

Baptist Banner

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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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MISSIONARY REPORT FROM ISRAEL

P.O. Box 7305
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Dear Friends,

We send our greetings to all of you on this beautiful spring day from Jerusalem. I must say, however, that for the past several days that it hasn't been very spring like. Even last week, the Jewish Passover Week, it was stormy, cold, and there were floods all over the country. Old people who have lived here all of their lives say that they have never seen anything like it for this time of the year. Seven inches of rain fell within three days, which is something very unusual for this country; and this rain was accompanied by very strong winds, lightning and thunder.

Two Jews, a man and a woman, came last Thursday night for prayer and Bible study. The woman has been many times before, but this was the first time for the man. She is a professed Christian, but he isn't. He seems to be a good listener, and he, like many others have some knotty questions. I hope that I exercised wisdom in my answers. Jews look upon us with some suspicion, and they can be rather critical, but this is a cross that we must bear. We again request your prayers for these dear people; and please continue to pray for my Hebrew teacher. She almost goes on a rage sometimes, but I am trying to endure so that I can make it easier for her to come to the light. It is going to take more than just words to convince them that Jesus is the way, we have to show Him in our conduct.

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REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FIRST SUNDAY - JUNE

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, 1202 Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor W. T. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson.

McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, 1210 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Services at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. Pastor Calvin Ferrigo is to be assisted by Elder James H. Overton.



Pictured above is Elder Koji Tajima, Japanese Baptist pastor and missionary, and three others who have been saved. Left to right are: Bro. Tajima; Sister Meriwaki; Bro. Yoza (a barber); and Bro. Nakabayashi (a college boy).

Bro. Tajima is pastor of Koi Baptist Church in Hiroshima, Japan. A revival was to begin there the fourth week in May and Bro. Tajima was to be assisted by Elder Takashi Vehara. The editor regrets that the announcement came too late to be in last month's paper.

SECOND SUNDAY - JUNE

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Holland, Ky. Pastor Thomas Shoemake is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Bemis Chapel Baptist Church, Bemis, Tenn. Pastor Floyd Dennison is to be assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Faith Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich. Pastor Bobby G. Sutton is to be assisted by a Bro. Stepp. Services at 7:30 p.m.

West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor William House is to be assisted by Elder W. E. Massey. Services at 7:30 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY - JUNE

Faith Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank Sts., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter. Bro. J. W. Gregory is to direct the singing. Services are to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Washington, Ill., Pastor Raymond Hargis is to be assisted by Elder Bobby G. Sutton.

FOURTH SUNDAY - JUNE

Cornwell Chapel Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey.

HOMECOMING AT DETROIT CHURCH

There is to be an all day homecoming service at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich., in the Detroit area, on Sunday, June 13. Worship services at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing in the afternoon by special groups. Everyone is invited to attend. If you live somewhere else but have friends or loved ones in the Detroit Area, call or write them and ask them to attend. Elder Bobby G. Sutton is the pastor of Faith church.

REVIVAL REPORT

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagle Ave, Louisville, Ky. One was saved and two united with the church. Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor, did the preaching and members of the church were in charge of the music and singing. There were some additions to the church previous to the revival and another one related to being saved and was baptized into the fellowship of the church since the revival closed.

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ISRAEL REPORT

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The Lord has been so very good to us in many, many ways. Our thanks and praises are to Him for all his benefits to us. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. "They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23. Remember to pray for us, for we need your prayers. We think of you every day and try to pray for you and the work of our churches and pastors. Annie Laura seems to be feeling some better for the last few days, thank you for your prayers. May our dear Lord bless all of you and guide you in these troublesome times through which we are living.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1971

JANUARY: McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$414.85; Salem Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$154.92; Knobs Springs Baptist, Lebanon, Tenn., \$80.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$25.00; Bro. James Briley, Portland, Tenn., \$25.00; Lafayette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$147.71; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$50.00; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lanier, Nashville, Tenn., \$25.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$17.85; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$115.71; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$22.50; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Cedar Bluff Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$105.29; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$150.00; TOTAL,

\$1,362.83.

FEBRUARY: Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn., \$100.00; Old Union Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$188.71; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$34.05; Concord Baptist, White House, Tenn., \$211.85; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$150.64; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$25.00; Faith Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., \$50.00; Maces Hill Baptist, Riddleton, Tenn., \$50.00; Mt. Zion Baptist, Holland, Ky., \$101.00; White Hill Baptist, Goodlettsville, Tenn., \$25.00; Red Hill Baptist, Delhi, La., \$60.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Bro. Kenneth Woodall, Gallatin, Tenn., \$25.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$162.97; Bethany Baptist, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., \$50.00; TOTAL, \$1,224.22.

MARCH: Fellowship Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., \$100.00; Freedom Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$50.00; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$40.00; Sulfer Fork Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$10.00; Salem Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$75.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$106.10; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$25.00; Bro. T. D. Dickerson, Gaston, Ala., \$50.00; Beech Bottom Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$28.46; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$30.00; Dixon Creek Baptist, Dixon Springs, Tenn., \$34.68; Sulfer Fork Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$15.00; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$115.97; Valley Oak Baptist, Liberty, Ky., \$30.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$18.94, TOTAL, \$749.15.

The offerings listed above were recorded in the month in which they were received. Some of them might have been sent from the church in the month before we received the offerings.

I am rather sure that I have acknowledged all of the offerings with a letter to each church, but there is a possibility that my letters get lost sometimes. In fact, I have received word in a few instances where such did happen, or at least I was informed that my letter never reached the church where it was intended. I welcome your notification any time that this happens. Again we thank all of you for your financial and prayerful support. May the dear Lord richly bless and reward you.

Henry and Annie Laura Smith



By H. C. Vanderpool

THE FEW

As in past ages, so is it today, many people like to think that the best life to live is the one that is recognized and lived or practiced by the majority of people. That to be associated with the multitudes is the proper thing. So many people are not satisfied to be associated or recognized with a few. There are thousands of people in America that will put forth many efforts and go hundreds of miles to some crusade in the name of Christianity because it is being carried on in a big way when at the same time another meeting where Christ is preached, the same kind of Bible used, the same subjects are preached on, but they wouldn't want to be there because there wouldn't be enough publicity.

Without a doubt, before the flood came there were many people upon the earth. Noah, who was a preacher of righteousness (II Peter 2:5) was a servant of God and all the scores of years that he preached there were only seven other righteous people in the world beside himself. The many went the way of sin, the way of the world and were destroyed. The despised few were saved and were on God's side.

Moses told the Israelites that when God would bring them in the future into the promised land that He (God) would cast seven nations greater than themselves out. (Deu. 7:1). Then speaking to Israel he said, "The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people." (Deu. 7:7).

When God wanted Gideon to lead his people against the enemy some tests were made. First there were 32,000. The first test was to find out who were fearful and afraid. This test screened out 22,000 leaving 10,000 (Judges 7:3). The second test was made of these 10,000 (Judges

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FROM
THE
EDITOR'S
DESK



BEDUIN, BEER SHEBA AND THE NEGEV

By Haftaleyahu Shalom
In
ISRAEL REPORTER

The lords of the desert! Today, as in days of yore, the Beduin follow their flocks across the plains and valleys of the desert, pitching their tents under the parched sun, drawing water from the well at the oasis — living a life not unlike that of their

fathers and fore-fathers, down through the eons of time.

The perceptive eye will see changes in the life of the Beduin, from the transistor radio which accompanies a shepherd as he follows his flock, to the gleaming irrigation pipes which bring water to his encampment. Some Beduin work as building labourers and carry a union card in their pocket, they have schools and clinics. But, at dusk, as the light falls, and the fierce warriors of the Negev ride their horses in a fantasia, it is as though time stood still. The Sheik welcomes you to his tent with the

traditional Beduin hospitality and you become aware that even as these mighty men of the desert absorb the new they remain true to their heritage.

Beer Sheba is a centre for the Negev's Beduin. A market has risen to accomodate the tribesmen who come to the desert city weekly to trade, to barter, to meet and to talk.

Enterprising Beer Sheba travel agencies provide special tours to Beduin encampments where you can meet with the Sheik, sip coffee with him, and, perhaps, watch a typical Beduin fantasia. Many Negev tours include a visit to the Beduin who retain so much of the tradition of the desert.

Today, a modern road runs through the Negev, linking Beer Sheba, the gateway to the Negev with Eilat on the Red Sea, a distance of 235 kilometres. For the visitor, the road also links the ancient past and the modern present. Who can stand on the sands of Beer Sheba, surrounded by the bustle of this modern industrial city, and not recall that here Abraham met Abimelech?

The figures of the past accompany you along every kilometre in the Negev, for new towns and kibbutz farms now live side by side with the Beduin.

Near Yeruham a new immigrant community are the restored remains of ancient Avdat. Here, by the wilderness of Zin, a city grew two thousand years ago. It was established by the Nabateans, traders who reigned in the Negev for two hundred years. Following the Nabateans, the Romans and the Byzantines lived at Avdat.

Today's visitor sees the remains of the city, on a hill commanding an imposing desert view. Here are ancient churches, the remains of a Byzantine dwelling, a castle, the ruins of a Roman camp. Down below, startlingly fertile fields clash harshly with the desert bleakness. For a Hebrew University Professor has established a farm which is flourishing by adapting ancient agricultural methods.

Here, in the land where Father Abraham once watered his flock, the Beduin remain, proud bearers of an ancient heritage.

Nearby, **Ein Avdat**, a picturesque oasis in the desert, attracts visitors to its deep canyon and sparkling pond. Not far away is the modern kibbutz of **Sde Boker** established on the **Negev's** wind-swept sands.

On the shores of the **Dead Sea** you'll find the lowest place on earth. **Sodom**, site of a modern potash plant, overlooked by a pillar of salt startlingly resembling Lot's wife. Further north along the **Dead Sea**, the fortress of **Masada** towers over the Sea.

From **Eilat**, bustling **Red Sea** harbour and resort, to **Zohar Beach** on the **Dead Sea**; from the new town of **Arad** in Eastern Negev, to the Beduin market in old-new **Beer Sheba**... you'll enjoy your sojourn in the Negev.

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TAKE TIME TO THINK THROUGH THESE THOUGHTS

Booze increases business — for the doctors, the nurses, hospitals, ambulance drivers, funeral directors and grave-diggers.

The person who can be one thing as well as another in politics or religion, usually ends up by being nothing.

Freedom of worship should not be interpreted to mean neglect of worship.

Say this for Rip Van Winkle, he finally woke up. Some never do.

"Now I lay me down to sleep," seems to be the prayer that some pray just as the service is about to begin.

Dry hearing is responsible for much dry preaching.

My church is a great thing of the Lord. I have united with it in solemn covenant that it shall have my best in attendance, service, prayer, sacrifice, zeal, giving, patience and love. To be loyal to Christ, I must be loyal to His church.

DEBATE HELD AT BOWLING GREEN, KY.

A religious discussion was held at the National Guard Armory in Bowling Green, Ky., on May 17, 18, 20, 21, between Elder W. T. Russell who is pastor of Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green and Weldon E. Warnock of the West End Church of Christ also of Bowling Green.

The debate was well attended and people came from various states and areas of the country. The editor had the happy privilege to be Bro. Russell's moderator during the four-night discussion.

VANDERPOOL — WARNOCK DEBATE TO BE HELD

Propositions on the plan of salvation have been signed for a four-night religious debate by Elder H. C. Vanderpool who is pastor of Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., and Weldon E. Warnock who is presently with the West End Church of Christ in Bowling Green, Ky., but is soon moving to West Virginia.

The time and place have not yet been agreed upon, but there is the possibility that the debate will be held in Louisville, Ky.. These final arrangements will be announced in the BANNER. It will probably be held this fall.

His advice: Live nice and long
FRANSCHHOEK, South Africa (AP)—
Franz van den Berg, who retired as a farm laborer at 90, said about modern youth on his 102nd birthday: "Young people are weak, they don't live nicely."

RADIO BROADCAST OF OLD UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

For about ten years Old Union Baptist Church, Matlock Road, Bowling Green, Ky., has sponsored a weekly broadcast on Radion Station WKCT in Bowling Green. This has been and still is a good mission work.

At the present time the radio programs are being conducted by the pastor of the church, Elder Kenneth W. Massey. The broadcast can be heard each Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P. M. on WKCT which is 930 on the radio dial. If you live in North Central Tennessee or South Central Kentucky you are invited to tune in and listen to these good sound Missionary Baptist services.

Old Union Church was organized in 1795, and J. H. Spencer says in his church history that it is the oldest church in Kentucky south of Green River. Vol. 1, pp. 322, 323, "A History of Kentucky Baptists."

SIXTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

With this issue the BAPTIST BANNER begins its sixth year of publication. Your help to continue this work will be appreciated. — Editor

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A bill introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate would authorize school boards to order periods of silent prayer and nonreligious meditation in classrooms.

Sen. William B. Lentz, a Dauphin County Republican and chief sponsor of the bill, said the practice would help pupils understand the meaning of a pluralistic society.

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7 4-6) and this time there were 300 left which was less than one percent of the number that he began with. But reading on in the above mentioned chapter of the Bible one finds that the few were enabled of God to win the battle.

There are religious organizations today that operate in such large circles that many people want to get in on the bandwagon and go with the crowd. But when the acid test comes you wonder where they are. Old time, heart-felt salvation, the teaching and believing of the same, the contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, the standing up and being counted, taking a stand for the truths of God's word even when loved ones and neighbors don't agree, telling it like it is, using the gospel axe and letting the chips fall where they may is not the many — but the few.

There were times when thousands gathered around Jesus. This was when they were getting what they wanted and things were going their way. But later Jesus realized they were not with him. He even wondered about the few (John 6:66-68). But these few, and not the multitudes, received the command to preach the gospel to all nations. These few were the church that Jesus organized (Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 6:13-16; I Cor. 12:28).

Let true Baptists everywhere contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32). Let us say as did Herbert Buffum years ago in one of his songs, "I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few."

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matt. 7:14). "For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matt. 22:14). "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." (Rev. 3:4).

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