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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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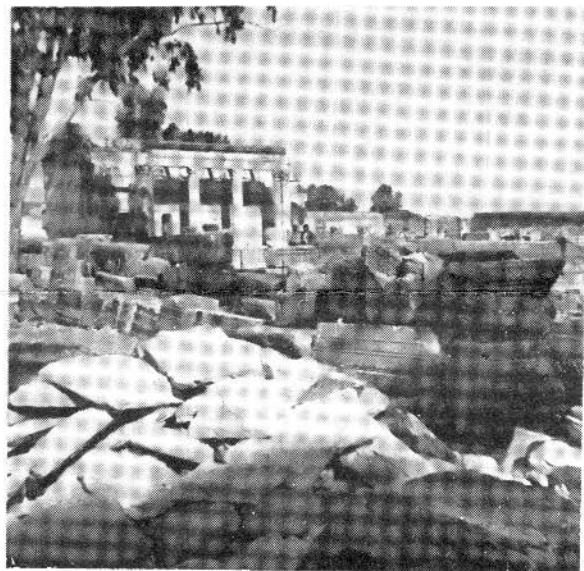
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Old Synagogue, Capernaum, Israel



Sea of Galilee

## More Interest Needed In Churches Today

Most everyone will agree that Baptist churches of our kind today are fast losing the importance that they once held in their members' lives. Even though I am a young Christian, I can see that there is a great concern over the Christian people's indifference toward the Church. The problem is that few are willing to remedy the situation. Everyone says that the youth my age is the church's future, but they do not show it by their actions. Their actions are saying that they couldn't care less, or they would be doing their part to help renew or revitalize their church to draw both the young and old to the Church. Prayer is perhaps the most important answer to this problem, but it doesn't seem that sufficient faith is being used along with it. If there was ever a time when the Church and its members needed to be their strongest, it is now. When there are so many things in the world to draw people's minds and hearts from the church, every member needs to do his part in helping to create concrete beginnings rather than just talking about them.

There are ways of creating new interest in our churches if we would only

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## AMERICA WAKE UP!

(Gus Hall, the top communist in the United States, made the following statement at the funeral of Eugene Dennis in February, 1961. They have had eleven years to make their progress while Americans sleep on the job of doing something about the rot and decay of religion and morality. It is time to wake up!—Editor).

This is Hall's statement:

"I dream of the hour when the last Congressman is strangled to death on the guts of the last preacher—and since the Christians seem to love to sing about the blood, why not give them a little of it? Slit the throats of their children and drag them over the mourner's bench and the pulpit and allow them to drown in their own blood; and then see whether they enjoy singing these hymns."

(Recently an announcement was made on the radio that Gus Hall, the ungodly communist who made the above statement, was being considered as a candidate for president of the United States. Will America turn their back to God, or just wait until the captivity comes and then cry? Editor).

## 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. The 182 in our tour group toured Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. Reports and pictures are being published in the BANNER. This is the third article in a series. In the two previous months, reports have been given for Nov. 29 through Dec. 2, 1971, while traveling in Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon and

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## Missionary Report From Japan

January 21, 1972  
Hiroshima, Japan

Dear Elder Vanderpool:

We so much appreciate getting your letter and your paper, the "Baptist Banner". We enjoyed your letter of date Jan. 10. Thank you for writing us. We also enjoyed your pretty Christmas Card some time ago. All come together to

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## Report On Tour

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Syria. Today's report begins with our travels in the Holy Land—the fifth day. — Editor).

Friday, Dec. 3, 1971—On this date we arrived early in the morning at the harbor of Haifa, Israel on our Greek ship M. T. S. Orpheus. The night before we had left the harbor at Beirut, Lebanon immediately after supper and had sailed all night down the Mediterranean.

We had another bountiful breakfast—for those who like plenty to eat in the morning—a time of fellowship in the atmosphere of joy and excitement, then we left our ship and loaded onto our Israel busses and headed across the Promised Land. Our Israeli guide was Zvi Gafnie and was to be with us throughout the four days we would be in Israel.

We began our tour of the Holy Land here at Haifa. The name of the city means (beautiful coast) derived from the Hebrew (hof yafeh). Arising from the seashore at Haifa is Mt. Carmel. Elijah had his encounter with the prophets of Baal on this Mountain (I Kings 18:19-40). Solomon sang of the beauty of Carmel (Song of Solomon 7:5) and Isaiah wrote of the excellency of Carmel (Isaiah 35:2). The sites of Haifa bear comparison with the most beautiful cities of the world.

We traveled southeast to Megiddo. Mt. Megiddo in Hebrew is Armageddon in the Greek (Rev. 16:16). We drove through the Valley of Jezreel and the Plains of

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## Report From Japan

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where we kneel to pray.

Our Baptist folks here, though small in number, are doing fine to hold Truths higher and defend Baptist principles, giving glory to God. My family and I are fine and doing fine, for which we are truly thankful unto the Lord the Keeper.

One day I spoke to a man by the way side with intent to invite him to our service. Seemed he wouldn't listen to me at bus stop. But that college boy came to our prayer meeting last Wednesday night to hear the message from Bible. He said he never heard Words of God by any means and by any time in all his life. He heard the cross of Jesus and His blood atonement for all human being including himself for the very first time. To him it was too amazing. He said he would come again to Sunday Service. We need your prayer for him, too.

Some days ago a young man, a photograpar, and his girl friend came to see me asking me if I could marry them. I asked them if they are saved. They didn't get me. I asked if they are christians. In a pause, their answer was no. I questioned them why they came to me. "A religionist is supposed to help people" was their answer. There is True and living God they don't know of, and not even true meaning of matrimony. I said, "if you say so, I will help you." I explained them that to get saved is more than anything, that is the most important thing in our lives, more than marriage. As they stayed hearing me, I took my Bible and explained them the relationship with Christ and His church and so forth for two hours. God's teaching surprised their souls. They said they would postpone their marriage to some day that they may stand rightly before God. And went home nodding. They also need your prayer.

I had a phone call from Iwakuni if I come and preach for Americans in English. About thirty miles south along Hiroshima Bay, there's U. S. Marine Corp. They see images and idols all over when they go out of the base and wonder what they are and what they mean. They wanted me to make a lecture on heathernism and Bible teaching. I preached in English when I was invited to your country over three years ago and that was my last chance to do it. There may be ones came from states where you are and readers of the Baptist Banner. I would like for you remember us in prayer.

Following is the offerings received for fourth quarter of 1971 with so much

thanks.

October: Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., \$63.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., \$100.00; from selling books of South Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., \$30.00; Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Riddleton, Tenn., \$25.00; Mrs. Estelene Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$15.00; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., \$150.00; Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind., \$40.00; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., \$25.00; Total \$448.22.

November: Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., \$81.07; Macedonia M. Baptist Church, Adolpus, Ky., \$40.00; Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, Ky., \$25.00; Liberty M. Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio, \$35.00; Kokomo M. Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind., \$75.00; Total, \$256.07.

December — East Side Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., \$122.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hughes, Carthage, Tenn., \$25.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., \$66.26; Rock Bridge Sunday School, Gallatin, Tenn., \$108.29; East Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., \$156.47; Bethel M. Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, \$55.69; Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Vaden, Carthage, Tenn., \$10.00; Grace M. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., \$100.00; Mrs. Dossie Jones, Nashville, Tenn., \$5.00; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist Church, \$50.00; Elder Frank J. Carr, New Middleton, Tenn., \$5.00; Mrs. Estelene Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Hughes, Carthage, Tenn., \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Collins, Bowling Green, Ky., \$5.00; Elder Dexter Bacon, Glasgow, Ky., \$20.00; Elder Rex Hunt, Austin, Ky., \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. George Hefner, Phoenix, Ariz., \$21.00; Total \$804.71.

From McFerrin Baptist Church Nashville, Tenn., to Koi Baptist Church, Oct. \$107.37. Nov. \$60.00 and \$88.51; To Yamaguchi Baptist Church, Oct. \$50.00; Nov. \$60.00 and \$50.00. From Elder Dexter Bacon, Glasgow, Ky., to Yamaguchi Baptist Church, Dec., \$20.00.

And we thank for ones sent us books, booklets, tracts, greetings and encouraging letters, clippings from paper, fruitcake and so forth. We do pray for you all. May God richly bless you.

Yours unworthy brother in Christ,  
Koji Tajimi

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JORDAN RIVER



NAZARETH

## Report On Tour

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Esdraelon at the foot of Mount Megiddo where many decisive battles have been fought in the history of Israel; the victory sung by Deborah and Barak (Judges 5:19,20); Gideon's defeat of Midian (Judges 6:33); Saul's death at the hands of the Philistines (I Sam. 31; II Sam. 4:4); where Josiah was slain in battle with Pharaoh-nechoh (II Kings 23:29,30); Ahaziah fled and was killed there (II Kings 9:27). To stand on Mount Megiddo and view the Plains of Esdraelon and the Valley of Jezreel while meditating upon the Biblical events just mentioned gives an inspiration that cannot be put into words. You have to be there and experience it and have the feeling within yourself.

Also while we were here at Mt. Megiddo we saw some of the old ruins of Solomon's Stables. He had 1400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen (II Chron. 1:14); he also had 4,000 stalls for horses (II Chron. 9:25). About 450 of these were here on Mount Megiddo. Some of the old hitching places could be recognized. According to the Bible the others were in the other chariot cities (II Chron. 9:25). These were built about 1,000 B. C.

We mentioned Gideon and Saul and their experiences at Megiddo, one may speak of Mt. Gilboa as the place, but remember that Mt. Gilboa is on the eastern side of the Plain of Esdraelon and Mt. Megiddo on the west.

The next city we came to was Nain. It was here that Jesus raised a man to life (Luke 7:11-15). We came by Endor. This is where Saul came to talk with the "witch of Endor" before his last battle with the Philistines (I Sam. 28:7). We

continue by the Horns' of Hattin—a mount some believe is where the sermon on the mount was preached—and then to Capernaum.

This city was located on the northwest side of the Sea of Galilee. Only the ruins of the old city remain today. This was the center of much of the ministry of the Lord (Matt. 4:13; Mark 2:1). It was here that he called Matthew (Levi) and healed the man who was borne to the house by four men on a bed.

After some time here we boarded a large two-story boat and rode across the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias. We had a fine time of fellowship as we sailed on this body of water where the Lord spent so much time with his disciples. We sang several gospel songs. As we were singing I noticed our Israeli guide bowed his head and as he looked up tears were in his eyes. I breathed a prayer that the singing and the other witnessing of God's people would reach his heart and cause him to be saved. After arriving at Tiberias we had lunch at a restaurant. During these tours there are times when things happen and everyone enjoys a good laugh which is part of life, and then soon hearts are overflowing with inspiration and tears make their way down many cheeks. Oh! the Promised Land, the Holy Land, a country of a thousand panoramas! On this day the temperature was about 80 degrees and beautiful flowers graced the valleys and hillsides.

On leaving Tiberias we come by Madala the home of Mary Magdalene and then through the Plains of Gennesaret (Matt. 14:34; Mark 6:53). We saw here many banana trees with full crop of fruit. Two crops each year are grown. We drive down to the Jordan River. It is always a blessing to stand on the banks of the

Jordan and look, think, pray and just enjoy fellowship with God.

Now we travel back west across Israel on our way back to the ship at Haifa. We came through Cana of Galilee. Here the Lord performed His first miracle (John 2:1-11). We next enter the city of Nazareth. It was here that Joseph and Mary lived before Jesus was born (Luke 1:26-47; Matt. 1:18-25). After the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and then their journey into Egypt they returned to Nazareth where Christ was reared up (Matt. 2:1-23). We spent some time in Nazareth and viewed a number of sites we missed on our first tour in 1969. The old and new portions of the city of Nazareth today have a combined population of about 50,000.

It is now late afternoon and we take our motorcoaches back to Haifa and go on board the ship for the night. Another delightful Greek meal with all the trimmings was served. Our ship is to remain here until we finish our tour of Israel. So, there is to be no sailing on this night. We close our fifth day of travels in Bible Lands and retire for the night to dream again.

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## BOOKS WANTED!

If anyone has the 17-volume set of "An Interpretation of The English Bible," by B. H. Carroll, new or used, and would sell them please get in touch with me by phone or letter, or write Elder A. G. Gregory, Route 4, Gallatin, Tenn. 37066. You may call Bro. Gregory at (615) 452-2779. — Editor

# Vanderpool-Warnock Debate Scheduled March 13,14,16,17,1972

A four night religious debate is scheduled for March 13, 14 and 16, 17, 1972 at the Iroquois High School auditorium, 4615 Taylor Blvd., Louisville, Ky. This will be on Monday, Tuesday and then Thursday and Friday nights, missing Wednesday night for services in the churches sponsoring the debate.

The disputants in the discussion will be Mr. Weldon E. Warnock, minister of the Church of Christ, Paden City, West Virginia and editor H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

The Scriptures teach that repenting sinners receive remission of sins through faith and that before water baptism.

H. C. Vanderpool - Affirms  
Weldon E. Warnock - Denies

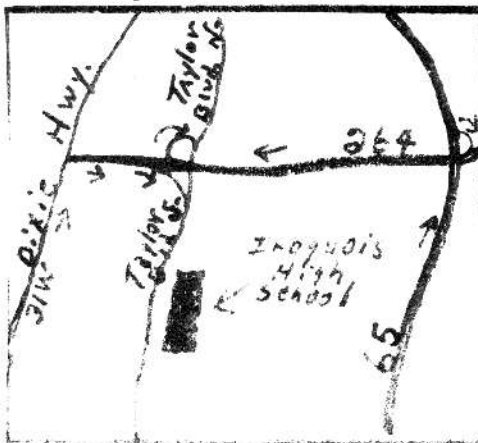
**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

The Scriptures teach that water baptism is essential to salvation of penitent believers in Christ.

Weldon E. Warnock - Affirms  
H. C. Vanderpool - Denies

Services are to begin each night at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) and the public is invited to attend. Below is a sketch showing the Iroquois High School location which is 1 mile south of Watterson Expressway (I-264) on Taylor Blvd.

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## BOOKS FOR SALE!

Elder Rex Hunt, Austin, Ky. 42123. has 8 copies of "Welsh Baptists," by J. Davis. The suggested sale price was \$3.50 per copy.

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"Having Done All-To Stand," is a new 33 page book written by Elder F. L. Ray. For individuals who wish to order or a church which wishes to buy several for distribution the price is as follows; 1 copy \$1.00; 15 copies \$12.00; 25 copies \$18.00; 50 copies \$30.00; 100 copies \$50.00. Order from Elder F. L. Ray, 510 Alta Loma Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072.

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Bro. G. H. Dillard, Holland, Ky. 42153 has two copies of "Twentieth Century Baptists," by Vanderpool & Russell for \$5.00 per copy.

## HELP NEEDED!

I received a letter from a member of Old Hopewell Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn., where Eld. and Mrs. Raymond Gregory are members, that Sister Gregory has had major surgery and is in Sumner County Memorial Hospital, Gallatin, Tenn.

The writer says that Bro. and Sister Gregory have both been in ill health for some time and are very much in need of financial help. That he is unable to do but very little work.

The writer requests that donations by individuals or churches be sent to Elder Raymond Gregory, Bethpage, Tenn. 37022. - Editor

A MODEL YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING: participated in by everybody; monopolized by nobody; where everybody is somebody.

Life continues to be pretty much what we make it, regardless of circumstances.

God must like common people, or He would not have made so many of them. -Lincoln.

## Watch For Expiration

## More Interest Needed

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take the time to try them. Most Sunday Schools, for instance, could probably be improved upon. It is up to the teacher, with his pupils; but if he does not generate enthusiasm in his class by becoming involved, then his pupils won't either. Involvement is probably one of the greatest keys to motivation. If a teacher can devise lessons which focus on greater class participation and responsibility, then his task will not only be made simpler, but the students will be motivated to learn more on their own. Lessons could be used to help classes learn why the Church practices certain doctrines and beliefs as opposed to those advocated by other denominations. If teenagers and young Christians could be made to see that they need to study to be able to defend their faith against heresy and to prove both to themselves and to others what is right and wrong in Church doctrine, then they would see some reason for becoming a more dedicated child of God. Relevancy in education is the cry today among the younger generations, so why not capitalize on it in the Sunday School classrooms where it could do the most good.

Other activities which are in the church could probably be improved upon, too. More fellowships could be planned; groups could be formed to visit the elderly in nursing homes and to take them things at certain times of the year; youth-oriented Bible studies could be started that are based on what the pupils want to study; certain Sunday School classes could be responsible for bulletin boards or small maintenance jobs around the church; youth choirs, church quartets could be formed; etc., etc. In short, what churches need are more ways of creating enthusiasm among its people. I have a great zeal to work for the Lord myself, but it is hard to find an outlet for it in our churches today where no one seems interested in encouraging programs oriented to the younger people.

This, then, is one of the biggest problems the church faces today - lack of interest. Church attendance and membership is fast becoming a meaningless ritual, and if we as Christians and church members do not take steps to alter the course, our churches will soon diminish to near non-existence. There is such a great room for expansion in the Lord's work that we can't afford not to take new steps to remedy this ever-growing problem.

Pray for me that I will always do what the Lord will have me to do and that I might be able to do my part in helping the Lord's Church to grow and increase its influence.

Miss Jeanie Galloway  
Lyons Missionary Bap. Church  
Louisville, Ky.