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Elder H. C. Vanderpool
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
1080 Old Dickerson Road
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Dear Elder:

On behalf of the people of the 5th Congressional District of Tennessee, I want to congratulate you and your congregation on your Church's 190th Anniversary. Your Christian leadership is a great asset to the community, and the people of the Fifth Congressional District are fortunate to have a person of your caliber to serve them. The progress the New Bethel Family has made during the past years has been tremendous, and you have my wish for many more years in Christian service.

Your 190th Anniversary is an outstanding milestone and will serve as a symbol of future endeavors to the mental, physical and spiritual needs of our residents. If I or my staff can be of assistance to you and your congregation, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Bill Boner
Member of Congress

BAPTIST MISSION IN KANSAS

Cedar Cross Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Kentucky is sponsoring a new Baptist Mission in Emporia, Kansas. A revival meeting is to be held there on September 14-17, 1984.

The location of the Mission and where the revival is to be held is located in the Lyon County Community Center, East 6th and Union Sts., in Emporia.

Elder Gerald Cherry, Scottsville, Ky. and Elder Billy Moran, Bowling Green, Ky. will be preaching for the meeting. Night services will be at 7:30 P.M. and the Sunday service at 11:00 A.M.

The city of Emporia is located about half way between Wichita and Topeka, Kansas on the Kansas Turnpike (I-35). Anyone having friends or relatives in that area, call or write them and invite them to the meet on the above dates.

HOMECOMING AT HARMONY

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 E. Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. will have all-day homecoming services on Sunday, Sept. 23. Sunday school will be at 10:00 A.M. and worship at 11:00 A.M. with Elder Clay Grizzle, the pastor, preaching. Lunch will be served at noon and there will be singing in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend.

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM ALASKA

Dear Brother Vanderpool,

We would like to report through the Banner pertaining to our arrival in Anchorage, Alaska. Sandy and I boarded on a United Airlines plane from Indianapolis International Airport headed for Anchorage, Alaska, Tuesday, July seventeenth at ten-thirty A.M. After looking back from the entrance of the airplane to wave goodbye to our family, friends and loved ones who had come to see us depart, we were seated in the airplane to begin our flight. While waiting for the plane to approach the runway for take off, many thoughts passed through my mind of what God had called me to do and the comfort that I needed at that moment from the Holy Spirit. While looking out of the small window of the aircraft at the number of loved ones who were standing inside the airport terminal waving goodbye, I realized that Sandy and I would not be forgotten, seeing the love of God's people interested in the spread of the Gospel. After arriving in Anchorage nine hours later, we unboarded from the aircraft looking forward to a good night's rest from a long day of traveling. We were met by a good friend at the airport in Anchorage to provide us with a place to stay until we could find a place of our own. We rented a car to look for a job, a place to live, and transportation of our own. After three days, the Lord provided us with a car of our own to get around in. On the sixth day since our arrival, God permitted me to find

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MISSOURI RESIDENTS VISIT BIBLE LANDS

Dear Elder & Mrs. Vanderpool:

We have been reading about the trip to the Holy Lands in the Baptist Banner and enjoyed it so much and we have visited with and seen the slides that Bro. Keith Frieze took while on the trip. Keith and Shirley are members of our church and we were so glad that they could go to Israel. Keith is so knowledgeable of the Bible but he said it just opened up all the land and places that he so wanted to see.

We wanted to share our experience with you and your wife of a trip we took in 1980. Our son and his wife were teaching in Izmir, Turkey and invited us to visit them. So with suitcases packed, two Ozarkians set off for a trip of a lifetime. Turkey is difficult to travel in due to the language that not many speak English as in Israel. We landed in Istanbul and flew on to Izmir where our children met us. There our fears left us as all the sights, sounds, and food were so different and exciting to us.

While in Turkey for four weeks we saw many Biblical places. It was Asia Minor in the Bible, and very rich in teachings. We saw ruins

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GOD'S VINEYARD

By H. C. Vanderpool

Isaiah 5:1-7

1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, or digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

INTRODUCTION

The nation of Israel was a people called out from among the nations of the earth by the Lord. Moses wrote on this matter and said, "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt." Deuteronomy 7:6-8.

The above given information is a portion of the great progressive, eternal plan of God. About 800 years, before, Moses wrote the above statement concerning God's chosen people, God had said unto Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless

them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3.

The reason these scriptures are being given, is to show the plan which God had of redeeming lost humanity from eternal suffering and destruction. We want to point out just here, however, that people had already been saved through the centuries previous to this, as God had men who represented him in the world. God had preached Christ in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:15, Adam and Eve had taught their children. Hebrews 11:1-4.

Then when Paul and Barnabas were on the first missionary journey, they had stopped at Lystra, and while speaking to people who had thought them to be gods, they spoke of the true and living God which had created heaven and earth and all things therein. They mentioned the fact that in times past God had permitted nations to walk after their own ways. However, they said of God, "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness...." Acts 14:17.

So, during that period of history, and until Christ should come into the world, establish his church, giving it the commission and authority to represent him in the world, the nation of Israel was to be the Spiritual representative to other nations. And since throughout the scriptures the children of God have been called or referred to as a fruitful people, the Lord calls himself the true vine and his people the branches. John 15:1-5. So, in our lesson today we are studying "God's Vineyard."

THE LORD'S HOUSE

In Isaiah, Chapter 2:1-4, the prophet speaks of the coming of the church kingdom which would be exalted above the hills. The true meaning is that the church kingdom is called a stone and then becomes a great mountain, filling the earth, Daniel 2:34-35. And in the second chapter of Isaiah, the prophet tells us that this will come to pass in the "last days." Some believe, and teach, that this means at the end of time just previous to the Lord's coming, and others believe and teach that it will take place immediately after his coming. The true, scriptural meaning is, it came to pass almost two thousand years ago! Those who believe and are looking forward to a kingdom being set up upon earth after the Lord comes back, will be as disappointed as the Jews were when they expected a Messiah that would literally set up a kingdom and sit as the head. While Jesus did establish a kingdom, becoming the Head and Founder (His Church) he said, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36. Christ's ministry and

church work was in the "last days." Hebrews 1:1-2.

From the second, third and fourth chapters of Isaiah, we learn more about the transgressions of God's people, and His displeasure because of such behaviour.

GOD'S VINEYARD

In our lesson — the Lord is calling the house of Israel His vineyard. Let us notice for a moment the definition of "vineyard" - vine-yard (vin yerd), n. land devoted to cultivating grapevines.

While there are various ideas concerning the true teachings of the Song of Solomon, it is believed the true meaning is expressing the love and fellowship of God and his people. Also applying it to New Testament meaning, it refers to Christ and his church. In Ephesians 5:22-33, Paul writes of the husband and wife, of the love and devotion each should have for the other, then he says, "This is a mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

As our lesson begins, we have these words, "Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:" The prophet identifies the vineyard with Israel and Judah which had their beginnings, as a nation, with Abraham. From the time of its planting it was under the special care of God. He always gave it the most desired spot in which to dwell, both in Egypt and in Canaan, but it never did live up to its opportunities and more, it never did yield the fruits of justice and righteousness, but instead, oppression and a cry.

The Lord had fenced the vineyard. Many of us who were reared on a farm will easily and quickly reflect back upon our experiences of doing fence work. A fence was used to separate different animals, to keep them in a desired area, or to keep animals from going into the crops to destroy them. It is believed that in God's kind providence, the angels serve as a protecting force as did the fence. Speaking of angels, Paul wrote, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Hebrews 1:14.

After fencing the vineyard, the Lord gathered all the stones out thereof. God wished or desired that his people would not turn from him to serve idol gods. He did not want them to be hindered by other objects, therefore he removed those things. When Jacob called unto him his sons for their blessings previous to his death, he said to Judah, "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the

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Christians, Cover Up!

"Clothing optional" condominiums are now available in some parts of the country, pornography has become socially acceptable without any stigma of shame, total nudity comes into millions of American homes daily via cable television—that's the kind of world we live in today. And what is the church doing about it? We are going along with it. We may be two steps behind the world, but as worldly standards degenerate, the church follows suit. And nowhere is the drift of the church more obvious than in its compromising dress codes.

How long has it been since we heard a sermon on modest dress? God's divine test pattern, the Bible, offers some guidelines to help us plan our wardrobes:

1. **God clothed Adam and Eve.** When our foreparents sinned in the Garden of Eden and became conscious of good and evil, they realized they were naked, and they were ashamed. They fabricated fig-leaf aprons for themselves, but when God clothed them, He gave them much more modest outfits. He made them coats of skin to replace their skimpy attire. And God's standard of modesty has never changed.

2. **Immodest dress is associated with sinful activities.** Immodesty and immorality are twin sisters. They usually appear together. Nakedness and promiscuous sex accompanied Israel's worship of the golden calf at the foot of Mt. Sinai (Exodus 32:6, 25). The wise father who wrote Proverbs 7 warned his son not to be seduced by the wiles and attire of harlots. The demoniac of Gadara "ware no clothes" (Luke 8:37) but when Jesus came into his life, his

friends and neighbors found him "sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind" (verse 35). Could it be that immodest dress is evidence of mental disorder and of a failure to sit at the feet of Jesus?

3. **The New Testament demands modesty.** I Timothy 2:9 directs women to "adorn themselves in modest apparel." The context suggests that modesty includes the refusal of indecent exposure of the body as well as the rejection of immoderate display of costly garments and expensive jewelry. The preceding verse prescribes a holy lifestyle for men, including consistent prayer, a gentle spirit and an active faith. Then verse 9 begins, "In like a manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel..." So, modesty is a holy virtue needed by men and women alike.

As you plan summer activities for your family and for your church groups, keep in mind the Bible's call for modest dress. Any activity which requires or permits shorts, bathing suits or any other form of abbreviated attire in mixed company violates the principle of modesty and makes Christians look just like the worldly crowd. God brought judgment of Judah because, among other things, they were "clothed with strange (foreign) apparel" (Zephaniah 1:8). They had adopted the styles and standards of their heathen neighbors.

Clothes do not make the man, but they say a lot about him. What does your wardrobe say about you?

--George Reddin --via Day by Day

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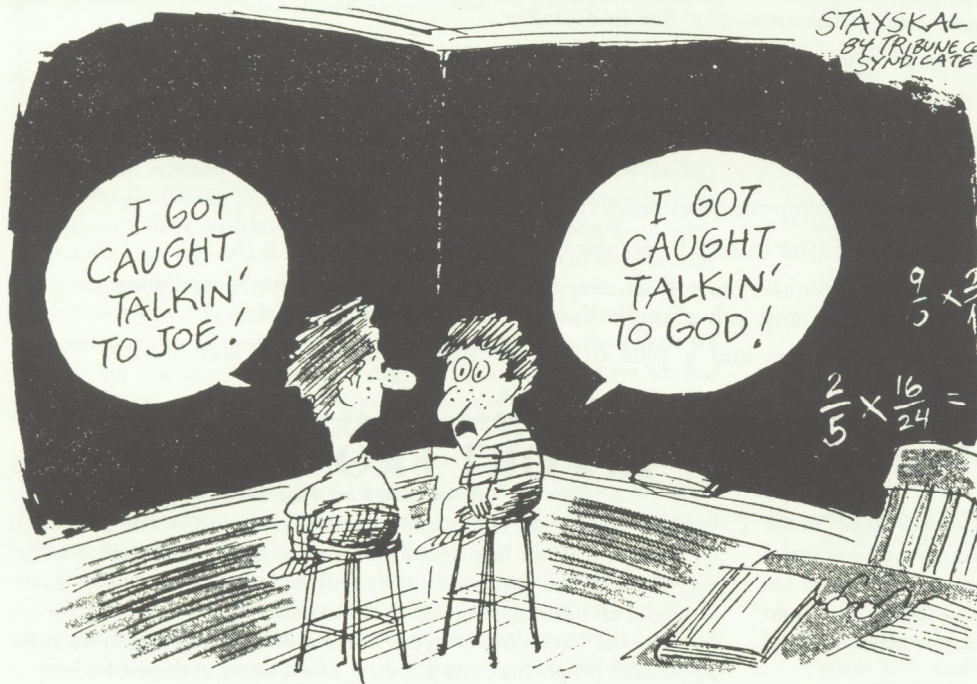
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... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. —Acts 16:31

JESUS SAID

BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK: IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, ... Rev. 3:20



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THE BIBLE

The Bible is the word of life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves.—President Woodrow Wilson.

The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others in my eyes are of minor importance, and in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me strength.—Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Report From Colorado

We have our doors and windows in our building now, and we are also ready to pour the concrete for the basement floor. We would like to thank everyone or church who has sent offerings to help in this work. Our contributions received this past month are as follows:

Mrs. Christine Green and Mrs. Judy Van, Nashville, Tenn. \$100.00; Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$100.00; Longview Missionary Baptist church, Gallatin, Tenn., \$300.00; Eastside Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., \$1,000.00; Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., \$50.00; Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., \$50.00. The total for the month is \$1,600.00.

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OREGON CHURCH NEEDS PASTOR

Our pastor has resigned and we are in need of one at this time. Any minister who feels led to come, please contact us: Hauser Missionary Baptist Church, c/o Reva Potts, 117 Huckleberry Lane, North Bend, OR 97459. Phone: (503) 756-4583.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hasn't no name to be known by, let us call thee devil.—*Shakespeare.*

Intemperance is one of the greatest—if not the greatest—of all evils known to mankind.—*A. Lincoln.*

The drinking man commits suicide on the installment plan.

If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive.

Thinkers don't drink; drinkers don't think.

Alcohol is one of the chief curtailers of human life. The man of twenty who drinks has a probable life of fifteen years before him, the abstainer, one of forty-five years.—*Prof. Lombroso.*

Did you ever hear of a man who lost his job because he was a total abstainer?—*W. E. Johnson.*

Did you ever hear of an insurance company that offered reduced premiums to booze addicts?—*W. E. Johnson.*

Did you ever hear of a woman saying, "My husband would be the best husband in the world if he would only drink?"—*W. E. Johnson.*

Did you ever hear of a railway engineer who stood better with his company if he patronized the saloons?—*W. E. Johnson.*

Did you ever hear of a murderer on the gallows declaring that his abstinence practices led him to his predicament?—*W. E. Johnson.*

When a driver drinks like a fish his car usually turns turtle.

The drunk in the gutter is in a better place for himself—and us—than behind the steering wheel.

That man never lived who could truthfully say the saloon had helped him to live a better life.

Booze builds business—for the undertaker.

Alcoholic joys are brief,—the results are lasting.

Wild Oats and Old Rye grow in the same field.

The man who drinks now and then usually drinks more now than he did then.

The steady drinker soon becomes the unsteady drinker.

All liquids seek the lowest level; alcohol takes the drinker with it.

Alcohol has wrecked more lives, starved more children and murdered more women than any other single factor—*Sir Wilfred Grenfel.*

Five gallons of gas and a pint of gin,—And all they found was a mess of tin.

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the continued support of both our sister churches and individuals in the future so our financial needs will be supplied. There is one thing that a preacher who has given up his good job of 33 years sinority, sold his home, left his friends to answer the call of God and follow him to do Mission Work five hundred miles away doesn't need, and that's financial worries.

I want to mention a good deceased brother who was a regular monthly supporter of our mission. He was also our brother-in-law, Bro. G. R. Knight, Franklin, Ky. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., and a licensed preacher. The good Lord called him home in the early part of June this year. We will never forget the good times we had together. May the good Lord Bless his memory.

Month of May

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. \$43.33
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. \$25.00

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REPORT FROM ALASKA

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work to support my family and provide a place to live. By the end of the seventh day, we had signed up for an apartment to live in. I am so very thankful that God knows our needs, but most of all that he is able to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory.

I would like to ask everyone to remember us in your prayers as we try to meet people here and tell them of a wonderful Savior we have in Jesus.

We hope that everyone will notice our address we have submitted and will feel free to correspond with us when you can.

Sincerely and prayerfully yours,
Terry and Sandy Lyles

5700 Lake Otis Parkway Apt. 65
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OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 30, 1984

CONTRIBUTIONS		EXPENSES	
April	\$2492.87	April	\$2001.18
May	1679.00	May	2530.78
June	1680.70	June	2435.66
	\$5852.57		\$6967.62

Balance in the Bank as of 3-30-84 - \$4590.05

EXPENSES ITEMIZED:

Jeff Brown - Reimbursement for tapes	\$ 82.00
Consolidated Media - Tapes	295.63
Electra Distributing Co. - Tapes	121.00
Franklin Favorite - Ad in Franklin, Kentucky	48.00
Hartsville Vidette - Ad	8.00
Lowe's - Air conditioner for building	192.54
Middle Tn. Electric M. C.	52.53
Danny Patterson - Tuning Piano	35.00
Bob Pitt - Expenses including mileage, tapes, mailing tapes, misc.	303.64
Sainte Broadcasting #19 - California	1326.00
Sainte Broadcasting #35 - California	884.00
Sears - Recorder	280.00
Technical Industries - Lights	180.00
Tennessee Telephone	493.34
T. V. 39 - Murfreesboro	2600.00
U.S. Postmaster - Stamps	36.93
West Wilson Water	29.01
	Total Expenses \$6967.62

Ending Checkbook Balance as of 6-30-84 - \$3475.00

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ALL MY DAYS

In all my days to God I sing,
In summer, fall, winter and spring.
Some days the sun refuses to shine,
I feel sad and tend to pine.
Yet, beneath the somber feeling,
The grace of God is ere revealing.
In all my days God's love abounds,
In scenes, in hearts, in many sounds.
God knows best for each and all,
As shines the sun, some rain must fall.
Throughout my life mysterious rays,
Seem to touch most all my days.
I trust the Lord to guide me through,
In all my days whether bright or blue.
Our heavenly Father deserves all praise,
I'll love and serve Him all my days.

-H. C. Vanderpool

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Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	\$100.00
Salem Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	\$100.00
Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.	\$140.47
Old Macdonia Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky.	\$100.00
Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, Ky.	\$20.00
Colorado Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado	\$10.00
Fairview Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.	\$30.75
Total for month of May	\$569.55

Month of June

Siloam Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.	\$100.00
White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn.	\$50.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	\$100.00
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky.	\$50.00
Longview Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	\$100.00
Long Creek Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$100.00
Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.	\$100.00
Harvest Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.	\$50.00
Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn.	\$50.00
East Side Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	\$250.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, No. 2, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$100.00
Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn.	\$72.00
Sulpher Fork Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn.	\$100.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.	\$100.00
Mcferrin Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.	\$100.00
Meadorville Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$100.00
Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	\$300.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	\$80.18
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn.	\$500.00
Maces Hill Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tenn.	\$200.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	\$100.00
West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	\$100.00
Brattontown Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$100.00
Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, Ky.	\$20.00

Total from churches for month of June \$2,865.00

From Individuals

Eld. Jesse Farley, Jr., Hartsville, Tenn.	\$20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Payne, Springfield, Mo.	\$25.00
Miss Gustine Green, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$20.00
Mr. James Bradley, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	\$12.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Brizintine, Portland, Tenn.	\$50.00
Mrs. Ethel Smith, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$10.00
Mrs. Edna L. Vantresce, Lebanon, Tenn.	\$50.00
Total from individuals	\$187.00
Total for the month of June	\$3,052.00

Month of July

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky.	\$100.00
Old Paths Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tenn.	\$25.00
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky.	\$50.00
New Harmony Baptist Church, Auburn, Ky.	\$50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Roseville, Mi.	\$160.00
Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, Ky.	\$20.00
Colorado Baptist Church, Denver, Co.	\$10.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	\$100.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church, No. 2, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$25.00
Total from churches for month of July	\$540.00

Individuals

Miss Gustine Green, Lafayette, Tenn.	\$20.00
Total for the month of July	\$560.00
Total for the Fourth Quarter	\$4,181.55
Total for the year	\$7,581.55

Elder M. V. Hammack, c/o Reid Brock, Rt. 1, Box 180-A, Bald Knob, AR 72010

INDIANA CHURCH RENAMED AND RELOCATED

NEW NAME CRAWFORDSVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH NEW PLACE

410 East College Street
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

TO OUR SISTER CHURCHES:
GREETINGS,

We are glad to announce the RELOCATION and the RENAMING of our church. FORMERLY we were known as NEW MARKET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - naturally we met in the town of New Market.

We are thankful to have been able to purchase a place of our own, whereas before we were renting. Of course being a small church, with limited funds, we shall struggle in faith to meet our obligations. Any financial assistance our sister churches could contribute would be greatly appreciated. Besides the building payments, we need to secure seating, songbooks and other church furniture.

We feel the new location will also provide new growth possibilities. If anyone has friends or relatives in the Crawfordsville area please let us know, WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO INVITE THEM TO OUR CHURCH.

As always, we need your prayers.

May God Bless,

Elder James C. Jones, Pastor

CHURCH CLERK
Naomi Ellman
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“Talk is always cheap, because the supply has always exceeded the demand.”



“It’s generally in the summertime that the church gets snowed under.”

GOD’S VINEYARD

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neck of thine enemies; thy father’s children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion’s whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass’s colt unto the choice vine;’ Genesis 49:8-11. These people to whom Isaiah was writing were the choice of the Lord to bring forth fruit unto him.

A watch tower is a place from which the vineyard can be watched over. Certainly the Master of the vineyard was situated to where he could properly watch over His vineyard. The temple has been given as the tower. In brief, one may consider thus, the angels were the fence; the stones were the

idols; the tower the temple; in the midst thereof was Judea and the winepress the altar.

GOD’S DISAPPOINTMENT

Looking upon this vineyard in disappointment, seeing the production of wild grapes instead of the grapes he desired, God said, “What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?” How many times have we, the people of God, preached, prayed, cried, begged and talked with sinners in meetings, to see them stand or turn aside manifesting their lack of interest in their own souls. Then when coming to the close of the service we would say, “We have done all we have known to do, there is no more we can do, we must leave our prayers and labors in the hand of God.”

In the text we can see that the owner had taken great interest in preparing and guarding the vineyard, but realizing the wild grapes came instead of the proper fruit. How sad! The same is happening today in the work of the church. But God told the people

ASSOCIATIONS TO CONVENE

BETHEL

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association is to convene in its Twenty-Seventh annual session on Friday night, September 14, at 7:00 P.M. with services following on Saturday and Sunday. Elder Eugene Brown is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday night. The Memorial Sermon on Saturday is to be delivered by Elder Terry Lyles, and Elder James Jones is to preach the Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday.

Officers elected at the last session were: Elder Odus Cummings, Moderator; Elder Terry Lyles, Clerk and Elder Carlos Gammon, Treasurer. Eleven churches reported last year with a membership of 1,593 and total contributions of \$199,397.20.

SILOAM

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association is to convene in its Thirty-Second annual session on Friday and Saturday, October 5-6, with Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Services begin the first day at 10:00 A.M. (E.D.T.)

Twenty-four churches represented in 1983 with a total membership of 4,174, and total contributions of \$438,696.24.

Elder Lynn Stapleton will preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Elder Darrell Hicks is to preach the Memorial Sermon on Friday night. On Saturday the Doctrinal Sermon is to be delivered by Elder Rex Hunt.

Officers elected last year were: Elder W. T. Russell, Moderator; Elder Don Curtis, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treas.

NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST SCHOOL

As we announced in last month’s issue of the BAPTIST BANNER, New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. had established a Baptist School, and would be offering 20 courses in five different departments. The brochures are being prepared and will be ready for mailing soon. The home study courses will be offered to anyone wishing to study by a well-planned correspondence method.

The letters received and phone calls since the announcement of the school being established have been very encouraging. The brochures will explain each course, number of lessons, examinations, tuition, etc. To receive a brochure when they are ready, write to:

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

If you wish to call for information, or to discuss the studies, please call: (615) 859-5780.

of Israel and Judah what he was going to do. God was going to remove the fence, or wall and the vineyard would be trodden down. How sad and how terrible was that time when the powers from the north came down upon Israel and Judah taking them away into captivity and destroying the Holy City with the Temple, the place of worship.

ANOTHER CHANCE

The centuries passed and Jesus came and established his church. The first converts of the Christian age were Jews. As a nation, the Jews rejected Christ, but some believed to the saving of their souls. “He (Christ) came unto his own (Jews), and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:11-13. The Jews were given another chance. While the church was constituted of saved Jews, they began to turn aside and the Gentiles were brought in.