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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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FINANCIAL REPORT FROM MISSIONARY IN ISRAEL

Financial report for Second Quarter of 1971

April - McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. \$106.57; Old Pleasant Point Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky. \$30.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill. \$20.00; Brother and Sister George Hefner, Phoenix, Ariz. \$50.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill. \$25.00; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Spring, Ky. \$50.00; Ridge Grove Baptist, Lexington, Tenn. \$47.27; Kokomo Baptist, Kokomo, Ind. \$26.50; Sulfer Fork Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn. \$10.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky. \$295.38; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn. \$137.74; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky. \$40.00; Becker Drive Baptist \$10.00; TOTAL for April, \$869.31.

May - Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. \$150.00; Kokomo Baptist, Kokomo, (continued on page 2)

ORDINATION HELD AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
879 Orchard St.
Toledo, Ohio

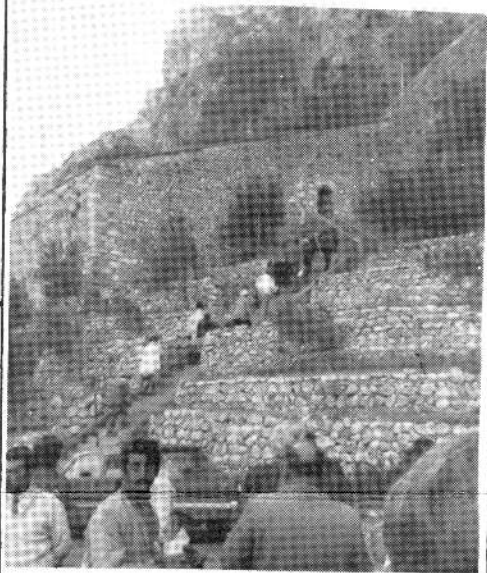
Dear Bro. Vanderpool,

An ordination service was held at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1971. Bro. Tommie D. Parkhurst was ordained to the full work of the ministry and Bro. Marshall Weaver, Bro. Bethel R. Green and Bro. James Dirting were ordained as deacons. Seven churches were represented as follows: Grace, Detroit, Mich., Elder L. W. Smith, Elder Don McDonald, Deacon B. W. Dirting, Deacon Pete Sutton, Deacon Charles Estes, Deacon Jack Doss, Deacon Virgil Russell. Liberty, Barberton, Ohio: Elder Kenneth Davis, Deacon Odell Langford, Deacon M. T. Fillman, Deacon Sam Langford. Clinton, Clinton, Ohio: Elder T. H. Tillman, Deacon John Litton, Deacon Blaine Ashley. Union Hill, Gallatin, Tenn.: Elder D. C. Barton, Elder Melvin (continued on page 2)

EDITOR REPORTS ON SECOND TOUR OF BIBLE LANDS

By H. C. Vanderpool

(I was privileged to make my second tour of Bible Lands Nov. 29 - Dec. 8, 1971. My wife, members of our church and other brothers and sisters from several states were with me. Our tour took us into Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. Reports and pictures of this tour are being published in the BAPTIST BANNER. This is the first article of the series. - Editor)



Old Church at Antioch.

Monday, Nov. 29, 1971 - On this date my tour group and I met at Standiford Field in Louisville, Ky. with several other tour hosts and their groups to board an Overseas National Airways plane for our overseas flight. There were 182 on this tour. We arrived at the airport at 9:00 A. M. (E. S. T.) We checked in our baggage and talked with members of our church, (Lyons Baptist in Louisville) who came to see us off, but due to a delay by the plane we didn't get to leave Louisville until 2:30 P. M.

We arrived in New York at 4:50 p. m. We left there at 6:00 P. M. and our first country to visit on the tour was to be (continued on page 3)

BROTHER CROY WRITES FROM GEORGIA

1230 1st St., S. E.
Moultrie, Georgia 31768
October 25, 1971

"Baptist Banner"
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2303 Grandview Drive
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

Dear Bro. Vanderpool,
Enclosed please find check for two dollars for a one year subscription to your paper.

My understanding is that you have reprinted "History of the Welsh Baptist" by J. Davis. Please be so kind as to send me the cost of a copy of this book and I will order one.

I am an old-fashioned Missionary Baptist, sometimes we are known as Landmark Baptist. Our churches associate with the American Baptist Association. My thought is that you good people are old-fashioned Missionary Baptists too.

I'm endeavoring to start a church of our kind in the city of Moultrie, and there is no church in this whole county that is not connected with the Southern Baptist Convention. They act more like protestants than they do Baptist. They take anybody's baptism, observe the Lord's Supper with any and all in fact, there in not one single distinctive Baptist doctrine they will stand to and abide by.

If you know any true Baptist who may have moved into this locality I would appreciate having their names and addresses.

Yours in Christ
A. B. Croy

REVIVAL REPORT

Fellowship Baptist Church, Indianapolis, recently closed a good revival. Five were saved and four were baptized into the fellowship of the church.

Pastor Calvin Perrigo was assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert and Elder Tommie Lankford led the singing.

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REPORT FROM MISSIONARY IN ISRAEL

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Ind. \$47.00; Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. \$100.00; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky. \$74.07; Praters Creek Baptist, Pickens, S. C. \$150.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. \$28.56; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill. \$20.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill. \$25.00; Brother Kenneth Woodall, Gallatin, Tenn. \$25.00; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. \$36.31; Brother Frank Carr and family, Carthage, Tenn. \$20.00; Salem Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky. \$155.50; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind. \$22.50; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind. \$100.00; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn. \$163.05; Melson Ridge Mission, Russell Springs, Ky. \$29.63. TOTAL for May, \$1,162.67.

June — Concord Baptist Church, White House, Tenn. \$211.25; Maple Grove Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn. \$53.45; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky. \$200.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky. \$10.00; Union Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn. \$170.60; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill. \$25.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill. \$20.00; Valley Oak Baptist, Liberty, Ky. \$35.00; McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. \$221.76; Faith

Baptist, Roseville, Mich., \$150.00; Sulfer Fork Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn. \$10.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. \$14.58; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$133.69; Dixon Creek Baptist, Dixon Springs, Tenn. \$44.00; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky. \$40.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky. \$10.00; Brother and Sister Dexter Bacon, Glasgow, Ky. \$15.00. TOTAL for June \$1,363.73.

The above offerings are reported in the month in which they were received. If I have made no mistake each church was receipted with a letter to each individual church. If I failed to do this, I would appreciate it if you would write and tell me.

Thank you again for your support, both financial and prayerful. May the Lord bless and reward you.

Yours in His service,
J. H. Smith

ORDINATION AT TOLEDO

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Link. Union, Lafayette, Tenn.: Deacon Hobart Barton, Faith, Detroit, Mich.: Elder Bobby G. Sutton, Deacon Jimmy Thompson, Deacon John Leonhart. Bethel: Elder Charles Stapleton, Deacon Estel Carter, Deacon John Stapleton.

Elder Charles Stapleton served as Moderator of the Presbytery and Elder Don McDonald served as clerk. The Ordination sermon was preached by Elder D. C. Barton. The candidates were presented by Deacon Estel Carter and Elder L. W. Smith led the interrogation. Elder Kenneth Davis prayed the ordaining prayer after which Elder T. H. Tillman charged the newly ordained Brethren. Elder Melvin Link charged the church. The Bible was presented by Elder Bobby G. Sutton.

We would like to say special thanks to all who came and helped in this ordination. It was a wonderful day in the service of our Lord. Many were made to rejoice by the testimonies and words of those who took part in the ordination.

Elder Charles Stapleton
Pastor

BANNER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

The following schedule of Sunday School Lessons are being studied by Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., during the first quarter of 1972. Any church desiring to study these may do so. Literature committee: H. C. Vanderpool, Pastor; Leon Berry, S. S. Supt.; Willard Carter, Asst. Supt.

The Bible is your text book. This is the second year for Lyons church to study the Bible and use this type of outlines.

THEME FOR QUARTER: Messianic Prophecies of The Old Testament And Their Fulfillment in Jesus And The New Testament.

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JAN. 2 — Seed of the Woman — Gen. 3:9-15; Gal. 4:4-7.

SUNDAY, JAN. 9 — Bethlehem The Birthplace — Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:1-10.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16 — Born Of A Virgin — Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23 — Flight into Egypt — Hosea 11:1; Matt. 2:11-15.

SUNDAY, JAN. 30 — Slaying of infants in Bethlehem — Jeremiah 31:15; Matt. 2:16-23.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEB. 6 — Preceded by Forerunner — Isaiah 40:5; Matt. 3:1-12.

SUNDAY, FEB. 13 — Messiah of Wisdom — Isaiah 11:1; Luke 2:40-49.

SUNDAY, FEB. 20 — Preacher of Deliverance — Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21.

SUNDAY, FEB. 27 — Rejected As Chief Cornerstone — Ps. 118:22; Matt. 21:33-46.

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 — Priest After Order of Melchizedek — Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:1-17.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 — Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver — Zech. 11:12-13; Matt. 26:14-16; 27:3-10.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 — Suffered for Others — Isaiah 53:4-6; Luke 22:33-46.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 — Raised from The Grave — Ps. 16:10; Matt. 28:1-15.

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Some of tour group during reception on board the Greek ship M. T. S. Orpheus. Clockwise around the table are Eld. W. E. Massey, Hillard Vincent, Mrs. Mary Esters, Mrs. W. E. Massey, Mrs. Hillard Vincent, Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool and Eld. H. C. Vanderpool.

REPORTS ON BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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Cyprus. During this first night we were flying east over the Atlantic Ocean.

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1971 - Daylight came early. This is due to flying east meeting the sun. We were served an enjoyable breakfast and began to discuss the flight and the expectations of the day. We soon arrived at Athens, Greece where we had a brief stop. It was 11:00 A. M. Athens time. The temperature was 64 degrees. After spending a little time around the Athens airport we boarded our plane and at 12:10 P. M. we were in flight for Cyprus.

We arrived at Nicosia, Cyprus at 1:30 P. M. The temperature was 73 degrees. After spending some time here at the Nicosia airport we boarded tour busses and headed across Cyprus to the seaport

of Famagusta. We were about one hour getting to this port. Here we boarded the Greek ship M. T. S. Orpheus which was to be our hotel at night. It is a ship of 6,000 gross tons, 353 ft. long and 51 ft. wide.

We had about two hours for relaxation in our rooms before supper time. But before we ate the Capt. and his crew gave us a reception. We ate at 7:30 P. M. While we were eating the ship moved out of the harbor at Famagusta to travel all night on the Mediterranean Sea. We were due to be at Mersin, Turkey the next morning. We go to sleep sailing the Mediterranean (great Sea, Eze. 47:15) and thus the shadows fall on our second day of touring Bible Lands.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1971 - We arrived at Mersin, Turkey early on this morning after sailing the Mediterranean Sea all night from Famagusta, Cyprus. We were up early. After meeting in the reception area of the ship for fellowship we ate breakfast. The food served by the Greeks and the manner in which they serve it is interesting. (I'm speaking for myself). On

one occasion when Nicholas (Nic) Kotzia the main waiter on our table saw my wife wasn't eating what he had just served said, "I sorry you no like." He smiled and continued his duties. He and those assisting him were friendly and very cooperative in trying to serve us.

After eating we disembarked and loaded onto our tour busses and began our tour of Turkey. Our Turkish guide's name was Selami. We visited the city of Tarsus, the birthplace of the Apostle Paul, and the Bible records it as being in Cilicia (Acts 21:39). The city stands on the Cilician plain and is about ten miles inland.

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From The Bible

Never attempt to bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people try to bear three kinds - all they have had, all they now have, and all they expect to have.

BAPTIST HEADS IN THE SAND

By Ethelene Driver

When an issue arises which Baptists consider unpleasant or offensive, we have a tendency to bury our heads in the sand and pretend it doesn't exist. One such situation is the current trend of sexual freedom, which is being advocated by society as a whole. No doubt, there has always been immorality related to sex; it is not unique with this generation. But the thing that has changed is public opinion about it. Relationships which once were considered sinful are now looked upon as every-day occurrences and the sense of guilt is gone. This attitude can only lead to more and more illicit sexual freedom, with less and less reproof from the individual conscience.

Most Baptists are afraid to shoulder their responsibility in teaching God's Word on the subject. Some say that it is the place of the parents to teach such things in the home. But the commission which Jesus gave to His CHURCH says, "Teaching them to observe ALL things, whatsoever I have commanded you." He was talking to His Church — not to parents. Is God's word silent on premarital and extra-marital sex? When we face judgment, will we have the audacity to say that we were not responsible to teach this in the Church?

We might as well face the fact that society no longer teaches the same standards regarding sex which God teaches in His Word. Our young people are reading books and magazines, seeing movies and television shows every day which teach that ones sex life is his own business, and a matter of personal choice. Public opinion, as well as educational institutions are encouraging everyone to "do their own thing", never mentioning the fact that God teaches that some of those things are sinful and that everyone will be called upon at judgment to give account for them.

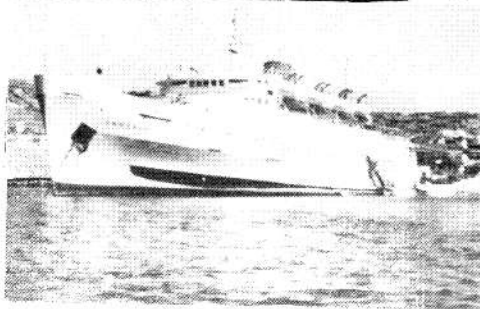
Are we as Baptist Churches going to continue to hide our head in the sand, hoping the problem will disappear? If the Word of God teaches it, then we have a direct commission to teach it, just as surely as we have the commission to teach repentance and faith. The more Satan, the god of this world, teaches sexual freedom, the more duty-bound we are as God's Churches to teach His Word. So, let's get the sand out of our eyes, look up to God for direction and courage, and study His Book with the determination to teach ALL things whatsoever He has commanded us.

EDITOR REPORTS ON TOUR

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Tarsus was an ancient city. When Persia was ruled by a governor it was the provincial seat. It was also a center of lumbering and linen industry during the days of the Greek Syrian kings. During the first century before Christ the city was the home of a philosophical school, a university town, where the intellectual atmosphere was colored by Greek thought.

Like Alexandria, Tarsus stood at a confluence of East and West. The wisdom of the Greeks and the world-order of



Greek ship M. T. S. Orpheus

Rome, mingled with the good and ill of Orientalism. A keen-minded Jew, born and bred at Tarsus, would draw the best from more than one world. The Jews had been in Tarsus since Antiochus Epiphanes' refoundation in 171 B. C., and Paul belonged to a minority group which had held Roman citizenship since Pompey's organization of the East (66-62 B. C.).

We visited the Cleopatra Gate which was built 300 B. C. While here in Tarsus we toured the ruins of a palace built by an Assyrian king in 900 B. C. One of the remains from the days of the Apostle Paul is an old well in the city. Some of the casing around the top is the original and the rest has been replaced in recent centuries.

We left Tarsus and continued our travels through Turkey. On our stops, hundreds of children of all ages were on the streets. We asked our guide why this was, and he said there was no compulsory school laws in Turkey and so all children who did not wish to attend school could stay home or go elsewhere. We drove through Adana, a city of 350,000 population, and then by the American Air Force Base. Turkey is a member of NATO.

We arrived at the port city of Iskenderun where we ate our lunch. They had prepared us box lunches on the ship and here we bought soft drinks to go with our boiled eggs, green cucumbers, hard bread, rolled meat, small chunk of cheese plus cookies and fruit for dessert.

After lunch we traveled to Antioch

(ANTAKYA) the city where the disciples were first called Christians, "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." (Acts 11:26). It was from these brethren that they sent relief to their brethren in Judea during the dearth in the days of Claudius Caesar. It was sent by the hands of Barnabas and Saul (Acts 11:27-30). This was the church that sent Paul and Barnabas out on their missionary work (Acts 13:1-3).

We visited an old ancient church where a cave was covered and it was located high on a hillside overlooking Antioch. Early Christians worshipped here. No church services are held there at present. We toured the city and visited the museum of many things of antiquity. We spent about one hour in the downtown area talking with the children and making pictures.

We then took our tour bus back to the port of Iskenderun. On the way we sang songs and fellowshipped. We boarded our ship and sailed for Beirut, Lebanon. We had another enjoyable supper and time of fellowship. We again sailed the Mediterranean while we sleep.

(To be continued next month)

ELDER W. E. MASSEY SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Elder William E. Massey, Pastor of Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., suffered a heart attack on Sunday morning, Dec. 5, in his hotel room in Jerusalem while on a Bible Lands Tour.

He was admitted to French Hospital, Room 17, Jerusalem, Israel. His wife who was on tour with him remained in Jerusalem with him. Bro. Massey seemed to be enjoying the tour and gathering data and pictures of the tour for his church work upon his return home.

The reports that have been received is that he is improving and we hope he and Sister Massey will be home soon.

Elder James H. Smith and wife, who are Baptist Missionaries in Israel, live only a few blocks from the French hospital. They keep in close contact with Bro. and Sister Massey. In fact we had all visited with Bro. and Sister Smith on Saturday night a few hours before Bro. Massey became ill.

Officials of Wholesale Tours International, who was in charge of our tour, were very kind and cooperative concerning details of this misfortune. Our prayers are for Bro. and Sister Massey and their family. By the time you get the Banner he may be home. You can write to him and send cards as follows: Elder W. E. Massey, 306 Main St., Lafayette, Tenn. 37083. If he isn't home by that time, they will be there to cheer him upon his arrival....Editor