

# 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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## CROSSBEARERS MAKE GOOD SOLDIERS

by Kenneth W. Massey

"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." Jesus Christ (Matt. 10:38)

A fact which has been proven over a thousand times is our interest in a matter is always in direct proportion to our investment. Fathers and mothers are greatly interested in their children because they have so much invested - life, love and provisions for their living.

No person has ever meant much to Christ unless that person has willingly borne a cross for his Lord. In Acts 13 we read about certain prophets and teachers who were members of the Antioch Church. These men were some of the pioneer crusaders for the mission efforts of the Kingdom. I would like for us to take a look at the life of a few of them.

### Manaen

I wonder how many of you had ever noticed this name with any real interest. Quite frankly, I must admit that he was a stranger to me until just a few years ago. Manaen was one of the volunteers to do initial missionary work.

King Herod's son, Prince Herod, was given the customary choice of selecting a young boy from one of the peasants' families to be his playmate. Prince Herod chose Manaen. So he came to the palace to live with royalty. The two young boys played together, studied and learned together, and finally grew to manhood.

One day Manaen made a decision to leave the palace. He would go and serve for the man called Jesus. The details of this young man's salvation are not available, but you may rest assured he had for certain been with Jesus and found Him precious to his soul. He may have trusted in him when He was brought before Herod there at the palace.

Anyway, he's leaving idolatry to worship and serve the lowly One of Galilee.

I can just imagine Herod calling him in and saying, "Manaen, have you lost your mind? Is it true that you plan to join in with those who follow the poor carpenter who was crucified?" At this point Manaen had to choose whom he would serve and with whom he would associate. Some of you are perhaps faced with this same question right now. You

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## PASTORS and DEACONS CONFERENCE

"For we are laborers together with God"

All pastors and deacons are invited to the INDEPENDENT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Huntingdon, Tennessee, May 2-3, 1986.

We will begin with lunch at 12:00 Friday and have special topics pertaining to both offices during the afternoon and again on Saturday morning. The conference will close with lunch Saturday to permit adequate travel time for our out-of-town guests.

Please let us know how many are coming from your church, and how many will need overnight accommodations. You may write to or call as follows:

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## MISSION REPORT

Dear Fellow-Labourers,

This is the first of what I hope to be many reports on a new Mission in West Virginia. I call it new, but God has had it in the workings for a long while. As I reflect over my life and the events that have brought about this effort, I see the hand of God in every move and I marvel at his wonderful ways. This work is not a lone effort on my part nor is it a singular undertaking of Old Time Missionary Baptist Church which has authorized it. This work is a part of all Gods Churches that have had a hand in the missionary outreach into W.V. and I personally would like to extend my deepest thanks to all involved.

This work may be different than most missionary endeavors in that I did not have to leave my home and family, I did not have to relocate nor did I have to quit my job. In August of 1982 we (Old Time Baptist Church) held a revival effort here in my hometown of Belmont, WV which is 3 counties and almost 50 miles removed for Old Times meeting place. To the natural eye that meeting didn't amount to much. In a county of 10,000 only 2 little 14 year old girls came to hear the Good News that Jesus saves sinners. It was at the end of that revival that I cried to God and said now that Old Time has gone home who is going to teach them. The answer came from God like a sword to my spirit and He said "Thou art the man." To make a long story short, I ran from God for 8 months and after much misery I yielded to the call. Since that time I have had one purpose in mind and that is to preach Jesus Christ to my own people. I availed myself to the open door policy of local churches (all of them unsound) and preached in them until they wouldn't invite me back, I bought time on the local radio station and started a 30 min. program in order to get people familiar with my beliefs and my intentions, and I talked personally with as many people as possible. It has now been three years in preparation but thank God the time has come.

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We had our first meeting on Friday night, February 28, 1986 in an old rented building that doesn't even have indoor plumbing and there were 33 people there. We met the next night March 1 and there were 35 present with 10 of those being different visitors than the night before. Regular services began on Sunday morning March 2 at 10:00 AM with an attendance of 16. (One of those was the same little girl that had attended in 1982) We have already had 3 different families say that they intend to come regularly because they say "we have never heard anything like this" and our prayer is that they will continue to like what they hear.

We believe God has a work to do here in Pleasants County and our hearts are full and open to the people, not just because they are our friends and relatives but because they, like all people everywhere, need salvation. We need and desire your earnest prayers. We will remain in this rented building until we can do better, and until my job frees me up in the evenings we will be limited to only Sunday morning services. As God gives more opportunity we will proceed and hopefully we will see many souls saved. We hope also to someday see a sound Baptist church here. PLEASE remember us in prayer and if you get the opportunity to come this way, stop and join us as we labour for our Lord. God be with you.

Your Fellow-Worker,  
Danny Chandler

## THE CROSS

In my mind I see a picture  
Though some may not understand  
But I see an Old Cross  
And on the Cross hangs a man.

I don't see three crosses  
I see only one  
And on that Old Cross  
Hangs God's Only Son.

His head is bowed in submission  
Hanging there between earth and sky  
Betrayed and condemned by His own  
And mocked by those who passed by.

"Father forgive them" He cried  
There was darkness, confusion and strife  
They crucified my Savior  
But He freely gave His life.

How can the world go on  
And never think or see  
That it is our Savior's precious blood  
That cleanses you and me.

He did not die just for the rich  
The poor, the blind or the lame  
He died for the sins of the whole world  
Even those who believe on His Name,

I know my Savior is not on the Cross  
And in the grave, He did not stay  
He is at the right hand of the Father  
Making intercession for us today.

Father, let me always see that Old Cross  
Though weak and unworthy as I may be  
For my only hope of salvation  
Is the blood that flowed from Calvary.

When I forget to thank you  
Or get discouraged and complain  
And fail to count my blessings  
Just let me see that Old Cross again.

'by Ruby Weatherford

## REVIVAL

Faith Baptist Church - Roseville, MI  
Revival services begin April 20th  
Pastor Dwayne Greer will be assisted by Kenneth Massey. All are welcome and your prayers requested.

## BETTER STEWARD

In an effort to conserve costs of the paper, we are requesting all individual subscribers pick up a copy at your church. We will continue sending to those people whose church does not receive the paper. If your church would like to receive a bundle, please write to:

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## FRIENDSHIP CALLS BRO. HUSKINS

Bro. Richard Huskins has accepted the pastorate of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Columbus, Indiana. Bro. Huskins succeeds Bro. Del Compton.

May God richly bless Bro. Del and Sister Bev in their move to Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tennessee.

## CHURCH ORGANIZATION

A Baptist Church will be organized, Saturday, May 24, 1986 at 10:00 AM one mile south of Pleasant Plains, Ark. on Highway 167 W.

All missionary Baptist churches are invited to send their ordained brethren.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis has an arm extended to this mission, Bethel Missionary Baptist Mission.

Also on this day, Bro. Floyd Davis and Bro. Reid Brock will be considered for ordination to the office of Deacon.

For any additional information, write or call Bro. M.V. Hammack, Box 265, Bald Knob, AR 72010, telephone (501) 724-5071.

## CLARKSBURG ORDAINS DEACONS

Saturday evening, March 29, 1986  
Clarksburg Baptist Church ordained Johnny Blount and Kenny Rush to the office of Deacon.

## YOUR COMMENTS

Enclosed is an offering from our church in support of the "Voice of Baptists." I continue to enjoy the interesting and informative articles, and hope the publication can continue.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
Nashville, TN  
Colin Dyer, Treas.

We are enclosing a check in support of "Voice of Baptists."

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Payne  
Springfield, MO

Please receive our check to help in the publication of the paper. We sure enjoy it each month. I enjoyed the article "Pastors Responsibilities," which appeared in the October issue. Pray God will continue to bless you.

The Jerry M. Crain Family  
Lebanon, MO

This is our gift to "Voice of Baptists." Hope you and your family are well and happy.

Peytons Creek Baptist Church  
Monoville, TN  
Mrs. Avo Massey, Treas.

I wish to express my appreciation through the "Voice of Baptists" to my preacher, brethren, all brothers and sisters in Christ, and the many friends who have been so considerate of me during my time of grief. Last July, the Lord took my husband home to heaven. Seems I can appreciate our ministers more than ever. They are strong in the Spirit and the Lord is trusting them to deliver the gospel by His Spirit. When we feel so low it lifts us up. Hope this isn't too lengthy. Sending an offering to help. Thanks so much for the prayers. Enjoy the "Voice."

Mrs. Fount Moran  
Beech Grove, IN

Just a small donation to help you keep the "Voice of Baptists" in circulation. I've read it for years. I don't take it, but I have friends who take it and they pass it along to me. So I am just sending a donation to keep it going. The paper is really inspiring to me. I'm over 80 years old and the Lord is still working on me. Praise His holy name!

Mrs. Myrtle Morgan  
Scottsville, KY

Enclosed is our semi-annual donation to the "Voice of Baptists." May God continue to bless the entire staff on the paper.

Freedom Baptist Church  
Speedway, IN  
Gilliam Johnson, Treas.

When I saw your notice in the December issue I figured it was put there just for me. Enclosed is a check to help the paper. May God richly bless you.

Elder Terry Foster  
Belton, MO

Would you please send me Elder Jerry A. Reynolds address. I enjoyed so much his article "Nehemiah - Missionary of Reconstruction." I want to commend him on it. It is so true. Thank you.

G.V. Hamilton  
(editor of "Voice of Faith")  
Angie, LA

Enclosed is a small amount for the paper. Have been intending to write for some time. I enjoy getting the paper.

Laura Strode  
Scottsville, KY

Enclosed is a donation to help on the "Voice of Baptists" paper. It is an inspiring paper.

Mrs. Ethel Smith  
Lafayette, TN

The following churches sent donations:  
Clarksburg Baptist Church - Clarksburg, TN  
Cross Roads Baptist Church - Camden, TN  
Victory Baptist Church - Hendersonville, TN  
Fellowship Baptist Church - Indianapolis, IN  
Friendship Baptist Church - Columbus, IN  
Bethel Baptist Church - Corvallis, OR  
Lyons Baptist Church - Louisville, KY  
Old-Time Baptist Church - Elizabeth, WV

Sending you a small donation on the paper. We really enjoy it.

Lillard & Ernie Gregory  
Dixon Springs, TN

We enjoy the "Voice of Baptists" paper so much. Enclosed is a small check. Thank you.

Herman Payne  
Polk, MO

Thanks for the "Voice of Baptists." Maybe this will help keep it coming.

J.B. & Jean Clark  
Franklin, KY

Read your article in the "Voice of Baptists." Excellent! I'll save it for reference.

Blanche Weaver  
Santa Paula, CA

I do so enjoy the "Voice of Baptists." The unsaved need to hear the gospel, but we Christians need to be fed the word too.

There are so many good articles in each month's issue - they are worth reading again and again. I'm sending a small donation.

Mary E. Slagle  
Bolivar, MO

May God bless each one in his work with "Voice of Baptists." It has a lot of good reading in it. At this time, I'm very lonely and heavy-hearted. I lost my husband last December, and life hasn't been easy since. I would like to ask everyone who reads this to remember my family in prayer. The grandchildren are all lost and they need to be saved. I'm sending a small donation which I'm hoping will help this little paper.

May God bless each one.

Mrs. Marie Doolin  
Williamsport, IN

Other individuals sending donations were:

Barry Miller - Lafayette, TN  
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hendricks - Bowling Green, KY  
Ruth Tuck - Gallatin, TN  
Mr. & Mrs. K.D. Copas - Bowling Green, KY

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## Homecoming '86

The membership of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Road, Nashville, invite you to Homecoming '86 on May 4th. Dinner will follow the 11:00 service. The McKameys will sing at 2:00. D.W. Story, pastor.

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## 25th Anniversary

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church of Washington, Illinois will be holding their 25th anniversary on May 4th with all day services. Elder Raymond Hargis from Memphis, Tennessee will be preaching. The Patterson Quartet will also be there for song services along with our own youth quartet. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome! For more information contact:

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## CROSSBEARERS

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are God's servant following the crowd. I'd like to remind you that you surrendered all to be saved. But have you ever given up anything to serve your Saviour? Manaen did. He gave up royal friendships with royal fringe benefits to serve Him who gave life eternal. I believe Manaen's new friends meant more to him than those he sacrificed to follow Jesus.

### Saul

"And there was a man by the name of Saul." This is the same as the apostle Paul. The Greek for "Saul" is "asked for" and for "Paul" is "little." God asked for this man to be a trail-blazer. He would be sent to the Gentiles with God's glorious gospel. What cross did he bear? He made a total surrender of his soul, mind and body to the Lord Jesus Christ. By surrender, I mean he gave up anything and everything that had been to his advantage in favor of looking for an advantage to Jesus. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14) Have you failed to really get involved with the work of our Lord? Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." (Matt. 16:24) Paul was small in physical stature, standing five feet and six inches, and weighing only a hundred and thirty pounds. Not many have ever been the crossbearer Paul was. God used him to write fourteen of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. By his labors, at least thirteen new churches were planted. All of this was accomplished between imprisonments, beatings and a shipwreck. What a soldier!

### Barnabas

What cross did this man bear? Nothing is said of his having many talents. Couldn't preach much. Was not very eloquent. The church ran into a financial crisis, and because of Barnabas's genuine love for Jesus and His Church, he sold his farm and donated every cent to the church at Jerusalem. I've never personally known anyone who did such. Have you? Neither have I ever known in my life one man or woman in the church that was faithful, loving, devoted, soul-concerned and dedicated to the work of Christ who would not bear the cross of giving. Many of you will never be crusaders for Christ and won't really mean much to the church, because when it comes to giving money, you hold back. I do not wish to know who gives how much in the church I pastor. But I really believe that I could pick the givers pleasing God by their church attendance and interest in the Lord's work.

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21) It seems so easy

for the Christians to sing "I Surrender All" for the invitation, but "Have Thine Own Way" at other times.

### Niger

Do you remember reading about the man who was called to help carry Jesus's cross? His name was Simeon. Luke says of this man - "and Simeon that was called Niger." Could it be the same man who bore the actual cross of Jesus is alive and wanting to do more to help the Saviour's crusade. I believe it was.

The real point I want to make here is this - we need to go to Calvary often in our meditations that we might draw from that self-sacrificing scene. If in fact Niger did carry the cross, it must have surely strengthened his spiritual muscles. Jesus bore the cross of death for us. How many of us will bear a cross till the death for Him?

## WHAT ALCOHOL DOES

Each year alcohol kills over 100,000 Americans and costs the USA up to 120 billion dollars in economic damages. Alcohol is implicated in 66 percent of homicides, 50 percent of rapes, and 70 percent of all robberies. Drunken driving is the leading cause of death among young people ages 16 to 24. Of the estimated 13 to 15 million alcoholics and problem drinkers in the United States, more than 3 million are under the age of 18. In 1981 a government report found that 9 percent of sixth graders have used alcoholic beverages.

## PEACE RENEWED

By Danny Chandler

There was a time when I walked in the light,  
A time when God's peace ruled my life;  
The Lord had saved me when I was a lad,  
Created a new creature in place of the bad.

But the flesh was weak and I turned from the way,  
No longer did I my Master obey;  
I sought my pleasure in the things of this life,  
And filled my days with earthly delights.

I rejected the wise council of family and friends,  
As they bid me repent, follow the Master again;  
I continued to do all the things I had done,  
Not thinking or caring of God's only Son.

I thank Jesus His words are so very true,  
When He said, "I'll never leave nor forsake you."  
I thank Him again when I sweetly recall,  
Those that are His He remembers them all.

The rod of chastisement burned deep in my soul,  
As I struggled to gain some measure of control.  
My friends had all left me and gone their own way,  
I could find no peace in the night or the day.

I cleaned up my life and did all that "I" could,  
To live once again the life that I should.  
I went back to church and quit running around,  
But the peace I'd once known just could not be found.

Oh! that stubborn, foolish, human pride,  
That keeps us from our Savior's side.  
The pains of guilt for those backslidden years,  
Brought me to repentance from my heart with much tears.

As I cried to my Lord, amidst my shame and disgrace,  
He returned to me peace by His marvelous grace.  
I now gladly serve Him all the day and the night,  
For the joy of His peace is more precious than life.