

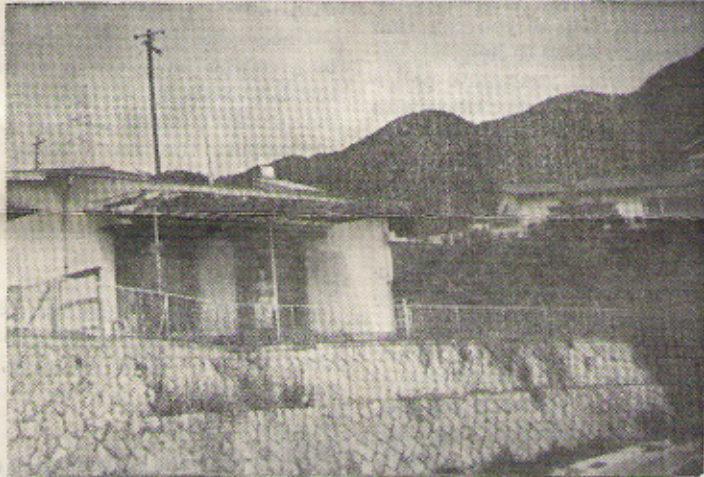
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Home of Missionary



Pictured above is the home where Elder and Mrs. James H. Smith live in Tokuyama, Japan. Sister Smith is pictured standing on front porch.

Letter To Readers Of Baptist Banner

2-Ku, Kogushi
Ube City, Yamaguchi Ken
Japan
December 8, 1966

Dear Brother & Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of the Lord from the harvest field of Japan. Jesus said in Matthew Chapter 13 that the "field" is the world. We know God's will is that all people in all nations would hear the good news of His plan of salvation for lost and dying mankind. We also know that it is God's plan to use human instrumentality, that is His redeemed children to carry the "Good News." Man cannot make the "Word" effective, only God can do that. However, we have the great responsibility of humbly submitting ourselves to the leadership of God's Spirit in order that our

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Paul Harvey Writes Open Letter To Dixie

Editor's Note: Although the following open letter from radio commentator Paul Harvey has received wide publicity, we feel it is worth reprinting here.

Chicago — Dear Dixie:

Can you possibly find it in your heart to accept our sincere apology? When there was race rioting in Little Rock, Arkansas, we were convinced that the cause was callousness. Our public officials and our press in Chicago insisted that the only two reasons for Negroes restiveness were your segregated schools and your stubborn governor. We in Chicago, with intergrated schools and a very liberal governor are now writhing in the agony of race rioting. And as we seek to set our house in order, we hope your headlines will be kinder to us than ours were to you.

Confused, Ashamed

And when a Mississippi Negro boy was

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The Christian Life

By James H. Smith
Missionary to Japan

I. The Christian's Mission and Work

Christ has saved us for service, and not as some think, that He has just saved us to carry us to heaven when life here is finished. Christians have a work to do while they live upon this earth to the glory and praise of our Saviour; He expects us to be used by Him, and if we will be used of Him, He will nourish and develop us so that we can be of help to others. Are other people being blessed by your life? If not, you are failing the purpose of God in your very life.

I. The Development of the New Life.

The Christian's mission is to work out and exemplify that life implanted in him when he became a Christian. He is a disciple, that is a learner, in the school of Christ. (Matthew 28:19) The Spirit of Christ lives in him, and this Spirit strives to bring every thought into subjection to Christ. (Galatians 2:20; II Corinthians 10:5). Christians are to work out their salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in him, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:12, 13) As we yield to God, He works through us, and works out His will in our lives.

An undeveloped Christian is called a babe. I Peter 2:2. He said, "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." The new born babe is very weak, there is lack of knowledge to a great extent of what is right and what is wrong; and there is very little knowledge of what the will of the Lord is concerning his life. Then the Christian is sometimes called a soldier. II Timothy 2:3.

When a soldier enters the army, he knows very little about how to serve, but he is given training and discipline, and by this he soon begins to understand the rules. So he then becomes a useful service man and can perform his duty well. So it is with a new Christian; he knows that he has been saved and is in

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For The Children

By Mrs. Larry Snoddy
Adairville, Ky.

1. When Moses was born, Pharoah was having all the sons that were born _____
2. Moses' mother hid him for _____ months.
3. Then she hid him in a small ark in the _____
4. Moses' _____ stood by to see what would happen to him.
5. _____ came to the river to bathe and found him.
6. Moses' _____ was allowed to nurse him.
7. The name Moses means _____
8. God spoke to Moses from a _____
9. God told Moses to take the children of Israel out of _____
10. God gave Moses _____ to show that He had sent him.

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found drowned, we in Chicago, called this the "inevitable result of a white-supremacy tradition." Now a Negro girl, 14 and pregnant, has been shot to death on the front porch of her own home in Chicago and we are confused and ashamed — and frightened.

What are we doing wrong that has made eight square miles of our city a battleground? Help us, if you can find it in your own hurt heart to help.

And Alabama, when your state police were photographed subduing rioters with night sticks, Chicago's bold-face front pages condemned you for "indefensible brutality." Now Illinois State Police have resorted to armored cars and cracking skulls and shooting to kill . . .

Your governor has alleged that "Communists are fomenting this strife." We scoffed.

Georgia: When you were photographed in the act of turning back crowds of marching children — we could not control ourselves. "The very idea," the Chicago press editorialized, "that youngsters should be considered a menace sufficient to justify the use of tear gas!"

Now, in our own asphalt jungle, we have seen Negro youngsters of 9, 10, 11—advance on police with drawn guns or broken bottles — screaming "Kill Whitey!"

And we used gas and clubs and dogs and guns and, God forgive us, what else could we do! Can you, Georgia, forgive us, too?

We tried the patience we had preached. Honest, we did. We tried so desperately that seven policemen were shot the other night, two of them through the back. So, in the end, we resorted to methods more brutal than yours. But, don't you see, we had to!

He Listens

And our mayor listened to the Negroes' leaders, as he so often admonished you to do. He had listened, he had made compromises and concessions and he had offered sacrificial police officials and school officials — but they kept coming from so many directions with so many demands — and then to keep the fire hydrants gushing for their playing children during the city's most critical drought.

Dear Dixie, perhaps we have not yet learned fully to appreciate what you have been trying to do to effect evolution without revolution — but for whatever belated comfort it may be, from our glass house we will not be throwing any more stones at you . . . for a while.



The Editor Says

Thanks

Once again I offer my thanks to each of you who have shown on interest in the BANNER by subscribing, renewing your subscription or sending in offerings to support the work. Some churches have sent in donations for a bundle to be mailed to the church or to be sent to individuals. Will your church do this?

Ordination

Bro. Raymond Hargis was recently ordained to the work of the ministry by Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Missionaries

Remember the missionaries on the various fields in your prayers and also by your financial support. They are worthy of both. You will find their names and addresses listed in the BANNER.

Letters

I would like to acknowledge the many nice letters, and ONE of a different flavor, that I have received since we began the publication of the paper. I would like to publish all of them, but space hasn't permitted. We think the Lord for your kindness and interest shown in this work. Keep the letters coming, I appreciate each of them. Thanks for the Christmas cards sent to Alta and me.

Closing Thought

Remember, your empty pew always places a question mark after your profession of faith.

Successful Revival

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1032 South Holmes Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana recently enjoyed a successful revival. There were 12 professions of faith with 20 additions to the church.

Elder James Oliver, the pastor, was assisted by Elder William Johnson of Lafayette, Tenn. The singing was directed by Elder Tommy Langford of Pleasant Shade, Tenn.

The Christian Life

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a new relationship, but he doesn't know much about what to do, or how to serve. Therefore, he must receive training from the proper standard, that is, from the Word of the Lord. God's Word will teach him what the will of the Lord is for his life.

A Christian, like a soldier in the army, must learn to endure hardships. Christians don't always have an easy time, the path isn't always smooth. We must learn that the faithful Christian life is the way to the cross. Paul told Timothy, "Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ; if we are not enduring some hardships for the Lord's sake, it is very evident that we are not pleasing our Master." Many Christians retreat when the way gets hard. So many are not willing to suffer for our dear Master, who suffered so much for us. Christians in New Testament times rejoiced when they had to suffer. "And they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Acts 5:41. The more we have to suffer for the Lord the greater the joy, but many people have never learned this.

2. To Bring Others to Know and Serve Christ

Every Christian should be a witness to our Lord Jesus Christ from the youngest to the eldest. We believe that there is a spontaneous impulse in every child of God to bring others to know Christ; we, who have been blessed by Him, certainly desire that others come into a saving relation with our Lord. If He has satisfied the longing of our heart, surely we would want somebody else to have an experience with Him. If Jesus is what we claim Him to be and what He claimed to be Himself, we shouldn't be ashamed to tell others about Him. If we had a dreadful disease and were to consult a doctor, and he were to prescribe some medicine for the disease, and we took the medicine and recovered, it would be the height of selfishness to keep that a secret from someone else who had the same disease. Certainly we would want to recommend that doctor and his remedy to the other person. Jesus told the man out of whom He had cast out the legion of devils, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Mark 5:19.

3. To Apply Christianity To All of Life

Christians ought to take the Lord Jesus Christ as a partner in all walks of

life. Whatever we undertake to do, however small, we should ask the Lord to help us in it. That which we do that is not worth doing in the name of the Lord and not worth asking His help in, should be left off in the first place. In things that are worldly and sinful, of course, the Lord wouldn't help us, even if we asked.

Any Christian living in any community, if he or she is practicing his or her religion in daily life, will have an influence for good in that community. Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth; Ye are the light of the world." Matthew 5:13, 14.

People talk about improving social conditions in certain communities; they say if we make good social conditions, that will make good men. But they have the order backward. Good men make a good society and not the reverse. I have had bad social conditions, and some Godly Christian families moved into the common-known communities where there were many, they lived their religion in their daily lives, they talked of Christ, they invited preachers into the community to preach the Gospel, and over a period of a few years they had a good society; a good neighborhood in which to live and rear their children.

The first thing that we should do before starting out in our daily activities is to ask God to help us in our work, whether in secular work or otherwise. The Lord will walk by our side if we want Him. If we run into problems, He will help us, and there is no problem too hard for Him to solve. If we are living for the Lord and taking Him to be by our side, the people around us will notice the difference, and they might comment about it; and again, they might ask us the question, "What is it in your life that seems so different?" If a person professes to be a Christian, and walks up and down in this earth and contacts people, and talks with people, and they don't see that he is different from the world, I doubt very much whether or not that person truly knows the Lord.

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Fellowship Meeting

The next Baptist Fellowship Meeting is to be on Friday night, January 13, at Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Bro. Horace Head is to preach and subjects of interest are to be discussed. Ministers, Deacons and laymen are invited.

I Agree

WASHINGTON—Rep. Adam Clayton Powell was threatened recently with a move to prevent him from taking his House seat in this month if he does not come to terms with the law.

Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin, D-Calif., set in motion a chain of events that could lead to expulsion of the Harlem democrat from Congress.

"At a time when great criticism is being directed at young people for lax morals and unethical practices," Van Deerlin said "it is more than ever the responsibility of Congress to set an example for moral and ethical conduct."

Van Deerlin said his decision to try to deny the 22-year veteran Negro congressman his seat was prompted by a New York State Supreme Court order recently for Powell's arrest any day of the week, including Sunday. He is also a Baptist preacher.

The order called for jailing Powell for 30 days. But he faces imprisonment for an additional year and 30 days for defying court orders that he settle a \$164,000 judgment stemming from a Harlem widow's successful defamation suit against him.

Van Deerlin said Powell's status with the law meant he could not serve in the armed forces.

"It would be a monstrous perversion of patriotism and morality if a man who would be barred from serving his country in uniform because of unlawful acts should be allowed a voice in policies which affect the lives of men who do serve," Van Deerlin said.

(I agree with Rep. Van Deerlin. What has happened to reason and consistency in Washington?—Editor)

Quotes

If this government itself is ever demoralized it will come from trying to live without work.

—Abraham Lincoln

I have had more trouble with myself than with any other person I know.

—D. L. Moody

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

—Mark Twain

Dog or Church?

HALBERTON. England—A 76-year-old widow who takes her dog to church every Sunday said recently if the dog is prevented from taking communion with her she will stop going to church.

"My little Pip means everything to me," said Florence Cox. "She's all I've got. When I take communion I give her a bit of the water and a little wine on my finger.

"No one has ever said this is wrong and I see no harm in it. But if they stop me I shall stop attending church."

(Editor's note. Well—I, just won't say here what I think about the whole situation!) P. S. Even though she does love her dog.

On The Lighter Side

Many years ago there was a little country church in south central Kentucky whose preacher received a very meager salary in cash but an awful lot of farm produce in lieu of money. One Sunday in late November, the minister, somewhat unhappy over the situation, laid his cards squarely on the table, if you'll pardon the expression.

"Brothers and sisters," he said from the pulpit, "I've been preaching to this congregation for five years. Every year about this time, when you kill hogs, you send all the pig feet and shank bones to the preacher.

"Now I feel it only fair to warn you that if I'm going to continue as your preacher, I'm going to have to start eating a little higher up on the hog."

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life, our testimony, and our teaching in every moment, every day, on every occasion would be what God would be pleased with and thereby that His blessings would be upon it. Our sincere desire is to get the message of God out to this people in this field of labor and that they would open their hearts to the God who called me to come here and who also is walking with me every step of the way through His Holy Spirit.

Last week we received an order of Gospel Tracts. We will be passing them out as the Lord leads, to try to reach the people who do not go to Church and who do not know the true God or Jesus, the Saviour of the world. We pray that as they read the Gospel messages, they will desire to know more about the Lord and come out to the services. The boys are a help to us in passing out tracts, as some people will take them from the children quicker than from Shirley and me.

We are truly thankful for the ones who continue coming to the services here but how we long to see them saved.

In October, the Lord burdened my heart to start trying to preach in Japanese. Since that time I have been occasionally preaching in Japanese as the Lord leads. I am still very limited in my thinking and speaking in the language, and must continue my study of grammar, the meaning of words, and the Japanese Bible in order to preach in Japanese as much as possible. We must learn a new word for everything and sometimes our head feels like it would just not hold another word. However, as we look to the Lord, He always gives us help. I know that without Him we could not do it.

We spent Thanksgiving with Brother and Sister Smith and we certainly enjoyed the good fellowship. It is good to be able to meet together with fellow missionaries that believes as we do, and discuss the work of the Lord here in this nation. We desire that you continue to pray for the lost people who are coming to all the services.

We pray that all of you will have a joyous and blessed Christmas.

Yours for the Lord,
Dexter Bacon, Jr.

Little By Little

Little by little the time goes by—
Short, if we sing through it; long if
we sigh.

Little by little—an hour, a day
Gone with the years that have van-
ished away.

Little by little the race is run;
It's not how long, but how well we
have done.

Contributed by
Miss Jenell Charlton

Radio Broadcasts

Elder Tommy Ashford conducts a broadcast each Sunday at 2:30-3:00 P.M. on WJLE, Smithville, Tenn. (1480 on dial.)

Elder W. T. Russell, pastor of Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., conducts a broadcast each Sunday at 8:30-9:00 A.M., on WBGN, Bowling Green, Ky. (1340 on dial.)

Elder Ray Smith conducts broadcast of Parkwood Baptist Church each Sunday at 9:30-10:00 A.M. on WENO, Madison, Tenn. (1430 on dial.)

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., broadcasts each Sunday at 1:30-2:00 P.M., on WKCT, Bowling Green. (930 on the dial.) Broadcasts conducted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor.

Elder Jimmy Suttle and Elder Rex Hunt have a broadcast each Sunday, 7:00-7:30 A.M. over Station WLCK, Scottsville, Ky.

For The Children

Answers to questions on page 2.

ANSWERS:

1. Killed. Exodus 1:22.
2. 3. Exodus 2:2.
3. Reeds of the river. Exodus 2:3.
4. Sister. Exodus 2:4.
5. Pharaoh's daughter. Exodus 2:5.
6. Mother. Exodus 2:7-9.
7. Drawn out of the water. Exodus 2:10.
8. Burning bush. Exodus 3:4-22, 4:1-23.
9. Egypt. Exodus 3:10.
10. A rod. Exodus 4:2-17.