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CHRIST, THE ROCK OF AGES

By Bob Vanderpool
Hendersonville, Tenn.

1. MOREOVER, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
2. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
3. And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
4. And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

INTRODUCTION

A rock is something that is solid and steadfast. We often use the term 'solid as a rock' in referring to many things in our everyday life. Everyone realizes that any

reference made to a stone or rock is a reference concerning strength and stability.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Christ is quoted, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." In these verses of scripture, Christ is comparing himself to anything else that a person might base his hope for eternal

life on. Christ is saying that he is the rock and the only foundation upon whom a person can build his hope.

ROCK OF OLD TESTAMENT

Paul said in today's lesson that Moses and the Israelites were under a cloud (the cloud that led them when they left the Egyptian bondage). He also states that the rock from which they drank was Christ. In II Samuel 22:2-3, "And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence." David made this statement about 1018 B.C. In II Samuel 22:31-33, David says, "As for God, his way (Continued on Page 5)

Brother Smith Writes From California

Dear Friends,

We arrived back to our place in Santa Paula, California safely, after spending some time in Nashville, from October 16th till November 6th. We had no trouble on the way back, though my vision was somewhat blurred because of the eye surgery I had on my right eye on our way to Tennessee; but both of us together could make out all the road signs. I didn't intend to drive any at night; we did, however, let dark overtake us one evening before we could get a motel, as we were trying to make it from Flagstaff, Arizona to Kingman but couldn't make it. So we found a place between at Ash Ford, Arizona, and we made out without much difficulty. I don't think we will try that long drive again without a second driver, for it is just a little too much. Next time we might take a plane which is just about as cheap, considering the wear on the body.

On our way to Tennessee we did have some trouble, if you would call it that. Before we got out of California the transmission on our car locked, and I thought we couldn't make it any farther, we were in the desert and no service near, but we prayed and got the car rolling again,

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Brother Lyles Writes From Alaska

Greetings to you back home from Alaska:

I wanted to inform all of you about the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ toward us in Alaska. We serve the greatest power that has ever been known to this world or mankind. The Lord has been so good to my family and me, that there are not words to express my thankfulness and joy toward Him. He blessed us with a beautiful and healthy baby boy on the fifth day of November. Before the end of November, He had provided us with a larger apartment with an extra bedroom that allowed children. As of the end of November,* we were still looking for a building that we can afford to hold services on Sunday morning. I hope and pray during the first part of the new year, we will be able to have found a place to worship. We are still having services every Sunday morning with a nice family in our apartment that I met during our first week in Alaska. I feel that a building is necessary to hold services in because of the difference of the peoples' ideas and viewpoints about mission work. Most people do not feel comfortable enough meeting in someone else's home, because they feel that they are imposing on my family. I realize

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FOUR COUNTY SINGING

The Four-County Singing (Macon, Sumner, Smith, Trousdale) in Tennessee will meet at West End Missionary Baptist Church, 440 W. Main St., Gallatin, Tenn. on Sunday, January 6, at 2:00 P.M. The church and Bob Vanderpool, singing president, invite everyone to attend for a great Spiritual singing and fellowship.

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Pastoral Resignations and Newly Called Pastors of Missionary Baptist Churches

In recent weeks several pastors have resigned from their churches. Most have already called new pastors for 1985. Those that we have information on are listed below.

Church	The Resigning Pastor	Newly Called Pastor
Union Hill, Gallatin, TN	W.C. Johnson	
Longview, Gallatin, TN	Paul Patterson	Bobby E. Pitt
Enon Chapel, Hartsville, TN	Bobby Gann	C. B. Huddleston
Lyons, Louisville, KY	D. C. Barton	Paul Bryson
Haysville, Lafayette, TN	Bobby Gann	Tommy Parkhurst
Greenfield, Greenbrier, TN	Gayle Snoddy	W. C. Johnson
Lafayette, Lafayette, TN	Kenneth Davis	
Meadorville, Lafayette, TN	Harold D. Linville	Bobby Gann
Old Union, Bowling Green, KY	Paul Bryson	Jerry Reynolds
Rayon City, Old Hickory, TN	Levie Smith	Rodney Carter
Hauser, North Bend, OR	Mike Highfill	Steve Perrigo
Hope, Manchester, TN	Bobby E. Pitt	
Old Time, Elizabeth, W VA	Jerry Reynolds	
Bide Russell Mem., Ruddleton, TN	Rodney Carter	William Johnson

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.

SOME CHURCHES ARE DOING THIS

One of the greatest blessings of a minister's life, is to be privileged to travel to, live for a few days in, and study the word of God in Bible Lands! The Lord willing, next November 20, I'll be making my 9th tour of the Holy Land and other Bible countries. Already, a number of Baptist ministers have made reservations for that TRIP OF A LIFETIME! **Churches do a wonderful thing when they send their pastor, and better still, pastor and wife, on these tours.** Any church wishing to have the information may obtain it by writing or calling me; see page 6. Some churches have already done this!

- Pastor H. C. Vanderpool, Host-Advisor

BROTHER LYLES WRITES (Continued from Page 1)

that it is very important to adjust to the culture of people that I now live with, so please pray that the Lord will provide us with a building in order to reach out to the unsaved that live in Alaska.

We have adjusted very well to the different life style and climate since our arrival in July, because it was very different getting use to nineteen hours of daylight when we first arrived in Anchorage. But after a few weeks of this, it was now very normal to us eastern folks. After a few more months past, the daylight began to decrease very rapidly as the long winter months ahead were approaching, which would begin in October. We are now receiving about five hours of sunlight a day with the long dark cold hours that are left.

We are very much looking ahead to the new year at what God has in store for us here in Alaska. We have met many people and some which have a very sound testimony of passing from death unto life. Many of those people have been very nice to us in desiring to help us in any way possible.

I would like to thank all of you that have prayed for us, and especially the ones who have supported us with their finances. I pray that the Lord has blessed you for your thoughtfulness and generosity toward the work here in Alaska.

There are times we miss the good fellowship with God's great people, and our families back home, but we know that the Lord's work

in this world is more important than what we always desire. The Lord has been very good to us, and we trust He is being good to you also in a mighty way.

Please remember to pray for our parents back home, because I know it must be very hard on them being so far away from us, and the fact that they have never seen their grandson. But we pray for them everyday asking the Lord to supply them grace even as he does to us when the lonely times appear.

May God bless all of your churches and families is my prayer. Please note our new address and telephone number in this letter.

With Love from your Missionary in Alaska,
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*P.S. (Editor's Note) Bro. Calvin Perrigo, Indianapolis, has just notified me as the Banner was going to press that Bro. Lyles has already found a place for Sunday morning and Sunday night services. It is located at 1023 East 6th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. We are thankful for this blessing.





THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM

KANSAS MISSION

The Mission in Emporia, Kansas, sponsored by the Cedar Cross Missionary Baptist Church of Scottsville, Ky., would like to announce the following service schedule. The Mission meets in the Lyon County Community Center on the corner of E. 6th and Union St. in downtown Emporia. Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00. Preaching each 3rd Sunday by Bro. Gerald Cherry, pastor of Cedar Cross Church. Preaching each 5th Sunday by Bro. Richard Crain of Missouri.

The church also sponsors a radio program each Sunday morning at 8:45 on Station KZ93 FM. This program is shared by Bro. Gerald Cherry and Bro. Billy Moran.

Anyone having friends or relatives in this area are asked to tell them of this work. We need your prayers and the attendance of people in this area.

Please note: Neither the Cedar Cross Church nor the Mission is in any way affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Comments From Banner Readers

"Here is my check to renew the Baptist Banner for 1985. I enjoy the paper so much, and don't want to miss a paper."

Estelle Crafton
Lakeland, FL

"Please send me a brochure of your school, and place me on your subscription list for the Baptist Banner. I might see you next summer when I visit my relatives in Kentucky."

James A. McCoy, Pastor
Pearl City, Hawaii

"We enjoy your paper, Baptist Banner, very much and look forward to receiving it each month."

We are in need of prayer. Remember us when you pray."

Pastor Earl Owen and Family
Lexington, TN

"I really do enjoy the Baptist Banner. I am an old-time Baptist. I'm 82 years old. Please don't let me miss a copy of the Baptist Banner. Thank you."

Mrs. George L. Kemp
Hartsville, TN

"Hope you all have a nice trip to the Holy Land. We sure enjoyed going last year. Plan to go again. It truly is The Trip of a Lifetime. The paper is really interesting."

Edward and Lois Kittrell
Diane Brown

Westmoreland, TN

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Our Travels in Bible Lands

(Continued from last month)

By H. C. Vanderpool

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1984

After a good night's rest, we were up early and outside our hotel viewing the beauties of the Holy Land. One of the inspiring views is seeing the sun rise over the Sea of Galilee. Here one breathes the fresh morning air as birds sing in nearby palm trees and the sound of early morning travelers echo from the streets of Tiberias.

Our luggage had been placed outside our hotel room door for pickup as we will be staying in Jerusalem tonight. We had a good breakfast, buffet style, including fruit juice, various jams and jellies, olives, onions, several kinds of salads, boiled eggs, scrambled eggs, tomatoes, pickles, toast, hard rolls, coffee, various kinds of cheese, butter, lox and other items. These are the type, full Israeli breakfasts, we were served every morning.

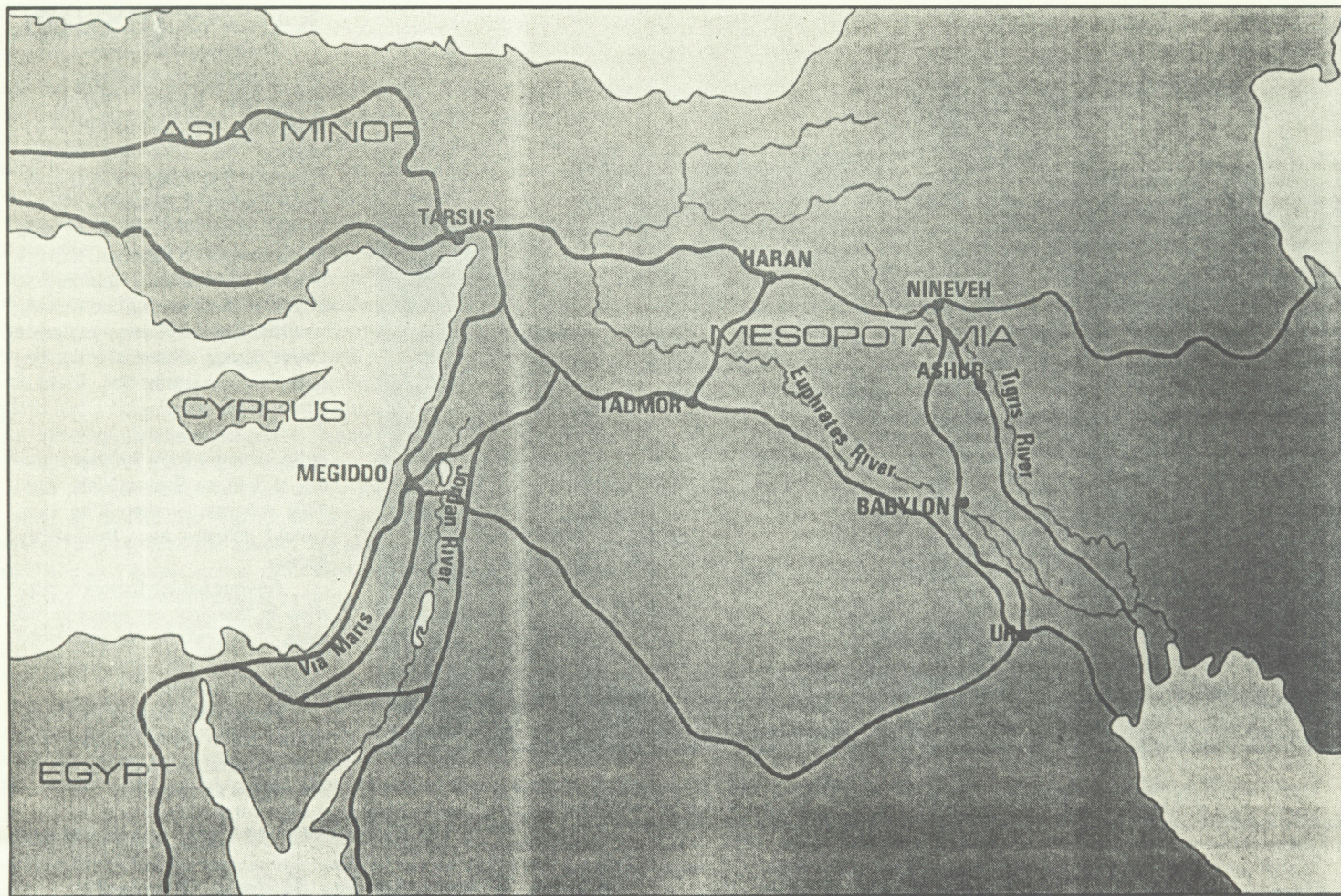
We boarded our beautiful and comfortable Israeli bus with Ahmad our driver and Yael our guide and began the day driving into upper Galilee and westward to the Mediterranean Sea. Ahmad was an Arab and Yael Katz, the guide, was an Israeli lady who was very knowledgeable, having received two Masters degrees while studying in the United States. Her mother lives in New York.

We go through Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first miracle, John 2:1-11. From there we continued on to Nazareth. Here Jesus lived during his childhood with Mary and Joseph. During those days there was only one supply of water in Nazareth which was a well. That well is still running today. Due to the belief that Mary was at the well when the angel appeared unto her (Luke 1:26-38) the people later named it Mary's Well. There is a Baptist Church in Nazareth which also has a Baptist School.

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OUR TRAVELS IN BIBLE LANDS
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We left Nazareth and travelled westward to Megiddo. Several days, even weeks, could be spent here studying the history of this place. Due to space, I will not go into detail here. However, major Wars throughout the history of mankind have been fought here. By looking at the Map of the Middle East, you can see that this area was the center, or crossroads for Asia, Europe and Africa. This is why the eyes of the world have been, are, and shall continue to be upon the Holy Land! It is very interesting to study the excavations at Megiddo and the tunnel.

Upon our departure from Megiddo we went up the Mediterranean Seashore to Haifa where we ascended Mt. Carmel, viewing the beautiful harbour below. Here on this mountain the test was made between the faith of Elijah and the false prophets of King Ahab, Jezebel and Baal. Elijah was victorious over the false prophets, when God from heaven came on the scene manifesting and proving that Elijah was the true prophet, and that God was the only true God. (I Kings 18:1-40)

We had lunch at one of our favorite places on top of Mt. Carmel. After eating we descended the mountain and visited a diamond factory in Haifa. One of Israel's greatest achievements is her having become the world's leading diamond polishing centre. Israel's diamond bourse is the largest of its kind in the world and this in turn has made Israel a major international centre of diamond trading. These stones are brought as rough cuts directly from the De Beers mines in South Africa. Here they are meticulously sorted by professional experts who have years and years of experience in this highly specialized field. The stones then undergo professional cutting and girdling followed by perfect, beautiful polishing.

We left Haifa and travelled back south down the shore of the Mediterranean to Caesarea where we visited the Roman Theatre and fortress. This is where Cornelius lived when Peter came to preach to him and his

household (Acts 10:1-48). Some time was spent here in studying the area history while some picked their favorite stones and shells from the Mediterranean for souvenirs.

We boarded our bus and headed for the Holy City. Dark soon came and our group quieted down somewhat. After travelling for several miles the guide called to the group to look into the distance and view the lights of Jerusalem for the first time! While this was the "first time" for my entire group to see Jerusalem, it was my eighth. And yet, drawing closer to this world renown city, God's selected city, viewing the twinkling lights with so many Biblical memories, I realized that the sensations on my cheeks were the tears of joy tracing down, accompanied by this prayer from my heart, "Thank you Lord for being here again!"

While winding through the broad ways, the narrow ways and the crooks and the turns, we soon came to the Diplomat Hotel which would be our "very comfortable" home for the next few nights. Upon our arrival we were well received as usual. After getting our rooms, cleaning up and back down to the dining room we were served a bountiful meal. Some time was spent in eating, fellowshiping and relaxing. Sam and Nicky assured us they would see that everything went well with us as to our meals while their guests. And they did do that!

We retired for the night to rest and dream in the most talked of city in all the world - the Holy City - Jerusalem!

(To be continued)

Bethlehem Singing

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. will have a singing on Sunday, January 27. The featured group will be the Happy Pilgrims of Rayon City. Pastor B. G. Sutton and the church invite everyone. The singing begins at 2:00 P.M.

THE ROCK OF AGES

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is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him. For who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God? God is my strength and power: And he maketh my way perfect." Psalm 28:1 says, "Unto thee will I cry, O lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit."

Isaiah 51:1 says, "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." Psalms 89:26 says, "He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and rock of my salvation".

We can see that the men of the Old Testament realized that Christ was the foundation of their hope.

CORNERSTONE

We are taught by the Bible that Christ is the head of his church. He is the chief founder and builder. Ephesians 2:19-22 says, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God

through the Spirit."

Paul was speaking to the Ephesians who were Gentiles. He had already told them that they were at one time aliens but were now partakers of the gifts of God jointly with the Jews. Again, we see Christ mentioned as a rock when he is referred to as the chief 'corner stone' of the church.

NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS

One of the most important things we must look at is the fact that Christ is the 'Rock of Ages' for all mankind. Let us look again to Ephesians and see what Paul had to say to the Gentiles before he mentioned Christ as being the chief corner stone.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without

Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;" Ephesians 2:4-14. In the eighteenth verse of the same chapter, he says, "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

Paul also says in Ephesians, "That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:". It is a great blessing to know that Christ is the 'Rock' for the Gentiles as well as the Jews. As Christ stood as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, He stood for all mankind through all ages of time, and He still stands today as the only hope we have. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18.



HERODIUM

With its conical summit resembling a volcano, the Herodium stands in the wilderness of Judea 5 miles south-east of Bethlehem. Climbing to the summit you find that the "crater" is man-made and in its cup lie the ruins of a magnificent fortified palace which was built by Herod the Great.

Round the base were royal apartments, terraced gardens, pools, and 200 steps of the purest white marble led to the citadel on the top. Josephus, describing the Herodium wrote "Though meant only as a residence for a king, by the great number of structures, variety of conveniences, splendour and extent of the whole, the palace had the appearance of a city rather than a castle". Herod died in Jericho but he was buried here in a bier which was of solid gold studded with precious stones.

BROTHER SMITH WRITES

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and it ran smoothly across the desert to Needles, California, with the desert behind us and in sight of service, at the end of the ramp at Needles at a stop sign, it locked again. This must have been where the Lord wanted it to lock and not unlock. We put the car in service, and the service man found the trouble, but told us they would have to order the part and that it would take two days to get it, but it took five days. We had put up in a motel to wait, and during this time, two days after, my right eye was giving me pain, so much so that I had to see a doctor. I went to a local hospital in Needles, but the doctor there wanted me to see a specialist; he called one in Lake Havasa City, Arizona, forty-five miles away. The service garage furnished a car, and they arranged for me a driver. When the specialist examined my eye he said he must perform major surgery on my eye; he asked if my wife was with me, and I told him that she was back in Needles at the motel. He said that he would call her; he did and Annie Laura gave her consent for him to go ahead with the treatment. The doctor indicated that my eye was at the point to rupture and that Lazer Beam surgery would relieve the pressure. He performed the surgery and stopped the pain, but he said I would have to continue to use medication to keep down the fluid.

Do we see God's providence working in the affairs of life? Certainly He is working even ahead of us, for those who love Him and are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). The Bible says: "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24. He knows our needs and knows how and when to come in to supply those needs. God knew what was coming when we started on our trip to Tennessee, and there were people already in His mind to help when we needed them so much, and He let the car give trouble at the right time and at the right place. I don't tell these experiences to play on people's sympathy, but I am trying to show how dependent we were on the Lord; we wre brought low, and He helped us (Psalm 116:6). And what I am telling might help somebody's faith. I am not telling it to make you feel sorry for us to get support. Thus far our needs have been supplied, and we are trying to be grateful to the Lord and His people who support us and pray that He will bless you for it.

It was good to get back to church at Nyland on Sunday morning after we got back on Saturday. We were glad to see the folks and worship and fellowship with them again. We had a good feeling service, and the Lord blessed me in my preaching from the text: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13,14.

Brother Jeffrey Elliot, the young preacher who came from Illinois to pastor the church at Downey, California, was with us in our mid-week

service this past Wednesday night and preached for us. We enjoyed having him and his father-in-law, Brother Larry Taylor, who came with him. We enjoyed Brother Elliot's message and a good talk from Brother Taylor. Brother Taylor and wife were here to be with their daughter who gave birth to their fourth son. We believe Brother Elliot has made a big sacrifice in coming to California to pastor a small church, and he with a large family. I admire the young preacher for being so brave. May the Lord bless his ministry in this area, where his type is so much needed.

I went to Ventura yesterday, November 23rd, and had Lazer Beam treatment on my other eye. The doctor said it would be just a matter of time until the fluid would be in that eye, and when it did I might have an acute attack in it. So I went ahead with it, and both eyes seem to be doing well. I had to have my glasses changed to take out some of the blur. Annie Laura seems to be feeling better in recent days. She had her blood checked yesterday and it is just about normal. The Lord has been mighty good to us, bless His good name. Continue to pray for us.

In His service,
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BRO. REYNOLDS WRITES

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Readers of the Baptist Banner,

I wish to send my thanks to all who have prayerfully and financially, and in any other special way, supported our mission in the State of West Virginia. My family and I are leaving this field of labor the first of the year, 1985, after 11½ years, feeling that God has now freed his servant from this burden and appointed another field of labor. We leave behind a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, an old-fashioned Baptist Church, commending them to God and his preserving power. We leave behind many friends whom we hope to meet again in a better world than this, feeling that we have done all that we could do for them, however small that may have been. Please do not forget the people here in your prayers, and remember us as we continue our journey.

Any correspondence to the church here may now be directed to: Old Time Baptist Church of Elizabeth, Route 3, Box 344, Elizabeth, W. Va. 26143.

Please continue your faithful support of the word of God in destitute places. You will never know the greatness of its worth until God reveals it in the eternity to come. May God bless you always.

Privileged to be your unworthy servant,
Elder Jerry A. Reynolds

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BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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ISRAEL

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Report from California

Dear Bro. Vanderpool and Readers:

In the October issue of the Baptist Banner my father-in-law, Elder Larry Taylor, sent the first report on financial help given me for my work here at Gloria Gardens Missionary Baptist Church. While here the Lord has blessed us, and the Church has been wonderful to make us feel at home. The Church is small but has been able to help us financially. I have not found full-time work as of yet, but God's people have helped us greatly in our financial needs. Following is a list of offerings received since Elder Taylor sent the last report:

Friendship M.B.C. (Columbus, IN)	\$225.00
Elder James H. Smith (Santa Paula, CA)	100.00
Beech Grove M.B.C. (Tipton, IN)	50.00
Salem M.B.C. (#1, Bargersville, IN)	50.00
Bro. Jerry Miller (Roanoke, VA)	90.00
Bro. Tim Binion (Indianapolis, IN)	80.00
TOTAL	\$595.00

My family and I deeply appreciate this show of love and support from our brothers and sisters.

Also, a special "Thank you" to my father-in-law, Elder Larry Taylor, for his concern for God's work, and for making our needs known through the Banner.

I would ask all of God's people to continue to pray for the work and all of my brethren on God's field.

May God bless you all,
Elder J. K. Elliott and family

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

There is to be a New Year's Eve Singing on Monday night, December 31, at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Woods Ferry Rd., Galatin, Tenn. The featured groups will be The Spiritual Crusaders of Franklin, Ky. and The Pathfinders of Bowling Green, Ky. Services are to begin at 7:30 P.M. Elder Jimmy Suttle, the pastor, and the church invite everyone to attend.



Jerusalem

Wanted: Christian Laborers To Labor in the Fields of the Heavenly Father

The Heavenly Father has many fields which are white for harvest but the laborers are few. The present laborers are faithful and faint not by the wayside but they sometimes grow weary, being few in number, and need re-enforcement. Won't you come and join them, thus making their burdens a little lighter?

REQUIREMENTS

1. Willingness to Travel (The field you might be asked to labor in may not be the one nearest you.)
2. Strong Back (Sometimes the burdens get heavy and you may need to help a friend bear his load.)
3. Immunity to Sunday Sickness (This ailment seems to appear around service time on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, revivals or any time a church service is in progress. It is identified by the following symptoms: headache, backache, upset stomach, unexplained tiredness, etc. These symptoms disappear after service is over or if an opportunity to go fishing, boating, camping, shopping, vacationing or visiting friends arises. Staying at home to watch your favorite program and/or sports team on television is also claimed to help this ailment. The sickness, of course, is always gone by Monday mornings in time to go back to work.)

We seek full-time laborers. There are no positions available for part-time Christians.

Part-time laborers are not satisfactory because they are not productive enough to pay even the interest on the debt of love every individual owes. Part-time Christians are often seen in church on Sunday but the rest of the week would not be recognized as a Christian, as they freely partake of the worldly vices. Part-time laborers are not dependable and are not supportive of the cause, either spiritually or financially. They set a bad example for those not committed to the faith and who might be watching the lives of a "would be Christian."

For those who labor faithfully in the fields of the Heavenly Father, the pay is by far greater than that of any other master you will ever labor for and the benefits unequal to any you could ever receive. You will receive blessings and strength daily. Though sometimes your work may not be satisfactory, you will never be fired off this job. The Heavenly Father is very patient and will give you another chance. He will lay up for you treasures in Heaven, where rust does not decay nor thieves can break through and steal. A mansion will be prepared just for you and you will live eternally in a city so fair. The streets are paved with pure gold, the walls are of jasper and the gates are of pearl. The sun will always shine, there will be no dying, no sickness, no sadness and no tears will ever be shed. You will live in eternal bliss with friends, loved ones and best of all with Jesus, the Son of God.

Please, won't you come and join the work force?

Wanted: Christian laborer **full time!**

- MRS. JAMES L. SHOULDERS

Letter of Appreciation

Wiseman Baptist Association 1984

Would like to take this time to thank each and every one for the money you made up and sent to me and my wife. Would like to thank every one for the many prayers that have been prayed for me. May the good Lord watch over and care for his people that care enough to help someone who is sick and in need. Only the good Lord knows how much it means to us. Please remember to continue to pray for us every time you go to the Lord in prayer. God bless each one of you is my prayer. Thank you again.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. and Sis. Paul W. Ray

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION MARCH 27, 28, 29, 1985

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 27, 1985

- 9:00 A.M. Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. H. C. Vanderpool - The Attributes of God
- 10:30 A.M. Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. Howard Taylor - Hope
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. J. H. Smith - The Exaltation of Jesus Christ in Preaching
- 1:45 P.M. Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. Jerry Reynolds - Oh, Thou Man of God
- 2:45 P.M. Announcements and Benediction

THURSDAY - MARCH 28, 1985

- 9:15 A.M. Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. Calvin Perrigo - Church Relations External Part 1
- 10:30 A.M. Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. Billy Moran - Coping With The Ministry
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. H. C. Vanderpool - The Marriage Supper of The Lamb
- 1:45 P.M. Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. Howard Taylor - Promises
- 2:45 P.M. Announcements and Benediction

FRIDAY - MARCH 29, 1985

- 9:15 A.M. Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. J. H. Smith - The Crucified Life
- 10:30 A.M. Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. Jerry Reynolds - The People of God
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Calvin Perrigo - Church Relations External Part 2
- 1:45 P.M. Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. Billy Moran - Paul's Gospel Theology
- 2:45 P.M. Presentation of Certificates, Announcements and Benediction

MINISTERS WIVES FELLOWSHIP

Those in charge of the services of the Ministers Wives Fellowship for the three days will be Mrs. Evel Massey, Mrs. Annie Laura Smith and Mrs. Alta Vanderpool.

Any minister needing information on the school may write to:
Old Union Baptist Ministers School, c/o Dr. C. R. Hayes
Route 3, Matlock Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101
Phone: (502) 842-3742

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.

COMMENTS (Continued from Page 3)

"I'm sending a check for two years subscription to the Baptist Banner. I enjoy reading the Banner and look forward to receiving it each month. Keep up the good work and may God bless you is my prayer."

Mrs. Dorothy Knight
Franklin, KY

CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL OF GOSPEL MUSIC

On Saturday, December 1, 1984, the Officers and Board of Directors of the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music, met in the Administration Building of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. at 5:00 P.M. for the annual meeting to elect Board members and officers for 1985.

Those elected to the Board of Directors were Floyd Bowman, Steve Brooks, Frank Calahan, Lewis Cotton, Lester England, Melvadene Gregory, Joe Harp, John Hill, Alan Keekritz, Lloyd Knowles, Joe Millsap, Sara Sanders, Bob Vanderpool and Barry Witcher.

Officers elected for 1985 were Key Dillard, President; Dariel Meador, Vice-President and Business Manager; Ann Millsap, Secretary; Oliver Jennings, Treasurer and H. C. Vanderpool, Chaplain.

The annual Christmas dinner was served at 6:00 P.M. which was very much enjoyed by those in attendance.

At 7:00 P.M. the annual Christmas singing began in the Baird Auditorium of Cumberland University. This was an enjoyable time of worship, singing and fellowship. Those in attendance were from Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee.

In the coming months we will be publishing more news on our Third Annual Session which is to be held at Cumberland June 16-28, 1985. Let everyone who can, begin now to make plans for that school session. For information, write or call: Mr. Key Dillard, Pres., Route 7, Rucker Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Phone: (615) 890-0288.

"I appreciate this good sound Christian paper. It means a lot to me to read the good messages from various ministers. I always look forward to it each month. May God continue to bless you in this effort."

Mrs. Grace Yates
Ridge Farm, IL

"Hope you and your folks are fine. I'm going to have all the Banners bound this winter. We enjoy the Banner."

Mrs. Lillie Pardue
Holland, KY

"Please renew my subscription for two years for the Baptist Banner. I enjoy reading it very much."

Mrs. William Hatcher
Bowling Green, KY

"Enclosed is \$4.00 for one year subscription. We enjoy your paper."

George Cofer
Versailles, MO

"Find enclosed seven dollars to renew my subscription to the Baptist Banner for the next two years. Hope you and the family are well, and the Lord is blessing you in your work. Pray for us and our work."

Pastor E. F. Prince
McKenzie, TN

"Thanks for running our announcement in the Baptist Banner at such short notice. Enclosed is my renewal."

Elder Charles Patterson
Lafayette, TN

"Enclosed find check for one of our members living in Florida. She has been visiting us here."

Elder Berlon Roy
Akron, OH

"Enclosed is check for \$7.00 for two years renewal to the Baptist Banner. May God bless you and your group to the Holy Land this year. May you have a safe trip."

Pastor and Mrs. Keith Frieze
Springfield, MO

Pastor Expresses Thanks

On October 26-27, 1984, the Wiseman Baptist Association convened with us at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Woods Ferry Rd., Gallatin, Tenn. We had a wonderful session. The attendance, fellowship and services were wonderful. Several churches and individuals helped us with food and other ways. We would like to use this means of expressing our heart-felt thanks to everyone who did help.

Elder James E. Suttle, Pastor