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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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Therefore Choose Life

By J. H. Smith
Deuteronomy 30:19

(This is the first in a series of articles on this subject by the writer.—Editor)

These words in Deuteronomy were spoken by God, through His servant Moses, to the Israelites while they were still wandering in the wilderness in the land of Moab, and before they had ever

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SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CONVENED IN 20TH ANNUAL SESSION

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association convened in its twentieth annual session on Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1, 1972, with the Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Churches from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee represented. Visitors came from a number of states.

Officers elected were: Elder F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn., Moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Louisville, Ky., Clerk; Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Lafayette, Tenn., Treasurer.

Large crowds were in attendance throughout the session and the Spirit was manifested in each service. Several subjects concerning our Baptist work were discussed during the three-day meeting and adopted in the annual records.

Elder Kenneth W. Massey preached the Introductory Sermon the first day. On the second day Elder H. C. Vanderpool preached the Memorial Sermon. On Sunday, the third day of the session, the Doctrinal Sermon was delivered by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Under New Business the subject of a school for ministers was brought up and endorsed by the Association which made a recommendation to the churches. See the article concerning this matter on page 4 of this issue of the BANNER.

The 1973 session of the Association is to meet with Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., beginning on Friday, October 5, 1973, at 10:00 A. M.



Pictured above are the seven extant monolithic columns of the archaic temple of Apollo at Corinth in Greece. The court where Paul was tried was only a few yards away, Acts 18:12-17. The editor and tour group were here on March 5, 1969.

Revival Reports

New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Four saved and four additions to the church. Pastor F. L. Ray was assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor and Elder Tommy Lankford led the singing.

Mountain View Baptist Church, Cullman, Ala. Services conducted by Elder Thurman Tillman and Elder Kenneth Massey. One man was saved.

Union Baptist Church No. 2, Barren County, Ky. Seven professions of faith with ten additions to the church. Pastor Rex Hunt was assisted by Elder Dexter Bacon, Jr.

East Main Street Baptist Church, Hartsville, Tenn. Nine were saved. Pastor J. C. Austin was assisted by Elder Douglas Curtis.

Editor Enjoys Visit To Alabama Association

On Tuesday, Tuesday night and Wednesday, October 10 and 11, 1972, Elder F. L. Ray, Bro. Frank Massey, Bro. E. T. Cole, Elder Kenneth W. Massey and Elder H. C. Vanderpool visited the Blount County Missionary Baptist Association as they met in their 113th annual session. They met at Oneonta, Ala., which is just north of

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I reserve the right to refuse publication of articles that are not written in the proper spirit, those that reflect upon another to the detriment of the Lord's cause or those judged to be unsound.

However, there is the possibility that in some articles or announcements there would be things said or stated that would be of general information, but would not have editorial endorsement. — Editor.

Deadline For Announcements

The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

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reached the promised land. Moses delivered this great message to the people just before the Lord called him up to Mt. Nebo to take his life, because he had failed to glorify Him at the Rock of Meribah. In the message God said, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Here we see that the Lord put the proposition of life and death squarely before the ancient Israelites, and it was then up to them as to which they would choose; but God, whose love was reaching out to them, said, "Therefore choose life, for as He has said in another place, that He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (11 Peter 3:9)

If we were to ask the average person today which he would choose, life or death, and he would almost be sure to say, I had rather live; but on the other hand, the vast majority of people of this world are saying by their attitude and by their actions that they choose death; because any man who is determined to live on in his sins and reject God's offer of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, is inviting certain death; not just physical death to his body, but eternal death to both soul and body in a lake of fire that never burns out, which is the second death. See Revelation 20:12-15. So don't be so foolish as to choose death rather than life.

Jesus, The Fountain Of Life

The new life, Spiritual life, has Jesus Christ for its source. Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. From Jesus Christ comes the life giving flow, and He is saying to this woman of Samaria that it is yours for the asking. John the Baptist said of Him, "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." John 1:4. If you choose to live rather than die, let me invite you to come to Jesus, for herein is life. If you try some other way, you are going to find that it leads to death. Our Lord said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me." John 14:6. He didn't say that He is one of the ways, but He said, "I am the way" which means that He is the only way. There are ways that seem good to men, and there are a lot of people who are trying these ways that seem good, but if you are one of these people you had better read what Wisdom says: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12.

In modern day Christianity we find people who pretend to be living Christian lives, but when the direct question is put to them as to their relationship with Jesus and whether or not they have really had ar

experience with Him, we find that they are dead while they live; they have the cart before the horse, trying to live a Christian life without Christ living in them. This is like men trying to build a house without a foundation, and it doesn't take a lot of wisdom to understand that a house without a foundation can not stand up. (Luke 6:49)

Jesus spoke of some religious people who would come to Him in that day and tell of all the good things that they have done in His name, but His answer to them is very sad in deed, even to think about. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not propheised in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:22-23. Notice, if you will, that Jesus calls their work the work of iniquity, though it was done in His name. I have asked people in my day, this question: Are you saved? and the person would answer something like this: Well, I am trying to be, I am doing my best. Many people who are doing their best, or think that they are, are going to land in hell, because their doing doesn't come from a heart where Jesus Christ Himself dwells by the Spirit. It isn't doing our best that is going to give us entrance into that heavenly country, but it is the BEST, which is Christ in us that will give us free passage into that glory world when the saints go marching in; and there won't be any question marks on us either.

The unbeliever, the sinner, is spiritually dead, and he must be recreated in order to do works that are acceptable to God. Paul makes this clear in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Being created in Christ comes before there can be any good works as we can see in this Scripture. The dead man has to be quickened before he can work for the Lord, and dead he is without Jesus. The spiritually dead are made alive in union with Him, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved)" Ephesians 2:5. If Christ lives in you, and you are alive in a union with Him, have been quickened together with Him, you will certainly want to work for Him to glorify His good name.

(To be continued)

Radio Broadcast

Elder Rex Hunt, of Tracy, Ky., can be heard every Sunday on Radio Station, WEEN, Lafayette, Tenn. This is 1460 on the radio dial. The broadcasts are 7:30 — 8:00 A. M. The public is invited to listen to these programs.

Parents start school to emphasize God

© New York Times News Service

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — Strains of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and morning prayers are filling a once abandoned one-room school house near this St. Louis suburb that was converted for use by parents upset with the anti-Christian philosophy that they say the public schools have fed their children.

The school, found surrounded by weeds next to a cornfield, was purchased and cleaned, the curriculum planned and students recruited within 30 days. The organizing was accomplished by members of a fundamentalist Baptist Church led by a woman who contends that she and the parents were "led by God."

Mrs. Charles J. Rogers, 33, the wife of an aerospace executive, said that she and the 10 families of the Bethany Baptist Church had prayed all summer for a solution to their common problem: How to educate their children with emphasis on traditional Christian values that they believed the public schools were subverting through the use of liberal textbooks and controversial lectures.

What sparked the dissent was the use of a textbook series at Hardin Junior High School that some parents said contained gutter language, ethnic slurs and anti-American sentiment.

In addition, the parents who started the Christian school said that their unrest had been spurred by the scheduled appearance of two self-proclaimed witches before a high school English class and the actual appearance of Delores Taylor, the star of the movie "Billy Jack," at the June graduation exercises at St. Charles High School.

Cites rape scene

"You know, there was a very explicit rape scene in that movie," proclaimed Mrs. Rogers, not hiding her anger. "I'm also told she wore blue jeans at commencement and urged the students to 'Do your own thing.'"

But the chief complaint of the parents was over the textbook series, "Promise of America," written by Philip Roden, an Evanston, Ill., high school teacher, and Larry Cuban, a teacher in Washington, D.C.

The furor over the books was as strong as that caused last spring by the scheduled appearances of the witches, which school officials ultimately canceled under a court order.

In response to the book protest, school officials have allowed almost 20 per cent of the 700 eighth graders at Hardin to enroll in an alternate class. The students had boycotted the social studies course that uses the series.

Leading the protest over the books is a group of businessmen who say that they have obtained 1,000 signatures on petitions opposing continued use of the series.

Some selections in the series of four books contain swear words and such ethnic terms as nigger and Polack. Critics of the businessmen say that these terms are being taken out of context to build a case for their removal from the school.

Roden, in an interview, said the series was being used in several other communities "without controversy."

He says that the books portray an accurate social history of the United States.

To Mrs. Rogers, however, the books she discovered her two teen-age sons using in class were "profane, socialistic and the most seriously anti-American and anti-Christian things I had ever seen."

The two boys, John, 14, and Gregg, 13, are among the 29 pupils enrolled in the Christian school, which uses a system of learning in which students are primarily taught by programmed tape recordings.

The program is called Accelerator Christian Education and was developed by a Texas educator, Dr. Donald Howard,

State education officials say that the school meets legal requirements although it does not have certified teachers.

Watch For Expiration

(The Louisville Courier-Journal)

Country Parson



"The most important thing most of us can do for the world is to improve ourselves."

EDITOR VISITS ALABAMA

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Birmingham.

There were 67 churches in the association and three more came into the fellowship of the body making a total of 70 churches with over 10,000 old-fashioned Baptists in that association. The editor had hoped to have a picture of the meeting place before press time but didn't. Another report will be made later if possible.

We were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Turley, 940 Rockingham Rd., Birmingham, Ala., on Tuesday night. We thank God for the hospitality shown us in this home and at the Association. On this night we attended the night session of the association which was a worship service. Testimonies and rejoicing began at 7:00 P. M. and continued until 10:00 P. M. We were convinced we had found over 10,000 Baptists who believed, preached and practiced as we do in our churches and associations. Those Baptists who think there are no true Baptists in the world after you get out of their community or county, should have been there. They should get out and do some visiting sometime.

These people rejoiced and thanked the Lord that they had found out there were sound Baptists as they were in the states north of them. Let's pray God's blessing upon them as they have promised to pray for us.

EDITOR AND MRS. VANDERPOOL ON BIBLE LANDS TOUR

When you receive this copy of the BAPTIST BANNER, the editor and wife with others from Madison, Tenn., Chattanooga and Nashville, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky. the Lord willing, will be on a tour of Bible Lands — Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel — Oct. 30-Nov. 7. Reports and pictures of the tour will be in the BANNER in future issues.

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

Children of Permissive Parents Most Likely to Take Drugs, Research Reveals

By SELIG ADLER

Children of permissive parents have a greater chance to become hooked on hard drugs than those whose parents are strict but affectionate, says one of the world's top drug psychologists.

Dr. Richard H. Blum, who led 10 scientific researchers in a three-year study of almost 1,000 middle-class parents and children, added: "As scientists, we were surprised to find that the best protection a child can have against drugs is the old-fashioned group of moral virtues.

"Families that believed in God and country, went to church regularly, loved their children but disciplined them strictly and respected the police were not bothered with a drug problem.

"But families that believed children must be free to 'find themselves,' that practiced no religion or very little and that mistrusted or were disrespectful of authority generally had youngsters who took to drugs.

"We found the contrast very striking and consistent between these two families in terms of child drug-abuse," said Dr. Blum, Stanford University

research associate, consultant to the White House Special Action Office on Drug Abuse Prevention and chairman of the International Group on Drug Legislation in Geneva, Switzerland.

He pointed out that data gathered during the study can now be used to predict with 90 percent accuracy which children are high drug risks and which have a low risk of becoming involved with drugs.

High-risk children have parents who are not only permissive but who drink more liquor and pop more pills than the mothers and fathers of low-risk children.

Fathers in high-risk families are more likely to be working in the professional and artistic fields and their incomes are much higher — half of those studied earned more than \$25,000 a year — than fathers in low-risk families, said Dr. Blum.

Even their politics are sharply different, he added.

High-risk families are usually radical left-wing liberals, while low-risk families are more often politically conservative, Dr. Blum's study showed. — Enquirer

As The Twig Is Bent So Shall It Grow

A little girl with shining eyes
Her little face aglow;
Said: "Daddy, it is almost time
For Sunday School, Let's go.
They teach us there of Jesus' love
Of how he died for all.
Upon the cruel cross to save
Those who on Him will call."
"Oh, no!" said Daddy. "Not today,
I've worked hard all week,
I must have one day of rest,
I'm going to the creek,
And fishing's fine they say,
So run along don't bother me,
We'll go to church some other
day."
Months and years have passed
away,
But Daddy hears that plea no
more:
"Let's go to Sunday school."
She says, "Oh Daddy, not today.
I stayed up almost all night
And I've just got to get some
sleep—
Besides I look a fright."
Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand

To brush away the tears,
As again he hears the pleading
voice,
Distinctly through the years.
He sees a small girl's shining face,
Upturned, with eyes aglow,
As she says, "It's time for Sunday
school,
Please Daddy, won't you go?"

ONE DAY -- A GOODBYE FOREVER?

"...THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT..."
— MATT. 24: 40-41; LUKE 17: 34-36



MISSIONS NEEDED IN THE HOME, TOO

Move Made For Ministerial School

On Sunday, October 1, 1972, in New Business of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, the subject of a ministerial school, especially for young ministers, was presented to the messenger body of the Association.

Elder Kenneth W. Massey, pastor of Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., reported that Old Union Church had voted to sponsor the school and was offering their building and other facilities for said purpose.

The Association in its recommendation of the school to the churches voted unanimously on the motion. Since the Associational meeting, Old Union Baptist Church in regular business meeting has elected a five-member committee to act under the authority of the church to be responsible for the dates, classes, subjects, teachers, etc. of the school. Probably, the first school will be in the spring of 1973, with only a few days. Any news or information concerning this matter will be announced through this publication. It is hoped that each young minister will take the advantage of this opportunity. Any minister or church wishing to endorse this school or to receive any information on the matter may write to: Old Union Baptist Church, c-o Elder Kenneth W. Massey 2416 Shamrock Dr., Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

Why I Don't Go To Sunday School

First, I just don't love the Lord and His church enough.

Second, they are always asking me to do something: be Sunday school superintendent, or teach a class.

Third, I don't think it is all that important to be in Sunday school every Sunday.

Fourth, I work hard and that is the only day in the week I can sleep late.

Fifth, we have a lot of company, and of course they never come dressed to go to church, and I just don't have enough spunk to go to church and leave them at home.

Sixth, I get enough religion by just attending the Sunday morning preaching service.

Seventh, I visit our folks almost every week-end.

Nine, I am sick a lot on Sunday. Of course I'm able to go to work on Monday; but Sunday—it just kills me.

Roy Sims, Bulletin.