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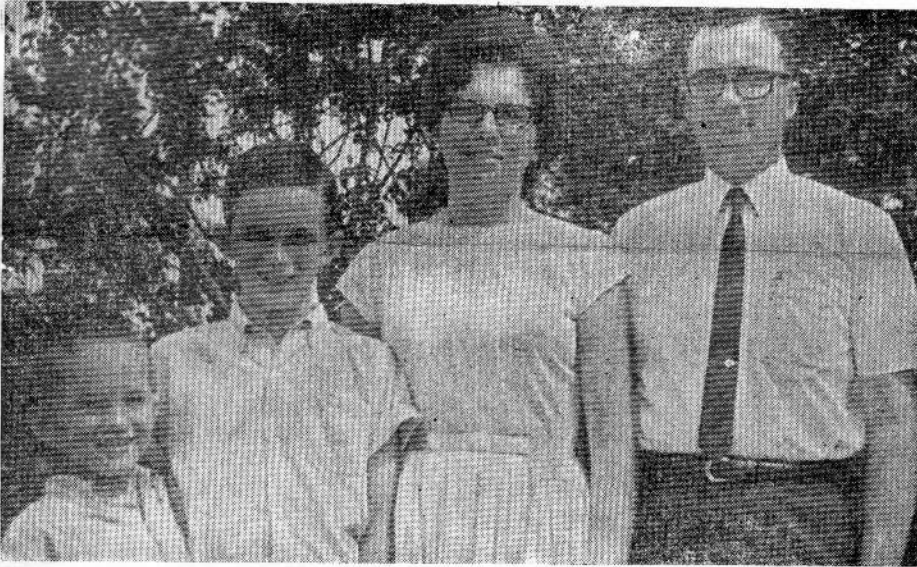
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Elder and Mrs. Dexter Bacon, Jr. and sons, David, 11, and Danny, 6.

Ube City, Yamaguchi Ken
2-Ku, Kogushi
Japan
September 29, 1966

Elder H. C. Vanderpool
2303 Grandview Drive
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

We certainly enjoy reading the Bap-

tist Banner and hearing of our Lord's work among the churches there. May our Lord richly bless your work, is our prayer.

We are very thankful for all of God's blessings toward us and we are learning more and more the depth of Jesus' words, Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.

The boys seem to be doing pretty well in their studies here at home. David is in the sixth grade and Danny is in the first.

There is much opposition to Christianity here in this nation. There have been some people come to the services regular for awhile and then all at once just quit coming maybe when they begin to realize a few things about the Living God and that man is a sinner by nature. It hurts us very much when this happens, but the unbelieving families and friends have a great influence and power over them. And I know that it is our duty to keep on trying to reach them with the Gospel through the leadership of God's Spirit.

been bowing in the altar for prayer in each service for sometime and she seems to be very concerned about her salvation. The Lord has placed a great

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The Unpardonable Sin: What Is It?

By P. D. Ballard, Lindsay, Okla.

This question has met with many answers and I suppose there are others yet to come; but I will list just a few of them for your consideration.

Genesis 6:3 is often quoted ("My Spirit shall not always strive with man"), but it refers directly to those living before the flood. God warns them through the preaching of Noah that their doom was forth coming unless they heed the woosings of God's Spirit and Noah's message. About one hundred and twenty years after this warning, God's Spirit stopped striving with the antediluvian world. That is, about one hundred and twenty years after it was first announced. This happened in fulfillment of the above text. It is not directly applicable to this age. However, God will cease dealing with this generation some day, but this text has no direct reference to our age.

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New Church Organized At Clinton, Ohio

Another Missionary Baptist Church was organized on Saturday afternoon, July 30 1966, at Clinton, Ohio. The Mission there had operated as an extended arm from Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio since October, 1965.

The new church was named Clinton Missionary Baptist Church, and was organized with twelve constituent members. Elder Charles R. Moore, who had been working with the mission, was called as pastor.

The rules of decorum, church covenant and eighteen articles of faith as found in J. M. Pendleton's Baptist Church Manual were adopted by the new church. It petitioned to the Siloam Baptist Association on September 30, and was received into its fellowship.

Brethren Ordained At Ohio Church

An all-day ordination service was held at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio, on Sunday, July 31. Bro. Thurman Tillman was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, and brethren David Calvert and M. T. Tillman were ordained as Deacons.

There were seventeen in the presbytery representing ten churches from the Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Baptist Associations. A great day in the Lord is reported with a wonderful fellowship.

Elder Calvin Perrigo is the pastor of Liberty church and, they together, are doing a good work for the Lord in that area of Ohio.

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Letter From Bro. Bacon

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One of the high school students has concern in our hearts for her and we sincerely request that each of you would remember her in a special way in your prayers that she would be brought down in humble repentance and be saved. If just one, this girl, could be saved, then it would manifest God's saving power to the others and she herself could be a witness for Him.

We are thankful for each one. We can't find the words to fully express our feelings, but from the depths of our hearts we say to each one, thank you and may our Good Master richly repay each of you is our prayer. The Lord in Heaven being our Guide and Overseer we sincerely desire to use our blessings in the way most pleasing to Him who called me to this work. We came walking by faith and our God has proved to us beyond a shadow of a doubt that He will be with us every step of the way. Praise His Holy Name! God's people as they have been led of God are backing us up with their prayers, and providing the means with which we are able to work in this mission field, and I know that the Lord in Heaven has the complete record.

I am still studying the language and Japanese Bible each week. There is so much that I need to learn and remember, to be able to better serve Him.

We are certainly glad that Bro. and Sister Smith are back in this field. It is good to know that they are just up the coast a little ways.

Occasionally we get some mail addressed to our old address in Yamaguchi Shi and as far as we know the postoffice there is forwarding it all on to us here in Ube City. However, to avoid any of our mail being lost we request that any correspondence to us be addressed to the address I will list below.

We desire your prayers very much. Without God's blessings and power, we would be helpless. We pray that all of the Churches would be richly blessed there in our homeland and many souls be saved.

Sincerely in Him,
Eld. Dexter Bacon, Jr.
2-Ku, Kogushi,
Ube City, Yamaguchi Ken
Japan

Below is a list of our offerings for the three month period of June, July and August:

West End Baptist Church, Tenn.,	27.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Indiana,	190.73
Poptar Springs Bap. Church, Ky.	79.66
Kokomo Baptist Church, Indiana,	55.00
Union No. 2 Baptist Church, Ky.,	97.14
Harmony Baptist Church, Ind.,	33.42
McFerrin Baptist Church, Tenn.	81.04
Dixon Creek Bapt. Church, Tenn.,	30.91
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Tenn.,	23.75
Faith Baptist Church, Tenn.,	60.00
Rocky Grove Bapt. Church Tenn.,	25.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Ind.,	43.18
Siloam Baptist Church, Kentucky,	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wiley, Ind.,	15.00
Liberty Miss. Baptist Church, Ohio,	27.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matthews, Ky.,	5.00
Elder Charles DeWeese, Kentucky.,	5.00
Eld and Mrs. Rex Hunt, Kentucky,	20.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kentucky,	70.83
Cedar Grove Bapt. Church, Ky.,	45.00
Beckner Drive Bapt. Church, Ky.,	10.00
Lyons Baptist Church, Kentucky,	50.00
Miss Grace Simmons, Kentucky,	20.00
Fairview Memorial Bapt. Ch. Ky.,	58.11
Mr. and Mr. Dexter Bacon, Ky.,	20.00
Elder and Mrs. C. G. Morrison, Ky.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Bacon, Ky.,	35.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregory, Ky.,	12.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Clark, Ind.,	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wright, Ky.,	50.00

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CHILDREN

For The

By Mrs. Larry Snoddy
Adairville, Ky.

CREATION

This month the Bible study for the children is on the creation.

1. Who created the heaven and the earth?
2. How many days did it take?
3. What did God do on the seventh day?
4. Who was the first man that God created?
5. Who was the first woman that God created?
6. Where was Adam and Eve's first home?
7. From what was man made?
8. Woman was made from the _____ of man.
9. Adam and Eve were sent from the garden for _____
10. Who told Eve to eat the forbidden fruit?

(After getting your answers and filling in the words, turn to page 4 and check to see how many you have correct.)

Missionary Writes

6770 Kongozan
Tokuyama-shi
Yamaguchi-Ken, Japan

Dear Friends:

We are now at our new location in Tokuyama, Japan. Annie Laura arrived in Tokyo September 3rd, and I went up to meet her at the air port, and we spent two weeks in the Tokyo-Yakohama area. While we were in that area, held a few night's meeting at Brother John Blalock's church in Yokohama. We stayed the two weeks in Brother Bla-

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Missionary Writes

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lock's house there in Yokohama. Brother Blaock and family are still in the States and will be for some time yet. They had a bad automobile accident in the state of Texas while on their way back West to make some preparation for their return to Japan. His wife was hurt rainer seriously, and his youngest son's neck was broken and his body paralyzed. So they won't be coming back to Japan for a while at least. These dear people need your prayers very much.

I found a house for our mission here in Tokuyama some months ago, and I have been holding services there since the first of July but it was some time later before I found us a place of residence. But the Lord provided the place in His own time. Just one day before I left to meet my wife, when she was coming into Japan, I found us a house here in Tokuyama. We like our place very much. It is situated on a mountain slope near the foot of the mountain. The house sets on a terraced place which has been built up at the foot of the mountain. There are only two houses on this one terrace. It is a clean and quite place. We must do some repairing and painting on the place, but I got it cheap enough so that I can afford to do some fixing up on it. We get both the mission house and our place of residence for about sixty dollars a month. I will try to send in some pictures of the places in the near future.

Both of us are a little tired and worn from all the work and buying that had to be done in setting up housekeeping all over again. Starting from scratch in a new location isn't such an easy task. But the Lord gives strength for every day. There are some problems for foreigners in setting up in a new location, but we find help in the Lord, and He provides in a marvelous way. Everybody in this community were strangers to us, but the man and his wife who live next door soon came over and offered their assistance; they are very kind and helpful. So this too is the Lord's blessing to His servants. I just hope and Pray that we can show the Spirit of the Lord Jesus before them in such a way that they would want to know Him, who is altogether lovely.

Brother Bacon and family came up to our service Sunday night of this week, and we were so glad to see them and have them in our service. They don't have Sunday night services as yet; so they come quite often to our service

at night. We are not having Sunday morning services as yet; so we will be visiting in their services once in a while. It is wonderful to have fellowship with missionaries who believe as we do. Brother Bacon and family are a great help to us and I just hope that we can be of some help and encouragement to them.

We want to make special request for prayer. There are lost people attending all of our services, both here in Tokuyama and at Brother Bacon's place in Ube. Your prayers can be of great help. So don't forget us when you go to the Lord in prayer. Also, continue to pray for the church and the work in Hiroshima. The pastor and people there need your prayers.

Please note our new address at the heading of the letter.

Yours, under the blood of Christ Jesus,
James H. Smith

Unpardonable Sin

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Some seem to try to scare people into believing their doctrine by telling them that a refusal of their ideas is the sin against the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost), and therefore unpardonable. Some of the "Pentecostal" folk have been known to say that refusing their theory on unknown tongues is apt to be the unpardonable sin. But a theory that twists, misinterprets, and misapplies God's eternal word should be avoided, not believed. For there is no sin in refusing a man-made doctrine. In fact, to obey them is to refuse Holy Spirit leadership. This is just the opposite to sinning against the Holy Spirit. Therefore, don't allow any modern heretic to scare you into believing his doctrine. After all, scared religion is not pure religion, James 1:27, and will not be able to stand the testing period ahead.

THE CAMPBELLITES, self-styled "Church of Christ", have their own ideas relative to what the unpardonable sin is. Just listen to what a few of their leading men have to say about it.

Mr. E. C. Fuqua, in debate with Elder J. N. Hall, says that membership in a Baptist Church is the sin against the Holy Ghost. So, according to him, a Baptist cannot receive pardon.

Mr. A. C. Grider claims there is no Baptist in Christ. Therefore being a Baptist must be the unpardonable sin.

Again, Mr. Grider says ONE CANNOT GET TO HEAVEN IN A BAPTIST

CHURCH. So all Baptists will go to hell. Therefore being a Baptist is the unpardonable sin, according to Grider.

Again, Grider says ALL BAPTISTS ARE GOING TO HELL. Undoubtedly, Mr. A. C. Grider believes being a Baptist is the unpardonable sin.

Mr. Roy E. Cogdill said Elder D. N. Jackson is going to hell for believing Baptist doctrine. So he believes that Baptist doctrine sends people to hell, but Grider and Fuqua believe Baptist Church membership is what condemns men beyond redemption, provided men die members of a Baptist Church. These Preachers are just about as well agreed on this subject as they are any other.

The facts are, the self-styled "Church of Christ" believes a refusal of their water baptism and membership in their 1827 model church (?) is the unpardonable sin. Since Baptists refuse to obey their orders they consign us to the flames as hopeless creatures.

The Bible is very plain on what the Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is. Matt. 12:32 tells us that it is a speaking against the Holy Ghost. Jesus gave his warning because many were falsely accusing the Holy Spirit. They were claiming the work of the Holy Ghost was that of Beelzebub. Matt. 12:24.

Campbellite preachers have been known more times than one to enter a school house where other religious gatherings had been and claim they were shooting the Holy Ghost out of the building. I fear such mockery and mockers have sealed their doom.

Suffice it to say, Jesus was not warning the saved relative to the unpardonable sin. He was speaking to lost Pharisees. Matt. 12:24.

Thanksgiving

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour, and back of the flour is the mill;
And back of the mill is the wheat, and the shower, and the sun, and the Father's will."

Thanksgiving is good; thanksgiving is better.

You'll be thankful if you are thankful.

Let us thank God and take courage.

Get out of Grumble Lane and live on Thanksgiving Street.—Moody.

The man who said, "Opportunity knocks at every man's door but once," was wrong, for every day opportunity knocks at your door; it's born anew with the rising sun. It's yours to grasp if you're awake to your chance.

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Union Hill Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Nine additions to the church. Pastor D. C. Russell was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. One profession of faith with eight additions to the church. Pastor L. W. Smith was assisted by Elder Willie Riggs

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Two professions of faith with eight additions to the church. Pastor W. E. Massey was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Siloam Association Met In 14th Annual Session

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association convened in its fourteenth annual session with Macedonia Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky., on Sept. 30 through Oct. 2.

Officers elected were: Elder F. W. Lambert, Moderator, Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treasurer.

Elder W. E. Massey preached the Introductory Sermon the first day, the Memorial Sermon the second day was delivered by Elder James G. Beal and Elder J. D. Birdwell preached the Doctrinal Sermon the third day.

Two new churches petitioned and were received into the fellowship. They were Durham's Springs Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky., and Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Ohio. Thirty churches represented from Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio.

QUOTES

One of the best ways to get on your FEET is to first get on your KNEES.

* * *

Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God ever intended he should be.

Fellowship Meeting Friday Nov. 18

There is to be a Fellowship Meeting on Friday, November 18, at old Union Baptist Church, Warren County, Ky., on Highway 240 between Allen Springs and Woodburn. Services are to begin at 7 P. M.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially Baptist ministers. The last Fellowship Meeting was held with Parkwood Baptist Church, Nashville, on October 13.

The BANNER is receiving substantial support through these meetings. Also a study is underway to establish a Baptist library at a convenient location for the benefit of Baptist ministers and other interested persons.

Children

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1. God. (Gen. 1:1)
2. Six. (Gen. 1:31 and Gen. 2:1)
3. Rested. (Gen. 2:2)
4. Adam. (Gen. 2:7)
5. Eve. (Gen. 3:20)
6. Garden of Eden. (Gen. 2:8, 2:15)
7. The dust of the ground. (Gen. 2:7)
8. Rib. (Gen. 2:21-22)
9. Eating the forbidden fruit. (Gen. 3:6-21)
10. The serpent (Satan). (Gen. 1:1-15)

Enon Association Convened Oct. 7-9

The Enon Baptist Association convened in its one hundred and seventeenth session on October 7, 8 and 9, with Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn.

Officers elected were: Elder T. C. Jones, Moderator; Elder Bill McDonald, Clerk and Elder J. C. Austin, Treasurer. Twenty-four churches represented.

Elder Larry Bakken delivered the Introductory sermon, Elder E. C. Butler, the Memorial, and Elder J. C. Austin, the Doctrinal sermon.

One way to keep people from jumping down your throat is to keep your mouth shut.

* * *

Those who "throw themselves away" seldom like the place where they land.