

Baptist Banner



Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
Psalms

that it may be displayed because of the truth.
60:4

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

By

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Davisville, W. VA.

(Editor's Note: This is the third and final article of this series on this subject. Bro. Reynolds' time and efforts in furnishing this important material is appreciated).

PART 5 - WHAT SYSTEM?

How shall we afford a supported ministry? What system shall we use to collect the needed funds? Perhaps no aspect of this subject has been so controversial as this one. Any method which will fulfill that which God has ordained by providing adequate support for the ministers who preach the gospel and labor in the word and doctrine is satisfactory, if it be within the guidelines of the Holy Scriptures. It is agreed among us that the expenses of the churches should be met by the donations



of the people of God. If all of us would ask God each week the amount we should give, as earnestly as we ask other knowledge of him, and obey his promptings, there would be an adequate supply so that the gospel would not be hindered. However, this method of collecting

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OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL



The tenth annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School was held on March 24, 25, 26, 1982, at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. There were 83 ministers who attended from California, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Pictured above are most of the brethren attending. They were, Brad Adams, Dexter Bacon, Jr., D. C. Barton, Tim Binion, J. W. Briley, Eugene Brown, Paul Bryson, Timothy Caldwell, Ophie Carr, Harold Carver, Charles Chapman, Paul Cofer, Del Compton, Ronald Cook, Morris Cothron, Don

Curtis, Doug Curtis, Kenneth Davis, Arzell Douglas, Danny Edwards.

Gary Fisher, Neal Forshee, Terry Foster, Ronald Galloway, Charles Gammon, Bobby Gann, Billy Wayne Green, Gary Green, Jack Green, A. G. Gregory, Truman Hedges, Lewis Holland, Jimmy Hogue, William House, C. B. Huddleston, Rex Hunt, Richard Huskins, H. D. Kearby.

F. W. Lambert, Landon C. Long, Terry Lyles, Don McDonald, Benny Maggart, W. E. Massey, Carlton Meador, Barry Meador, Floyd Mince, Billy Moran, Kent Parson, Charles Patterson, Calvin Perrigo, Bobby Pitt, Willie Phillips, Donald

Joe Porter, Eugene Porter, James "Pete" Porter, E. F. Prince.

Jerry Reynolds, Vernon Roark, C. L. Russell, W. T. Russell, Leon Sherron, Bernard Skaggs, Marcus Sherfey, Terrell Simmons, Homer Allen Smith, L. W. Smith, J. H. Smith, William Shoulders, Ronnie W. Stewart, Kenneth Stapleton, D. W. Story, Jimmy Suttle, Ray Sutton, Howard G. Taylor, Grover Thompson, James Randall Thompson.

H. C. Vanderpool, Richard Vineyard, Edgar L. White, Jay Wilburn, Jackie Wilburn, Nathan York.

Teachers during this session were Elders Calvin Perrigo,

Jerry Reynolds, W. T. Russell, J. H. Smith, Howard Taylor and H. C. Vanderpool. This was a very good time of study and fellowship. Lunch was served each day by the sisters of Old Union church. The meeting place for the meals was in the Neel Masonic Hall near the church. The ministers expressed their thanks and appreciation to Old Union Church, the pastor, Elder Paul Bryson and wife and all the members who worked to make this 10th session what it was. A number of ministers' wives attended the fellowship for them and the report on their studies and assembly is given elsewhere in this publication.

Revival Reports

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Washington, Ill. Four professions of faith with four additions to the church. Pastor Larry Taylor was assisted by Elder E. F.

Prince.

Lula Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield, Tenn. Enjoyable services and fellowship. Pastor James Gardner was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

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REVIVALS

SUNDAY - AUGUST 1

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, 306 College St., Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder William E. Massey. Services each night at 7:30. Every-

one is invited.

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor D. W. Story is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. Services nightly at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

There will be a singing on Saturday night, August 28, at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Services are to begin at 7:00 P.M. The Patterson Family of Indiana will be singing. The following day, Sunday, August 29, the church will have all-day services with the regular church services in the morning. Lunch will be served at noon and the Southern Harmony Quartet will sing in the afternoon. Elder Doug Matthews is the pastor. Everyone is invited to these special services.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

On Saturday night, August 28, there is to be a Fellowship Meeting at Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 209 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. Services are to begin at 7:00 P.M. Elder Billy Moran of Bowling Green, Ky. is to preach. Elder Charles Patterson is the pastor. He and the church wish to invite everyone to this meeting.

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"free will offerings" does not seem to work very well when the church is not as spiritual as it ought to be.

Most men, especially in this age of free spending, need some type of system in order to save a few dollars even for their own use. Few people are able to save anything without one. Yet we persist in the impractical course of allowing each person to give spontaneously of what happens to be in his pocket at the moment his heart is moved. In many cases there is nothing to derive the Lord's portion from when the Spirit does grip the heart. It is all spent.

We have an excellent pattern for a system of giving laid out for us in the Old Testament Bible. Many diligent Baptist people have looked to this system as a guideline in the regulation of their voluntary giving of their offerings to the Lord's work. They were not compelled by the church or the ministry to do so. The system of tithes and offerings is a practical one which if made to fairly fit the

ways of our modern life does well as a method of giving. However, at the mention of tithing, although it be left voluntary to each person whether or not to use this method, we have had many able ministers to rise in opposition to this or any plan of proposed systematic giving.

The New Testament instructs each church member to give "as God hath prospered him" (1st Corinthians 16:2), "according to that a man hath" (2nd Corinthians 8:12), and "every man according to his ability" (Acts 11:29). These scripture passages all agree that the giving is to be proportional to the prosperity of the giver. Too often in our churches it is not that way. The rich among us should give the most. That is the purpose of their riches (1st Timothy 6:17-19), though there be but few rich men among us. We are all well aware that some could more easily give twenty percent of their income than others could part with five percent of theirs. When it is done as it should be, the wealthy will give far more than a tithe, while some of the poor might have to look to the church for assistance. Yet this inequality of wealth should offer no excuse for withholding from the Lord, for it was Him who richly praised the poor widow who cast in all that she had.

We are also instructed to "lay by in store," "upon the first day of the week" (1st Corinthians 16:2). The Lord gets his first. He has always demanded the firstfruits of our substance; and be our offerings money, time, energy, or whatever else, God does not accept the part left over as a sacrifice well pleasing unto him. He expects the first and best that we have.

Opposers of systematic giving often say, "Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2nd Corinthians 9:7) I am afraid that often while that rule is followed many give practically nothing. Paul, in this verse, was already aware of the generous intent of the brethren to whom he was writing. This intent they had "purposed in their hearts" as much as a year before. (See 2nd Corinthians 9:2) Many seem to reason that it is better not to give at all than to give "of necessity," but certainly no such ill logic as that is found in the Bible.

I think it reasonable to suppose that any of our Baptist families who have good fortune and a comfortable living could afford a tithe (ten percent) for the Lord. They would be well rewarded for so giving if it would be a willing sacrifice.

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ELDER LANDON C. LONG EVANGELISTIC WORK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seems this last quarter has gone by so fast. I suppose it is because we have been so busy. We are now full time in the work of the Lord. We have traveled many miles in his service.

I concluded my work at Harvest Church on May 9, 1982 and since that have given ourselves fully to the evangelistic work.

During this last quarter I have worked in three revivals, attended fifty-two services, preached thirty-one sermons, witnessed two professions of faith, and baptized three into the fellowship of Harvest Church.

We purchased a 1966 Dodge motor home to use in the work. It needed much repair work but it is now in good condition for the road. I feel it will save us a great deal in expenses as we can eat, sleep and live in it while we are out in the Lord's work.

During the month of August we will be at the following locations:

Sunday night, Aug. 1st - Assist in revival at White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 31W, north of Millersville, Tenn.

Sunday night, Aug. 8th - Assist in revival at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Henry Co., Tenn.

Aug. 29th - Sunday morning service, Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church near Camden, Tenn.

Aug. 29th - Sunday night service, Elk Creek Missionary Baptist Church, near Erin, Tenn.

These are the known services I will be in. I am now trying to secure a number of other places to conduct revival services during this year.

I want to thank all the Churches and individuals who have helped in the support of this work. I especially want to thank Old Paths, New Bethel in Henry Co., Mt. Tabor, Emmanuel, Faith in Nashville, and Harvest who have notified me that they will be monthly supporters of this work.

Pray for us as we give ourselves to the Lord to go where ever the door may be open to us.

Your Bro. and Sister in Christ,
Elder and Sister Landon C. Long
1502 Calvert Ct., West
Gallatin, Tenn. 37066

Following is the report on the financial support for the months of April, May and June.

April:	
Old Paths Baptist Church.....	\$ 20.00
Old Beechbottom Baptist Church.....	47.00
Rayon City Baptist Church.....	50.00
Longview Baptist Church.....	25.00
New Bethel Baptist Church, Henry Co.....	97.06
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.....	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville.....	50.00
Bro. and Sis. Joe Guinn.....	6.00
TOTAL FOR APRIL.....	\$320.06

May:	
White Hill Baptist Church.....	\$ 50.00
New Bethel Baptist Church, Henry Co.....	55.00
Faith Baptist Church, Nashville.....	50.00
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.....	25.00
Old Paths Baptist Church.....	20.00
New Harmony Baptist Church, Logan Co., Ky.....	46.00
South Side Baptist Church, Indianapolis.....	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Franklin, Ind.....	65.00
Bethel Association Fellowship Meeting.....	101.00
Bro. and Sis. Bill Cook.....	200.00
Bro. and Sis. Joe Guinn.....	71.00
Eld. and Sis. Raymond Swallows.....	50.00
Eld. and Sis. Marvin Emberton.....	50.00
Bro. and Sis. Jack Duffer.....	9.00
TOTAL FOR MAY.....	\$842.00

June:	
Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville.....	\$225.00
New Bethel Baptist Church, Henry Co.....	52.25
Faith Baptist Church, Nashville.....	50.00
Harvest Baptist Church.....	200.00
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.....	25.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church.....	33.63
Old Paths Baptist Church.....	20.00
Eld. and Sis. Ansel Jones.....	20.00
Bro. Ward, Louisville, Ky.....	50.00
Bro. and Sis. Joe Guinn.....	16.00
Bro. and Sis. Charles Travis.....	10.00
Bro. and Sis. Tim Caldwell.....	60.25
Sis. Elizabeth Overstreet.....	10.00
Name unknown.....	5.00
TOTAL FOR JUNE.....	\$777.13

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Each Baptist would profit from the exercise of keeping account one year of the amount given to the Lord that he might examine his own deeds to see if he has in truth given "according as the Lord hath prospered him."

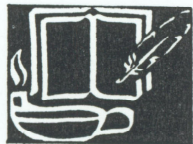
Paul was not ashamed or afraid to refer to the temple worship for his example to justify ministerial support from the offerings brought by the people as a sacrifice to God. He asked, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? EVEN SO hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." (1st Corinthians 9:13)

The gospel ministry is to be supported by the offerings of the church just as the Levites were supported by the temple offerings. Paul made that comparison. "And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve" (Numbers 18:21), said the Lord, and again "But the tithes of the children of Israel which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance," (Numbers 18:24) We are also shown by example what happened when the Levites were not awarded the portion that God gave to them: "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were FLED EVERY ONE TO HIS FIELD. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, WHY IS THE HOUSE OF GOD FORSAKEN? And I gathered them together and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the TITHE OF THE CORN AND THE NEW WINE AND THE OIL UNTO THE TREASURIES." (Nehemiah 13:10-12) Likewise, when the gospel ministry is not given the portion God allotted it, it will be found that the ministers have fled every one to his field (or job) and the question is in order, "WHY IS THE HOUSE OF GOD FORSAKEN?" The Levites comprised a twelfth part of Israel. God made a plan whereby the tithes and offerings of all Israel would adequately keep up the house of God, and its ministers on an equal level with the rest of Israel. It was a practical one. It worked then, and it will work now also. God designed it. Although the New Testament ministers are not commanded to

take tithes of their brethren as the Levites were, the apostle Paul has clearly placed the example of the Levitical ministry before the churches with reference to the support of the gospel ministry. It is an interesting exercise to approximate the ratio of the family members of gospel preachers to total church members in our associations and churches today. Considered as a whole that ratio is remarkably close to the one twelfth ratio of Levites to Israelites. I would not quarrel with any brother about the subject of tithing. I would only ask in light of the facts here presented, "How much would be required of each church member to support the Lord's work in keeping with that which he has ordained?" Voluntary tithing would certainly provide the required finances.

One of the greatest deterrents to generous giving to support the gospel has been the saying, "God doesn't need your money." HE never has! HIS ministers are the ones in need, and God has ordained HIS money, not yours, to support them. What you withhold from God of his due you rob from HIM. I believe that God would instruct each church member what to give if he would seek God's will in prayer. I also believe that in general the combined amount of offerings in all our churches would be sufficient to support the gospel ministry. God is a God of providence; and surely he will not instruct contrary to that he has ordained.

Most of our worthy preachers would be willing to go on indefinitely, warring at their own charges, if they believed that it was God's will for it to be so; but when they feel torn continually between two legitimate responsibilities, neither of which can be fully met, they have a burdensome life which no man and family should be subjected to. It appears that most of our churches which have met the responsibility of supporting the ministry are the same ones which contain a considerable number of members who are convinced of their obligation to give at least a tithe of their increase unto the Lord. God bless those who willingly offer this acceptable sacrifice!



OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR TELECAST

The following is a list of the churches and the amount donated to buy new equipment for the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast. This report is sent in from Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Rd., Lafayette, Tenn. as they were the ones who collected the money for this purpose. Elder Don Curtis is the pastor.

This does not include contributions by churches for the general expenses of the television work, only on the Maple Grove project. The regular report will appear in our next issue.

Meadorville, Macon County, Tenn.....	\$100.00
Beech Bottom, Macon County, Tenn.....	51.50
Town Creek, Lebanon, Tenn.....	100.00
Drakes Creek, Franklin, Ky.....	300.00
Oak Grove, Macon County, Tenn.....	57.51
Buffalo Springs, Bethpage, Tenn.....	75.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dias.....	100.00
New Bethel, Goodlettsville, Tenn.....	400.00
Red Hill, Allen County, Ky.....	50.00
Cedar Bluff, Macon County, Tenn.....	78.60
Rayon City, Old Hickory, Tenn.....	100.00
Days Cross Roads, Macon County, Tenn.....	100.00
New Zion, Macon County, Tenn.....	100.00
Spring Creek, Lafayette, Tenn.....	25.00
Fairview Memorial, Bowling Green, Ky.....	100.00
Piper's Chapel, Portland, Tenn.....	50.00
Defeated Creek, Difficult, Tenn.....	350.00
Brattontown, Lafayette, Tenn.....	100.00
Madison, Madison, Tenn.....	100.00
Mt. Zion, Holland, Ky.....	200.00
Old Paths, Lebanon, Tenn.....	100.00
Antioch, Macon County, Tenn.....	50.00
Mt. Lebanon, Alvaton, Ky.....	200.00
Faith, Bowling Green, Ky.....	200.00
Gateway, Donelson, Tenn.....	200.00
Siloam, Westmoreland, Tenn.....	250.00
Grace, Hendersonville, Tenn.....	50.00
Long Fork, Lafayette, Tenn.....	50.00
Long Creek, Macon County, Tenn.....	25.00
Union Camp, Macon County, Tenn.....	250.00
Maple Grove #2, Lafayette, Tenn.....	495.45
Harvest, Hendersonville, Tenn.....	50.00
Old Macedonia, Allen County, Ky.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$4,508.06
Paired to Technical Industries.....	\$4,314.88
Old Fashion Gospel Hour Fund.....	193.18
Total.....	\$4,508.06

Revival Reports

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El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Nine saved and eight additions to the church. Pastor William Sanford was assisted by Elder Jesse Farley, Jr.

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Maco Dr., Norton, Ohio. One saved with good services and fellowship. Pastor Ronnie Galloway was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Elk Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Erin, Tenn. Nine saved and eight additions to the church. Pastor Benny Maggart was assisted by Elder Jackie Wilburn.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Good services reported. Pastor A. G. Gregory was assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. (Spring Revival) One saved with one addition to the church. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Bro. Horace Head.

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Six saved with ten

additions to the church. Pastor Billy Moran was assisted by Elder Paul Bryson.

OHIO CHURCH TO HAVE SPECIAL SERVICES

On Saturday, August 18, the Bethel Missionary Baptist Associational Fellowship Meeting is to convene with Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Maco Dr., Norton, Ohio. Services are to begin at 2:00 P.M. (E.D.T.). Bro. Steve Perrigo has been invited to preach. There will also be special singing, and the history of the church will be presented.

The church was organized in 1957, and will also be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the church in conjunction with the fellowship meeting. A fellowship meal is planned to be served following the services. Everyone who can is invited to attend. Elder Ron Galloway is the pastor of Liberty church.

MRS. LUCILLE DEASON TO CELEBRATE HER 86TH



Mrs. Lucille Deason

Mrs. Lucille Deason, 411 Bass St., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072, will celebrate her 86th birthday on August 9, 1982. She was born the daughter of William and Ophelia Neely, Williamson County, Tenn. on August 9, 1896.

She was saved when a young lady, and was baptized into the fellowship of New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. by Elder J. C. Leeman. There were 98 baptized at that time. Due to the church records of the early twentieth century being absent, the exact date is not known.

Sister Deason was married to James Deason in early life. He passed away on January 10, 1944. Two daughters were born to this union. One of them, Beulah Mae, died October 28, 1945. The other daughter is Mrs. Dorothy Lucille Green.

Sister Deason is still in good health. She still attends New Bethel Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. She retains her sense of humor, and has many, many friends throughout the Goodlettsville and surrounding communities. Funeral directors at Cole-Garrett Funeral Home in Goodlettsville said no one of the community visited the home and bereaved families there more than Sister Deason. Her address is given above, and her phone number is 859-1427. Cards and calls would be appreciated by her.

- Editor

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. JOHN 14:6



During the 10th annual session of the Old Union Baptist Minister School at Bowling Green, Ky., there was a three-day fellowship and study for the ministers' wives, which was conducted in the Neel Masonic Hall not too far from the church.

Out of the 30 wives attending, most of them are pictured above. Those in attendance from several states were, Mrs. Dexter (Shirley) Bacon, Mrs. D. C. (Evelyn) Barton, Mrs.

Paul (Bernice) Bryson, Mrs. Ophie (Marell) Carr, Mrs. Charles (Linda) Chapman, Mrs. Paul (Shirley) Cofer, Mrs. Ronnie (Sue) Cook, Mrs. Del (Bev) Compton, Mrs. Don (Pat) Curtis, Mrs. Doug (Juanita) Curtis, Mrs. Kenneth (Eva) Davis, Mrs. Terry (Treva) Foster, Mrs. Bobby (Pat) Gann, Mrs. Richard (Virgie) Huskins.

Mrs. Benny (Linda) Maggart, Mrs. W. E. (Evelle) Massey, Mrs. Carlton (Fay) Mea-

dor, Mrs. Floyd (Lovie) Mince, Mrs. Billy (June) Moran, Mrs. Kent (Shirley) Parsons, Mrs. Calvin (Helen) Perrigo, Mrs. Vernon (Pat) Roark, Mrs. Terrell (Shirley) Simmons, Mrs. J. H. (Annie Laura) Smith, Mrs. L. W. (Betty) Smith, Mrs. Ronnie (Kristi) Stewart, Mrs. Grover (Helen) Thompson, Mrs. H. C. (Alta) Vanderpool, Mrs. Richard (Brenda) Vineyard, Mrs. Nathan (Margie) York.

Good spiritual services,

studies and fellowship among these sisters was reported. Those in charge of the studies and discussions were Mrs. Evelle Massey, Mrs. Annie Laura Smith and Mrs. Alta Vanderpool. On Thursday night during the ministers school when Elder Billy Moran preached, the ministers' wives did some group singing which was enjoyed and appreciated.

REVIVALS

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White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Highway, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor C. B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder Landon C. Long. Nightly services at 7:30. You are welcome.

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Eugene Brown is to be assisted by Elder Billy Moran. Services each night at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

Long Fork Missionary Baptist Church, 5 miles east of Lafayette just off Highway 52. Pastor G. W. Knight is to be assisted by Elder Don Curtis. The public is invited. Services each night at 7:30.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 921 East 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor C. B. Huddleston is to be assisted by Elder Jimmy Suttle. Services to be each night at 7:00. Everyone is invited.

FRIDAY - AUGUST 6

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Dobbins Pike, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor W. C. Johnson is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. Services nightly at 7:00. You are invited.

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Pastor Doug Matthews is to be assisted by Elder Bernard Skaggs and Bro. W. G. Massey is to direct the singing. Services each night at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 8

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Corner of College St. and Old Nashville Rd., Smyrna, Tenn. Pastor Edward Rader is to be assisted by Elder Hilman Duncan. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 15

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory. Services each night at 7:15. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 879 Orchard St., Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Charles Stapleton is to be assisted by Elder Thomas Armstrong. Everyone is invited to the services.

Donelson, Tenn. on Sunday night, June 6. The zip code to his above address is 37076, his phone number is (615) 889-4019. Remember him and family in prayer.

Singing School

A Singing School is to be conducted at McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. on the nights of August 2, 4, 6, and 9, 11, 13. Services will begin each night at 7:00. Bro. Don Xavier Hines will be teaching. All churches, pastors, song leaders and the public in general are invited to attend. Two weeks later, on Sunday, August 29, the church will have all-day homecoming services, and singers from the singing school are invited to come and take part, especially in the afternoon singing.

PASTORAL CALL

Harvest Missionary Baptist Church, 192 Curtis Cross Roads, Hendersonville, Tenn. recently called Elder Raymond Swallows to her pastorate. He began his work there on Sunday, June 13, 1982.

Bro. Swallows was ordained by Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, #3, in 1955. In past years he has pastored Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. for 12 years. He succeeds Elder Landon C. Long at Harvest.

Harvest Church was organized in 1980. They reported 49 members to the Wiseman Baptist Association in 1981, with full-time preaching and Sunday

school. Bro. Swallows resides at 1104 Meadowview Dr., Gallatin, Tenn. His phone number is (615) 452-4976.



Gary Duncan

Bro. Gary Duncan, 5911 Port Anadarko, Hermitage, Tenn. recently acknowledged his call to the ministry. He preached his first sermon at his home church, Gateway Missionary Baptist,



Don Xavier Hines

OREGON NEWS

Elder Vernon Roark, pastor of Hauser Baptist Church, North Bend, Ore., informs us that Sister Roark is much improved and is doing fine. He has a full report for us soon on his work there.