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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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## Letter and Financial Report From Missionary In Israel

C/o Commodore Hotel  
No. 2 Zamenhoff Street  
Tel-Aviv, Israel  
July 5, 1968

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

I send my greetings to you once again in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, Revelation 1:5.

I am glad to report that my health is good, and the blessings of the Lord rest upon me in many, many ways, and in her letters, Annie Laura says that she is well there at home in Nashville. We are living in very perilous times, but this reminds us of a glorious day that is coming soon, the return of our Lord from glory, and while we wait for that great day He gives us His comfort, His peace, and His grace to satisfy all of our needs. He even does more than we ask or think, according to Ephesians 3:20.

People tell me all along that I am up against a difficult task, and some say that it is an impossible one. I realize myself that it is a difficult task, but the best things of life are not achieved easily. The trouble with us is that we too often look for an easy way out; looking back instead of looking forward to the prize of the High calling in Christ Jesus. I believe the Lord said something like the following: "No man putting his hand to the plow and looking backward is fit for the kingdom of God." In a sense, there is one thing that is easy, that is well worth our taking on. Jesus said, "My yoke is easy," and the reason that it is easy is because He helps us to bear it; it, too, would be too heavy and too hard to bear without Him being yoked up with us. Having Him to help makes the impossible become possible, the heavy things to become light, the rough places to become smooth, the things that causes a heavy and sorrowful spirit to terminate into joy. How great thou art!

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Pastor F. R. Bingham

## Missionary Reports From Japan

Higashi-Ku, Kita-Kotoshiba  
Ube City, Yamaguchi Ken,  
Japan 755  
July 9, 1968

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

Grace unto you, and peace. . . We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren. . . (2Thessalonians 1:2,3). We certainly appreciate all of your prayers, your offerings, the words of encouragement, everything that God has blessed us with. May each of you be richly blessed for these things. Our God is still standing with us here. We desire to see more visible results, but God is with us, and we desire more faith to trust Him fully, do His will, and leave the results in His hands.

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## Why I Am A Baptist

By F. R. Bingham

(Bro. Bingham is pastor of Jordon Baptist Church, 5040 West 87th St., Oak Lawn, Ill. This article will be continued and will be published in four issues of THE BANNER. He is also editor of THE BAPTIST INSTRUCTOR)  
— Editor

This message is not so much about Why I Became a Baptist, as it is WHY I AM NOW A BAPTIST. Like many others, I was taken as a child to a Baptist Church, and I virtually grew up in a Baptist Church. My parents were Baptists. After I was converted, SAVED, at the age of 13 years, I joined the Church I was used to attending, where I had attended Sunday School and other services all of my life. I was baptized by the Pastor, Dr. D. B. Clapp, who is now in glory. But I was only a lad then.

Now that I am grown and mature, and capable of thinking and weighing evidence, and making decisions for myself on the basis of that evidence, the fact that I was raised a Baptist is not sufficient reason for my remaining a Baptist. I must have reasons, good and sufficient, for remaining a Baptist, and those reasons should not be based upon prejudice, nor sentiment, but upon premises that are valid and certain and incontrovertible, and which will pass scrutiny in the light of Scripture.

WELL, THEN, WHY AM I A BAPTIST?

(1) I am a Baptist because I want to be a member of a Church that goes by the Whole Bible, — that recognizes the Inspiration and Authority of the Bible. I want NO human creeds, nor dogmas, to direct my thinking.

The Bible is the One Authority in all matters of Faith and Practice. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 we read that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God

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## Revival

### Announcements

#### FIRST SUNDAY - AUGUST

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Bobby G. Sutton is to be assisted by Bro. Dillard Goad.

#### SECOND SUNDAY - AUGUST

Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Hilman Duncan is to be assisted by Elder C. D. Miller and Bro. Coy Allen is to lead the singing.

#### THIRD SUNDAY - AUGUST

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Pastor Jimmy Suttle is to be assisted by Elder William Johnson.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor F. L. Ray is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell.

## SOONER, PLEASE---

I received some revival announcements last month about two weeks too late to get them published. I appreciate getting these and all other news items, but I must have time to prepare copy and then let the printer have time for publication. I must have items not later than the 18th of the month preceding publication - Editor.

## Why I am A Baptist

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and is profitable for Doctrine, Reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect and thoroughly furnished for every good work" that he is to do. Also Isaiah 8:20 says "to the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

It is always been a proverb with us that "If it is in the Bible its Baptist, and if it is Baptist it is in the Bible." This is my first, and really the all-inclusive reason why I am now a Baptist.

(II) I am a Baptist because I want to be a member of a Church that teaches - A. Salvation by Grace, Through Faith, Without Works. This doctrine is so definitely and clearly taught in Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 3:28; 4:5; 5:1; Romans 10:1-4, 9, 10, 13-17. In carefully examining the many different denominations I find that true Missionary Baptists are the only ones who really teach this Bible Doctrine as one of their major tenets.

Many years ago, I made the statement that Missionary Baptists were the only denomination that preaches Salvation By Grace, Through Faith, and Without Works at all. A good friend of mine accosted me later and said that I had over-stepped myself, and said, "We Primitive Baptists preach that." I replied, No, you don't; you preach salvation by grace, and without works, but you omit the "through faith"; you make him saved before faith, in the predestinating purposes of God." He had to admit that I was right.

- B. THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF REGENERATION. Such scriptures as John 3:3-8 show the necessity of the New-birth. Also John 1:11-13; Galatians 6:15; and 2 Corinthians 5:17. These all show that a person MUST BE BORN AGAIN, and I believe it for it is in the Bible, and Baptists teach it, and that is another outstanding reason why I am a Baptist.

- C. I want to be a member of a church that teaches THE SECURITY OF THE SAVED. I find this in the Bible in John 10:27-30; 2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:35-39; Hebrews 7:25; Jude 24; 1 Peter 1:3-5, and many other places. I find also that Baptist Churches teach the Doctrine of the Eternal Security of the believer, and so I am a Baptist, and preach this doctrine with all joy. It is one of my most precious beliefs.

- D. Baptist Churches teach THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION; that salvation is a know-so experience. Baptist churches teach along with the Bible that a person can be saved and know it. See 1 John 3:14; 5:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; in John 9:25 the man who had been born blind and whose sight Jesus had restored, which is a picture of salvation, said, "One thing I know, whereas I was blind, now I see." This certainly corroborates the teaching that a person can know that they are saved.

I believe in a heart-felt religion. Romans 5:5 says "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit," and Romans 8:16-17 tells us that "the Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Baptists teach this kind of religion; it's what I believe the Bible teaches, and so, therefore, I could be nothing else but a Baptist.

- E. I must be a member of a church that preaches JESUS ONLY AS A SAVIOUR. I find that the Bible teaches that that there is ONE MEDIATOR between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all. And in John 14:6, Jesus said that no one could come to the Father but by Himself; and in Acts 4:12 there is no salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby one can be saved. And in careful, and close examination of the doctrine of other church bodies I find that true Baptists are the only ones who consistently stand for the truth.

Now, there may be individual preachers within other denominations who preach these truths, but the Doctrines of those denominations are not built around these truths, and it is for that reason I could not affiliate myself with any other Church body except a Baptist Church.

(III) I am a Baptist because I want to be a member of a church THAT RECOGNIZES THE LORDSHIP AND HEADSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST. Ephesians 1:20-22 tells me that God gave Him to be head over all things to the Church, which is His body. This means that no man, nor set of men as a board, or presbytery, or conference, or religious heirarchy, is to be head over His Church. I want to be in a church that is left free from human entanglements, free to do anything that it honestly and sincerely feels led by the Lord to do; and that can give its Missionary and Benevolent support where it feels that God directs it to give, and not be directed by some board. (to be continued)

## Letter and Financial Report From Israel

The Lord has opened up fields for me in recent weeks, and I am very glad and thankful to Him for giving me places to preach while I wait here on my visa. A dear brother, who is an Arab and a Baptist preacher, has invited me to preach to their church in Ramallah and also at their mission in the old walled city of Jerusalem. I have already preached at each of these places once and they want me to preach for them twice a month, once at the mission and once at the church. I have to preach in English, of course, and Brother Abu'Igal, the preacher, interprets my message into Arabic. I really enjoyed preaching to these people, and they treated me with the utmost kindness. There were about thirty people at the mission in Jerusalem on that Tuesday afternoon when I preached there, they were all Arabs, and mostly women. When the service closed the most of them came by to shake my hand; some of them knew a little English, and as they shook my hand, they said, "God bless you." Those words meant just a whole lot to me. I look forward to being with them again this coming Tuesday afternoon. When I go inside the walls of the old city my mind reflects back to the time when our Lord trod along the streets of this city two thousand years ago; and just outside the city walls, there is the place of the Skull, a form of a human face, and there on the little mound He suffered for you and me. It is now a city of confusion, but it is wonderful to know that there are a few true followers of our Lord in this, what was once, the glorious city of Zion.

Ramallah is a city ten miles north of Jerusalem and just two miles west of the ancient Bethel, where Jacob saw the vision of the ladder let down from heaven, and the angels ascending and descending on it, as recorded in Genesis 28. This city was, before the last war between the Jews and Arabs, in Jordan territory, but is now under Israeli occupation. Before the war there could be no passage to and from Ramallah from Israel but now there is free passage, as well as to other points west of the Jordan River.

I have been in Israel five months, or will be by the time you read this, but there is still no answer from my visa application. I went to check on it three days ago, and the lady admitted to me that it does take much longer for them to pass on an application like mine, one requesting a visa to do missionary work. They might keep me waiting all summer, I can't say. But I still look forward to

getting it. I continue to request your prayers. I appreciate very much all who have prayed for us and have sent encouraging words to cheer us along the way. We also appreciate and thank you for your offerings. May the Lord bless and reward you very richly.

Sincerely in His love,

James H. Smith

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1968

January - McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville - \$95.49; Friendly Baptist, Detroit, Michigan - \$60.00; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith, Hendersonville, Tenn. - \$10.00; Macidonia Baptist, Adolphus, Ky. - \$5.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago - \$20.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky. - \$10.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky. - \$50.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. - \$6.14; Faith Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky. - \$50.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. - \$30.00; Total for month - 336.63.

February - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, - \$162.24; Salem Baptist, Fonthill, Ky. - \$301.50; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. - \$81.56; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky. - \$40.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago - \$20.00; Total for month - \$604.90.

March - Shiloh Baptist, Chicago - \$20.00; Rocky Grove Baptist, Lebanon, Tenn. - \$125.00; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky. - \$228.54; Concord Baptist, White House, Tenn. - \$45.00; Willette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn. - \$25.50; McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville Tenn. - \$118.29; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind. - \$21.00; West End Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn. - \$35.20; Mr. and Mrs. George Hefner, Norfolk, Va. - \$24.00. Total for month - \$642.53.

### Watch For Expiration Date

Each subscriber to the BANNER is asked to watch for the date at the end of your name and address on the paper. This is the month that your subscription expires. Please renew as soon as possible, for this saves time and work on the editor and the printer.

## Missionary Reports From Japan

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In the latter part of this month, July, we will be going to Koi Church in Hiroshima to be with the church and their pastor in a revival meeting, God willing. The first of August, Bro. Tajima, Pastor of Koi Church, will come to Ube to assist us in a revival here. Pray for us and for these services; that people will come, open their hearts, and be saved by God's power. Also, this summer, Bro. Tajima and I plan to hold tent meetings in as many different places as possible.

As there is no English-speaking school near us, our sons have had to take their schooling here at home, and Shirley and I have had to teach them. Now David is ready for the 2nd. year of Jr. High. And of course, as Danny started his schooling after we came to Japan, he has never been in an American school with other children. After much earnest prayer to God about this matter, we feel led of the Lord that our sons need to return to the States and enter school there. God called me to Japan, and I came at the time I felt God wanted me to. Also I will stay as long as God directs me through His Spirit, and so I do not feel free to leave now, Shirley will take the children to Kentucky about the middle of August to enroll in the fall term of school, God willing. And then after the children are adjusted she plans to return to Japan to stand by me and assist in this work here. We have always wanted our family to remain together, however, we want to follow God's will completely. We all need your prayers. The boys will be living with my father and mother, and the address will be, Route 4, Glasgow, Ky. 42141.

The Japanese Postal System is now using a zip code. Our code here in Ube is 755, and the postoffice would like for all correspondence to be addressed as I have written the heading of this letter.

We will be praying for all of you and God's work there. Remember us in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Dexter Bacon, Jr.



Pictured above is the SPIRITUALAIRES QUARTET, Nashville, Tenn. They are from left, Wayne Thomas, Bass; Willie Petty, Lead; Della Mae Petty, Piano; Al Maynard, Tenor and Pat Thomas, Alto. They are all members of Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn.

A few months ago they made their debut in recording. The first album was "Inside The Home Gate." It was well received by the public and now they have recorded again. The new album, "Non-Stop," has twelve songs that gives inspiration and joy to those who like good sincere gospel singing. The songs are: "Non-Stop Flight," "Prisoner Of Love," "When Morning Comes," "Walking The Sea," "I'm Longing For Home," "Shake The Master's Hand," "Almost Home," "When I Stop Off," "God Saved My Soul," "Heavenly Highway, I'm Looking For Jesus," and "Great Beyond." You can receive this album by writing to: Al Maynard, 2101 Jade Dr., Nashville, Tenn. 37210. The price is \$3.50. If you want both the albums mentioned here, send \$5.50.

Mr. Carl May, wrote on Saturday, June 29, for THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN the following: "The Spiritualaires Gospel Quartet from Madison will be THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN's Centennial Park 'Discovery of the Week' tomorrow." They have sung in several states, on TV and a number of radio stations.

## Revival Reports

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. One addition to the church. Pastor W. E. Massey was assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. There were eight professions of faith with thirteen additions to the church. Pastor J. D. Sanders was assisted by Elder Stanley Keen.

Cornwell Chapel Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. There were nine professions of faith with eleven additions to the church. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Elder James G. Beal.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Warren County, Ky. There were six additions to the church. Pastor Charles M. Moore was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

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## RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION

There will be a public discussion between Elders Bob L. Ross, Pasadena, Texas and P. D. Ballard, Lindsay, Oklahoma. The time suggested is August 19-22, 1968. This debate will be held in the Houston, Texas area. Anyone desiring to know the exact location should write one of the disputants, brother Ross or brother Ballard. Brother Ross's address is P.O. Box 66, Pasadena, Texas and Brother Ballard's address is 905 S. Main, Lindsay, Okla.

The following propositions shall be discussed in four sessions. The sessions shall be composed of four thirty minute speeches, the speakers alternating every thirty minutes. Here are the propositions:

1. The scriptures teach that God, in eternity, decreed, predestinated and elected certain sinner's salvation.

Affirmative: Bob L. Ross  
Negative: P. D. Ballard

2. The scriptures teach that the church alone, under the authority of Jesus Christ, has the right to administer baptism through her ordained servants.

Affirmative: P. D. Ballard  
Negative: Bob L. Ross

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