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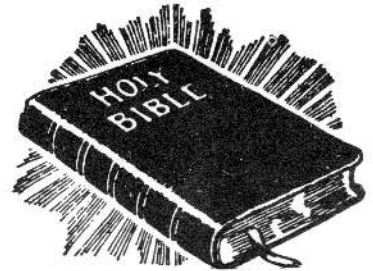
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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that
it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

19 ¶ Go ye therefore, and teach
all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all
things whatsoever I have commanded
you: and, lo, I am with you alway
even unto the end of the world. A-mén

Matt. 28:19-20



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Search The Scriptures

By H. C. Vanderpool

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life." John 5:39a.

There are many ideas in the minds of people today concerning the plan of salvation. Because of this fact there are various interpretation of the scriptures. Not only the plan of salvation but other subjects of the Bible are twisted and misunderstood. I believe much of this is due to the fact that so many people take what someone says and they have failed to search the scriptures for themselves.

How are we to search or study the scriptures? The following outline should be of help to sincere and honest people.

SERIOUSLY. We should be serious about our study. As we go into the world as ministers, deacons, Sunday School teachers or as laymen, we should have a desire to rightly divide the teachings of the Bible. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

EARNESTLY. In our earnest search of the word of God, we will be strengthened. It is good for our meditation and will provide a progressive way of life. "This book of the law shall not depart out of my mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8.

ANXIOUSLY. When Thomas had doubted the person of Christ, Jesus told him later when Thomas was convinced that the Lord was alive when he was able to see him and touch His hands and His

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Pictured above is a baptismal scene in the Sea near Hiroshima, Japan on September 14, 1975. Left to right: Satoko Deguchi; Etouko Kojima, school teacher; Luke Tajima, son of Elder Luke Tajima; Elder Koji Tajima and Seigi Deguchi, machine designer, son of Satoko.

Ordination Service

There is to be an all-day ordination service at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, January 10, 1976. Services are to begin at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

Bible Study

There is to be a Bible Study at West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., each Tuesday and Thursday night January 6 through February 26, 1976. Services are to begin at 7 p. m. with Elder W. T. Russell as teacher. Everyone is invited.

Missionary Report From Japan

Hiroshima, Japan
September 22, 1975

Dear Bro. Billy J. Woodard
and Brethren of
New Bethel Baptist Church

It has been some days passed already since my family and I got home safely from a wonderful trip to America to visit with our dear friends and Baptist churches. It was such a wonderful and blessed chance for us to be in your church at your revival while we were there. We

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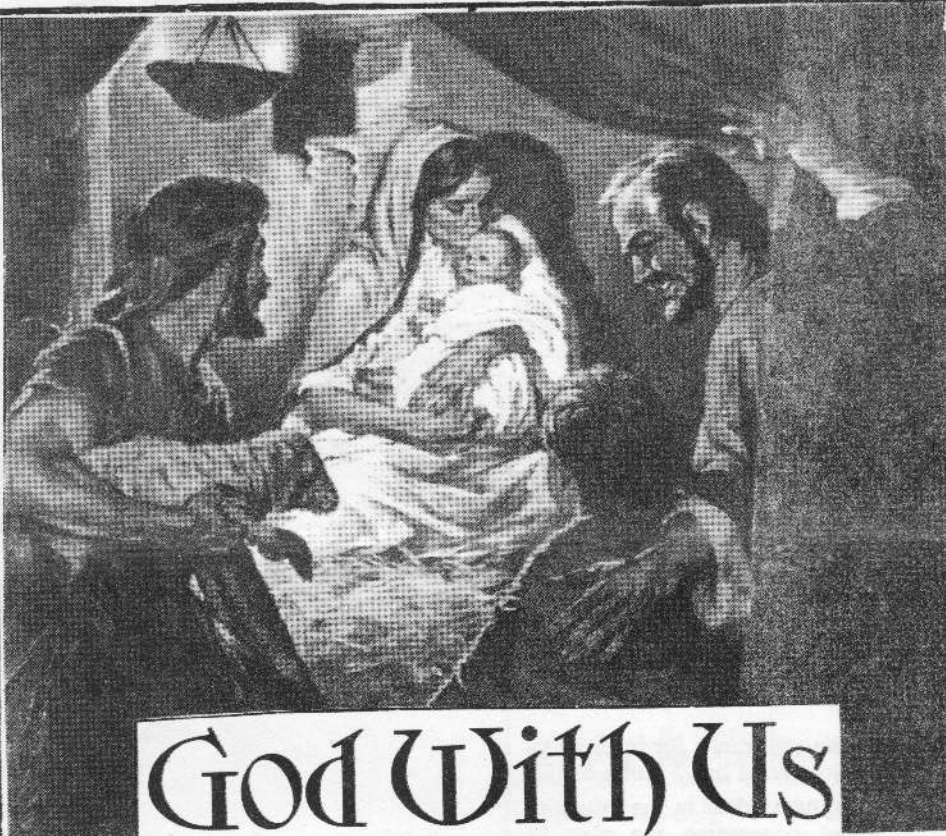
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side, that he (Thomas) believed by seeing. Then Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." A record was made of this that we could study and have a knowledge of the blessings that come by faith. So John wrote the following: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:30-31.

REGULARLY. Most everyone feels that proper food and sleep are needed daily for the body. Without these the body becomes weak and sickness is sometime the result. The spiritual man also needs to be fed. This comes through listening to the preaching of the word of God, prayer, attending church and by studying the scriptures daily. See Ps. 1:2. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the



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word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

CAREFULLY. We should be careful in searching and teaching the scriptures. This means we should prayerfully study and be sure that we get the proper meaning because the salvation of many souls will depend upon the right preaching of God's word. Jesus was careful in expounding the truths of the Old Testament. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:27. Then the apostle Paul told a young preacher by the name of Timothy, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:15-17.

HUMBLY. Finally we are to study the scriptures with a spirit of humility. The word of God is a message from the creator of heaven and earth to us the fallen race. By studying in this manner, the Lord will open our understanding of his teachings. See James 1:22. "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures," Luke 24:45.

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

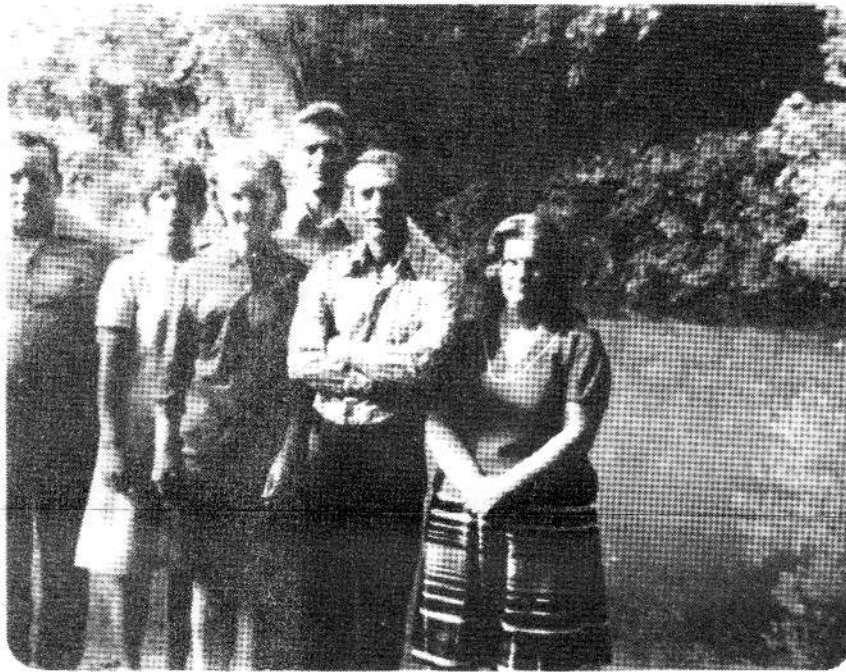
From heaven above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing.

To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen mother mild;
This little child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

Were earth a thousand times as fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
It yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, to Thee.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given,
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.



Pictured above is a baptismal scene at Vienna, West Virginia. Left to right: Eugene Maze, Charlotte Maze, Nell Cunningham, Eld. Jerry Reynolds, the administrator, Don Cunningham and Maudeen Merrill.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We realize there are many blessings that come to us all. Christmas is a season when we express our love and appreciation to one another by gifts, deeds and words. The greatest of gifts is God's gift of eternal life through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Rom. 6:23; John 3:16; John 4:10; II Cor. 9:15. Our prayers are that everyone who has not yet received this gift, will receive it and enjoy it for time and eternity.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.
Editor and Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool

Missionary Report From West Virginia

4610¹/₂ Seventh Ave.
Vienna, W. Va. 26105
Nov. 10, 1975

To: The Churches of Our Lord Jesus
Dear Brethren,

We thank you all again who have prayed for us and have sent us financial help. God has blessed us. We pray that He will continue to bless you also.

For you who have not already heard the news, Five people were baptized into the fellowship of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church through this extended arm on September 7. These five are parents of three different families which attend regularly. They have received the truth exceptionally well and are continuing with a good zeal to do so. We have four other families represented in our regular attendance. Some of these who come regularly are saved, and some are not.

We were in revival September 14-24 at the mission. Elder Don Lumpkin, missionary in Oregon from Missouri, was here and helped with the preaching. Brother Lumpkin has lost relatives in this region. We were strengthened by the meeting although, as far as we know, no one was saved. Several lost souls sought God in the altar of prayer. We were privileged to hear testimonies from two souls who were saved previously. One of these two was saved following a meeting I preached in two years ago, but had never testified publicly before.

Donations during the third quarter were as follows:

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REPORT FROM JAPAN

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will never forget that sweet fellowship with you, even that song sung by a little boy, "One Day At A Time." Prayer, shake hands, tears, all are precious to each of us.

We truly appreciate for your inviting us to your church. There we found true Baptist Friends in you.

Since we got home we have been a plenty of busy to get settled down, yet we couldn't make them to the day, however. We are happy to be in the Lord's work again in our fields.

My family and I are fine, and doing all right, for which we are truly thankful unto the Lord. First Sunday since we got home an old woman got saved and we are so happy over a converter.

Two Sundays ago I baptized four people including our son Luke, in nearby ocean by Baptist Baptism. It was a wonderful service. A lot of people watched the service as there is highway, Route Two, beside of seashore. It was, therefore, a good testimony.

We will keep praying for you all. Would like for you to pray for us. We appreciated your check for \$127.65 from your church to Koi Baptist Church, which arrived July 22, just after we left for America.

May God richly bless you.

Yours truly,

Koji Tajima and Family

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

The following are some singings on New Year's Eve or during that season:

Sunday night, December 28—Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Singing begins at 7 p. m. Featured groups will be the Gospel Four and the Christian Aires.

Wednesday night, December 31—McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Services beginning at 8 p. m. with intermission later. In addition to lots of congregational singing, the Powell Family will be featured.

Wednesday night, December 31—Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. The singing is to begin at 7:30 p. m. Featured groups will be the Cockriel Family, the Happyaires and the Crusaders.

Wednesday night, December 31—Liberty Missionary Baptist Church 230 W. Morris Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. Singing begins at 7 p. m. Singing groups will be the Gospel Way Trio, the Gospel Way Junior Singers and the Gammons Family.

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.

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

4th Session: March 24, 25, 26, 1976

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ments write to: Old Union Baptist Minis-
ters School, c/o Eld. Kenneth Massey, 2416
Shamrock Drive, Bowling Green, Ky.
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Pictured above are the teachers for the school. Left to right: Eld. H.C. Vanderpool, Eld. F. L. Ray, Eld. F. W. Lambert, Eld. W. T. Russell and Eld. J. H. Smith.

SUBJECT	TIME	TEACHER
Profile of A Minister	(3 hrs.)	F. W. Lambert
The Grace of God	(1 hr.)	F. L. Ray
Prayer-individually, Privately, Publicly	(1 hr.)	F. L. Ray
Faith As Found In General Context Of The Bible	(1 hr.)	F. L. Ray
Doctrinal Defense	(1 hr.)	W. T. Russell
The Doctrine of Last Things	(1 hr.)	W. T. Russell
The Plan of Salvation	(1 hr.)	W. T. Russell
English Bible Survey	(3 hrs.)	H. C. Vanderpool

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From churches: Fellowship (Ind.) \$165.00, Lyons \$150.00, Old Union \$142.89, Liberty (Ohio) \$140.00, Bethel (Ind.) \$75.00, Faith (Mich.) \$95.00, Fairview Memorial \$200.33, Hendersonville \$181.81, Madison \$62.50.

From Individuals: Philip Creecy, Springer, N. M. \$130.00; John Hayter, Louisville, Ky. \$125.00, Eugene Maze, Palestine, W. Va. \$140.00; Roy Corbitt, Woodburn, Ky. \$35.00; Haven Hendricks, Hammond, Ind. \$77.00; Elder Stephen Skinner, Springfield, Mo. \$50.00; J. W. Lyons, Indianapolis, \$35.00; Elder Jim Carter, Indianapolis, New Thompson Chain-Ref. Bible; Mrs. Russell Merrill, Palestine, W. Va. \$3.00; Ray Reynolds, Polk, Mo. \$50.00.

I would like to express my special thanks to Brother Vanderpool for printing my reports in the Baptist Banner.

Our prayer is that God would bless all of you abundantly.

Your Servant for Jesus' sake,
Jerry A. Reynolds

Support School

The fourth session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School is to be held in March 1976. Each year each minister has paid a tuition of \$25.00 to cover expenses involved in the operation of the school, that is his lessons, lesson materials, lunches, etc. Those who have desired to attend and didn't feel they could pay were allowed to attend and the tuition was paid out of free will offerings of churches or individuals.

Old Union Baptist Church is furnishing their facilities and paying some of the extra expenses incurred themselves because of their interest in the Lord's work and young ministers.

They desire to make it possible for every minister who desires to attend to be able to do so without paying a tuition. This can be done only if our Baptist Churches are willing to take offerings and send to the school for that purpose. Will each church do this? We trust you will.

VANDERPOOL—RAMSEY DEBATE

The religious discussion on the plan of salvation between Glenn B. Ramsey, minister of the Carthage church of Christ, Carthage, Tenn. and H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. was held under a large tent at Smith County Fair Grounds, Carthage, Tenn. on October 20, 21, 22, 23, 1975.

According to those in charge of parking and seating the attendance was from 750 to some over 800 each night making the total attendance for the four nights something over 3,000.

Minister Basil Overton of Florence, Alabama was moderator for Glenn B. Ramsey and Elder W. T. Russell of Bowling Green, Ky. was moderator for Editor H. C. Vanderpool. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all attending, for the fine cooperation from the sponsoring churches, to all who worked and helped in any way. Everyone is to be commended for their fine behavior.