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Elder and Mrs. Henry Smith

## ELDER HENRY SMITH ACCEPTS PULPIT IN CALIFORNIA MY TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

By J. H. Smith  
Nashville, Tenn.

I left Nashville on January 13th, by plane to Los Angeles, and from there by a small plane to Oxnard, California, where Brother Doyle Lipe and his wife met me and took me to their home where I stayed for about half of the time of one month that I stayed in California. Though I was a stranger to them, they received me very warmly and made me welcome. The rest of the time that I spent in Ventura it was with Brother and Sister Tom Mashburn; all of these people of the Lord treated me very kindly, and I appreciate it very much. I pray that the Lord will bless them for their kindnesses and hospitality. When we are away from home, and feeling a little lonely, it is such a blessing to have somebody to receive us so graciously.

Nyland Missionary Baptist Church had extended to me a call a few months back and I told them that I would come and preach for them for awhile, and then I could determine whether I could accept the church. It is not easy to accept a call that far away at our age, but I did tell them that I would pray much about it and give them an answer one way or the other. Since I returned home Annie Laura and I have put ourselves to much prayer, and we believe that it must be the Lord's will for us to go. It hasn't been an easy decision, and we have done some agonizing about it. I think about my wife, that is natural, for she isn't in good health, and we are settled down here and can live fairly comfortably; but

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## CORRECTIONS

Many of you who receive the BAPTIST BANNER are also receiving and using the Sunday School literature which is published and distributed by the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee. An error occurred in the information of the Cover of the present Spring Quarterly. The picture on the literature is Calvary at Jerusalem. On the index page the Cover information says it is "Old Hebron Church, Muhlenburg County, Kentucky." This picture was to be used and after the type was set the picture would not print out good and the one of Calvary was printed instead. The error occurred in failure of getting the information changed on the index page.

Also in last month's issue of the BANNER in the article by Bro. Koji Tajima from Japan, he spoke of the break in relationship of his wife's family and his wife Michiko which states it was due to her "going" to worship her dead father's soul at a Buddhist temple. It should have been that the break in relationship was because she "did not go" to worship. We are sorry for these errors.

—Editor

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## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

By

Elder Jerry A. Reynolds  
Davisville, W. VA.

PART 4 - PAUL'S  
TEACHING TO THE  
CHURCHES

Shame upon Baptist people who misapply Paul's example and use it to endorse selfishness! It has already been discussed why Paul behaved as he

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It takes a mighty honest man to tell the difference between when he's tired and when he's just plain lazy.

Garth Henrichs



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**EDITORIAL  
NOTES**

By H. C. Vanderpool

**WRITTEN ARTICLES**

We have a number of good articles written by various ministers on various subjects filed for publication. We appreciate each and every one of these and they will be published from month to month as space permits.

We also appreciate articles from our good Baptist sisters from time to time, and our brethren who are not ministers. Keep sending your articles in! Send in your revival and other announcements early.

**BAPTIST WORK REPORT**

In the past few issues you have read reports on the meetings held in Gallatin, Tenn., concerning the purchase of property for our TV

**MACE'S HILL****THAT LITTLE OLD CHURCH  
ON THE HILL**

By Elizabeth (Libbie) Gregory

That little old church on the hill,  
That little old church called Mace's Hill.  
It sits so high on the hill,  
You can see it for miles around from hill to hill.  
That little old church it stands so proud,  
It's had many new born souls shout aloud.  
It has no steeple on the top, but when they,  
sing Amazing Grace it rings out for blocks.  
That little old church where I went as a child,  
The house was always filled and people were  
standing in the aisles.  
It sits on that hill and it shines like a light,  
That's where the Lord saved me that summer night.  
At this little old church on the hill,  
This little old church called Mace's Hill.

(Organized 1917)



work and a Baptist School. Evidently, some of our Baptist people have been misinformed about our true purpose. The desire is for a place to tape TV programs and a Baptist School. If you think we want a place for worldly amusement and activities which would be unbaptistic and contrary to our

church practices, then you have the wrong idea.

Letters have been sent to a hundred Missionary Baptist Churches as a survey to ascertain what our people want, and are ready to support. Due to the TV meeting in April (see Page 6) we won't have another meeting on the above mentioned work until Monday night, May 21, 1984, at Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta Sts., Gallatin, Tenn. beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**TV WORK**

Some additional information on the TV work in Florida will be published next month as space didn't permit to do so here.

**MINISTERIAL  
SUPPORT**

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did in his example.

If Paul was able to work and support himself, why not every preacher? Paul was one of those who "made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake." (Matthew 19:12) So was Barnabas. That is, they received grace from God to forbear marriage and family in order to have more liberty to preach the gospel; But it was Jesus who said of such forbearance, "All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given." (Matthew 19:11) It was so that this gift from God enabled Paul and Barnabas to do as they did. No indication is given that any preacher who had a wife and family supported his own in the entirety of the New Testament. Since that first age many preachers have had to do so.

Furthermore, Paul goes to considerable length to emphasize that his self-support required him to labor with "travail" "day and night" in order that he might also fully preach the gospel. Only an extraordinary constitution would enable a man in mind and body to maintain such a pace, and that for a limited time. God would have to enable him to do so. Few have that mental and physical endurance, but many of our preachers have stretched themselves in this manner as far as they were able. God has not ordained it so.

Paul was not required to do this in every place. He often subsisted on donations from the churches.

Without stepping into the abominable hypocrisy of the Roman Catholics our churches cannot require that our preachers remain unmarried. Surely churches cannot expect to sweetly slumber while the preacher labors with travail to support his own, neglecting his required rest, so that he may have time to do them service. Surely churches cannot expect other churches to continually support their minister.

It is plain that the "law of  
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## BIBLE LANDS TOUR



Pictured above are the members of the Bible Lands Tour who took the Athens, Greece Extension. The photo was made at Corinth. Elder Doug Curtis, one of the Co-Hosts, was acting host for the tour to Greece.

In the photo are: Front row, left to right: Bro. Jerry Donoho, Mrs. Faye Jenkins, Mrs. Shirley Dillard (reporting on Athens tour), Mrs. Diane Brown, Mrs. Glenda Gilbert, Mrs. Dora Connell. Second row: Elder Doug Curtis, Hosting, Mr. Edward Kittrell, Mr. Tracy Donoho, Mrs. Ruby Bowman, Mr. Otto Waddell, Jr., Mrs. Norma Waddell, Mrs. Minnie Lois Kittrell, Mrs. Lovina Fuqua, Mrs. Essie Yaden, Co-Host, Mrs. Frances Ramage, Mrs. Christine Beller. Third row: Mr. Eddie Wright, Co-Host, Mrs. Carol Graves, Mrs. Juanita Curtis, Mrs. Beatrice Petty, Co-Host, Mrs. Jocille Wright, Elder Glenn Yaden, Mrs. Sherry Matthews, Mrs. Brenda Ralph, Mrs. Sue Yaden, Mrs. Claudine Vanderpool, Co-Host, Mrs. Mai Nell McDuffee.

## ATHENS, GREECE! THE SECOND LEG OF THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

By Shirley Dillard  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: For the past three months Elder Harold Carver and I have been reporting on our tour of Bible Lands last October. Out of the 93 passengers, there were 28 who went on to Athens, Greece. Some were from Bus One and some from Bus Two. Sister Shirley Dillard is reporting this month on that extension as she was one of the tour members.)

ATHENS, GREECE – an incomparable city built around the ancient remains of a glorious past! As we fly toward Greece, aboard Olympic Airways, we wonder how anything we were yet to see could surpass all we had just viewed for the past seven days; but our first glimpse of the Greek Islands shining in the sun soon convince us there is still much more yet to come.

Whether one's first glimpse of Athens is from the air or from the sea, the view is absolutely breathtaking. Athens is a metropolis – a huge city – built on a small peninsula called Attica, which juts out into the Aegean Sea.

We arrive in Athens at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 2, after departing the Israeli airport at Tel Aviv. Enroute to our hotel we take a circuitous route to enjoy some of the famous landmarks of Greece such as the Royal Gardens, the Parliament Building, the Tomb of the Unknown

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## CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Greenfield Missionary Baptist Church, 103 Maple St., Greenbrier, Tenn. will be conducting an organizational service on Sunday, April 29, 1984, beginning at 2:00 P.M. A Mission of the church is to be organized into an independent Missionary Baptist Church. The weather permitting, the service will be held under a tent on the Mission property, one mile north on Highway 41, Adams, Tenn. If the weather is not suitable the organization will be at the Adams Club House, one block off 41 on Highway 76, in Adams.

Due to seating space the church is unable to invite all churches, but letters have been mailed to those churches which are invited. A spokesman for the church said, "We apologize to those churches which were not invited and earnestly beg your prayers."

Elder Gayle Snoddy was recently elected to the pastorate of Greenfield Church, Adams, Tennessee, where the organization is to be, is in the western area of Robertson County.



## REVIVALS

### SUNDAY - APRIL 1

Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 109 N., Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor C. L. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Edgar Copeland. Services nightly at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

### SUNDAY - APRIL 8

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Dobbins Pike, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor W. C. Johnson is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

### FRIDAY - APRIL 13

Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Mission, 208 S. Fourth Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn. Preaching by Elder Bill Green, Elder Ron Galloway and Elder James Shoulders. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

### SUNDAY - APRIL 15

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Services nightly at 7:15 P.M. Everyone is invited.

Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Bargersville, Ind. Pastor Lewis Holland is to be assisted by Elder Bobby Gann. Services are as follows: Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M. and week nights at 7:00 P.M. You are invited to attend.

Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 31 E., Bethpage, Tenn. Preaching by the pastor and ministers of the church. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.



## BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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Soldier, The Presidential Residence, Hadrian's Arch, and the Royal Palace, former home of the King and Queen when Greece was ruled by monarchy. We are fortunate that our arrival at the Royal Palace coincides with the famous ceremony of the "Changing of the Guard." This first encounter with Greek culture is exciting. The Evones (Palace Guards) are very impressive in their pleated skirts and pom-pom shoes, standing motionless and then marching wooden-soldier-like in the changing ceremony. Tidbits of facts from our Guide make the trip to the hotel educational as well as enjoyable, especially for the trivia buff.

After settling into our room in the luxurious Divani Alexandras Hotel, we congregate at 2:00 p.m. to rejoin our Guide for our first excursion into the countryside of Athens, Greece. Our first jaunt will be to the most famous monument in the entire history of mankind – The Acropolis – and to the Aeropagus, or Mars Hill.

Mars Hill is a low hill to the northwest of the Acropolis. It was the open-air meeting place of the senate and supreme judicial court in Paul's time. It was from this hill that Paul preached Christ to the Athenians. Brother Doug Curtis reads scripture from the 17th Chapter of Acts, and we all pray. It is an overwhelming experience, impossible to describe – it is as though the air is electrified with the Holy Spirit, and such sweet, sweet Spirit it is. It's as though being on the lofty heights of Mars Hill brings one closer to God.

We move down the steep path from Mars Hill to the base of the Acropolis where we ascend the zig-zag approach to the Acropolis, the "Panathenic" or "Sacred Way." Excitement mounts as we pass the famous "Theatre of Dionysus" with its semicircle of stone seats on the southern slopes of the Acropolis and make our way up the uneven and rocky surface – the result of centuries of rainfall, air pollution and neglect – toward the temples above.

We approach the temples through the monumental entranceway, the Propylaea, and suddenly, there in full view is the Parthenon – the crowning glory of the Acropolis. Probably no other building in the western world is more familiar in shape than this building. It is a strangely moving experience to see, in person, this historical treasure. It is grand, austere, and masculine. Built in a span of 15 years from marble quarried from the mountains of Pentelacoli 22 miles away, there is scarcely a straight line in the building, but one is not aware of these carefully calculated corrections. There are 21 columns which have a slight inward incline, with the corner column slightly swelled. The base is not horizontal, but is slightly convex. These are not imperfections in the architectural design of the building, but are carefully calculated mathematical corrections designed for optical effects.

As a temple, the Parthenon was originally constructed as a sanctuary honoring the goddess Athena. It was converted to a church during the Christian emperor Theodosius' reign. During the Turkish phase of Greek history, it became a Moslem mosque. Then, tragedy befell the Parthenon. On September 26, 1687, as the Turks used the mosque to hide gun powder, a Venetian cannonball catapulted into the building, blowing out the center of the building. Today the ruins of the Parthenon have turned a mellow golden color in the sun of over 200 years.

After hardly being able to tear ourselves away from the majestic sight of the Parthenon, we visit the other temples on the Acropolis. To the northeast is the Erechtheion with its famous Porch of Maidens. The Alexander Onassis Foundation is presently restoring this temple as atmospheric pollution is threatening it and all the buildings on the Acropolis. As we reluctantly leave the Acropolis, we pass the famous Temple of Wingless Victory, the temple of Athena Nike on the southwest corner of the Acropolis, and again tread the zig-zag pathway to our waiting bus to return to our hotel and a delicious meal.

Our second day in Athens consists of a drive through the countryside of Attica, Greece to ancient Corinth and the famous Corinth Canal. The Canal, begun in 1882, connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas and took

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## CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL OF GOSPEL MUSIC, INC.

KEY DILLARD, PRESIDENT

RT. 7 RUCKER LANE  
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The time is approaching for the second annual session of the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music in Lebanon, TN. Organized in 1983 and having a very successful first session, the school is looking forward to another eventful year.

Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music will be in session for 2 weeks (June 17-June 29). Registration will be Sunday, June 17. More details and a brochure will be sent to you later.

We wished for at least 45-50 students for our first session in 1983. We were blessed with 185. Everyone who attended was blessed with good fellowship. Each of us left the school much richer than when we entered.

We sincerely ask you to encourage your song leaders, pianists, organists, young people and anyone interested, to attend this school. They will learn many things about music and singing that are no longer taught in our public schools.

No one grows too old to continue learning to do more in the Lord's service. We need your people, your support and your prayers.

Please read this letter in your Sunday worship service and post it if you have a bulletin board.

Yours in Gospel Singing,

Key Dillard, President

Bob Vanderpool, Pub. Chrmn.

## IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

(1 Samuel 17:29)

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

There was an article in the Baptist Banner last October concerning a letter that was sent to you from Bro. William T. Swanson, a member and deacon of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Corvallis, Oregon. The letter expressed a great need for a God-called preacher to come out there to pastor their Church. After seeing the letter and feeling a great desire to help them in some way, Rock Bridge Missionary Baptist Church (where I am a member) took upon themselves to discuss the situation, pray about it, and to try in some way to help in this matter.

In our December conference meeting, the Church asked me if I would go out there and preach to their Church for a month. I told them that I felt concern for them, but I didn't feel the Lord was leading me out there. I told my Church that I would go and do the very best I could while I was there. A lot went through my mind when I was preparing things to leave. I had never been away from my family before or my Church. Also, I had never been in an airplane, or three thousand miles from home. I feel that it was a very small thing that I was doing compared to other missionaries in their work.

During my stay in Oregon, I found some new Christian friends that have a great desire to worship and serve God. All they need now is someone to pastor their Church. They have been without a pastor for six of their last ten years. They meet together every Sunday morning and have Sunday School and try to have some kind of devotional service. To be without a pastor for a few weeks we could live with, but when those weeks turn into months, and the months turn into years, it begins to hurt in a lot of ways.

There is a great need for mission work out there. We call ourselves Missionary Baptists, but I am persuaded that we are becoming stationary Baptists and it is as the Apostle Paul says, that it is high time to wake

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nature" referred to in the article of faith on this subject in the Philadelphia Confession (before quoted) makes it impossible for the normal God called minister to fulfill the ministry for which he is called without receiving adequate assistance in temporal goods from the churches. He must neglect one responsibility or the other, or both, regardless of how earnestly he may try.

So many will say, "I thought God would take care of his ministers." Certainly God will not forsake them, but it is interesting to see so many who seek no miracle regarding their own livings expecting one in regard to the preacher's living. They expect God to set aside the rule of nature. (that is the definition of a miracle) Even more unreasonably, they expect God to set aside what he has ordained, that "they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." (1st Corinthians 9:14) Will God feed the preacher and his family? If he will feed your oxen or draft horses, he will feed the preacher also. (1st Corinthians 9:9). None would expect the work animal to go out and find his own feed after working all day. Yet this is the comparison Paul makes in the Holy Scriptures. Would we send soldiers to fight a war to defend our land and not supply their needs? Would we tell them to find their food and clothing by their own efforts between battles? God forbid! Yet this is the comparison Paul makes to the working preacher. (1st Corinthians 9:7) How many of our preachers have done so! Is it not reasonable to suppose that the same faithful ox who will do all the work he can without feeding will do more work with proper feeding? Is it not reasonable that a soldier so dedicated as to go to war at his own charges would do far better in conquest if he was supplied for the battle by others? Why then is the idea still around that material support is likely to ruin a good preacher?

Paul told Timothy, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him a soldier." He was instructing Timothy to be a "good soldier of Jesus Christ." (2nd Timothy 2:3&4) The preacher who must "go a warfare at his own charges" in violation of the "law of nature" and the "express order of our Lord Jesus" (Philadelphia Confession) finds it impossible not to be somewhat entangled. Even the secular matters of the church are to be avoided where possible by the ministry. It was for the bearing of those burdens that the deacons were first ordained. The deacons' expressed purpose is to free the ministry for spiritual work only. (Acts 6:2-4)

The conclusion is obvious that the violation of that which God has ordained ("that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel"), whatever the expressed reason for it may be, limits and lessens the propagation of the gospel message. Less hours in a useful life of a God-called minister of the word results in less gospel, which only is power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. No amount of money kept in the pocket is worth that cost!

Further words of Paul on this subject are many. "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things" he said to the Galatian Church. (6:6) How many times have we used the next two verses extracted from their context! "...Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Galatians 6:7&8) is both preceded and followed by exhortations to give good things to the servants of God. The preceding one has been quoted, and the subject is closed with, "as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10) The word "communicate" is often misunderstood in the

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## BIBLE LANDS TOUR

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 30, 1984

### Day 1 & 2

### NEW YORK/AMMAN

Evening departure from New York on your jet to the Holy Land. A hearty dinner and breakfast are served aloft. You will arrive in Amman in the afternoon local time, and will be met, assisted and transferred to your hotel for the night.

### Day 3 AMMAN/QUMRAN/JERICO/RIVER JORDAN

Rise early in the morning and cross the Allenby Bridge. Drive to Qumran to visit the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and from there, continue to Jericho, a desert oasis of lovely trees, date palms and vineyards. Here the walls came tumbling down in Joshua's day. One can see Elisha's Fountain, the Mt. of Temptation, and the Jordan River which flows from Mt. Hermon in Galilee and ends in the Dead Sea. It is the only river in the world which flows for most of its length below sea level. Lunch in Jericho. Continue to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

### Day 4

### TIBERIAS/CAPERNAUM/TABGHA/ MT. of BEATITUDES/MAGDALA/CANA/ NAZARETH/CAESAREA/MEGIDDO

Following a memorable boatride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Ein Gey, you will visit Capernaum and see the ruins of an ancient synagogue and a Byzantine Chapel at the site of Peter's House. Then on to Tabgha, place of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Mt. of Beatitudes and Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. Drive to Cana, place of Jesus' first miracle and on to Nazareth where you will see the Church of the Annunciation built over the Holy Family's home, Mary's Well and Joseph's Carpenter Shop. Continue to Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in 20 B.C. Here Paul was imprisoned for two years until he was sent to be tried in Rome. Stop to explore the Crusader Fortress and the Roman Theatre. Continue to Megiddo and visit the excavations and tunnel before your dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

### Day 5

### TIBERIAS/JACOB'S WELL/ JERUSALEM/GARDEN TOMB

From Tiberias, drive to Jacob's Well, view Nablus, Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim. Continue to Jerusalem where you have your walking tour of the Old City, seeing the Pool of Bethesda, Pilate's Judgment Hall, El Aksa Mosque, King David Street, the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Joppa and Damascus Gates and the Western Wall. Complete the afternoon by visiting the Garden Tomb with orientation beside Gordon's Calvary. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### Day 6

### JERUSALEM/BETHLEHEM/ MT. of OLIVES/GETHSEMANE

This morning you spend getting to know "Jerusalem the Golden." Drive to the Mt. of Olives where you visit the Chapel of the Ascension and follow the path down the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. A short drive through the Kidron Valley brings you by way of Absalom's Pillar and Zechariah's Tomb to the Church of St. Peter in Galllicantu and Caiphas' House. You visit Mary's Fountain and the Pool of Siloam, then proceed around Mt. Zion to the Upper Room, scene of the Lord's Supper, and the nearby tomb of David. Drive to Bethlehem to visit Rachel's Tomb, the Church of the Manger, the Milk Grotto and Shepherd's Field. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

### Day 7

### JERUSALEM/ALLENBY BRIDGE/AMMAN/ HOME/ or OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Today you will cross the bridge and fly home or continue touring on the optional extensions.

HOSTED BY:

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## BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



**Elder Eugene Brown**

The quarterly Fellowship Meeting of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association is to meet with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 222 E. Epler Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. on Saturday, April 28, 1984. This is just east of 31-S and I-465.

Those who wish to, may meet at the Heritage House Restaurant.

4990 U.S. Highway 31-S, which is two blocks north of Bethel Baptist Church, at 2:00 P.M. The approximate cost of lunch is \$3.75. Immediately following lunch, a slide presentation of the Holy Land and other Bible Countries will be given. Everyone is invited to see the slides whether you eat at the restaurant or elsewhere. It is a time of fellowship.

At 6:00 P.M. refreshments will be served at Bethel Baptist Church. Services are to begin at 7:00 P.M. Preaching will be by Elder H. C. Vanderpool of Nashville. Everyone is invited to the afternoon and night fellowship and services. Elder Eugene Brown, the pastor, and the church would be happy to see you there.

## MINISTER NEEDS FINANCIAL HELP

It has come to our attention that a Baptist preacher brother has been disabled by a serious illness and has been unable to work since last July. Elder Edgar Copeland of Hendersonville, Tenn. has made a request for financial help for this brother, Bro. W. T. Spears, Route 2, Bethpage, TN 37022. Bro. Copeland says Bro. Spears is worthy of our support. Any individual or church wishing to send a contribution may send it to Bro. Spears at the above address. He is a member of Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church #3.

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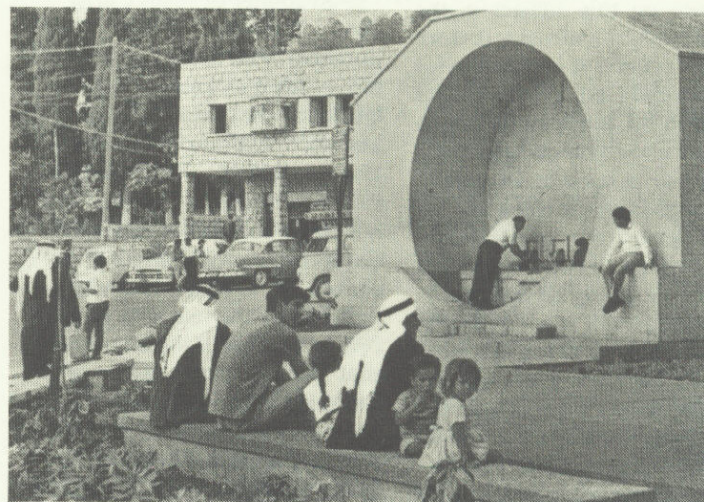
out of sleep. I feel that the Lord is leading different ones in going to different parts of the country but we are not going. Why? Could it be we are afraid of our churches not taking care of us? The Church at Corvallis cannot fully support a pastor at this time, but I believe that they would if they were given a chance to grow and that can't be accomplished without a pastor.

If every Church would follow the example of Rock Bridge Missionary Baptist Church and become concerned with the great need out there, I feel the problem will be solved. There has been a change in me because of my stay out there. After being away from my family and friends for a month, I was more burdened coming home than I was going out there. I pray that the Lord's will be done. To every Church that reads this, I hope and pray that more become concerned and a great mission work will come from it.

Pray for me and my family, that we may be obedient to God's holy will in this matter. Time is swiftly passing and there is a lot that is left undone. We cannot make up for yesterday, but we can do a lot to change tomorrow. I am a great believer that you cannot truly serve God without a sacrifice. May God forgive us for all of the things that we leave undone.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Bro. Willie Phillips  
1149 Woodvale Drive  
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066  
Phone: 615-452-6144

Anyone wanting to know more in detail about the situation concerning Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Corvallis, Oregon, can write to Bro. William T. Swanson, 2145 Salem Avenue, Albany, Oregon 97321.



## MARY'S WELL

## OLD FASHIONED GOSPEL HOUR TELECAST

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

On Monday night, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m., there is to be a meeting held at East Main Missionary Baptist Church in Hartsville, Tennessee. The purpose of this meeting is to better inform our churches as to what has taken place in the past two years in this mission work for the Lord, in ways of televising his work across the nation. The topics to be discussed are, how to improve in our work in this ministry, parts of the nation we are now covering, ways of improving our technical quality and ways to improve in presenting the gospel by way of television. We will also be asking for suggestions from our sister churches of like faith and order.

As you know the Old Fashioned Gospel Hour is produced under the authority of East Main Church. It was passed in conference on February 26, 1984 for this meeting to be held and to invite our sister churches as well as the advisory committee, consisting of the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Siloam, Wiseman and Enon Association.

We do ask that you send at least one representative from your church, along with your pastor. Also invited are the brethren and sisters that devote their time to operating the equipment for the telecast.

The Lord continues to bless this great work. It has become so large, it presents a great task and lots of manpower from our people to carry this work on. As always we ask for your prayers. We will be looking forward to meeting with you again.

Yours in Christ,  
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## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

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sacred text. It means to give a share, and in most cases refers to material goods rather than words (as in Galatians 6:6). "But to do good and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16) is referring to giving, not oral conversation.

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the labourer is worthy of his reward." (1st Timothy 5:17&18) wrote Paul to Timothy to instruct the church with. The greatest honor (double honor) for a proven elder is not words, but support, even as God has ordained for the worthy labourer.

Some may flee to the shelter of past experience as a means to oppose this doctrine, saying, "we have never practiced it and our church has prospered." No doubt God has answered many prayers in preserving the church and saving many. Where are they? Why has not each of our churches become many churches according to God's plan for the spread of his kingdom in the earth? Instead, in many cases, the lambs have gone astray before they were grown. Many never return to a fruitful life. Is such a record satisfactory? What would be the difference if a solid and spiritual pastor given wholly to "the word of God and prayer" could keep a constant "watch for your souls" (Hebrews 13:17) instead of being sorely distracted by the entanglements of the "affairs of this life"?

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# OUR RESURRECTION ASSURED



THE TOMB  
THEN TOOK THEY THE BODY OF JESUS, AND WOUND IT IN LINEN CLOTHES WITH THE SPICES, AS THE MANNER OF THE JEWS IS TO BURY. NOW IN THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS CRUCIFIED THERE WAS A GARDEN, AND IN THE GARDEN A NEW SEPULCHRE, WHEREIN WAS NEVER MAN YET LAID. THERE LAID THEY JESUS THEREFORE BECAUSE OF THE JEWS' PREPARATION DAY; FOR THE SEPULCHRE WAS NIGH AT HAND.

John 19: 40-42

וְקָחוּ אֶת גִּשְׁתֵּי יֵשׁוּעַ רַעְיוֹהוּ בְּתֻבֵּיכִים אֲשֶׁר מְלֵאוּ בְּשִׁמְיִם כְּרֹךְ קְבוּרַת הַיְּהוּדִים: וּבְמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר נִצְלַב שֵׁם הָיָה בֵּן עוֹד לֹא נִקְבְּרָה אִישׁ: וּבְהַיּוֹם הַזֶּה עָרֵב שַׁבָּת לַיהוּדִים וְהַקְבֵּר קָרֹב קָרֹב בּוֹ אֶת יֵשׁוּעַ:

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### The Garden Tomb

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Romans 8:11

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## BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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11 years to complete. It is 4½ miles long and 69 feet wide. We take time at this point for a quick visit to a souvenir shop before reboarding the bus for the final miles of the journey to the ruins of ancient Corinth — one of the most powerful and prosperous cities of ancient times.

The ruins at Corinth are Roman ruins. Because of earthquakes, layers of the earth are upside down. Greek civilization was established first. It was destroyed and later rebuilt by the Romans, but the ancient remains of civilization are found in reverse order.

Acts Chapter 18 is the text for our next scripture service held at Corinth. Brother Curtis makes mention of Aquila and Priscilla and the descension of our present-day baptism from Wales, England through the events of Paul's preaching at Corinth. Once again love and sweet fellowship abound among the tour group members as they listen to how Paul spent approximately 18 months of his life among the Corinthians.

Enroute back to our hotel we pass many other famous landmarks. We drive down Winston Churchill Avenue, which houses the Library, The University, and the Academy of Arts and Sciences, and down Queen Sophia Avenue with its foreign embassies and smart hotels. We also drive around the famous Squares of Athens. Concord Square is in the liveliest part of the city. It has cafes and boutiques. The entire area is a place where people love to meet and stroll. We also stroll on Constitution Square around which the center of official life revolves. Next comes a treat (perhaps for only the female tour group members) as we shop at Monastiraki or the Flea Market area of Athens. Monastiraki has narrow winding streets crammed with vendors and open-air markets boasting an endless array of food and wares. After flagging down one of the 16,000 yellow taxis which motors in Athens, we return to our hotel for another delicious meal and time of fellowship.

An added surprise awaits one of our group members at the evening meal as a "birthday cake" (actually a bread roll complete with candle) and a gift are presented to Mr. Ed Kittrel from his wife and daughter, Diane Brown. Again we feel the magical touch of closeness and love abiding in our midst. As we part for the night to complete our packing for the return journey home, we feel happiness to be returning to our loved ones back home, but also a certain sadness to be leaving the new friends and "family" with whom we have shared the past two weeks.

As a final farewell to Greece, several members ride to the hotel roof-top to take one last lingering look at the glorious city of Athens, Greece. We watch the final sunset and see towering Mt. Lycabettus on the horizon rising majestically above the Acropolis. The tranquil air permeates our souls, and we say, "Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to enjoy these dazzling sights and feel the overpowering Spirit of Your grace and love as we have had fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ for the past two weeks." Again, with mixed emotions and a few tears, we descend to our various floors to pack for the final trip home. Some retire early to be rested for the long sleepless trip home, some congregate to spend the last night talking and sharing final embraces, while others go outside for one final stroll down the winding streets of Athens. Whichever activity one chooses for the final night, it is a night to be remembered because it marks the end of an era. We finally retire for the night and contemplate the serene beauties of antiquity that we have been fortunate enough to have viewed, and we have unforgettable memories and a sense of awe at the magical journey that we have just taken on our tour of the Holy Land and Greece.

The next day as we watch the Greek Islands disappear from view while we wing our way homeward to the welcome reunion with loved ones at the Nashville airport, we can confirm that as the brochure on the trip to the Holy Land and Greece promised, this has truly been "THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!"



Garden of Gethsemane

## CALIFORNIA PULPIT

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one thing a preacher needs to remember, and that is to not feather his nest too much, because the Lord might tear it apart.

Nyland Church is very small in number and struggling for existence, and somebody needs to help them. While I was with them we held a week's meeting; I preached from one Wednesday night to the next. We had some good spiritual services, the Lord manifested His wonderful presence, and we could rejoice in the Lord. The highest attendance we had was nineteen people. I also preached the four Sundays and Sunday nights and Wednesday nights while I was there. I don't think I ever preached to a people that were more receptive to the Word of God; they just seemed to be hungry for the Word, and that makes preaching a pleasure. I don't find where the Lord ever said just go and find the big number, but He does ask, "Who hath despised the day of small things?" Zechariah 4:10.

My home church, McFerrin Baptist Church, where Brother Howard Taylor is pastor, and New Bethel Baptist Church, where Brother H. C. Vanderpool is pastor, helped me financially to make the trip to California, and I do appreciate this very much and pray God's blessings upon these dear churches; and I am grateful to all who prayed for me on the trip, and for my wife while she stayed at home.

We will try to be ready to leave for California by the first of April, after the minister's school is over at Old Union Baptist Church, where I am one of the speakers. We intend to maintain our place here, close it up, so that we will have a place to come back to when the Lord gets through with us in California. We won't try to move any household furnishings with us but look for something furnished on the other end.

We earnestly request the prayers of all God's people for us in the move, that might be the last, who knows?