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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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WHERE THE JERICHO ROAD TURNS BY THE APOSTLES' WELL. On its winding descent from Jerusalem to Jericho, the road, immortalized in our Lord's parable of the Good Samaritan, bends sharply at the head of the barren little Valley of the Watering-Place (Wady el-Haud) after passing Bethany. This part of the road undoubtedly follows the route of the

one so often walked by Jesus and the Disciples. Though the well of the Apostles—pictured above—has been so-called only since the 14th century, the name founded on the tradition that here some of the Eleven tarried on the journey from Jerusalem to Galilee (John xxi, 1) is not inappropriate since the Well is the only spring between this point and the Jordan Valley.

## TO BE ORDAINED



Bro. Neal Forshee

There is to be an ordination service at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on Sunday, March 29, 1981. The service is to begin at 2:00 P.M.

Bro. Neal Forshee is to be ordained to

## Old Fashioned Gospel Hour Financial Report

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Sept. 1980 - \$1,042.60	Sept. 1980 - \$1,535.00
Oct. 1980 - \$1,769.59	Oct. 1980 - \$1,708.86
Nov. 1980 - \$1,959.94	Nov. 1980 - \$1,931.29
Dec. 1980 - \$1,414.00	Dec. 1980 - \$2,890.11

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the full work of the ministry. He has been called to the pastorate of Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, Ky., in southern Warren County. He began his work with the church there January 4, 1981.

Sister churches of the Enon, Siloam and Wiseman Baptist Associations, and also Lula, Greenfield and Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Churches have been invited to assist in the ordination service.

## THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

BY

ELDER W. T. RUSSELL



(Continued from February issue)

### WAS THE ATONEMENT NECESSARY?

On this question I am not to be understood as intimating that God was under obligation to provide an atonement, or that there was an absolute necessity for Adam's race to be saved. There was a perfect exemption from obligation on the part of God, as is seen in the fact that GRACE reigned in providing the atoning sacrifice. The necessity of salvation was not absolute; for men, like fallen angels, might have been left to the consequences of their rebellion. Had they been so left,  
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### MISSION PLANNED

Two ministers in the Indianapolis area are planning a new mission about 15 miles west of Indianapolis in the near future. Some of the BANNER readers may have friends or relatives who would be interested in the work. If so, please contact one of the ministers to be in charge of the work. They are: Bro. Steve Perrigo, 1372 Buchanan, Plainsfield, IN 46168, Phone: (317) 839-0623; Bro. Wayne Shoulders, Indian Head Lake, Danville; IN 46122, Phone (317) 745-2188.



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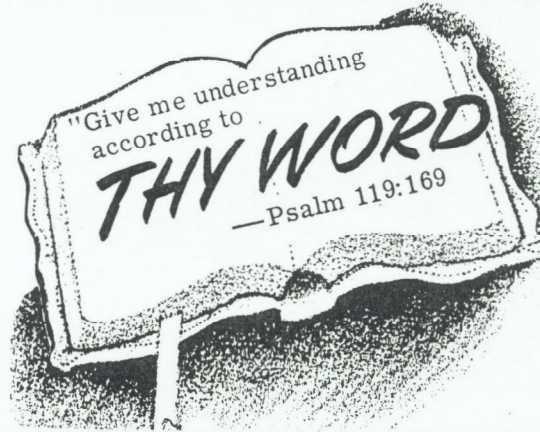
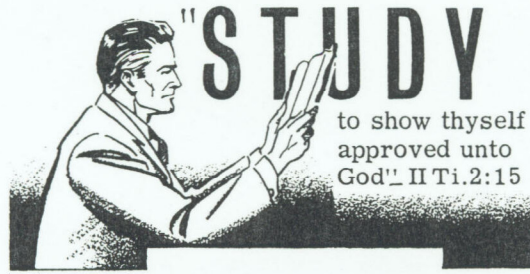
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I believe that every minister of God's word should acquire all the knowledge he possibly can, I believe he should take advantage of every good sound Bible school that is made available, and study all the good helpful books that he can get hold of.

Now, let's notice some more of the things that Paul tells us on this subject.

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others." II Tim. 2:2.

A number of times Paul uses the following statement, "I would not have ye be ignorant". The word "ignorant" means without knowledge. Brethren, we are to be soul winners for Jesus. And Jesus said, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:2.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Pro. 11:30.

"The greatest need of our time is for all men of God to put on the whole armour of God."

"... having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the PREPARATION of the gospel of peace." Eph. 6:13-15.

Listen to what Paul said to the young preacher. "These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. I Tim. 4:11,13

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, (Teaching) for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Just suppose that no one had ever educated themselves, if no one had ever been able to translate the Bible from its original Hebrew and Greek: we would not be able to read the scriptures, beside this men who have prepared themselves have done many things to help the student to a better understanding of the word of God.

Every preacher that can expound the word of God by rightly dividing it has somewhere, some way prepared himself for the work that God has called him to do.

Let's take a look at our adversaries or false teachers, they have and are today making every effort to educate themselves to go out and deceive the souls of mankind. I trust that our preachers will wake up to the sense of their responsibility and duty. If we cope with the false doctrines of the devil we need to know what the Bible teaches, and the only way to know is to study.

I know that a person who has no education can be saved and have a knowledge in his own heart that he has been saved. And I know that this is helpful to hear some one tell their experience of saving grace. But we are to tell people and show people the way of salvation. "These men are servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." Acts 16:17

I don't believe that one goes to school to make a preacher of himself, but I do believe that when God calls a man to preach his everlasting truth that he wants that man to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ. One does not fight without some kind of armour. Is not it reasonable to prepare for the ministry? The Lawyer, Doctor, Business Men, Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber, or whatever the occupation in life may be there must be some preparations made to do the job.

The men of God of the older brethren, Bro. C. B. Massey, Bro. A. J. Sloan, Bro. N. C. Fuqua, Bro. L. A. Stewart, Bro. R. O. Sanders and Bro. Calvin Gregory. These men have already gone to their reward. But these men proved to me that they had studied the word of God. Not only did they

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## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

By  
Elder Fountain L. Ray  
1907 - 1978



Elder F. L. Ray

EDITOR'S NOTE: (Elder F. L. Ray was one of our most devoted Baptist ministers during his ministry, in preaching, writing, debating, Bible Teaching, etc. He passed away on November 4, 1978. He had also taught in each annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School, Bowling Green, Ky., 1973 - 1978. In 1974, he wrote three articles to the BAPTIST BANNER on Ministerial Education. Since this month is the time for the 9th annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School, and since Bro. Ray loved the school and devoted much time and effort to it, I wanted to republish his articles (3 in 1) this month in tribute to him).

I have just passed my thirtysixth year in the ministry, I am both looking backward and forward. I am thinking of statements that I have heard, things that have been said and done through these years many things I have heard have been of great help to me. But on the other hand I have heard things that has made me wonder, and sometimes I become disturbed. What I would like to do is to help all I can both the old and young preacher. We

shall never get too old to learn, nor will we learn so much that we will not need to study.

For example I heard a preacher say who had been in the ministry for some time when he was presented to preach. (I have not studied any today. I have no sermon layed out. I want to read one verse of Scripture, I don't know why God put this scripture on my mind. I am going to preach just what he gives me to preach. Brethren, I believe that God will help us through his Holy Spirit, I believe he will give wisdom of understanding, but I don't believe he will give any one a sermon or put words in the mouth of his preachers. The following scriptures will prove my position without any doubt. First I know that the following scripture is quoted by many to prove or try to prove that we are just ignorant men and unlearned. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts: 4:13

The word (Ignorant) usually means (without knowledge) but not in this case. It means that they (Peter and John) were unlettered men without a formal or technical training in the professional rabbinical schools of that day) The same opinion was expressed by the Jews concerning Jesus Christ. "And the Jews marvelled, saying How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" In other words this statement just means that Peter and John were private persons. (Not professional or public men).

They had been under the teaching of the worlds greatest teacher Jesus Christ. He said to them come follow me. "And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Now let me suggest this for your consideration. Try going fishing, don't make any preparation - none what ever. Go to the lake, take no boat, no fishing equipment, no bait just say God will give me what I need, you will be the biggest sucker caught.

Jesus had taught these men, they were men of knowledge, wisdom, power and the love of God for lost souls.

For what was the Bible written? Paul said. "For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scripture might have hope."

Romans 15:4

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

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16, 17

The Bible was not written for dummies, but for people who will study its Holy pages to learn, and be able to work in the vineyard of the master.

In this article we wish to show you the need of an education to be able to preach the word of God with power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

Let's take a look at the Bible. God is the real author of this wonderful book. I found the following in a book some time ago.

"This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of the believer.

"It's doctrines are holy, it's precepts are binding, it's histories are true, and it's decisions are immutable (unchangeable). Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

"Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and hell disclosed. Christ is it's grand object, our good it's design, and the glory of God it's end. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. Let it fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mind of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is your guide in life, will be opened in the judgment, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the highest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with it's sacred contents."

The Bible is the preacher's textbook. I believe he should study it's holy pages, and prayerfully meditate upon it's deep and wonderful truths. God being the author, and He is the alwise and almighty supreme being. The men who wrote the Bible were wise men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:19-21.



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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1981**

- 9:00 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - A Model Church - J. H. Smith
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - The Book of Ruth - H. C. Vanderpool
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - The True Bride, The Lamb's Wife - W. T. Russell
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - The Gospel of The Grace of God - F. W. Lambert
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1981**

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - The Basis For Eternal Security - W. T. Russell
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - The Book of Jonah - H. C. Vanderpool
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - The Gospel of The Riches of Grace - F. W. Lambert
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - The Calling and Gifts of The Ministry - J. H. Smith
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1981**

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
  - 9:45 A.M. - Making Void The Grace of God - F. W. Lambert
  - 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
  - 10:45 A.M. - Missions and Missionaries - J. H. Smith
  - 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
  - 1:00 P.M. - The Book of Titus - H. C. Vanderpool
  - 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
  - 2:00 P.M. - The General Resurrection and Judgment - W. T. Russell
  - 2:45 P.M. - Presentation of Certificates and Benediction
- NOTE: The tuition is \$20.00 for each minister. If his wife attends the studies for Ministers' Wives, the tuition for both is \$25.00. The study periods for the Ministers' Wives will be conducted at the Neel-Masonic Lodge Hall. Those in charge will be Sister Estell Ray, Sister Anna Laura Smith and Sister Alta Vanderpool. For any information, contact:

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## THE ATONEMENT

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the eternal throne of God would have remained bright and God would have remained just with no suspicion of injustice would have attached to the divine administration.

By the necessity of atonement is meant this: That it was indispensable to a consistent exercise of mercy toward condemned sinners, and therefore without it there could have been no salvation for them. It is proper, however, to say that the atonement of Christ was not necessary to excite the love of God to man, for it is the effect, and not the cause, of God's love. Remember, Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. It is plain from this scripture as well as others that the love of God was the originating cause of Atonement. There was love in the divine bosom and compassion for lost men, but without an atonement that love could not consistently with law and justice, express itself in the salvation of sinners; that compassion, no matter how strong, could have no development. It is incorrect, therefore, to say that the atone of Christ rendered God propitious to sinners, and stop there; but it is strictly true to say that it rendered him propitious to sinners according to law and justice. The law, having been transgressed, demanded the execution of its penalty, and justice concurred in the demand. The law being "holy, and just and good," holiness, and justice, and goodness all combined and required the infliction of its curse. The law then, having been violated, rose up in its terrible majesty, and restrained the exercise of divine mercy in man's salvation and called for the execution of its penalty. At this point the necessity of an atonement clearly appears. In order to the salvation of sinners an expiatory measure must be introduced into the divine government to meet the claims of the law, by preserving its honor and vindicating its penal sanctions. Justice required the introduction of such a measure or execution of the penalty of the law on personal transgressors. The atonement of Christ was the measure introduced. It rendered satisfaction to the law and the justice of God, and removed the restraints which they had placed on the exercise of mercy. It harmonized the divine perfections in the salvation of sinners. This is the glory of redemption through the blood of the cross. Let us never overlook the co-operation of the divine attributes in the salvation of the guilty. **MERCY TRIUMPHS IN ALL ITS GLORY; JUSTICE SHINES FORTH IN ALL ITS MAJESTY; HOLINESS APPEARS IN ALL ITS BEAUTY; WHILE WISDOM, IN DEVISING THE WONDROUS PLAN, EXHIBITS ITSELF TO INFINITE ADVANTAGE. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE NECESSITY OF THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST IT IS GENERALLY DEEMED SUFFICIENT TO REFER TO IT AS SATISFYING THE LAW AND THE JUSTICE OF GOD. WHEN THIS IS DONE, THE INTERESTS OF TRUTH ARE NOT LIKELY TO SUFFER.**

The penalty of violated law must fall either on the transgressor himself or on his substitute. It must fall somewhere. If the

sinner is punished in person, both the spirit and the letter of the law are carried into effect; if his iniquity is laid upon a voluntary substitute, though the letter of the law is dispensed with, its spirit is fully preserved. If the transgressor bears his own iniquity, there is, of course, no pardon; if the substitute bears it, the transgressor may be pardoned and go free. The iniquity must be borne. The necessity of atonement, therefore, arises from the fact that while the pardon of sin is indispensable to salvation, sin is so great an evil, and so justly deserving of punishment, as to be for ever unpardonable without an expiatory sacrifice.

But the necessity of atonement is traceable from the nature of sin to the nature of God. It can be traced no further. All reasoning on the subject is destined to culminate at this point, and here to exhibit its supreme strength. For if we ask why the law of God is what it is, the answer is, because the nature of God is what it is. If we ask why sin is such an evil as to deserve punishment, the answer is, because it is antagonistic to the nature of God. Here, therefore - in the divine nature - is the field in which is to be decided the contest for or against the necessity of atonement. All theories which teach that the aspects of Christ's atonement are manward and not Godward virtually deny the justice and holiness of God. The correct view is that the atonement has reference both to God and man. Its saving influence reaches man, because its propitiatory merit first reaches the throne of God. It is idle, therefore, to talk of what the atonement can do for man, unless it does something for the government of God.

### THE VALUE OF THE ATONEMENT

Let us here contrast the value of all the beastly sacrifices offered from Abel through the period of the law of Moses. To measure the value by the material worth of all animals whose blood was shed as the type of the shed blood of Christ the figure would be enormous. Yet, all the blood of all the animals combined could never take away sin, but served only as a figure of the shed blood of the Lamb of God, God's only begotten Son. Every altar sent its blood and smoke in the direction of Calvary. The many victims pointed to ONE victim. In all of the offerings of sacrifices for four thousand years, the purpose of God was to direct the attention of everyone to the sacrifice of His Son. Therefore the death of Christ, in His one and only sacrifice to make atonement to God once and for all is of uncountable worth. When Jesus died, the type yielded to the antitype and the shadow to the substance. It follows that the atoning sacrifice of Christ was the consummation of all sacrifices. Since there can be no type without an antitype and no shadow without a substance, the antitype and the substance (Christ) was standing as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Paul tells us that Adam was the figure of him that was to come, so he of whom Adam was only a figure had to have prior existence to Adam.

The strongest argument in favor of the value of the Atonement of Christ is not that he was divinely appointed because under the law animals were divinely appointed for sacrifice. The greatest proof of the value of Christ's atonement is His character, which animals did not possess. The sufferer of Calvary is the God-man, the Christ. All the majestic glories of

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Go ye

**"The people which sat in darkness saw GREAT LIGHT"**

— Matt. 4:16

Missions



# THE ATONEMENT

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Supreme Deity and all the excellences of sinless humanity belong to him. It was the union of divinity and the humanity in the person of Christ that gave atoning merit to the blood he shed on the cross. While suffering and death are to be restricted to the human nature of Christ, we may well rejoice in the belief that his divinity imparted infinite worth to the sufferings and blood and death of his humanity. Thus the atonement was made. Nor is there anything to forbid the belief that the atoning agonies of Jesus possess as great value as if his divinity had been capable of suffering and had really suffered. The merits of his death grow out of the divine element in the twofold constitution of his person. Were this element abstracted, his death would be nothing more than a martyr's death, whereas the Scriptures represent it as an atoning death. In this aspect it is unlike all other deaths, it is unique, and clothed with a glory all its own. Now, if the worth of Christ's sacrifice arises chiefly from the dignity of his person, while the dignity of his person grows out of his divinity, and is inseparable from it, who can set limits to the value of his atonement when divinity is the chief factor in the creation of that value? Must it not be by a sublime logical necessity, infinite? Must not its merits be exhaustless? It cannot be too earnestly insisted on that the strongest proof of the value of Christ's atonement is furnished by the dignity of his person as the God-man; and this suggests by contrast the worthlessness of those schemes of theology, so called, which deny the Deity of Christ. A denial of this fundamental truth leads to a denial of the doctrine of atonement. For if Christ is not divine, he could not become the Substitute for sinners, and substitution is indispensable to atonement. To reject the divinity of Jesus is a virtual rejection of every truth pertaining to a sinner's salvation. The acknowledgement of Thomas was, "My Lord, and My God."

### THE EXTENT OF THE ATONEMENT

I only have time left to briefly present the reach of the atonement, and lest my time should run out, I want to stress this truth. We must either acknowledge an objective fullness in the atonement of Christ for the salvation of the whole world, were the whole world to believe in him, or, in opposition to Scripture and common sense, confine our invitations to believe to such persons as have believed already. The sufficiency of the provisions of the atonement for the salvation of all the world is the only doctrine which harmonizes with the commission of Christ to the apostles; "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mk. 16:16. According to this scripture, salvation through the gospel, is to be offered to all men, or the whole human family. But the fearful intimation is that some will not believe, and through unbelief will incur damnation. It must then be the duty of all to believe. Faith is said to be "in his blood", that is, it involves reliance on the atonement made by his blood. If then, it is the duty of all men to believe, and if faith implies reliance on the atonement, and if the atonement was made for a part of

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proclaim the truth but they defended it when they were called on. And we have many today that are able ministers of God's word, they have studied the word of God.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." I Peter 3:15  
 "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

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." ITim. 3:14,15,16,17

Every man of God should be (APT) able to teach, and seek the ability to deliver his message to his Congregation. Make full proof of thy ministry. Amen

## ATTENTION!

### A BALANCED MINISTRY

By J. H. Smith

EDITOR'S NOTE: (Due to other lengthy articles in this issue, the monthly article "A Balanced Ministry" by Bro. Smith will be continued in April).



the race only, it follows that it is the duty of those for whom no atonement was made to rely on that which has no existence. This is an absurdity. Now if Christ did not die for all, and if it is the duty of all to believe in him, it is the duty of some - those for whom he did not die - to believe an untruth. This also reduces the matter to an absurdity, for it cannot be the duty of anyone to believe that which is not true. We must either give up the position that it is the duty of all men to believe the gospel, or admit that the atonement of Christ has reference to all men.

Such is the extent of the atonement, that salvation is offered to all men; nor dare we question God's sincerity in making the offer. While the atoning merit of the blood of Christ is infinite, its saving efficacy is restricted to its application. We may therefore say of the atonement that it is so general that all are saved who "come to God" by Christ, and so limited that none are saved who do not "come to God" through the Mediator, "the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all." I Timothy 2:5,6.



# Ordination Service



Pictured above are, l. to. r., Edler Hilman Duncan, pastor of Gateway Church, Mrs. Hilman Duncan; Deacon Gary Duncan, Mrs. Gary Duncan; Elder Brad Adams and Mrs. Brad Adams; Deacon Lewis Dotson and Mrs. Lewis Dotson.

On Sunday, January 11, 1981, there was an ordination service held at Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, McGavock and Lakeland, Donelson, Tenn. Bro. Brad Adams was ordained to the full work of the ministry. He had been called to the pastorate of Trammel Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. Bro. Lewis Dotson and Bro. Gary Duncan were ordained as deacons.

A large number of Baptist Churches in Tennessee and Kentucky were represented in the presbytery by 20 ministers and 28 deacons.

Elder Hilman Duncan, pastor of Gateway Church, was elected as moderator; Elder Don Curtis served as clerk; and Elder Burton Massey presented the candidates to the presbytery. The interrogation was led by Elder H. C. Vanderpool, followed by the ordination prayer which was prayed by Elder Henry Smith. The charge to the newly ordained minister was given by Elder D. W. Story, father-in-law of the brother ordained. Elder Paul W. Bryson gave the charge to the new deacons. The charge to the church was given by Elder A. G. Gregory, and Elder William E. Massey presented the Bible to the three ordained brethren.

A large crowd, using additional seats, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship while taking care of the Lord's business through Gateway Missionary Baptist Church. Bro. Duncan and the church made all to feel welcome and the ties of Christian fellowship was strengthened through this work. May the Lord's blessings continue upon this church and all the newly ordained brethren in their respective fields of labor for the Master of the vineyard.

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WJNL - Johnstown, PA., \$240.00; CATV - Huntsville, AL., \$170.00; KXIX - Victoria, TX., \$400.00; WRIP - Rossville, GA., \$340.00; KLOC - Modesta, Calif., \$340.00; THETA - Santa Monica, Calif., \$60.00. Total for four telecasts, \$1,550.00. Total for five telecasts, \$1,745.00. Tapes each week are \$18.00 each.

Since our last financial report we have been supported by 65 churches intermittently, supported by 22 churches on regular basis, and a number of different individuals.

The camera that was in use by the Old Fashion Gospel Hour (Sony camera) had a burnt bulb in December and also did not present a picture that was good enough to be shown on some of the network stations. This camera was traded for a better camera at a cost of \$1,500.00. This cost the Old Fashion Gospel Hour telecast \$750.00. Bro. Pitt, the co-ordinator, and Bro. Massey, the cameraman, are taking the responsibilities for the other \$750.00.

Camera and tape player repair for the months of September, October, November, and December, \$775.00.

One profession of faith in Christ since our last report.

We continue to receive many letters from across the country where the telecast is aired.

Account up to date in bank, \$1,704.76.

On December 28, 1980, East Main elected a new treasurer for the Old Fashion Gospel Hour telecast. He is Bro. J. C. Frye and your contributions should be sent to this address: Route #1, Insurance Bldg., Hartsville, TN 37074.

Billy J. Shoulders, Treasurer  
 Bobby E. Pitt, Co-ordinator

Bro. Shoulders submitted his resignation to East Main December 28th. I appreciate the good job he has done in keeping the records.

Bobby E. Pitt



Lord, teach us to pray.

LUKE 11:1

