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## MISSIONS SEMINAR

By Steve Perrigo

As was announced in this paper, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana hosted a series of meetings referred to as a Missions Seminar. The following is a report on the context of these meetings. Twenty churches were represented in these meetings arriving from eight different states. Also there averaged 21 preachers at each session, which will prove the desires of God's called preachers to advance the Gospel message along with their respective churches.

Fellowship church also asked Brother John Keen, Sr. to record this service and make available copies of these tapes. The church asked each speaker to provide a written outline with which copies were made and distributed at each service. The tapes and outlines are available to all who desire them and can be obtained by contacting one of the following brethren:

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On Friday night July 29, 1983, the first meeting began with good singing and humble prayer led by Elder Lewis Holland. Elder Calvin Perrigo followed with preliminary remarks concerning Fellowship church's action taken in conference to host these meetings, the purpose for these meetings, and selection of preachers to speak. Brother Perrigo then introduced the first speaker, Elder Darrell

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## World Mission Of The Church

By H. C. Vanderpool

The Bible teaches us that the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is here in the world for many reasons. Jesus said to the young church just before he ascended back to heaven, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19-20.

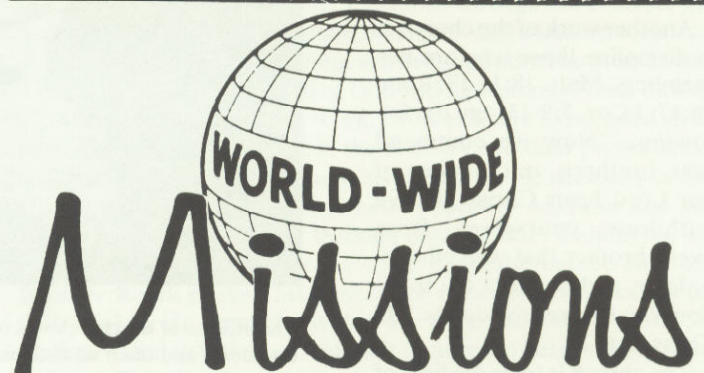
From the above scripture we learn that the church has been given the responsibility to preach the gospel to the whole world. Those saved are to be baptized by the authority of a scriptural church, by a scriptural administrator and then the church has the responsibility to teach them the things God has commanded that they be taught.

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BAPTIST CHURCH, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

BY J. H. SMITH

### INTRODUCTION:

The man who is called to go into any mission field has a tremendous task and a heavy burden upon him, and I can witness to that, for I have gone through such. Though we have the call from God to go, and we have a lot of zeal to go, maybe to get some of the

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Another work of the church is to discipline those who are her members, Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17; I Cor. 5:9-13; and the following: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." II Thess. 3:6.

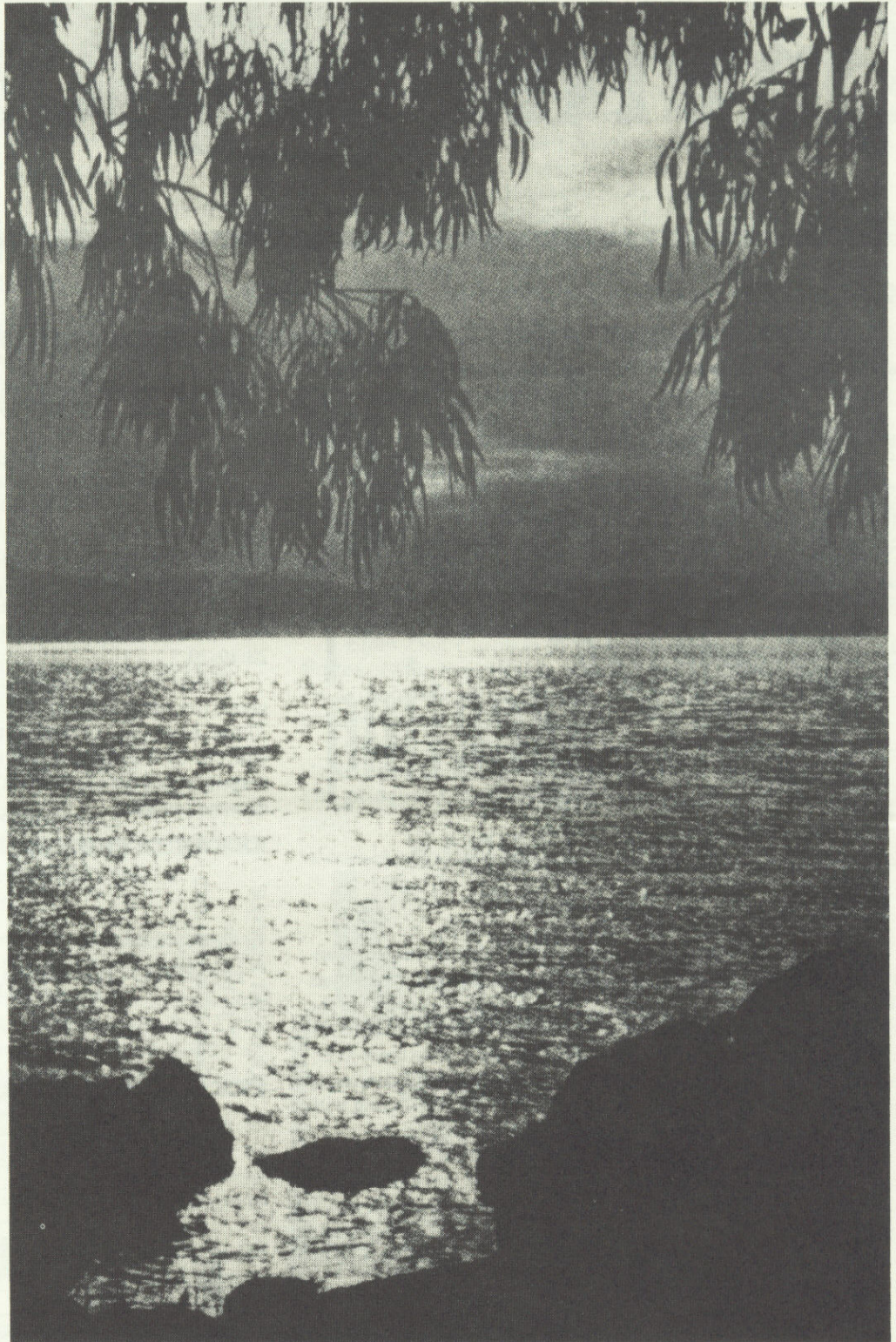
The church is to be the light of the world, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14a. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

5:13a, here Jesus reminds the church in its early life that they

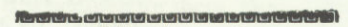
are to preserve the doctrine and principles of Christ. Paul writes later telling the world that the church is the foundation that has upheld the truth. He was writing to Timothy, but the whole world was to know. "But

if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Tim. 3:15.

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The mission of the church was to reach beyond the Holy Land to the seas and countries of the world. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20



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Hicks, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. Brother Hicks had the subject of "Revealing Church Doctrinal Errors through Historical Evidence." This was one of two topics under the main Title of "Re-establishment of Bible Truths and Doctrines." Brother Hicks began by explaining how and why history is useful to us; the Bible itself being a history. Brother Hicks then proceeded to speak about how the fundamentalist doctrine had eroded sound Baptist doctrine in Baptist churches. He first remarked that we usually have no problems with other denominations who do not claim to be Baptists; but we are in serious jeopardy due to the abundance of so-called Baptist churches and their deceiving influence. Here are two of the questions Brother Hicks asked while in this portion of his subject, "Why do you need to begin a new Baptist Church? Why not just join one of the numerous Baptist churches in the community and work with them?" He then began to answer these questions by showing us through documented histories, and famous writings of well-known evangelists where error had crept in.

Through the use of a color chart, Brother Hicks clearly exposed how "Fundamentalism" had its origin, how it had progressed throughout the years, and infiltrated and corrupted Baptist movement. He began with explaining the "Prophecy Revival of the 1790's," showing us how they erroneously calculated the date of the Pope's exile from Rome to predict the return of Christ.

Brother Hicks then followed on into an in-depth discourse on the "J. N. Darby Dispensationalism" revealing the influence Darby had on Fundamentalism. He also told us how some of Darby's views have been advanced through the well-known reference Bible by C. I. Scofield. His next discourse was on the "Prophecy and Bible Conference Movement" and its impact on organized religion. From these conferences arose a very prominent man by the name of D. L. Moody, a popular non-denominational evangelist. Brother Hicks explained that it was Moody who originated "The Inquiry Room," a room isolated for those who were seeking relief from sin where Moody's followers would deal with them privately seeking to obtain a profession.

Due to the length of his subject, he was not at liberty to get deeply involved with the remainder of his topic, but concluded briefly mentioning how Liberalism crept into the theological seminaries of this country and became the root cause of many churches failing to maintain the old paths.

After a song, the next speaker was introduced, Elder Jerry A. Reynolds. His subject, "Gaining Confidence of People on the Mission Field," was the second part under the Title of "Re-establishment of Bible Truths and Doctrines." Although Brother Reynolds said he knew of no special way, or secret method that could be used to gain confidence of people, he did reveal the only way possible anyone could influence another was through the power of God's Holy Spirit. In Brother Reynold's message, he emphasized the importance of prayer to the missionary on the field. Then he told us that the missionary must first be sure God wanted him in His work - so sure that there would be no doubt. He then expounded on the slow nature of mission work by using the work's of Judson as an example showing that Judson's first convert came after six long years. He told us the source for all answers is God. God can supply the things we lack in winning people over and can educate us on the methods which will work best in any particular area. We were also instructed on the importance of becoming a native, loving the people, and going to stay. There is no turning back for the man of God, whom God sends to the field. Brother Reynolds taught us to be versatile and also taught the importance of involvement in an intense personal work which may mean learning to preach to one person. He used scriptural backing on this part of his message citing Acts 20:20, "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto

you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house."

In his closing statements, Brother Reynolds stressed the importance of being patient, warning the missionary not to overload his listeners with too much doctrine but to proceed with a little at a time. Finally, remain optimistic, knowing God is in the work and God does not fail.

Upon the conclusion of Brother Reynolds' message, there followed a song and Christian handshake towards Brother Hicks and Brother Reynolds. The services closed for that evening after many wonderful talks.

The Missions Seminar resumed the next day at 2:00 P.M. Elder John Thompson had been selected as the first speaker on the subject of "Church Responsibility toward the Missionary." Brother Thompson spoke on Prayer & Communication of the Church toward the Missionary. Many people are not acquainted with Brother Thompson, however, he was well qualified to speak on the subject being presently involved in mission work in Browns-town, Indiana under the authority of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Indiana. Brother Thompson reiterated a few of the things that Brother Reynolds spoke on concerning the benefit of prayer and also expressed his experience of being called into the mission field, revealing a few of the circumstances that followed. He then spoke on how the church shared in the work showing the need for the church to check up on the missionary, inquiring of his needs, and to see how the work is progressing. Brother Thompson told us it would be difficult to separate his subject from the portion that Brother Roark would speak on following him. Nevertheless, he pointed out that even though financial support was very important, visitation to the mission field by representatives of the supporting churches was equally important. He illustrated his point by mentioning how the people who attend his mission sometimes ask why the people of the churches who send money do not come to visit them.

Elder Vernon Roark then followed with his portion of this topic, "Finance & Fellowship." Brother Roark took a reading lesson from Eph. 4:1-13. He then began to expound on the scriptures establishing his thought based on "The Work of the Ministry." He showed that the work of the ministry is not in the hands of the preachers, but was in the church. He went on to establish the nature of an "active scriptural church" emphasizing the "active" part. He further explained through the example of a healthy body and how to attain one is through a balanced diet and vigorous exercise, that a strong and healthy church must also be fed a balanced diet on the word of God and that exercise itself through evangelism and missionary work. Brother Roark expounded on the various gifts that are given in the ministry and their proper uses.

All of this he used to found his subject on the necessity of doctrinally sound churches and their support of missions and missionaries. He told us that through organization, dedication, and communication our churches could properly finance missions. Brother Roark proved his concept of organized financial aid in I Cor. 16:1-4. He pointed out that the word churches is plural and further stated that they united their finances to help the poor saints at Jerusalem. Another scriptural reference used was in II Cor. 11:8, where Paul said to the church at Corinth, "I took wages from other churches, to do you service." Although he did not have the time to spend on communication as he wanted, Brother Roark easily proved through the scriptures the importance of communication through the letters sent by Paul recorded in I and II Corinthians and Ephesians, plus others. Brother Roark concluded by stating that our churches are not taking full advantage of our young preachers by giving them the opportunity to exercise the God-given abilities by helping in revivals. He noted that too often our churches call the

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## Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord... you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you'd leave me when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." †

Author Unknown

## FOR SALE

Bro. Sammy B. Cornwell is offering his latest compiled song book for a special price. The book is "Songs To Remember - Number Three" and the price is \$3.00 per book plus postage. Whether you want a few books or a large number, you can get them NOW by contacting Bro. Cornwell. Write to: Mr. Sammy B. Cornwell, Route 1, Carthage, TN 37030; or call him at: (615) 735-2090.



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most popular and busiest preacher they can find. Furthermore, too often they will take a pastor away from his church when many young preachers are readily available and need the experience.

After a two hour recess in which the sisters of Fellowship Church supplied us with a bountiful meal, Elder J. Henry Smith spoke to us on the subject of "Preparation For and Doing Mission Work." Brother Smith began by warning us against too much zeal and not enough preparation. He used as a basis scripture found in Gal. 1:15-18 where Paul tells of his call into the mission field. He told us of the period of time Paul spent in Arabia and his return to Damascus where Paul then spent three years. Brother Smith pointed out that God prepared the Apostle Paul for his work over a long period of time. He also used for an example Moses and that it was forty years before God allowed him to lead his people out of bondage. Brother Smith also recounted many personal experiences concerning his call into the mission field. He spoke to us of three things involved in preparation: First, the missionary is to surrender to the Lord to do his work which includes self-denial and following the Lord; Second, the missionary must have a very good knowledge of the scriptures and through preaching have the ability to exalt Jesus Christ; Third, the missionary should become acquainted with the churches by visiting them and telling them what God has called him to do and what his plans are, then ask for their prayers.

The last portion of Brother Smith's message was on "Doing Mission Work." He told us we must put into action what we have prepared to do. He showed by the example in the 13th chapter of Acts the involvement of the spirit of God dealing with the missionaries and the church and that the church sent them out. The missionaries as they went preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is what they were sent to do. Brother Smith spoke in his message that as the missionaries preached, people were being saved, and they did according to the Commission, they made disciples, baptized them, and taught them to observe all things that they had commanded. They organized churches and ordained Elders to carry on when they left. Brother Smith concluded his message.

Following Brother Smith's message, all the preachers in attendance were asked to come forward and everyone extended to them their hands in Christian fellowship. Many people expressed their sincere thanks to God for allowing them to attend the service. All together I'm sure everyone who was there departed having been edified, educated, and uplifted to the extent of greater zeal to do God's work through mission efforts. The only regrets expressed was that more of God's people would show their interest and concern towards missionary work. Perhaps more churches will see the need and host a similar series of meetings in the future.

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God was to get glory by Jesus in all ages through the church. "Unto Him (God) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph. 3:21.

Let all of us today who are given the opportunities of being in a true Baptist church, recognize our responsibilities and be thankful that we have these glorious privileges and make use of them while it is day.

In true churches God finds a dwelling place, Eph. 2:20-22, and in Eph. 4:11-16, we are taught that the church is to serve to the edifying of its members.

"Ye are the salt of the earth," Matt. 5:13. The church has preserved the truth whereby we are reached. See Romans 13:10-17; John 8:32; I Tim. 3:15.



# TENNESSEE STATE GOSPEL SINGING CONVENTION

Dear Singing Friend,

We are very happy indeed that the fiftieth annual session of the Tennessee State Gospel Singing Convention will meet September 10 and 11, 1983, in Knoxville, Tennessee. The singing will convene at the South Knoxville Church of God, located on Magazine Road, in South Knoxville.

Singing sessions will be as follows: Saturday, September 10, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the evening session 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m. to lunch. Please take notice that our singing sessions will begin earlier this year. We are making this change to avoid the tendency to rush our singing program.

We are praying and believing that your visit and the singing itself will be a great God given blessing to each and everyone.

If I or any of the other officers can be of further assistance, feel free to contact us.

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## PREPARATION AND MISSIONS

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dread behind us; but there are some things that we must give serious consideration to, it is not something that God would have us to rush right into without any preparation. We don't know all of what is ahead of us, but God does, and He wants us to be prepared for whatever comes. So sometimes God lays a restraining hand upon us to hold us back for a while until we are better experienced in God's ways and have a better knowledge of His Divine Word.

### THE PREPARATION FOR THE WORK:

First of all, the would-be missionary must make a complete surrender to the Lord to do His work, or another way to put it is, **DEDICATION**. We have won a great victory when we have, by the grace of God, come to the place where we can make that all-out surrender. **SELF-DENIAL**, laying all things aside at home, however precious, and this may take a little time, and a lot of prayer; yes, and a lot of soul searching. But if we would go wherever the Lord wants us, and stay as long as He wants us to, we had better just lay our all on the altar, and let Him guide us and do what He wants to do with us. Here is what Jesus said about self: **"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."** **Matthew 16:24**. The man who is called of God to go into some destitute field, maybe some foreign country, he begins to think about the discomforts it will bring to his wife, if he is a married man, or to his children, if he has children; or just leaving his home with its comforts and conveniences. Well, you have to lay all this on the altar, deny self of what is near and dear to us and let the Lord take care of the result. "Take up your cross, and follow me," Jesus said.

In order for us to have the Holy Spirit to work and let us know just what He wants, we must of necessity be surrendered to the work He has called us to. It takes a lot of His grace, it requires being close to the Lord. So I cannot stress too much the thought of us giving ourselves completely to the Lord, and saying as Isaiah did, **"Here am I, send me."** **Isaiah 6:8**. The prophet said this after he had had a great experience with the Lord, the presence of the Lord was very, very real. See Isaiah 6:1-8.

**Secondly**, the man whom God is calling to go as a missionary must inform himself in the Word of God. I wouldn't say that he has to have a degree from some seminary, but he does need a pretty good knowledge of the Scriptures; he needs this, of course, to preach the Word faithfully, and he will have some pretty hard questions to answer also. A good, solid foundation of Gospel preaching must be laid, for this is His means of bringing conviction to sinners, and it pleases God to save sinners through preaching. **"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."** **I Corinthians 1:21**.

In preaching we must exalt Jesus Christ, we must lift Him high, for He is the Saviour and man's only hope of glory. **"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the Power of God, and the wisdom of God."** **I Corinthians 1:23,24**. The missionary will come face to face with the old religions of the world, with all of their ignorances and idolatry, so we must be prepared to show such people the much, much better things of Jesus Christ, and we should do this with some tact.

**Thirdly**, the would-be missionary should acquaint himself well with the churches, he should visit churches and tell them what God is calling him to do and what his plans are; because he is going to need their prayerful support, and he will need financial support, if he is giving himself and his all to do missionary work. I am not saying that he should go around soliciting funds, but he will need to visit the Lord's churches and let them know of his burden and what he intends to do about it, and very important, ask for their prayers. I believe that the Lord will see that he gets support, if he is sincere and is in the will of the Lord.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FROM COLORADO

The following amounts have been sent to Colorado Missionary Baptist Church in Denver since our July report in the BANNER. We wish to THANK YOU ALL.

Landmark M. Baptist Church, Memphis, TN	.....\$ 120.00
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The architect was presenting his plat today (8-9-83) to city officials in applying for our new church building permit.

Doreen Brown, Church Clerk







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DOING MISSION WORK:

This is the end we must have in mind, DOING THE WORK THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO. The call from God is very important, the preparation is very important, but we must act to the call, and go and put into practice what we have been preparing for, just preparing will not do the job.

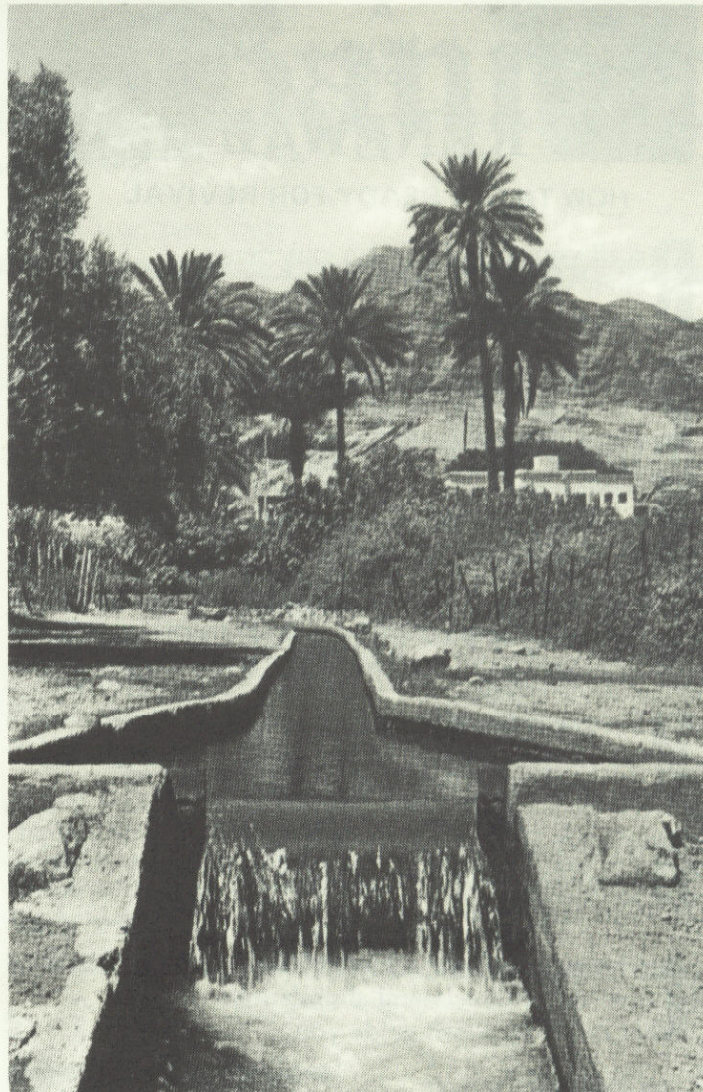
We have a beautiful example in the 13th chapter of Acts of Bible missions, of how the missionaries were set apart by the church at Antioch, and how they went out and did the work. The Holy Spirit said to the church at Antioch, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Now, the Lord had a work for these men to do, He called them to do just that, and He spoke to a New Testament church to set these men apart for this work, "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:2,3.

First, Paul and Barnabas were set apart by a local, New Testament church for the work whereunto the Lord had called them (Acts 13:2,3), no other institution was involved in their being sent.

Secondly, the missionaries were being directed by the Holy Spirit as they went. "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." Acts 13:4. The Holy Spirit was their only Director, He was the One on whom they leaned for Power and direction.

Thirdly, they went and preached the Gospel, for this is what they were sent to do, "And when they were at Salamis, they preached the Word of God in the Synagogues of the Jews." Acts 13:5. They witnessed to one individual on this island of Cyprus also. Acts 13:6,7. We are not to wait till we have a big crowd before we start preaching.

Fourthly, the missionaries, after they had preached and people were saved, established churches and confirmed them in the Faith. They didn't just get people saved and then let them go, they did according to the Commission, they made disciples, baptized them and taught them to observe all things that they had commanded (Matthew 28:19,20). When Paul and Barnabas were at Lystra the Jews persecuted them and they stoned Paul and left him for dead, but he rose up, and they went to Derbe and preached, "And when they had preached the Gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the Faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they had believed." Acts 14:21-23.



ELISHA'S SPRING AT JERICHO

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going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, a winding road, often passing between crags, going through the desolate Judean wilderness, which was a frequent hiding place of criminals.

Of greatest interest to the Bible student is the evidence bearing on the overthrow of the city in the days of Joshua.

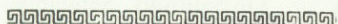
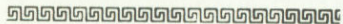
NT Jericho, Tulul Abu el-Alayiq, was excavated in 1950. Much of it had been built by Herod the Great as his winter capital. Here Herod died (4 B.C.). It was a magnificent Roman-style city, with pools, villas, a hippodrome and a theater. A great civic center, of the best Roman masonry, with a grand facade containing statuary niches, potted plants and a reflecting basin before it, bear witness to the grandeur of the

international culture that was Palestine's during the time of Jesus.



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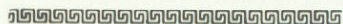
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. has moved its annual homecoming to an earlier date. The all-day homecoming services this year are to be on Sunday, September 25. There will be Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. and preaching by the pastor, Elder Bobby Sutton at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing in the afternoon with the Cockriel Family of Bowling Green, Ky. being the featured group. Everyone is invited.



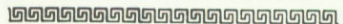
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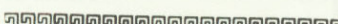
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Resolve to do your best in His service.
- E**nter into the revival enthusiastically.  
Exert every effort to win someone to Christ.  
Enlist this new convert in service.
- V**isualize the condition of the lost.  
Vow that you will do something about it.  
Voice your deep desire in daily prayer.
- I**nvite people to all the services.  
Impress upon them the importance of attending.  
Intensify your own efforts to live like a Christian.
- V**iew the fields that are "white unto harvest."  
Volunteer your services wherever they are needed.  
Visit in homes as much as possible.
- A**spire to all that is good and holy.  
Attend every service if possible.  
Allow God to use you.
- L**ook at the needy and sinful world.  
Love people freely and abundantly.  
Let the Holy Spirit guide you.

## REVIVALS

### SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 4

Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta Sts., Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Paul Patterson is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

### FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 23

Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Mission, located on 4th Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn. Elder Bill Green and Elder James Shoulders are the Mission preachers. Services are to be nightly at 7:00. Everyone invited.

### SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2

Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, 5900 S. Parker Rd., Denver, Col. Pastor Gary Duncan is to be assisted by Elder Don Curtis. Services each night at 7:30. If you have loved ones or friends in the Denver area please notify them of this meeting.

## HOMECOMING

Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. will be having all-day homecoming services on Sunday, September 25.

Sunday school at 10:00 A.M. and preaching at 11:00 A.M. by the pastor, Elder Edgar Copeland. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

There will be singing in the afternoon by the Calvary Quartet. Everyone is invited to attend.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank each one that donated on my Bible tapes. They are a great help and blessing to me. I can't see to read my Bible anymore. May God bless each one of you is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Jimmy Parker  
Indianapolis, Indiana

## BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE

The Bethel Missionary Baptist Association, with most of its churches in Indiana, will convene in its 26th annual session September 16, 17, 18, 1983, with Southside Missionary Baptist Church, 1850 E. Sumner Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

The first service begins on Friday night, September 16, at 7:00 P.M. Elder Delbert Compton was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at this service.

The Memorial Sermon on Saturday is to be delivered by Bro. Nathan York, and Elder Odus Cummings is to preach the Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday.

Officers elected at the last annual session were, Elder Calvin Perrigo, Moderator; Bro. Jeff Moran, Clerk and Bro. J. W. Lyons, Treasurer. Everyone is invited to any or all the services throughout the three-day session.

## SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO MEET

On Friday, September 30, 1983, the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will meet with Drakes Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 100, Franklin, Ky. and continue through Friday night and Saturday, October 1.

Elder Don Curtis is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday. Elder Paul Bryson is to preach the Memorial Sermon on Friday night, and on Saturday the Doctrinal Sermon is to be preached by Elder Billy Moran.

Officers elected last session were, Elder W. T. Russell, Moderator; Elder Don Curtis, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treasurer. The association welcomes everyone to meet and fellowship with them.

In **FAITH**  
we go Forward!

## BIBLE LANDS TOUR PROGRAM - PICNIC

On Saturday, September 3, a Program of Study in preparation for our Bible Lands Tour, beginning October 25, will be held at Old Union Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. The time for the meeting is 6:00 P.M. All tour members and family members are invited. Each is asked to bring a picnic basket, soft drinks, etc.

One meeting has already been held at Moss-Wright Park in Goodlettsville, Tenn. on Saturday, July 30. A large crowd attended with a good meeting and fellowship. Some could not attend that one and this meeting is scheduled for them. However, those attending the first one may attend this one if they so desire. We now have over 100 members and approximately 3 bus loads who will tour in Jordan, Israel and Greece. For anyone who may have a question, or desires information, contact me.

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