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## BIBLICAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

*II Tim. 2:15*

### WEST END BIBLE STUDY

The eleventh annual Bible study at the West End Missionary Baptist Church, 440 West Main Street, Gallatin, TN will begin Tuesday, February 11, 1986.

Elder W. T. Russell will be teaching ten lessons from the book of Luke on “. . . those things which are most surely believed among us. . .” Lessons will be conducted each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

Elder W. E. Massey, the pastor, invites EVERYONE to attend.

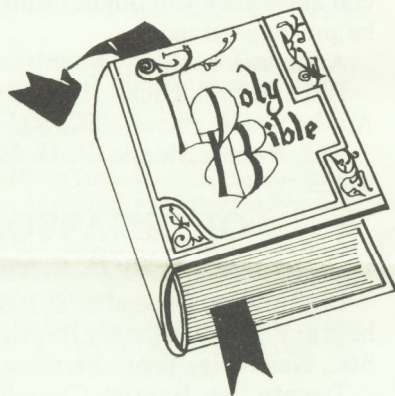
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### BIBLE LAND TOUR

Nov. 4, 1986 Elder H. C. Vanderpool will be hosting his 10th tour to Israel with extension trips to Greece or Egypt available. For further information and early reservation discounts contact Bro. Vanderpool, P. O. Box 1001, Goodlettsville, TN 37072 or myself care of the BANNER.

This is a tremendous educational experience that will provide you with a lifetime of memories and create a far better understanding of Bible places and people. Plan now to go!

### OLD UNION MINISTERS SCHOOL

The fourteenth annual session of the Old Union Minister's School, near Bowling Green, KY, will be held March 26-28. Instructors for this year are Elders H. C. Vanderpool, Henry Smith, Howard Taylor, Dexter Bacon, and Don Curtis. Subjects will be announced next month.

Preachers' wives are encouraged to attend the Wives' Fellowship during the same period. The tuition remains at \$20 for preachers and \$5 for their wives. Overnight accommodations will be provided at the Super 8 Motel in Bowling Green.

Preachers attending for the first time are required to submit a written testimony of their salvation experience and their call to the ministry. This is to be submitted in time for the school acceptance committee to review it before attendance is permitted.

For further information or motel reservations contact:

Elder Jerry Reynolds  
289 Meadow Hill Drive  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Phone (502) 842-0752

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### OUR PILGRIMAGE THROUGH BIBLE LANDS

*By H. C. Vanderpool*

NASHVILLE—On Wednesday, November 20, 1985, I was privileged with my co-hosts and a total of 63 brothers and sisters to begin my 9th Pilgrimage through Bible Lands. Fifty of us gathered at Nashville Metro Airport and left for New York at 11:00 A.M. on Pan American Airline, Flight 546. In New York there were thirteen others who met us from other states. In fact fifteen, two who were not originally in our group, a Baptist minister and wife from Arizona. After all had

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SIS. PLUMMIE GREGORY

The family of Mrs. Arnet G. Gregory wishes to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our recent time of sorrow. We greatly appreciate the prayers, flowers, cards and visits. A special thanks to the singers and ministers.

May God bless each and every one is our prayer.

A. G. and Gary Gregory

*Prayer is not a last extremity;  
it's a first necessity.*

MISSIONARIES FROM OLD UNION

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ky. presently has two missionaries on the home field. The following information and addresses concerning these men was issued by Old Union Church.

Eld. Darrell Hicks went on the mission field in Anchorage, Alaska, in July. Eld. Terry Lyles, who had been in Anchorage for a year and a half, was called to another work. During the time Eld. Lyles was in Anchorage three were known to have been saved and five were baptized into that mission. Eld. Hicks will continue this good work.

Eld. Vernon Roark returned to the field in Oregon in October. Eld. Roark has a burden to build up the little churches in the Pacific Northwest. Hauser Missionary Baptist Church at North Bend, Oregon, and Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at Corvallis, Oregon, do not have pastors and Eld. Roark is preaching at these two churches.

These two brothers are working in areas that can not support them financially. We ask that you remember these brothers in your prayers, and that when you can, any financial assistance you might be able to send them would surely be put to good use.

Addresses of these two missionaries are as follows:

Eld. Darrell Hicks, 1900 Beaver Place #6, Anchorage, Alaska 99504. Phone (907) 337-5322.

Eld. Vernon Roark, P. O. Box 51, North Bend, Oregon 97459.

ORDINATION REPORT

By H. C. Vanderpool

On Sunday, December 8, 1985, an ordination service was held at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank Sts., Nashville, Tenn. Services began at 2:00 P.M.

Twenty-two Baptist Churches were represented in the presbytery by 50 ordained brethren, 20 ministers and 30 deacons.

Those ordained to the deaconship by Faith church were Brethren R. C. Alexander, Henry Fisher, Donald Langford and James Quinn.

Elder A. G. Gregory, pastor of the church, served as moderator. Elder H. C. Vanderpool served as clerk. The candidates for ordination were presented to the presbytery by Elder William House and Elder Howard Taylor led the inter-rogation. The ordination prayer was led by Elder William E. Massey. Following the "laying on of hands" by the presbytery, Elder Charles Patterson gave the charge to the newly ordained deacons. The charge to the church was given by Elder Bobby Sutton. Deacon Dean Cornwell, clerk of Faith church, presented the Bible.

A large crowd was in attendance. Lunch had been served by the church at the noon hour, and also again after the service, it served all those who wished to eat before departing to their respective homes or churches. This truly was a good day, a great service and a wonderful time of fellowship among God's people and many sister Missionary Baptist Churches.

A NEW REMEDY?

In the last century D. L. Moody asked, "Why should I get a new remedy for sin when I have found one that has never failed?" He continued, "The Gospel has stood the test for eighteen centuries. I know what it will do for sin-sick souls. I have tried its power for forty years."

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HELP NEEDED  
IN DANVILLE, KENTUCKY

Brother Jerry Lee Thompson, wife, and daughter, all members of Old Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Trousdale County, TN, have moved to Danville, KY. They are looking for an old time Baptist Church to attend. Anyone knowing of a sound church in that general area please contact Brother Thompson at:

Route 2, Allen Road  
Danville, KY  
Phone (606) 236-3866

LAW and GRACE

LAW says "do and live."  
GRACE says "live and do."  
LAW says "do and do and it's never done"  
GRACE says "it is done forever."



## OUR PILGRIMAGE THROUGH BIBLE LANDS (cont.)

gathered, luggage checked through customs, all Passports checked and O.K.ed, we boarded Sabena Airline, Flight 548. We later ate our supper and while some slept, others ate, talked, walked the aisles and passed the time until sunrise which came early.

### THURSDAY, November 21:

We landed at Brussels, Belgium Airport at 7:50 A.M. Brussels time. Due to the fact we were to have some time before going on, most of the group took a tour of Belgium. Soon after returning to the airport, we boarded Sabena Airline, Flight 237 to Cairo, Egypt. We arrived in Egypt after dark. We had been delayed at the Brussels Airport while a tire and wheel was repaired on our plane.

After going through customs at Cairo, we boarded our buses and made our journey to our hotel which was the Pyramids Holiday Inn. We arrived, had our rooms assigned and then came down to the dining room for our evening meal. As we were finishing supper a man from the hotel desk came and said I had a call from the states. It was my wife calling to let me know of the passing of Sister Plummie Gregory. All of us who knew her and Bro. Arnett were saddened and prayed for the Lord to bless and strengthen him through his grief. We all soon retired to our rooms for rest. However, with my responsibilities and paper work, I finally got into bed at 3:00 A.M. to be awakened at 5:00 A.M. by a loud ram's horn blowing at a nearby Moslem worship service.

### FRIDAY, November 22, 1985:

Due to space and time, I will condense our travels quite a bit, and not give full details as in the past of our tours. I would like to mention here that my seven co-hosts were Elder Eugene Brown, Elder Doug Curtis, Mrs. Ann Denton, Bro. Jerry Donoho, Mrs. Sue Nell Harwood, Mrs. Beatrice Petty and Mrs. Essie Yaden.

Baptist ministers in our group were Dexter Bacon, Eugene Brown, Doug Curtis, Jerry Donoho, Charles Hicks, Harold D. Linville, Donald Gardner, Edward Johnson, Milton Martin, Charles Reece, Leon Sherron, H. C. Vanderpool, Morris Watson and Glenn Yaden, at a total of 14.

On this third day we visited the Mohammed Ali Mosque, the Egyptian Museum containing all the treasures of King Tutankhamun, the Nile River, the Citadel and other places of interest. After lunch we visited the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, Memphis once the capital of Egypt, built during the First Dynasty by Menes in 3000 B.C. We saw the statue of Ramses II and then proceeded to the Necropolis of Sakkara containing the funerary monuments from various periods of Egyptian history.

We visited the Step Pyramid of King Zoser and some mastabas. Some included the tombs of Ti and Ptah. We also visited a rug factory on our way back to our hotel. We had supper and retired for the night.

### SATURDAY, November 23:

We were up about 4:30 A.M. as we were to travel to the Israeli border to the north, and then on to northern Galilee to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee to stay Saturday night. We had early breakfast, picked up our basket lunch to have while crossing the Sinai. We boarded our buses and upon leaving Cairo we stopped and viewed the Pyramid Memorial and the government building where President Anwar Sadat was killed.

This was certainly an experience travelling north through the Sinai. We made some stops and then crossed the Suez Canal sitting in our buses and the buses on large ferry boats. While we were still in Egypt after crossing the Canal, we had crossed from Africa into Asia. Three days before we had left North America, travelled through Europe and now were leaving Africa and entering Asia.

We ate our lunches (some did, some a portion of them) and soon came to the Israeli border. We had been viewing the blue Mediterranean Sea to our left. After getting through customs we met our Israeli guide and bus driver. However, our guides, Omar and Zack, were Arabs. We had had Zack before and were very happy to have him again. We boarded our buses and headed north through the Holy Land. We traveled by Ashkelon, Ashdod and Tel Aviv. We stopped at Caesarea and viewed the Roman theatre, Crusader Fortress, and then on to Tiberias on the west bank of the Sea of Galilee. We would be here at the Washington Hotel for the next two nights. We were assigned rooms and after supper we retired for the night.

### SUNDAY, November 24:

There had been another group travelling with us, some from Canada and different places, a total of three buses. We all went down to the Sea of Galilee and boarded a large boat and began our ride which would take us to the northwest side to the ancient city of Capernaum.

Upon reaching the middle of the Sea, the motors were shut off and Zack turned the time over to us. Here, viewing the Biblical body of water, the Mt. of Beatitudes and the Mountains of Moab, we held our Sunday worship service. Various ministers in our group had various parts. The singing, scripture reading, message, testimonies, prayers and fellowship was a great experience.

After service, we continued our boat ride to the shores of Capernaum.

Another Devotional service was held later upon the Mt. of Beatitudes. We then returned to our hotel for our Sunday dinner, driving by Magdala, and the Valley of the Wind.

Sunday afternoon we travelled to Nazareth, visiting Mary's Well. We passed by a Baptist School in Nazareth. Leaving Nazareth we travelled west to Megiddo, one of the outstanding historical sites of the Holy Land. It would take several pages to tell of its history. From here we went to Haifa, up on Mt. Carmel, viewing the beautiful Haifa Harbour. Upon descending the mountain we visited the diamond factory and then travelled back to Tiberias for supper and the night.

### MONDAY, November 25:

This morning we packed our luggage for pickup at our doors as we would be in Jerusalem for the night. After breakfast we went down the Jordan Valley to the Jordan River. Leaving there we continue our journey south to Jericho, and there we visited Elisha's Spring, fruit market, viewed the ruins of Jericho, viewed the Mt. of Temptation and then went on to the Caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947. Later we had lunch at a Jerusalem restaurant. In the afternoon we made our way to Bethlehem where we stopped at the Three Arches for a shopping spell. It seemed most everyone enjoyed this privilege. I was privileged to see and talk again with a number of Arab acquaintances here.

We went to the Church of the Nativity. While there we sung Christmas songs, heard the story of Jesus' birth and the angels, Luke 2, announcing His birth 2000 years ago in the nearby Shepherds Fields. We returned to Jerusalem and went to the most interesting place in Bible Lands—Calvary!

After viewing the place of Christ's crucifixion, we walked through the nearby garden, John 19:38-42, we visited the Garden Tomb. In the Garden we conducted a service, enjoying very much the Spirit of the Lord upon us. We left the Garden with many thoughts of scripture lessons, sermons, Sunday school lessons and discussions through the years of our lives about this place, where now, WE HAD SEEN AND FELT! We drove back to the Diplomat Hotel for the night. We were assigned rooms, and after an enjoyable evening meal we retired for the night.

### TUESDAY, November 26:

After breakfast we boarded our buses and drove through Jerusalem, the Holy City, to the Mt. of Olives. Looking westward across the Kedron Valley into Jerusalem is worth travelling thousands of miles to see. After a group photo, camel riding, listening to interesting lectures by Zack, we went down to the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of all nations and then into the Old City. We visited the Western (Wailing) Wall, Mt. Moriah, Stephen's Gate, Dome of the Rock, El aqsa Mosque and the Chapel of Flagellation. After lunch we visited the Judgment Hall, the remains of Antonia Fortress, the Upper Room and David's Tomb.

We who were not going to Rome, were to leave on this afternoon for Brussels, Belgium and we went back to our hotel, picked up our luggage and were carried to the Tel Aviv airport. We bade our fellow-travellers, guide, and driver good by and turned to begin our journey home. We arrived in Brussels later in the night.

We had been enjoying warm weather in Egypt and Israel, but upon our arrival in Brussels it was very cold and snowing. We were picked up at the airport and bussed to the Metropole Hotel for the night.

### WEDNESDAY, November 27:

This morning it was still cold and still snowing. We left the hotel at 11:00 A.M. by bus and upon our arrival at the airport we went through customs, and at 1:00 P.M. Brussels time (7 hours ahead of Central Time) we boarded Sabena, Flight 541 and at 3:10 P.M. Eastern Standard Time we landed in New York. The regular customs checking took place, Passports checked, moving from one terminal to another by bus, and then at 6:45 P.M. we took Pan American Flight 537 to Nashville, arriving at 9:25 P.M.

We were met by families, friends and church members. We were soon on our way home and ready to enjoy Thanksgiving the following day with our families.

### ROME EXTENSION:

While 36 of us returned on Wednesday, 25 of our group, Elder Doug Curtis in charge with assistance of other co-hosts, had an extra day in Jerusalem, visiting Masada and then leaving Tel Aviv for Rome for three days. These reported a good and enjoyable tour to Rome. On Saturday night, November 30, they arrived at the Nashville airport at 10:15. On Monday night, December 2, Elder and Mrs. Dexter Bacon returned home. They had gone from Tel Aviv to Germany where they visited their son in service.

So, I went home, breathed a sigh of relief, thanking the Lord for a great, joyful, Spiritual experience with brothers, sisters and friends on another Pilgrimage through Bible Lands!

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*No life is long enough for a complete education.*



## ... A TIME TO LAUGH ... *ECC. 3:4*

MACON COUNTY TIMES, December 12, 1985  
Down Memory Lane, 35 years ago

Elder Calvin Gregory, editor of the *Times*, wrote in the social and personal column that "Elder F. W. Lambert had paid the *Times* office a pleasant visit but had to leave early to help a neighbor butcher his hogs." Elder Gregory went on to say that he didn't know what Bro. Lambert could or would do at a hog killing but that he had seen him in action after the "pig" had reached the table, and there he was an expert on hogs.

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Don't pray for rain if you intend to complain about the mud.

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If we learn to laugh at ourselves, we will always have some thing to make us happy.

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If at first you don't succeed, you'll get plenty of advice.

## GOD CONSTANT IN A CHANGING WORLD

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the "Opinion" column of a recent NASHVILLE BANNER newspaper.)

By **K. K. Mattox, D.D.S.**  
Springfield

I would like to address the subject of evolution as discussed by Mr. Raines and Mr. Sharpe in recent letters. I confess I have very little knowledge of the subject except what I have observed in nature and studied in zoology.

In my lifetime I have seen tremendous change in plants and animals as agriculturists seek to increase production. We continually develop new medicines to combat the rapid changes in bacteria and viruses.

Forty years ago a 235-pound football player was a rarity; today he is considered a bit on the small side. Change seems to be built into our universe. In our study of these changes I think we have unfortunately left God out. In studying Darwin's theory of evolution I was told that nothing was created; everything just evolved as if by accident. I was taught that I was no more special than a worm or bug. One professor told a friend of mine that he was a fool to believe in God.

I read recently that in the famous Scopes trial Clarence Darrow called William Jennings Bryan's religion a fool religion. That's the religion of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the one who told us to love our enemies, bless those that curse us, do good to those that hate us. He told the men who were going to kill the adulterous woman that the one who had never sinned should cast the first stone.

He said we should love God with everything we have and to love our neighbor as ourselves. He said we should feed the hungry, care for the stranger, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick and in prison. He begged God to forgive those who were nailing him to a cross. I like that!

If Jesus is the biggest liar, fraud and fool the world has ever seen, that's the kind of fool I want to be!

In our quest for scientific knowledge and truth in a changing world, let's be mindful of something that never changes, the greatest truth of all. God created us and loves us more than we can ever know, and Jesus died to save us from our sin. I like that!

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

From: Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are using this means to acquaint you with a situation of great need within our community.

In August of this year Bro. D. L. Cummings, who is a long time friend of one of our Deacons here, became ill and was diagnosed as having a very rare type of leukemia. After spending some time in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, he was told that there was no known treatment for this type of leukemia. The only thing they knew to try was a bone marrow transplant. He entered the A. B. Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky on October 22 and received the transplant on October 30th. He has been there since and will have to stay for at least several more weeks. If he remains stable he and his wife will have to move from the hospital to an apartment near the hospital and live there for at least six months. There he will receive more treatment and will be near his doctors. There are untold complications that can occur at any time.

When the diagnosis was made Bro. Cummings and all four of his children were lost sinners. Three of the children are married and have children of their own. Since then his youngest son, who is 20, was saved during our October revival and is now a member of our church. Bro. Cummings got saved a few days after he entered the hospital, in Lexington. We feel now that there is more hope in reaching the rest of the family than ever before. God does work in wondrous and mysterious ways. Bro. Cummings now expresses a desire to be able to come home and influence the rest of his family to come to church.

As you can imagine their expenses are almost unbelievable. The rent alone for the apartment will run between \$400.00 to \$600.00 per month.

These folks are just ordinary working people and just do not have this kind of money. Walnut Grove is a very small and poor country church. We will do what we can, but without your help it can not be very much.

In conference on November 30, 1985 Walnut Grove voted to set up a fund for Bro. and Sis. Cummings and to write this letter to our sister churches and the Baptist Banner and ask you please, if you find it in your hearts, to help these people meet some of this great expense.

Please make your checks payable to Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church and mark them for the D. L. Cummings funds. Mail them to:

Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
c/o Keith Hart  
Route 1, Box 291B  
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We will make a public accounting of each donation in this manner.

May God richly bless each of you for your love and generosity.

Sincerely,  
Elder Bernard M. Skaggs, Pastor and Moderator  
Bro. Keith Hart, Clerk

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## BIBLE QUESTION

What was the name of the king that was struck with leprosy when he tried to take the place of the priest at the altar?

Answer next month.