

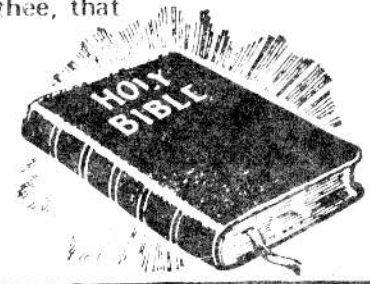
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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Psalms 60:4



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Enon Baptist Association To Meet

The Enon Baptist Association is to meet in its 125th annual session on October 11, 12, 13, with Enon Baptist Church, which is located twelve miles northeast of Lafayette, Tenn. Services the first day are to begin at 10:00 A. M.

Officers elected last year were Elder J. C. Austin, moderator; Elder J. E. Shoulders, Clerk and Elder Floyd Ferguson, Treasurer.

Elder Gordon Wheeler is to preach the introductory sermon the first day. Elder Thomas Carter is to preach the memorial sermon on Saturday and on Sunday the doctrinal sermon is to be preached by Elder Floyd Ferguson.

Wiseman Baptist Association Convenes

The Wiseman Baptist Association convenes on October 25 and 26 with Liberty Hill Baptist Church, two and one-half miles north of Bethpage, Tenn. in Sumner County. Services beginning on the first day at 10:00 A. M.

Elder H. D. Linville is to preach the introductory sermon on Friday and Elder W. T. Russell is to deliver the doctrinal sermon on Saturday. Officers elected last year were Elder F. L. Ray, moderator; Elder W. T. Russell, clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treasurer.

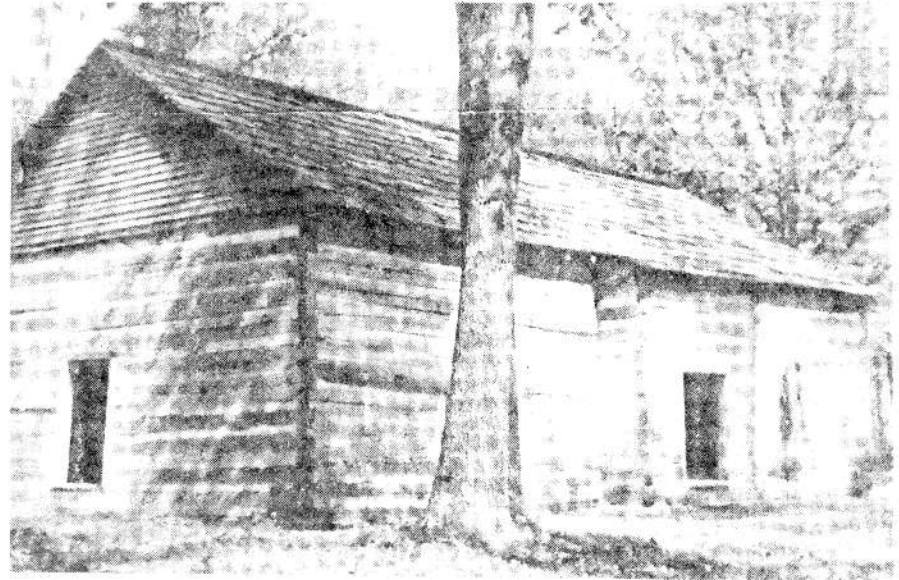
The Disease Of Sin

By H. C. Vanderpool

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

These words were spoken by Jesus while He walked on earth among men. He spoke of something that took place almost 1500 years before.

Old Landmark, Monroe County, Kentucky



As the Israelites journeyed from Mount Hor to compass the land of Edom, they became discouraged and began to murmur against God and against Moses. The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they were bitten by the serpents, and many died.

God gave Moses a command to make a serpent of brass and place it upon a pole. Moses did this and it came to pass that any man who beheld the serpent of brass lived, though he had been bitten.

As the bite of the serpent brought death to the Israelites, so does sin bring death to the sinner. But as God has a remedy for those that would look and live, even so those that look to Christ by faith may live and not die.

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Old Mulkey Meeting House

Tompkinsville, Ky.—The Old Mulkey Meeting House is located on Highway 63 near Tompkinsville in Monroe County Kentucky. It is now a State Shrine.

The Meeting House was erected about 1800 and is one of the oldest church buildings in the state. Some of Kentucky's early Baptists worshiped here.

Elder John Mulkey preached at this location. He gathered the Mill Creek Church which was organized in 1798. On the wall of the Old Mulkey Meeting House, neatly framed, is a roll of the Mill Creek Church 1798-1799. There were 170 members. Also on the wall of this historic structure are the pictures of Elder Mulkey and his wife.

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Old. Mulkey Meeting House

The way in which the building was constructed it has twelve corners. It is said that these represented the twelve Apostles. The five windows are believed to represent the five wise virgins. Symbolic of the Godhead are the three doors. The pulpit is located in the north side of the building. The seats are hewn with two legs at each end. One is located just in front of the pulpit at the altar.

The editor has been privileged to visit this historic place on two occasions and has found it to be inspirational.

In the woods nearby there is a sign on a tree with these words, "Original site where the Thirteen Pilgrims built." In a cemetery nearby one may read the following on one monument; "Art, Elmira, Jeggy and Gemima, son and daughters of Isaac and Lumira Hagan Jackson, cousins of Stonewall Jackson." On another monument is the following: "Hannah Boone, born in Berks County, Pa., August 24, 1746, died in Monroe County, Kentucky, 1828"—she is a sister of Daniel Boone.

HOME COMING

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. will have their all-day Homecoming on Sunday, October 27. Sunday School will be at 10:00 A. M. and preaching at 11:00 A. M. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

There will be singing in the afternoon. The featured singers will be the Patterson Family of Indianapolis. Elder C. B. Massey is pastor of Harmony church and welcomes everyone to these services. The revival is to begin the Sunday before and will be in progress at this time. The pastor is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Noise Gives Way to Light

A noted clergyman was asked by a colleague why the loud, vehement preaching of his earlier days had given way to a more quiet, persuasive manner of speech.

The preacher laughed. "When I was young," he said, "I thought it was the thunder that killed people, but when I grew up, I discovered it was the lightning. So I determined that in the future I would thunder less and lighten more."

—Sunshine Magazine.

Thank You, Lord

I thank you for obstacles, for rough spots, for bumps in the road.

Thank you for being persistent in teaching us the things you want us to know--and to be.

Thank you for the "school of life." For its set-backs and for its promotions.

Thank you for disagreeable people who make us stop and "take stock."

Thank you for open doors and for closed doors.

Thank you for choices and for your guidance in making those choices.

Thank you for victories and for defeats.

Thank you for letting us see your hand in all of them.

Thank you for being YOU--and for knowing what is best for us every minute of every day of all of our lives.

Continue to mold and make us in your beautiful image.

Give us patience, tolerance, and wisdom--as it pleases you.

Ethelene Driver

The Theology of John the Baptist

(An Outline Survey)

John, the first Baptist, believed and taught a good deal more Baptist (Bible) doctrine than is commonly attributed to him. Some have even tried to call his baptism "pre-Christian" or "sub-Christian." If that were true, then the baptism of Christ was not Christian baptism—an absurdity beyond reason. Consider the following list of doctrines from the ministry of John as stated in Scripture, and decide for yourself.

John believed in:

1. the necessity of preaching—Matt. 3:1;
2. repentance—Matt. 3:2, 8, 11;
3. the Kingdom—Matt. 3:2;
4. faith ("at hand" points forward, a sign of faith)—Matt. 3:2, Acts 19:4;
5. inspiration of Scripture—Matt. 3:3, Luke 3:2, John 1:17;
6. the Messiah (Christ, Anointed One of God)—Matt. 3:3, 11, and 11:3;
7. the immersion of accountable, confessing individuals on divine authority—Matt. 3:6, 11, and 21:24-27, Mark 1:5, John 1:6, 33, and 3:23;
8. public confession of sins—Mt. 3:6;
9. the fact of sin—Matt. 3:6-7.
10. the worthlessness of an impersonal religion—Matt. 3:7, 9;
11. coming judgment—Mt. 3:7, 10, 11, 12;
12. the necessity of fruits of a righteous life before baptism—Matt. 3:8;
13. the omnipotence of God—Matt. 3:9;
14. the Holy Spirit—Matt. 3:11;
15. the baptism in the Holy Spirit to be performed by Christ—Mt. 3:11;
16. eternal punishment of the lost (hell)—Matt. 3:12;
17. the importance of truth even in times of testing—Mt. 14:3-12;
18. discipleship (following to be a learner)—Matt. 11:2, 14:12;
19. the necessity of high moral standards for all—Mt. 14:3-4, 21:32;
20. the gospel of Jesus Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection—Mark 1:1;
21. the remission of sin—Mark 1:4 (upon repentance, not upon baptism else why demand fruits before baptism?);
22. salvation—Luke 3:6;
23. prayer—Luke 11:1;
24. social justice and honesty—Luke 3:10-14;
25. the pre-existence of Christ—John 1:15; 30;
26. grace—John 1:16-17;
27. God a Spirit—John 1:18;
28. Christ is one with God, and He has shown us God—John 1:18, 34;
29. atonement—John 1:29, 36;
30. communion with God—John 1:3 (see Luke 11:1);
31. the helplessness of man—John 3:27;
32. the bride of Christ—Jn. 3:29;
33. witnessing—John 5:33, 35.

Do you believe as much of the truth of God as John did?—Baptist Bible College Herald.

Two Churches Quit SBC Weekly, Official Admits

By HOYETT LEMMON

Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church
Altus, Okla.

(Reprinted from the Tabernacle Pulpit)

As most of you know, I grew up a Southern Baptist, was educated in some of their schools and served both as a pastor and evangelist among them for several years.

I left the convention 16 years ago because of their unscriptural practices and their progressive trend toward liberal theology.

In the last several years more and more churches are breaking away, severing their denominational ties and becoming independent Baptists. This is confirmed and verified by their own admission, recently published by "The Southern Baptist Journal", a Southern Baptist publication.

10-Year Study

Don Mabry is the Director of the Department of Survey and Special Studies of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has recently completed a 10-year study as to the number of churches withdrawing from the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Between 750 and 800 have gone independent between 1963 and 1972 according to the projections of our study.

"Probably about two or three churches may be leaving the Southern Baptist Convention each week to become independent and according to our study the number of our churches withdrawing from the Southern Baptist Convention to go

independent is increasing rapidly" reports Mabry.

This study was prepared at the request of Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge (my college pastor) Executive Director of the Home Mission Board. It was first presented to the State Convention Executive Secretaries in a meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

A Questionnaire

The research included a questionnaire mailed to a controlled random sample of 298 associations in the established areas of the Southern Baptist Convention. Representative associations were selected in each of the 17 states studied. (The Southern Baptist Convention is organized by associations, districts, states and then the whole convention.)

"About 73 per cent of the Associations returned the questionnaires, and it's highly unusual for this percentage to be returned," Mabry explained. "A normal mail questionnaire will produce about a 20 per cent return. It is unusual to get even a 40 per cent return. So this 73 per cent return probably indicates a significant interest among many people in the subject of churches

leaving affiliation with the local associations."

Various reasons were listed as to why churches were leaving. These included merging, disbanding, becoming independent, withdrawing fellowship, and other unnamed reasons.

S. Car. Leads

South Carolina led all the states in the percentage of withdrawing churches. About 66.3 percent of the Southern Baptist Convention churches withdrawing from the convention in South Carolina did so to become independent. North Carolina followed with 60 percent, Kentucky was next with 52.6 percent followed by Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

There were five times as many churches that became independent in 1972 as there were in 1963 and 1964 combined!

In 1967, 27 churches became independent. In 1968 it was 73, the same in 1969. In 1970 there were 78, 1971 there were 83 and in 1972, the last year the report covered, there were 110. If this same trend continues, by the end of 1974 there will be about three churches a week leaving the Southern Baptist Convention, according to the report.

'Why' Do They

One big question is, "Why are they leaving?" William A. Powell, Editor of "The Southern Baptist Journal", feels that the moving away from the traditional conservative theology to a more liberal theology (questioning the inspiration of the Scriptures) is one major factor contributing to this significant exodus of Southern Baptist Convention Churches.

The last few years have seen divisions in many of our major denominations and just this last year the Presbyterians, and the Lutherans split over the liberalism being preached and taught in their ranks.

Church Begins Radio Broadcast

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. has a radio broadcast each Saturday afternoon at 4:30 P. M., on WNAH, 1360 on the radio dial. Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor, conducts these programs. Everyone is invited to listen.

INFORMATION DESIRED

If anyone has knowledge of an old-fashioned mission or church in the area of Murfreesboro, Tenn., please write Steve Perrige, 1002 Minerva, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130, or call him at (651)890-0131.

Those living in that area who would be interested in such work are asked to get in touch with Bro. Perrige, giving names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Revival



Announcements

FIFTH SUNDAY--SEPTEMBER

Parkwood Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor L. W. Smith is being assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Bro. Don Hines is in charge of the singing.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Salem Baptist Church, Portland Highway, Gallatin, Tenn. Preaching by Elder James (Pete) Porter and Elder H. D. Linville.

FIRST SUNDAY--OCTOBER

McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church 1208

McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell.

Cedar Cross Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. Pastor H. B. Eaton is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

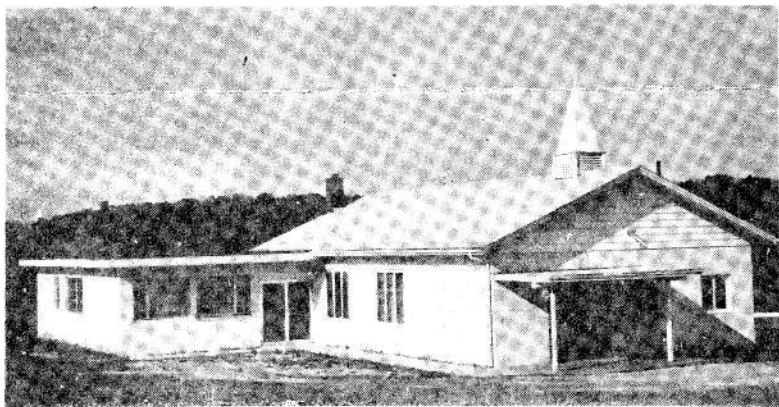
THIRD SUNDAY--OCTOBER

Meaderville Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Harmony Baptist Church, 1044 E. Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor C. B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

FOURTH SUNDAY--OCTOBER

Beech Bottom Baptist Church, Route 2, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Frank Carr is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter and the singing is to be under the direction of Bro. Charles B. Porter.



Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio

Ohio Church To Have Dedication Service

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Mace Dr., Barberton, Ohio is to have an all-day Dedication service on Sunday, October 27.

Sunday school will be held at 10:00 A. M. and worship services will be at 11:00 A. M. According to the announcement the church is extending an invitation to all who can come and be with them for a day of worship and fellowship. Elder Don Curtis is pastor of Liberty church.

Revival Reports

Summer Shade Baptist Church, Summer Shade, Ky. Nine professions of faith and nine additions to the church. Pastor Dexter Bacon, Jr., was assisted by Elder Billy Moran.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Three professions of faith with five additions to the church by baptism. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey and Bro. Don Hines was director of singing. Some had been saved and there had been sixteen additions to the church previous to the revival.

"A Concise History of Baptists"

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 322 pages for \$2.95. Order from:

Ashland Avenue Baptist Publications
193 N. Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

Polk County Missionary Baptist Association Met

The Polk County Missionary Baptist Association met in its 107th annual session on August 13-14, 1974 with Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Canton and Chestnut Sts., Bolivar, Missouri.

Elder Austin McGinnis served as moderator. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Lebanon, Mo., a recently organized body, come into the fellowship of the association.

Visitors recognized from out of state were Elder and Mrs. William House, Nashville, Tenn., Elder and Mrs. Don Curtis, Barberton, Ohio; Bro. and Sister Lyle Marr, Cottage Hill, Illinois; Elder F. L. Ray, Goodlettsville, Tenn. and Bro. and Sister Curtis Howard, Coos Bay, Oregon.

The annual sermon was preached the first day by Elder Hobart Mustain of Fair Play, Mo. In the afternoon another sermon was preached by Elder Alpha Redford. In the night session Elder Keith Frieze preached.

After devotional services and other business of the day, Elder F. L. Ray of Goodlettsville, Tenn. preached on Wednesday. Missionary report, devotional was given that afternoon followed by a sermon by Elder Dennis Spear. Various reports were made and business discussed. Elder Harold Highfill was elected to preach the annual sermon before the association in 1975. Officers were elected for the coming year. A good time of worship and fellowship was reported. Bro. David Gallivan served as clerk.

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For those today who are dying with the dreadful disease of sin, there is only one cure! you must look to Christ or die eternally. There is no other name whereby you can be saved.

Was The Church In Existence Before Pentecost?

Everything essential to a Scriptural church was in existence before Pentecost.

1. Jesus was a King before Pentecost. John 18:37.

2. His kingdom suffered before Pentecost, Matt. 11:12.

3. Men pressed into the kingdom before Pentecost, Luke 16:16.

4. Some hindered others from entering the kingdom before Pentecost, Matt. 23:13.

5. There was an ordained ministry before Pentecost, Mark 3:13-14.

6. There was a commission to preach before Pentecost, Luke 9:1-6.

7. They were authorized to baptize fore Pentecost, John 4:2.

8. They had the Lord's Supper before Pentecost, Luke 22:19.

9. They had a rule of discipline before Pentecost, Matt. 18:15-17.

10. They had the gospel before Pentecost, Matt. 24:14, Mark 1:1.

11. Jesus said there was no doubt about its real existence before Pentecost, Luke 11:20.

12. Peter said that the company had existed from the baptism of John, Acts 1:21.

13. The Lord's kingdom thus begun shall have no end, Luke 1:33.

14. All power of authority was in Jesus hands before Pentecost, Matt. 28:18-20.

15. The Bridegroom had His bride before Pentecost, John 3:28-29.

16. All things had been given into Christ's hands before Pentecost, Jno. 13:3-4.

17. When Jesus left the world, He left His "House" and gave His servants "a work to do" and "authority" and commanded them watch, for they know not when the Master of the House cometh Mark 13:31-37. Now, I Timothy 3:15, reads, "The house is the church." If the house is the church as the Bible says, and Jesus "left his house" when He ascended, then the church was in existence when Jesus left the world and before Pentecost.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.