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Thus saith the LORD, Stand
for the old paths, where *is* the
ye shall find rest



ye in the ways, and see, and ask
good way, and walk therein, and
for your souls.

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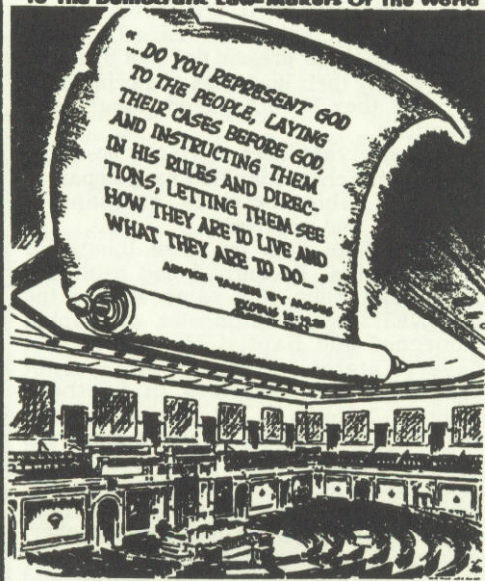
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America

To The Democratic Law-Makers Of The World



highways and then to Interstates.

From the horse and buggy days people have moved to the automobile, to trains, fast ships and now the Jet planes. From small humble homes people have advanced until many live in mansions.

But our generation desires peace and freedom as did the first settlers who came to these shores. When the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, we find in that instrument such statements as: "to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature's God entitle them," and then "That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights."

As these men continued to pen the words of that Declaration, they said, "We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in general congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions," and then the last words of the Declaration of Indepen-

dence before being signed by representatives of the thirteen states, were, "And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

This country was founded upon principles of the Bible by men and women of deep religious conviction. While the above mentioned changes have been made, we need today to turn back to God as a nation, and follow in the old paths of righteous-

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OUR HERITAGE

By H. C. Vanderpool

On July 4, 1976, the United States of America will celebrate her 200th birthday. Many things have happened during these past two centuries, as States have been established, governments moving to offer better lives for citizens and their future generations. Wars have been fought, years of peace have been enjoyed. Our nation has come from the wagon trails through the wilderness to better roads, to

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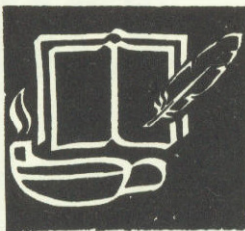
By Ethelene Driver

I once knew a man, George Phantom, I believe his name was, who was appearing in a production by the local Little Theatre Group. Theirs was an impressive play, with elaborate settings, expensive props and costuming, fascinating plot, and excellent characterizations. The whole community was excited about the professional aura which surrounded it. But, everyone knew it was only a small-town production which would last a few nights and then it would close and more or less be filed away in the memory as something-nice-which-happened-once. Everyone knew it would not last forever — that is, everyone except George.

George Phantom was so carried away with his part in the play, with the costuming, the settings and all that he, as you say "went off the deep end." He quit his job, gave up his community and church activities, neglected his family; he didn't even eat or rest as he should have.

Poor star-struck George wouldn't listen when people tried to tell him that he was taking this temporary production far too seriously, that it would close soon, that all the settings would be destroyed, the costumes ripped apart or laid aside to gather dust. Friends explained that the applause of the audience is great while it lasts, but it will not feed his family or pay the bills next winter. Everyone could see, except George, that he had his values all mixed up, that he was neglecting the important things in life and that some day soon he would have to face reality and would see how wrong he had been.

We don't find it hard to see George's mistake. When we hear about him we say, "That was a foolish man." Yet, aren't we so carried away with the temporary pleasure and satisfaction of this life on earth that we are neglecting eternal security and happiness for ourselves and



By H. C. Vanderpool

The Editor Says

SINGINGS

I received some announcements of singings which have been announced in previous issues of the BANNER. After looking over the entire list of churches that usually have singings each month, I noticed that several would be in revivals at the usual time of the monthly singings. Some churches omitted their singings to go be with sister churches for their services, singings, homecomings, etc. I felt it best to not to try announcing singings for the next month or so due to this situation. I plan to resume announcements of singings within the next two or three months.

UNSCRIPTURAL CHURCHES

Baptists have been traced from Jerusalem to our present day, not by name only, but by their doctrines and principles, by what they have believed, taught and practiced.

We regret that there are many so-called Baptist churches today that have departed from the Bible doctrines, ordinances, principles and practice.

I have kept data on these things for several years. Recently I had printed a Four-Page Folio (the same size of the BANNER) with testimonies of Baptist Churches and Baptist Ministers from several states, telling of the corrupt teachings and practices in Southern Baptist Churches in the Convention, and that they had withdrawn fellowship from them because of these very things. The time has come when true Baptists everywhere should take a serious look at these things. I'll be happy to mail any preacher, church, or any individual copies at 25 cents each. If more than one copy is desired, add only \$.15 per copy after the first one.

those around us? Aren't we more concerned with the props, the staging, and the costumes of this life than we are the spiritual welfare of souls?

Do we place more value on the temporary, the obvious, the taste-touch-and see commodities than we do on the actual, the eternal, the realities of the spirit? Think about it!!! Jesus said very clearly that we can't have it both ways; we must hold to one and turn loose the other. We will love one and hate the other — that's what He said.

"Oh," the devil says, "But you are doing a pretty good job of having the best of both worlds; you've been saved, now go ahead and love the world; everyone else is doing it; why should you be different?" Sound familiar??

Who are we going to believe, Jesus or the devil? God teaches us to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth. It's time we choose whom we are going to believe. That final curtain will fall for us, just as it did for George Phantom. Whose applause will we hear then???

WEST VIRGINIA NEWS

Route 1 Box 216-J
Davisville, W. Va. 26142
May 10, 1976

To: The Churches of Our Lord Jesus
Dear Brethren,

We thank you for your continued help on this mission field. We appreciate your financial aid and your prayers to God in our behalf.

We have been given success to the point of organizing a church here. We thank God for this advantage we have gained.

On Saturday, April 17, approximately eighty people gathered at the Old-time Baptist Mission in Elizabeth, W. Va. for the purpose of organizing a church. Baptists from Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and West Virginia were represented.

The council was formed of fifteen ordained brethren from Bethel, Fellowship, and Liberty churches of Indiana, Liberty and Clinton churches of Ohio, Rocky Mound of Tennessee, Faith of Grandview, Missouri, and Freedom of Springfield, Mo.

Elder Don Curtis, pastor of Liberty (Ohio) — the church which supplied the authority for organization, served as moderator. Elder Billy Moran was clerk. Elder Calvin Perrigo preached an outstanding sermon in terms of both content and power, and Elder Jimmy Parker delivered a stirring charge to the new church.

Elder Stanley Keen read the New Hampshire Confession of Faith and Elder Jerry Crain read the covenant, which were both adopted as read by the new church. Elder Terry Foster led the organization prayer. Deacon Billy R. Gregory presented a large Bible as a gift from Fellowship and Elder Moran presented a large copy of the covenant as a gift from Bethel.

Eleven letters from Liberty (Ohio) were read and approved by the council. On motion and unanimous vote the eleven who brought letters declared themselves as an independent church. The moderator declared following the vote. "You are now an independent old-time Missionary Baptist Church."

The above paragraphs detail the day's happenings, though not given in sequence. The proceedings were punctuated with songs, prayers, and testimonies demonstrating the moving of the Holy Spirit. The occasion seemed to be a blessing to all who came.

Elder Reynolds was chosen pastor at the organization. On April 18 in regular conference the church chose Brother Donald Delane (General delivery, Palestine, W. Va.) clerk, and Brother Eugene Maze (Palestine, W. Va.) treasurer. In conference May 4 the name "Old-time Baptist Church at Elizabeth, W. Va." was chosen as a name to abide by for the present. We felt that it was wise to keep the name as concise as possible and yet as expressive of what we are as possible to the people of this locality. Inasmuch as our doctrine and practice is nearly identical in every point to that of the Virginia Baptists of two centuries ago and this fact can be easily ascertained by the reading of their own history we thought this name to be most meaningful to the people we are here to help, which people have also developed

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FAITHFUL SERVANT GOES HOME



Deacon George Meador

One of the most faithful Deacons to serve a Baptist Church and the Lord, went home to be with his Heavenly Father. Bro. George Meador passed away on June 5, 1976, at the age of 83.

He was born in Macon County, Tenn. on February 6, 1893. He was saved during a revival at Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. in 1910, when Elder Jim Wilson was doing the preaching. He united with Old Union Church and was baptized into her fellowship in July, 1929.

Bro. Meador was married to Miss Georgie Galloway on December 28, 1913. To this union were born three children. James Meador (deceased), Mrs. Ervin (Margaret) Board and Mrs. Charles W. (Lucille) Palmer both of Bowling Green, Ky.

Bro. Meador was ordained a Deacon in Old Union Baptist Church on May 2, 1947, and served that church faithfully until his death.

Funeral services were conducted at Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. on Monday, June 7, 1976, at 2:00 p. m. by Elder Kenneth Massey, his pastor, and Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Burial was in the Old Union Cemetery.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Georgie Meador, and two daughters, he is survived by a brother, Wes Meador; four grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and three great grandchildren.

Bro. Meador was a man loved and respected by all who knew him. He loved his church and served it with deep devotion until death. He was a pastor's friend, a staunch Baptist, a good husband and father.

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somewhat of an abhorrence to denominations due to circumstances in the past. Our doctrines and practices are exactly as all other old-fashioned Missionary Baptist Churches, which sect we are of, and readily admit to being.

We are, as far as is known to us, the only scriptural church in this immediate area. We have discussed the need which will exist when our ranks have been increased to the establishing of other churches nearby to adopt a name which will distinguish us apart from sister churches about us.

I have been devoted for the past year to the gathering of a scriptural church. This need superseded for a while the great need of evangelistic endeavor in this vast and fertile field. It is hoped, and believed, that

NEVADA NEWS

May 12, 1976

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c-o Elder H. C. Vanderpool

I thought I would write as there may be some wondering about our work out here. We try to respond to all of those who send correspondence and financial aid but we feel many others throughout think of us in their Prayers of which we are very grateful. We again are residing in Reno at the above address.

Being in the Reno area we feel we can be able to do more personal contact for the benefit of the Lord's work. As for the Mission it seems to be progressing very slowly, if we can make this statement based on visible evidence; nevertheless we feel God still has a work for us here, and we pray above all that his will be done.

I will not be giving a list of the offerings sent to us at this time but should anyone be interested our home Church Southside M. B. in Indianapolis has a near current listing of all the many thoughtful and generous Churches, Associations and Individuals that have sent offerings.

As of date we are seriously considering beginning a midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting in our house and we ask all to pray if it be God's will that it might be a success.

In closing we pray God's love will be showered everywhere and a word of thanks to the many Brethren who take their time and effort in writing articles in the banner regarding what Baptists have ever taught concerning the word of God, I believe it gives Baptist people something to sit and study in terms they may more easily understand and this is very good because even if some know basically what the principles of Baptist doctrine are if they don't understand them, then it is not much benefit to themselves or others they may be able to lead to the Lord.

If anyone would wish to write, your letters would be most welcomed.

Sincerely requesting your prayers,
Eld. James C. Jones and family

this accomplishment will permit us to better reap that white harvest. We need your continued prayers. We need laborers sent of God also in this vineyard.

Donations to the work for the first quarter of 1976 are as follows:

From Churches: Fellowship, \$277.90, Old Union, \$255.24, Lyons, \$150.00, Liberty (Ohio), \$135.00, Grace (Mich.), \$75.00, Faith (Mich.), \$95.00, Bethel (Ind.), \$75.00, Madison, \$105.81, Hendersonville, \$131.59, McFerrin, \$137.50, Siloam, \$50.00, Bethel (Ohio), \$67.66.

From Individuals: Bruce Roberts (W. Va.), \$10.00, Eugene Maze (W. Va.), \$60.00, Philip Creecy (W. Va.), \$14.00, Maudeen Merrill (W. Va.), \$5.00, J. W. Lyons (Ind.) \$40.00, Haven Hendricks (Ky.), \$120.00, Ray Reynolds (Mo.), \$30.00, Herman Payne (Mo.), \$40.00, F. W. Lambert (Tenn.), \$20.00, Freewill offering at Cedar Cross (Ky.), \$156.00, Anonymous, \$5.00.

Your Servant for Jesus' sake,
Jerry A. Reynolds

REVIVALS

Friday, July 2

Rock Bridge Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Pastor C. L. Russell is to be assisted by Bro. Harold G. Carman, Jr.

First Sunday, July

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville, Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Henry Smith is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Second Sunday, July

Madison Baptist Church, Maple St., Madison, Tenn. Pastor William House is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith. Services nightly at 7:30 p. m.

Hope Baptist Church, 509½ So. Jackson St., Tullahoma, Tenn. Pastor Ronald Vetetoe is to be assisted by Elder Leon Jones.

Greenfield Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Tenn. Pastor Thomas Shoemake is to be assisted by Elder Curtis Carter.

Third Sunday, July

Old Union Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Bro. Don Xavier Hines is to

be in charge of the singing. Services daily at 2:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mace's Hill Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor Wesley Briley is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis.

Brattontown Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor E. G. Williams is to be assisted by Elder Melvin Stinson.

Fourth Sunday, July

Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Pennsylvania and 57th St., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Tommy Ashford is to be assisted by Elder Johnny Merritt. Services daily at 7:30 p. m.

Gateway Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn. Pastor Hilman Duncan is to be assisted by Elder Claudie Miller. Services daily at 7:30 p. m.

First Sunday, August

Lafayette Baptist Church, College St., Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Charles Moore is to be assisted by Bro. Harold G. Carman, Jr.

White Hill Baptist Church, Louisville Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor James Gardner is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

HOMECOMING

There is to be a Homecoming at Gateway Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn. on Sunday, July 25, 1976. The services included in the announcement sent to the BANNER stated that the singing would begin in the afternoon at 2:00 p. m. with the Tones Four of Louisville, Ky. as the featured group. It is believed the services will be all-day with lunch at the noon hour. Everyone who can attend is invited. The revival begins that night. See Revival announcements.

Elder Hilman Duncan is the pastor of Gateway Church.

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ness. While Baptists contend for separation of Church and State, it isn't inconsistent for statesmen to be godly men.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chro. 7:14.

MIRACLES Every Sunday

"Attendance at church last Sunday was mighty poorly. 'I don't reckon I oughta grumble cause I had a bunch of sick members, and when you add to all that my shut-ins, we don't have a sight of pew fillers. So I went ahead and preached to what I had. Only thing was the echo in the near empty church hurt my ears. My wife said I needed to get out and ride awhile and let the fresh air clear my head. It done the trick. Our little ride not only cleared my head, it made me feel right good inside. What I saw made me to rejoice, I saw miracle after miracle.

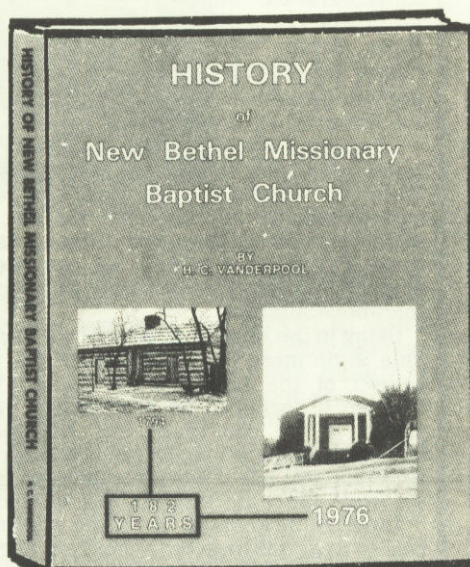
Ole Hezekiah, who had been deathly sick that very morning, had roused up and was riding down the highway with his fishing poles. No, nothing but a miracle could have rescued old Hez from the jaws of death in such a short time.

Now there's Rufe's brother. Rufe told me Sunday morning that his brother's back was in foul shape and they were afraid an operation would be necessary. We remembered him in our prayers and low and behold at 2 p.m. there he stood at the driving range hitting golf balls. If that was not a quick recovery, I don't know what is.

All told, about 20 of my sick folks had roused and was taking nourishment in one form or another. But what really made me happy was to see so many of my shut-ins out riding around and enjoying the World. Hezekiah's pa, who don't attend church cause he can't stand crowds, was headed for the drag races. Sister Nell's mama, who was too weak to get out of the house, was in town shopping. Ellie Nikeslinger's sister who can't come on account of her kidneys stood in line 2 hours to get into the show. It was a show about 'The Miracle Worker'. I thought it was right appropriate seeing how a miracle had happened to her.

Yes, Sir, it thrilled my heart to see what I saw. I ought to have a packed house next Sunday with all my sick folks being healed and the shut-ins set free. I just hope they don't overdo it and have a relapse before next Sunday.

I gotta go now and play with my smallest young-un. He is gonna be a farmer and I'm gonna be a goat. Tin cans will be easy to eat after what I've just swallowed." --copied



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