

# Voice of Baptists

*"The Voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."* Isaiah 40:3

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## CHRIST BEFORE THE COURTS

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Christ was arrested about midnight after He had gone to pray in the garden of Gethsemane. Judas Iscariot identified the person of Christ. They were sure some of the disciples would be with Him, and they wanted to get the right man. So Judas stated he would kiss the man called Jesus. Christ submitted to the kissing of Judas and then said, "Betrayest thou the son of man with a kiss!"

He was led through the streets of Jerusalem by Roman soldiers, to the house of Annas, who was called an high priest as well as Caiaphas. It was not lawful to try persons at night. Annas that night sent Jesus bound unto Caiaphas, the high priest. The law of Moses said you must have two witnesses to every fact. At last there came two witnesses who testified that Jesus said he would destroy the temple in Jerusalem and would rebuild it in three days. Both of them lied. He never said that! He did say He would destroy this temple and rebuild it in three days. He was speaking of His body, not the temple of Jerusalem. He was put on oath before God by Caiaphas - I adjure thee, tell us whether thou be the Christ, the son of God. Under this most judicious oath Jesus acknowledged that He was God's Son. Here it is - "Jesus said unto him, thou hast said, nevertheless I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." (Matt. 26:64) Our Lord was saying, I am God the anointed One, to be the Prophet, the Sacrifice, the Priest and the King, and He swore that He was. When he had given that testimony, the high priest rent his clothes. The law required that whenever they heard a blasphemy they were to rend their clothes. If Jesus did not tell the truth, it was blasphemy. But our Lord told the truth. If He didn't we are in our sins and every sermon ever preached was a lie.

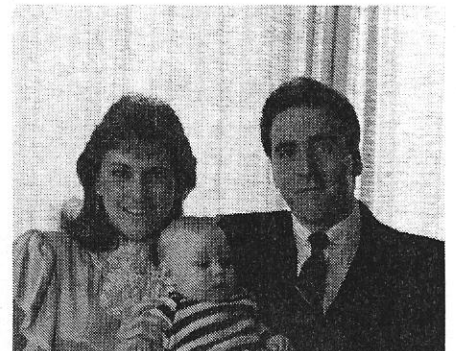
Jesus was carried to Pilate. The charge against Him was blasphemy. His trial was the first held before the Jewish Sanhedrin. The penalty for blasphemy was death by stoning. Since they didn't have the power to put people to death, they had to bring the case before the court of Pilate. As they came before Pilate they presented three new charges against Jesus. First charge - He says that He is a King. Second charge - He teaches that Jews should not pay tribute to Caesar, and the third charge was - He stirreth up the people. After Pilate had finished his investigation and heard the people, he said, "I find no fault in this man." Then, Pilate sent Him to Herod, and Herod sends Him back to Pilate. Now Pilate's wife had been warned in a dream about the innocence of Christ and she sent a message to her husband while on the throne, "Have nothing to do with that just

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## NOTE

FROM

ALASKA



THE TERRY LYLES FAMILY

Dear Readers,

It is a pleasure once again to be able to inform all of you about how the Lord has blessed us here in Alaska. After my ordination in March, Fellowship Church in Indianapolis extended an arm to work her in Anchorage. On Sunday evening, May the fifth, I extended an invitation for membership in which Charlie and Kathy Martin told of their desires to become members of Fellowship through the extended arm, and told their experiences of passing from death unto life. The Lord blessed this time together by sending His Holy Spirit to be with us during the good service. A young fellow that lives behind the mission in a trailer court was present and showed a great concern in the service. When service had ended and I returned home, I received a phone call by the young man that attended the service and he expressed a desire to join the Church. I told Rex he would first have to be saved, and he told me he got saved two weeks ago during the morning service at the mission. He went on to tell me his experience of being born-again and how he wanted to become a member. Rex returned

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## BENEFIT SINGING

The Lexington Jaycees are sponsoring a Benefit Sing and Auction for Elder Earl Owens, September 6, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center of Lexington, Tennessee. Elder Owens was stricken critically ill in March, and has just recently returned home.

Featured groups singing that evening will be the Melody Quartet and The Laborers Quartet.

There will also be a barbecue supper beginning at 5:00 in the Senior Citizens Building adjoining the Civic Center.

Anyone wishing to make a donation by mail can send it to: Lexington Jaycees, c/o Steve Lewis, Rt. 3, Box 71A, Lexington, Tenn. 38351.

If you wish to donate a pie or cake for the auction, you may bring it to the Civic Center before 7:00 on the above date.

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the next Wednesday night and I gave another opportunity for membership in which he told of his experience before all that were present.

During the first week of June, Regina Binion (my niece) visited us in Alaska and was able to be present with us on June the second when I baptized the three converts. That day was very special to all that were present and we especially thank the Lord for a wonderful day spent with Him.

I am still very encouraged by the progress that is able to be seen in the new converts growing from week to week in the grace of the Lord. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, and support toward this work, and I would like to ask that you would continue to remember this work in a special way.

Summer has finally arrived in Alaska and we are now receiving almost twenty hours of sunlight and normal temperatures around sixty degrees during the long days.

May God bless you in a special way and we are trusting in Him to provide the increase that is needed here.

Your Brother-in-Christ,

Terry A. Lyles

## ORDINATION

Faith Baptist Church of Roseville, MI will meet Saturday, September 28, 1985 to consider ordaining Bros. Jennings and Gibson to the office of Deacon.

All churches of like faith and order are invited.

## CHRIST BEFORE THE COURTS

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They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out bearing the cross for Himself. Deprived of sleep and food He was so physically weak He was unable to carry the cross all the way. They beckoned to a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, and he carried the cross. The Jewish day begins at six o'clock our time. So Jesus was nailed to the cross at the third hour or nine o'clock our time one morning. The cross was dropped into the socket between two malefactors (thieves or robbers). What a proverb that has become - "Crucified between two thieves." On the way to Golgotha Jesus spoke these words, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, weep for yourselves and for your children."

Now let's think of His trial before the court of God for the charge of sin which included the penalty of death, both physical and spiritual, and let's think of His trial before the court of hell on the charge of sin with the penalty of passing under the power of Satan and so becoming the prey of the Devil. Psalm 22 illuminates the events surrounding the cross of Christ and we hear Zechariah say, "Awake O sword, against my shepherd, against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." While hanging on the cross, Jesus cried, "I thirst." From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness prevailed over all the earth. This was not an eclipse of the sun. They don't last that long. It was devil darkness. As Christ said, "This is the hour of the power of darkness." In those three hours occurred the greatest tragedy earth ever knew. What were the constituent elements of the horrors of that darkness? In the first place, whoever enters into that darkness is forsaken of God. Out from that darkness we hear the cry, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

From the sin of Adam to the close of the judgment scene, no man ever entered that man. I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. Barabbas was a man guilty of murder and a robber. Pilate then asked, "What shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?" They all said unto him, "let him be crucified." Pilate then had Jesus crowned with thorns, put a purple robe on Him and brought Him out before the people and said, "Behold, the man!" Pilate took water and washed his hands before the people saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just man: see ye to it. The people all cried out in mockery, "His blood be on us, and on our children." Pilate didn't crucify Jesus but his sins and ours did. Christ stood that day before a host of judges, but the day is coming

when He will be the judge. Finally, Pilate signed the death warrant for Jesus of Nazareth, whom he had twice acquitted. darkness until God forsook Jesus. And why should God forsake Jesus? What had He done to separate Himself from God? The loneliness that comes from being God-forsaken is the most terrible loneliness in human experience. I think, when God forsook Jesus, it meant spiritual death. Physical death is the separation of the soul and body. Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God. The second element of that darkness was penal in that the one who enters it is smitten by the sword of divine justice. "Save me from the sword," said Christ in prophecy, and the Father answered, "Awake, O sword and smite him." Why should the sword smite Jesus? It smited only sinners. Jesus was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. Jesus was born holy. Jesus kept every precept in spirit and letter of the divine law. In Him was no guile! How, then, could the sword of divine justice smite Him? "God made him to be sin who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquities of us all." Yes, all liars, thieves, adulterers, and unbelievers of all generations sins were laid on Him. The sins of Adam's race were put on Him.

The third element is, that it was not only penal, but it was sacrificial. When a sinner brings a lamb and binds it to the altar, and then confesses his sin on the lamb and the innocence of the lamb is accounted to the sinner. Then the robed priest, without pity, sinks the sacrificial knife through the heart of the lamb and catches the hot blood and carries it into the holy of holies, and sprinkles it upon the mercy seat to make an atonement.

In that darkness, atonement for sin was made once for all. If Jesus died the death of a sinner, he must also suffer pains of hell. David said, "The pains of hell gat hold upon me." What are the pains of hell? Let the rich man's testimony stand. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same that through death he might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is the devil." At the end of the three hours of darkness, Jesus cried with a loud voice, then said, it is finished. He had met the Devil in head to heel contact bruising the Devil's head while suffering a bruised heel from the Devil. While Jesus was crushing the serpent's head, he felt the bite of the serpent and could not help but cry out with a loud voice. The most horrible thing known to man is for a lost soul to pass under the dominion of the devil. Men may deny there is a Devil, but they will meet him and will enter darkness over whose portal is written - He who enters here leaves all hope behind. Thank God for Jesus Christ our eternal Redeemer!

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF "VOICE OF BAPTISTS"

1. *The Trinity of God* – God, the Father; God, the Son; God, the Holy Spirit. One God in trinity, and trinity in unity.
2. *The Inerrancy of Scriptures* – The Scriptures are the infallible, plenary, inspired, verbal word of God.
3. *The Biblical Account of Creation* – That creation of earth, man and all things is the production of something from nothing by God, true and eternal.
4. *The Personality of Satan* – The Bible uniformly represents Satan as the Person who entices man to sin.
5. *Hereditary, Total Depravity of Man in Fall of Adam* – The entire creation of man is sinful by nature, being descendants of Adam.
6. *The Virgin Birth and Deity of Christ* – God's only begotten and holy Son.
7. *Christ's Blood Atonement for Fallen Man* – The sin-debt, owed by man to God, was paid by the blood of Christ.
8. *Bodily Resurrection of Christ and His Ascension Back to the Father* – Completely conquered death giving assurance to all men, and is now sat down at the right hand of God to mediate and intercede.
9. *The Person and Office Work of the Holy Spirit* – Reproving the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.
10. *Salvation by Grace through Faith in Christ* – God's grace entitles, enables and enlivens the sinner to the new life in Christ.
11. *Justification Before God by Repentance and Faith Without Any Admixture of Works* – "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he hath saved us."
12. *Separation of God's Children from the World* – "Ye shall know a tree by the fruit it bears."
13. *Water Baptism (Immersion) to be Administered to Believers Only and by Divine Authority as Given by Our Lord to His Church.*
14. *A New Testament Church is a Local, Visible Body of Baptized Believers Observing the Great Commission.*
15. *The Lord's Supper is a Church Ordinance, as is Baptism, and is to be Adminis-*

*tered to Baptized Believers in Scriptural Church Capacity Only.*

16. *Eternal Security of the Believer* – Harmony of God's preserving the believer in Christ with the believer's persevering through faith in Christ.
17. *Establishment by Christ of His True Church During His Personal Ministry on Earth* – That Christ took saved and baptized people, and thus organized them into a little government with His Word as the only Law and Himself as the only Lawgiver.
18. *A God-Called Ministry* – God impresses the hearts of some saved men to devote their lives to prayer and ministration of the word of God.
19. *Worldwide Evangelism was Given by Christ to His Church* – We are debtors to carry the glorious gospel to every creature on earth.
20. *Perpetuity of the Doctrines of Baptist Churches from the First Advent of Christ Until His Second Advent* – Though the Lord's true churches have gone by names given them by their enemies in other days, they have always been known by their doctrines.
21. *That All Scriptural Churches Should be Held as Equal Units as to Their Rights and Privileges in Associated Capacities* – No big or little churches with one lording authority over another.
22. *That All Associational Assemblies are Servants of the Churches.*
23. *That We Brand as Unscriptural: Open Communion, Alien Baptism, Pulpit Affiliation with Heretical Ministers, Unionism, Formalism, Universalism, Campbellism, Catholicism, Charismaticism, Pentecostalism, Deism and All Other Religious Philosophies of Men.*
24. *The Personal and Bodily Second Coming of Christ.*
25. *The Bodily Resurrection of the Dead, Both of the Righteous and the Wicked.*
26. *The Reality of Heaven, with Divine Assurance of Eternal Happiness for All the Redeemed of God.*
27. *The Reality of Hell, with Everlasting Punishment of the Incurable Wicked.*

*Note:* All saved people are not necessarily Baptists, and all claiming to be Baptists may not really be saved. Salvation is man's gift from God. Loyal service as a member of the true church is the saved man's duty to God. Baptists have fought to preserve the civil liberties of all men to worship God according to their views and interpretations of the Scriptures.

We ask none to compromise their doctrine, and request that you maintain the same tolerant attitude toward us when we refuse to compromise our beliefs.

## BULLETIN BOARD

Bro. Henry Smith has resigned Nyland Baptist Church and will return to his home in Nashville around the first of October.

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During the week of September 23-27, Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Paula, CA will have a special study on the "Origin and History of Baptists." Elder Kenneth Massey will serve as teacher.

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## YOUR COMMENTS

Enclosed is a check to help with the expenses of printing "Voice of Baptists."

We enjoy reading the paper and pray that it can stay in publication.

May God bless you.

Bethel Baptist Church  
Lou Ann Green, Clerk  
Toledo, OH

We are sending a donation to help with the paper. We enjoy it so very much. Keep up the good work!

Lewis and Mary Lay  
Scottsville, KY

Enclosed is our donation to the "Voice." We appreciate the paper very much.

Freedom Baptist Church  
Gilliam Johnson, Treas.  
Speedway, IN

I am enclosing a small offering to help with the expense of the "Voice of Baptists."

Elder Rex Hunt  
Fountain Run, KY

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## NOTICE!!

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, IN would like to inform you that Bro. Jerry Miller has terminated his mission work in West Virginia.

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, encouragement, financial assistance and any other way in which you may have supported this brother in his labors.

Please continue to pray for him as he endeavors to do God's will.

## WHY I AM A BAPTIST

I love the beautiful symbolism or the ordinances of Baptist Churches. I love a baptism that does not have to be argued, defended or explained, but is in itself such a living picture of the burial and resurrection that even the blind eye must close itself if it would not see. And I love the creed that is written nowhere save in the New Testament, which allows growth, and the changes which must come with increase of light and stature without periodical revision. Then, I love the simplicity of the Baptist organization. If there was not a Baptist Church in the world, there would, nevertheless, be millions of Baptists in every generation. I love the democratic churches. I even resent the innovation of advisory boards in Baptist churches. And, I love the Baptist recognition of the right of private judgment, the liberty of personal opinion. I love the free responsibility of the human soul, standing on a level platform face to face with God, with no shadow of pope or bishop, or priest, or man-made creed falling between himself and the Master. That's why I am a Baptist.

R. J. Burdette.

## REVIVALS

September 8

PEYTON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH - Monoville, TN. Pastor Ray Smith will be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. Services each evening at 7:30 p.m. YOU ARE WELCOME!

September 30

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Santa Paula, CA. Pastor Kent Parson will be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. Services nightly at 7:30 p.m. EVERYONE IS INVITED!

October 6

McFERRIN AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH - Nashville, TN. Pastor Howard G. Taylor will be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

## YOUR COMMENTS

Enclosed is a donation to be used on the publishing of "Voice of Baptists."

Thank you and your staff.

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Walker  
Polk, MO

## IS ONE CHURCH JUST AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

*(The following was mailed to the paper, signed only, "A mother that loves the Church Jesus built." Usually we do not print articles without the person giving their name; however we are printing this article because the editor thinks it to be a good, worthwhile subject.)*

I have actually heard Baptists make the statement that one Church is as good as another. We would probably be shocked if we knew how many Baptists believe this, whether they would say so or not. Many of us are saying it, by attending or permitting our children to attend all these so called churches over the country.

Who is at fault for this attitude among our people? I would say first that it is the fault of Baptist parents. What have we taught them? Maybe, we have taught them that once they are saved, that is all the Lord expects of them and they can do as they please after that. Maybe we have taught them that the Church is not very important anyway. Have we taught them maybe without meaning to, that it is more important to make a living, or rest, or visit or go fishing on Sunday than to attend Church?

Maybe our children have heard us say that just a few people run the Church anyway, so what is the use of me trying to do anything. Maybe the Lord and His cause is not discussed in our family conversations. Then there are those who don't want to be the interfering parent, so we will let them choose their own Church.

Parents, you had better guide your children to the right Church. If you are not thoroughly convinced which one is right, it is your duty to pray and study, and pray and study until you know which is the Church the Lord built.

I would highly recommend the little book, "The Trail of Blood," by J. M. Carroll to every Baptist in the world and I wish that every Catholic, Protestant and Jew would read it and believe it too.

## HOW TO KILL YOUR PREACHER

- Don't attend Sunday evening service.
- Only hear him when "convenient."
- Don't attend the prayer meeting.
- Habitually come late.
- Sit just inside the door.
- Don't give him your attention.
- Rush out as soon as the service ends.
- Act cold to show your dignity.
- Never thank him for his message.
- Never appreciate his efforts.
- Tell him what wonderful messages you hear elsewhere.
- Criticize him for not calling.
- Accuse his wife of trying to run things.
- Don't offer to help.
- Don't take your Sunday guests to hear him.
- Don't inform him when you are ill.
- Don't pray for him.

