

Baptist Banner

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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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Why I Am A Baptist

By F. R. Bingham

(Conclusion of the series).

This last reason I give as to why I am a Baptist

I. BECAUSE I WANT TO BE SURE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PART OF CHRIST'S BRIDE AT HIS RETURN. I want to be in the Bride of Christ.

The Bible tells us clearly that Christ is to be married to a bride when He comes again. See Revelation 19:7-8. There is to be a marriage in the skies. The LAMB of God will take unto Himself His WIFE. She shall make herself ready by being arrayed in the righteous deeds of the saints, and there shall be great rejoicing over the marriage.

No mistake about it, the Bridegroom is the Lamb of God, even Jesus. John 3:29 John the Baptist called himself the Friend of the Bridegroom.

But WHO WILL BE THE BRIDE? This has been the battle ground of much controversy through the years.

First of all, lets establish the Bible fact that THE CHURCH WILL BE THE BRIDE OF CHRIST. In 2 Corinthians 11:2 Paul told the Church at Corinth that he had espoused them to one husband, even Christ. And in Ephesians 5:22-33, we are given the teaching that as a wife is unto her husband, so IS THE TRUE CHURCH UNTO CHRIST. And all Bible scholars agree on this teaching that the Bride of Christ will be composed of all who are a part of the True Church. But there is a lot of difference between them as to what makes up a True Church.

There are many who think and teach that ALL of the Saved in the Church Age compose the True Church, a Universal-Invisible Church. But there is absolutely NO SUCH THING IN THE BIBLE. It simply does not exist, except in the unscriptural imaginations of men. These people think that the Bride of Christ will be made up of all of the saved of the

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Missionary To Return From Japan

Higashi-ku, kita-kotoshiba
Ube City, Yamaguchi Ken, Japan 755
October 1968

Dear Friends,

God has been very near me; He has become a greater source of comfort, grace, and Guidance. Praise Him! Last month at Yamaguchi Church we received the good news of a young lady having



Bro. Bacon

ommending to them to attend Yamaguchi Church when possible after I leave. Yamaguchi Church has asked Bro. Tajima

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been saved. The Church had been praying for her about 2 months. We pray that she will have a dedicated life for her Lord. I will continue to have the doors open for services at Ube until I leave. I am rec-

Ordination To Be Held At Durham's Springs

An ordination service is to be held at Durham's Springs Missionary Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday afternoon in December, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Six Deacons and two Ministers are to be ordained. Churches of same faith and order are invited to participate.

Durham's Springs church is located on Highway 98, four miles east of Scottsville, Ky.

VANDERPOOL-WARNOCK DEBATE SCHEDULED

A four-night religious discussion is scheduled for November 18, 19, and 21, 22, 1968. This will be on Monday, Tuesday and then Thursday and Friday nights. Dismissing on Wednesday night for prayer meetings.

The disputants will be editor H. C. Vanderpool and pastor of Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. and Mr. Weldon E. Warnock, minister of the West End Church of Christ, also of Bowling Green. Services are to begin each night at 7:30.

The discussion will be held at the McNeill City-College School located at the corner of Old Russellville Rd. and Highway 231 in Bowling Green, Ky. This is on the south side of Western Kentucky University. The plan of salvation will be discussed with two propositions as follows:

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

The public is invited to attend. Those coming in on Highways 80, 68, 231 or 31W can come directly on these roads to the location.

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Missionary To Return

to come and preach at the Church on one day during the week after I leave. Pray for the Church, and also Bro. Tajima needs your prayers in this work. He will continue to be full-time Pastor at Koi Church in Hiroshima, preaching there 3 times a week. He has been doing a good work there. Pray for Koi Church also. I have been quite busy in getting things ready to leave. I am storing some things at Koi Church, selling some things, and sending some things home that we will need there.

I am making reservations to leave Tokyo by jet on November 7. So it would not be advisable to send any mail to me here in Japan after the last of October. After that my home address will be Route 4, Glasgow, Kentucky 42141.

We sincerely appreciate all of your prayers, your offerings, and everything that has been done for us, since arriving on this field of labor. May each of you be richly blessed of our Good Master for it, is our humble prayer. We pray that many souls will be saved in the Churches there. God willing, we would like to meet each of you personally. Remember us in your prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,
Dexter Bacon, Jr.

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H. C. Vanderpool, Owner

Spiritual Malnutrition

By Ethelene Driver

If we were in such a hurry every time we ate that we did not chew our food, it would not be very strengthening to our bodies. If we go to Church on Sunday, listen to the sermon, and then immediately start thinking about worldly things, the sermon will not have as much effect on our lives as it should.

Take time to chew that Spiritual food, and allow it to digest. Let it sink deep into the inward man and be strengthening to him. The inward man gets hungry too, don't neglect his diet. If some of the sermon just seems to get bigger and bigger as you chew it and you are tempted to spit it out—wait, put a little prayerful study of God's Word in with it and see it that helps. The Bible will either prove that it is true and help it go down, or else it will prove it false and you can choose not to swallow it. As a drink of water helps the outward man swallow food sometimes, so does the revealing light of the Scriptures for spiritual food.

To have a strong body, which is able to resist disease, we know we must have a proper, well-rounded diet. To have a strong inward man, which is able to withstand the doctrines of the devil, we must have a nourishing diet of Spiritual food. Just as surely as the devil sees us in a weak and run-down condition Spiritually, he will attack with his fiery darts, and cause us and God's cause a lot of grief, pain, and sorrow.

Watch that Spiritual diet—do not neglect that inward man. Don't just feed him once a week, go to the word of God and dig him out some food. You would not even consider just feeding the outward man once a week. Our natural appetite reminds us that the body needs to be fed more often than that. Our Spiritual appetite reminds us too, but we get in the habit of pushing that aside and not doing much about it. There are many sources of Spiritual food, so we have no excuse for a malnourished inward man.

Don't just eat cookies and milk all the time. Try some strong meat, you will be surprised how it will strengthen you. It may be a little hard to get down at first, but if you learn to chew it patiently, thoroughly, and in the light of God's Word, it will be a lot easier to digest.

The devil knows a well-rounded Christian when he sees one, so remember—**CHEW THAT FOOD WELL, AND GROW STRONGER SPIRITUALLY.**

Why I am A Baptist

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church age. But this cannot be so, IF the true New Testament Church is to be the Bride of Christ.

The ONLY KIND OF A CHURCH KNOWN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT is a Local, Visible Body, or congregation, of Baptized Disciples, who have been organized together according to the New Testament Plan, carrying out Christ's work in its local community, and extending its influence around the world through Missionary activities.

The Roman Cathloic church is not a true Church, but is identified as the Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17, the Mistress of Antichrist; and therefore it cannot be The Bride of Christ.

Protestant church bodies are not true churches, but are the harlot daughters of Mystery Babylon. They are not therefore, the Bride of Christ.

ONLY TRUE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES WILL MAKE UP THE BRIDE OF CHRIST. And since only true Baptist Churches are true New Testament churches, I am quite sure that only True Baptist Churches will make up the Bride of Christ. This belief has received the name of Baptist-Brider", and is usually spoken of with utmost contempt by those who do not believe it. BUT, let me say here, that I do not mean to claim that everything that calls itself Baptist will be a part of Christ's bride, for there are very many things that today go under the name of being Baptist that is disgraceful to the name, and is no more Baptist than communism is Baptist. Of those things we are ashamed; we reject them utterly, and believe that Christ will reject them, too. Because of this, maybe we should use the term "LOCAL CHURCH BRIDE" rather than "Baptist Bride".

But I do believe that NO Church is a True Church except a True New Testament Baptist Church, and I believe that the aggregate of all of the Saved members of true Churches throughout the church age will compose Christ's Bride when He comes. To say otherwise would make you recognize other kinds of churches as True New Testament Churches, you would have to receive their immersions, admit them to the Lord's supper, recognize their ordinations, and give to them general church recognition, saying that their church is as good as the one you are a member of and it doesn't make any difference which church you are a member of. I believe it does make a difference.

What does the expression "The Bride of Christ" mean? Just this. Just as a man loves his wife more than any other person, he has a closer relationship and fellowship and feeling of affinity with her than with any others, SO IS THERE NOW, AND WILL BE THROUGH ETERNITY In the Heart of Jesus Christ, a much greater love, and fellowship toward, and appreciation of, and feeling of affinity toward those Baptists who stayed true to Him against all opposition than He will have toward other Christians who substituted other doctrines and practices for what He left with them, and who were, therefore, in a measure untrue to Him.

True Baptists have, down through the centuries, paid for their faithfulness to Christ and His Doctrine, and His Church, with their blood. They have had their homes taken from them by confiscation, have been driven from their native land, having to flee for their very lives. They have given up their wealth and their health; often have seen their loved ones slaughtered like animals, while themselves have been tortured beyond endurance. Yet, they never dipped their colors; they never renounced their Saviour, nor His doctrine that He left with them. They stayed true to the very end. These are the people whom Christ will rejoicingly take unto Himself to be as His Bride and I want to be in that number.

In Deuteronomy 32:31 we read "Their rock is not as our rock, even our enemies themselves being judges". Just suppose those who contend that all or the saved are in the True Church and will therefore be in the Bride of Christ, I am just as well off as they are, for I am saved (I know I am) and therefore will be a part of the Bride. If there be a Universal-invisible Church I am in it, and will be in the Bride, If they are Right, and I am wrong.

But Suppose I am right, and this other idea is wrong, when I say that only True Baptists will be in the Bride, then there will be a lot of saved people in other denominations who will go to heaven, because they are saved, but will be at the Wedding as Guests, but not as a part of the Bride. Remember, there will be guests at the wedding, according to Matthew 22:1-12 and Revelation 19:9. But I'd much rather be sure that I am in the Bride, than to just be a guest at the wedding, hadn't you?

Letter Received From Reader

6715 Winchester
Kansas City, Mo., 64133
October 2, 1968

Dear Bro. Vanderpool,

Just received our October issue of the BAPTIST BANNER, and noted that you were interested in having information of Eld. Alexander Devin. Mr. Devin was my Grandmother's great uncle. The following information is from "The Devin Family" genealogy compiled by Mrs. Dessa Hofstetter.

"Alexander Devin, youngest son of William Devin, Sr., and Sarah Smith Devin, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, March 22, 1769, and died in Gibson County, Indiana, January 5, 1827. He was married to Susan Nowlin July 9, 1791, in Virginia. They, with four children, moved to Warren County, Kentucky, near Bowling Green in or about 1797. Then, with eight children, they came to Indiana Territory in March, 1808, settling on a farm south of the entrance to the Archer Cemetery in what was then Knox County, later Gibson County, just north of the village of Princeton. In 1814, they moved to a farm south of Princeton. He and his wife and many of his descendants are buried in the Warnock Cemetery at Princeton, Indiana, in the 'Devin Plot.' He was the second Baptist and the second minister to come to this section of the country. He preached in a little church at the forks of the old State Road and the New Harmony Road. He was also a member of the Indiana Constitutional Convention of 1816, helping to write the Constitution for the State, and in so doing, argued long for education."

"Rev. Davin, when preaching at Mt. Ingles (Inglefield), stripped at it, taking off his coat, waistcoat and cravat, unbuttoning his shirt collar and wildly throwing his arms. . . He made the wildest gesticulations for the space of two hours, ever seen in a man professing sanity." — From Faux's Journal in Thwaites — Early Western Travels, v. 11, pp 285.

Mr. Devin's father, William Devin, Sr., was born in the Parish of Camben, Dublin, Ireland in 1724, and was a descendant of a Huguenot family that was driven from France because of religious persecution some years previous to 1720. William Devin, Sr., came to America in 1745 or 1746 and married Sarah Smith in 1750 and settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. They were Presbyterians.

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Meditations

By G. H. Dillard

Read the questions, write down your answers and then read the answers in the Bible.

1. What about a soft answer? Pro. 15:1
2. What about the glory of young men; beauty of old men? Pro. 20:29
3. What about wine? Pro. 20:1
4. When is a man's prayer an abomination? Pro. 28:9
5. If Jesus meant the TOMB in Matt. 12:40, what did He mean in Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; Mark 9:30; 10:33-34; Luke 9:22; 18:31-34; 24:7 and 46; and what did Peter mean in Acts 10:40 and Paul in I Cor. 15:4?

BALLARD—ROSS DEBATE NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8 and 9

There is to be a four night public discussion between Eld. P. D. Ballard, Lindsay, Okla., and Eld. Bob L. Ross, Pasadena, Texas, on Nov. 6, 7, 8 and 9. The debate will be held at the Missionary Baptist Church, 905 S. Main St., Lindsay, Okla. Here are the propositions:

Proposition No. 1

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

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

Proposition No. 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

EDITOR ENJOYS REVIVAL

I was privileged to be with McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. and Pastor A. G. Gregory for almost two weeks, in a revival meeting in October.

In addition to the number of souls that were saved and those who united with the church, I enjoyed the fellowship very much with Bro. Gregory and the church. God's people were willing to work and pray and His power was greatly manifested throughout the meeting.

Please Do!

Recently, I've received word from individuals and churches that you had not received your paper or bundle. When this happens, let me know as soon as possible so we, editor or printer, can check this out and see where the failure is — PLEASE DO! — Editor.

Interest

Appreciated

The editor appreciates the increased interest that has been shown in the BAPTIST BANNER by individuals and churches. A number of readers have expressed their desire to see the paper made larger. If our readers continue to do this and the pastors will encourage the churches to increase their interest and support, then this vision can be made to come to pass.

A want to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who have sent donations to me in addition to your subscription money.

I was unable again this month to print all articles sent in, but tried to use all of them that I could. Editor.

Revival Reports

Chestnut Mound Baptist Church Smith County, Tenn., One profession of faith. Pastor E. C. Butler was assisted by Bro. Robert Hughes.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn., Two professions of faith. Pastor Larry Bakken was assisted by Elder Tommie Lankford.

McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., Six professions of faith with seven additions to the church. Pastor A. G. Gregory was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Five professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor L. W. Smith was assisted by Eld. Willie Riggs.

Letter From Missouri

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I don't know if the above excerpts from my family history will be of much benefit to you. I was most interested to note Mr. Devin's name (and his part in organizing Old Union Baptist Church) in "History of Middle Tenn. Baptist". He must not have spent much time in South Carolina as it is not mentioned in the family records.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marvin Payne

Ordination Held At McFerrin Church

An ordination service was held at McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday, Sept. 28. Services began at 1:00 p.m.

Bro. Hugh Shoulders was ordained as Deacon and Bro. Paul G. Patterson was ordained to the Ministry.

Eld. A. G. Gregory, pastor, served as moderator of the Presbytery and Eld. Howard G. Taylor served as Clerk. The candidates were presented by Bro. J. W. Hines and Eld. O. E. Russell led the interrogation. Eld. F. L. Ray preached the ordination sermon and Bro. Edward Gregory led the ordination prayer.

Eld. H. G. Taylor gave the charge to the newly ordained brethren and the charge to the church was given by Bro. F. W. Dillard. The Bible was presented by Eld. A. G. Gregory.

REVIVAL SET FOR OLD UNION CHURCH

A revival is to begin at the Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. on Sunday night, Nov. 10, with services being held each night at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to do the preaching and the public is invited to attend.