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## ORDINATION

There is to be an ordination service on Saturday, October 17, at Old Time Baptist Church, Elizabeth, West Virginia, when Bro. Philip Creecy is to be ordained to the office of Deacon. Services are to begin at 10:00 A.M.

Elders and Deacons in their fellowship are invited to assist them in this work. The church represents annually in Siloam Missionary Baptist Association. For information you may call Elder Jerry Reynolds, Pastor, at (304) 485-2476; or Bro. Danny Chandler, Clerk, at (304) 665-2533.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ REVIVAL REPORTS

Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Col. A good meeting with one profession of faith. Pastor Otis Jones was assisted by Elder Henry Smith.

Drakes Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. There were three professions of faith with seven additions. Pastor D. W. Story was assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Two saved and four additions to the church. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ SILOAM

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association is to convene in its 29th annual session with Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. on October 2-3. Services the first day are to begin at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected at the last session were, Elder W. T. Russell, moderator; Elder Don Curtis, clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, treasurer.

On Friday Elder Doug Curtis is to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Charles Patterson is to preach the Memorial Sermon during the Friday night's service. On Saturday the Doctrinal Sermon is to be preached by Elder Jerry Reynolds.

# PROGRESS REPORT OF MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

## OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

In 1972, Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Matlock Road, Bowling Green, Ky., took action to establish a school for Baptist Ministers. By-laws were written and Trustees appointed for the school which was to be operated by and under the authority of Old Union Baptist Church.

Teachers were selected and the dates set for the first annual session. That first session was conducted March 27, 28, 29, 1973, with twenty-two ministers attending from four states, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio.

The second session was held on March 27, 28, 29, 1974, with twenty ministers attending from five states, Michigan,

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## OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR TELECAST

About four years ago Elder Bob Pitt drove from his home in Hartsville, Tenn. to Crossville, Tenn. where he had a weekly television program on Channel 55 - WCPT. After a year had passed and having paid several thousand dollars in TV time plus other expenses, Bro. Pitt felt he could not continue this work. It was discontinued.

Soon afterward, the manager of the Crossville, Tenn. station called Bro. Pitt offering to run the programs free as requests had been made from viewers for such programming as was offered by true Baptists.

Under the above conditions, Bro. Pitt returned to the work, using Baptist pastors and their churches from week to week, to produce the programs. Opportunities soon came to ex-

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## Missionary Baptist Literature Committee

For many years the matter of our Missionary Baptist Churches writing and distributing our own literature for our Sunday Schools had been discussed in the various Baptist Associations. This was due to the fact that most literature available to us was found to be unsound. No progress had been made, though a number of efforts had been put forth and then ceased.

On October 23, 1976, the last day of the Wiseman Baptist Association while convening with Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., another move was made. Under New Business, Elder H. C. Vanderpool offered the following recommendation to the

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## WHAT MUST I DO?

By  
Arvella Stapleton  
Toledo, Ohio



In my childhood, I heard about Jesus and how you must be born again, in the church we attended. The story of Jesus, who gave his life on the cross of calvary to save sinners, was told by dedicated, loving preachers, deacons, teachers and witnessed by the testimonies of all who were saved in that church. There was no room for doubt as to the message they were giving each time we met to worship. I cannot remember a time in my life as a child when I felt safe and secure. I knew I was lost and if I died that way I would go to Hell! I was taught about the Savior, Heaven and Hell by those who loved me and who also loved the Lord.

It is absolutely necessary to know about God and His plan of salvation. Without this knowledge—it is impossible to be saved. I studied the lessons, listened to the preachers, and read

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I will sing of thy power;  
yea, I will sing aloud of thy  
mercy in the morning: for thou  
hast been my defence and re-  
fuge in the day of my trouble.  
PSALM 59:16

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ENON

The 132nd annual session of the Enon Missionary Baptist Association is to convene with Sunrise Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. on October 9, 10, 11. Services the first day are to begin at 10:00 A.M.

The Introductory Sermon on Friday is to be preached by Elder Gordon Wheeler. The Memorial Sermon is to be preached by Elder James Oliver on Saturday and on Sunday the Doctrinal Sermon is to be preached by Elder William Johnson.

Officers elected last year were, Elder William Johnson, Moderator; Elder J. E. Shoulders, Clerk and Elder James Oliver, Treasurer.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ SOUTHWESTERN

On October 9, 10, 11, the Southwestern District Baptist Association will convene in its 133rd annual session with Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Yale Rd., just north of Bartlett, Memphis, Tenn. Services on Friday begin at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected last year were, Elder Harold Carver, Moderator and Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk.

On Friday, Elder E. F. Prince will preach the Introductory Sermon and on Saturday, Elder Arzell Douglass is to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Elder John Hedges is to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ WISEMAN

The Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association is to convene in its 91st annual session on October 23, 24, with Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank Sts., Nashville, Tenn. Services on Friday are to begin at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected at the last session were, Elder Howard G. Taylor, Moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool Clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treasurer.

On Friday, Elder Guthrie Thompson is to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Edgar Copeland is to preach the Memorial Sermon on Friday night. The Doctrinal Sermon is to be preached on Saturday by Elder J. W. Briley.

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### OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR

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tend these telecasts into other areas. Some of the stations had opportunities to place these telecasts into time periods that they offered free to the public, while others could televise them at a reduced rate. Some stations had to be paid reasonable rates.

However, there being a need of financial support, Missionary Baptist Churches began to send in freewill offering to support the work. Russell Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn., Bro. Pitt's home church, voted to set up a committee to operate under the authority of that church, to sponsor the growing work of the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast.

The Crossville, Tenn. location was somewhat inconvenient to many of our churches which were helping sponsor the work, and also driving a distance to tape the telecasts. Another opportunity came for those in charge of the TV work to purchase the equipment and to do our own taping at our own location.

In the meantime, an Advisory Committee consisting of the moderator, clerk and treasurer of the Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Missionary Baptist Associations, was set up to work, in conjunction with, the TV Committee, but all working under the authority of the sponsoring church which was Russell Hill.

Later on Bro. Pitt became a member of East Main Street Missionary Baptist Church, East Main Street, Hartsville, Tenn., a few blocks from his home. In an agreement, that church voted to assume the

responsibility of sponsoring the TV work, and the transition was made from Russell Hill Baptist Church to East Main Street Missionary Baptist Church.

The old Rutland Baptist Church Building located on Rutland Lane, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. was made available to locate the TV Studios for the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast. The equipment was moved into the building and remains until the present. Several Baptist ministers have worked faithfully from time to time, donating time, money and work to keep the work going. Since I am unable to list ALL those who have helped, I will not try to list the names here. **THE WORK OF ALL HAS BEEN APPRECIATED!**

A taping session is held each Saturday. Sometimes on Sunday if the Saturday schedule does not work out for a church. Many of our Missionary Baptist Churches are supporting this work on a regular basis, some as they are able. A Financial Report of the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast is sent to those churches and also appears Quarterly in this publication. Various Baptist brethren have served the Committee as Treasurer from time to time. At present Bro. J.C. Frye, Insurance Bldg., Highway 25, Hartsville, TN 37074, is the Treasurer. All contributions can be sent to him at the above address.

At the last report, 124 cities in nine states were being reached by the Telecast with a potential of 584,986 homes and 2,339,944 viewers. Some additional stations in Kentucky are being added, this making nine states as one has been omitted: Alabama, California, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas. Listed below is the list of stations and time schedule. We as Missionary Baptists are thankful to God and to all people who have made this progress possible.

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### NEW CHURCH TO BE ORGANIZED

Another Missionary Baptist Church is to be organized on Saturday, October 10, in the Civics Auditorium located on the Old Nashville-Murfreesboro Rd. in Smyrna, Tenn. Services are to begin at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

Elder Edward Rader is the minister in charge, having been assisted by other preachers in the work. Churches of like faith and order are invited to assist in the work. The brethren in this mission would appreciate all the help that can come for this all-day organizational service. Remember them in prayer.

# BIBLE WINES OR THE LAWS OF FERMENTATION

By

William Patton

Editor's Note: (The following article is the second one on this subject. Last month was the first and the author wrote on the "History" of alcoholic beverages and the harm and destruction it had done to human lives and souls, which led him to search many years in holy scripture for the truths found therein. Anyone who has not read that article, should do so before reading this one. The articles were originally written in the last century and have been republished by Pastor M. L. Moser, A Baptist minister in Arkansas.)

After thirty-five years of study and research on the subject, William Patton submitted his works to a Hebrew professor, Seixas, an eminent Hebrew teacher. Upon returning the text to the author, the Hebrew Professor declared to him, "Your discriminations are just; they denote that there were two kinds of wine, and the Hebrew Scriptures justify the view."

### FERMENTATION

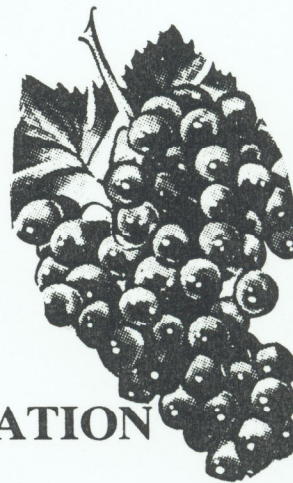
The laws of fermentation are fixed facts, operating always in the same way, and requiring always and everywhere the same conditions.

Donovan, in his work on Domestic Economy (in Lardner's Cyclopaedia), says:

"1. There must be saccharine (sugar) matter and gluten (yeast).

"2. The temperature should not be below 50° nor above 70° or 75°.

"3. The juice must be of a certain consistence. **Thick syrup will not undergo vinous fermentation.** An excess of sugar is unfavorable to this process; and, on the other hand, too little sugar, or, which is the same thing, too much water, will be deficient in the necessary quantity of saccharine matter to produce a liquor that will keep, and for want of more spirit the vinous fermentation will almost instantly be followed by the acetous.



"4. The quantity of gluten or ferment must also be well regulated. Too much or too little will impede and prevent fermentation." Anti-Bacchus, p. 162. Dr. Ure, the eminent chemist, fully confirms this statement of Professor Donovan. - Anti-Bacchus, p. 225.

The indispensable conditions for vinous fermentation are the exact proportions of sugar, of gluten or yeast, and of water, with the temperature of the air ranging between 50° and 75°.

Particularly notice that a "thick syrup will not undergo vinous fermentation, and that an excess of sugar is unfavorable to this process." But it will undergo the acetous, and become sour. This our wives understand. For, when their sweetmeats ferment, they do not produce alcohol, but become acid, sour. This is not a secondary, but the first and only fermentation-by the inevitable law that where there is a superabundance of saccharine matter and more than 75° of heat, then the vinous fermentation does not take place, but the acetous will certainly and immediately commence. It may be well to notice just here a few items in relation to the production of alcohol.

Count Chaptal, the eminent French chemist, says, "Nature never forms spiritous liquors; she rots the grape upon the branch; but it is art which converts the juice into (alcohol) wine." - Bible Commentary, p. 370.

Professor Turner, in his Chemistry, says of alcohol, "It does not exist ready formed in plants, but is a product of the vinous fermentation." - Bible Commentary, p. 370.

Adam Fabroni, an Italian writer, born 1732, says, "Grape-juice does not ferment in the grape itself." - Bible Commentary, p. 39.

Dr. Pereira (Elements of Materia Medica, p. 1221);

speaking of the manufacture of wine, says: "Grape-juice does not ferment in the grape itself. This is owing not (solely) as Fabroni supposed, to the gluten being contained in distinct cells to those in which the saccharine juice is lodged, but to the exclusion of atmospheric oxygen, the contact of which, Gay Lussac has shown, is (first) necessary to effect some change in the gluten, whereby it is enabled to set up the process of fermentation. The expressed juice of the grape called must (mustum), readily undergoes vinous fermentation when subjected to the temperature of between 60° and 70° F. It becomes thick, muddy, and warm, and evolves carbonic acid gas." - Nott, London Edition, F. R. Lees, Appendix B, p. 197.

Professor Leibig, the eminent chemist, remarks: "It is contrary to all sober rules of research to regard the vital process of an animal or a plant as the cause of fermentation. The opinion that they take any share in the morbid process must be rejected as an hypothesis destitute of all support. In all fungi, analysis has detected the presence of sugar, which during their vital process is NOT resolved into alcohol and carbonic acid; but, after their death, from the moment a change is their color and consistency is perceived, the vinous fermentation sets in. It is very reverse of the vital process to which this effect must be ascribed." "Fermentation, putrefaction, and decay are processes of decomposition." - Bible Commentary, 39.

### FERMENTATION PREVENTED

Professor Donovan, in his work on Domestic Economy, mentioned three methods by which fermentation could be prevented:

"1. Grape-juice will not ferment when the air is completely excluded.

"2. By boiling down the juice, or, in other words, evaporating the water, the substance becomes a syrup, which if very thick will not ferment.

"3. If the juice be filtered and deprived of its gluten, or ferment, the production of alcohol will be impossible." - Anti-Bacchus, P. 162.

Dr. Ure, the eminent chemist, says that fermentation may be tempered or stopped:

"1. By those means which render the yeast inoperative, particularly by the oils that contain sulphur, as oil of mustard, as also by the sulphurous and sulphuric acids.

"2. By the separation of the yeast, either by the filter or subsidence.

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3. By lowering the temperature to 45°. If the fermenting mass becomes clear at this temperature and be drawn off from the subsided yeast, it will not ferment again, though it should be heated to the proper pitch." - Anti-Bacchus, p. 225.

Baron Liebig, in his Letters on Chemistry, says: "If a flask be filled with grape-juice and made air-tight, and then kept for a few hours in boiling water, THE WINE does not now ferment." - Bible Commentary, 37. Here we have two of the preventives, viz., the exclusion of the air, and the raising of the temperature to the boiling point.

The unalterable laws of nature, which are the laws of God, teach these stern facts:

- 1. That very sweet juices and thick syrups will not undergo the vinous fermentation.
2. That the direct and inevitable fermentation of the sweet juices, in hot climates with the temperatures above 75°, will be the acetous.
3. That to secure the vinous fermentation the temperature must be between 50° and 75°, and that the exact proportions of sugar and gluten and water must be secured.
4. That all fermentation

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may be prevented by excluding the air, by boiling, by filtration, by subsidence, and by the use of sulphur.

(Continued next month. Subject: Did The Ancients Use Methods to Preserve The Juices Sweet?)

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

REVIVALS

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4

McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell. Sunday night services are to begin at 6:00 P.M. and week-nights at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 109 North, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor C. L. (Dee) Russell is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 11

West End Missionary Baptist Church, West Main St., Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor William E. Massey is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter. The public is invited to attend.

Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, 1724 N. Lindsay, Kokomo, Ind. Preaching will be by the pastor, Elder Charles Chapman. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18

Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church. Located 3 miles south of Lafayette, Tenn. in Macon, County, on Highway 10. Pastor Harold D. Linville is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. Elder Tommie Lankford is to direct the singing. Everyone is invited to attend.

Literature Committee

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Association:

October 23, 1976

1. Let five pastors of the Association be appointed as a committee to study the possibility and feasibility of getting writers to write Sunday School literature to be used by our churches.

2. That the committee consider getting the literature

written and printed, and not to consider the buying of expensive printing presses.

3. That the committee take a survey of Missionary Baptist Churches to ascertain the volume of publications and their distribution.

4. That this committee report on this matter at the 1977 annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

Moved and carried that this recommendation be adopted.

A motion was made that the moderator appoint the five pastors to that committee. Motion carried.

The five appointed were Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Elder Harold D. Linville, Elder Howard G. Taylor, Elder Charles R. Moore and Elder A. G. Gregory.

The moderator asked the Association to approve his appointments. A motion was made that the five brethren appointed by the moderator be approved to serve as the Sunday School Literature Committee. The motion carried.

January 4, 1977

The committee appointed at the Wiseman Baptist Association, as given above, met at Gallatin, Tenn. on January 4, 1977. At that meeting it was unanimously agreed, after much discussion of the matter, that some given church which represents annually in the Wiseman Baptist Association, should sponsor the literature work, that on the same principle of missionary work, Baptist Schools, etc. the work would be sponsored and carried on under church authority. New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tennessee, being the oldest church in the Association was selected as the church to sponsor this work.

January 23, 1977

The recommendation of this committee was presented to New Bethel Baptist Church in regular Business Meeting on January 23, 1977. New Bethel Baptist Church unanimously accepted the recommendation and a committee composed of five members of the church known as "Missionary Baptist Literature Committee" was appointed and was authorized to get writers, have literature printed and distributed to the churches.

October 22, 1977

On October 22, 1977, the last day of the Wiseman Baptist Association, while convened with Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn., the Associational Committee on the literature which was appointed one year before, made the report on the progress of the work as given above.

A motion was offered to retain the five-member Associational Literature Committee for another year to work with the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee in any way it could. The motion carried.

October 21, 1978

On October 21, 1978, the Associational Literature Committee reported to the Association while convened with McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. that a report from the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee revealed that 49 of our churches in six states ordered and used the literature for the Spring Quarter. There were 60 churches that had ordered the literature for the Summer Quarter and 61 churches ordered for the Fall Quarter. That orders were then being received for the Winter Quarter which would complete the first year of the publication and distribution.

It not being necessary to retain the Associational Committee, the work was continued with the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee which operates under the authority of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

October 1, 1981

At this date, October 1, 1981, our churches are in the third quarter of the fourth year of our Sunday School literature. Writers are writing on the fifth year of lessons. For this Quarter, 84 churches in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Colorado, Tennessee, Michigan, Oregon, Ohio and Georgia ordered our literature.

We have churches which have ceased using Convention literature and that from Texarkana and Little Rock. This is very encouraging and we are thankful to the pastors and churches who have had enough love and care for themselves and their children to make the change. They do not wish to use literature written and published by people they will not fellowship in the church ordinances, in the pulpit or the altar!

We have churches each quarter changing to our literature, saying they are sick of the rotten teachings in what they have been using that's being printed for their children to read! We have plans now to expand our literature work and are looking forward to great things for our true Missionary Baptist Churches in the future. THANKS TO ALL STAFF WORKERS, WRITERS, PRINTERS, MAILERS AND SUPPORTERS. Let us all continue together in prayer, money and practice of this important project.

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## SCHOOL

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Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The third session of the school was conducted on March 26, 27, 28, 1975, with thirty-nine in attendance from six states, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, West Virginia, Michigan and Indiana.

On March 24, 25, 26, 1976, the fourth annual school session was held with sixty-two ministers attending from seven states, West Virginia, Michigan, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Indiana and Tennessee.

The fifth school was convened on March 30, 31, April 1, 1977. Sixty-six preachers from Kentucky, Tennessee, California, Georgia, Michigan, Indiana and Alabama were in attendance.

For various reasons and situations, there were not as many ministers able to attend the sixth session which was conducted for four days instead of three. This sixth school gathering was on March 28, 29, 30, 31, 1978, when forty-three attend from Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia, Alabama, Michigan and Georgia, seven states.

On March 28, 29, 30, 1979, the Old Union Baptist Ministers School was attended by sixty-eight ministers from nine states as follows: California, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia. This was the seventh annual session.

The eighth session was conducted on March 27, 28, 29, 1980, when ninety-one preachers attended from nine states, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, West Virginia, Georgia, Ohio and Michigan.

On March 25, 26, 27, 1981, the school convened for its ninth assembly. The largest number of states were represented of any year since the beginning of the school. There were eighty-eight ministers in attendance from ten states: Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio,



### ARAB WELL

In many Arab villages throughout Galilee and Samaria, water is still drawn in the ancient fashion from the village well. It is a common meeting place where women gather and gossip before carrying home on their heads the containers filled at the well.

### DAD'S OLD BIBLE

Now that little book has been tucked away  
But so many times we heard Dad say  
Children always walk in the right way  
And from the old paths don't ever stray

Thank you Lord for the memory of Dad  
And that little book that he had  
Now there is a big new one in its place  
But those tear stained pages will never be erased.

All the memories that flood my mind  
When we go home from time to time  
And take a look at that little old book  
And all the marked pages where Dad looked

Now we are strong in the faith today  
Because he read it everyday  
And though theres a new one in it's place  
The memory of that book can never be replaced

Thank you Lord for the memory of Dad  
Thank you Lord for the love we had  
Thank you for your Gospel book  
That gives us comfort if we only take  
the time to look.

In memory of Edmond Towns  
Born: August 25, 1908  
Died: May 10, 1962

By his daughter Libbie T. Gregory

Indiana, West Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Idaho, California and Georgia.

Several years ago, some of our oldest preachers discussed the need of such a school and we feel they would be proud of this school and the progress it has made in these past nine years.

Discussions have been under way in recent months to extend the time of the classes offered, or to begin an additional session which would offer greater opportunities for ministers. Any developments on this matter will be carried through this publication.

### WHAT MUST I DO?

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the Bible. In my mind—I knew and loved the Lord. I was acquainted with Him and He also knew me. Many, many times (for years) I went to the altar seeking salvation, but went away unsaved; because, I did not know how to find Jesus. True conviction had not set up in my heart. Even though I realized I was lost, wanted to be saved, went to the altar seemingly heartbroken, true conviction was not in my being! I thought it was—but NO—it was not! I was lost and knew I was lost, I wanted to be saved because I was afraid to die without Jesus Christ as my protector.

When true conviction did come to me, my whole being was upset. My whole life was tormented every day and every night. All my thoughts were given over to "what must I do to be saved?" Then and only then, could I cry out from the depths of my soul, "OH, God Please save me!" The Holy Spirit came into my life and stayed with me. He showed me how sinful, despicable, filthy, useless, unloveable, and intolerable I was to Christ Jesus. When I could see, for myself, all these traits I possessed then I could sincerely call upon the Lord to save me.

Sorrow such as I had never known was within me. What a miserable person I was! Why would the Lord Jesus bother with such as I? How could our loving Savior bear to look upon such a creature as I have described to you? Within my soul, I cried to Him, "please forgive all these horrible traits I have found within me".

On my knees I cried and prayed to Him. It seemed He never heard my cries or prayers. I promised to live for Him as perfect as possible, I promised to quit all wrongdoing—all to no avail. Finally, true repentance came, while in prayer I gave myself to Him, just as I was, without anything to offer. Just myself—willing to

accept whatever fate he would give to me, to give any possession I owned, ready for death if He required it. All He asked of me was, myself, willing to say from the heart, "Thy Will Be Done".

This is true repentance from the heart and soul of a person who believes and seeks God for forgiveness and salvation. Finally, I understood while upon my knees in prayer. The Holy Spirit comes into the heart at the bidding of Jesus. We do not see the Holy Spirit visibly but by faith, for God's word says in St. John, Chapter 3: "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, but that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I say unto thee Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound there of, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: So Is Everyone That Is Born of The Spirit."

As this new birth took place, my heart and soul was changed. God took out the heart of stone and placed within me a new heart of flesh. Then He took up residence within me and sealed my soul until the day of redemption. Forevermore—I am His and He is mine. Upon this occasion I received total salvation. **Eternal Life!**

By God's mercy and grace we are saved, never to be lost anymore. Because Jesus is on the right hand of God, pleading for our soul and has sent the Holy Spirit into the world to plead with us to come now—while there is yet time to believe. Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart while Jesus is bidding the Spirit to knock at your heart's door. Receive Him now before it is too late.

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The true Christian is a person who is right side up in a world that is upside down.

## Atheist O'Hair's Son Writes About His Conversion

NASHVILLE, Tenn (RNS)—The son of the nation's foremost atheist has signed to publish a book about his conversion from militant atheism to Christianity.

In the book, William J.

Murray, son of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, documents his turbulent life as an atheist, including his role as the 14-year-old plaintiff of record in the 1963 Supreme Court decision banning prayer from public schools.

A spokesman at Thomas Nelson headquarters said that the amount of the contract was confidential, but the book is

expected to be the biggest seller in the 1982 catalogue.

At the time of his conversion to the Christian faith last year, Mr. Murray was working with his mother on new lawsuits to remove the "under God" phrase from the Pledge of Allegiance and the "In God We Trust" inscription on coins.

He has since repudiated his former atheist activism and that of his mother. He now

participates in a movement to reinstate prayer in the public school classroom.

In the book, Mr. Murray describes his mother's involvement in Marxist political parties and her unsuccessful attempt to defect with her two sons to the Soviet Union. He also charts his own similar political crusades as well as his former drug-taking habits and emotional instability.