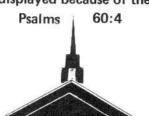
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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.





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Tragic Death

Miss Faithful Prayer Meeting dies after short illness. She passed away at Neglect-ville in the State of Half-heartedness. She was born many years ago in the midst of revival fires, and lived a notable and profilable life until recent years.

For some time Miss Prayer Meeting had been confined to her home because of business engagements, fatigue and a tired, all-in feeling. These symptoms were all-in feeling in the more noticeable on prayer meeting nights than on any other night. She was also troubled with coldness of heart, stiffness of knees, weakness of will power and loss of appetite for spiritual food.

At one time Miss Prayer Meeting was a member of every church and dearly loved by all the members. Her many friends visited her weekly for years, and she greatly helped all who came to herbesides by their coming to her each week, she reached out and helped their unsaved loved ones and friends find spiritual help.

She leaves to mourn her loss, many whiteless, preachers and a lost world, many who are the church members' loved ones and friends.

The remains will be left to the judgment of God, where the Searcher of all things will inquire into the cause of her untimely death. It is suspected that the desire for riches, the love of pleasure and the unconcern for the things of God will be found the main cause of her death.

Pall bearers who carried Miss Prayer Meeting from the church to her grave, were as follows: Mr. I. M. Indifferent, Judge Goodenough, Mr. Will U. Keepitgoing, Mr. Ben Coldwater, Mr. U. R. Careless and Mr. Yousta Nevermiss.

. The flower girls were: Mrs. Yousta Nevermiss, Miss Ida Betterwent, Mrs. Ben Coldwater and Miss Uneeda Stirring.

The flower girls and pall bearers were all distant friends of Miss Prayer Meeting.

Burial was in the Coldheart cemetery in the New Down Hill addition,

Word has been received that, shortly after the death of Miss Prayer Meeting, her two sisters Miss Sunday Night Meeting and Miss Revival Meeting, also passed away. Burial was also in the Coldheart cematery.



JERUSALEM FROM MT. OF OLIVES

I Married A Minister

Mrs. C. A. Darst

I married a minister, not because I had a special desire or ambition to do so, not because he was wealthy or because he was famous, but because God led us together. One who accepts the vow of being a minister's wife assumes a tremendous responsibility. She must surrender her life, not to preach the gospel, but to assist her husband in the work God has called him to do. She must not count her life dear unto herself, but must place her life upon the altar of service. She must, if necessary, be willing to forsake her friends, relatives and homeland for the sake of Christ. Her life must be above reproach; she must be grave, sober, not a disseminator of slander, and must be faithful in all things. Nothing should interfere with her prayer life, or the study of His Word.

MANY GOOD MINISTERS COULD BE BETTER MINISTERS IF THEIR WIVES

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Editor Reports On Third Tour Of Bible Lands

By H. C. Vanderpool

(This is the fifth article in a series of reports on our third tour of Bible Lands. The previous reports have been on Oct. 30 — Nov. 4, 1972. We were now traveling in Indianal after touring in Cyprus, Turkey, Syria and Loboron Language from

Syria and Lebanon. I now continue from the April issue as I did not give a report in the May issue. I do not use the space for these reports when there are other articles and announcements enough to take up the space of an issue. — Editor).

7th Day, Sunday, Nov. 5, 1972 — We spent the night at Mt. Scopus Hotel in Jerusalem. After breakfast we boarded our buses and began the day's tour of the city of Jerusalem. We went up on the Mt. of Olives and from here we had a panoramic view of the Holy City. It was the Lord's day and very timely to be here where the prophets, apostles and Jesus himself lived and walked among men. Looking into the

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I reserve the right to refuse publication of articles that are not written in the proper spirit, those that reflect upon another to the detriment of the Lord's cause or those judged to be unsound.

However, there is the possibility that in some articles or announcements there would be things said or stated that would be of general information, but would not have editorial endorsement. — Editor.

Deadline For Announcements

The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

Communist Rules For Revolution

In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of the "Communist Rules for Revolution." Fifty vears later the Reds are still following the same rules. As you read the list, stop after each item and think about the present-day situation where you live and all around the nation.

We quote from the Red Rules:

- A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.
- B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:
 - Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.
 - Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
 - Destroy the people's faith in their national leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule, obloguy.
 - Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.
 - By encouraging government extravagance destroy all its credit, produce fear by inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
 - Promote unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of the government toward such disorders.
 - By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues; honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word and ruggedness.
- C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

Quite a list, isn't it? Now stop and think it over. How can any person truthfully say that Communists are not in the mids, of some of the problems that we are encountering today. It's not too late to make some changes but we had better start soon — the sooner, the better.

Isn't it high time that the millions of decent people who love America should stand up for American ideals and quit being puppets of the Communists who are determined to destroy us by corrupting our young people?

I Married A Preacher

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WERE MORE PERSEVERING AND WILLING TO ENDURE HARDNESS. In spite of adverse conditions, a good wife will maintain a clean Christ — like

atmosphere in her home for his pleasure. She will be a good manager. Her church and home will come first. She will discipline her children with a firm hand, and she will have to do it in public because her children are always in the public. The minister's wife can be his greatest helper because she is his closest associate. She prays with him, she rejoices with him, and shares his burdens and problems.

WHO COULD LIVE A MORE EXCIT-ING LIFE THAN THE MINISTER'S WIFE? She never knows what a day will bring. Her home stands open continually to the public, to the spiritual needs of her husband's flock, over whom God has made him overseer. Many times she shares the burdens and troubles of those seeking advice and help and shares secrets that she only talks about to God. Often she is among the first to share the news of the engagement of the young man and his girl, to share the news of the new arrival and rejoice with the happy parents. Very, very often she is just a little nearer Heaven than anyone else. In fact, she sits in many heavenly places. She even finds Heaven surrounding the death bed. How peaceful and how precious to sit the last few hours with one who is spending one's last hours on earth, getting a glimpse of the glories of the great beyond! No wonder David said in Psalms 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". Oh, how sad for the one who has no hope. Yes, it is a great privilege to walk the last mile with the ones left behind and to help them find comfort.

DOES ANYONE HAVE SUCH A HOME AS HERS? She may not have the best furniture, but her house is adorned with beautiful and useful accessories, things she would not have were it not for her husband's people, as he speaks of them. Even though her greatest desire is to be adorned with the spirit of Christ, she too has many beautiful things for her personal adornment that have been given from hearts that love and appreciate her. Often she feels her blessings are the greatest in the world.

ONE MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT THE MINISTER'S WIFE LIVES AT EASE ON A BED OF ROSES. Not so! Did you ever gather a rose without feeling the prick of a thorn? Behind all the good things in life there is of necessity much work and toil. It may appear that she has a life of leisure, just visiting around, etc., but the day is never long enough to accomplish the things she would like to do, and the things she must do. She does not want to do big things, but the little things daily that bring comfort to others. She wants to be your servant; to serve you in her capacity.

Your minister's wife does not want sympathy, but she wants your prayers and your words of encouragement. She is happy to be your pastor's wife. When the load seems just a bit heavy at times, she can say as David in Psalms 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, frowhence cometh my help." His sustaining grace is demonstrated in many ways. Could she ask for more when a dear one says, "As my pastor's wife, I wouldn't want you to be different?" - Mo. Miss Bap.

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Revival Announcements

SUNDAY NIGHT - JUNE 3 Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, 1202 Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor W. T. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey.

SUNDAY NIGHT - JUNE 10 Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor C. B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory

Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. Pastor D. W. Story is to be assisted by Bro.

Paul Johnson.

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Washington, Ill. Pastor Raymond Hargis is to be assisted by Elder Clarence Carter.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - JUNE 13 Liberty Missionary Baptist Church. Maco Dr., Barberton, Ohio. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey.

SUNDAY NIGHT - JUNE Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, Ky. Pastor C. D. Miller is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey.

Singing

There is to be a singing at Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky., on Saturday night, June 9. Those singing will be the Harvestime Singers, Louisville; the Patterson Family of Indianapolis and the Harvesters Quartet, Louisville, Everyone is invited to attend. Services will begin at 7:00 P. M. (E. D. T.)

Revival Report

Mountain View Baptist Church, Cullman, Ala. Two professions of faith with one addition to the church. Pastor W. O. Engle was assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey.

BAPTIST BANNER BEGINS 8TH YEAR

With this issue the BAPTIST BANNER begins the 8th year of publication. To all who have made it possible, I wish to say, "thanks". While some have shown little interest in the paper, others have shown more care and consideration. While some churches have let their bundle subscriptions expire, others have doubled their number for distribution. A few churches are now distributing 100 copies each month. If the pastor is interested and show interest the church usually does, if he doesn't, the church cares little.

Some churches receiving large bundles each month distribute them in Nursing Homes, hospitals, stores, doctor's waiting rooms, or any place where they will be picked up and read. Will you help?

The Antioch Church Sounded Forth Missions, Acts 13:1-4.

They were founded upon missions, and grounded upon missions; it wasn't anything but natural for them to begin sounding forth missions. Barnabas, Saul, and the other brethren named were vitally concerned about missions in other places and as a result, three things took place very shortly.

A. Missionaries were sought, verse 1-2a. They didn't place a notice in the Want Ads for missionaries; rather they sought them from the Lord. These men believed in a divine call to the ministry and to missions so they prayed to the Lord of the harvest. Surely when they prayed for missionaries, they must have considered the possibility that anyone of them might be chosen of the Lord for the

work. When we pray for workers and Missionaries, we can only pray aright when we are willing to go ourselves.

B. Missionaries were separated, verse 2b. As these men prayed, ministered, and fasted, the Holy Spirit revealed God's will by choosing Barnabas and Saul to be separated or set aside for mission work. What a solemn occasion - men prayed and God called! Surely the hearts of these men were humbled before the Lord. God's method of choosing missionaries (or preachers for that matter) has not changed one iota since that early day. Other mission work had been done on a somewhat limited scale, but this day inaugurated a world-wide missionary endeavor.

C. Missionaries were sent, verses 3-4. they fasted and prayed again; then they ordained them as missionaries through the laying on of hands. Then they sent them forth with their prayers and support behind them. Saul and Barnabas left Antioch and went by land to Seleucia from whence they set sail to the island called Cyprus. Thus began Paul's first missionary journey.

CONCLUSION-Because of a missionminded group of men, the Antioch church was organized. Begun with a missionary zeal, the church at Antioch soon became the home base for the mission work of Paul, Barnabas, Silas, and many other men of God. Is your church a "base" for mission work? If it is, pray that it will continue to grow in that direction; if it isn't pray and work that it may become one.







CALVARY

THE WAILING WALL

Wishbones – Jawbones Backbones

The body is made up largely of benesabout 200 of them classified according to use. There are three kinds.—First,

WISHBONES

You know this kind. They wish for greater things in the Church. They wish for success in the Sunday School, They wish for larger attendances. They wish for more souls to be saved, Wishbones? They're lazy. They're languid. They're listless. The only things they deny themselves of are work and effort to make their wishes come true. Rocking chair Christians! Drawing-room Christians!

Then there are the

JAWBONES

Nothing-slow or listless about this kind. They work up and down at great speed. They criticize. They gossip. They pick flaws. They tell how it should be done. In their wake follows dissension, discouragement and disease. Verily, it taketh a Samment to handle this class and turn them to some good use! Thank God for His strong arm. He can help them!

But the third class is the one we like to think of—they are the

BACKBONES

There is work to be done; the Backbones do it. There is a healthy target to raise; the Backbones raise it. There are meetings to attend; the Backbones are there. Oh Backbones! If we were poets we'd write about thee! If we were singers, we'd chant thy praises! If we were artists, we'd paint thy lovely likeness! But being only ordinary humans, we can only love thee!—Selected.

Editor Reports On Tour

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city I thought of the time Jesus stood here and the Bible says, "And when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it," Luke 19:41. Then we hear Jesus speaking, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gatherest her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matt. 23:37.

We drove down to the Garden of Gethsemane. It was here that Jesus prayed the night he was taken by his enemies to be tried. (Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:26-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1-14).

Leaving this area we went upon Mt. Moriah where Solomon built the temple. "Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in Mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father." (II Chro. 3:1)

But on Mt. Moriah today stands the Mosgue of Omar (the Dome of the Rock). The Moslems are in charge of this area now and they worship here. However, tourists have access to it. We later visited the Western Wall (Wailing Wall). This is the remnant of the giant wall with which Herod surrounded the Second Temple.

We visited Mt. Zion where David is buried, (II Sam. 5:7; I Kings 2:10). After touring other areas and the Upper Room we drove to the Citadel Restaurant for lunch which we enjoyed very much after all the walking we had been doing.

IN the afternoon we went by to view the

Knesset (Israeli Parliament) Building. We saw the large model of the seven-branched candelabra which stands in the Kness Garden. The next stop was at the Hebrew Museum.

Due to the fact we would not stay in-Jerusalem another night but would go back to Haifa to board our ship for this night, it was now time to end (with regret) our stay in Jerusalem and make our way back to Haifa. It was at this point of our tour that Bro. Don Curtis, Westmoreland, Tenn., who was with us, but had plans to spend several more days in Israel, left our tour family to go be with Elder and Mrs. James H. Smith, Missionaries in Israel, and with whom we had visited the night before. Bro. Curtis is planning to go back to Israel with his family when he can as a Missionary there. He has been ordained to the full work of the ministry by his home church, Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., since coming home.

On our way to Haifa we visited Joppa and Tel Aviv and then by way of the Mediterranean Sea shore we traveled north. Back in the harbor at Haifa we boarded our ship again for the night.

(To be continued)

What you don't know can hurt your church.



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