

Baptist Banner

Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
Psalms



that it may be displayed because of the truth.
60:4

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Happy New Year

PASTORAL CALLS

Longview Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. has called Elder Paul Patterson to her pastorate. He succeeds Elder Dwayne Greer. Longview Church is one of four churches in the Gallatin area sponsoring the Missionary Baptist T.V. work on Cable in Gallatin.

Faith Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. recently called Elder Dwayne Greer to pasture there.

Rock Bridge Missionary Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. called Elder Ray Sutton as pastor. He succeeds Elder (Continued on Page 4)

THE BEDUIN MARKET IN BEERSHEBA



Each people throughout history has made the passage from nomadic hunter or grazer to settled farmer. This transformation can be seen in Israel's southern Negev area, where Beduin tribesmen have settled down into homesteads around Beersheba. They farm winter wheat especially developed for arid climates, and work as skilled tradesmen in the nearby cities of Beersheba and Arad. With permanent employment they are no longer forced to migrate seasonally to better grazing land. Nevertheless, every Thursday, the Beduins from the surrounding area flock to Beersheba for the traditional weekly market, trading produce, livestock and gossip.

True sons of the desert, the Beduins are a semi-nomadic people, and the direct descendants of those Arab tribesmen who swept out of the Saudi Arabian Peninsula in the seventh century, spreading Islam throughout the entire Mideast.

One recurring motif in Palestine's history is the clash between local settlers and the eastern nomadic tribespeople seeking conquest or better grazing land. Joshua headed the nomadic Israelites against the Canaanites. The Israelites, once settled, had to defend themselves against Moabites, Ammonites, Midianites and Amalakites.

WHAT AWAITS AMERICA AND GOD'S PEOPLE?

By H. C. Vanderpool

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

As we come into this new year, 1983, we wonder what awaits America in general, and God's people in particular. About 1004 B.C. God gave the above message to Solomon. He had just finished praying the dedication prayer for the temple which he had built on Mt. Moriah. This prayer can be read from II Chro. 6:12-42, and also in I Kings 8:22-54.

Solomon spoke to God in his prayer concerning the sins and errors of the people of Israel. He wanted to know "if" the people sinned against one another and against God to the extent that God would send pestilence among the people, that he would shut up heaven that there be no rain, would he hear their prayers and forgive them and bless the land.

God heard Solomon's prayer and answered, "If" my people will do certain things, that I will hear their prayers and will forgive your sins and will heal your

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Her Last Drink From The Old Well

By Pastor Bona Fleming

A young lady, just as intelligent as any young lady, went to a revival meeting. The power of God was on the meeting, sinners were being saved, and the Christians were being revived. The power of God struck this young girl, and tears began to roll down her cheeks, and she took her handkerchief and wiped the tears away. Her father, a wealthy farmer, stood on the outside with others, and looking across the tent, he remarked to a friend, "If my daughter goes to that altar I will wade in blood to my neck to take her out of there." But a young man was standing by her side and she did not go that night.

The father got into his machine and drove home and the young man took the young lady home in a buggy. When she got inside she saw him—a big 240-pound father—walking the floor, and she knew that something was wrong. She said, "Papa, what is the matter with you? Why are you not in bed?" He answered, "I have stayed up to give you orders. Papa, what in the world have I done?" He replied, "I looked across that tent tonight and I saw you weeping, saw you have that handkerchief up to your eyes. May, if you go to that mourners' bench I will wade

through blood to my neck to get you out of there; and, when I get you home, I will wear out a hickory over your back." He put it so strong that she knew he meant what he had said. She began to weep and went to her room, and there in the darkness she settled it that she would not go with God.

She was a beautiful girl, between 19 and 20 years of age. She closed her fist and said, "Oh, God, I will never seek Thee, I will never go to that altar! Take this burden away from my heart!" God heard her prayer. The Holy Ghost left her, and her conviction was gone. She went to bed and went to sleep.

Because you can go to bed and go to sleep, do not think you are saved. Many people go to bed and go to sleep to whom God will never speak again.

The next morning this young lady got up and went to school, came back, and went to the service that night. Her father stood in the same place as before, and kept his eye on her. When the altar call was given, he looked across and saw her standing with a young man, laughing. He took his neighbor by the arm and said, "Look at my daughter. I conquered her last night before I went to bed. She will never go to that altar." So this girl laughed and giggled

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION March 23, 24, 25, 1983

Wednesday - March 23, 1983

9:00 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - Billy Moran - The Oneness of God in Three Persons
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - Calvin Perrigo - Finding God's Will in Life
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Crucified With Christ
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - J. H. Smith - God's Plan to Evangelize the World
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

Thursday - March 24, 1983

9:15 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - Howard Taylor - Truth Opposes Error
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - English Bible Interpretation
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Billy Moran - The Scheme of Redemption, External, Internal, Eternal
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - Calvin Perrigo - Tithes and Offerings
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

Friday - March 25, 1983

9:15 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Changed Into His Likeness
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - J. H. Smith - God's Place Is Practical
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Howard Taylor - Faith
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - Divine Judgment
2:45 P.M. - Presentation of Certificates and Benediction

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DENVER CHURCH SEEKS HELP

Elder Ottis Jones has resigned his pastorate with Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Col. The church is asking interested ministers who would come on an appointment, to contact them. You may call: Mrs. Doreen Brown (303) 695-1276, or Mr. Luther Jent (303) 377-5050. They also ask for our prayers.

FOUR COUNTY SINGING

The Four-County Singing (Macon, Sumner, Smith, Trousdale) in Tennessee will meet at West End Missionary Baptist Church, 440 W. Main St., Gallatin, Tenn. on Sunday, Jan. 2, at 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The quarterly Fellowship Meeting of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association in Indiana, will meet with Freedom Missionary Baptist Church, 350 N. Fuller Dr., Indianapolis, Ind., on Saturday night, Jan. 29, 1983. An hour of Fellowship begins at 6:00 P.M. The guest speaker for the sermon that night will be Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Wednesday night, Jan. 5, a Bible Study will be conducted at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn., and will continue for several months. The book of Revelation will be taught and the pastor, Elder H. C. Vanderpool will be teaching. Bring your Bibles, tablets, pencils, etc. and study with us. Everyone who can, and will not be in a service, come and be with us. The public is invited. Time of services: 7:00 P.M. Time will be allowed for questions and answers.

REVIVAL REPORT

True Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield, MO, recently closed a revival. Three souls were saved and 14 united with the church, nine by baptism and five by letters. Pastor Joe Sprague was assisted by Bro. Junior Ingram.

OF ALL THAT THOU SHALT GIVE

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

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THE BIBLE LANDS COMPLETE

In addition to the Complete Holy Land Tour, we will be privileged to spend one night in Jordan and the joy of crossing the Jordan River into the Holy Land. Some of the places visited will be Jericho, Elisha's Fountain, Mt. of Temptation, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, cross Sea of Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Magdala, Cana of Galilee, Nazareth, Mary's Well, Caesarea, Roman Theatre, Megiddo, Jordan Valley, Caves of Qumran, view place of Dead Sea Scrolls, Ein Gedi, Masada, Beersheba, Hebron, Cave of Machpelah, the tombs of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Leah, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Kidron Valley, Absalom's Pillar, Zechariah's Tomb, House of Caiphas, Mary's Fountain, Pool of Siloam, Mt. Zion, Room of Last Supper, Tomb of David, Bethlehem, Rachel's Tomb, Shepherd's Field, Garden Tomb, Calvary, walk through Old Jerusalem, see Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, El Aksa Mosque, Joppa and Damascus Gates, Wailing Wall, Nablus, Mt. Ebal, Mt. Gerizim and Jacob's Well.

On Monday, November 8, 1982, I booked this Tour with Wholesale Tours International, Inc., New York, N.Y. Three weeks from that date, on Monday, November 30, I mailed 37 Reservations to the New York office.

With the response we've been getting, we are now planning on two bus loads instead of one. This is THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME! This is my 7th Tour of Bible Lands and my co-hosts are very faithful and dedicated people of God, which is going to add great joy and pleasure to our travels and fellowship.

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Madalyn Murray O'Hair's Son: Life Without God Filled With Evil

By Emmie Caldwell

"WHEN I'D SEEN that much concentrated evil, I knew there must be an equal amount of good, and that good had to be God."

William J. Murray, illegitimate son of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, was talking about his 1980 conversion to Christianity. The evil he had seen was in his past life guided by a Godless mother and a victim of alcoholism.

His recently published autobiography, *My Life Without God*, tells of that life beginning with his boyhood spent in the middle of loud, profane family battles that was climaxed, when he was 14, by the 1963 Supreme Court case which led to the banning of prayer in public schools.

RECALLED Murray, "Removing prayer from public schools cost less than \$20,000 and think how much it's costing to try to get it back."

Of Tennessee's legislation allowing a minute of silence at the opening of the school day he said, "I don't see a thing in the world wrong with a minute of quiet. Those who feel strongly about their faith may reaffirm it before beginning their school work; the others can just be



William J. Murray
"She destroyed people..."

silent for 60 seconds."

"Although now 'born again,' Murray had previously helped his mother build the American Atheist Center, a multi-million dollar, tax-exempt foundation that netted the

family new Cadillacs every six months.

HE LATER broke with his mother ("she always tries to destroy those who are helping her most") and began a career in aviation. He resigned last January as director of operations for a helicopter company serving Houston and Dallas where he now lives.

"I needed time to write the book and now I'm on a tour promoting its sales. Nashville is the third major city I've visited," he said.

In addition to promoting his book, Murray also heads the Murray Faith Foundation in Dallas. "It's there for people like I was, people raised in an atheist atmosphere and wanting to know about my conversion and we give them answers."

His own religious experience that prompted his conversion is vividly told in the book.

DID HE use the expertise he gained from raising money for the atheist cause to benefit his new foundation?

"No, we don't have the money for big mailings or TV and radio spots and we don't have fund-raising events. The foundation is supported

by a handful of Dallas businessmen and others who contribute from time to time."

Murray, who has joined the Baptist Church and conquered his alcoholism, has survived two broken marriages and is the father of two daughters.

HE ADMITS that at one time he hated his mother but says that during the writing of the book he began to realize that she was the victim.

"I love her and I am remorseful for her. I hope she'll read the book and discover another perspective besides her own but I'm afraid she's committed to destroying the concept of religion."

Neither she nor his brother will speak to him and his letters to them have all been unanswered.

"I past by the Atheist Foundation in Austin the other day and it was surrounded by 7 feet of barbed wire with bars on all the windows," he said. "I couldn't help thinking, 'Are you locking others out or locking yourself in?'"

THE LAST DRINK

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me. My heart has been like a stone since the night you gave me orders. I went to my room, and I asked God to leave me, and God took me at my word." Then she told him that she was conscious that her doom was sealed, and that from the beginning of her illness she knew that she was going to die. She said, "Papa, what time is it?" He answered, "Four o'clock in the afternoon." She said, "How slowly these hours are passing by! But, just think, I am going to a place where there will be no time."

They had built a new home out on the pike, and their old stood back in the field, with the old moss-covered well and moss-covered bucket. She said, "Papa, go to the old moss-covered well and bring me a fresh drink of water, for I will soon be in a place where I can get no water." He went and brought the water to her lips, and she drank it. Her mother was praying, her unsaved brother was praying, and her two unsaved sisters were down on the floor praying. Oh, I have heard the loudest prayers from sinners praying for their loved ones that I ever heard from anybody's lips. I have heard louder prayers around corpses that I ever heard around the sister: but I had to rebuke the prayers and say, "Do not mock God by praying for your dead loved ones."

This dying girl said, "Papa, put your arms under my arms, and pull me up in the bed. My feet are in fire. My feet are slipping." He put his arms beneath hers and drew her up in bed. Again she said, "Papa my feet are slipping. Take my feet out of the fire." He said, "May, I have done all that I can. Your head is against the head of the bed." She said, "Papa, go back to that old well again, and bring your daughter back another drink of water." He started for the water, but before he got back his beautiful daughter had gone to eternity.

Listen, friends! That father goes to town to buy hardware or groceries, and he stands over the counter like a maniac, and the merchant has to talk to him to find out

what he wants. He goes to the field to plow, but he does not plow. He goes to salt the cattle but he forgets to take the salt. When he goes to the market, he stands there and does not know what he wants. Everyone who knows the story knows what is the matter with that father; they know what is on his brain.

May this tract be a warning to parents not to obstruct the way of their children, and keep them from this free and full salvation that was purchased for us by Jesus Christ on the cruel cross of Calvary, which fits and prepares us for Heaven and the Glory World.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Missionary Baptist Churches across the United States are now using this material. It has grown from year to year and we continue to have additional churches order each quarter. The schedule of quarterlies are as follows: **Spring Quarter:** (March, April, May); **Summer Quarter:** (June, July, August); **Fall Quarter:** (September, October, November); **Winter Quarter:** (December, January, February).

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PASTORAL CALLS

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Ronnie Harrison.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. called Elder Ronnie Harrison who succeeds Elder F. W. Lambert.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. recently called Elder Jimmy Hogue as pastor, succeeding Elder C. B. Huddleston.

Chestnut Mound Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. called Elder Cordell Earps as pastor. He succeeds Elder Millard Roberts.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. has called Elder Eugene Brown, Jr. who succeeds Elder William Shoulders.

Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. called Elder Kenneth Stapleton for pastor.

Some of the churches whose pastors have resigned and had not called one at the time this report was going to press were: Hauser Baptist Church, North Bend, Oregon; Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn.; Nyland Baptist Church, Ventura, Calif.; Rayon City Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tenn.; Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Col.; and Parkwood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.