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Merry Christmas

Virgin Birth Of Christ

By H. C. Vanderpool

True Baptists have, and still believe and teach the Virgin birth of Christ. About 700 B.C. Isaiah wrote, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.

An angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph seven hundred years later concerning his taking the virgin Mary for his wife, "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth son, and they shall call his name Em-

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Bro. Sherron

SALVATION

By Leon Sherron
Portland, Tenn.

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SAVIOR

Savior means one who saves. God has used men to save naturally, "Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviors, who saved them out of the

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Our Travels in Bible Lands

By H. C. Vanderpool

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1984

On the above date, I met with our tour members from Tennessee and Kentucky at the Nashville Airport to begin my 8th Bible Lands Pilgrimage. Others from Indiana were to meet us in New York. At 1:45 P.M. we boarded US Air: Flight 162 for New York via Philadelphia. After arriving in New York we gathered with our tour members from

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manuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:22-23.

Jesus had no earthly father. Had he been begotten and born according to the nature of the human family, he could not have been our Saviour. Our faith in him would have been in vain and we would be a hopeless race.

Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field



Mary was found with child by the Holy Spirit, Matthew 1:18-20. Without the virgin birth there could be no plan of redemption. The would be no other to save us, Acts 4:11-12.

As far as is known, there are no records of the exact date of Jesus' birth. Some deny it being in the winter since the shepherds were out watching over their sheep. I have been in the Holy Land in December, and have seen the shepherds out with their flocks and the weather between 70° and 80° temperature. However, the Bible teaches us he was born and we know by the Spirit, Romans 8:16, that he lives in our hearts.

His birth was according to prophecy, Galatians 4:4 and Revelations 13:8. At this Christmas season when many people disrespect Christ with their thoughts, action and gifts, let us prayerfully and humbly

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We, the BAPTIST BANNER staff, and our families, wish each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We trust the Lord's richest blessings will be upon each of you and your families. May the true Spirit of the season reign in your hearts for ever.

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Season's Greetings!

Let me share a "Preacher's Story" with you. Several years ago a reader of the British Weekly wrote a letter to the editor as follows: "Dear Sir! I noticed that ministers seem to set a great deal of importance on their sermons and spend a great deal of time in preparing them. I have been attending services quite regularly for the past 30 years and during that time, if I estimate correctly, I have listened to no less than

3,000 sermons. But, to my consternation, I discover I cannot remember a single one of them. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else? Sincerely..."

The letter kicked up quite an editorial storm of angry responses for weeks. The pros and cons of sermons were tossed back and forth until, finally, one letter ended the debate. This letter said: "My dear Sir: I

have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals - mostly my wife's cooking. Suddenly I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every one of them. I have the distinct impression without them, I would have starved to death long ago. Sincerely..."

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Disappointed Soldier

Dear Preacher:

I was at home a few days ago on a furlough and happened to hear you preach on the radio, and I feel that I should write you about what is on my heart. For I think that I will be going to the battlefields within a few days and I want to have everything right between me and God before I go. Preacher, I have never seen you and do not know you personally, but I wish you would write me and tell me exactly what to do to be saved and ready to meet the Lord if this should be my time to go. Also, if you wish to read this letter over the air you may do so, for it may help some Mother or Father to wake up to what is going on. Perhaps it may reach my own Mother and help her to see what she should do.

Now, here is the story. When I went home the other week, I went with a feeling of joy, and yet there was a burden on my heart. I knew that perhaps it would be my last furlough home, and that maybe I would never see my folks again. For I know that not all of us are coming back, and as yet I am not ready to die. So as I went home, I went hoping that Mother and Dad would help me to get right with the Lord. I knew that they had never been very religious, but they belonged to the church and claimed to be Christians. They never had family prayers and did not seem to care much about the real spiritual work of the church. But I had the idea that that would all be changed now. Some how, Preacher, I felt that surely this war with all that it is bringing would make Mother and Dad really live for the Lord.

So I went home hoping that they would talk to me about being a Christian, and that they would try to help me to get saved and ready to meet the Lord. I went home thinking that surely my Mother was interested in the spiritual condition of her son. I have always thought that my Mother was the finest woman in the world and have been proud of her. So I told myself that Mother was praying for me and that she was interested in seeing her boy saved, whether anyone else was or not.

But things at home were not what I had expected to find them. I think I came back to camp the most discouraged boy that there has ever been. For when I got home everything seemed to be just about as usual. About the only difference that I could see was that they fussed a lot about having to put up with rationing and because they could not buy just anything they wanted to have. As far as

their religious life is concerned I think they must be farther from God than they have ever been. Preacher, they seem to be asleep to what this war is doing, and instead of waking up and getting right with God, they seem to be getting deeper in sin. The Mother that I thought would pray with me and help me to be saved, never once mentioned religion to me. She has even quit going to Church with the excuse that they do not have enough gas to drive to Church. I noticed that they could take a drive and go visiting in the afternoons on Sunday. Anyway the church is not very far and anyone who was really interested could walk.

Dad is all wrapped up in his job. Of course, it is a defense job but he does not seem to care much about the defense end of it. All he could talk about was the big salary he was getting, and the fact that their local

union was pressing for more money. One day when I said something about it being the biggest salary he had ever gotten, he said, "Oh well, I just might as well get my part out of this war." Preacher, I believe that he is actually glad that the war is going on. He did not seem a bit interested in the fact that the longer the war goes on the more people will lose their lievs. All he seemed to care about was his pay.

So I spent my entire furlough at home. Time and again I would bring up the subject of religion hoping that Mother or Dad would talk to me about my soul. O how I wanted Mother to pray for me and how I wanted Dad to talk to me. Of course, I had never heard Mother pray, and Dad had never said a word to me in all my life about my soul, but I thought that surely this war would make people turn to God. But the full time of my furlough passed and they had not said one word.

Then came the day when I had to leave. Preacher, I could not stand it any longer. I know you may think I am a fool, but I broke down and cried like a baby. I just could not help it. It was not because I was having to leave. I did not mind that so bad. I knew that I might never see them again. But that was not what worried me. I just had to cry to think that my own Mother and Dad were not in the least interested in my salvation.

Preacher, I came back to camp determined by the help of God to get saved. But I also came back wondering what could happen to Mother and Dad if God should call them into judgement. I am not very proud of Mother now. I see that she is more interested in her clubs and visits and clothes than she is in the salvation of her son. And one day when I smelled cigarette smoke on

her breath, I knew that Mother was just as badly in need of someone praying for her as I am.

Now, I know that Dad isn't interested in his son's salvation. Oh, he got a kick out of taking me around and showing the men of the community what a fine looking boy he had, and all that. But Preacher, Dad does not care about my salvation. He is too much interested in making a dollar. I even caught him drinking one day in a beer joint.

I know this is a long letter and will take some of your precious time, but I write it in the hope that you may be able to say or do something that will wake the Godless Fathers and Mothers of America up to see that they have boys and girls who need to be saved and that they should help them. Tell the Mothers where ever you can, that for God's sake and for the sake of their boys, they should get right with God and quit this foolish, sinful way in which they are going, and get down to business in praying for the boys and girls of this nation. Tell the fathers that they should quit their drinking and gambling and get interested in their children and in God's work MORE than they are interested in making money. Tell the young girls (I have some sisters) to quit their smoking and dancing and petting, and to be clean Christians so that they will be fit to marry a decent man some day and and raise a family.

Preacher, keep telling them the truth, over and over and over again, and please pray for my lost Mother and Father and sisters, and write me just what I must do to be saved, FOR I WANT TO BE A REAL CHRISTIAN AND READY TO MEET JESUS EVEN IF I HAVE TO DIE ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

Signed by a Soldier

Country Parson



"A good leader is one who thinks he doesn't know all the answers."



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BIBLE LANDS TOUR

NOVEMBER 20, 1985

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SUMMARY OF YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES

Days 1 & 2

NEW YORK/CAIRO

Evening departure from New York on your jet to Cairo. A hearty dinner and breakfast are served aloft. You will arrive in Cairo in the evening local time, and will be met, assisted and transferred to your hotel for the night.

Day 3

CAIRO

Sightseeing tour of the great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, as well as the fantastic Egyptian Museum which contains King Tutankhamun's treasures. Also seen are the Nile, the Citadel, the Mohammed Ali Mosque offering a beautiful view of Cairo, historical dwellings and mosques. Visit Memphis, once the capital of Egypt, built during the First Dynasty by Menes in 3000 B.C. View the Alabaster Sphinx, the Pyramids and the statue of Ramses II, then proceed to the Necropolis of Sakkara containing the funerary monuments from various periods of Egyptian history. See the Step Pyramid of King Zoser and some mastabas (tombs of nobles). Included are the tombs of Ti and Ptah which are some of the finest ever excavated. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

Day 4

CAIRO/ASHKELON/ASHDOD

Depart early morning from Cairo. (On some departures, if you so wish, we might "sail you" leisurely from Port Said to Israel. You can also fly Cairo to Tel Aviv. However, space by air is not easy to get; it is also over \$100 more expensive!) Historic motorcoach drive. Cross the Suez Canal into the Sinai and continue on the coast highway past Ashkelon, Ashdod and Tel Aviv to Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in 20 B.C. Here Paul was imprisoned for two years until he was sent to be tried in Rome. Stop to explore the Crusader Fortress and the Roman Theatre. Continue to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 5

TIBERIAS/CAPERNAUM/TABGHA/ MT. OF BEATITUDES/MAGDALA/ CANA/NAZARETH

Following a memorable boatripe on the Sea of Galilee, you will visit Capernaum and see the ruins of an ancient synagogue and a Byzantine Chapel at the site of Peter's

House. Then on to Tabgha, place of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Mt. of Beatitudes and Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. Drive to Cana, place of Jesus' first miracle and on to Nazareth where you will see the Church of the Annunciation built over the Holy Family's home, Mary's Well and Joseph's Carpenter Shop. Overnight in Tiberias.

Day 6

TIBERIAS/JERICHO/JERUSALEM/ GARDEN TOMB

From Tiberias, drive to Jericho, a desert oasis of lovely trees, date palms and vineyards. One can see Elisha's Fountain, the Mt. of Temptation, and the Jordan River which flows from Mt. Hermon in Galilee and ends in the Dead Sea. It is the only river in the world which flows for most of its length below sea level. View Qumran in the distance before we continue to Jerusalem where you have your walking tour of the Old City, seeing the Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, El Aksa Mosque, King David Street, the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Joppa and Damascus Gates and the Western Wall. Complete the afternoon by visiting the Garden Tomb with orientation beside Gordon's Calvary. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7

JERUSALEM/BETHLEHEM/ MT. OF OLIVES/GETHSEMANE

This morning you spend getting to know "Jerusalem the Golden." Drive to the Mt. of Olives where you visit the Chapel of the Ascension and follow the path down the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. A short drive through the Kidron Valley brings you by way of Absalom's Pillar and Zechariah's Tomb to the Church of St. Peter in Galllicantu and Caiaphas' House. You visit Mary's Fountain and the Pool of Siloam, then proceed around Mt. Zion to the Upper Room, scene of the Lord's Supper, and the nearby tomb of David. Drive to Bethlehem to view Rachel's Tomb, visit the Church of the Manger, the Milk Grotto and Shepherd's Field. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8

ISRAEL/NEW YORK

Early morning departure for New York or continue touring.

For full information and a special price on our 1985 Bible Lands Tour, write or call, and receive additional discounts for early reservations.

EGYPT

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ISRAEL

Virgin Birth

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keep Christ in Christmas and manifest the true spirit of Christianity every day of our lives! My family and I, and the Staff of the Baptist Banner, wish each of you a Merry Christmas, and God bless you all.

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:22



ATTENTION

If you sent in an article or announcement and it isn't in this issue, it's because it did not reach the BANNER mailbox by the deadline. All communications must be sent in time for us to receive them by the 10th of the month preceding month of publication. Due to the fact I have several schedules to keep, our deadlines must be kept.

- Editor



New Bethel Missionary Baptist School

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(615) 859-5780

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REGISTRATION FEE: A one-time, non-refundable fee of \$10.00 is to be paid by each student regardless of the number of courses taken.

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 - Zondervan Pictorial Dictionary
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BIBLE:

- 101: Lessons 25 - Tuition: \$ 50.00
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- 103: Lessons 31 - Tuition: \$ 62.00
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- 303: Lessons 28 - Tuition: \$ 56.00
- 304: Lessons 11 - Tuition: \$ 22.00

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION:

- 201: Lessons 8 - Tuition: \$ 16.00
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HISTORY:

- 203: Lessons 7 - Tuition: \$ 14.00
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- 401: Lessons 17 - Tuition: \$ 34.00
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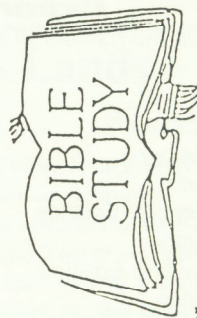
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Please check any of the following that pertains to you:

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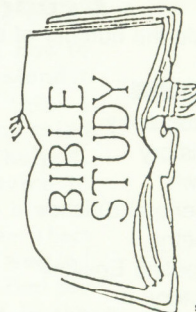
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 () Laymember
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SALVATION

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I thank the Good Lord for saving and blessing. Please pray for my family and friends. We will help pray for each other and every person who we don't know who is living in this world, even those who are going to be born into this life if the Lord delays His second coming. We who have been saved will witness to every lost sinner that we possibly can. Please pray for those close to my heart who are lost whom I ask prayer for in what I wrote to the Baptist Banner last year. The printers, in an honest mistake, left my Aunt's name off that list. I beg your prayers for those who are lost to all be saved before they die. I appreciate Bro. Vanderpool printing this.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

The annual New Year's Eve Singing will be held at Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, KY on Monday night, December 31, beginning at 8:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thoughts for the New Year

- Take time to live – it is the secret of success.
 - Take time to think – it is the source of power.
 - Take time to play – it is the secret of youth.
 - Take time to read – it is the foundation of knowledge.
 - Take time for friendship – it is the source of happiness.
 - Take time to laugh – it helps lift life's load.
 - Take time to dream – it hitches the soul to the stars.
 - Take time for God – it is life's only lasting investment.
- Rotary Rambler, Norton, Kansas*

Making the most of today is the best way to be ready for tomorrow.

The New Year offers you fifty-two special Sabbath Day appointments with God. Will you keep them?

OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1984 through September 30, 1984

<u>Contributions</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
July	\$2,303.22	July	\$1,586.46
August	1,727.84	August	1,900.66
September	2,724.90	September	3,852.47
	\$6,755.96		\$7,341.59
Balance in Bank as of 6-30-84 – \$3,475.00			

ITEMIZED EXPENSES

Christian Duplications Int'l Inc. - Tapes	\$ 66.46
C. K. Smith - Preparing Lease on Bldg.	75.00
Consolidated Media - Tapes	78.00
Dunn, Harold - Reimbursement for mowing yard	30.00
Electra Distributing - Tapes	72.00
Group W Cable - Mailing Tapes	2.78
Interstate Press - Labels	97.50
K-Mart - Lock for front door of building	9.38
Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corp.	54.04
Bob Pitt - Expenses mileage, mailing tapes, misc.	302.32
Bob Pitt - Reimbursement for Tapes	83.44
Powell & Meadows Ins. Agcy. - Ins. on Bldg. and Liab.	548.63
Sainte Broadcasting Channel 35	498.00
Sainte Broadcasting Channel 19	746.00
State Farm Ins. Co. - Floater Policy	30.00
Technical Industries - Camera	1,650.00
Tennessee Telephone Co.	330.94
T.V. 39 Murfreesboro	2,600.00
U.S. Postmaster - Stamps	20.00
West Wilson Water Dist.	29.10
Wilson County Register Office - recording lease on bldg.	18.00
Total	\$7,341.59

Balance in Bank as of 9-30-84 – \$2,889.37

Eld. Bobby Pitt, Co-ordinator 309 Andrews Ave. Hartsville, Tennessee 37074 Phone 615-374-2723	Robbit Pitt, Treasurer 309 Andrews Ave. Hartsville, Tennessee 37074 Phone 615-374-2723
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Our Travels in Bible Lands

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Indiana, went through all Passport inspection and other related details, and then transferred to our waiting area for our overseas journey.

The joy and excitement of such traveling was manifested in the eyes and conversations of our beloved brothers and sisters. Two of our members, Mrs. Mabel Gill and Mr. George Gammon, each was 82 years of age. And believe me, they were an inspiration to all of us, and enjoyed every day, every night and every place we visited throughout the tour!

At 10:30 P.M. we boarded Flight 30: Tower Air and we were on our way to the Promised Land. After some time in flight we were served our night meal, and we soon settled down for the night.....which was a short one.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1984

Flying east, meeting the sunrise, daylight comes when it is only 2:00 A.M. central time. We welcomed the day and soon ate again. We stopped for a time in Brussels, Belgium for refueling and change of airline crew. We had time to visit the shops at the airport, visit awhile in another country, and then we were on our way again.

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REVIVAL REPORT

Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. There were six professions of faith with six additions to the church. Pastor Bobby Gann was assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson and Elder Tommie Lankford was in charge of the singing.

MISSION

Bro. Carthel Wilson from Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. is doing mission work in Kentucky. Anyone who can attend is welcome. The mission is located at North 127, Liberty, Ky. You may contact the preacher at Box 397, Liberty, KY 42539.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Dobbins Pike, Gallatin, Tenn. will be having their first New Year's Eve singing on Monday night, December 31, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The Southern Harmony Quartet and the Autumn Trio will be the featured singers. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship of God's people.

PASTORAL CALLS

Longview Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. recently called Elder Bobby E. Pitt to her pastorate. Bro. Pitt has already assumed his pastoral duties with the church.

Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Logan County, Ky. called Elder Ron Galloway of Nashville, Tenn. as pastor. He began the pastorate on October 14.

Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Tenn. has called Elder W. C. Johnson as pastor. He is to begin this pastorate January 1, 1985.

Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. recently called Elder Bobby Gann to her pastorate. Bro. Gann has already begun the work there.



Pictured above are: kneeling in front, Bro. Clarence Hagan and Miss Yael Katz, our Israeli guide. Front row standing, left to right: Miss Shirley Certain, Co-Host, Mrs. Joan Carter, Mr. Kenneth Agnew, Mrs. Mabel Gill, Mr. Dortch West, Mrs. Delores Linville, Mrs. Emma Jean Wilkerson, Mrs. Roberta Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Hupper, Madame Margherita Bottard of Athens, Greece who traveled with us, Mrs. Mary Fritts, Mr. Robert Fritts, and Mr. George Gammon. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Sadie Certain, Elder Thomas Carter, Mrs. Jo Frances Agnew, Elder Eugene Brown, Co-Host, Mrs. Sue Harlin, Mr. Howard Patton, Mrs. Ethel McClard and Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Host.

Our Travels in Bible Lands

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Soon after sundown we landed at the Tel Aviv airport in Israel. On our way out of the airport to our bus, I saw Zack and Theo, the two guides we had last year. After a brief conversation with them we boarded our bus and headed east across the Holy Land to Tiberias located on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Here we would be staying for the next two nights while traveling the northern areas of Israel. We stayed at the Washington Hotel. After the normal procedures, supper, etc. we settled in for the night. However, I talked with my wife back home before retiring for the night.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1984

We were up early and this year we were served a full Israeli breakfast every morning. We boarded our bus for a trip to the Jordan River. Ahmud was our bus driver and Miss Yael Katz was our Israeli guide. We drove through Tiberias down to the Jordan River where we had a brief service. We then returned to Tiberias by way of the Hot Springs. We stopped and visited the waters which were boiling. We learned that an International health center is to be built here for the treatment of several diseases.

Back in Tiberias we walked down through the winding streets and by-ways until we came to the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Here we went aboard the large boat. We soon began our boat ride across this Biblical Sea where Christ spent much time in his ministry and where he called disciples out to follow him. (Matthew 4:18-22)

As we approached the center of the Sea, the motors were cut off and silence fell around us, letting our minds and spirits feed upon the goodness and mercy of God. Here we enjoyed a service as various ones read scripture, led singing and prayed. Oh! How wonderful to experience such! After our service we continued on until we came to Capernaum. This was the center of Christ's ministry. (Matthew 4:13)

We visited the ruins of this city including that of a second century A.D. synagogue, shown in the background of the photo. From here we ascended the Mount of Beatitudes. There were some showers of rain on this day, which was welcomed by the people of the Holy Land, and they freshened the air, making our environment very pleasant. This was the last rain during our entire stay, and the weather began once again to warm up until we experienced hot days before returning home.

After a brief service on the Mt. of Beatitudes we returned to our hotel in Tiberias for a bountiful dinner. In the afternoon we drove through Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene, then on to the northern border of Israel and the Lebanese border where we visited Caesarea Philippi where Peter made his confession to Christ concerning Christ being the Rock upon which the Lord would build his church. (Matthew 16:13-17)

After leaving this area we returned to Tiberias by way of the Golan Heights and the Syrian border, crossing the Jordan River and traveling south. After supper several of us walked to downtown Tiberias and back; it was then time to retire for the night and dream once again of the wonders and sites of the Promised Land!

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