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NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST SCHOOL ESTABLISHED

By H. C. Vanderpool

On Sunday night, May 27, 1984, New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tennessee authorized and established the NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST SCHOOL which will be operated under the authority of the church.

Until semesters are arranged, the curriculum is enlarged and courses studied in classrooms, the school will offer home-study courses through correspondence, one of the most used methods of education by schools, colleges and universities throughout the world.

The courses will be offered to ministers, Sunday school teachers, Sunday school and church officers and all laymembers. There will be no discrimination of students because of sex, race, color or creed. The following members of the church were chosen as officers and advisory committee:

Elder H. C. Vanderpool, President

Danny Miller, Vice-President Kay Newberry, Secretary-Treasurer
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David Fountain	Mary Woodard
Dormon Grubbs	Bob Vanderpool
Rebecca Vanderpool	Lewis Newberry
Charlie Mickle	Shirley Cole
Galen Porter	Billy Woodard

The above named includes a cross section of church and Sunday school officers, ministers, deacons, educators, printers, publishers, business personnel, bankers and a number with college degrees. The church is pleased with the unanimous consent of the entire group to work together for the advancement of Christian and ministerial education through our church.

Five departments were set up as follows: Bible; Church Administration; History; Language; Theology. A total of 20 courses will be offered in the five departments.

We are planning, the Lord willing, to begin the courses this fall. We will have brochures printed which will give full information on each course offered, number of lessons, schedule of study, examinations, tuition, etc. The school will operate 12 months of the year.

Anyone wishing to receive a brochure of the school and application may write and as soon as they are ready they will be mailed to you. Write to:

NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST SCHOOL
1080 Old Dickerson Pike - P.O. Box 1001
Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072

Should you wish to call for school information, call: (615) 859-5780. The symbol of the school will be an open Bible and a burning candle. The motto: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.



NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

BAPTIST PERPETUITY

IF GOD'S WORD IS TRUE, THE CHURCH THAT JESUS
STARTED STILL STANDS - HAS ENDURED!

"The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
- I Tim. 3:15

By Rosco Brong

Dean, Lexington Baptist College

Recorded history often reveals more of historians' prejudices than of actual events, and the history of Christianity has been written mostly by the enemies of Baptists. Even so, there is historical evidence for the continued existence of what would now be called Baptist churches from the days when Jesus was on earth in the flesh down to the present time. This evidence is not beyond dispute, but it is more than sufficient if we are willing to believe the promises of God's word.

My purpose here is to show from the Bible, APART FROM ALL HISTORICAL EVIDENCE, that we must believe in Baptist church perpetuity if we believe that God's Word is true.

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BAPTIST INFLUENCE ON THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

By H. C. Vanderpool

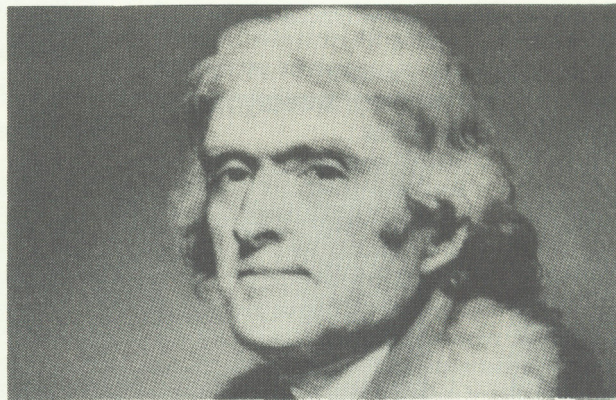
Dr. Fishback, communicating to Christian Watchman, said:

"We appeal to the opinion of Jefferson, the most eminent of American statesmen, touching Baptist church government. The following facts were communicated to the Christian Watchman, several years ago, by Dr. Fishback of Lexington, Kentucky.

'Mr. Editor: The following circumstance, which occurred in the State of Virginia relative to Mr. Jefferson, was detailed to me by Elder Andrew Tribble about six years ago, who since died when ninety-two or three years old. The facts may interest some of your readers.

'Andrew Tribble was the pastor of a small Baptist Church which held monthly meetings at a short distance from Mr. Jefferson's house, eight or ten years before the American Revolution. Mr. Jefferson attended the meetings of the church several months in succession, and after one of them he asked Elder Tribble to go home and dine with him, with which he complied.

'Mr. Tribble asked Mr. Jefferson how he was pleased with their church government? Mr. Jefferson replied that it struck him with great force, and had interested him much;



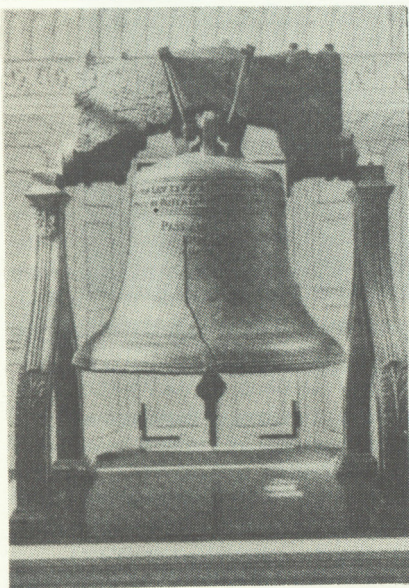
Thomas Jefferson

that he considered it the only form of pure democracy that then existed in the world, and had concluded that it would be the best plan of government for the American colonies."

When Mrs. James Madison spoke concerning Jefferson's ideas on the writing of the Declaration of Independence, she said: "Mr. Jefferson did gather those views from a Baptist Church."

Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743 and died in 1826. More than any other man, he has formed and molded the American mind and spirit. Every later generation has turned to him for inspiration, and never in vain. "I have sworn," he said, "on the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

He was the third president of the United States, serving 1801-1809.



Inscribed on the Liberty Bell are the following words: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."—Leviticus 25:10

BAPTIST PERPETUITY

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1. THE GATES OF HADES

His Promise of Perpetuity

"Upon this Rock," said Jesus, referring to Himself, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell [Hades] shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18)

We may find various interpretations of this statement of Jesus, but despite a great variety of ideas in detailed interpretation it is fairly clear to all that we have here a PROMISE of our Lord that His church would not be overcome by the powers of evil. Whatever this church was, it could not fail if Jesus spoke the truth. We believe that this church was what would now be called a Baptist church, and anyone who will honestly examine the organization and doctrines of this New Testament institution in comparison with the organization and doctrines of Baptist churches today will reach the same conclusion.

If the church that Jesus built was not a Baptist church, then we need to find out what kind of church it was, and join that church, if we want our service to be pleasing to Him. One thing we can be sure of: if Jesus spoke the truth – and what real Christian would deny this? – the church that Jesus built has been in the world ever since and will be here till He comes again.

The popular Protestant dogma in this connection speaks of an "invisible" church to which all Christians belong. More on this as we go along, but for the present note a few simple facts:

a. Neither the expression "invisible church" nor the idea of such an expression can be found in the New Testament.

b. The whole purpose of the "invisible church" dogma is to justify the Protestant splits from Roman Catholicism. But since Baptist are not Protestants and were never a part of the heretical Catholic system, we have no need of any such dogma to justify our existence.

c. Most Protestants and many ignorant Baptists suppose that Christ built two churches; that is, two kinds of churches: the "invisible church" of their own vain imagining and the organized assemblies that they cannot help recognizing in the New Testament. Then, to add insult to injury, they call their imaginary monstrosity the "true" church! But the Bible says that there is only one body (church), that is, one kind of body, just as there is only one baptism, that is, one kind of baptism. (Eph. 4:4,5.)

d. Since there is no just reason to do otherwise, we must understand that Jesus used the word "church" (Greek "ekklesia") in Matt. 16:18 in the same general sense that it has everywhere else in the New Testament: that is, an assembly, almost always an organized assembly. The word here is used abstractly; that is, it expresses an idea whose realization is to be found in a particular organized assembly.

2. CHURCH DISCIPLINE

"If he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." (Matt. 18:17, 18, AV, with corrected tenses of verbs in verse 18.)

This text suggests three simple questions that believers in an "invisible" church might try to answer:

a. How can a wronged brother tell his grievance to an "invisible" church?

b. How can an "invisible" church decide an issue, make known its judgment to a trespassing brother, or execute that judgment "if he neglect to hear"?

c. Is not the authority to "bind and loose," whatever this means, in verse 18 given to the same church that is in view in verse 17?

Obviously the reference here is to an organized assembly; and obviously such organized assemblies must always have existed from that time to this in order that faithful followers of Jesus might obey His instructions here given.

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OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR FINANCIAL REPORT - 3/30/84

Contributions		Expenses	
January	\$3286.58	January	\$1555.50
February	2161.55	February	2923.63
March	2537.16	March	2578.69
Total	\$7984.29	Total	\$7057.82

Balance in the bank as of 12-30-83 \$3663.58

EXPENSES ITEMIZED:

Ashland Avenue Baptist - Trail of Blood Books	\$ 38.43
Jeff Brown - Tapes and Art Work	315.94
Carthage-Hartsville Cable T.V.	30.00
C.A.T.V. 9 - Station in Huntsville, Ala	212.50
Century Teleview - Tapes and mailing tapes	60.00
Consolidated Media - Tapes and Repairs to Equipment	742.25
Dollar General Store - Light Bulbs	9.61
Electra - Repairs to Equipment	206.00
Rick Goetz - Technician	30.00
J. C. Gregory - Bulbs for lights	102.22
Group W. Cable - Mailing Tapes	3.09
Hartsville Electronics - Plumbing Repairs	27.90
Hartsville Vidette - Advertising	12.00
Interstate Press - Envelopes, Stationery, Labels	254.00
Fred Lamm - Parts for equipment	5.60
Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corp.	184.05
Billy Pack - Payment on recorder in Manchester, TN	19.00
Bob Pitt - Expenses, mileage, mailing tapes, tapes, misc.	213.54
U.S. Postmaster - Stamps	60.00
Sainte Broadcasting Channel 19 - California	1326.00
Sainte Broadcasting Channel 35 - California	884.00
Jimmy Suttle - Reimbursement for envelopes	17.08
Tennessee Telephone Co.	522.05
U.C.G. Gas - Butane Gas	128.85
Wal-Mart - Tapes	15.37
West Wilson Water Dist.	22.33
W.F.Y.Z. Channel 39, Murfreesboro	1600.00
Zayre Dept. Store - Tapes	16.01
Total Expenses	\$7057.82

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The Bride of Christ

Centuries have past, and time moves on;
The Bride has filled her place.
Millions have died a martyr's death;
Sustained by the Master's grace.

The storms of time have tossed the ship;
Only, to test her make.
After the darkness came the light;
Endurance for the Master's sake.

The Bride of Christ has had her woes;
And shall, til the end of time.
Then, shall come the eternal joy;
When she shall be sublime!

— H. C. Vanderpool

SOLDIERS OF JESUS CHRIST

By Bob Vanderpool
Hendersonville, Tennessee

Lesson Text: II Timothy 2:1-7, 15-16

1. Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

6. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

7. Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

15. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

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INTRODUCTION

We as Christians are referred to in many ways. We are called the salt of the earth and the sheep of the great Shepherd. We are also called a peculiar people. In today's lesson we are called soldiers. We all know that a soldier is one who fights a battle in a war to protect a principle. We will study today about that war and the principle that is to be protected with all our power and even our life if necessary.

STRONG IN GRACE

We are charged that we must be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. It is impossible for us to be strong without the grace of the Lord. We are saved by His grace and by His grace we must live and die. We cannot do anything of ourselves. All power is given by the Lord.

The grace of God is sufficient to carry us through this life. It is the grace of God that enables us to survive the trials and troubles we have in this life. It is this same grace that we must demonstrate with all our being. Ephesians 2:8-9 says "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."

Paul tells Timothy that the things which he (Paul) has taught him has been heard by

witnesses. The things that Paul taught had been established as the truth. He tells Timothy to commit these truths to faithful men. Please notice that he says faithful men, who shall be able to teach others. These facts were not to be trusted to just anyone, they were to be trusted to those who were faithful and able to teach others.

WHAT MAKES A SOLDIER?

We, who are veterans, have experienced the life of a soldier in the service of our country. We could easily be identified by the uniform we wore. Each of us had a job to do. We did not always know what the outcome would be, but our job had to be done just the same. Not all of us had the same job. All of the jobs, executed at the right time, worked together to complete the mission. The one thing that we were all trained and equipped for was battle. We had to function with unity if our goal was to be accomplished.

In war we had to use ammunition to protect ourselves and to defeat the enemy. If the ammunition was misused, tragedy occurred. If the weapons and ammunition fell into the hands of the enemy, that same material could be used against us. If we did not wear the proper equipment, our lives were more vulnerable to the enemy. If we broke the rules, we were in danger not only from the enemy but our commanding officers.

SOLDIERS IN CHRIST'S ARMY

Being a soldier for Christ is not easy. It sometimes becomes very difficult. Verse 3 teaches us to endure hardness. We must not give in to pressure. His grace will help us endure. II Corinthians 12:9 says, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." This is the mark of a good soldier of Christ.

A good soldier must constantly be aware of the cause for which he is fighting. In verse 4, Paul says that, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life." Why must he be constantly aware? The last part of this same verse says, "that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." As we discuss the responsibilities as soldiers for Christ, let us compare it to the soldiers of our country.

We have a lot of false teachings today because the truth has fallen into the hands of unfaithful men. These "unfaithful" men are

enemies to us and the truth. The truth can be presented only by those who have faith in God and are able, through his wisdom, to present that truth to others. When those who do not have the leadership of the Holy Spirit try to interpret the Scriptures, tragedy occurs. This corresponds to weapons and ammunition falling into the hands of the enemy. The only difference is that this is much more serious.

We must see to it that the truth is protected when it is presented to our children and to our churches. Many churches have strayed because the pulpit was not protected, and "unfaithful" men were allowed to present their doctrines to those in their midst. Not only the pulpit, but the Sunday School classes and the altar services must be protected. What would you as a young Christian do if you were present while someone tried to talk a sinner off the altar without salvation? Would you just let it go by or would you take steps to correct it? You must consider this because it has happened in the past and can happen again.

Ephesians 6:11-13 says, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." These verses tell us that we must be able to identify the enemy and be prepared to face him in battle.

Ephesians 6:14-17 tells us what kind of uniform to wear. "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Paul tells us in verse 18 of this same chapter, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

Please read the seventeenth chapter of I Samuel. It tells of David's preparation to fight Goliath. In verse 29 David said, "What have I now done? Is there not a cause?" David prepared to fight the Giant because he had a reason and a purpose. We have a cause

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REVIVALS

(Each of the following churches extend to everyone an invitation to attend their revival services.)

FRIDAY - JUNE 29

New Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 73, Auburn, Ky. Pastor Randall Belcher is to be assisted by Elder Mitchell Smith. Services daily at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - JULY 6

Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Greenbrier, Tenn. Pastor Gayle L. Snoddy is to be assisted by Elder Frank Kirby. Daily services at 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY - JULY 8

Mace's Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor E. G. Williams is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Services daily at 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Highway, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Don Curtis is to be assisted by Elder Levie Smith. Services daily at 1:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Old Shackle Island Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn. Pastor Elmer Perigo is to be assisted by Elder Paul Cofer. Daily services at 7:15 P.M.

SUNDAY - JULY 15

Haysville Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Highway, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Gann is to be assisted by Elder Tommy Parkhurst. Services daily at 7:45 P.M.

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Paul Bryson is to be assisted by Elder Neal Forshee. Daily services at 7:30 P.M.

Pennsylvania Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Charlie Watts is to be assisted by Elder James Shoulders. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

Brattontown Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 52 W., Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Doug Curtis is to be assisted by Bro. Ricky Wilson. Daily services at 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. Pastor Charlie Patterson is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY - JULY 22

Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Lakeland and McGavock Pike, Donelson, Tenn. Pastor Hilman Duncan is to be assisted by Elder Brad Adams. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 5

Bethel Missionary Baptist Mission, Highway 167 South, Pleasant Plains, Ark. Mission minister Elder M. V. Hammack is to be assisted by Elder Floyd Mince. Daily services at 7:00 P.M. Contact relatives or friends in this area about the meeting.

White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Highway, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor C. B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder Bobby Pitt. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 921 East 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Jimmy Hogue is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Services daily at 7:00 P.M.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory. Services daily at 7:15 P.M.

BAPTIST PERPETUITY

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3. BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY

"For also in one Spirit we all were baptized into one body . . . And ye are a body of Christ, and members in particular." (I Cor. 12:13, 27, corrected translation.)

Verse 27 of this quotation tells what kind of body is meant in verse 13: the kind of which the church at Corinth was an example. I Cor. 1:13-17 shows what kind of baptism is meant: namely, baptism in water. In fact, there is only one kind of baptism recognized in the New Testament as an ordinance of Christ: all other so-called baptisms are figurative or symbolic, deriving their significance from this baptizing in water to declare the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and all that this means to us.

Almost all Christians recognize baptism, or some substitute for it that they call baptism, as sprinkling or pouring, as a church ordinance. But if it is a church ordinance, then there must always have been churches to administer the ordinance. If the church to which Jesus entrusted the ordinance passed out of existence as an institution, then the ordinance lapsed with the church, and nowhere in the Bible is anyone authorized to start it up again.

4. "TILL HE COME"

"As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." (I Cor. 11:26.)

Again, practically all Christians recognize the Lord's Supper as a church ordinance. But how could the ordinance be continued if at any time there were no true churches to observe it? Note that the Scriptures give no hint of any possible lapse or failure of our Lord's churches to declare or show forth His death by eating this bread and drinking this cup "till He come."

5. CHURCH OFFICERS

"If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work . . . They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree." (I Tim. 3:1, 13.)

The context of the two verses shows that bishops and deacons are church officers, and to this fact practically all Christians agree, however far they may depart from Scriptural ideas of the duties of these offices. Even believers in an imaginary "invisible" church become at least temporarily realistic and operate in some kind of organized assembly in naming bishops and deacons.

But if bishops and deacons were officers in the kind of church that Jesus built, and if this kind of church passed out of existence, as Protestants allege and as ignorant Baptists admit, then by whose authority are such officers named today?

6. A HOLY TEMPLE

"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 [or, better, every building] fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph. 2:19-22)

Paul was writing to the church at Ephesus and he reveals here the glorious fact that a true New Testament church is a holy temple in the Lord, and that one purpose for which the Lord built His church at Ephesus, and, we believe, every other true New Testament church, is that God in the Spirit might dwell therein.

Can anyone believe that God, having chosen to manifest His presence in a special way in the churches of the Lord Jesus, allowed His purpose to be frustrated, so that for centuries he had no such habitation on earth? But Protestants do so declare, and countless Baptists, ignorant of or indifferent to their blood-brought heritage, are deceived by or are silent in the face of this monstrous lie!

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HOMECOMING IN TENNESSEE

On Sunday, July 22, 1984 Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Lakeland and McGavock Pike, Donelson, Tenn. will have all-day homecoming services. There will be Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. and preaching at 11:00 by the pastor, Elder Hilman Duncan.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour. There will be singing in the afternoon by the Southern Harmony Quartet and the Beckwith Quartet and also congregational singing. The revival begins that night at 7:30 P.M. (See Revival announcements.) Everyone is invited to all services.

MINISTER NEEDS HELP

Our attention has been called to another preacher brother who has cancer and is in a serious condition. We are informed that he needs financial help. Any church or individual who would want to help this brother may send your donation to: Bro. Carl Reese, 300 Andrews Ave., Hartsville, TN 37074. Let us also remember him in prayer.

MISSIONARY IN VIRGINIA

Bro. Jerry Miller is a young minister from Indianapolis. He has been in Virginia in mission work for some time. Some of our Baptist brethren have visited Bro. Miller and family and realized they were in need of financial support from our churches. We have been speaking for some time of the need in so many places throughout the country of mission work and that we had many ministers who were not on the field.

It seems in recent months that several brethren have become willing to go out into several fields, and at the same time they must be supported. May our churches investigate and when finding a worthy brother and mission, assist in the financial support of such work. We are told that Bro. Miller is a worthy brother. Churches or individuals who would like to help may send your offerings to: Bro. Jerry Miller, 1801 Dale Ave., Roanoke, VA 24013.

SINGING IN ARKANSAS

There is to be a singing at the Bethel Missionary Baptist Mission, one mile south of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas on Highway 167, on Saturday night, August 4, 1984. The Davis Family who attend the mission and are from Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, Kokomo, Indiana, will be the featured singers. Services begin at 7:00 P.M. The revival begins the next night. (See revival announcements.) Everyone is invited. If you have relatives or friends living in the area, write: Elder M. V. Hammack, Rt. 1, Box 180A, Bald Knob, AR 72010.

HOMECOMING IN KENTUCKY

On Sunday, July 1, 1984, there will be all-day homecoming services at New Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 73, Auburn, Ky. This is about 20 miles west of Franklin, Ky. The revival will be in progress at that time. (See revival announcements.) Services in the morning with singing. Lunch will be served at noon.

There will also be singing in the afternoon featuring the Patterson Family and the Journeymen. Everyone is invited to attend the revival and also the homecoming services.

ISRAEL'S CONSUMER INDEX UP 20.6%

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's consumer price index rose 20.6% in April, bringing the projected 1984 inflation rate to 400%, double that of a year ago, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced recently.

The jump in inflation was bound to be a key issue in the July 23 national elections and could hurt Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's chances of re-election.

HELP NEEDED FOR WORTHY PASTOR

Dear Bro. Vanderpool and Baptist Banner readers,

Elder and Mrs. Jeffrey Elliott and their children have been called to Downey, California where Bro. Elliott will pastor the church there. After they get settled there he plans to be self-supporting and the church there intends to help them financially.

Bro. Elliott desires your prayers for him in this very needful work. He is a member of Beautiful Home Missionary Baptist Church in Milford, Illinois. He has three boys ages 8, 6, and 4 and a baby due in November. They are going on faith and must sell their home and furnishings and plan to make a new start in this field for the Lord.

Although Bro. Elliott does not plan to need continuing support, the cost of relocating is going to be very great. He is also quitting his job and it will be some time before he finds work in California. This is a very worthy missionary cause and an appeal is made for offerings from individuals and churches.

Since he is going to try to leave in July and will be changing addresses, please send offerings to:

Elder Larry Taylor
1936 Canterbury Ct. #2K
Washington, IL 61571.

Elder and Mrs. Elliott had intended to make this move without asking for help from the churches and they have not made this request themselves. It is made on their behalf so that they won't have to make all the sacrifices and we can share in this most worthy missionary endeavor.

This is a one-time appeal. A report will be given to the Baptist Banner of the offerings received and occasional reports will be given as the work progresses.

May God bless you all for your support in this great cause.

Yours in Christ,
Elder Larry T. Taylor

MISSIONARY ARRIVES IN OREGON

Recently, Bro. Steve Perrigo was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. He had planned to go to Oregon to do mission work there.

The BANNER has received a notice from Elder Perrigo saying he and family had arrived in Oregon to begin his work. He asks for the prayers of God's people. He also wants anyone having relatives or friends living in the area where he is, to let him know so he may contact them. You may write him: Elder Steve Perrigo, 2569 Ermine St. S.E., Albany, OR 97321. If you wish to call you may do so: (503) 928-5138.

Let us remember this brother and family in our prayers, and also, individuals and churches who wish to, and can, support him, you may send your contributions to the above address.

HOMECOMING

Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. will have all-day homecoming services on Sunday, July 15. Sunday school at 10:00 A.M., worship at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at noon. Singing in afternoon featuring the Happy Pilgrims. Everyone invited. Revival begins that night. See revival announcements page 5.



SINGING SCHOOL AND SPECIAL SINGING



Don Xavier Hines

There is to be a two-week Singing School conducted at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. as follows:

Wednesday night	July 18.....	7:00 P.M.
Friday night	July 20.....	7:00 P.M.
Sunday night	July 22.....	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday night	July 25.....	7:00 P.M.
Friday night	July 27.....	7:00 P.M.

On Sunday, July 29, there will be all-day services, with regular Sunday school and worship in the morning with lunch served at noon. The closing out of the Singing School will be that afternoon beginning at 1:30 P.M. Bro. Don Xavier Hines, a member of McFerrin Church, will be the teacher for the school. Everyone is invited to attend the school and also the 5th Sunday singing at 1:30 P.M.

1984 BIBLE LANDS TOUR

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 30, 1984

Our 1984 Bible Lands Tour is to begin October 30, 1984. Several reservations have been made already.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

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REPORT FROM COLORADO

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I am sending you a report on those helping in our building program and a report on our progress. Those sending financial help this past month were: Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., \$43.33; Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., \$50.00; Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., \$50.00. If I have missed anyone, I've not intended to and apologize for so doing.

As for our progress, we have been able to complete our roof and are putting our shingles on now. We were blessed to have Bro. Jeff Brown to help this past week on the building, and to have Bro. Jeff and Bro. Steve Perrigo to preach for us this past Sunday. We don't have a visiting preacher very often, so to have two on one Sunday was a double blessing. Bro. Gary got a much needed rest. He has become a pretty good carpenter. So to hold a full-time job, pastor a church and help build the building fills up all his time. He does a great job.

We have our windows and doors ordered. They should be here by the time this paper gets out to the churches. Then we will be about out of present funds, and the church will have to make some difficult decisions. So please, everyone, pray for us that we will make the right ones in all cases.

It is very tempting to borrow money to finish so we can move in. Those who have visited with us know how far the building we rent is from town and it is very hard to get people to drive out there unless they know the Lord and want to serve him.

We will just have to borrow or wait until the money is available. Our extension on our building permit is out in October. We already have a large land payment for us few. To add another payment on the church looks like a large sum. But we know the Lord has brought us this far and will take us all the way. If it is His will, He will provide as we have need. So, we must seek His will.

Pray for us in all things, not just the building program, but that we may know His will and do it. We have not come this far on just our efforts and prayers, but all who have held us up in prayer and words of encouragement and financial help. Those who have visited us and wrote letters to encourage us have helped more than they know. Thank you for letting us speak through your paper. May God bless you all.

Doreen Brown, Church Clerk

Colorado Missionary Baptist Church

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SOLDIERS OF JESUS CHRIST

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to fight for today. Verse 37 says, "David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee." David had a cause and he had confidence in the one who was sending him. Verses 38 and 39 state, "And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him." David had not tried the armour that was furnished him. He was not sure whether or not that armour would protect him. He had tried God. He knew that God had protected him in the past and would protect him now. We that have

been saved have tried God. We know what He can do. This should be proof to us that He will always be with us, help us and give us strength when we are combatting the forces of evil.

SHARING THE SPOILS

Verse five of our lesson tells us that man is wasting his time if he does not strive lawfully. In other words, unless he strives as the Bible teaches, he works to no avail. Verse six says that the husbandman (worker or tenant) is the one to be the first partakers of the fruits. We are workers and tenants responsible for the gospel being distributed. We that labour are entitled to the fruits of those labours. Those of us who are lax in our work for the Lord cannot expect to reap the fruits first.

In order to relate these facts to a soldier, we find in the Bible that when a battle was won, the winner would take spoils from the loser. Spoils are defined as booty or loot. The spoils of war were divided equally between those who went into battle

and those who were left behind in camp. Those in the camp were soldiers just like those who were on the front lines. We who are soldiers for Christ are able to share the spoils when the soldiers of Satan are defeated. This comes in the forms of spiritual blessings and souls being won. We are in a battle that will not end until the powers of Satan are crushed under the feet of the Almighty God in the last day. In that day, the war will be won. Until then there are many battles to be fought. If we do lose a battle, we must strive to win the next one. There is never room for giving up.

As has been said many times, we must study to show ourselves approved. Trying to teach the sinner about God without having the knowledge of the Scriptures is like going into battle without ammunition. Profane and vain babblings have no place in the work of God. Let us all study more than we ever have before so we can rightly divide the word of truth and win others into our army - the army of Jesus Christ.

BAPTIST PERPETUITY

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7. A DEAD BRIDE?

"Ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead." (Rom. 7:4.)

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (Eph. 5:25 – read on through verse 32.)

These and other Scriptures compare the spiritual relationship of Christ and His church to the human marriage relationship. That the "wedding" is still future is shown by Matt. 22:1-13; 25:1-13; and Rev. 21:2.

Was our Lord at any time betrothed to a dead bride? After He gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her by the washing of water in the word, that He might present her to Himself in glory – after all this, was there ever a time when nowhere on earth could be found a church that could be truly called His bride? Was there ever a time when the only "Christianity" on earth was the religion of spiritual harlots? Perish the thought! But if it be so, what are all the churches today but harlots and offspring of harlots?

8. "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

"Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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." (Matt. 28:18-20.)

Practically all Christians recognize that Jesus was speaking here to His church. The only real question is, what kind of church was it?

Of course, an imaginary "invisible" church cannot go anywhere, it cannot disciple any nations, it cannot baptize anybody in any way, it cannot teach anybody anything, and, being nonexistent, it would not know the difference whether the Lord were with it or not.

But an organized assembly of baptized believers, such as Jesus had constituted His disciples, can do what He commanded and in doing so

can claim the promise of His continuing presence – and it is the only organization on earth that can do so.

Jesus promised this kind of church that He would always be with it, even to the end of the age. But He could not be with it unless it existed to be with. Therefore if Jesus spoke the truth He has had His churches in the world ever since and He has been with them all the time – and so it will be to the end of the age.

9. GLORY IN THE CHURCH

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." (Eph. 3:21.) More literally translated: "To him the glory in the church in Christ Jesus, unto all the generations of the eon of the eons."

We have here a Spirit-inspired declaration or prayer. If it was a prayer, as the KJ version indicates, it nevertheless declares an assured fulfillment, for the Holy Spirit does not inspire vain prayers. "He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Rom. 8:27.)

Therefore we understand that God gets glory in the church in Christ Jesus. This was true in Paul's day and it was to continue "unto all the generations of the eon of the eons," an expression of eternity beyond our comprehension. But He could not get glory in the church unless the church continued to exist. And of course He is far from getting glory in an imaginary "invisible" church whose advocates reject and deny the plain, simple, straightforward teachings and promises of His Word.

10. PILLAR AND GROUND

"These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: 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." (1 Tim. 3:14-15.)

Speaking of the church as an organized assembly, as the context clearly shows, Paul here calls it, "the pillar and ground of the truth." That is, the church not only, as a pillar or column, upholds the truth, but it is the foundational support of the truth.

Here we have the explanation for the wholesale loss of Bible truth by false churches and unattached Christians. It has pleased God that His churches should be the pillar and ground of the truth, and so it has been through the centuries.

ORDINATION SERVICE



Pictured above left to right: Elder Don Curtis, pastor of Maple Grove Church, Mrs. Don Curtis, Deacon William McClard, Mrs. William McClard, Deacon Earl Claiborne, Mrs. Earl Claiborne, Elder Willard Carr, Mrs. Willard Carr, Elder Ophie Carr, Mrs. Ophie Carr, Deacon Dean Dyer, Mrs. Dean Dyer, Deacon Carl Kemp, Mrs. Carl Kemp.



Deacon and Mrs. Hollis McDonald

On Saturday, June 2, 1984, an ordination was held at Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Hwy., Lafayette, TN. Services began at 1:30 P.M. Bro. Ophie Carr and Bro. Willard Carr were ordained to the full work of the ministry and brethren Earl Claiborne, Dean Dyer, Carl Kemp and William McClard were ordained to the deaconship.

Twenty-one Missionary Baptist Churches were represented in the presbytery by 22 ministers and 18 deacons.

Elder Don Curtis, pastor of the church, served as moderator of the presbytery. Elder H. C. Vanderpool served as clerk. Elder William E. Massey preached the ordination sermon. The candidates were presented to the presbytery by Elder Osley McClard. The interrogation was led by Elder E. G. Williams and Elder Billy Moran led the ordination prayer.

After the "laying on of hands" by the presbytery, Elder Doug Curtis gave the charge to the newly ordained ministers. Elder Hilman Duncan gave the charge to the newly ordained deacons. The charge to the church was given by Elder Levie Smith. Elder Kenneth Davis presented the Bible.

Also pictured at right above are Deacon and Mrs. Hollis C. McDonald. Bro. McDonald was the only active deacon of the church before the ordination. The day before the ordination, June 1, Bro. and Sister McDonald celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

The ordination service was well attended, spiritual and enjoyed by those in attendance. May the Lord's blessings be upon all the newly ordained brethren in their given fields of labor, the pastor and family and Maple Grove Baptist Church.