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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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Elder Koji Tajima, Japanese Baptist minister, is baptizing a Brother Miyahara in Japan.

REPORT FROM BAPTIST WORK IN JAPAN

323 Koi Naka Machi
Hiroshima 733, Japan
October 12, 1970

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

We are sending you again our greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Hiroshima, Japan. We thank you, everyone, who remember us in prayer and with your gifts. I always enjoy your paper, "Baptist Banner" as I did this morning when a mailman came. It is a great blessing to us. Our hearts enjoy to find names of individuals and churches that support our missionary work here in Japan and other valuable articles in your paper.

I and my family are fine and doing fine for His glory. I was sick last month after getting home from missionary work in Okinawa. It seemed to me that the weather there in that southern island

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REVIVAL

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Elder Bobby G. Sutton, the pastor, is to be assisted in the meeting by Bro. Charles Watts. Everyone is invited.

NOTICE!

The book that I have written, TRAVEL WITH ME THROUGH BIBLE LANDS, was to be off the press November 1. The foreman of the printing shop at the printer's has been hospitalized with serious back surgery - which is unavoidable - and this will delay the distribution of the book until January. No one regrets this as much as I. I have been happy over the prepublication orders that have received from individuals and from many pastors who will be agents for the book.

Continue to send your orders in and they will be mailed in January. Anyone who operates a printing company, or does writing can understand these circumstances. I trust everyone else can. - Editor

CATECHISM

By H. C. Vanderpool

With millions of people in the world and hundreds of religious beliefs and ideas, one often hears many questions about salvation and the church. Some of the answers are general and many are personal. But to find the CORRECT and TRUE answers, one should go to the scriptures. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: II Tim. 3:16.

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Missionaries Report From Israel

P. O. Box 7305
Jerusalem, Israel
October 6, 1970

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

Again we send our warmest greetings to you from Jerusalem in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3. We are sure that many of you are praying for us and the work we are trying to do for the Lord; and this is appreciated so very much. Your continued prayers are requested. We need them more than anyone could tell. We don't feel frightened for all that is happening in this country, but would like so much for our sojourn to count something for the Lord and to His glory.

Jerusalem has gotten back to normal again after a few days of near standstill. The Jewish New Year and the death of Nasser of Egypt came at the same time. All businesses and shops that are Jewish were closed down for four days, and almost all transportation stopped too. Nasser died during the same period, and the Arabs closed down everything to mourn his death. About the only activity in the old city and East Jerusalem was the Arabs marching and chanting in honor of their god, Nasser; and the Israeli police and armed troops were stationed in and around the old city to keep down trouble. There were some trouble spots, but the

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A revival is to begin at El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., on Sunday night, November 1. Services each night at 7:00 p.m.

Elder Elmer Perrigo, the pastor, is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell. Everyone is invited to attend.

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REPORT FROM ISRAEL

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Israelis were well organized for it. I was driving by the Damascus and Herod's Gate and saw troops and their machine guns and other weapons mounted on armored vehicles, set up in the street in front of these gates and old city wall, ready for any outbreak of violence. Nothing got out of hand, and Jerusalem is back to peace and quiet; but what will be next is anybody's guess. For a few days all seems so peaceful, but then suddenly something else breaks out, and it seems that each incident is some worse than the one before.

There has been a bloody, civil war over the river in Jordan and thousands, nobody will ever know just how many, were mown down like they were wild animals. The Arabs are fighting about how they should go about trying to destroy Israel, Jordan is a sample of that. The war has subsided for the present, but it could break out again at anytime. There is so much hatred and bitterness in this part of the world, that it doesn't seem possible to have peace, the powder keg is bound to explode sooner or later. We must be living in the last days, near the time when Jesus will come. All this happening in the land where He once trod is a sure sign that the day is drawing near.

Our health is fairly good, and the Lord's presence is very real. Yes, His blessings are more than can be numbered. We are very grateful to Him for all His benefits toward us. I am so glad that I

have the privilege to preach His Word in the land where He and His Apostles preach it. And, this too, we are living very near the place where Jesus suffered, bled and died for our sins. Annie Laura and I were driving down into the Valley of Kidron last Saturday and saw the spot where He prayed in such agony, in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was there that He sweat as it were great drops of blood. It was from there that He soon went to Calvary and gave His all to redeem us from our sins. Thank the Lord for what He is and what He has done for us. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Yours in His great love
Henry and Annie Laura Smith.

Financial report for third quarter of 1970

July — McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 72.98; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 20.00; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., 40.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 11.30; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., 25.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., 20.00; Sycamoer Valley Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 72.30; Long Fork Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., 113.45; Friendly Baptist, Detroit, Mich., 100.00; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., 50.00; Hendersonville Baptist, Tenn., 100.00; Relson Ridge Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., 10.00; Madison Baptist, Madison, Tenn., 25.00; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 34.35. Total for July, \$684.39.

August — McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 112.10; West End Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., 65.50; Brother and Sister George Hefner, Phoenix, Ariz., 69.00; Grace Baptist, Detroit, Mich., 90.00; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 73.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., 20.00; Mt. Zion Baptist, Holland, Ky., 101.50; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., 22.50; Jordan Baptist, Chicago, Ill., 25.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 150.00; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., 74.50; Macdonia Baptist, Adolphus, Ky., 60.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 11.75; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., 40.00; Fairview Memorial Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., 72.25; Drakes Creek Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 71.36; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., 122.69. Total for August, \$1,286.71.

September — Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 10.00; Valley Oak Baptist, Liberty, Ky., 25.00; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 37.61; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., 25.00; Salem Baptist, Windsor, Ky., 109.42; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., 20.00; Brother Kenneth Woodall, Gallatin, Tenn., 25.00; Dixon Creek Baptist, Dixon Springs, Tenn., 82.35; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., 133.21; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., 110.35. Total for September, \$577.94.

MEDITATIONS

By G. H. Dillard

GOD IS LOVE. I John 4:16. He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Devine love has an infallible sign — it works good in every way upon all.

It does not rob one to bless another, but in blessing one it blesses all who are willing to accept same. Give up the belief that your strength comes from your brain, nerves and muscles. Your strength comes directly from God. Act upon this love alone; for "In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Isa. 26:4.

TWO MINISTERS

Two ministers were talking about the revival they had in their church.

One said, "How many members did you get?"

He said, "We did not get any, but we got rid of three." This was the best revival they had ever had.

A test of a successful revival is wrapped up in this excerpt.

If all the sleeping folks will wake up.
And all the lukewarm folks will fire up.
And all the dishonest folks will confess up.
And all the depressed folks will cheer up.
And all estranged folks will make up.
And all the gossipers will shut up.
And all the dry bones will shake up.
And all the non-tithers will pay up.
And all the true soldiers will stand up.
And all the church members will pray up.
Then you will have a revival.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION, REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 12, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1933, JULY 2, 1946, AND JUNE 11, 1960, (74 STAT 208) SHOWING THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION OF

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H. C. Vanderpool, Owner

REPORT FROM JAPAN

look like a steam bath all day long, actually same temperature and high humidity night and day. As far as I know is concern a native lady got saved and made profession of her faith. She may get a great persecution because of this public act in her community, but God is above of all things. I believe He will do anything for her testify Christ to her natives. When I accepted our Lord as my own Saviour, I was excluded out of my family and relatives. From that time He has been real to me.

Enclosed you find a picture of baptism. This retired officer showed himself in this Scriptural way that he is in obedient to Christ. Seven years ago I won his wife to Christ, and then his daughter. It took years for him to repent his own sins and trust Jesus. He is happy now, as he is bound for heaven. He was added to our church by this Baptist baptism.

We are happy because souls being saved through our soul-winning work by the ministry of Holy Spirit with your earnest prayer and financial help. He knows all about that.

Following is a report of contributions received for the third quarter of this year. We received them - so much thanks.

July - Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 63.46; Bro. Mike Collins, Bowling Green, Ky., 50.00; North Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 34.39. Total \$147.85.

August - Bro. George Hefner, Phoenix, Ariz., 24.00; Gateway Baptist Church, Tenn., 25.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 67.07; Grace Missionary Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., 90.00; Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Wadsworth, Ohio, 25.00; Eld. Dexter Bacon, Glasgow, Ky., 23.00; Elder Rex Hunt, Austin, Ky., 10.00; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 100.00; Sist. Sylvia Craven, Denver, Colo., 10.00; Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., 72.25. Total \$446.32.

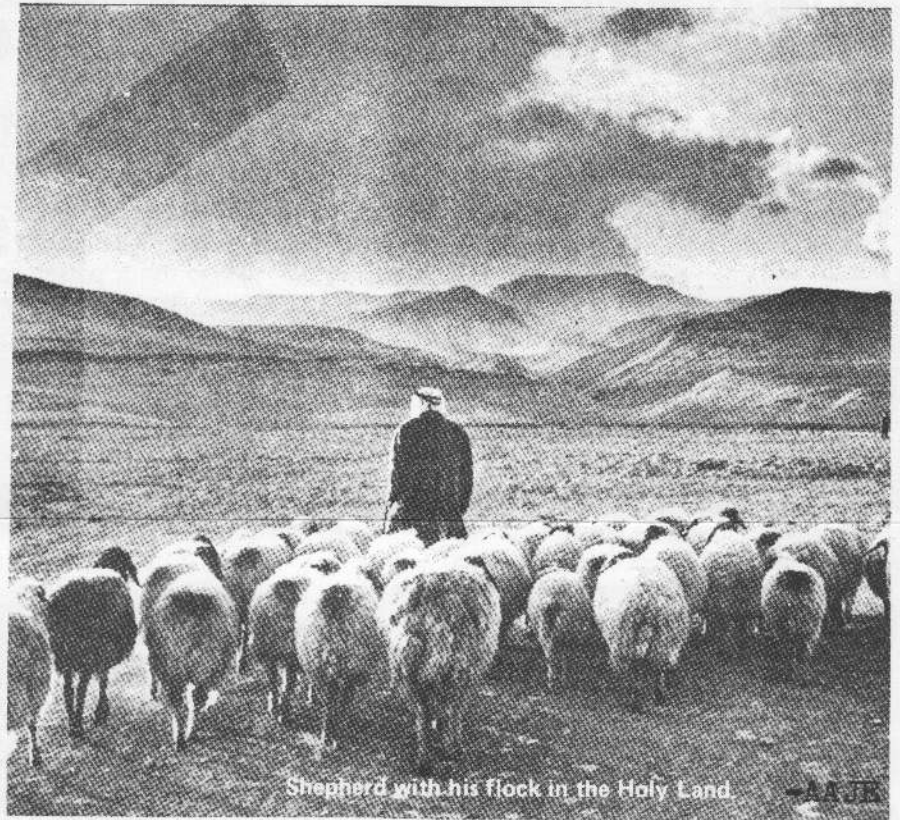
September - Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 74.41; North Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 27.71; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist Church Sunday School, Tenn., 30.00; Lyons M. Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 50.00. Total \$182.12.

To Koi Baptist Church from McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., July - 60.99; September - 48.45.

We thank everyone for support. May God richly bless you.

Yours sincerely in Him
Koji Tajima

P. S. Koi Baptist Church, Hiroshima, Japan, will have revival. Pastor Koji Tajima is to be assisted by Elder Sogoro Ogawa. Fourth week of October. We would like for you remember us in prayer.



Shepherd with his flock in the Holy Land.

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HOMECOMING AT BETHLEHEM NOV. 22

There is to be an all-day homecoming service at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday, November 22.

There is to be preaching at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. In addition to congregational singing there will be quartets singing in the afternoon. Elder Bobby G. Sutton is the pastor. Everyone who can is invited to attend these services:

Bible Sales Up 45%

Salisbury, Rhodesia (AP) — The Bible Society of Rhodesia said 480,000 Bibles had been sold in the breakaway British colony since last November, an increase of 45% from the previous year.

ARE CHRISTIANS SAVED FOREVER?

The answer to this lies in the simple meaning of the word, **SAVED!**

If a thing is **SAVED** it is never lost. If anything is ever lost, it is because it was not saved. That which is saved is not lost, and if it is ever lost then it isn't saved.

The Lord is not in the losing business, but in the Saving and Keeping business. We are told in John 17:12, and II Timothy 1:12, and in I Peter 1:5, and in Jude, verse 25, that the Lord is able to Keep, and that He does Keep, all who believe on Him. And that those who do believe upon Him **ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD.** Now, if the Devil has power enough to get a saved person, then that shows that Satan has more power to get than God has to save and keep.

This is unthinkable to anyone who knows anything about the Bible, and the power of Almighty God.

Furthermore, if the Devil could get one of God's children he could get two; and then he could also get 4; then 8, and if he could get 8, he could go on and get 16, and 32 and 64, and 132, and 264, and 528, and then could go on to get 1,056, and on and on and on, until he got every one of God's children.

Now, if the devil does not, then, recapture all of God's children, **WHY DOES HE NOT DO IT?**

There can be but one answer to this last question, and that is, "He doesn't get them because he loves them so much He doesn't want to pull them down to hell with himself." That would make the salvation of sinners depend upon the grace and love and mercy of the Devil, instead of on the grace and love and mercy of God.

This, too, is unthinkable.

Thank God, He does not cast off His children, but saves them unto the uttermost of time and eternity.—**The Baptist Instructor.**

CATECHISM

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These keys will be used in the following catechism: Question—Q. Answer—A.

Q. Who is a sinner?

A. Everyone. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Rom. 5:12.

Q. How can a boy or girl know when they have reached the age of accountability?

A. By the Holy Spirit. And when he is come, he (Spirit) will reprove (convince) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: John 16:8.

Q. Is it necessary for one to hear the gospel to be saved?

A. Yes. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Rom. 10:13-14. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1-16.

Q. What must one do to be saved?

A. Repent of their sins and trust with all the heart in Jesus. I tell you, Nay: except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31.

Q. How does a person know they are saved and one of God's children?

A. By the Holy Spirit. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Rom. 8:16.

Q. Can I follow the Lord in baptism?

A. Yes. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, see, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. Acts 8:36-37a.

Q. Is baptism a birth or a burial?

A. A burial. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: Rom. 6:4a. Buried with him in baptism, where in also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. Col. 2:12.

Q. Where is the authority for baptism?

A. The church. Go ye (the church) therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing

them (the disciples) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. 28:19.

Q. Has the Lord's church existed during the past twenty centuries?

A. Yes. See, Matt. 16:18, Matt. 28:20; Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Eph. 3:21.

Temple Mount Finds Reveal City's Ancient Social History—Mazar

Prof. Binyamin Mazar, organizer of the archaeological dig in the area surrounding the Temple Mount, said recently that findings there to date have thrown remarkable light on daily life in Jerusalem during the period of the Second Temple.

Prof. Mazar was speaking at a festive dinner held at the Knesset in honour of this year's recipients of honorary degrees from the Hebrew University. He himself is being awarded the University's Solomon Bublick Prize.

The Temple Mount dig, which began a little more than two years ago, will continue at a vigorous pace for several years he said. "An impressive picture is being revealed of beautifully conceived planning and magnificent building which we have previously read about in the works of Josephus Flavius and the Mishna.

I WANT! I WANT!

Linda was a very little girl, but one thing she loved to do was to play in the street. Very often when not closely watched, she would be found there. Her daddy felt some firm measures must be taken and punished her. Then he took her up on his knee and lovingly tried to explain the importance of obedience.

Linda burst out with sobs and tears and cried "But Daddie, why is it that I want to do the things I want to do?" We smile, but was Linda so very different from many of us? We think we want something, and often the thing which we want is not for our highest good.

Instead of saying, "I want . . ." what a contrast was our blessed Lord Jesus when on earth. It was as nourishment or strengthening food to Him to do what His Father wanted; for He said: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." (John 4:34.)

And when in the garden of Gethsemane facing the Cross, He said: ". . . not my will but thine be done" (Luke 22:42). The Father's will led to the Cross—but also to eventual joy for Him (Hebrews 12:2), and for us. Why can't we trust the Lord as He reveals His will? It is as our "wants" are blended into what He wants, that real blessings follow. We should say with the Apostle Paul: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6.) —**Tom M. Olson in Le-Tourneau NOW.**