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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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CHURCH QUILTS CONVENTION

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS CONVENED

By J. Robert Martin
Pastor, Oakwood Baptist Church

Anderson, S. C. - After serving for 30 years as pastor of Southern Baptist Convention churches, during which time I served on state and college boards, I decided to secede from the convention.

Oakwood Baptist Church, of which I am now pastor, decided, by vote of 440-1, to secede with me. The church has withdrawn all support of the agencies and boards of the Saluda Association and the state and Southern conventions.

The membership of Oakwood Baptist Church is 1,200. We have experienced rapid growth since we came out of the convention. We have purchased 56 acres of land on which to build a new "Temple Complex" with facilities for a church and a Christian day school.

Our Church decided that we could no longer support a convention with so large a number of its leaders embracing liberalism. And the man who says there is no liberalism in the Southern Baptist Convention is uninformed or spiritually stupid.

A Bible believing church cannot endorse the liberalism published in the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. Most of the literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, does not emphasize the teaching of the Bible, but philosophy. This literature is becoming philosophical in its approach. You cannot build a Bible believing church on human philosophy.

Much of this literature either teaches "situation ethics" or is so ambiguous it leaves the reader in a state of confusion, which is tantamount to teaching it.

In this official Southern Baptist Convention literature, the writers do not speak in terms of black and white, they do not deal in absolutes. It has been said

that the great Charles Spurgeon always spoke in terms of black and white. Now, these Southern Baptist Convention writers try to make everything "relevant." They commonly prefer peace to truth. They do not relate the great truths of God to the sinner. A deviation in these great truths of God will show up in the lack of evangelism. It is poison to the soul and will lead to the shipwreck of faith.

How can a pastor afford to let this sort of thing permeate the church for which he is doctrinally responsible?

We seceded from the convention because we believe the Bible is the Word of God. How can we afford to support professors in Southern Baptist schools who are after the school of Bultmann? If we support these demythologizers we are guilty of denying the Bible as the Word of God. Of course, they say they are

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Missionaries Report From Israel

P. O. Box 7305
Jerusalem, Israel
October 29, 1970

Dear Friends:

We send our warmest greetings to you from Jerusalem in the name of our Lord. As we think of the situation in this land, we think also of a wonderful verse in Isaiah which reads: "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of

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Due to space and the lack of full information from some of the Baptist Associations, I am unable to give full reports on the 1970 annual meetings. However, listed here are a number of Missionary Baptist Associations that are non-conventional and do not support their work. Some of the reasons can be found in the article to the left of this one here on page 1, and there are many other reasons - such as their practices in local churches. Listed here are some of the Associations and the dates and places of meetings.

Polk County

The Polk County Missionary Baptist Association in Missouri met on August 11-12, 1970, with Mt. View Missionary Baptist Church, Polk, Mo.

Bethel

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association in Indiana convened on September 18-20, 1970, with Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, 1723 N. Lindsay St., Kokomo, Indiana.

Siloam

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association met with Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky., on October 2-4, 1970.

Enon

Enon Missionary Baptist Association met in session on October 9-11, 1970, with Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.

Southwestern District

On October 9-11, 1970, the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association convened with New Frank's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church near Holladay, in Decatur County, Tennessee.

Wiseman

The Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association met with Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn., on October 23-24, 1970.

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REVIVAL REPORTS

Dixon Creek Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tenn. Seven professions of faith with six additions to the church. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Elder W. T. Russell.

El Bethel Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. (Complete report not received). Pastor Elmer Perrigo was assisted by Elder W. T. Russell and Bro. Joe Thompson led the singing.

Meadorville Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Elder William Johnson and Elder Tommy Lankford was in charge of the singing. There were four professions of faith with six additions to the church.

Tent Revival in Bowling Green, Ky. There were seven professions of faith and a good interest was manifested. The services were conducted by Elders W. T. Russell, Hilman Duncan, Charles Moore, James Suttle and H. C. Vanderpool. This revival was sponsored by five Baptists churches in Bowling Green and Warren County, Ky., where the five named ministers are pastors, viz: Faith, Fairview, Fairview Memorial, Mt. Lebanon and Old Union.

Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. (June) Seven professions of faith with nine additions to the church. Pastor Clyde Grizzle was assisted by Bro. Jerry Branden. (Sorry that the last revival report was misplaced and was not made sooner. — Editor).



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and trust that the gift of God to lost humanity will bring greater blessings and joy to each heart at this season than ever before.

Best wishes,
Elder and Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool

HOLY LAND TOUR

By H. C. Vanderpool

When you get your copy of "Travel With Me Through Bible Lands" and read of the places visited and see the pictures of the many Biblical places where the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles lived, walked and preached, you will understand why I am looking forward to going back on another tour next March. And, too, why I'm inviting you to go if you can. Instead of our churches giving us perishable things, they gave some of us pastors paid Tours of the Bible Lands, some of these were given by churches to the pastor for Christmas as a gift.

Any church that would like to do something this Christmas for your pastor, who is working and preaching in your community, that would be a blessing to him, his family and to you, would do well to sponsor this tour for him. Everyone, especially ministers, should make this tour. I appreciate as well as other pastors who have been sent on this world tour of Bible Land by our churches. Reservations should be made by January 1, 1971.

A Special Christmas Menu

Grace -- Kindness -- Bread of Life -- Living Water -- Sweet Thoughts -- Tender Memories -- Heart (Whole) -- Happiness (Unmeasured) -- Cup of Joy (Running Over) -- Charity (Served with Discretion) -- Fruits of the Spirit.

From The Bible

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.

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O, Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shineth,
The ever lasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Im-man-u-el!

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.

The Disease Of Sin

By H. C. Vanderpool

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

These words were spoken by Jesus while He walked on earth among men. He spoke of something that took place almost 1500 years before.

As the Israelites journeyed from Mount Hor to compass the land of Edom, they became discouraged and began to murmur against God and against Moses. The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they were bitten by the serpents, and many died.

God gave Moses a command to make a serpent of brass and place it upon a pole. Moses did this and it came to pass that any man who beheld the serpent of brass lived, though he had been bitten.

As the bite of the serpent brought death to the Israelites, so does sin bring death to the sinner. But as God has a remedy for those that would look and live, even so those that look to Christ by faith may live and not die.

For those today who are dying with the dreadful disease of sin, there is only one cure! you must look to Christ or die eternally. There is no other name whereby you can be saved.

Tune in on the song broadcaster from Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The three Wise Men sought and worshipped Christ—which proves that they were wise men.

Report From Israel

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water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great Rock in a weary land." Isaiah 32:2. This Scripture no doubt refers to Jesus, for no other man in all history could fit this description. I have found out in my life that He is all of this, and even more. Bless His good name!

Annie and I, Brother Abu'Igal and wife drove up to Nabulus, (ancient Shechem) the other day; also visited the sight of the ancient capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, the Hill of Samaria, where there can be seen some remains of cities, palaces, temples, etc., dating back to ancient Israel, and down to the time of Herod; there are ruins of Herod's palace. We enjoyed this trip very much, even though I had been there before. Annie Laura hadn't seen before. We saw Jacob's Well in the way too.

I am still studying Hebrew two days a week which I enjoy but find it very difficult. I thought I knew quite a bit of Hebrew, but when I try to practice what I do know in speaking to the people, I find I don't know very much. I certainly need the Lord's help, and I need your prayers. I do, sincerely.

I do most of my preaching to Arabs at the church in Ramallah. I have to use an interpreter in my preaching, because I don't know Arabic, and I just can't carry on studying of two languages. I don't want to rack my brain. I am thankful to the Lord for open doors to preach His Word, to human beings, whatever their race or nationality.

We want to build up a work for the Lord here in Jerusalem so very much, but we run into some stiff obstacles. Would you please pray very sincerely for us and what we are trying to do? The Lord has been so good to us, supplying all of our material needs. So we would like so much to make our stay here count something for Him and for His glory and honor.

May His blessings be upon you, one and all.

Yours in His service,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

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Church Quits Convention

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putting the stories of the Bible in a framework that man can understand; and this has resulted in speaking in terms nobody can understand.

Our church believes the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and without error in its original autograph. This is consistent with believing in a perfect God. It is not consistent to believe in a perfect God and at the same time believe in an imperfect Bible.

Our Church came out of the convention because we are distressed with the menace of Modernism. We are facing a time when men are denying the Bible. They are saying the fish did not swallow Jonah, and that the book of Jonah is an allegory. They are saying that Mary only dreamed that the angel appeared to her. They are saying that the word "almah" in Isaiah 7:14 does not mean virgin.

These microscopic preachers have a penchant for knowledge after the order of Porphyry, a student of Origen in Caesarea, who at the time professed to be a Christian, but later studied under Platinus, a Neo-Platonic philosopher at Rome, where he acquired a penchant for new light and renounced Christianity and spoke acrimoniously against the Bible.

Most of the things being taught today by theological seminary professors were taught by Celsus, a philosopher who lived around 150 A.D. Much of the writings of these professors is written in the framework of Kant's "world-destroying thought," Dasding an sich (the thing in itself). They are saying that nothing can be known in itself; thus, no absolutes, all must be relevant.

They boast of new light and new knowledge. They are a new species of Baptists. Spurgeon said, "At the light of their great fuss and loud cry concerning so little, we are reminded:

" 'Ocean into tempest tossed,
To waft a feather or to drown a fly.' "

We seceded from the convention because it is wrong to support error. There is a price to pay for the doctrinal purity of the church. And some are not willing to pay the price, and so they go along supporting institutions and boards that are denying the Bible. We are not going to follow "process philosophy." Our church has only one theme, "Jesus and the Bible." Through this emphasis we expect to maintain doctrinal purity.

Even though we are lampooned, castigated and excoriated with countless carnards, God is blessing and souls are being saved.

- Baptist Bible Tribune



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