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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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Evangelistic Services

Revivals

FRIDAY - JUNE 5

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, KY. Pastor W. T. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. Services each night at 7:15. The public is invited.

SUNDAY - JUNE 7

McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard Taylor is to be assisted by Elder Paul Patterson. Sunday night services at 6:00 P.M. and week nights at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Holland, KY. Pastor Kenneth Woodall is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter. You are invited to attend.

SUNDAY - JUNE 14

West End Baptist Church, West Main St., Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor W. E. Massey is to be assisted by Elder B. D. Carter. Services each night at 7:30. The public is invited.

New Harmony Baptist Church, Highway 73, Auburn, KY. Pastor William House is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. Services each night at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

Enon Chapel Baptist Church, Highway 231, Trousdale County, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Gann is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Bro. J. W. Gregory will direct the singing. Services daily at 7:30 P.M. Everyone invited.

Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. Pastor Charlie Patterson is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. Services each night at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

Grace Baptist Church, Old Shackles Island Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn. Pastor Elmer

Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder Leon Jones. Services daily at 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome.

Gospel Truth Baptist Church, 14th Street and Stratton Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Luther Tuttle is to be assisted by Bro. Ronnie Stewart and Bro. Jerry Gammon. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY - JUNE 21

Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado. Pastor Ottis Jones is to be assisted by Elder Henry Smith. For hours of services, call: (303) 750-9621, or (303) 377-5050. Everyone with relatives or friends in the Denver area are asked to write or call and invite them to these services.

Faith Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank Sts., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville. Services nightly at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Pastor Paul Patterson is to be assisted by Elder Bobby Gann. Services daily at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

SUNDAY - JUNE 28

Lula Missionary Baptist Church, 17th St., Springfield, Tenn., Pastor James Gardner. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

Drakes Creek Baptist Church, Highway 100, Franklin, KY. Pastor D. W. Story is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. Services daily at 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Boyce, KY. Pastor Neal Forshee is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. Services nightly. Everyone is invited.

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BANNER BEGINS 16TH YEAR

With this issue the BANNER begins its 16th year of publication. You will also notice that a change has been made in the format. This is due to various reasons. We trust it will meet the approval of our readers.

The publication has a circulation in twenty-four states plus the foreign countries into which it is mailed. I would like to express my thanks to all churches, ministers, individuals and printers who have contributed to the success of the paper. I ask your continued support. The number of copies has been increased to satisfy the increased request for the BANNER. I ask your prayers for the work as we begin the 16th year of publication. - Editor

ORDAINED



Elder Neal Forshee

There was an ordination service at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn., on Sunday, March 29, 1981, beginning at 2:00 P.M. Bro. Neal Forshee was ordained to the full work of the ministry. He had been called to the pastorate of Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, KY where he began the work the first of January of this year. Mt. Lebanon had called for his ordination.

Nineteen churches in Tennessee and Kentucky were represented in the presbytery by 59 ministers and deacons.

A BALANCED MINISTRY

By J. H. Smith

(Continued from the April issue of the Banner)

Here I want to continue my series on a balanced ministry from the First Epistle of Peter, and this time on a topic of a somewhat different nature; but I feel it is something very important and should claim our attention in these dangerous times that we are passing through.

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme: or unto governors, as

Homecoming

There is to be an all-day homecoming service at White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Highway, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on Sunday, June 14. Sunday school at 10:00 A.M. and preaching at 11:00 A.M. by the pastor, Elder C. B. Massey. Lunch will be served at the noon hour. The guest singers in the afternoon will be The Beckwith Singers and the Happy Pilgrims Quartet. Everyone is invited to attend.

Elder H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of New Bethel, was elected moderator. Elder Don Curtis was elected clerk of the presbytery. The candidate was presented to the presbytery by Deacon Harold Porter. Elder Howard Taylor led the interrogation and Elder Henry Smith led the ordaining prayer. After the "laying on of hands" by the presbytery, Elder Paul Bryson gave the charge to the newly ordained minister and the charge to the church was given by Elder James Gardner. Elder A. G. Gregory presented the bible to Bro. Forshee.

A large crowd was in attendance and the spirit and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Truly, this was a great day for the church and all churches which were represented. New Bethel Baptist Church takes this opportunity to thank all churches, ministers and deacons who came to assist in this important work. We appreciated all who came. Let us all pray for Bro. Forshee and his family and Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church as they labor together.



unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." 1 Peter 2:13-15.

We are living in a time when there is little or no regard for the law by too many of this country; and I believe it is a very dangerous situation, even more so than most of us realize. Since the Scriptures teach that we are to be submissive to civil authorities, we as ministers of the Gospel are duty bound to teach our people from the pulpit to obey the laws of the land; and certainly we are to be examples of that ourselves.

LAWS ARE FOR OUR PROTECTION

All of our laws that are any good at all are based on the Laws of God, and they are to protect the citizens of the land, and this is very clearly taught in the above given Scripture. It says, "Submit yourselves to ever ordinance of man for the Lord's sake," and then it says that it is for the punishment of evildoers. If evildoers were not punished at all by the law, just think how terrible it would be. We couldn't even assemble at church, a mob would come and molest and keep us from doing God's work. I know conditions are rather bad as they are, but if we had no law, nobody to enforce law, you talk about

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Homecoming

On Sunday, June 14, Gospel Truth Missionary Baptist Church, 14th Street and Stratton Ave., Nashville, Tenn. will have all-day homecoming services. Lunch will be served at noon. Elder Luther Tuttle is the pastor. He and the church invite everyone to visit them on this date. The revival is to begin that night. See revival announcements.

BALANCED MINISTRY

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perilous times, we don't know anything now! We have police out putting their lives on the line to protect us, and we had better thank our God for them and support them, instead of hating them and calling them all kind of bad names, as many "punks" do these days.

FOR THE LORD'S SAKE

God is the author of civil powers, or governments, and the Bible teaches that those who resist those powers resist the ordinance of God. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God." Romans 13:1-2. The apostle is referring to civil powers here as we can plainly see, and these he says are ordained of God. Of course there has been and always will be those in authority who will over step the power that God intended; and since they are human beings they make laws and try to enforce laws that are against the will of God. In such cases we should do as Peter and the other apostles when they said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. Certainly it is not for the Lord's sake that we let rulers or any law that they pass keep us back from preaching and witnessing

for our Saviour; and of course this is happening in many parts of the world. There are laws in some countries that prohibit God's servants from testifying to the Gospel of the grace of God, and those who do such witnessing are imprisoned, tortured, and in many instances are murdered. Don't go against God, even if it means going to jail, but on the other hand Christians should be, more than anybody, law abiding citizens, as long as the law is not against the Work of God. Jesus said this: "Render therefore unto Caesar, this means government, the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." It is right and according to the Word of God to pay taxes, abide by the law and support the government. We have the freedom to criticize government officials, voice our objection to laws that they pass, or try to pass; but we must remember that we live under a system in this country that provides this freedom, and this makes it a more reason that we should support those in high places. When the apostle Paul exhorted to pray for all men, he specifically pointed out "For kings, and for all that are in authority." 1 Timothy 2:2. Along with our criticism we had better pray for them.

Don't you ever believe that we can have the approval of God and get his protection when

we are breaking a law that is for our protection. If you go down the road at a breakneck speed and praying for God to make your life secure, do you expect Him to answer your prayer while you are violating a law that is for your protection? I doubt whether he would. Slow down and stay within the speed limit and you will protect yourself and those on the road with you.

FOR THE PRAISE OF THEM THAT DO WELL

A person who stays within the bounds of the law have nothing to fear, because the text tells us that the authorities are to punish evil doers, or law violators, and praise them that do well, or those who are law abiding citizens. We can have peace of mind while we stay within the bounds of the law, but if we break the law then there is that uneasiness that we might get caught up with. Good law officers today appreciate and are grateful to the good citizens who obey the law and cooperate with them in helping to catch criminals and punish them. I have heard them say so. It makes their job much easier, and so they have some good words for those who are respectable and law abiding people. Even the FBI has statistics on young people and their parents who have taken them to church and Sunday school, and how much smaller

percentage of these are caught breaking the law over those who haven't been taken to church and Sunday school; and these authorities have some very commendable words for these young people and their parents. These law officers know something of the Standard on which the laws of our country are founded, of course this great Standard is the Word of God.

There is so much crime and so much violence in our country today it makes you want to do or say something that would help in some small way. Our Chief of police keeps saying to us that if crime isn't brought under control that it will destroy this country, and I agree with him. We should pray for this man, and for all other good law officers, for these men who are trying their best to make it more safe for all of us. But we have those who claim that they are so much for freedom, freedom for all, even dangerous criminals, that they would go their limit to turn these murderers loose on society. Such people are no advocates of freedom but are people, in my opinion, who are seeking to undermine our system of liberty that our founders fought and died for. We are duty bound to pray for our leaders, from the president of the United States down to a local magistrate. We have taken our freedom for granted too long, have become self

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Survey Says Religion Biggest Life Factor

By RUSSELL CHANDLER

Los Angeles Times News Service

Religious commitment, more than any other factor, has an overwhelming impact on nearly every major aspect of American life, according to a new public opinion study.

The report, American Values in the '80s: The Impact of Belief, says that a person's religious values — or lack of them — are a far more accurate predictor of his or her attitudes and behavior than are race, sex, age, income, education, occupation or political persuasion.

The poll, conducted by Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., purports to be the first national survey to measure the degree of religious commitment. It finds that America is a nation of people committed to religious beliefs and that these beliefs significantly affect how they relate to their communities, friends, families, jobs and how they make political and moral decisions.

The study, conducted for the life insurance company late last year by Research and Forecasts Inc. of New York, identifies a "moral current" in America — "a widespread religiousness that is spontaneous and diffuse, rather than part of the Moral Majority." The report also says that U.S. leaders are strikingly out of tune

with the average citizen over leadership values and moral issues.

Nearly three out of very, four Americans consider themselves religious and say that religion would become a more important factor in their lives if they knew they only had six months to live. In addition, 73 percent frequently believe that "God loves them," and approximately half engage in prayer and attend religious services. Nearly 26 percent of the population — about 45 million people — are "highly religious."

Results of the survey square with those of other recent national polls, but the Connecticut Mutual Life report goes beyond the others in measuring religious commitment on the basis of criteria other than participation in organized religion.

Eight criteria were used: feeling that "God loves you," engaging in prayer, attending religious services, reading the Bible, having a religious experience, participating in a church social activity, encouraging others to turn to religion and listening to religious broadcasts. Sixty-two percent of those polled said they were Protestant, 28 percent were Catholic and 2 percent Jewish. "Other" faiths and "no faiths" accounted for 8 percent.

Persons who are the most religious particularly are likely to take

part in political activity, the study shows. And they are overwhelmingly more likely to be involved in their communities than are the least religious.

The survey shows that the most religious outvoted the least religious by a 3-to-2 margin and are five times as likely to attend neighborhood and community meetings.

"Our findings suggest that the increasing impact of religion on our social and political institutions may be only the beginning of a trend that could change the face of America," the report states. "The intensely religious . . . may well be the most vocal group in the 1980s, just as it was the disenchanted who were the most vocal in the '60s and '70s."

Although the more religious tend to be most strongly committed to personal relationships than the less religious, the study finds Americans generally willing to consider divorce as a solution to an unhappy marriage; 56 percent say they would divorce rather than reconcile "at all costs."

The report also detects a radical shift in the way people view marriage and family, with twice as many Americans now preferring "an integrated, more egalitarian approach in which both husband and

wife cooperate in working, homemaking and child rearing" to the traditional male and female sex roles.

The most religious Americans are far more likely than the least religious to place importance on doing things as a family, playing with children and being with friends, the report says.

While 74 percent of Americans believe that it is important for the United States to have the strongest military force in the world "no matter what the cost," the survey shows that the most religious and least educated persons are most likely to believe this. Also, the most religious are by far the most likely to oppose strengthening women's rights.

The survey, based on 2,000 hour-long telephone interviews with the general public and more than 1,700 questionnaires completed by a cross-section of U.S. leaders, indicates that Americans "seem to value commitment above all else in their relationships."

Compared with the less religious, the more religious Americans tend, according to the survey, to be older, female and black, live in the South and be less educated and less affluent, and are conservative in political orientation.



By H. C. Vanderpool

Each month, if space permits, a brief history and background study of a book of the Bible, will be given in this column. The purpose is to give to those who may be interested in such information, for their study and understanding of that particular book.

ACTS

1. THE TITLE OF THE BOOK. An early manuscript has the title "Acts" (Greek *praxeis*, doings, transactions, achievements). Other early titles are "Acts of Apostles," "The Acts of The Apostles," etc. Acts narrates doings and speeches chiefly of Peter and Paul. There is some information about Judas (1:16-20), and the man chosen to succeed him (1:21-26); about John (3:1-4:31, 8:14-17); and James (12:12). The Twelve, except the betrayer, are listed in (1:13).

2. THE AUTHOR. By comparing Luke 1:1 and Acts 1:1, we learn that both books have the same author. Therefore, we conclude that Luke was the author of the book of Acts. Of the 66 books of the Bible, 64 were written by Jews. Only two, Luke and Acts were written by a Gentile, that being Luke.

It seems to have been a continuation of the Gospel according to Luke, and from the use of the personal pronoun, first person, in some chapters, showing that he was a companion of Paul (16:10-16; 20:5; 28:16). The book was probably written from Rome, during Paul's first imprisonment (Acts 28:30), Luke being with him (Acts 28:16), and as we also see from

the references in Philemon 24 and Colossians 4:14. Its date was about 63 A.D.

3. TIME PERIOD COVERED. This early history of the church which Christ instituted during his personal ministry, covers the time from 33 A.D. to 63 A.D., about thirty years. It gives the church action in a business meeting (1:15-26). In Chapter 2, the church received the baptism of the Holy Spirit which has remained with the true church until this day, and shall, to the end of the age.

From Chapters 3 through 8, we have records of the preaching, imprisonments of the Apostles, the spread of the church work through missions, etc. The first Deacons were ordained by the church, Chapter 6. The conversion of the Apostle Paul is recorded in Chapters 9, 22, 26. The conversion of the Gentiles and their becoming fellow citizens with the Jews in the church is given in Chapters 10 and 11.

Chapter 13:1-3, we read of the setting apart, by the church, of Barnabas and Paul for mission work. Paul's first missionary journey is recorded in Acts 13:4 - Acts 14:28. His second missionary journey is recorded in Acts 15:36 - Acts 18:22. For the recorded third missionary journey, it is in Acts 18:23 - Acts 21:17. In Acts 27:1 - Acts 28:31, Paul's journey to Rome and his final ministry are recorded.

Through this thirty-year period, the work of the early church is followed from Jerusalem, the Jewish capital, to Rome the capital of the world.

BEAUTITUDES FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Blessed are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate and loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.

Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.

Blessed are those mates who never speak loudly to each other, and who make their home a place "where seldom is heard a discouraging word."

Blessed are the husband and wife who faithfully attend the worship service of the church.

Blessed are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it, and who set aside some time each day for the reading of the Bible and prayer.

Blessed are the married couples who abstain from alcoholic beverages.

Blessed are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world, and who joyfully fulfill their marriage vow of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness to each other.

Baptist



History

EARLY BAPTISTS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

"The settlements in this part of the state (Middle Tennessee) were not commenced till a number of years after those in East Tennessee had become large and flourishing. In the year 1780, a party of about forty families, invited by the richness of the Cumberland country, under the guidance and direction of Gen. James Robertson, passed through a wilderness of at least 300 miles to the French Lick, and there founded the town of Nashville, on the Cumberland River, and commenced settlements on the luxuriant soil in its vicinity.

"Some few Baptist members, it is said, were among this company of emigrants, but no historical facts respecting them have come to my knowledge. All that I can learn respecting them is, that a church of a temporary existence, was gathered on one of the branches of the Red River, called Sulphur Fork, some considerable distance from Nashville, in 1786, and that one John Grammer was for

a short time its pastor. But he soon removed to other parts, and the church was dissolved before any of those were formed which afterwards became permanently established.

"From about 1790, we may date the commencement of the operations of the Baptists in this region in anything like a systematic and effective manner, although a considerable number of families of the order were settled in the Cumberland country a number of years before.

"The oldest church in this part of the state which maintained its existence, was formed at the mouth of Sulphur Fork River, in 1791. It was constituted by the assistance of Elders Ambrose Dudley and John Taylor, from the Elkhorn Association, in Kentucky. These ministers, by the request of the brethren in this place, traveled not far from two hundred miles, mostly through a wilderness where they were continually exposed to be destroyed by the Indians.

"This church at first was

called Tennessee; it united with the Elkhorn Association, where it continued until the Mero District Association was formed. This church remained alone in the wilderness, having no other within more than a hundred miles of it, until 1794, when that on White's Creek (now New Bethel) in Davidson County, about six miles to the north of Nashville, was gathered.

"The Mero District Association was formed in 1796; it was the oldest in this end of the state, and although it was long since dissolved, yet its priority of formation demands a passing notice. It consisted at first of the five following churches, viz.: Mouth of Sulphur Fork, Head of Sulphur Fork, Middle Sulphur Fork, White's Creek (now New Bethel), and Station Camp.

"The ministers who assisted in raising up these churches, were Elders Daniel Brown, Joseph Dorris, Nathan Arnett and Patrick Mooney." - History of the Baptists, Benedict, 1848, pp. 798-799.



Jerusalem

REVIVALS

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Rock Bridge Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Pastor Ronnie Harrison is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter. The public is invited.

The true Christian is a person who is right side up in a world that is upside down.

BALANCED MINISTRY

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centered, complacent, until things are getting out of hand, going from bad to worse. Lord have mercy on us!

What to read:

If you are "all out of sort" read Hebrews 12.

If you are losing confidence in men, read 1 Corinthians 13.

If you have the blues, read Psalm 27.

If your pocketbook is empty, read Psalm 37.

If people seem unkind, read John 15.

If you are discouraged about your work, read Psalm 126.

If you cannot have your own way, read James 3.

What to do with your Bible:

Know it in the head;

Stow it in the heart;

Show it in the life;

Sow it in the world;

Read it to be wise;

Believe it to be safe;

Practice it to be holy.

Your Bible:

Dig it up.

Write it down.

Pray it in.

Live it out.

Pass it on.

To know the Bible is to love it; to love it is to accept it; to accept it means life eternal.

—Willard L. Johnson

The great question is not what you make of the Bible, but what the Bible makes of you.

What is Christianity? In the home, it is kindness; in business, it is honesty; in society, it is courtesy; in work, it is thoroughness; in play, it is fairness; toward the fortunate, it is congratulation; toward the unfortunate, it is pity; toward the weak, it is help; toward the wicked, it is resistance; toward the strong, it is trust; toward the penitent, it is forgiveness; and toward God, it is reverence and love.

—Douglas Hyde

Your Own Version

You are writing a Gospel,

A chapter each day.

By deeds that you do,

By words that you say.

Men read what you write,

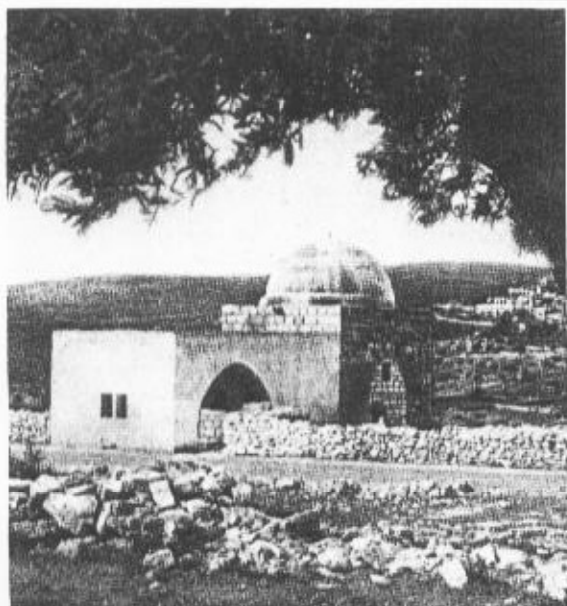
Whether faithful or true;

Say, what is the Gospel

According to You?

—Paul Gilbert

Learn how to live and you will have learned how to die.



RACHEL'S TOMB

Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, that is Bethlehem. Jacob erected a memorial over her grave and this memorial marks Rachel's grave to this day. (Genesis 35:16-20). The small domed monument over the tomb dates from the 15th century. The tomb is sacred to Jews, Moslems and Christians. Women of the area visit the tomb and often pray for fertility and successful childbirth.

DOES DADDY GO?

Daddy had a little boy,
His soul was white as snow;
He never went to Sunday School,
'Cause Daddy didn't go.

He never heard the Word of God,
That thrills the childish mind;
While other children went to class,
This child was left behind.

As he grew from babe to youth,
Dad saw to his dismay,
A soul that once was snowy white,
Become a dingy grey.

Realizing that his son was lost,
Dad tried to win him back;
But now the soul that once was white,
Had turned an ugly black.

Dad even started back to church,
And Bible study too;
He begged the preacher, "Isn't there
A thing that you can do?"

The preacher tried, failed, and said,
"We're just too far behind;
I tried to tell you years ago,
But you paid me no mind."

And so another soul was lost,
That once was white as snow;
Sunday School would have helped,
But Daddy wouldn't go.

WAYS TO HELP YOUR PASTOR

By
Dr. Tal Bonham

1. PRAY FOR HIM. He is the only person in your church who does not have a pastor. Ask God to strengthen him physically, mentally and spiritually. The devil launches his greatest attacks against God's man. He needs your prayers!

2. BE POSITIVE WITH HIM AND ABOUT HIM. Most pastors hear enough bad news. Be sure to share with him the good news from your life. When you speak about him to other people, be positive. Remember, he is not perfect and will make mistakes. If you have criticisms, take them to the Lord on your knees, not to others in conversation.

3. RELIEVE HIM OF UNNECESSARY BURDENS. Let him be the leader of the church in spiritual matters. Do not make him the administrator of every little mundane chore around the church.

4. DO WHAT GOD HAS LED YOU TO DO. Don't expect your pastor to carry additional burdens that are a part of your ministry in the church. Find something that you can do and do it well!

5. KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN. If there is a need in your life, share it with him. He will want to pray with you and help you. If you know of needs in other people's lives, be sure to share those with him also. Let him know when a member goes to the hospital or has some legitimate need with which the pastor can help.

Man's Excuses, God's Answers

A church member said, "I'm not going to work as hard in the church this year as I did last year." But God said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

A brother in the church said, "Someone else can do the job better than I." But God's answer is, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.

A sister of the church was heard to say, "I'm not qualified for the job." But God said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Cor. 12:9.

A church member said, "I've been working too hard and I want to rest a while." Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

"I don't like the preacher," said one brother. But God answered, "Who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?" I Sam. 26:9.

One sister was ready to quit and said, "Someone criticized me." But with references to one's work, God said, "Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men." Eph. 6:6-7.

So often Christians are heard to say, "I just don't feel like going to church. I have to rest." But God's answer, when speaking of Jesus, said, "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22:44.

Many church members are guilty of saying, "I must spend more time with my family." Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:37.

To master the Bible, the Bible must first master you.

ATTENTION

Any Missionary Baptist Church, minister, laymember, who has an announcement, article or report, is invited to send the same to the BANNER for publication. Get it to me by the 10th of the month previous to publication. - Editor

New Bethel Homecoming



NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

GOOD BOOKS

The following books have been written by the editor, or republished by him and others. Anyone wishing to order one or all, may do so at the address below. The prices listed include book, postage and handling. Some of the editor's books are sold out. These will be listed for the benefit of those who have been asking for them.

What True Baptists Believe, \$1.00; Twentieth Century Baptists, Sold Out; History of Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Sold Out; Travel With Me Through Bible Lands, Sold Out; Pictorial Bible Messages, \$2.00; I Became Rich During the Depression, Sold Out; History of the Welsh Baptists, Sold Out; The Annual Register of the Baptist Denomination in North America, \$10.00; History of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, \$5.00; Traveling Toward The Sunrise - F. W. Lambert, \$10.00.

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Homecoming

On Sunday, June 14, there is to be homecoming service at Enon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, six miles west of Hartsville, Tenn. on Highway 231. Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. and preaching at 11:00 A.M. by Pastor Bobby Gann. Lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon singing will be by the Spiritual Crusaders of Lafayette, Tenn. The Church is thirty years old, having been organized in June, 1951. Everyone is invited to attend.

There is to be an all-day homecoming at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on Sunday, June 21. Sunday School will be at 10:00 A.M., worship service at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor H. C. Vanderpool preaching. Lunch will be served at the noon hour. Afternoon services will be given to singing, beginning at 2:00 P.M. The Canaanland Quartet of Glasgow, Ky. will be singing for us and there is also to be congregational singing.

New Bethel Church will be celebrating its 187th anniversary on that day, having been organized in 1794. History of the church will be available on homecoming day. It is a nice, cloth-bound volume. The church and pastor invite all who can, to come and spend the day or portion of the day, and enjoy fellowship together.

A FRIEND

A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together. Knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away. - Arabian Proverb

BIBLE VERSE



Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me, JOHN 14:6