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ORDAINED



Bro. Bob Pitt was ordained to the full-work of the ministry by East Main Street Missionary Baptist Church, Hartsville, Tenn. on Saturday, May 9. The all-day service began at 10:00 A.M. and a bountiful meal was provided and enjoyed by those in attendance.

Elder Harold D. Linville served the presbytery as moderator. Elder H. C. Vanderpool served as clerk. The ordination sermon was preached by Elder Paul Bryson. The candidate was presented to the presbytery by Elder Morris Cothron and the interrogation was led by Elder A. G. Gregory. The ordination prayer was led by Elder Charles Patterson. After the "laying on of hands" Elder William E. Massey gave the charge to the newly ordained brother. Elder

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM JAPAN



Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Readers:

With joy and thanks we send you our christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Japan.

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Kenneth Davis gave the charge to the church. The Bible was presented to Bro. Pitt by Deacon Sam Oldham.

A large number of churches from Tennessee and Kentucky were represented in the presbytery by a goodly number of deacons and preachers. Elder Harold D. Linville is pastor of East Main Street Church. Elder Pitt had been called to the pastorate of Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Manchester, Tenn. He has been the co-ordinator of the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast for several years and continues in that work along with his pastorate.

PASTOR AND DEACONS

By
Don H. McDonald
Warren, Michigan



The beginning of this article could be called the Lord's Church. They are not essential for its existence, but they are necessary to its well being.

If the Church expects to grow and prosper it must obey the laws handed down by its head—Christ.

The New Testament teaches that the pastors and deacons are the only two permanent officers of the Church. Paul in his writings said, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Eph. 4:11, 12. Pastors or teachers, the same brethren, are the permanent spiritual officers of the Church. The office of a deacon is permanent and the only way he can cease to be a deacon is if he is excluded or by death.

We would like to discuss these two important offices in their proper order.

What are the qualifications of a pastor? Well, we want to call your attention to the word of God. "This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good

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CALLED TO MEMPHIS PULPIT

Elder and Mrs. Raymond Hargis

Elder Raymond Hargis of East Peoria, Illinois was recently called to the pastorate of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Yale Road, Memphis, Tenn. He had served Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Washington, Ill., about ten years, beginning in 1969. Elder Larry Taylor succeeds him at that church, following



Bro. Hargis' resignation some time ago.

Elder Delbert Compton had been serving the Memphis church before his resignation a few months ago. Elder and Mrs. Hargis are in the process of moving onto the Memphis field. They have a son and a daughter, both married, and four grandchildren, all living in Illinois.

Full usefulness depends on new thoughts and new horizons. Life must look to the future, not to the past.

NEW MISSION IN NASHVILLE

A new Baptist Mission is to begin in Nashville, Tenn. on Sunday, July 5. It is located in the northwest area of the city and will be known as West Nashville Missionary Baptist Mission, meeting at Cohn High School, 4800 Park Avenue. Your prayers, financial help or any other assistance from anyone, will be appreciated.

The work will be under the direction of Evangelist Nick Nicholas, 3024 Richmond Hill Drive, Nashville, TN 37207. You may also reach him by phone at (615) 228-0857.

HAUSER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

By
Vernon Roark
North Bend, Oregon



Having a deep and unending desire to inform those churches and individuals who have shown an interest in the Lord's cause here in Oregon by their prayers and financial support I take this opportunity to publish a brief report, and history of Hauser Missionary Baptist Church, and my weak efforts to serve as her pastor.

In the early 50's, Baptist

Brethren coming to this north-western community from MO. were hard pressed to find a place to worship the Lord according to true Baptist principles they had been taught.

On the 9th of July 1961 in a workshop owned by Bro. Bill Potts, these brethren met for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Baptist Church. The following is taken from the minutes of this church, dated July 9th, 1961.

"After having held mission services for about a year, and after much prayer and supplication for the leadership of the Lord, these Brethren sent to

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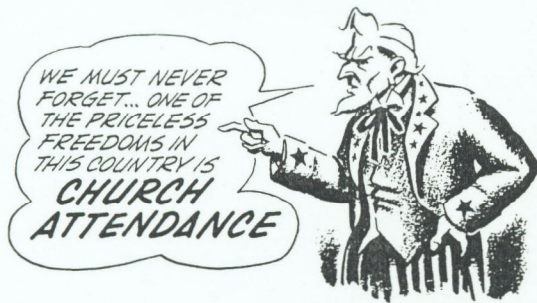
MO, for churches to send their ordained brethren to assist them in organizing a Baptist Church. The following brethren came and a council of recognition was formed consisting of Bro. Granvill Budd, Tri County Association Missionary, Bro. C. E. Salsman, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Bolivar MO. Bro. Don Lumpkin, from MO. and Bro. Richard Salesman.

"Bro. Granvill Budd was elected to preach the Organization sermon in the afternoon, and to be the Moderator. After singing and prayer, Bro. Budd delivered a soul stirring message from the 17th Chapter of St. John with the 22nd verse for a text. After a good sermon, letters of membership were read from the Providence Missionary Baptist Church in MO. for Bro. Don Lumpkin, Bro. Garren Lumpkin, Sister Mattie Lumpkin, and Sister Reva Potts. Each of the four came forward, joined hands, and told the experience of their travels from nature to Grace. The church covenant was read, with each one vowing to uphold this agreement. A charge was then given by Bro. Salsman. Afterward prayer was offered to God for His providential care to rest upon this body, by Bro. Salsman. The council then voted them to be a true Missionary Baptist Church. The council was then dissolved.

"An invitation for members was given, and while singing "Blessed Assurance," Bro. Bill Potts and Bro. Dave Zimmerman came forth by experience and Baptism. After telling their experience, the church voted to authorize their baptism. Motion was made and carried that Elder Don Lumpkin serve as moderator of the

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Revival Reports

Harvest Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. Two saved and three additions to the church. Pastor Landon C. Long was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN. Four saved and three additions to the church. Pastor William Shoulders was assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. One saved and one addition to the church. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder Neal Forshee.

NOTICE

If anyone has a copy, or copies, of the reprinted "History of The Welsh Baptists" by J. Davis, please let me know by letter or phone at the above address or phone number. I have people wanting these books. - Editor

HOMECOMING

There will be all-day homecoming services at Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, McGavock and Lakeland Dr., Donelson, Tenn. on Sunday, July 26. Sunday school at 9:45 A.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. by the pastor, Elder Hilman Duncan. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

There will be singing in the afternoon including the Inspirational Trio, the featured singers. Everyone is invited to attend. The revival begins that night. See revival announcements next page.

REVIVALS

FRIDAY - JULY 10
 Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Tenn. Pastor James Shoulders is to be assisted by Elder Edgar Copeland. The public is invited.

SUNDAY - JULY 12
 Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Highway, Lafayette, Tenn.

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behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity, (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 1 Tim. 3:1-7.

Now then we notice that he is referred to as an undershepherd. The Lord Jesus being "The great shepherd of the sheep" says to his undershepherd to "Feed my sheep", "Feed my lambs". Jesus spoke these words to the apostle Peter after He had questioned Peter three times "Lovest thou me"? Jesus is plainly saying to Peter that if you don't love me I cannot entrust you with my spiritual sheep and lambs. Of course the love of God MUST be regarded as the supreme qualification of the pastor. All other qualifications are worthless or of no value if love is absent.

What is the work of the pastor? Paul says "If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." Yes this is truly a good work, but also a rewarding work as well. There is nothing more rewarding or satisfying than working in the vineyard of God and seeing lost souls being saved by the grace of God. The salvation of the soul of lost people are to be the first priority in the heart and mind of the pastor and the church members if success is accomplished.

The word "BISHOP" comes from the greek word "EPISKOPOS" which means, an overseer, a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian, or superintendent. Also, the superintendent, head or overseer of any christian church. Thayer pp 243. See Acts 20:28; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:7.

Under the foregoing statement we are not to suggest or even imply that the bishop or pastor having charge over a number of churches in a certain district or area. A bishop was a pastor of a Church, and the New Testament is far from encouraging a plurality of churches under one pastor, but we can find in at least two instances of a plurality of pastors in one church. See Acts 20:28; Phil. 1:1.

It is plain, therefore, that a pastor's work is the spiritual oversight of the flock, the church he serves. He must care for the sick and the feeble as well as the healthy and the strong. Some he will be able to feed with strong meat of the

word and others on the sincere milk of the word. Young converts are to be nourished along and then as they grow, be fed on the strong meat of the word. This is to be done with much love and concern on the part of the pastor if he expects them to grow in the doctrine. I'm sure that each individual can relate back to the time he or she got saved and then see how our pastors began to teach us on the simple things with their love and concern for our growth in the word and doctrine. I can well remember that after I got saved how my former pastors helped me and the utmost concern for me. Today, I am most appreciative of their work and labor of love in the word.

We notice in 2 Tim. 2:15 the pastor must "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". To rightly divide the word of truth depends much upon the prayerful study and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. If these are neglected, the pastor will find himself wanting for spiritual leadership among the flock.

The administration of the ordinances as well as the preaching the word of God is the proper, yes proper, business of the pastor. He does this by virtue of the office he holds in the church.

Now then we want to consider the authority of the pastor. He is to rule in accordance with the law of Christ. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the lord, and to admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake". 1 Thess. 5:13. Also, "Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine". 1 Tim. 5:17. Also, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God". Heb. 13:7. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls, as they must give account". Heb. 13:17.

In these scriptures, the pastors are entrusted with authority not belonging to any other church member. He is not to rule with an iron fist or dictatorship. He is not to be the boss of the church but to be the servant of the church. Sometimes he will be asked to give advice on various matters and he should do so if he is acquainted with those matters. Churches in choosing their pastor should do so voluntarily and by love show him respect in the performance of his duties.

Also, while the proper exercise of pastoral authority is essential to the spiritual welfare of the church, pastors should be careful of trying to assume powers or authority which do not belong to them but to the church. "Neither as being

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Pastor J. B. Shoulders is to be assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville. Services twice daily. Everyone is welcome.

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 214 Maple Street, Madison, Tenn. Pastor Levie Smith is to be assisted by Elder Tom Armstrong. Services daily at 7:30 P.M. You are invited.

FRIDAY - JULY 17

Pennsylvania Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Tommy Ashford is to be assisted by Elder Charlie Watts. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited.

SUNDAY - JULY 19

Old Union Missionary Baptist church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Paul Bryson is to be assisted by Elder Bernard M. Skaggs. Services daily at 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. You are invited to attend.

Brattontown Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Melvin Stinson is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. Services twice daily. Everyone is invited to attend.

Haysville Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Rd., Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Gann is to be assisted by Elder James G. Beal. Services daily at 7:45 P.M. The public is invited.

SUNDAY - JULY 26

Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, McGavock and Lakeland Dr., Donelson, Tenn. Pastor Hilman Duncan is to be assisted by Elder Don Curtis. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend. Homecoming July 26, see announcement in this issue.

Rocky Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Rutledge Lane, Lebanon, Tenn. Pastor Cordell Earps is to be assisted by Elder Edgar Copeland. Services daily at 7:30 P.M. You are invited.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 2

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Henry Smith is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. Sunday night services at 6:00 P.M., and week nights at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Trammel Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. Pastor Brad Adams is to be assisted by Elder D. W. Story. You are invited.

White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor C. B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory. Services nightly at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 921 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor C. B. Hudleston is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane,

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PARMA and WILDER BAPTIST CHURCHES at PARMA, IDAHO

Fifth Annual Old Time Baptist Fellowship Meeting

Friday, July 10th, 11th, 12th
1981

-Everyone Welcome-

The requirements for those Baptist Churches desiring fellowship in this fifth annual Old Time Baptist meeting, and all annual meetings that will follow hereafter, will be as follows:

Each church must be fully in accord with the declaration of the articles of faith and church covenant as set forth in the first edition of J.M. Pendleton's manual for Baptist Churches. Which upholds the doctrines set forth by our Lord for His Church.

FRIDAY NIGHT:

- 7:00 p.m. Singing.
- 7:30 p.m. Message by, Elder Bill Bruce
Alternate, Elder P.D. Ballard
- Saturday Morning:
- 9:00 a.m. Registration of churches attending
and other guests.
- 9:45 a.m. Welcoming address by Bro. Clyde Young
Alternate, Bro. Floyd Sommars
- 10:00 a.m. Come together with singing.
- 10:15 a.m. Get acquainted time. Recognition of
churches, pastors and visiting guests.
- 10:30 a.m. Special singing.
- 11:00 a.m. Message by Bro. Dub Dry
Alternate, Bro. Cletis Powell
- 12:00 noon Lunch at the church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

- 1:30 p.m. Welcoming of visiting churches by
Brother Floyd Sommars.
- 1:45 p.m. Special Singing.
- 2:00 p.m. Open Discussion:
What is salvation as Baptist's believe it today
Elder Cletis Powell, Elder P.D. Ballard
- 2:45 p.m. Panel selected from the floor to answer
questions from the congregation.
- 3:30 p.m. Selection of place for next annual meeting.
Recess until 7:30 p.m. for evening service.
- 7:30 p.m. Come together with singing.
Prayer.
Message by Elder Raymond Ragsdale
Alternate, Elder Lee Bennett.

SUNDAY MORNING:

- 10:00 a.m. Come together with singing.
- 11:00 a.m. Message by Preacher to be selected from
the Floor.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at the church. Dismissed until
7:30 p.m. for evening services.
- 7:30 p.m. Singing and message by preacher selected
from the floor.
Close Meeting with altar service and prayer.

Names and phone numbers to call for places to stay:

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RALPH McDANIEL	722-5235
PLAIS JOHNSON	722-6443
LEE UPSHAW	459-7364

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lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock." 1 Pet. 5:3. They should by all means be an example to their flock and to the community and world as well. The pastor and preachers should conduct themselves in a manner that their influence will be far reaching to those who are well acquainted with them and those who hear of them. The world is looking at him and to him for spiritual guidance, and if he has that good influence, he will be able to help someone. If not, he will be a hinderance to the cause. Also, his work and the work of the church will most surely suffer.

In choosing or calling a pastor, the church should make an indefinite call and if after a sufficient time the work prospers, well. If after a sufficient time there is nothing being accomplished, let them resign.

Now, we would like to call your attention to the office of deacon and see some things about his qualifications and duties. This is the second scriptural office in the Lord's church. You will find the qualifications for a deacon recorded in 1 Tim. 3:8-13. The word "Deacon" comes from the greek word "DIAKONOS" which means ministrant or terms such as, "To be a servant, attendant, domestic; to serve, wait upon. A deacon, one who by virtue of office assigned him by the church, cares for the poor and has charge of and distributes money collected for their use. Thayer, pp 137, 138.

In the book of Acts Ch. 6:1-7 we find the reason and purpose for the church to ordain deacons in the early church. The pastor could not give his time to all that was needed. The church was prompted to ordain deacons because "The number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration." The members of the church at Jerusalem "Had all things common", and the distribution was made out of the common stock "As every man had need". This was probably done first under the immediate direction of the apostles; and the large increase of the church interfered with the impartial distribution of the supplies. The apostles saw that, if they made it their own personal business to "Serve tables" that would greatly hinder their work in its spiritual aspect. They said "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables; wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word". Acts 6:1-4.

The creation of the office of

a deacon suggests or recognizes the duties of the pastor are spiritual; and they should not be burdened with the secular interest of the church. Some have the opinion that the deaconship should be temporary and not permanent. In the first place, they (the church) cannot retract the ordination of the deacons. I do know of some so called churches who ordain deacons and they serve one year. But the conclusion is, that the pastors and deacons are the only permanent scriptural officers of the Lord's church.

The words "Men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom", applied to the first deacons, indicates that they were men of unblimished reputations, an ardent piety, and good common sense. Certainly these qualifications should be sought in all who are to be ordained as a deacon. The phrase, "Full of the Holy Spirit", is an admirable description of fervent, elevated piety; and in their being selected as deacons their spirituality MUST be regarded. They should be "PILLARS OF THE CHURCH", and have the respect of the body.

They are to help the poor and to distribute the charities of the church. Deacons should not perform these duties in a formal manner, but must inquire into the spiritual as well as the worldly circumstances of those who receive the church's gifts. When the occasion arises, they should report such circumstances to the church so that special attention may be given to the various needs. I have experienced people coming to the church building and ask for assistance and was told that "we will go with you and buy groceries for you and your family". They would reply, "NO". They were not sincere in their efforts but wanted financial help for some other means.

Deacons were first appointed to "serve tables", and there are three tables for them to serve: 1. The table of the poor. 2. The table of the Lord. 3. The table of the pastor. The various supplies to enable them to serve are to be furnished by the church.

The deacon should be very much concerned about the poor, the sick and those who are experiencing misfortune. They are also required to prepare and administer the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine. They are to serve the pastor's table. They are not to decide for themselves or for the church how liberally it shall be supplied. The church as a body must make this decision, and every view should be taken when it is done. There may have been instances where that all the pastor was interested in was his salary. If so, he is in the wrong work and place. Should this ever happen, the church

The deacons should be
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Congratulations, Grads!



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"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:1-6

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church and Baptize the candidates. Motion carried that Sister Reva Potts serve as church clerk. At this time the church went to the waters edge and Elder Don Lumpkin Baptized Bro. Bill Potts, and Bro. Dave Zimmerman by the authority of this infant church.

"In a continuation service July 15th Bro. Don Lumpkin was elected as pastor, the New Hampshire Confession of faith was adopted, Motion carried to continue Sunday School, as it was in the Mission, Sister Reva Potts was elected Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried that all funds given to the church, go into Bldg. fund to build a church building."

Bro. Don Lumpkin served as pastor until Oct. 1963. The church was without a pastor from Oct. '63 until March 1967. Bro. Garren Lumpkin was called and after his Ordination served until June 1969. Bro. Richard Salsman was called and served from Aug. 1969 until April 1972. Bro. Garren Lumpkin served again from May to July 1972. From July 1972-Jan. 1974 there was no pastor. At that time Bro. Lloyd Steinshower came and served until Nov. 1978. In July 1979 I, (Vernon Roark) received a call to pastor this church. After I was ordained by Old Union Baptist Church in Warren County, Kentucky, I came and began with the church on the 1st Sunday of Sept. 1979, and remain until this date, May 31st 1981.

In the beginning this church was known as "Old Time Missionary Baptist Church. In later years, the "Old Time" was dropped from her name, but not from her practice. She is now known as Hauser Missionary Baptist Church, and has served faithfully, the Commission given her by our Lord, Matt. 28: 19-20, Baptizing 18 into her fellowship. She has served as a church home for 54 souls on their journey from time to eternity, of which 21 members remain on her roll. She has ordained two, to the office of deacon, date, Feb. 20, 1972. Although the number of souls that have been saved thru the efforts of this Baptist body is unknown, God

is keeping a record and eternity alone will reveal the fruit of her labors.

At this date May 31st, 1981, we are trying to construct Sunday school rooms, which will help us to serve the Lord in a greater capacity. If God be willing, we will begin an effort meeting in the near future, and are much in prayer that God will send a revival, that many lost souls may be saved.

Thru the years of her pilgrimage, this church has suffered the storms of life, thru much pain and hardship. There have been times when it has seemed in vain, but there have been times of refreshing from the Lord, and his children were made strong in weakness. May she ever hold high the blood stained banner of the Lord. "Unto Him Be Glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end."

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solemnly ordained according to the example given in Acts 6:6 "When they prayed, they laid their hands on them". Prayer is in order at all times and all occasions. The laying on of hands is a token of designation to office. Some seems to think the laying on of hands is the conferring of the Holy Spirit on those being ordained, but the first deacons were chosen because they were ALREADY "Full of the Holy Spirit".

Finally, the pastors and deacons hold the two highest offices in the land. Their work, should be done with the greatest concern for the cause of God and to the church for which they serve. The church places the greatest responsibility on the pastor and deacons and they should give their best to the work. The actions of the pastor and deacons should be as stated by our Lord "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven". Matt. 5:16.

REVIVALS

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Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Eugene Brown is to be assisted by Elder Tom Armstrong. Sunday night services at 6:00 P.M., week nights at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

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We enjoy reading the Baptist Banner each month, which Bro. H. C. Vanderpool send us kindly by air mail. We learn a lot out of the paper here in Japan. Thank you Bro. Vanderpool. Recently we have received several letters telling us that they are looking forward to finding our report in the paper. They are the readers of the paper in the States. We appreciate them also. I know I am not a pen man, and my report is poor in English expression, yet, there are many people who want to read my report. True, they encourage us.

I have many things to tell you. I don't know where to begin. At first, I like to tell you of a great joy we had from the Lord two Sundays ago here in Hiroshima. A 19-year-old college girl, Yumi Tanaka, got saved beautifully and made her public profession of faith. That was more than anything. The fact a soul got saved has driven many of difficulties away in our serving the Lord in this pagan land. It is true that soul winning is a key to solve many of problems we face. We would like for you to know you have a part in her conversion, and rejoice with us together in the Lord.

By the end of March, which was the end of our fiscal year, many people moved away from our services, however, Lord brought several people in us. We had seven new people last month, for whom we ask you pray. They are Mrs. Hamanaka and her two daughters; Two high school girls. Okano and Matsunaga; Tim Ervin, a student of Hiroshima University, and his wife, Kazuko. All of them are coming to us regularly. A young couple, Tabatas, who moved to Shobara last March, come to our services on Sundays by train. In order to be in time for our morning preaching service, they have to leave their house by 5:30 to get on the first local train. We ask you pray for Tabatas' salvation in the Lord Jesus. They are so zealous in seeking after the Truth. We also ask you pray for Tanaka, 40-year old gardener; Onishi, college girl; Sister Saeki's father and others that they may get saved, and for a few people

that they obey the Lord by Baptist Baptism soon.

My family and I are fine, for which we are thankful. I was sick last February, by which I suffered bitterly, however, Lord helped me get well soon. The doctor advised me to take more rest time a day than I did before. I have come to the age to have such resting time. Sister Funamoto and Sister Saeki, who lost their mother, have found a good mother in Michiko. Our christian relationship is like a family, and we love to help them in any way. I am thankful for Michiko. She is a great helper. She has not asked me any good clothes and any jewel and others. I haven't given her any ring or anything like that. If she had them, she would give them away to help other people. Last week Michiko and I had a nice time being in Shikoku. I needed to give my wife some nice release being away from Hiroshima. We slept in our station wagon two nights to save high expenses on trip in Japan. We had plans to visit our friends in Shikoku, the Miyoshis, whom I mentioned in my previous report, and other friends. It was a good time. We got home with refreshed mind late Thursday night.

Bro. Coleman Taylor of Faith Baptist Church of Nashville sent us a box some time ago, in which we found Sunday School literature and a copy of Nashville Banner. All of them were interesting to read. We will get some suggestion out of these literature when we make our next Sunday School curriculum. We are holding pretty good Sunday School for children. I have six helpers to hold classes now. Thank your co-operation with prayer.

May 1, we received a very good letter from Bro. Bobby Joe Williams of Hartsville Baptist Church, in which we found a very clear statement on differentiation of family of God, kingdom of God and church of God. I don't think he wrote them on purpose, as it was a simple and ordinary general letter. What I want to say is that they hold such important doctrine all christian must do, and that comes out without any intention even in a letter. Recently one of our brethren, Nagaishi, whom we hoped an old fashioned, and orthodox

Baptist preacher, has left us and gone to a Presbyterian Bible School in Tokyo by ignoring all my recommendations. He secretly contacted with ecumenical churches of the city shaped up by Billy Graham Crusade last October, to which all the churches of the city except us joined. This is the age of number and power and security of the world. That poorly spirited boy dazzled with the security that big mission organization offer, not with the security that Lord gives. Who will obtain and preserve the faith for his lift, which was once delivered unto the saints in this pagan land? We keep standing up for his words. Thanks to the Lord, He set us free from the shock Nagaishi gave us, and gave us new hope in the future that He will give us faithful native preachers to enlarge our work for the Lord. Please join with us in prayer.

Anyway, we would like for you to know we are happy in the Lord's work, we have peace with God, grace from the Lord. We can even enjoy hardness and difficulties for His name sake. What a wonderful life we have in the Lord Jesus Christ!

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A day is a wonderful thing. It is like a great doorway flung wide for you to pass through into all manner of adventures.

—St. Nicholas

Again and again I have been tempted to give up the struggle, but always the figure of that strange man hanging upon the cross sends me back to my task again.

—George Tyrrell

Take time to live—it is the secret of success.

Take time to think—it is the source of power.

Take time to play—it is the secret of youth.

Take time to read—it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time for friendship—it is the source of happiness.

Take time to laugh—it helps lift life's load.

Take time to dream—it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time for God—it is life's only lasting investment.

—Rotary Rambler,
Norton, Kansas