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

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# Season's Greetings!

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# A PERSONAL LETTER TO THE LORD

Contributed By Benny Maggart Last year I promised to give \$5 a week to help carry out your work in the church. I felt confident I could pay it because it was only three per cent of my salary, but since I have fallen behind in my giving, I thought I had better make an explanation direct to You.

Shortly after I made this promise to give \$5 a week, the Christmas bills came in. I will admit that I over-extended myself on Christmas gifts, but as you no doubt have heard, nice presents are expensive in this time of inflation. I did intend to put in a little extra, but after buying for all on my list, I just could not afford it.

After Christmas, I had to get

# WHAT MUST I DO?

By Arvella Stapleton Toledo, Ohio

Part 2

Many years have passed now since I met the Lord and was saved in 1953. Words are not sufficient to tell the blessings received since that wonderful day. He has been with me in sickness and health, through joy and sorrow, but most of all He lives in my heart and gives me peace. Thank God for the church I attended as a child, for the pastor, the dedicated teachers, deacons and members who carried out their labors of love by telling the story of Jesus to all who would listen.

These people loved the Lord and also loved sinners enough

# HELP NEEDED

Elder Vernon Roark was ordained by Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY, and sent out into the ministry. He accepted the pastorate of Hauser Baptist Church near Coos Bay, Oregon. Bro. Roark has had difficulty in full employment due to the lumber and building industry decline. The church is small.

Sister Roark was recently hospitalized with expenses arising to over \$500.00 per day. This has placed a very heavy burden upon this brother and his family. Any church or individual would be supporting a good cause to send a contribution to Bro. Roark at this critical time in his ministry. Send donations to: Elder Vernon Roark, 310 Driftwood Inn Rd., North Bend, OR 97459.

#### MISSIONARY REPORT

**JAPAN** FROM



Revival Reports

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Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. One saved and one addition to the church. Pastor Charles Stapleton was assisted by Elder Bobby Gann.

Enon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Hartsville, Tenn. One saved and one addition to the church. Pastor Bobby Gann was assisted by Elder Doug Curtis.

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Two professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor Carlos Gammon was assisted by Elder Thomas Carter. During this meeting, Bro. Barry Meadow, Age 15, acknowledged his call to the ministry. He preached his first sermon at his home church on Oct. 18. His subject: The Rich Man and Lazarus.

True Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri. Three saved with three additions to the church. Pastor Joe Sprague was assisted by Elder Doyle Mayfield.

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Hiroshima Nishi, P. O. Box 62 Hiroshima 733, Japan October 29, 1981 Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool:

We really appreciate you for sending us the Banner every month by air mail, by which we learn many things educational not only to us but also to many others in this land. We have received letters from readers of your paper telling us they look forward to read my report to the paper. They encourage me to do, inspite of knowing my poor English expressions. Most of all, I know, it is all up to your

favor. My family and I are fine and are doing fine for the Lord and people day after day, for which we are thankful. We are just in good health condition. Even though we have many days before cold winter season comes, it is getting chillier day by day. We have served the Lord also in hot summer days without having any rest day holding Vacation Bible School, Bible Camp in Oshima Island of the Hiroshima Bay, and some Bible classes in private house at places except our regular services. We had been a plenty

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### ELDER LANDON C. LONG-TO BEGIN

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Virgin Birth Of Christ

By H. C. Vanderpool

True Baptists have, and still believe and teach the Virgin birth of Christ. About 700 B.C. Isaiah wrote, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall con-

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1502 Calvert Court W. Gallatin, Tenn. 37066 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I have recently acknowledged to my home church a heavy burden from the Lord to enter into local and national evangelistic work. Several months ago the Lord burdened my heart for our country (America) and I have prayed

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# **BETHLEHEM**

Bethlehem, just off the main road six kilometres south of Jerusalem, has somehow managed to retain its quaint dignity, despite the perennial onslaught of tourists seeking some of the best Holyland bargains, Mother-of-Pearl and olivewood work being the local specialities.

Here the countryside is neatly terraced into graceful steps leading down eastward to the Judean Desert, and is carpeted with fruit-bearing olive trees. It is no wonder that Bethlehem's name is synonymous with prosperity in both Hebrew and Arabic (house of bread and house of meat respectively).

Just as the local population has been sustained throughout time by Bethlehem's agricultural productivity, so have the people of Israel and Christianity been nurtured by the events which occurred here.

Bethlehem is first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 35, 19: So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), and Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave; it is

the pillar of Rachel's tomb. It was while gleaning barley in the fields of Bethlehem that Ruth found favor in the eyes of Boaz and was blessed by the

Lord for her virtue. She was to become grandmother to the pride of Israel — King David. Fourteen generations elapsed between David and the deportation to Babylon, and between the deportation to the birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:17). In a humble stable in Bethlehem, the

drama of Jesus' mission to mankind began. And it came to pass that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her new born son and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. (Luke 2.)

# REPORT FROM JAPAN

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of busy in carrying the gospel out in this pagan land, for which we are happy and thankful. We thank the Lord for having good Baptists behind us when we carry the words of God in this land of Japan.

The attendance to our services has been in low condition for past two months, September and October. School have held their events on Sundays, even though they hold class six days a week. Social events on Sundays. Employees were obliged to work on Sundays. This is a country where people care Lord's day as nothing. Satan uses these kinds of social system to destroy what we have built up and to draw people's attention from the great salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is one of our sufferings we have in this mission field. However, we have victory over them one by one by the Lord's help and by the faith in the Lord. We are getting better attendance.

Two Sundays ago we had four new children to our Sunday School, and a man by name Nakamoto, age 25, to our adult meeting. A mother of two children came to see me asking me if her children could come to us. Last week we had three new students. Four weeks ago a high school boy by name Toshikazu Itsuguma came to see me with a lot of general questions on Christianity from Iwakuni by train. I understood him honest and sincere. I broke four hours, 1 till 5 o'clock, to teach him on that Wednesday afternoon. I made all his questions his own matter not of general questions. He had to face himself. He had to think of eternity. The following Sunday I was glad to see him in our services. Since then he is coming. I have much joy to teach him personally for a few hours in every Sunday afternoon on sin, repentance of sin and trusting the Lord Jesus who died on the cross of Calvary as his own Saviour and Lord. He is coming to the truth. I would like for you to pray for this boy as well as for other people. You see people are coming to know what we are doing by the work we have done for years in seasons and out of seasons.

The other night I had a phone call from Mrs. Hamanaka, who with her two daughters had come to us since April, apologizing their absence from our worship for a month, and asking me a question on what was the difference between Peter and Judus Iscariot. The question it-

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# Virgin Birth

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ceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.

An angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph seven hundred years later concerning his taking the virgin Mary for his wife, "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:22-23.

Jesus had no earthly father. Had he been begotten and born according to the nature of the human family, he could not have been our Saviour. Our faith in him would have been in vain and we would be a hopeless race.

Mary was found with child by the Holy Spirit, Matthew 1:18-20. Without the virgin birth there could be no plan of redemption. The would be no other to save us, Acts 4:11-12.



As far as is known, there are no records of the exact date of Jesus' birth. Some deny it being in the winter since the shepherds were out watching over their sheep. I have been in the Holy Land in December, and have seen the shepherds out

with their flocks and the weather between 70° and 80° temperature. However, the Bible teaches us he was born and we know by the Spirit, Romans 8:16, that he lives in our hearts.

His birth was according to

prophecy, Galatians 4:4 and Revelations 13:8. At this Christmas season when many people disrespect Christ with their thoughts, action and gifts, let us prayerfully and humbly keep Christ in Christmas and

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# **LETTER TO** THE LORD

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up some additional money on \* my income tax. Last year I got a \* nice raise in salary and that put me in a higher tax bracket. Also, my exemptions were limited this year because there was no sickness in my family. \* Also, being moved up in my company naturally we needed \* to increase our standard of living in order to keep pace with others, and as You know, these cost money.

I had not intended to get a \* new car but nearly everyone in \* my salary bracket did get a new \* one last year and I did not want to appear cheap.

Having a new car our family \* got the travel fever. There were a number of week end trips that \* caused us to miss church so many Sundays. We also had a lovely vacation and thoroughly enjoyed the many luxurious keeping motels scattered all over the United States.

After the summer vacation, it was school again and You know 🛴 how expensive that is. When I was a kid, I felt lucky to get one \* pair of new shoes and one pair of trousers, but these days it \* takes a lot of new clothes. I want my children to dress nicely and surely You don't blame me for that. My wife needed a new coat and since nearly all the women in our set have furs, I wanted her to have one, too. Lord, have You priced mink lately?

So You can easily see Lord; I just can't give to the church what I promised. I want You to know however, that just as soon as I can, I am going to give more. My house will be paid for in two years and then maybe I can give a little more.

You have been mighty good to me and please do not think that I am ungrateful. In fact, my wife and I have talked of tithing. Just as soon as we get the kids through school we ought to be in shape to do some work for the church too. We think this shouldn't be more than ten years away. In the meantime, thank You Lord for being so good to us and I want You to know we love YOU.

Your Devoted Friend,

#### REVIVAL

A revival is to begin at Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church, just off Preston St. on Becker Drive in Louisville, Ky. on December 7. Services are to be at 7:30 nightly with the Sunday evening services at 6:00 P.M. Pastor Curtis Davis is to be assisted by Elder Charles Patterson of Lafayette, Tenn. Everyone is invited.

# **OLD UNION BAPTIST** MINISTERS SCHOOL

Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101 Tenth Annual Session - March 24, 25, 26, 1982 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1982

9:00 A.M. - Devotional

9:45 A.M. - Calvin Perrigo: A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ

10:30 A.M. - Intermission

10:45 A.M. - Jerry Reynolds: A Critical Examination of Church History

1:00 P.M. - W. T. Russell: The True Bride of Christ

1:45 P.M. - Intermission

2:00 P.M. - J. H. Smith: Faith 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1982

9:45 A.M. - Howard Taylor: Faith

10:30 A.M. - Intermission

10:45 A.M. - H. C. Vanderpool: The Bible and Modern Science

11:30 A.M. - Lunch 1:00 P.M. - Calvin Perrigo: Teaching Them to Observe All Things

1:45 P.M. - Intermission

2:00 P.M. - Jerry Reynolds: Following The Lord 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1982

9:15 A.M. - Devotional

9:45 A.M. - W. T. Russell: Church Perpetuity

10:30 A.M. - Intermission

10:45 A.M. - J. H. Smith: Faith

11:30 A M - Lunch

1:00 P.M. - Howard Taylor: The Faith

1:45 P.M. - Intermissi

2:00 P.M. - H. C. Vanderpool: Hospital Ministry

2:45 P.M. - Presentation of Certificates and Benediction

NOTE: Any minister having attended the school before, will not need to fill out an application. Ministers who will attend for the first time should. THOSE FORMS WILL BE PRINTED IN THIS PAPER NEXT MONTH. HOWEVER, ALL MINISTERS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST THE ONES IN CHARGE OF RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE. The tuition is \$20.00 for each minister; \$25.00 if his wife is to attend the Fellowship and Study for ministers wives, Conductors of those meetings will be Sister Evelle Massey, Sister Annie Laura Smith and Sister Alta Vanderpool. For

information, write or call: Dr. C. R. Hayes Route 3 Bowling Green, KY 42101 Phone: (502) 842-3742

Elder Paul W. Bryson Route 9, Box 84 Bowling Green, KY 42101 Phone: (502) 843-9339

#### Virgin Birth



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manifest the true spirit of Christianity every day of our lives! My family and I, and the Staff of the Baptist Banner, wish each of you a Merry Christmas, and God bless you

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

July, August, September

Old Union Baptist Church		\$1511.26
Fairview Baptist Church (Woodburn, Ky.)		
Faith Baptist Church (Mich.)		300.00
Fellowship Baptist Church (Ind.)		418.00
Caldonia Baptist Church (Tenn.)		202.50
Fairview Memorial Baptist Church (Ky.)		
Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Ky.)		100.00
Southside Baptist Church (Ind.)		50.00
Bethel Baptist Association (Ind.)		555.00
Bro. Leo Draper		
Bro. Bernard Scaggs		50.00
Bro. Calvin Perrigo		50.00
Bro. and Sis. Dean Hauskins		100.00
Bro. and Sis. Wm. H. Lyles		40.00
Bro. and Sis. Robert Jackson		50.00
Bethel Baptist Church (Or.)		
Hauser Baptist Church (Or.)		301.06
	Total	\$4022.34

Total \$4022.34 My most humble thanks to everyone who has helped us in so many ways. May God's richest blessings be yours. Your Brother In Christ, Vernon Roark

# REPORT FROM JAPAN

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self was rather hackneyed, but she was sincere and I was, too. As she was willing to listen to me, I preached a sermon on the phone personally only to her soul. (I have preached a short sermon many a time like before leaving someone's house that I visited for the first time when they seemed unliked to hear me. In any way I like to pass the gospel of Christ on Even though they hate me tell of the Lord, they hear my short sermon in my prayer anyhow.) Preaching on the phone was a quite experience to me.

October 10th was one of our national holidays. I took Sunday School children out to an island of the bay by train and ferryboat. It was a good time. Five adults joined the picnic. In the evening Michiko and I held a supper for our Sunday School helpers. There were 12 people in my house including some of their family. It was a good time of fellowship. Miss Onishi, a college girl, who helped Michiko prepare the food, stayed over night with us that night with her parents' permission, both of them are school teachers. She has been coming to us since February of the year. We previous thought she might get something out of our christian life by staying with us that she did not have in her home. We ask you remember this girl in prayer.

I have a lot of things that I love to tell you. I wish I were a good pen man to write all of them. One thing I like to tell you is that we are happy in the services of the Lord.

I am not sure now, but I have plans to visit your country sometime next June when our son Luke graduates from the College in Minnesota, who has been away from his home for over three years. It is all up to His will. If my family and I, or I alone, could come to your country, we or I love to see you. We will know what He will do for us.

Following is the report of donations received for the third quarter of 1981 with so much thanks. I really appreciate those who supported me and Koi that we might keep on the work for the Lord.

July-Eld. & Mrs. Walter V. Deweese, Franklin, Ky., 50.00; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky. 200.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. 122.32; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 203.83; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 351.39; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 61.46; Beckwith

Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. 75.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 125.60. Total 1,189.60.

August-Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 50.00 & 50.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 155.78; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 407.34; Eld. & Mrs. James H. Smith, Nashville, Tenn. 50.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. 75.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 61.90; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 125.35. Total 975.37.

September-Plunketts Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 380.63: Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. 75.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 166.23; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 55.45; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 50.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn. 150.46; Cave Springs Baptist, Liberty, Tenn. 201.97; Gay's Chapel Baptist, Statesville, N.C. 100.00. Total 1.179.74.

To Koi Baptist Church. July-McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 78.04; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 20.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky. 200.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 62.91. Total 360.95.

August-Mt. Calvary Baptist, Tenn. Nashville, 20.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 96.36; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky. 45.00. Total 161.36.

September-Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. 20.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky. 489.96. Total 509.96.

Thank you again, Brother Vanderpool, for putting my report in your paper. May God richly bless your ministry. We remember you in the land of Japan, and our Baptist friends and their churches as well.

May God richly bless you, Yours sincerely, Koji Tajima & family

# **NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING**

On Thursday night, December 31, there will be a New Year's Eve singing at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, on Woods Ferry Rd., two miles south of Gallatin, Tenn. The special group who will be singing are the Deacons Quartet of Scottsville, Ky., The Pleasant Hill Quartet of Sumner County, Tenn. and the Spiritual Crusaders of Lafayette, Tenn. Services are to begin at 7:00 P.M. Elder Jimmy Suttle is pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

# THE TWENTY-THIRD CHANNEL

The TV set is my Shepherd. My spiritual growth shall want.

It maketh me to srt down and do nothing for his name sake, because it requireth all my spare time.

It keepeth me from doing my duty, because it preseneth so many good shows I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge, of things of the world.

It leadeth me in paths of failing to attend the evening worship services and doing in the Kingdom of God.

Yea tho I live to be 100. I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. Its sound and its picture, they comfort me.

It presenth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family; it fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the word of God.

Surely, no good things will come of my life, because my TV offereth me no good time to do the will of God. Thus, I will dwell in the place of the devil and his angels forever,



On Saturday, October 17, 1981, an ordination was held at Old Time Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth, West Virginia. Services began at 10 A.M. Bro. Phillip Creecy was ordained to the office of Deacon. Elder Jerry Reynolds is the pastor of the church.

Including the church having the ordination, eleven churches from West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee were represented by twenty ministers and deacons.

Elder Calvin Perrigo served his presbytery as moderator. Elder Don Curtis was clerk. The candidate was presented by Elder Jerry Reynolds, his pastor, and Elder H. C. Vanderpool led the interrogation. Elder Billy Moran led the ordaining prayer which was followed by the "laying on of hands" by the presbytery. Elder D. C. Barton charged the newly ordained deacon and the charge to the church was given by Elder Charles Patterson.

A great day of fellowship was enjoyed by all present including a bountiful meal at noon. Pictured above are, left to right: Deacon Phillip Creecy, Mrs. Phillip Creecy, Mrs. Jerry Reynolds and Elder Jerry Reynolds.

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WHAT MUST I DO?

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to prepare themselves to tell everyone that God so loved the world that He gave Jesus - His only Son - to die for the world. If they hadn't carried the precious word to me, I would still be lost, away from God with no hope of a home in Heaven. How can I ever repay them for the message they brought to me? What must I do to repay the kindness these people showed me while I was in the depths of sin? What must I do for my loving Savior for all he has done for me?

There is only one way we can repay such a debt. After we receive this gift from Him-He blesses us with great and wondrous gifts of the Spirit. As we travel through this life, we find we are just pilgrims and strangers passing through a weary and troublesome land. awaiting our final destination. We have many opportunities to be useful, kind, loving, helpful ambassadors for Christ. He places within our heart the desire to be Christ-like, to witness to make desciples, to be help-mates to all with whom we come in contact. He blesses and uses each of us in the capacity He chooses.

There is a work for each of us as a child of God. Read the Bible, pray and meditate upon the word. Then – listen for the



still small voice within. Is He speaking to you? There is much to be done. Look out upon the fields, they are white already unto harvest and the laborers are few...What could God have YOU do?

The churches of today are in great need of dedicated, loving, Christian workers. Is the still small voice speaking to you? What about teachers? Who will carry God's precious word to those that are still lost? With God's help-YOU and I could. What about the sick, the orphans, the widows, the needy? We could serve as deacons or laymen and visit, cons or laymen and visit, represent our church, give aid, and help all these people who are in such great need. What about our pastor? Does He need a helping hand in trying to serve and lead our church? He is only a man, called by God, and needs all the support he can get. Remember to pray for him, visit him, let him know we love and need him as much as he loves and needs us

When Christ set up His church, He placed each one in it as it pleased Him. Every child of God has a place of service in the church! Have you found your place and filled your position for Him? Have I done my best for Christ? Let us go forth as He would have us go. Fight the good fight - Stand up for God. Let His light shine brightly in our lives that others may see and be blessed by our Holy Father. There is a crown of life layed up for you and me, not only you and me, but all who comes to Him repenting, believing, born again children of the King.

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"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:32

# Revival Reports

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Seventy Sixth Street Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. One saved. The preaching was by Elder Bobby Gann, Lafayette, Tenn. and Elder Nathan York, Indianapolis, Ind. Good Spiritual services were reported.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK

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many prayers for God to once more send a true God-sent revival in this land. The more I prayed the heavier the burden became to go preach Christ to the many lost people in this country.

I am presently pastoring Harvest Missionary Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee, and I will continue to do so while I am making preparations for the evangelistic work. My immediate plans are to conduct as many revivals in areas close enough to Hendersonville, so as to be present on week-ends to continue the pastoral work at Harvest Church, for the next several months, until I can enter into the work full time. The Lord is blessing the work at Harvest for which we are thankful to the Lord.

I have been in the ministry for over 26 years and during this 26 years I have done domestic mission work, foreign mission work, radio work, and pastored 10 churches in Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Also, I have worked in 73 revivals, witnessed about 500 professions of faith, preached 2,820 sermons, baptized 115 persons, assisted in council of organization of 6 churches, assisted in council of 28 ordination services, conducted 23 funerals, performed 16 weddings and have taught many Bible classes in various Baptist Churches.

I realize I cannot enter into the work full time at present, as I will need to secure means first. I feel I should try to purchase some type of van or bus as soon as I possibly can. In the meantime I am making myself available for evangelistic work in any of our Old Fashioned Baptist Churches, and any area where I may obtain a building to conduct revival services. If any of our churches would like for me to come and preach, I would be happy to do so at some convenient time.

I am presently a member of Harvest Missionary Baptist Church, but I want to represent all of our Old Time Baptist Churches when preaching Christ to this nation.

I need your help in undertaking this task of reaching the lost people of this nation. I sincerely love all of the true Baptist Churches of our Lord, and all of his truly God-Called preachers, who are standing for the true faith of the gospel. I would greatly appreciate all of the Pastors of the churches encouraging the churches they pastor to help in this work.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all and ever guide and bless you is my

#### **BROADCAST**

Elder Bobby Gann and Bro. Randy Swaffer conduct a radio broadcast each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. from W E E N (1460) Lafayette, Tenn. Bro. GANN is in charge of the preaching and Bro. Swaffer the singing. You are invited to listen.

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Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. God's Gen. 28:22



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Your humble Bro. in Christ, Eld. Landon C. Long P.S. Please find attached a letter from Harvest Church

September 20, 1981 Harvest Missionary Baptist Church 192 Curtis Cross Roads Hendersonville, TN 37075

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Pastor, Eld. Landon C. Long, has acknowledged his calling to enter into evangelistic work on a full time basis as soon as possible. We the Harvest Missionary Baptist Church do recommend Bro. Long to you as being a sound and able Baptist Minister, worthy of your prayers and support. We are sure most of our churches know Bro. Long and the stand he has taken in the past for the Baptist Faith and Practice, but should anyone wish further information about the work Bro. Long will be doing, you may contact our Clerk or Bro. Long.

We have begun an Evangelistic Fund for the purpose of supporting Bro. Long in the work God has called him to do. Any special offering you may see fit to send will be greatly appreciated, although what he needs is a regular monthly support until the work can be established. Any small amount each month would be used to help reach the lost people of this nation. We have selected Bro. William H. Woodall, who is also our Church Clerk, as Special Treasurer to handle the funds and a report will be made to the churches each quarter and sent to the Baptist Banner for publication.

Address of our Special Treasurer:

William H. Woodall 113 LaPlaza Dr. Hendersonville, TN 37075 Tel. No. 1-615-824-7534 Sincerely your brothers in Christ, William H. Woodall, Clerk