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

Psalms 60:4



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Good Will Baptist Church To Dedicate Building

Good Will Baptist Church, Thrusdale County, Tenn. will have an all-day Dedication Service on Sunday, March 30, 1975. The church building was destroyed by a tornado on April 3, 1974. Since that time a new brick house of worship has been built with central heating, air-condition, carpet and pews. All this is paid for and the church will dedicate the building on the above date which will be Easter Sunday.

Elder Douglas Curtis is the pastor and will preach on the day of dedication at 11:00 A. M. Lunch will be served at the noon hour and there will be singing in the afternoon.

Good Will Church is located about five miles east of Hartsville, Tenn. on the old Cato Road. Anyone who can is invited to attend.

Elder James C. Walker Dies



Elder James C. Walker of Lebanon, Tenn. passed away on February 7, 1975, at a Lebanon hospital. Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 9 at 2:30 p. m. at the Ligon-Bobo Ricketts Funeral Home conducted by Elder G. F. Davenport and

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"Cowardly Baptists"

By Kenneth W. Massey
Bowling Green, Ky.

Having just completed reading the sixty-four page, January edition of the "Baptist History and Heritage", I was astonished to read such critical remarks about J. R. Graves and J. M. Pendleton. Men overwrought with zeal or ulterior motives sometimes omit the truth. Perhaps you've asked the question, "did one of the writers of that publication misrepresent either Bro. Graves or Bro. Pendleton?"

Answer

Dr. James E. Tull, professor of theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, makes the following allegation against all Baptist people, "Prior to 1800, certainly, the majority of the Baptist community in America had been willing to accept the validity of pedobaptist immersions." Bros. Graves and Pendleton never made such a statement because nothing is more ridiculous and untrue. In J. Davis' "History of The Welsh Baptists" on page 72, "Thomas Griffiths began to preach about the year 1683, and had to suffer his part of the dreadful persecution under Charles the second, for the space of eleven years."

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VANDERPOOL - RAMSEY DEBATE SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 10 - 13, 1975

There is to be a four-night religious discussion between Glenn B. Ramsey, minister of the Carthage Church of Christ, Carthage, Tenn. and H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on November 10, 11, 12, 13, 1975.

The discussion will be on the Plan of Salvation with two propositions, with each proposition discussed two nights. The debate is to be held at Carthage, Tenn. and the exact meeting place will be announced in a future issue.

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ELDER JAMES C. WALKER

Elder William Howard. Interment was in Wilson County Memorial Gardens, Lebanon, Tenn.

Bro. Walker had pastored churches in the Wiseman Baptist Association, had engaged in a number of religious debates with ministers of other denominations and conducted a weekly radio broadcast for 25 years over Radio Station WCOR, Lebanon, Tenn., October 1949 to October 1974 when he gave up the work due to serious illness. He was 61 years of age at the time of his death.

Elder Walker was editor of BAPTIST FAITH and MISSIONS, published at Lebanon, Tenn. for ten years, May 1956-April 1966. He also served as Treasurer for some time in the Wiseman Baptist Association. He had also been a successful businessman.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hestelle Ford Walker; 5 daughters, Mrs. Jessie Moore, Jr., Mrs. Roy Dan Edwards, Mrs. Johnny Beal, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. Hugh Cripps; 1 brother, Sam Walker; 4 sisters, Mrs. Minnie Lee Caruth, Mrs. Lyda Whited, Mrs. Kathryn Suddarth, Mrs. Sadie Watkins, all of Lebanon; 8 grandchildren. Our sympathy is extended to Sister Walker and family.

WEEKEND REVIVAL REPORT

The Bethel Missionary Church 1501 Pleasant St. Indianapolis, Indiana recently enjoyed a special weekend of revival services. Elder Kenneth Davis assisted the pastor Elder Billy Moran. The church reported good preaching and good spiritual services, but no professions.

INDIANA CHURCH ORDAINS THREE PREACHERS

On January 18, 1975 Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, 230 West Morris Street, Indianapolis, Indiana ordained Brothers Edward Centers, Oliver Day and Marvin Emberton to the full work of the gospel ministry, in an all day service.

The presbytery was made up of fifteen (15) preachers and six (6) deacons from ten (10) churches. Those serving in the presbytery were: The pastor Elder Jimmy Parker as moderator, Elder Billy Moran as clerk, Elder Calvin Perrigo brought the message from 2 Cor. 6:3, "Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:" Elder Carlos Gammons presented the candidates, Elder Hugh Hudson led the interrogation, Elder Lewis Holland led the ordination prayer, Elder Richard Huskins charged the new Elders, Elder Doyle VanMeter charged the church and Elder Ance Jones presented the Bible.

Country Parson



"Your enjoyment of a sunset depends upon your faith that it will rise again."

TWO HELPFUL BOOKS

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These books are in outline form to be used as study guides. They are by the same author as "Why Be A Baptist."

They sell for 75¢ each and can be ordered from:

Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
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Lexington, Kentucky 40502

Son Talks To Dad

Dear Dad:

I am just a little fellow but I have been doing some thinking. Some day I will be a big man just like you. You are my ideal. I think you can do anything. I like to hear you talk and watch you walk, and see you drive the car. You are so strong and it seems like you know how to handle any situation. I am never afraid when you are around.

But, Dad, there is something that is bothering me a bit. I know that I am going to be like you, even tho I should try to be different. Now, I like to go to Sunday School and church. When I get a little older very likely I will not, because you do not go. I like to study the Bible now, but will I when I get as big as you? You do not. When I get big like you, Daddy, I want to go to church with my wife, but will I? You do not go very often. I am going to be like you.

Dad, I want to give thanks at the table for food, clothing, and the home God has given us, but do you reckon I will? You do not and you are my ideal.

And Daddy, I want to help my wife win others to Christ when I grow up and get married, and especially our children, but how can I? You think only of your work and paying for our house, and buying food and clothing. This is very nice of you, Daddy, but the Bible says, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and I know this is true because men are dying every day and leaving their farms, filling stations, grocery stores, jobs, offices—they are leaving their pretty homes behind and their saving accounts, too. Daddy, I am afraid you will not take time off from your work to go to heaven.

Anyway, Dad, I have enjoyed talking to you about these things. I do hope you will become a Christian sometime, so I can be the kind of man I want to be, and still be like you, too.

Love,
Your son

ILLINOIS CHURCH SENDS INVITATION

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Bittersweet Road, Washington, Illinois sends out an invitation to all who may have friends and relatives living in that area, to call, write or notify them of the church there and ask them to come and worship with them.

Elder Raymond Hargis, formerly of Bowling Green, Ky., is the pastor. You may get in touch with him at 3010 Springfield Rd., East Peoria, Ill. 61611. You may call him at (309) 694-1989.

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

THIRD SESSION — March 26, 27, 28, 1975

SUBJECT	TIME	TEACHER
Foreordination, Election, Predestination	(2 hrs.)	W. T. Russell
Person and Office Work of The Holy Spirit	(1 hr.)	W. T. Russell
Divine Sonship and Humanity of Jesus Christ	(2 hrs.)	F. L. Ray
Church Ordinances	(1 hr.)	F. L. Ray
Missions	(1 hr.)	J. H. Smith
Security of Believers, Positive and Negative	(2 hrs.)	F. W. Lambert
Hell	(1 hr.)	F. W. Lambert
Honoring the Divine Call of God	(1 hr.)	H. C. Vanderpool
Hospital Ministry	(1 hr.)	H. C. Vanderpool
Review of the Declaration of Faith	(1 hr.)	H. C. Vanderpool

For enrollment and lodging arrangements write to: Old Union Baptist Ministers School, c/o Eld. Kenneth Massey, 2416 Shamrock Drive, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101 or call (502) 843-1590.

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Large Print New Testament #326—Price \$4.95.

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"A Concise History of Baptists"

By G. H. Orchard

This History of Baptists has just been reprinted and is available again for those who are interested in "The History of Baptists from the Time of Christ to the Eighteenth Century," by G. H. Orchard. Ashland Avenue has sold thousands of these copies and we are glad again to receive word that it has been reprinted and is now available in paperback copy of 382 pages for \$2.95. Order from:

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By DR. J. M. CARROLL

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Conference Of Sunday School Officers And Teachers

By Calvin Perrigo
Indianapolis, Ind.

First session to be held, March 4, 5, and 6, 1975, at the Fellowship M.B.C. building, 1032 S. Holmes Ave. Indianapolis, Indiana 46221.

Purpose: TO IMPROVE THE TEACHING ABILITY OF BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

General theme: Essentials to the Development and Growth of Sound Baptist Sunday Schools.

Schedule: TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 4, 1975, 7:00 P. M. E.S.T.

Topic: Organization and Operation of Baptist Sunday Schools Elder Calvin Perrigo, Pastor of the Fellowship M. B. C. WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 1975, 7:00 P. M. E.S.T.

Topic: Building and Maintaining Attendance In Sunday Schools Bro. Robert B. Smith, Teacher and former superintendent of the Bethel M.B.C. Sunday School of Indianapolis.

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 6, 1975, 7:00 P. M. E.S.T.

Topic: Teaching Sunday School in Baptist Churches Bro. Bill Russell Jr. Sunday School teacher at Fairview Memorial M.B.C. Bowling Green, Ky. Author of "Salvation, God's true plan and Great Deceptions."

Sunday School Officials and Teachers have a special invitation. Public is invited.

The Bible

By Darrell Hicks
Detroit, Mich.

"How do we know the Bible came from God? Why couldn't the writers of the Bible have written it?" We often hear this question asked when we witness to an unbeliever. The best answer to it is the Bible itself. Let's look at a good comparison.

Just suppose the leaders of our country decided to build a building that would represent every state in the union. To do this each state would send to Washington D. C. a stone product of their state. Perhaps; Marble from New Hampshire, Granite from Mass., Redstone from Mich., Sandstone from Ohio, and so on. Each stone is to be completely finished before it leaves the quarry. Finally, all the stones reach the Capital. All different shapes, sizes, and colors. When they are all assembled, they fit perfectly, without being touched by mallet or chisel. They compose a building perfect in every detail, with beauty beyond compare.

Now my question is, how did each stone fit into place when all were cut by different quarrymen? How did each man know what size to cut?

The answer must be: behind them all was a master architect giving the instructions. If someone sent a stone that was not called for, it could be detected, since it would not fit or have a place in the building.

We find this same occurrence is true of the Bible. The books were written hundreds of miles apart, and over a period of some 1500 years. There were many different writers, but still the same master architect over them all. As with the stones, the writings not sent for by the builder are plainly seen. Can anyone honestly doubt the builder, and master architect was Almighty God? There's enough proof for me.

Editor To Show Slides Of Bible Lands

Elder H. C. Vanderpool will be showing colored slides of tours of Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel at Beckwith Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. on Sunday night, March 16, at 6:00 P. M.

Elder Thomas Armstrong, pastor of the church, extends an invitation to everyone to come to the service.

Radio Ministry

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, College St., Lafayette, Tenn. Each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. on Station WEEN, 1460, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Charles R. Moore conducts the broadcasts.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Broadcast each Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P. M. on Station WKCT, 930, Bowling Green, Ky. Elder Kenneth Massey, the Pastor, is in charge of the programs.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Ind. Radio Station WNTS, 1590, Indianapolis. Pastor Billy Moran is the speaker.

A broadcast can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 A.M. over station WHIN, 1010, at Gallatin, Tenn. Programs under the direction of Elder James (Pete) Porter and Elder J. W. Briley.

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:30 A. M., Station WAMG, 1130, Gallatin, Tenn. Elders Bobby Sutton, Harold Dunn, Tommy Oldham and Tommy Ashford are the speakers.

Elder Rex Hunt can be heard each Sunday at 7:30 A. M. over Station WEEN, 1460, Lafayette, Tenn.

Broadcast each Sunday at 9:30 A. M. over Station WLCK, 1260, Scottsville, Ky. Conducted by Elders Earl Patterson, Charles Brunsen, Johnny Meador, David Taylor and Douglas Blankenship.

Elder Doc J. Johnson can be heard each first Sunday at 9:30 A. M. on Station WEEN, 1460, Lafayette, Tenn.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Broadcast each Sunday morning at 8:00 A. M. on Station WNAH, 1360, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is in charge of the broadcasts.

Elder Cordell Earps, pastor of Piper's Chapel Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn., and Elder Rodney Boyd, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. share a broadcast on Radio Station WNAH, 1360 on the dial, Nashville, Tenn. each Saturday morning at 8:45 A. M.

"COWARDLY BAPTISTS"

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Why was the man Thomas Griffiths persecuted for eleven years by Charles the second? He was a Baptist preacher who preached and practiced that any saved person wishing to lay down membership in the Church of England and become a member of the Baptist Church must be properly baptised by Baptist authority. In order to secure the freedom of exercising business for the Lord, Bro. Griffith and fifteen others sailed from Wales, England

in the year 1701 on board the ship James and Mary, and on the 8th day of September following, they landed at Philadelphia. The fact remains undisputed that true Baptist have never recognized the baptism of any other individual, group or religious sect. Christ established one church kingdom and gave it the authority to keep one baptism and one Lord's supper.

One might ask this question, "Why are these Southern Baptist Convention preachers making such an attack on two who were numbered with them while they lived?" The answer now is the same as it was over a hundred years ago when Bro. Graves was excluded from the First Baptist Church in Nashville, and the answer is — "jealous hearts could not tolerate a native northerner with more knowledge and ability than any man the south could produce."

The very name "Baptist" was given by God to distinguish God-given authority for the ordinance of baptism. John the Baptist was the first qualified administrator. Jesus walked sixty miles to be baptized at the hands of John. According to the SBC's position of conforming to the world's doctrine, Jesus should not have walked that far just to be baptized by a particular man who had a divine authority. One of Dr. Tull's co-laborers in the previously named publication, Dr. Bob Compton, accused Bro. Pendleton of advocating the universal church concept. In reply, just because Bro. Pendleton misused one word, redeemed rather than baptized, in his "Baptist Church Manual," page five, would hardly qualify him to be an advocate of a certain doctrine after he's been dead for eighty-four years. Gentlemen, that's unsportsmanlike conduct in anyone's league.

It's a known fact that Bro. Graves and Pendleton preached and ably defended the biblical, age-old doctrine of local church identity and authority, while condemning, rejecting, ignoring, refusing, and disregarding any baptism other than that performed by Baptists. So it follows with logic that those attempting to introduce a new theory or doctrine must first destroy the present doctrine and most able doctrine-bearers, namely Bros. Graves and Pendleton. Thus, we witness the SBC forsake for fear, the scriptural ordinance of baptism in order to become a member of the ecumenical movement, therefore, casting aside all identity once and forever as Baptists in favor of the name Christians. Since God named us Baptists and sinners gave us the name Christians, I'll remain until death a grateful wearer of the Baptist name. Just for the record, in the strictest sense of terminology, you must be a Baptist before you can rightfully be called a christian.

Dear readers, if you consider the title of this article inappropriate or distasteful, please review very carefully the remarks contained therein.

Dixon's Creek Missionary Baptist Church To Celebrate 175th Anniversary

On Sunday, March 9, 1975, Dixon's Creek Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 175 anniversary. The church was organized March 8, 1800. It is located two miles north of Dixon Springs, Tenn.

Services are to begin at 10:00 A. M. with Bro. Andrew Wheeley directing the singing. Elder F. L. Ray is to preach at 11:00 A. M. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

At 1:00 P. M. Elder F. W. Lambert, pastor of the church, will give the history of Dixon's Creek. Former pastors Elder W. T. Taylor, Elder Phocian Gibbs and Elder W. T. Russell have been invited to the services and are asked to speak in the afternoon. All who can go are invited to come for the anniversary celebration. (Editor's Note: I failed to receive a picture of the church for this article.)

Singings In The Nashville Area

First Sunday—March

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 214 Maple St., Madison, Tenn. Time of singing 2:00 P. M.

Second Sunday—March

Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. Time 2:00 P. M. Featured singers will be The Cockriel Family of Bowling Green, Ky.

Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. Featured singers will be the Kingdom Aires of Lebanon, Tenn.

Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, just off Dobbins Pike, Portland, Tenn. Time 6:30 P. M. Singers will be The Glory Land Singers of Westmoreland, Tenn.

Third Sunday—March

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Time 2:00 P. M. The Christian Aires of Lafayette, Tenn. will be the featured singers.

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Time 2:00 P. M. Visiting singers will be the Gospel Four of Pleasant Shade, Tenn.

Fourth Sunday—March

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Time 2:00 P. M.

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Time 2:00 P. M.