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Wiseman, Enon And Southwestern District Baptist Associations To Convene

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern District Baptist Association will convene in their one hundred and eighteenth annual session with the Westport Missionary Baptist Church, in Carroll County, Tenn., on Friday, October 7, 1966, at 10:00 A. M. The church is located 10 miles southeast of Huntingdon, Tenn.

Officers elected last year were: Elder T. L. Campbell, moderator, and Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk.

Services will be conducted for the three days, Oct. 7 through Sunday, Oct. 9. Elder E. J. Baker is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday; Elder W. H. Hopper will deliver the Doctrinal Sermon the second day, and on Sunday, the Missionary Sermon is to be preached by Elder Robert Noles.

ENON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Friday, October 7, 1966, at 10:00 A. M., the Enon Baptist Association will meet with Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn., near Pleasant Shade, in its one hundred and seventeenth annual session.

Bro. Larry Bakken will preach the Introductory Sermon the first day; Elder E. C. Butler preaches the Memorial Sermon the second day, and on Sunday, the Doctrinal Sermon is to be delivered by Elder J. C. Austin.

At the last session, Elder T. C. Jones was elected moderator; Elder Bill McDonald, clerk, and Elder J. C. Austin, treasurer.

WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The seventy-fourth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association is to convene on October 21, 22 and 23, 1966, with Piper's Chapel Baptist Church, about two miles east of Portland, Tennessee, on Fowler-Ford Road, beginning at 10:00 A. M. on the first day.

Elder F. L. Ray was elected Moderator at the last session. The association elected Elder W. T. Russell as Clerk, and Elder Paul D. Oldham, Treasurer.

Elder James (Pete) Porter was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, on Friday; Elder Howard Taylor, the Memorial Sermon, on Saturday, and on Sunday, Elder W. T. Russell to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

Fellowship Meeting Thursday, Oct. 13

There is to be a Fellowship Meeting on Thursday night, October 13, at Parkwood Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Services are to begin at 7:30 P. M.

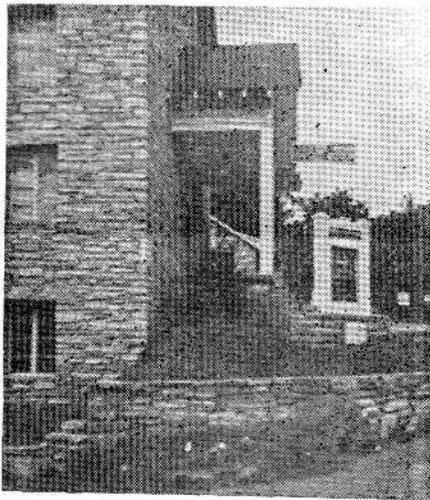
Everyone is invited to attend and especially all Baptist ministers.

Public Debate Oct. 3, 4, 6 and 7

There is to be a public debate between Elder P. D. Ballard, Baptist, of Lindsey, Okla., and Mr. Billy Ashworth, Campbellite, of Franklin, Tenn., on October 3, 4, 6 and 7. The sessions are to be at night. The editor did not receive the hour of time information and the location of this debate was listed as New Hope, evidently near Franklin, Tenn.

Two issues are to be discussed in these meetings—salvation and the church. The public is invited to attend.

With The Indians



BAPTIST MISSION — NOW A BAPTIST CHURCH

Cherokee, N. C.—The sign hanging out in front of the above pictured building says "Cherokee Indian Baptist Mission." This building is located between Cherokee and Bryson City, North Carolina. Since the above picture was made the

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Search The Scriptures

By D. C. Russell

This is part 2 of this article. The first was in the July issue of the Banner—Editor)

When Joseph found out that Mary was with child he did not want to make a public example of her and was going to put her away privily; but the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a dream and made known unto him that the expected child was the Son of God, and not to fear to take her to wife. Read Matt. 1:18-21. When God's time had come that Mary should be delivered, Joseph and Mary were on their way to Bethlehem to pay their taxes, they sought room in the Inn; but were turned away, they found shelter in a barn, in this ox stall the Son of God was born and they "laid Him in a manger."

About the same time that this great event was taking place God sent a messenger from heaven to make sure that there was no mistake as to who this

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Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY — OCTOBER

McFerrin Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder Howard Taylor.

Long Creek Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor Floyd Ferguson is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor W. E. Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

SECOND SUNDAY — OCTOBER

Dixon's Creek Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder Hilman Duncan.

THIRD SUNDAY — OCTOBER

Meadorville Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson, with Elder Tommie Lankford in charge of the singing.

Oak Forest Baptist Church, Hays, Ky. Pastor Odell Willoughby is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

FIFTH SUNDAY — OCTOBER

Baptist Mission, Highway 70, Carthage Tenn. This is a mission of Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Elder H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of Old Union, is to conduct the Mission revival.

Missionary Writes From Japan

(Bro. Smith gave permission for this letter to be printed in the Banner.—Editor)

323 Koi Naka Machi
Hiroshima, Japan
September 5, 1966

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I shall endeavor to write something here, after so long a time. I haven't been settled very well since I came into Japan last April. So, I have been putting off writing until we could get better situated.

I started a new work in Tokuyama last July. We found a place for holding services, and started by holding a week's meeting. We had good interest in this meeting, several people in attendance and there were lost people who showed concern for their soul's salvation. I have been holding services in this new location each Saturday and Sunday nights since we started back in July. We have some whole families attending our services, something I have not seen in all my missionary experiences in Japan.

I have longed for, and prayed that we could have some families in church, because there are many problems when there is just one member of a family a Christian. I pray, and ask that you pray, that these people will continue to come and will be saved.

I am delighted to report that the Lord has provided a place of residence for us in the city of Tokuyama. I found the place just five days before Annie Laura's arrival into Japan. She came in September 3, and I came up to Tokyo to meet her, in fact, we are in Yokohama right now, and we will be here a few days yet. I am going to hold a few night's meeting here in Yokohama at Brother Blalock's church before we return to our place.

Brother Blalock is still in the states. But they were preparing to return to Japan when they had an automobile accident. His wife and youngest son were injured very seriously. The boy has a broken neck and his whole body is paralyzed. Pray for them.

I am thankful that my wife is now with me in Japan and that we can now get back to normal living again. She fell and broke her arm and that delayed her coming for several weeks, and then came the airlines' strike, and she wasn't able to get a reservation for several weeks on that account.

We will be leaving Yokohama September 18 or 19 for the Southwest, to our 18 hours to make the trip by car from

For The CHILDREN



By Mrs. Larry Snoddy Adairville, Ky.

(It has been suggested, and I agree, that a column in the Banner for the children would be worthwhile. This is to acquaint the children with Bible truths concerning characters in the Scriptures and their lives and activities. Sister Snoddy will be writing the column for the readers of the Banner. Get your children to read and study the column each month.—Editor)

JESUS

This month the questions or statements are about Jesus and His work. Children, fill in the blank places and when you have finished, turn to page 4 and check your answers.

1. _____ was the mother of Jesus.
2. The name of His foster-father on earth was _____.
3. Jesus was born in the little town of _____.
4. Jesus was baptized by _____.
5. The number of apostles that Jesus had was _____.
6. Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fishes and fed over _____.
7. _____ was the apostle that betrayed Jesus.
8. Jesus was crucified on a _____.
9. He came out from His tomb after _____ days.
10. Jesus' heavenly Father is _____.

If you have filled in all the answers, turn to page 4 and check your score.

place in Tokuyama. It will take us about here to Tokuyama. The roads are fairly good in this country now and it isn't too bad driving. But the top speed limit is about 40 miles an hour. So, we can't go too fast.

As soon as we get to our new place and a little bit settled down, I will write again.

God bless you all.

James H. Smith

S. B. C. Ripping At The Seams Over Federal Aid To Sectarian Schools And Other Principles

The issue of federal aid to parochial or sectarian schools was sharply debated recently in Fort Worth, Texas, by Dr. E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, and Dr. Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University. Dr. James is an outspoken opponent of denominational schools receiving federal grants, but Dr. McCall speaks out in favor of it.

By **D. N. Jackson, LL. D. Editor**
American Baptist

As reported, "the debate came during addresses at the annual pastors' conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Fort Worth."

Dr. McCall criticized ardent advocates of separation of church and state, calling them "a great threat to the continued existence of a free church in a free society." Dr. James appeared to get the better of the argument, if the responses from the congregation were any indication, as reported.

The federal aid issue is a disturbing factor in the Southern Baptist Convention ranks in all parts of the country. Some Convention schools are said to be receiving federal grants and others are hopeful of it. So keen is the controversy, spreading out to the pastors and other denominational workers, that it could lead to an organic rupture in the Con-

vention, both nationally and on the state level.

Grant that some schools may be lost without receiving federal aid, as the squeeze is on, but to accept the aid means a sure loss in independence, autonomy and self-respect. Along with federal grants, will go a degree of federal control.

Furthermore, tax-payers necessarily will be forced to support the teachings of other denominations, matters not how much they may disagree with them. Baptists will pay taxes to support the Catholic hierarchy, regardless of the claim otherwise, but let not Baptists depart from their historic position by accepting federal grants for their schools. The issue will try the very souls of Baptists, for many will reason that they should receive federal grants, if they must pay taxes to allow grants to schools of any other denomination. It is a test of loyalty

and devotion. But let Baptists never forget our Lord's admonition: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25).

Other Divisive Issues

Other issues threatening the unity of the Southern Baptist Convention include outright modernism in doctrine. Pastors trained in their seminaries are influencing the churches, in some instances openly denying the fundamentals of the Baptist faith. Some have gone so far as to deny the virgin birth of Christ, the blood atonement for the sins of the world and the old Baptist doctrine of church perpetuity.

In the S. B. C. ranks are to be found some preachers and churches that are fundamentally sound in the faith, and to these we can give the hand of fellowship. Down the line, when we know not, unless there is a decided change for the better in the S. B. C., there is sure to come an organic division. Speaking for myself, if and when such a division should come, we should be ready to welcome the sound preachers and churches into our ranks.

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Come to CH CH! What's missing?
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It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Indians

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INDIAN BAPTIST DEACON AND THE EDITOR

Mission has been organized into a Baptist Church. This is one of the places of worship for the Indians on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, just east of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Some time ago the editor was privileged to meet, and talk with one of the Indian Baptist Deacons.

One of our preacher brethren related to us one of his experiences of visiting with an Indian congregation in a spiritual service in this area some time ago.

Radio Broadcasts

Elder Tommy Ashford conducts a broadcast each Sunday at 6:30-7:00 A. M. on WJLE, Smithville, Tenn. (1480 on dial.)

Elder W. T. Russell, pastor of Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., conducts a broadcast each Sunday at 8:30-9:00 A. M., on WBGN, Bowling Green, Ky. (1340 on dial.)

Elder Robert W. Gregory conducts broadcast of Parkwood Baptist Church each Sunday at 9:30-10:00 A. M., on WENO, Madison, Tenn. (1430 on dial.)

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., broadcasts each Sunday at 1:30-2:00 P. M., on WKCT, Bowling Green. (930 on the dial.) Broadcasts conducted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, "The first Indian church in the United States was called the First American Church. This church was founded at El Reno, Oklahoma, in 1918."

Search

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child was. This messenger appeared to the shepherds in the field, "the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

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.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:9-14.

These men (shepherds) investigated and found it as the angel had told them. I wish that all men would do the same. I am sure that even the critics would be convinced, if they would be honest in their search for truth, this truth can be found in the scriptures.

You and I know that the teachings of the scriptures relative to the Son of God, and His coming, dying, and empty tomb, have changed the course of this world many times, also changed the lives of millions of people, many have sacrificed their lives, to prove their faith in these things.

While He (Jesus) was on the cross, the earth did quake, rock rent, the sun refused to shine, the Centurion standing by said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

The great Apostle Paul, before his conversion, did many things to hinder the Lord's work and bound many and delivered them to prison, consented to the death of Stephen, those that stoned him laid their garments at the feet of Saul (Paul). Hear what this great man said. "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth."

"Which things I also did in Jerusalem and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

"And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them, even unto strange cities." Acts 26:9-11.

Paul admitted that he was mad, yet he had religion; but he did not believe what the scriptures taught about Jesus. He was

doing all that he could to bring to nought the teaching and the faith of them that believed that Jesus was God's Son. Many in this day say that they are Christians; and at the same time boldly say that Jesus could be the son of a German soldier.

Some say that God is dead, and at the same time claim to be Christians, to me this is sheer hypocrisy; but this will lead many in to error, for there are so many who will not take time to search for the truth and this truth can be found in the scriptures.

When Paul was made to realize his error, he confessed that he did all these things in ignorance. Here is his statement. "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief." I Tim. 1:13. After Paul's conversion there was such a change in his life even his own people turned against him; but he preached Jesus, regardless of cost. He was stoned, put in prison, and was at times hungry and in need. This was some of the cost, but this great man did not falter in his service for Jesus. Let Paul speak for himself.

"But none of these things moved me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24.

Paul, writing to Timothy, made the following statement:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." II Tim. 4:7, 8.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.

There is a great need for every Christian to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (scriptures). This includes Ministers, Deacons, and Laymembers. By doing this we would let the world know that we believe what God has said relative to His Son Jesus. By advocating the scriptures and living by them we will avoid customs and traditions which tend to slip in and lead us into error.

I know that the scriptures are true and God's word will stand forever. Satan and all of his forces cannot do away with them. He has contested every truth: but they have weathered every assault. God will be victorious in the end, and prove to the world that Jesus is (yes according to the scriptures) "King of kings, and Lord of Lords." Rev. 19:16.

Sinners, I want to tell you, if you es-

Revival Reports

Rocky Grove Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tenn. Nine professions of faith, with eight additions to the church. Pastor Bill Hail was assisted by Elder Hilman Duncan.

Parkwood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Five professions of faith, with eight additions to the church. Pastor Robert W. Gregory was assisted by Bro. Horace Head.

Southside Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Seven professions of faith, with seven additions to the church. Pastor M. L. Ellis was assisted by Elder William I. House.

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Two additions to the church. Pastor W. T. Russell was assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. One profession of faith, with eight additions to the church. Elder L. W. Smith, the pastor, did the preaching.

Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Seven professions of faith, with 11 additions to the church. Pastor Hilman Duncan was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

QUOTES

Some church members are STAND-BYERS and some are BY-STANDERS.

Children

(Answers to Questions on Page 2)

1. Mary. Luke 2:4-7.
2. Joseph. Luke 1:27 and Luke 2:40-48.
3. Bethlehem. Matthew 2:1.
4. John the Baptist. Matthew 3:13-16.
5. Twelve. Matthew 10:1-4 and Luke 6:13.
6. Five thousand. Matt. 14:21, Mark 6:44, Luke 9:14 and John 6:10.
7. Judas. Matthew 10:4 and Matthew 26:14-16.
8. Cross. Matthew 27:39-42 and Col. 2:14.
9. Three. Mark 9:31.
10. God. John 3:16, John 17:1 and Gal. 4:4.

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 cape a demon's hell, you will have to come to Jesus, God's Son, repent of your sins, and trust in Him for salvation; if you will meet these conditions, heaven, joy, peace, and everlasting life will be yours.