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

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# Therefore Choose Life

By J. H. Smith Deuteronomy 30:19

These words in Deuteronomy were spoken by God, through His servant Moses, to the Israelites while they were still wandering in the wilderness in the land of Moab, and before they had ever



James H. Smith

reached the promised land. delivered this great message to the people just before the Lord called him up to Mt. derivered this great message to the people just before the Lord called him up to Mt. Nebo to take his life, because he had failed to glorify Him at the Rock of Meribah. In the message God said, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Here we see that the Lord put the proposition of life and death squarely before the ancient Israelites, and it was then up to them as to which they would choose; but God, whose love was reaching out to them, said. "Therefore choose life, for as He has said in another place, that He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (11 Peter 3:9)

If we were to ask the average person today which he would choose, life or death, and he would almost be sure to say, I had rather live; but on the other hand, the vast

rather live; but on the other hand, the vast majority of people of this world are saying by their attitude and by their actions that they choose death; because any man who is determined to live on in his sins and reject God's offer of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, is inviting certain death; not just physical death to his body, but eternal death to both soul and body in a lake of fire that never burns out, which is the second death. See Revelation 20:12-15. So don't be so foolish as to choose death rather than life.

Jesus, The Fountain Of Life
The new life. Spiritual life, has Jesus
Christ for its source. Jesus said to the
Samaritan woman, "If thou knewest the
gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee
Give me to drink, thou wouldest have
asked of him, and he would have given
thee living water. From Jesus Christ
comes the life giving flow, and He is saying
to this woman of Samaria that it is yours to this woman of Samaria that it is yours
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# History

# Memorial Tribute

#### ELDER ADONIRAM JUDSON SLOAN

Elder A. J. Sloan was born in the Bransford community of Sumner County, Tennessee, the son of Isaac and Elizabeth Sloan, on December 21, 1881. Later his parents moved to Macon County, Tennessee where he lived the most of his life.



Elder Adoniram Judson Sloan

He was saved when 14 years of age at Siloam Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tennessee, he united with that church on Sunday, October 4, 1896, and was baptized into its fellowship by Elder John R. Stinson.

At the age of 20 he felt his call to the ministry and soon began preaching. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Macon County, Tennessee, on June 12, 1905. He was 23 years of age at that time. He was married to Miss Toy Graves (date not

found) who proved to be a faithful and devoted companion throughout his ministerial life.

Bro. Sloan pastored about 35 churches in Southcentral Kentucky and Northcentral Tennessee. He did much revival work and engaged in 41 public debates with ministers of other denominations. He was moderator of Wiseman Baptist Association seven years, 1916-1922, and served as clerk of that body 22 years, 1923-1944. He also preached before the association many times.

Bro. Sloan died Friday, July 12, 1957, in his 76th year. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, July 14, 1957, by Eld. F. W. Lambert and Eld. Calvin Gregory at Brattontown Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. where he was a member. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, a few miles northeast of Westmoreland, Tenn., with Masonic rites. Truly a great soldier went home to be with the Lord.

## Singing

There is to be a Singing at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. on Sunday, July 9, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Christian Harmoniers of Franklin, Ky. will be the featured singers. Everyone is invited.

# Singing

On Sunday night, July 23, Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn. will have a Singing beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Glory Land Singers and Heavenly Aires will be there. The public is invited to attend.

# Bro. Donnie Skelton **Baptist Missionary** To Germany



Bro. Donnie Skelton, wife Jane, daughter Christy and son Joe Allen Skelton.

On April 6, 1945, I was born to Mr. Odell

On April 6, 1945, I was born to Mr. Odell Skelton, (deceased) and Mrs. Lucille Earps Skelton of Pleasant Shade, Tn. I spent my childhood days on a farm, where I was brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4).

I was carried to an old fashioned Missionary Baptist Church, where they believed in shouting, preaching, and praying, which Jeremiah said are the old paths. (Jeremiah 6:16).

In October 1954, there was a revival meeting being held in a one room schoolhouse near Graveltown, Tn., where my mother and I attended. That night I heard the Gospel (Rom. 10:14), repented of my sins (Acts 17:30), and was born again. (John 3:7 - John 1:13).

On July 31, 1955, I was received into the full fellowship of Maces Hill Missionary Baptist Church. (Matt. 5:15-16). Nine years later on October 26, 1963, at midnight the Lord counted me faithful by putting me into the ministry (I Tim. 1:12). Many have been the blessings since I submitted to the call (I Cor. 9:16-17).

In September 1965, my life was inter-

call (I Cor. 9:16-17).

In September 1965, my life was interrupted by a call to the Armed Forces.
Three of my childhood friends and I left home to serve our country. After spending 16 weeks of training together, we received our orders of transfer. To my surprise, my three friends received orders for Vietnam,

three friends received orders for Vietnam, and I for Germany. I pondered as to why we were separated after 16 weeks of training together. (Rom. 8:28).

While in Germany I met an old comrade who was known to us as "Pops". We became friends, and from time to time I found myself trying to tell him about the Lord but due to the language barrier, I was unable.

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I reserve the right to refuse publication of articles that are not written in the proper spirit, those that reflect upon another to the decriment of the Lord's cause or those judged to be unsound.

However, there is the possibility that in some articles or announcements there would be things said or stated that would be of general information, but would not have editorial endorsement. — Editor.

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### God's Call To Man

By H. C. Vanderpool

Acts 16:10

In every age of the world, God has called upon men to go into the world and proclaim His truths to the sinful that they might repent of their sins and turn to God and be saved. When lost people hear the gospel in sincerity, and become convicted of sin, repenting and trusting in Christ with all the heart, they become children of God and have that fellowship with Him.

God called Moses to go to Egypt to bring a message of deliverance to those in bondage. Ex. 3:4,10. He was obedient to that call as found in Ex. 4:20. He, with Aaron, spoke to the children of Israel the word which God bid them speak. Ex. 4:29-30. Then in verse 31, we are told that the hearers believed. They were delivered. Ex. 14:30.

Isaiah heard the calling of God. Isa.6:8. And as we must be willing to go into the world today and preach the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation, so Isaiah was submissive to the Lord's call in the long age. Isa. 6:8. As the prophet went forth-did he carry a man-made doctrine? Did he present a message of law for salvation? No! He delivered a message of the coming Saviour. Isa. 7:14.

After Jesus had called and sent out the twelve apostles, he called and sent out seventy more to work in His vineyard. Luke 10:1. Two by two they went out. They returned rejoicing because of the results. Luke 10:17. Jesus reminded them the thing to rejoice most over, was the fact that their names were

written in heaven. We, as God's blood bought children can rejoice, because our names are written in Heaven. But first, someone must hear the call from God and take the message to the lost before they can know of God's saving grace. This is the Lord's way. Read Rom. 10:13-15.

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McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church

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After 18 months in Germany I returned home and shortly afterwards married Jane Grisham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.V. (Bunk) Grisham of Elmwood. The Lord has blessed us with two children,

Christy, 9, and Joe Allen, 6.
On May 23, 1976, I joined Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in South Carthage, Th. by letter, where I now hold

membership.
On April 17, 1977, ten years after my tour of duty in Germany about 9:30 p.m. the answers to all my questions about my separation from my friends to go to Germany were answered. The Lord made it known to me beyond a shadow of a doubt,

that Germany was my field of labor.
The most of our plans are incomplete at
this time, but the Lord willing, we will be
leaving for Laiserslautern, Germany in

August, 1978.
Our address while in Germany, will be submitted to the Baptist Banner at a later date. We look forward to this work and

date. We look forward to this work and entering this field of labor.

Time will not permit us to send appointments to all churches; therefore, we take this means of requesting the prayers of God's people.

The task is great, but so is the desire to go. Again, we ask for the prayers of God's people, remembering especially those in Germany who are in spiritual darkness.

Yours in His Service,
Bro. Donnie Skelton

# Gospel Singing Mc Ferrin

The 22nd annual Singing School at McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. will be July 18, 19, 20 and July 25, 26, 27. Services will begin on those six nights at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Don Xavier Himes will be the teacher.

On Sunday, July 30, following the school, there will be all-day services with lunch served at the noon hour. That afternoon will be given to singing, the closing out of the annual singing and school. All in the area who can attend the school and singing are cordially invited.



#### The Used-To-Be Sports Fan

(A fable written by an unknown pastor)

Football in the fall. Basketball in the winter. Baseball in the spring and summer. Your pastor has been an avid sports fan all his life. But I've had it! I quit this sports business once and for all. You can't get me near one of those places again. Want to know why?

1. Every time I went, they asked me for money.

The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly. 3. The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.

4. I went to many games, but the coach never came to call on me. The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.

6. I suspected that I was sitting with some hypocrites...they came to see their friends and what others were wearing rather than to see the game.

7. Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home. 8. The band played some numbers that I had never heard

9. The games are always scheduled when I want to do other things.  $$10.$\ I$$  was taken to too many games by my parents when I

was growing up. 11. I recently read a book on sports and now I feel that I know

more than the coaches do anyhow. 12. I don't want to take my children to any games, because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

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A Dad's Greatest Job

I may never be as clever as my neighbor down the street; I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet; I may never have the glory that some other men have had, But I've got to be successful as a little fellow's Dad.

There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true.

There are things I would accomplish ere my working time is through,

But the task my heart is set on is to guide a little lad And make myself successful as that little fellow's Dad. I may never come to glory;

I may never gather gold;

Men may count me as a failure when my business life is told.

But if he who follows after shall be manly, I'll be glad — For I'll know I've been successful as a little fellow's Dad. It's the one job that I dream of;

It's the task I think of most.

If I fail that growing youngster, I'd have nothing else to boast,

For though wealth and fame I'd gather,

All my future would be sad If I failed to be successful as that little fellow's Dad.

# Therefore Choose Life

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for the asking. John the Baptist said of Him, "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." John 1:4. If you choose to live rather than die, let me invite you to come to Jesus, for herein is life. If you try some other way, you are going to find that it leads to death. Our Lord said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me." John 14.6. He didn't say that He is one of the ways, but He said, "I am the way" which means that He is the only way. There are ways that seem good to men, and there are a lot of people who are trying these ways that seem good, but if you are one of these people you had better read what Wisdom says: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of ceath." Proverbs 14:12.

In modern day Christianity we find people who pretend to be living Christian

lives, but when the direct question is put to them as to their relationship with Jesus and whether or not they have really had an experience with Him, we find that they are dead while they live; they have the cart before the horse, trying to live a Christian life without Christ living in them. This is like men trying to build a house without a foundation, and it doesn't take a lot of wisdom to understand that a house without

Jesus spoke of some religious people who would come to Him in that day and tell of all the good things that they have done in His name, but His answer to them is very sad in deed, even to think about. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not propheised in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:22-23. Notice, if you will, that Jesus calls their work the work of iniquity, though it was done in His name. I have asked people in my day, this question: Are you saved? and the person would answer something like this: Well, I am trying to be, I am doing my best. Many people who are doing their best, or think people who are doing their best, or think that they are, are going to land in hell, because their doing doesn't come from a heart where Jesus Christ Himself dwells by the Spirit. It isn't doing our best that is going to give us entrance into that heavenly country, but it is the BEST, which is Christ in us that will give us free passage into that glory world when the saints go marching in; and there won't be any question marks on us either. any question marks on us either.

The unbeliever, the sinner, is spiritually dead, and he must be recreated in order to do works that are acceptable to God. Paul makes this clear in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ yesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Being created in Christ comes before there can be any good works as we can see in this Scripture. The dead man has to be quickened before he can work for the Lord, and dead he is without Jesus. The spiritually dead are made alive in union with Him, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved)" Ephesians 2:5. If Christ lives in you, and you are alive in a union with Him, have been quickened together with Him, you will certainly want to work for Him to glorify His good name. (Continued on page 4)

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The Right Time

The right time to teach obedience to authority is in the play pen, instead of the

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The time to counsel a young person about marriage is before he falls in love.

The time to teach a fellow Bible truth about divorce is before he marries.

The time to provide against the electric chair is while the baby is in the high chair

#### MISSIONARY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

By H.C. Vanderpool

The report given here is one of the work and progress of the new Baptist Sunday School Literature that is written, published and distributed by the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee, working and operating under the authority and sponsorship of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodletsville, Tennessee. The church acted to sponsor said work upon a recommendation of a Literature Committee appointed and approved by messengers of churches representing in the annual meeting of Wiseman Baptist Association in October 1976.

The literature was mailed to 60 churches

in the beginning, many of them ordered samples. The total of churches ordering

the Spring Quarter for use were 49.
The Summer Quarter (June, July, August) orders were mailed to 58 churches for use. We are now in the middle month of these studies.

The Fall Quarter (September, Octobr, November) comes from the press this month, and the Literature Committee would like to urge those in charge of ordering, to mail them July 15, or soon afterwards. Late orders take additional work hours, extra expense, etc. We are very happy with the cooperation that we've received from the churches for the first two Quarters, and we ask that you continue to remember all those working faithfully to bring to our churches this

literature that we've talked about for

many, many years. Each writer spends 3 to 4 hours in study, preparation and writing of each lesson This is approximately 50 hours. Then add an equal amount for the printers, the time to go to and from the printers, the order preparation, mailing, correspondence, purchase of all mailing materials, plus many hours that are not even mentioned, and when you pay 90 cents for a Quarterly, you are paying less than 1 cent per hour for labor!!! Is this too high?

Each church using literature has al-ready received an Order Form and Self-addressed envelope for ordering the Fall Quarter. On this page below is a copy of the Order Form for any church not using the literature who would like to order.

#### ORDER FORM

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# Therefore Choose Life

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The wages of sin is death, but the girt or God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

It seems rather strange, but it is true. that men had rather work their way into favor with God and receive life, or purchase it with their money, than to receive it as a gift from God. Of course human pride is the main reason for this; and because of his pride man likes to boast and say, just look what I have done, am I not a pretty good fellow? Like the Pharisee that we read of in Luke 18:11-12, who prayed within himself, and said, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in a week, I give tithes of all that I possess." This Pharisee didn't ask God for anything, as you can plainly see, he was only telling God how good he was; and he expected God to justify him on the basis of what he had done, but the man must have been badly disappointed, for he didn't receive any thing from God, as we can see in the rest of this parable. The publican, that the Pharisee was refering to, when he was thanking God that he was not like even this publican, prayed also there in the temple like this, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Then Jesus said of the publican, 'I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other" Luke 18:13-14. The publican received at the hand of the Lord, but the Pharisee went home empty handed. The world is full of the Pharisee type of people today, who talk of what they have done instead of telling of what Jesus has done for them, giving glory what Jesus has done for them, giving glory to themselves instead of glorifying Him. But in God's plan, He has fixed it so that the glory will return to Him, where it belongs. He isn't paving off a debt when He issues to us eternal life, He is imparting a gift, an unmerited favor, on the basis of the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

This Gift Of Life Is Free To All

On God's part everything that is needed for man's salvation has been fixed, all has been made ready, as we find illustrated in one of the parables of Jesus in Luke 14:16-17, "Come; for all things are now ready". Not only do we find in this parable that all things are made ready, but we see our Lord's great invitation, Come. The way is open, and the offer is free, and so if men go to hell, they have nobody to blame but themselves; certainly no one can bring any charge against Almighty God who loves sinners and offered up His only begotten Son (John 3:16).

The greatest values of all time and for

all men are not bought with money, nor worked for by our hands. Some people seem to think that if they have money they can have whatever they want, but such is not true, far from it. Give an ear to this; "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:18-19. When Jesus was hanging on that old rugged cross. He was paying my sin debt and yours. Jesus payed it all, He bought my soul at Calvary, and by His blood He made life free for you and me.

On one autumn night forty-seven years ago the Lord graciously saved me. He quickened my soul and gave me life; but if there had been a price to pay. I would have gone sadly without it, because I didn't have any price to pay, not even one ten cent piece did I have in my pocket. I can say, however, as Paul said. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift". II Corinthians 9:15. My heart was yearning for the Bread of life, and my soul was thirsty for the water of life, and Jesus satisfied my soul, after I had tried everything else." And Jesus said unto them. I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

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When Jesus was dying on the cross, giving His life for sinners, there were two theives being crucified with Him, one on either side of Him. One of these thieves turned to Jesus and said, "Lord remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom".
And Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43.

Here was a hardened criminal, a man who had spent all his life taking from others that which did not belong to him; and even right up to a few minutes before he died, he, with his partner in crime, together with the mob standing around, were scoffing, scolding, and hurting insults at the Saviour. What did this man, this outlaw, have to give in exchange for life? His past life was very black, indeed, and he didn't have time to do any good works, not even to be baptised, because his life was ebbing out. But when he repented and turned to Jesus and said, "Lord remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom" the Lord tenderly spoke and said, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise". This thief received life from the Lord right then and Issus gave him the promise that then, and Jesus gave him the promise that very shortly he would live with him in paradise. The Lord gave the thief more than he asked for; he asked Jesus to remember him when he comes in His kingdom, but Jesus said, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise.

None of us. not just thieves, but including thieves, have done anything to bring the Lord under obligation to save us, but He is merciful to all who call upon His name, even to those who have gone down into the very gutter of sin and degradation. So to anyone who thinks that he has gone too far in sin to be saved. let him take courage in the fact that Jesus can and will save the chiefest of sinners, and the thief is just one example of that.



Lyons Missionary Baptist Church

#### GOD'S CALL TO MAN

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Luke tells us as he writes that Paul and Silas went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches. After arriving at Derbe and Lystra, they met Timothy and took him with them on their mission. Certainly, we must be led of God into our work as we can not know the right way to go without Him. So it was with these brethren. When they had gone through Phrygia and Galatia, they were forbidden of the Holy Spirit to go into Asia Then they planned to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit did not lead in that direction. Acts 16:7,

Then in the night, Paul saw in a vision a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying Come over and help us. I believe today that we as God's people could hear the Macedonia call if we would be willing for the Lord to lead and then listen. Ministers are often rebuked because of their fields of labor in both missions and pastoral work. The only sure way to please God is to let the Lord's will be done and then labor for Him and He will take care of the results. "And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them." Acts 16:10



Russell Hill Missionary Baptist Church near Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. Pastor William House is to be assisted by Elder William Johnson. Services daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

JULY 9

Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Highway, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Carthell Johnson is to be assisted by Elder H.C. Vanderpool. Services daily at 1:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 214 Maple St., Madison, Tenn. Pastor L.W. Smith is to be assisted by Elder Frank

Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Huntingdon, Tenn. Pastor F.L. Ray is to be assisted by Elder Harold Carver.

JULY 16

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Paul W. Bryson is to be assisted by Elder Bernard Skaggs. Brethren of the church

#### LOUISVILLE CHURCH

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary on Sunday, July 30. Services are to begin at 10:00 a.m. (E.D.T.) and preaching will be at 11:00 a.m. by Elder F.L. Ray.

Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing in the afternoon by the Barren River Boys of Glasgow, Ky. and others. The pastor, Elder Kenneth Davis and the church invites everyone to attend, and especially former members.

#### ORDINATION SERVICE

On Saturday, August 5, 1978. Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. will have an ordination service for the purpose of ordaining four brethren as Deacons. Services are to begin at 1:00 p.m (E.D.T.). A general invitation is given to sister churches of 'like faith and order."

#### REVIVAL REPORT

McFerrin Ave. Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Three professions of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor Howard G. Taylor was assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville

#### HOMECOMING

There are to be all-day Homecoming services at Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn., Sunday, July 23. Services in the morning with lunch served at noon. There will be singing in the afternoon with The Landmark Ambassadors of Memphis being the featured singers. You are invited to attend.

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

Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, off Dobbins Pike, Portland, Tenn. Pastor F.W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder A.G. Gregory. Services nightly at 7:30

Haysville Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Highway, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Gann is to be assisted by Bro. Ottis Jones. Services each night at 7:45 p.m.

JULY 23

Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn. Pastor Hilman Duncan is to be assisted by Elder Edgar Copeland. Services each night at 7:30 p.m.

JULY 30

East Side Missionary Baptist Church, North Trigg St., Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Raymond Sutton is to be assisted by Elder W.T. Russell. Services nightly at 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 6

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor J.H. Smith is to be assisted by Elder Paul W. Bryson.

White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Highway, Goodletsville, Tenn. Pastor C.B. Massey is to be assisted by Elder H.C. Vanderpool.