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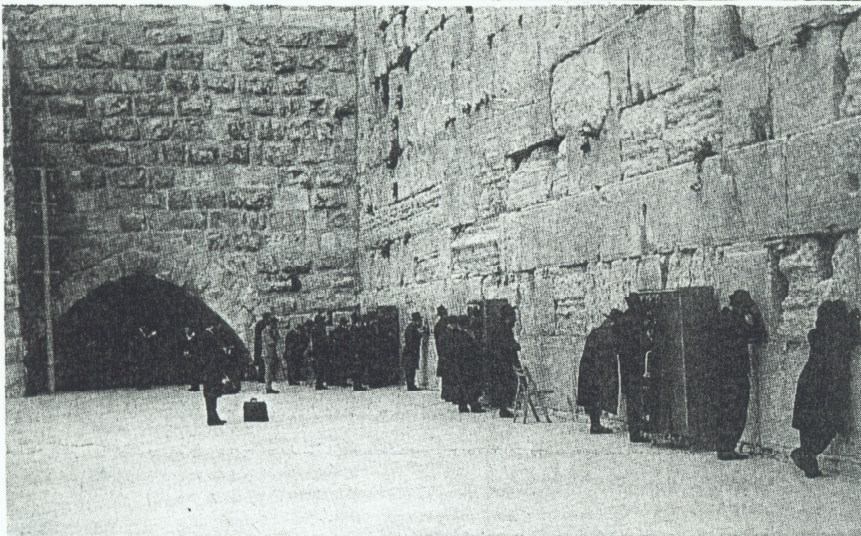
Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,  
Psalms

that it may be displayed because of the truth.  
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## The Western Wall

By Bill Clark

Photo by Elder H. C. Vanderpool

RNS—Christians are familiar with the Gospel story of how the 12-year-old Jesus astonished the sages with His great intelligence.

He astonished not just any sages, mind you, but the great doctors of the temple of Jerusalem. Understanding something about the scholars and the temple is very important to understanding this passage of

Scripture.

The Gospel makes an essential point in stressing that Jesus had separated Himself from His family, causing them great anxiety, just so He could busy Himself with His Father's affairs. He caused such concern because the sages and the temple were unique. There were no equals—not home in Nazareth,

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## REPORT FROM JAPAN

We are sending you our warmest Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Hiroshima, Japan.

We hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and we do hope you and your people have many blessings from the Lord throughout



this year.

Last Christmas season we received greeting cards from England, Indonesia, Korea, and U.S.A., for which we were thankful. We received many cards, pictures, letters, donations, boxes of gift, cassette-tapes on church history by Elder H. C. Vanderpool, book-

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## HE HATH DONE ALL THINGS WELL

By J. H. Smith

"AND WERE BEYOND MEASURE ASTONISHED, SAYING, HE HATH DONE ALL THINGS WELL: HE MAKETH BOTH THE DEAF TO HEAR, AND THE DUMB TO SPEAK."

Mark 7:37

The above words were spoken by those who witnessed one of the Lord's great miracles, which He had performed on a man who was deaf and dumb, in a place called Decapolis. The people who saw this great wonder were beyond measure astonished, and rightly so, for the great works of Jesus Christ were beyond human comprehension and description; and whether or not they were in sympathy with Jesus and His work, their conclusion was absolutely correct, when they said, "He hath done all things well."



What was said about Jesus in our text is something that cannot be said, truthfully, about any other man that ever lived. The Bible tells us about good men, and as we would describe, great men, but they made mis-

takes, the very best of them did. They did many things well, and God approved of those things, and He also disapproved of what they did wrong. Cain was angry because God didn't accept his offering but accepted

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## WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

You may have already noticed that the BANNER is twice as large as usual. Due to several timely articles, I decided to publish an 8-page issue this month. After we finished copy for this issue, we still had a number of articles we didn't have space for. This is regretted and those of you whose articles we received late and couldn't get into this month's issue, please understand, and we'll get them in the April issue.

In June, the BANNER will begin its 18th year of publication without missing a single month. We have considered going to either a 6-page or 8-page publication. Much of this depends upon our readers in 26 states and some foreign countries. If YOU or YOUR CHURCH would like to see this

paper enlarged to carry additional departments of news, history, music schools, religious articles, general information, etc., your calls or letters would be appreciated. This would help us to decide just what to do. If you think we should keep it the present size, tell us. Also let us know if you are in favor of the larger edition.

The BANNER is operated as Non-Profit and was established as an instrument to be used for the advancement of God's cause through Missionary Baptist Churches. It has carried the BANNER for True Missionary Baptists for these many years! Should we remain the same size, or should we enlarge? WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

- Editor

## SALVATION

By Bro. Leon Sherron  
Oak Grove, Tennessee



(Editor's Note: This is Part 2 of this article which will be continued next month.)

I'll relate my personal experience of God saving my soul on the night of Dec. 15, 1980 in a neighbor family's house at Angeltown, Tenn., a wide spot in the road, when I was praying to be saved. The grandest happening of my life is positively plain and real to me and although not miraculous outwardly, the feeling in my heart

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# Sunday School

### DOES DADDY GO?

Daddy had a little boy,  
 His soul was white as snow;  
 He never went to Sunday School,  
 'Cause Daddy didn't go.

He never heard the Word of God,  
 That thrills the childish mind;  
 While other children went to class,  
 This child was left behind.

As he grew from babe to youth,  
 Dad saw to his dismay,  
 A soul that once was snowy white,  
 Become a dingy grey.

Realizing that his son was lost,  
 Dad tried to win him back;

But now the soul that once was white,  
 Had turned an ugly black.

Dad even started back to church,  
 And Bible study too;  
 He begged the preacher, "Isn't there  
 A thing that you can do?"

The preacher tried, failed, and said,  
 "We're just too far behind;  
 I tried to tell you years ago,  
 But you paid me no mind."

And so another soul was lost,  
 That once was white as snow;  
 Sunday School would have helped,  
 But Daddy wouldn't go.

## THE GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE

By Dean Cornwell  
 Nashville, Tennessee

Haggai 2:1-9

- In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Hag'-gai, saying,
- Speak now to Ze-rub'-ba-bel the son of She-al'-ti-el, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jos'-e-dech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people saying,
- Who is left among you that say this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?
- Yet now be strong, O Ze-rub'-ba-bel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jos'-e-dech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:
- According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.
- For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;
- And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

8. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

9. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

### INTRODUCTION

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be: Genesis 49:10 Shiloh, was of course, Jesus Christ His coming was promised unto Adam in Genesis 3:15 and from that time on all the services showed forth his coming. As God deals with a disobedient people and brings their hearts and minds back to him, he tells them of the blessings they will receive and of the blessings their offsprings will receive because of a few that will be faithful in the faith until Christ shall come. As we study this lesson remember the instruction in Haggai 1:5 "Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; consider your ways."

### WORK PROGRESSES

When the people had understood their condition and their need of God, they turned their hearts to him and took up the work of rebuilding the temple. We see from the writing of Ezra 3:12 that the beginning of this work brought great joy to the old people that had seen the first temple. The Lord asked if this temple will compare in beauty with the first temple. They know it will not be as well built as the temple Solomon built, but they have gone through the captivity and are able to rejoice as this work is done for they know

the Lord is in this matter. Indeed the Lord informs them that he has not forgotten his covenant with Israel and that his Spirit is with them. God reminds them that he brought them out of Egypt and he will continue to walk with all that will place their trust in him. The Lord now reminds these people that this building is not the final or the greatest of his works to be done in this world. He reminds them of another promise that he had made. The covenant he had made with Abraham.

### BETTER COVENANT

"And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Hebrews 12:24 "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered (permitted) to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth even, hath an unchangeable priesthood." Hebrews 7:22-24 Abraham knew about the new covenant that was to come. He knew about the Son of God that was to die. He knew about the church kingdom that was to supersede the law. We have the work of God to prove this in Hebrews 11:9-10 "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." That city is the church. Abraham knew of these things and he longed to see it. But he did not get to be a part of it. His work

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## AN OREGON REPORT

By Steve Perrigo  
 Plainfield, Indiana

On December 31, 1983, Brother Del Compton and myself departed by plane from the Indianapolis Airport beginning our trip to Oregon. The purpose of this trip was to visit two of the churches there, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and Hauser Missionary Baptist Church. Both of these churches are in need of pastors. We also wanted to report to the churches in the east informing them of the need on the west coast.

Upon our arrival at Portland International Airport, Brother Compton rented a car and we proceeded south to Albany. Brother and Sister W. T. Swanson, members of Bethel Church in Corvallis, live in Albany and were our hosts the first day in Oregon. When we first arrived in Albany, I directed Brother Compton, who was driving, to the old building where Bethel Church first met when organized and where my father, Elder Calvin Perrigo, first pastored. I am thankful God enabled me to remember as much as I did because it had been almost twenty years since I lived in Albany. After taking a brief tour of Albany, we went to Brother Swanson's home. Along with the Swanson's were Brother and Sister Roark who had come to welcome us. Brother Roark and Brother Swanson had many questions to ask and we enjoyed a few hours of conversation before being served our evening meal. Most of our talk was on who, what, and how the work in Oregon could progress and be profitable to God.

After eating a wonderful meal, we all prepared to leave for Bethel where services had been planned for that evening giving both Brother Compton and myself an opportunity to preach. At the present time, Bethel Church is located in Corvallis, Oregon, which is approximately 10 miles west of Albany. Not only is the building in Corvallis ideally situated for accessibility, but is highly visible located between a bank and a fast food restaurant at a heavily traveled intersection. Some may disagree that their location is good; but if newcomers to the area were looking for a church they would have no problem finding this one.

Our services that evening were memorable. Although we were few in number, we had good singing with good spiritual feeling. Most of the members of Bethel are scattered between three cities, Corvallis, Albany

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## WESTERN WALL

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nor even in Athens or Rome or anywhere else in the world at that time.

It is possible to visit the remains of the temple where Jesus first revealed His greatness. It is possible to stand in its shadow, and to touch its ancient stones. This is the western wall—one of the most important religious shrines in the world.

When one understands the significance of the wall, and of the temple of which it was part, one also can understand why Jesus was impelled to leave His family so He could discuss religious affairs with the great scholars who sat there.

The temple was first built by the mighty King Solomon during the years around 960 B.C.E. The First Book of Kings describes the great building, a magnificent structure where cascades of fresh flowers were heaped upon altars of gold, and where in the springtime the wise son of David gathered the nation to dedicate the temple of God.

The temple was built upon a great rock known as Moriah, the rock upon which Abraham offered the life of his son Isaac to the command of God. Once the temple was built, Solomon moved the ark of the covenant, the first tabernacle built by Moses three centuries before, to the most sacred chambers—the Holy of Holies.

In the subsequent centuries, the temple of Jerusalem became the center of Jewish religious, communal, and scholarly life. It is even safe to say that the temple became the very center of Judaism—for here most of the great prophets and saints of Scripture imparted their wisdom, their prophetic gifts, and their holiness.

When Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem and destroyed the temple during 587 B.C.E., he carried the Jews away to bondage in Babylon. And from that bondage comes a most ancient prayer which reveals the exiles' yearning to return home to the city of the temple.

**"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.**

**"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.**

**"If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy" (Psalms 137:1,5,6).**

Seventy years later, when King Cyrus of Persia won control of the Babylonian Empire, he freed the Jews, and they returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt their temple. The great joy of the restoration is related in the gifted writings of Isaiah,

Ezra, and Nehemiah. And the second temple reassumed the prominence of its predecessor, gathering to it all the greatest religious and intellectual vitality of the nation.

By the time Jesus entered the temple, the institution had a history of nearly a thousand years. It was a structure which inspired, a structure which aroused the strongest sentiments of the Jewish people. It was a building dedicated to the first commandment of God, **"I am the Lord thy God....**

**"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."**

History reveals the single-minded devotion the Jews had to this commandment, and the temple which was the most important structure honoring God. For example, when Alexander the Great marched through Israel, the Jews acquiesced to the stronger Greek rule. But when Antiochus, a successor of Alexander, established Greek pagan worship in the temple, the Jews rose in fanatical revolt against a much stronger army—and drove them out of the temple, purified the building, and rededicated it to God.

All this had passed when the young Jesus entered the sacred precincts. At that time there were two groups of Jewish sages associated with the temple. The Pharisees were strong advocates of religious influence over daily life. They were reformers who make great efforts to discourage Jews from adopting foreign modes, especially the casual cultures of Greece and Rome. They were the religious orthodox which grew after the return from Babylonian captivity. The Pharisees were generally ascetic, with little regard for wealth or pleasures. By the time of Christ, however, there were several complaints that the sect had grown too formal, that they had become pedantic in their interpretations of religious law, that they had begun to lose sight of the human elements of religion.

The Sadducees were the temple aristocracy. They focused their attention on Jewish law as written in the first five Books of the Bible. Unlike the Pharisees, they tended to ignore later traditions and were not inclined to interpret and debate various merits. Some scholars presume that the Sadducees organized to counter balance the influence of the Pharisees, and to offer greater emphasis to the law of Moses. The Sadducees were more tolerant of foreign influence so long as it did not interfere with the exercise of Jewish law.

The temple was a lively institution. In addition to being a building of worship, it also had a long history of serving as an intellectual, philosophical, and

religious forum where various sects challenged one another with speeches and debate. The temple was the vibrant seat of Judaic culture.

At times, people took advantage of the liberal policies of the temple and abused them by introducing commerce and other non-spiritual activities into the temple precincts. Christians are familiar with Jesus chasing the dove sellers and money changers from the Temple, but they should also recall that Jesus was not the first reformer of this sort. Periodically through the preceding thousand years, reformers successfully challenged abusers of the temple's sacred functions.

Despite the occasional abuse, the temple served the nation admirably for a millennium. The greatness crumbled shortly after the time of Christ. In the year 70, the temple was again destroyed. Paganism again figured into the destruction, as the Emperor Nero tried to impose the worship of his Roman pantheon on the Jews and brought desecration to the temple. The Jews rebelled again, but this time the might of the foreign invader was simply too great for even the most spirited resistance. As revenge against the revolt, Rome destroyed Jerusalem and its temple. About one million Jews were killed in the fighting throughout Israel, and the survivors were banished from the land.

Yet a remnant remained. A few Jews stayed behind in the land of Israel to maintain ancient traditions. And a part of the great temple still stood—its western wall.

Through the next twenty centuries, Jews had no sovereignty in their ancient homeland. Their fortunes ebbed and flowed with the policies of whoever occupied the land—after the Romans came the Byzantines and the Persians, then the Arabs and Seljuks, the Crusaders and the Mamluks, the Ottoman Turks and the British. In 1948, when the British abandoned their mandate, Israel's war of independence found Jerusalem split in two—and the western wall fell to the Arab side. For the next 19 years, Jews were prohibited from approaching the western wall, and it was not until the Six-Day War of 1967 that Israeli paratroopers wrested the western wall and its Temple precincts from the hands of the Arab Legion.

Jewish sovereignty over the temple precincts was proclaimed by Lt. Gen. Mordechai Gur, the Israeli commander who physically led his troops in the capture of the ancient shrine. His front line radio message announced: **"Temple Mount is in our hands! Temple Mount is ours! Temple Mount is ours!"**

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## SALVATION

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was unequaled and nonrepeatable.

John wrote, **"Beloved lust us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him."** I John 4:7-9; Matt. 1:21.

This kind of love is known by the unmerited grace of God. I'm worried that we've mixed-up SOME by backwardly exaggerating about the effects of being saved (extraordinary claims of seeing a light, vision, hearing a voice, running around shouting, feeling magnificent, fantastic, etc.). Even when sincere, by SOME figurative accounts are disturbing to those who just felt the burden rolled away and salvation 'like a gentle touch of the wind' when saved.

The devil wants to cause Christians to misunderstand what will help and drive away other saved people, causing them to go for years doubting and without telling about their salvation. God can show anyone whether they are saved or lost and will if a person asks Him in the right way.

I've heard many refer to this relationship from God through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit as a peak space of faultless time in their conversion, perhaps unmeasurable by human thought when they "left this world" to spring up like a newborn babe. This subject surpasses our weak ability to tell about it. God saved me when I got salvation down to right then, at once, in my heart, wanting him to save me His way more than all else. I felt something good inside, peace and joy, and the biggest burden that I've ever had rolled away. I've been joined together with the Lord by salvation since then. To meet me in heaven, you must go to the same fountain and drink, passing from death unto life, washed in the blood of the Lamb, redeemed, sanctified, and complete with the Holy Spirit, when I was born of incorruptible seed, all at one time.

These Bible expressions represent true repentance to God and faith, or trust, or belief in Jesus our everlasting and our universal, infinite Saviour, fore-ordained before creation. Study I Peter 1:20.

The pitiful loss of not soundly preparing to die is the most gross and horrible cruelty ever persuaded and enticed by that evil spirit of the devil. If you're lost, Satan wants you to wait confused until God won't hear your desolate, barren prayers.

Living condemned is a hard, rough life through the violence and crime of this world. Sinners are without peace of mind and can't understand their haunting situation of uselessness to God.

There are only two ways when death comes — one saved, one lost — no middle average, refer to II Cor. 2:15. It is better never being born, or dying safely before future accountability, than to pass away as a poor condemned sinner without salvation.

**"For the preaching of the cross to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."** I Cor. 1:18. Please study Luke 19:10; John 10:9; Rev. 1:18. All substitutes, if extreme or practical, won't work. How can sinners let the devil actually cheat them into neglecting an opportunity to call on the Lord? God's sovereignty cannot be changed by us and no rational lost person who knows right from wrong, has to go through this world without voluntarily making an altar and spiritually pouring out his heart to God, when he spiritually knocks upon the door of his heart. Study Deu. 32:39; I Sam. 2:6.

It is unbearably sad to think of the millions who are lost, such a large percentage, and maybe vast majority of the population that I wouldn't attempt to guess numerically. **"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved."** II Thess. 2:10.

Sinners, please don't momentarily put off seeking the Lord for salvation because his second coming, although unexpected by many, is imminent and nearing, read II Cor. 6:1-2. Evidently many think this option of grace definitely will be lengthened which is Biblically uncertain. Any second of time or breath of air could be your last and Heaven or Hell would then be your eternal home. There isn't anything worth keeping you unsaved for a split-second. **"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"** Mark 8:36-37.

The sin of unbelief is what sends a sinner to hell. **"And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."** Heb. 3:18-19.

Blaspheming against the Holy Ghost is the only unforgivable sin. **"Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men....But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgive-**

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ness, but is in danger of eternal damnation;" Mark 3:28-29.

Any troubles or problems that a sinner encounters, regardless of very unusual circumstances, cannot cause he or she to be saved unless the convicting power of God is dealing with their soul. When he or she readily admits past contradiction to being a penitent and guilty sinner, it becomes unreasonable to refuse the drawing power and conviction of the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit strives with your soul, GIVE UP. Missionary Baptists love you and want you to be saved! PRAY, ASK, BEG!!! "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. Golden keynote: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

God's gift is perfect. Think about and take this orthodox, canonical Word of Truth to heart. Please don't overlook salvation's complete scope of availability to all people. "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21. If you don't know my Lord and Saviour, heed the warning on an old fashioned altar which can be made wherever you are now. My sinner friend, literally release all selfishness and realize that you are separated from God in the free pardon of sin.

There is only one plan of salvation and all sinners must meet its two inseparable conditions - repentance to God, of all sins and putting all faith in Jesus - who are then saved by the grace of God. That means you too if you are lost!!! Are you?

(Editor's Note: Part 3 of this article will be in the April issue: Saved People's Responsibility.)



*A bee flies 5,000 miles to make a pound of honey. Then someone comes along and steals it from him. No wonder bees have such lousy dispositions.*

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**GOODNIGHT MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM**

**Franklin, Kentucky  
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| Monday night - March 28    | - Elder Paul Bryson      |
| Tuesday night - March 29   | - Elder Hilman Duncan    |
| Wednesday night - March 30 | - Elder A. G. Gregory    |
| Thursday night - March 31  | - Elder Billy Moran      |
| Friday night - April 1     | - Elder Bobby E. Pitt    |
| Saturday night - April 2   | - Elder James Suttle     |
| Sunday night - April 3     | - Elder H. C. Vanderpool |

**SERVICES: 7:30 P.M.**

The eight Missionary Baptist Churches where the above named ministers are pastoring are sponsoring this TV REVIVAL. However, ALL our sister churches in Middle Tennessee, Southern Kentucky and elsewhere ARE INVITED to come and work with us in this meeting for the salvation of lost souls.

While the services are televised and sent across America from New York to California to millions, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LOCAL SINNERS and are desiring to see them attend and be saved.

An old-fashioned altar will be furnished for sinners to come and seek the Lord for salvation. We believe in heart-felt salvation, a time and a place where it happens! So, while millions will view these services by television, COME, and let us make this also a LOCAL CONCERN!

*This is  
Your Invitation*

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OF THE LATTER HOUSE**

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was finished and he went to his reward before Christ was born. But Abraham has a part in this work for it was through his offspring that Christ was born. And it was his offspring that John baptized and Christ used to build the church. The temple was a type, pointing to the real. Now, in our lesson the Lord reminds the Israelites that this is true and their work is important and they will be blessed for it if they uphold the truth until Christ shall come and set up his kingdom. And by their labor and efforts the truth was taught and kept a few in the old ways serving God.

He promises his people that a time will come when he will shake the world. All nations will be upset because of this man, Christ. The Lord also promised that he would fill this house in verse 7, and "this house" he speaks of is the church. All those that took part in the building of the temple was a part of the filling of the first covenant.

**GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE**

As we begin to look at the greatness and the beauty of this latter house, the church of the living God, we realize just how little and unlearned, and unworthy we are to be a part of it. And of course we are not a part of the church because of our goodness or ability, but because the Lord died for us, and when we were lost and undone, he reached down and took out the sinful heart and placed his love within. It is Christ that has made us fit subjects to be members of his church. There is only one kind of people that can be a part

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and Salem. Salem is approximately thirty miles north of Albany. As I mentioned earlier, both of us preached that evening. I went first, preaching from Galatians 6 chapter and taking a text from Psalms 126:5, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Brother Compton followed reading from Hebrews 12:1-2 and taking his text from Isaiah 40:31, "They shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." A handshake of Christian fellowship followed and the service was dismissed after testimonies and words of encouragement.

Brother Compton and I stayed overnight at Brother Swanson's home. Our stay with them was most enjoyable. We awoke early on Saturday morning and prepared for another day of travel, preaching, and fellowship. Brother Compton and I, along with Brother and Sister Swanson, drove that morning to the community of Hauser, just outside of North Bend, Oregon. The drive was approximately three hours. However, it was a most pleasant drive through some very scenic areas of Oregon. North Bend and Coos Bay are adjoining cities of the Coos Bay area. The bay is a deep sea port where you will find many ocean going vessels. The main export is lum-

ber and wood products. Because of the housing industry, this lumber community suffers very high unemployment. The highest being 35%.

Arriving about noon at Hauser Missionary Baptist Church, we found Brother Roark waiting for us. Brother Roark has been pastor at Hauser about three years. He recently turned in his resignation as pastor. As pastor of Hauser he pulled together a small number of dedicated believers who love the Lord and the Lord's work. This congregation now is rather youthful with many young children in attendance. The church is at the right time to begin a growth of new converts and has seen the need for expansion already. They have added Sunday School rooms on to the building, doing most all of the work themselves and having no debt. There is still some work left to be done, but they have completed enough of the work for the rooms to be in use now. The accomplishment and leadership of Brother Roark have been manifested through the dedication and spirituality of the membership. The man of God who succeeds Brother Roark will find an easy transition and sufficient foundation material to build upon in the Lord.

After having lunch in Brother Roark's home, we returned to

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of this work, and that is people that have been saved by the blood of Christ. There is no greater place a person can hold in this world than that of a member of the church. Christ shed his blood for it. Acts 20:28 The Lord commissioned it to carry his gospel. Matthew 28:19-20. He promised the gates of hell would not prevail against it Matthew 16:18. Baptized it in his Spirit. Acts 2:1-4. Promised he would receive it to himself in heaven at the end of time and present it to himself without spot or wrinkle. Ephesians 5:27.

There are so many things that can be said about the glory of this latter house. The above are a very few, and after we have used our whole life talking about this latter house we would not have even scratched the surface. How blessed we are that we live in this day and time and can be a part of this great and beautiful work. Abraham longed to see this day. He had a great desire to look upon the true temple in this world. He was not granted that privilege, but you and I are. I must go back to one of my favorite scriptures to again remind us of the blessing we have in the church. "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise; God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Hebrews 11:37-40.

Look at this great message. The world was not worthy of these saints of God that

suffered so much in order to uphold their faith. And yet God has blessed us above them in that we are his church and they were not.

**CONCLUSION**

We have tried in this lesson to show, in a small way, the greatness of the church, the latter house, that you as young people might begin to realize and understand how important this work is. That you might now prepare yourselves in and for this work. It is so sad to see so many that turn their backs upon our Saviour and his kingdom. I doubt that many of our churches have more than fifty percent that attend on Sunday morning and I doubt that more than fifteen or twenty percent attend the other services. Is this any way to treat God? Do you think he will continue to let this go on? You can change this. You can bring the blessings of God down. You can be a part in carrying the story of salvation to the lost. You can have a part in keeping this country free. We have looked at the trouble natural Israel brought upon herself by forsaking the work of God. Look at her statement as she sat in captivity. Psalms 137:1-4 "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land."

Now you, as a church member, are a part of the spiritual Israel. God has promised he would bless as long as the people carried out his instructions. Take hold of this truth and this great heritage and be counted faithful to God.



**REPORT FROM JAPAN**  
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lets, and phone calls from your people. We really appreciate for those who remembered us such ways.

My family and I are fine and are doing fine day after day for the glory of God and for people, for which we are thankful. We have good and gentle weather this winter, and this warm weather has helped us greatly. Our Baptist people are fine and are doing fine, for which we also thank the Lord. We heard our son Luke and his wife visited Tennessee from Minnesota and spent a few days with people of Carthage and went home to do his duty during Christmas holidays at his work. We feel good they have found a home in them miles away from their real home in Japan, and we appreciate Lord's people there in the States.

We had a nice and blessed Christmas services and fellowship meetings. Michiko and I got tired too much, yet it was a kind of sweet fatigue we had for the Lord and for people. So it was more than anything. We had good attendance to our services.

December 15th morning Michiko and I received a auto-accident on the city street of Hiroshima by a dump truck driver, who caused the wreck of five vehicles at the same time. He hit our 13 years and 11 months old station wagon, which we kept in good shape and condition as Lord's property, and gave it a great damage, however, praise the Lord, we did not have any troubles with our bodies at all. We thank the Lord for His wonderful protection. We have been good to the driver and the company he belongs to, and they have been good to us after knowing we are completely different people than those other ones had the accident. Yes, we are ambassadors from the Lord to the world. Next Tuesday they are going to give us an used station wagon with diesel engine, and I give them back the car they let us use since the accident. We did not have any trouble at all with the accident as the Lord worked in our favor every second of time.

We are keeping on the work preaching the gospel of Christ in seasons and out of seasons. I am more missionary Baptist than before going to U.S.A. last year. You were inspirations to me wherever I visited. We have many tasks to do in this pagan land standing up for the truth of the Lord, and even to other countries in the future. So we cheer up, as we have many visions to do for the Lord. Pray for ones come to hear us that they may get saved, and also for

Following is the report of donations received with thanks for the fourth quarter of 1982.

October:

Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	\$368.02
Kokomo Baptist, Kokomo, Ind. ....	242.50
North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	146.14
Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	100.00
East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky. ....	326.00
Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. ....	75.00
Jared Baptist, Buffalo Valley, Tenn. ....	120.00
South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	141.10
Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. ....	68.05
Total \$1,586.81	

November:

Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. ....	192.14
Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	394.35
Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. ....	78.82
South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	148.94
North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	120.40
Total \$933.85	

December:

Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Trammel, Franklin, Ky. ....	24.00
Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	380.87
South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. ....	150.50
Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. ....	73.92
East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky. ....	677.00
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Total \$1,786.29	

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Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky. ....	200.00
McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. ....	122.55
Total \$322.55	

November:

Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. ....	60.00
New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky. ....	498.49
Total \$558.49	

December:

McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. ....	248.08
Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky. ....	90.00
Total \$338.08	

those faithful in the Lord that have troubles with their families and friends as they take Lord's side.

We will keep praying for all of you here in Japan.

Thank you again for your concern in our missionary work.

May God richly bless you,

Yours sincerely in Him,  
Koji Tajima



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**ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
March 23, 24, 25, 1983**

Wednesday - March 23, 1983

9:00 A.M. - Devotional  
9:45 A.M. - Billy Moran - The Oneness of God in Three Persons  
10:30 A.M. - Intermission  
10:45 A.M. - Calvin Perrigo - Finding God's Will in Life  
11:30 A.M. - Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Crucified With Christ  
1:45 P.M. - Intermission  
2:00 P.M. - J. H. Smith - God's Plan to Evangelize the World  
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

Thursday - March 24, 1983

9:15 A.M. - Devotional  
9:45 A.M. - Howard Taylor - Truth Opposes Error  
10:30 A.M. - Intermission  
10:45 A.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - English Bible Interpretation - History  
11:30 A.M. - Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - Billy Moran - The Scheme of Redemption, External, Internal, Eternal  
1:45 P.M. - Intermission  
2:00 P.M. - Calvin Perrigo - Tithes and Offerings  
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

Friday - March 25, 1983

9:15 A.M. - Devotional  
9:45 A.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Changed Into His Likeness  
10:30 A.M. - Intermission  
10:45 A.M. - J. H. Smith - God's Plan Is Practical  
11:30 A.M. - Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - Howard Taylor - Faith  
1:45 P.M. - Intermission  
2:00 P.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - English Bible Interpretation  
2:45 P.M. - Presentation of Certificates and Benediction

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Civilized (?) men make liquor, and liquor makes savages.  
The man who drinks a little, drinks too much.



**HE HATH DONE ALL THINGS WELL**  
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Abel's, but God said to Cain, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?" God doesn't overlook what we do that is according to His will; but men, the very best of them fall short. So we cannot say that we have done all things well, even though there is that inner desire to do everything pleasing to our Father in heaven. If we don't have that delight to do the Lord's will there is something radically wrong with us. I think we could say about the person who doesn't want to please his Maker, that such a person needs to be born again. But again, though we have the best intentions, and we strive to do our Father's good pleasure, we find faults within us, we cannot be perfect in this life. I heard a preacher say one time that once he decided to live a perfect life, but he went on to say that the more he tried to live perfect, the more faults he saw in himself. As I said before, we desire such a life, but we don't attain to it, because of the nature we were born with, and will have till the great resurrection morning, when we awake with His likeness, Psalm 17:15.

The Apostle Paul was a faithful servant of the Lord, he was willing to die for the Lord, and did finally die for Him; but Paul had a weakness, and he tells about it in one of his Epistles. "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." Romans 7:21. But he goes on to say, "For I delight in the Law of God after the inward man." Romans 7:22.

**THE PERFECT MAN**

Jesus Christ was a man, a real man. He had a human body, and this is born out in several places in Scripture. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." Hebrews 2:14. But He was without sin, the perfect man, and so all of His works were without fault, there was not one thing that He ever did that wasn't just what the Father sent Him to do; He did all that goes to make perfection. Men sought to find fault in Him, but they didn't find any. The man before whom the Jews brought Jesus for trial said, when the Jews were insistent for His crucifixion, "Why, what evil hath He done?" Matthew 27:23. Jesus was the perfect man, even his enemies being witness.

**HIS PERFECT LIFE**

Jesus Christ's life upon this earth was brief, about thirty-three years, but even if it had been one hundred and thirty years it still would have been

without sin. He was tempted of the devil, three times He was tempted of Satan in the wilderness just after His baptism, but each time He resisted with the Word of God (Matthew 4:1-10). He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin, Hebrews 4:15. His perfect life and perfect works spoke of what He was, though a man, the very Son of God. John spoke of Him as the Word, and he says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." 1:14.

Even though the life of our Lord was never marred with sin, His perfect life doesn't save sinners. We are not saved by following the good examples of even one who did no sin, it took more than His perfect life to redeem us. However, if He had not lived the perfect life, He could not have made a perfect sacrifice, He could not have offered Himself without spot, for this was required, of which I want to mention under another heading in this article. Though we are not saved by following His good examples, but after we are saved, certainly we should strive to imitate our blessed Saviour in our walks and works. We must put things in their proper perspective, salvation is one thing, and serving the Lord is another. Let us see them in their right relation to each other. The Bible says this: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10. You see, it is created in Christ Jesus unto good works, not good works in order to be created in Christ Jesus.

**HIS PERFECT WORKS**

It was a perfect work that caused those men to say of Jesus, "He hath done all things well; He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak." This was a perfect work, the man was made whole of his physical defects. This is unlike some of the modern day healers, who say they have the same kind of gift to heal. I give just one example: I knew a man back in the country, in fact, I had spent the night with him and his family several times when I was a teen-aged boy. He became very ill, and there seemed to be no hope for his recovery. A group of these healers came by one day and wanted to try their hand; well, the old fellow consented, they knelt around his bed and prayed, which was very good, I have done the same many times; then they laid their hands on him, and when the sick man didn't get up they took him up, and held him up and walked him around in the room, and then went off and reported that they had healed him, but in fact

they almost wore the poor man out, he was made worse. But when our Lord spoke the Word, and laid His hand divine on a person He did a perfect work of healing. And of course His work of healing proved that He had power to forgive sins. "But that ye may know that the son of man hath power to forgive sins, (He said unto the sick of the palsy) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." Luke 5:24. Those people I mentioned above said that they had the sick man up and walking around before they left, but in fact they held the man up. But Jesus said to the man sick of the palsy, not only to walk, but to take up his bed and go to his house.

**HIS PERFECT SACRIFICE**

The person of our Lord was never tainted with sin; His life was perfect in every detail; His works no man could find a fault; and so He could make a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world; He could offer Himself without spot to God. The sacrifices made of animals under the Law could never take away sins, they had to be repeated and repeated until the perfect Lamb of God should come, who would take away the sin of the World, "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God." Hebrews 10:11,12. He will not come again to make another offering of Himself, for God is satisfied, justice is satisfied, Jesus paid it all. "He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied; by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities." Isaiah 53:11.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Once again I wish to acknowledge receipt of many letters that come to THE BANNER mailbox. As stated before, space doesn't allow us to print these letters. If we should enlarge the publication, then we would hope to print them as much as possible. EVERY LETTER IS APPRECIATED! The words of encouragement, notes of appreciation for the paper, and all the offered help is certainly acknowledged and appreciated by the BANNER staff.

Our most recent letters have come from our readers in Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Oregon, Tennessee and West Virginia. THANK YOU, keep writing! - Editor

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In addition to the Complete Holy Land Tour, we will be privileged to spend one night in Jordan and the joy of crossing the Jordan River into the Holy Land. Some of the places visited will be Jericho, Elisha's Fountain, Mt. of Temptation, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, cross Sea of Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Magdala, Cana of Galilee, Nazareth, Mary's Well, Caesarea, Roman Theatre, Megiddo, Jordan Valley, Caves of Qumran, view place of Dead Sea Scrolls, Ein Gedi, Masada, Beersheba, Hebron, Cave of Machpelah, the tombs of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Leah, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Kidron Valley, Absalom's Pillar, Zechariah's Tomb, House of Caiphas, Mary's Fountain, Pool of Siloam, Mt. Zion, Room of Last Supper, Tomb of David, Bethlehem, Rachel's Tomb, Shepherd's Field, Garden Tomb, Calvary, walk through Old Jerusalem, see Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, El Aksa Mosque, Joppa and Damascus Gates, Wailing Wall, Nablus, Mt. Ebal, Mt. Gerizim and Jacob's Well.

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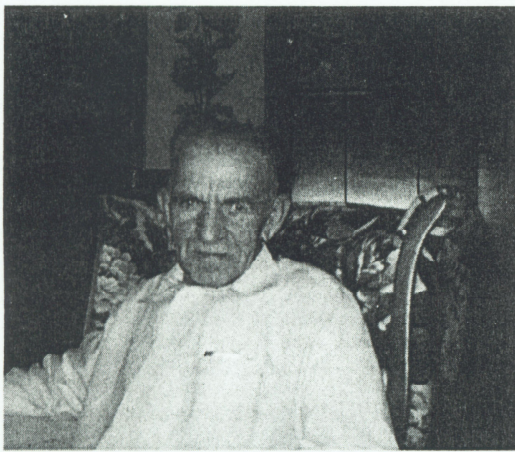
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**Bible Study**



A Bible Study is being conducted each Wednesday night at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. The book of Revelation is being studied and the pastor of the church, Elder H. C. Vanderpool is the teacher. The church and pastor invite everyone to attend. Services are at 7:00 P.M.





## Elder G. O. Templeton

By James A. Thompson  
Bethpage, Tennessee

Elder G. O. Templeton was born June 8, 1909, the son of William and Nora Templeton of Bethpage, Tenn. He was reared on a farm and spent his entire life farming along with his ministry.

He was saved at Wolf Hill schoolhouse. After attending church for some time at Old Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, he united with that body and was baptized into her fellowship by Elder R. O. Sanders on Nov. 11, 1934.

He was married to Miss Kathryn Williams on Nov. 4, 1928. Five sons and three daughters were born to this union.

He acknowledged his call to preach and was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Old Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Sumner County, Tenn. in September, 1938. In the early part of his ministry he walked to some of his appointments. He was called to Buffalo Springs Baptist Church as his first pastorate. Churches served as pastor and dates were: Buffalo Springs, 1940-1953; Fairview, 1946-1950 and 1951-1958; Old Hopewell, 1953-1960; Pleasant Grove, 1950-1958; Rock Bridge, 1965-1972. Bro. Templeton was a good sound Baptist preacher and helped in several meetings where he witnessed a lot of people being saved, and then united with old fashioned Baptist churches. He and Elder R. O. Sanders held meetings in

a tent and a home in Gallatin, Tenn. which was the beginning of the mission later organized into West End Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Templeton preached one of the best Introductory Sermons preached before the Wiseman Baptist Association in 1957 while convened with Concord Baptist Church. His text, "Endure hardness of a good soldier." Bro. Templeton sure had a hard time in this world as a preacher, but today he is resting from his labors, but his works will follow on.

He lived to see all his children saved, something he prayed hard for. He passed away on Nov. 17, 1982 in Gallatin, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted at Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church, where he held membership, on Saturday, Nov. 20, 1982, at 11:00 A.M. which was conducted by Elder Bobby Hale, his pastor, and Elder James W. Briley. A large crowd attended. Bro. Templeton was buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were some of his preaching brethren: Elders C. L. (Dee) Russell, Ronnie Harrison, J. B. Robertson, Charles Vaughn, James (Pete) Porter and Harold D. Linville.

Bro. Templeton was a good man, a good pastor and a good sound preacher. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our loss is heaven's gain.

### NOTICE TO CHURCHES

One of the greatest joys of my life was when Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky, told me they were paying for me a Tour to the Holy Land in 1969. I can appreciate it more than ever today, because of the other travels I've experienced since then from that beginning. The Lord willing, my family and I, with several preacher brethren, will be on Tour of the Holy Land October 25 - November 1, 1983.

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Elder Bill Green and Elder James Shoulders are conducting services each week at the Missionary Baptist Mission, 208 South 4th Avenue, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Sunday school is at 10:00 A.M. and Worship at 11:00 A.M. Bro. Shoulders has been working with Bro. Green in this work since Bro. Ray Sutton, formerly working with Bro. Green, was called to the pastorate of Rock Bridge Missionary Baptist Church in Sumner County, Tenn.

On Sunday, March 20, Bro. Bobby Butts from Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., will preach at the Mission at 11:00 A.M. On Wednesday night, March 23, Bro. Gary E. Fisher from Old Time Missionary Baptist Church and who lives at Walker, West Virginia, will preach at 7:00 P.M.

This Mission is operating under the authority of Long Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Route 5, Lafayette, Tenn. It is located at the above address in the Southern Methodist church building, and is not far from Middle Tennessee State University.

Anyone having relatives or friends living in the area who might be interested in attending services at the Mission may call Elder Bill Green, (615) 666-4350, or write him at: Route 5, Box 54-A, Lafayette, TN 37083; or call Elder James Shoulders, (615) 643-7111, or write him at: Route 1, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

This Mission is having a good attendance for Sunday School along with their church services. Those wanting a Mission to support may send same to one of the above named ministers. Let us also remember them in our prayers.



## ATTENTION!

The BAPTIST BANNER wishes to be helpful in any of various work endeavors of our Missionary Baptist Churches. That is, if you have reports, announcements, articles or any information or news items concerning Revivals, Debates, Singings, Ordinations, Special Meetings, Singing Schools, Announcements for help, or assistance in any of these endeavors, Works of Charity, Associations, Church Organizations, Missions, Mission Reports, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Ministers Schools or Meetings, T V Work, Radio Programs, etc. YOU ARE INVITED to send them to the BANNER for publication. They should arrive in the BANNER mailbox by the 10th of the month preceding publication. - Editor

## OREGON REPORT

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the church for services at 2:00 P.M. Brother Compton was chosen to preach. After good spiritual singing and prayer, he read from Numbers 20 and took his subject from John 4:10, "Asking the Lord." We could certainly feel the presence of the Lord with us which enabled him to deliver a wonderful message. A Christian handshake followed along with many comments and testimonies. We were then dismissed for a brief period of fellowship and refreshments. Most everyone remained for services that evening at 7:00 P.M. During that service I was permitted to preach and had great liberty of the spirit. Reading from Romans 8:1-17 and taking a text from Job 32:8, "There is a spirit in man." I felt led to preach to the lost. There were many children attending that evening, some close to the age of accountability, who were very attentive to the word of God. Let's remember them in our prayers. Services closed that evening after many testimonies of Thanksgiving.

Brother Del Compton returned to Albany with Brother and Sister Swanson that evening in order to fill the pulpit at Bethel Church seeing they have no pastor. I remained at North Bend spending the night with Brother Roark's family in their home.

On Sunday morning, I preached again at 11:00 A.M. using II Timothy 1:8, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of the Lord." Again, the Lord's presence was felt giving me the ability to freely preach even though my physical body was tiring. We all remained after morning services eating a bountiful meal prepared by the ladies of the church. That afternoon we had a singing which was greatly enjoyed. We then dismissed and said our farewells to each other. I then departed on my return trip to Albany, spending the remainder of the night in Brother Swanson's home.

Brother Compton and I enjoyed a good night's sleep, waking the next morning to begin our journey to Portland where our flight was to depart that afternoon. Before leaving Brother Swanson's home, we all bowed before the Lord praying and thanking Him for His divine providence and His goodness and mercy. But most of all we thanked Him for a most wonderful experience being with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus. We arrived safely at Portland airport and flew back to Indianapolis arriving that evening at 11:45 P.M.

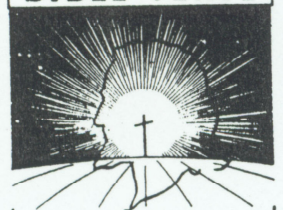
In closing, I want to express a deep concern for the Lord's

work going on in remote places. I hope the power of the Lord will begin to deal with the hearts of God's preachers affecting them to step out on faith, trusting in the Lord to direct them into these areas. The work is not easy, but how great will be in the presence of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ when we can say as Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:7-8. My closing remark will be the scripture found in Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. (Vs. 9) And he said, Go."

We want to thank everyone who supported us with their prayers and contributions. Furthermore, we want to emphasize the importance of the work that is being attempted in Oregon and Idaho. But most of all, let us not forget to pray for that work and pray God will send more preachers to that land to help advance the work. This means more financial help will be needed for those who go. In every way I believe God's people, who love his work, have shown their generosity thus far. All that is needed now is more people who are willing to sacrifice a little of that which God has given us and send to those who are willing to sacrifice all for the Lord's work. In closing, I pray that no one misunderstands my intent. I ask that everyone pray for me that I may be willing to humbly submit myself to God's work in the ministry.

Footnote: We are now informed that Bro. Roark and family have returned to Bowling Green, Ky. to await another field of labor wherever the Lord may lead.

### BIBLE VERSE



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



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## CALVARY

The site north of the Damascus Gate is believed by many to be the place of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In 1883, the British General Charles Gordon noted this rocky hill which resembled a human skull, and suggested that this might be the true Calvary. The presence of a nearby rock-hewn tomb, believed to be first century, helped to strengthen this idea, and the scriptural significance of the site appealed to many eminent Christians of that day.

An Association was formed, and by 1892, sufficient money was collected to purchase the tomb and its surroundings, and have it cared for by a resident warden. The Garden Tomb gives a clear picture of what the place of Crucifixion and burial of Christ must have looked like at the time of Jesus. The simplicity and beauty of the site and the peaceful atmosphere of The Garden Tomb, make it a favourable spot for prayer and meditation.

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## WESTERN WALL

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—It was the first proclamation of Jewish sovereignty over the sacred precincts since shortly after the time of Christ.

On holidays — particularly festive ones such as Simba Tora (Joy of the Law), the plaza around the wall is filled with people singing, praying, dancing, proclaiming their eternal attachment to the holy wall. In orthodox Jewish tradition, this wall is the closest an observant Jew should approach the temple precincts.

## Our Children

By H. C. Vanderpool

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Pro. 17:6. Those who have children and grandchildren realize the blessings mentioned in the above scripture.

The word "Children" or "child" appears about 2,000 times in the Bible. Many of the places refer to the children of God. Often in the Bible God speaks of the love between parents and their children, and then shows how much greater His love is for His children. The Lord also speaks of how parents chastise their children so they will be obedient and honorable, and that He likewise chastises us so we, too, will be obedient unto Him.

We, as parents, are told how we should bring up our children. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Pro. 22:6. Someone has said, "If you would bring up a child in the way he should go, be sure you are going that way yourself." It is true that there are many unruly, disobedient children in the world, but look how many unruly, disobedient parents there are who are having influence upon them. "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Pro. 29:15.

One of the greatest promises that God has made to us is: "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear (reverence) him, and his righteousness unto children's children." Psalm 103:17.

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## RADIO BROADCAST

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. sponsors a radio broadcast each Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. conducted by the pastor, Elder H. C. Vanderpool. It is heard on WNAH 1360. It is heard Sunday nights at 8:00 P.M. on Viacom Cabel, 92.5 F.M.

## WAYS TO HELP YOUR PASTOR

By Dr. Tal Bonham

1. PRAY FOR HIM. He is the only person in your church who does not have a pastor. Ask God to strengthen him physically, mentally and spiritually. The devil launches his greatest attacks against God's man. He needs your prayers!

2. BE POSITIVE WITH HIM AND ABOUT HIM. Most pastors hear enough bad news. Be sure to share with him the good news from your life. When you speak about him to other people, be positive. Remember, he is not perfect and will make mistakes. If you have criticisms, take them to the Lord on your knees, not to others in conversation.

3. RELIEVE HIM OF UNNECESSARY BURDENS. Let him be the leader of the church in spiritual matters. Do not make him the administrator of every little mundane chore around the church.

4. DO WHAT GOD HAS LED YOU TO DO. Don't expect your pastor to carry additional burdens that are a part of your ministry in the church. Find something that you can do and do it well!

5. KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN. If there is a need in your life, share it with him. He will want to pray with you and help you. If you know of needs in other people's lives, be sure to share those with him also. Let him know when a member goes to the hospital or has some legitimate need with which the pastor can help.



## Bible Study

The annual Bible Study at West End Missionary Baptist Church, 440 West Main St., Gallatin, Tenn. began on Tuesday night, Feb. 15. Classes will continue each Tuesday and Thursday night until March 17. Services are at 7:00 P.M. each of the study nights.

Elder W. T. Russell is teaching from the book of Isaiah. Elder William Massey is the pastor of West End Church. The church, pastor and teacher all invite you to attend.

## CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 879 Orchard St., Toledo, Ohio recently called Elder Darrell Hicks of Indianapolis to their pastorate. He succeeds Elder Charles Stapleton who had served as pastor of the church for several years. This church represents annually in the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association.

Bro. and Sister Hicks have already moved on the field. We pray for them a fruitful harvest as they labor with this church. Let's remember other churches in prayer who are seeking a pastor at this time.

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## SERMONS DAY

March 5, 1983

FAIRVIEW MEMORIAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky will host a Sermons Day on Saturday, March 5, 1983.

Elders Harold D. Carver, W. T. Russell, Charles Patterson, and Kenneth Davis will deliver sermons.

This service is a follow-up to the service held by Independent Missionary Baptist Church in November of 1982.

We sincerely hope that you can come and worship with us and enjoy a day of fellowship. The service will start at 10:00 A.M. and lunch will be served at the church.

Fairview Memorial is located at 1150 Fairview Avenue.

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