 24.75; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 60.49; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, 50.00. Total \$593.15.

Feb. — North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 131.31; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, 246.79; A Baptist preacher lives in Brush Creek, TN, 30.00; New Home Baptist, Martin, TN, 60.00, this was through Bro. John R. Blalock, Portland, Oregon; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 42.27; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 44.96; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, 50.00. Total \$605.33.

March — Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, 50.00 and 50.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, 254.36; North Carthage, Carthage, TN, 155.55; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, 40.39; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 650.00; Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Smith, Carthage, TN, 25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, TN, 100.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, 50.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, 66.39. Total \$1,441.69.

To Koi Baptist Church: Lyons Baptist, Louisville, KY, 150.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jacobs, Nashville, TN, 25.00. (January).

We will keep praying for you all, and we would be happy to be remembered in your prayer.

May God richly bless you.
Yours truly in His name,
Koji Tajima and family.



Homecoming At New Bethel Baptist Church

There is to be all day homecoming services at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tennessee, on Sunday, June 18, 1978. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and worship services at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

There will be singing in the afternoon by the Cockriel Family of Bowling Green, KY, the Young Peoples Singers of New Bethel, special songs plus the congregational singing.

New Bethel Church and pastor, Elder H. C. Vanderpool, invites and welcomes everyone who can come to do so. We would be happy to have you for the entire day if you are not already in services. Those who go to their own services in the morning are invited to come in time to eat lunch with us and to spend the afternoon.

New Bethel Baptist Church is 184 years old, having been organized in 1794. History of the church is available in a large, hard-bound volume. Orders may be sent to the church address above. Price is \$5.00 per copy including postage and handling charge. Copies will be available at the homecoming.

Revival Report

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1032 So. Holmes, Indianapolis, IN. Six professions of faith with eight additions to the church. Pastor Calvin Perrigo was assisted by Elder Terry Foster and Elder Tommie Lankford was in charge of the singing.

Homecoming

There will be all day homecoming services at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville, Rd., Nashville, TN on Sunday, June 11, 1978. Sunday School will be at 10:00 a.m. and worship services will be at 11:00 a.m. with Elder J. H. Smith, the pastor, preaching. Lunch is to be served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon there is to be a note-burning service and the rest of the afternoon will be given to singing. Everyone who can attend is invited to come and fellowship with the church and pastor.

Deadline

The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.



Ordination

The Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church will hold ordination services Saturday, June 24, 1978 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of ordaining Brothers Bobby Gann and Ottis Jones to the full work of the ministry. Bro. Gann has been called to pastor Hayesville Missionary Baptist Church and Bro. Jones is now involved in full time mission work at Madisonville, KY.

A general invitation is extended to all churches of like faith and order to send ordained help.

Done by order of the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church in Conference May 3, 1978. Elder D. C. Barton, Moderator, Loryn Atwell, Church Clerk.

ATTENTION!

For many years, Elder J. Frank Carr and family, were in Japan. He labored there as a Baptist Missionary. They sacrificed much in order to carry the message of salvation to a lost nation. No doubt while in my churches and individuals supported him, many others did not, or if they did, they didn't support this family as much as they should have.

Bro. Carr and family returned home. Recently their son, David, spent a few weeks in Parkview Hospital in Nashville, and had two operations while there. He had some special treatments at the hospital, and was then scheduled for an additional 38 more with each one being expensive in addition to all the medical expenses.

However, people who work hard and are in good financial condition, can find themselves overburdened when such circumstances as Bro. Carr and his family have experienced comes upon them. He is not asking, is not making an appeal, he doesn't want to burden anyone with his burdens. When I learned of the added responsibility that he had, I felt that many people and especially our churches could still do a good work by sending love offerings to them. I understand some have already.

Send all contributions to: Elder J. Frank Carr, Route 1, Gordonsville, Tenn. 38563

ELOHIM (God)

The first of God's names in the order of their appearance in Scripture is *Elohim*, translated "God" in the Authorized Version. It reportedly occurs not less than 2500 times in the Old Testament and 32 times in the first chapter of Genesis.

"If only we could accept a truth spoken by an enemy as readily as if it had been said by a friend."

Missionary Report

To our Brethren and Sisters:

We are sending you a report on the mission in Tucson, Arizona. God has richly bless us in our labors. By the grace of God we have had five souls saved. We want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for their prayers and donations. May God bless you in your support of God's work.

Pray for us that we will always do just what God leads us to do, and that the mission will be a lighthouse for those around. There are no other churches around where these people can go and serve God in the old fashion way. The people are so proud of this little place where they can go to serve God and to do as the Spirit leads them.

God Bless you all

If anyone would like to write us, our address is: Elder Millard Roberts, 3317 El Tovar, Tucson, Ariz. 85705. Our phone: 1-602-887-9088.

Bro. Millard Roberts



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