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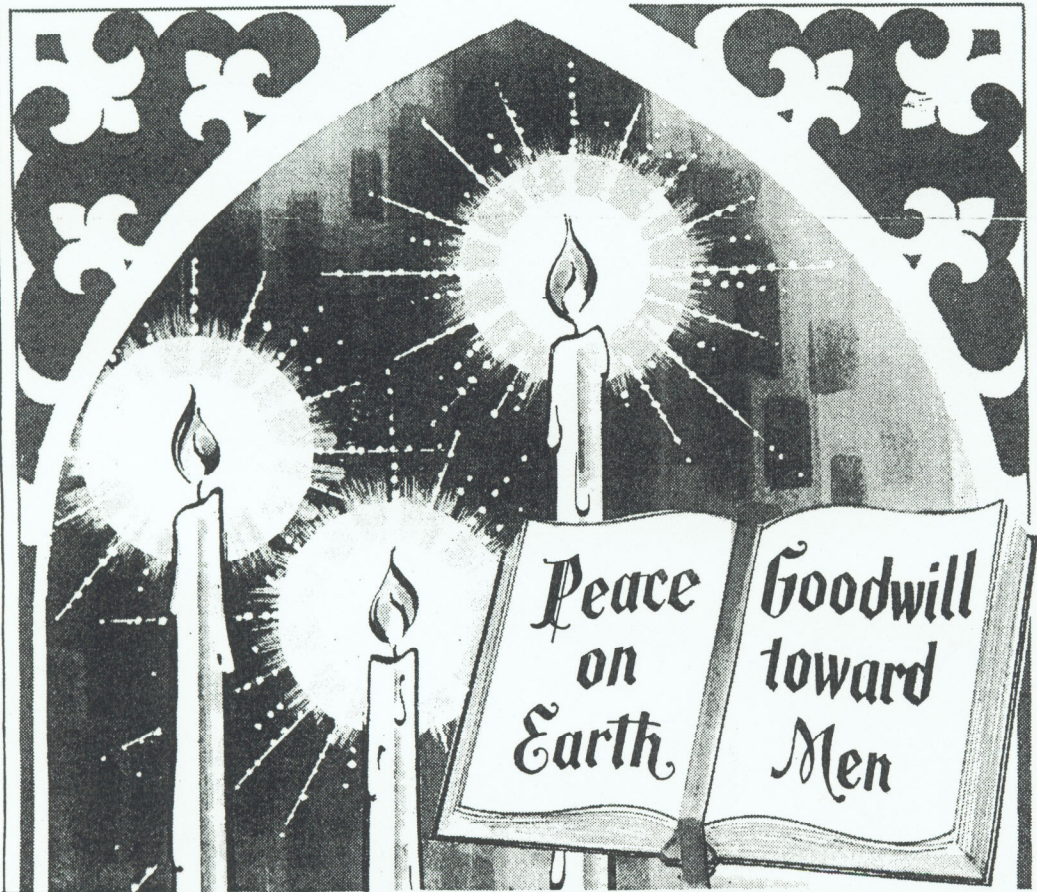
Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Ps. 60:4

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A BALANCED MINISTRY

By J. H. Smith
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THE BLESSED FRUITS OF REGENERATION

By J. H. Smith

Some people experience this regeneration, or new birth, but they hardly know what they have possessed, or what to call it. They know that a change has been wrought in their heart, but they don't know just what to call it, or how to explain it. I have known people like this. This is where



Elder Henry Smith

teaching must come in, to help the babe in Christ, help him to know what he has come into possession of, so that he can better serve the Lord and experience a fuller life.

A LIVING HOPE

I should like to refer you again to 1 Peter 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection from the dead" (Continued on Page 3)



JACOB IS NAMED ISRAEL

By
H. C. Vanderpool

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. (Genesis 32:28).

For a great story of Jacob's courtship, marriage and how he became rich, please read Genesis, Chapters 29, 30, 31

We do not know how long Jacob traveled. But he finally arrived in Haran. He soon learned he was among his mother's people. When Rachel came with the flocks to water them, she met Jacob. He kissed her and then wept. He went home with her to the

house of Laban. After spending a month in this home, Laban told Jacob that if he was to remain with him he would pay him wages for his work.

Jacob told Laban that he loved Rachel, his youngest daughter, and that he would work for him seven years for her to be his wife. Laban agreed.

The seven years seemed but a few days to Jacob. He had fallen in love with her at first sight, and thus began a romance that lasted many years and was terminated only with the untimely death of his beloved Rachel on his return to his ancestral home at Hebron.

JACOB'S FAMILY

The writer of Genesis gives in considerable detail the experiences of Jacob with Laban, the brother of Rebekah, his mother. Jacob, who was a shrewd bargainer, had no particular difficulty in dealing with easy-going Esau, but in Laban he met a worthy foe. Laban's treachery is first exhibited in his deception of Jacob at the time of his marriage.

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Missionary Report From Japan

Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Readers,
We are happy to report to you our work for the Lord here in Japan with so much joy and thanks this morning.

First of all, we thank you for the Banner you send us kindly each month, which we enjoy reading and learn things going on over there, and thank churches and individuals that encourage us keep on the work by writing letters, by sending offerings, by long-distance-calls and by others. We appreciate all of you who take a part in our missionary work in any way.

Enclosed you see two pictures taken August 10th when we held Baptist baptism in nearby primary school swimming pool, which will tell you something about us. Rejoice with us for the blessed fruits. This past third quarter of the year is the most blessed time I ever had from the Lord, for which we are thankful unto the Lord. We

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Kentucky Church To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

On December 7, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 921 East 10th Street, Bowling Green, Ky. will celebrate their 25th anniversary. An all-day service has been planned, and the church has invited all former pastors to join with them on that day in celebration and praise to the Lord for the blessings He has bestowed upon them in these past twenty-five years.

Faith church was organized on December 6, 1955, under the leadership of Elder C. B. Massey of Pleasant Shade, Tenn. There were 24 charter members. The membership has grown to 230 at present.

The church was organized of members from Fifth Street Baptist Church, now Fairview Memorial, which was organized on Nov. 2, 1924. Fairview Memorial was organized from an arm extended to Bowling Green from Old Union Baptist Church in

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EDITORIAL

By
H. C. Vanderpool

Virgin Birth Of Christ

True Baptists have, and still believe and teach the virgin birth of Christ. About 700 B.C. Isaiah write, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.

Seven hundred years later the angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph concerning his taking the virgin Mary to be his wife. "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:22-23.

Jesus had no earthly father. Had he been begotten and born after the nature of mankind, our faith in him would be in vain, we would be without a Saviour, which would mean we would be without any hope in the world. We would still be in sin and doomed to eternal night.

Since we have the witness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts that we have been born of God, Romans 8:16, our witness, that of the Spirit and the word of God all agree that we are born again by faith in Christ, the Son of God, who was born in Bethlehem of the virgin Mary. She was found with child of the Holy Ghost, Matthew 1:18-20. Without the virgin of Christ there could be no plan of redemption for lost humanity. Acts 4:11-12.

As far as is known, there are no records of the date of Christ's birth. Various dates have been set aside and kept, and December 25 is just another uncertain date. However, God's word does teach us that he was born according to prophecy, fulfilling God's plan, Gal. 4:4; Rev. 13:8.

At this Christmas season when millions disrespect Christ and Christianity with their thoughts, actions and gifts, may we keep Christ in Christmas, and live like Christians throughout the year!

The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone solve his.

Merry Christmas

O, Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shineth,
The ever lasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Im-man-u-el!



Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field

ISRAEL

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By the terms of their agreement Jacob was to work seven years for Rachel. "And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her." In good faith Jacob kept his part of the contract.

The time for the wedding came. The ceremony was at night and the bride was heavily veiled. Only after the ceremony did Jacob discover that Laban had deceived him by substituting Leah, her older sister, for Rachel. When Jacob hotly protested, his father-in-law calmly stated that it was not customary "in our place to give the younger before the first-born." Jacob loved Rachel but was informed by her father that he could have her only by working seven more years.

He had no alternative but to accept the terms of Laban. However, he understood now the character of the man with whom he was to deal. In his subsequent dealings with Laban he was able not only to take care of himself, but to become prosperous. In the meantime his family was growing. Leah, Rachel and two concubines bore children to him. According to the chapters preceding this lesson, there were twelve sons and one daughter.

Jacob began to do business his way and eventually he was a rich man. He began to notice that Laban didn't feel toward him as he once did. The Lord spoke unto Jacob and said, "Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee."

RETURN TO CANAAN

The years at Padan-Aram passed swiftly, if not too happily for Jacob. He never intended to live here permanently, so the vision of God with the command to return to Canaan was welcomed. But in carrying out the command he faced two difficulties. Laban, for obvious reasons, did not want him to leave. Then too, he was fearful of his meeting with Esau back home. After one unsuccessful attempt he was at last able to escape with his family, his flocks and, his

RECONCILIATION WITH ESAU

Esau and his descendants were settled in the land of Edom, directly south of Hebron and the Dead Sea. Jacob could have settled in central Canaan without meeting Esau, but he was determined to settle the old differences with his brother.

When he had reached a certain place he sent presents, means of wealth to appease Esau. He came to the little river Jabbok which emptied into the Jordan. From here the messengers went to meet Esau and prepare the way for Jacob later. The emissaries returned with the announcement that Esau was coming with four hundred men to meet him. Deeply disturbed, Jacob prepared for the worst. To his great surprise, however, Esau came not to war, but with peaceable intent. Jacob presented costly gifts to his brother and the two were reconciled. Esau returned to his own home, leaving Jacob to follow his course homeward without interference.

FROM "JACOB" TO "ISRAEL"

In the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15) God promised Adam and Eve and the entire human race of all ages a Saviour. That promise was renewed with Abraham, with Isaac and also with Jacob.

The name "Jacob" meant "supplanter." But now he is a new man. Things have changed. On the banks of the River Jabbok, all alone, he wrestled all night with an angel. Whatever difficulties we may have in explaining the details of this strange experience, certain important facts are clear.

God spoke to Jacob, made a covenant with him and changed his name from Jacob "supplanter" to Israel (prince of God). From this time Jacob was different. The weaknesses in character up to now so prominent in his career, began to disappear. Henceforth life was characterized by a deep devotion to the work of God. He was now a man with a mission. His strong gifts were to be used no longer for unworthy and selfish purposes, but for God. He was at last a prince of God walking in the ways of Abraham.

ISRAEL

The name "Israel" also means "ruling with God." It was about 1739 B.C. when God called Jacob Israel. We note that to be a prince with God, and to rule with God has a great meaning. Genesis 32:28. The name appears later in the Old Testament 3,289 times, in the New Testament 78 times, making a total of 3,367 times in the Bible.

Again we wish to call your attention to the fact that the promise of a Saviour, who was Jesus, born in Bethlehem, came through the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The twelve sons of Jacob became known in Biblical history, as well as in world history, the nation of Israel.

A NEW NAME

Jacob received a new name. Things had changed with him and his life. When an individual meets the Lord and is saved, he or she is a new person. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17).

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law. To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." (Gal. 4:4-7) Read Revelation 2:17.

CHRIST BORN IN BETHLEHEM

Approximately 4,000 years of human history passed and generation after generation lived and died. From one generation to another the promise of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was taught. The world waited. The old prophets of God had long finished their courses and had gone to be with God when finally one night while shepherds were watching over their flocks near Bethlehem, the message came from heaven, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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dead." We notice here that we are begotten again to a LIVELY HOPE, or a living hope, by the resurrection from the dead. All of this is hinged on the resurrection from the dead. If Christ had not risen from the dead we would have no hope; but since he has risen from the dead, and that He is alive forevermore, we have a hope that shall never die. The writer to the Hebrews describes this hope as an Anchor of the soul, as he wrote: "Who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." Hebrews 6:18-20. Christ has entered in within the veil yonder in glory, and He is the anchorage, and so our hope is steadfast. Let the storms come and the waves dash high, the anchor still holds. A hope, if you please, that lives. This is our hope of glory, and we rejoice in it. (Romans 5:2). The saints still living haven't entered into glory as yet, but we rejoice in hope of it. But let me say here that hope in Christ is something better than just a mere desire or wish. We wish for things that never come and desire very much for something that never occurs, but this hope that we have in Christ, as the Scriptures teach, is sure and steadfast.

TO AN INHERITANCE, 1 Peter 1:4

The hope that we have is to an inheritance, it reaches out to those great possessions that we now have a title to and will enter into in the future. The child of God is rich, he has riches untold. The Bible says that we are heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Romans 8:17. We shall share in the riches of His Kingdom along with Him. Peter describes this inheritance in this great verse, 1 Peter 1:4. He says; 1. It is incorruptible, it will always remain sound, never rot or decay; 2. It is undefiled, never be made dirty or impure; 3. It will never fade away. Some people are fortunate enough to inherit beautiful things from their people, but such beauty will eventually fade away. There is a place in sight of where we live that sets on a knoll, and was once a beautiful home, surrounded by beautiful grass land and around this a snow-white fence. I am told that this place was handed down from father to son; the son couldn't keep it up, or didn't do it and now the house and barn is delapidated, the beautiful grass land is grown up in weeds, and the fence isn't snow-white anymore. All that beauty has faded, and that son's inheritance looks like a wreck. But Peter is telling his readers that their inheritance would not fade. He says further that it is reserved in heaven for you. Nothing we have earthly is ever absolutely secure, but our inheritance in heaven is set apart, kept there, stored up, and as Peter says, "For you" Nobody will rob you of it.

KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD, 1 Peter 1:5

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Peter is saying that not only is your inheritance secure but you too are kept by the power of God. This makes it dead sure that you shall one day enter into your inheritance; your possession in glory cannot be destroyed, and the devil can't get you. So this makes everything safe; and this should encourage you, you who are depressed and cast down.

The above verse says, we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, and you might argue that if we keep faith we shall be saved in heaven. Anybody who has trusted in Jesus Christ from his heart will never cease to believe, how

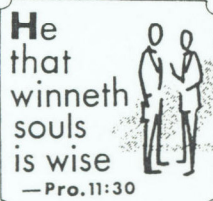
could he? Faith becomes weak sometimes, but the light of faith will never go out; faith will persevere. Jesus assures our ultimate and full salvation when He said, "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should loose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day." John 6:39.

GREAT JOY, 1 Peter 1:6

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations;" This verse seems to refer to verse 6 where he speaks of that ultimate and full salvation that shall be revealed in the last time, this is when Jesus comes again. Wherein ye greatly rejoice. Who wouldn't? Who is it that couldn't? Only those who do not possess that great hope that he mentioned, verse 4, it is the sinner that can't rejoice. But Peter says here, "Ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations" Their hearts were heavy at times because of the hardships that they were enduring. They were sojourners, scattered abroad, having been deprived of their inheritance in the Land of Caanan. But like Abraham they were looking for a city whose builder and maker is God; and the promised land to all of God's blood bought children.

Having not seen the Lord, or even what He has in store for those that love Him, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, as we note: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." 1 Peter 1:8. If we can rejoice in Him now, having not seen Him and what He has in store for us, Oh, what joy it will be when we come face to face with Him, and see all that He has prepared for us! If God's people would think more of what Peter is writing about here in this great chapter, the world would loose much of its appeal, and all of us would be more devoted to Him who paid the great price to make it all possible. And it would keep us from being discouraged more than anything. God inspired men to write messages in His Holy Scriptures to lift His people when they need it; and that is actually what Peter is doing in this part of his writings. His people scattered abroad because of persecution were suffering, and maybe it was hard to keep their courage up. So a reminder of the good things that they possessed in Christ Jesus now, and the glorious things that are yet to come, was very useful for them. And of course we all need to be reminded quite often of our blessed heritage lest we faint; and God intended for us also to know about these great riches. So He had this great message preserved and brought down to us.

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Financial Help Would Be Appreciated

This is the month when we celebrate the birth of Christ. Christmas is not only a time of receiving, but a time of GIVING! Individuals and churches usually want to know of people or causes which they may help.

Elder Edgar Copeland is one of our leading Baptist ministers. He has pastored a number of Missionary Baptist Churches, working hard on other jobs while his wife worked also. He is now pastor of Old Paths Baptist Church, Lebanon, TN. But Sister Copeland has been in hospitals a total of 14 times in the past two years, some of these due to a car accident. In addition to all her illnesses and pain, the financial burdens have continued to mount. While they have insurance, we all know there is a limit to the benefits, and after such prolonged illness as Sister Copeland and her husband have experienced, the financial burden is becoming very great.

Any individual, church or other organization who wishes to show a TRUE Christian and TRUE Christmas spirit at this time, may contribute to this worthy cause. FINANCIAL HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED. You may send it to: Elder Edgar Copeland, 121 Forest Retreat Rd., Hendersonville, TN 37075. If you need to call them, call (615) 824-6966. May the Lord place this cause upon YOUR HEARTS, and may He bless you all for your concern and contribution.

Memoirs Of Elder F. W. Lambert Published



As was announced in our July issue, the Memoirs of Elder F. W. Lambert have been published in a very nice volume. The book is hardbound with best of binding, 142 pp. and also containing 43 photographs, covering the life of Bro. Lambert and his 53 years as a Baptist minister. EVERY BAPTIST HOME SHOULD HAVE A COPY! Any home would appreciate this volume. Due to the many churches he has pastored and the members of same buying copies, it is not for sure there will be enough copies to go around. However, anyone wishing to have a copy may order one. The price for the book, handling and postage, is \$10.00 per copy. Send order to: Mr. Jake Lambert, 118 Chaparral Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075.



Pictured above is Elder Koji Tajima baptizing Bro. Masatoshi Morihiro on August 10, 1980, Hiroshima, Japan.



Pictured above is Elder Koji Tajima baptizing others on August 10, 1980 in Hiroshima, Japan. They are, Bro. Kiyoshi Tanaka, his mother, Sister Masae Tanaka, and Sister Hiroko Maudi.

Missionary Report

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have three more people that we hope obey the Lord and Saviour by baptism to the public. Please pray for them.

We held Summer Vacation Bible School twice this past summer, one in July and one in August. Both of schooling for a week were blessed so much. We are having new comers to our services almost each Sunday, for which we are encouraged. Please pray for those people that they may come to the Lord with repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus. Recently one of our brethren, Brother Hiroshi Nagaishi, told us of His calling to preach. He is one of the fruits of our long and hard labour in bringing up genuine Baptists. We really praise the Lord. We ask you pray for this young brother. (he graduated from the college last March and is working as a part-timer street-car conductor.) Lord has blessed us in finding out our own ways to serve the Lord based upon New Testament principles, not by following or copying foreign christian customs. I am urging people to make new songs to the Lord with their own words and melodies. Some Sundays ago a young brother sang his new song, "Let's go to church with me" before the church, and it was a blessing to all. We are doing all right, even though we have hardness in carrying the words of God out in this pagan land. True and naturally. We need your prayer. We really do.

My family and I are fine. I have been healthy all summer, which was quite cool and rainy. For two weeks we have good weather. Lord has blessed my health to do the work. I am keeping busy day after day, which is my joy. My wife Michiko is a great helper to my ministry. I owe her so much love. Kyoko, our daughter, is just all right. Our son Luke seems doing all right in the college in Minnesota of your country. I am trying to answer all of your letters as soon as possible. If you do not get answer yet, please wait me for a while. Some of you asked me of my phone number. It is as follows: (Japan) 0822-71-8687.

Following is the report of offerings received for the third quarter of the year with so much thanks.

July - East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 328.00; Elder Walter Dewese, Franklin, Ky., 25.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 147.62; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 323.44; Elder James H. Smith, Nashville, Tenn., 100.00;

Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 50.98; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 110.34; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 75.00. Total \$1,210.38.

August - Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 172.39; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 300.80; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 75.00; Kokomo Baptist, Kokomo, Indiana, 111.81; Jared Baptist, Buffalo Valley, Tenn., 200.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 69.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 178.22; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 100.00. Total \$1,257.22.

September - North Carthage, Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 148.94; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 325.78; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 99.19; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 360.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 71.60; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 130.81. Total \$1,136.32.

To Koi Baptist Church

July - Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 150.00; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., 45.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky. 478.24.

August - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 78.80 and 96.17. Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00.

September - Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 20.00.

We remember our dear co-workers in prayer. May God richly bless you all.

Yours truly in His name,
Koji Tajima

25th Anniversary

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south Warren County, Ky. which was organized in 1795.

Old Union Church was organized by Baptist ministers coming from South Carolina, one of the churches being the Welsh Neck Baptist Church organized in 1736. Welsh Neck Church was organized from the Welsh Tract Church which represented in the Philadelphia Baptist Association. The Welsh Tract Church was organized in June, 1701 in Wales, and sailed in church capacity to America, arriving at Philadelphia on Sept. 8, 1701.

One of the Welsh Churches from which these came was the Hillcliff Baptist Church which was organized in Wales, England in 987 A.D. by Aaron Arlington who came from the Lima Piedmont Church.

The Lima Piedmont Church was organized in 812 A.D. by Balcaleo who came from the Timto Church in Asis Minor.

The Timto Church was organized in 738

A.D. by Archer Flavin who came from the Darthea Church in Asia Minor.

The Darthea Church was organized in 671 A.D. by Adromicus who came from the Pontifossi Church.

The Pontifossi Church at the foot of the Alps in France was organized in 398 A.D. by Tellestman from the Turan Church in Turan, Italy.

The Turan Church in Italy was organized in 237 A.D. by Tertullian who came from the Partus Church located at the foot of the Tiber.

The Partus Church was organized in 150 A.D. by Polycarp who was baptized on December 25, 95 A.D. by John the Apostle, who was a member of the Lord's church at Jerusalem, Acts 1:22; Luke 6:12; 1 Corinthians 12:28

WANTED BAPTIST MINISTER FOR GROWING CHURCH

A real challenge for the right man! Opportunity to become better acquainted with people!

Applicant must offer experience as shop worker, office manager, educator (all levels, including college), writer, theologian, politician, Boy Scout leader, children's worker, minor league athlete, psychologist, vocational counselor, funeral director, wedding consultant, master of ceremonies, circus clown, missionary, social worker. Helpful but not essential: experience as butcher, baker, cowboy, Western Union messenger.

Must know all about problems of birth, marriage, and death; also conversant with latest theories and practices in areas like pediatrics, economics and nuclear science.

Right man will hold firm views on every topic, but is careful not to upset people who disagree. Must be forthright but flexible; returns criticism and back-biting with Christian love and forgiveness.

Should have outgoing, friendly disposition at all times; should be captivating speaker and intent listener; will pretend he enjoys hearing women talk.

Education must be beyond Ph.D. requirements, but always concealed in homespun modesty and folksy talk. Able to sound learned at times, but most of time talks and acts like good-old-Joe. Familiar with literature read

Donations Being Accepted For TV Studio Repair

The church building at Mt. Juliet, Tenn. where the Old Fashioned Gospel Hour Telecast Studio is located is in need of repair. The TV Committee does not wish to use any funds donated for the regular TV programs to be used for this purpose. However, individuals or churches who would like to make a separate donation for the purpose of repairs to the studio, may send them to: Bro. Bob Pitt, Co-ordinator, Old Fashioned Gospel Hour Telecast, 309 Andrews Ave., Hartsville, TN 37074.

by average congregation.

Must be willing to work long hours; subject to call any time day or night; adaptable to sudden interruption. Will spend at least 25 hours preparing sermon; additional 10 hours reading books and magazines.

Applicant's wife must be both stunning and plain; smartly attired but conservative in appearance; gracious and able to get along with everyone, even women. Must be willing to work in church kitchen, teach Sunday school, baby-sit, run multith machine, wait tables, never listen to gossip, never become discouraged.

Applicant's children must be exemplary in conduct and character; well behaved, yet basically no different from other children; decently dressed.

Opportunity for applicant to live close to work. Furnished home provided; open-door hospitality enforced. Must be ever mindful the house does not belong to him.

Directly responsible for views and conduct to all church members and visitors; not confined to direction or support from any one person. Salary not commensurate with experience or need; no overtime pay. All replies kept confidential. Anyone applying will undergo full investigation to determine sanity.

Most people can keep a secret, but the folks they tell it to, can't.