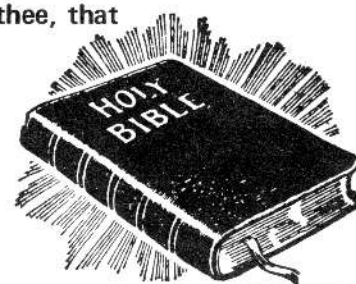


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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Psalms 60:4



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## Bro. Curtis Writes To Churches

June 3, 1974

Dear Friends,

This is a general letter to the churches to inform you of our activities.

Our applications for Visa's to Israel of January 14 were again turned down. This time they gave us no reason. I suppose the same reason as before, they told us that the convention wasn't aware of our plans.

I don't intend to give up. I will keep trying until the Lord makes a way or let's me know something different.



I have at the present time accepted the call to pastor Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Barberton, Ohio. I accepted with the understanding that I would continue to try to get into Israel. They have been in need of a pastor for a number of months. I felt the

Elder Don Curtis

Lord would have me go that way until the way to Israel was open. Pray for us and the work there.

I would like to thank all the churches that have prayed for us and helped us in a financial way. I have made two trips to Israel and traveled a lot at home for which you have supplied sufficient funds. I would like to request that all the churches hold their funds or direct them to another source until such time that I am able to enter Israel.

Please continue to pray for us and May God Bless you all.

Yours in the Lord,  
Don Curtis

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

By F. L. Ray

I have just passed my thirtysixth year in the ministry, I am both looking backward and forward. I am thinking of statements that I have heard, things that have been said and done through these years, many things I have heard have been of great help to me. But on the other hand I have heard things that has made me wonder, and some times I become disturbed. What I would like to do is to help all I can both the old and young preacher. We shall never get too old to learn, nor will



Elder F. L. Ray

we learn so much that we will not need to study.

For example I heard a preacher say who

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## Moral Standards The Basis of Law

By Howard E. Kershner

LAW REPRESENTS THE EFFORTS of men to codify moral standards and to fix penalties for those who will not observe them. Moral standards preceded law. They came from man's concept of the ethical ideals which he derives from God. When men cease to believe in God, there are no such ideals. Hence, there are no moral standards to be translated into law.

We are forced to conclude that men who do not believe in God have few, if any, moral ideals upon which to erect a moral law. That's why when faith in God disappears, moral standards crumble. Laws against crime are ignored or repealed.

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## Ministerial Education

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had been in the ministry for some time when he was presented to preach. (I have not studied any today. I have no sermon layed out. I want to read one verse of Scripture, I don't know why God put this scripture on my mind. I am going to preach just what he gives me to preach. Brethren, I believe that God will help us through his Holy Spirit, I believe he will give wisdom of understanding, but I don't believe he will give any one a sermon or put words in the mouth of his preachers. The following scriptures will prove my position without any doubt. First I know that the following scripture is quoted by many to prove or try to prove that we are just ignorant men and unlearned. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.") Acts: 4:13

The word (Ignorant) usually means (without knowledge) but not in this case. It means that they (Peter and John) were unlettered men without a formal or technical training in the professional rabbinical schools of that day) The same opinion was expressed by the Jews concerning Jesus Christ. "And the Jews

marvelled, saying How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" In other words this statement just means that Peter and John were private persons. (Not professional or public men).

They had been under the teaching of the worlds greatest teacher Jesus Christ. He said to them come follow me. "And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Now let me suggest this for your consideration. Try going fishing, don't make any preparation -none what ever. Go to the lake, take no boat, no fishing equipment, no bait just say God will give me what I need, you will be the biggest sucker caught.

Jesus had taught these men, they were men of knowledge, wisdom, power and the love of God for lost souls.

For what was the Bible written? Paul said. "For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scripture might have hope."

Romans 15:4

"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

11 Tim. 2:15

Listen to what Paul said to the young preacher. "These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 1 Tim. 4:11,13

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine. (Teaching) for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

11 Tim. 3:16, 17

The Bible was not written for dummies, but for people who will study its Holy pages to learn, and be able to work in the vineyard of the master.

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## Revival Reports

Harmony Baptist Church, East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Three professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor C. B. Massey was assisted by Elder Edgar Copeland.

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. One profession of faith with six additions to the church. Pastor Thomas Carter was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Elder Tommy Lankford led the singing.

Long View Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. A good spiritual revival reported with two professions before and two during the meeting with three additions to the church. Pastor Paul Patterson was assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory with Bro. Mike Patterson directing the singing.

Faith Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich. Six additions to the church. Pastor William Shoulders was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

West End Baptist Church, 440 West Main St., Gallatin, Tenn. Five professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor W. E. Massey was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, 1202 Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. Five professions of faith with four additions to the church. Pastor W. T. Russell was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 1032 So. Holmes Ave. Indianapolis, Ind. Five additions to the church. Pastor Calvin Perrigo was assisted by Elder Don Curtis.

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

Grace Baptist Church, 323 Old Shackle Island Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn. One profession of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor Edgar Copeland was assisted by Elder Junior Farley.

Salem Baptist Church, Portland Rd., Gallatin, Tenn. Two professions of faith with one addition to the church. Pastor Ted Smith was assisted by Elder Edgar Copeland.

Rayon City Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. Two professions of faith with one addition. Pastor D. W. Story was assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory.



John preaches repentance.  
MATTHEW 3:1-12

## MORAL STANDARDS

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The new idea is that men do not sin and do wrong; they are ill, uninformed, their diet has been inadequate, their training insufficient, or the standards themselves are not valid.

This leads us once more to observe that freedom, free government and economic well-being are possible only for men whose faith in God leads them to accept moral standards which, in turn, impose upon them the necessity to tell the truth, to be honest, fair, generous and kind in their dealings with their fellows. If they believe such ideals come from God, they will observe them. If they have no God, they have no ideals and the only important thing to them is to get what they want. This they will then seek to do anywhere, any time and in anyway they can. We are told that it is not sin, it is not violation of moral standards, for without God there are no such concepts.

When men arrive at this state, the strong exploit, the weak and tyranny is inevitable. In place of voluntary discipline, which men accept as a concomitant of their belief in God, we have only the discipline imposed upon them by the secret police who owe allegiance only to the dictator. Men who do not believe in God turn to the state, as the only other means of establishing discipline. Instead of the voluntary discipline which one imposes upon himself because he believes it is the will of God, we then have only the cruel discipline enforced by the totalitarian state.

Careful reasoning, therefore, leads us to the conclusion that the decline of the West arises straight out of its loss of faith in God. Men become interested in crime, sexual abuses, in power, aggrandizement, riches and fame in inverse proportion as they lose their faith in God and the moral ideals which He has ordained. There is no hope for the West if it does not recover its faith in God. Without Him, our destiny will be atheistic, humanistic Communism. --- Christian Economics

## Gospel Singing School At McFerrin

There is to be a singing school conducted at McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn., on the following nights at 7:00 P. M.: July 8, 9, 10, and 15, 16, 17. Bro. Donnie Hines will be the teacher. Everyone who can is invited to come and attend this school. There is no charge for attending.

## Singings In The Nashville Area

First Sunday in July--Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Madison, Tenn. 2:00 P.M. The Patterson Family of Indianapolis will be the featured singers.

Second Sunday in July--Rayon City Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. 2:00 P.M. The Happiness Quartet of Carthage, Tenn. will be singing.

Third Sunday in July--New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. 2:00 P.M. The featured singers will be the Pilgrims Quartet of Nashville.

Third Sunday in July--Gateway Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn. 2:30 P.M.

Third Sunday in July--Old Paths Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. 6:30 P.M.

Fourth Sunday in July--Bethlehem Baptist Church, 901 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 2:00 P.M.

Harmony Baptist Church, East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. 2:00 P. M.

Fourth Sunday in July--West End Baptist Church, 440 West End Ave., Gallatin, Tenn. 7:00 P.M.

## RADIO BROADCAST

Elder Rex Hunt, of Fountain Run, Ky., can be heard over Radio Station WEEN, Lafayette, Tenn. each Sunday at 7:30 A. M. Everyone is invited to tune in to these broadcasts.

## Radio Ministry Of Old Union Church

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. sponsors a broadcast on Radio Station WKCT in Bowling Green each Sunday at 1:30 P. M. This is 930 on the radio dial.

Elder Kenneth W. Massey, pastor of the church, conducts the weekly broadcasts. Everyone is invited to listen to these programs.

## RADIO BROADCAST

Elder James (Pete) Porter and Elder James W. Briley are conducting weekly radio broadcasts over WHIN, Gallatin, Tenn. This is 1010 on the radio dial.

These broadcasts can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 A. M. Everyone is invited to listen to these radio programs.

## Revival



## Announcements

### FIFTH SUNDAY--JUNE

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Madison, Tenn. Pastor F. L. Ray is to be assisted by Elder Douglas Curtis.

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

Rock Bridge Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Pastor C. L. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville.

### FIRST SUNDAY IN--JULY

Drakes Creek Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Pastor J. W. Briley is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell.

### THIRD SUNDAY--JULY

Old Union Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth W. Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Bro. Donnie Hines is to be in charge of the singing.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell.

Mace's Hill Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor J. W. Briley is to be assisted by Elder Calvin Perrigo.

### FOURTH SUNDAY--JULY

Rocky Grove Baptist Church, Rutledge Lane, Lebanon, Tenn. Pastor Bobby G. Sutton is to be assisted by Elder Charles Watts.

### FIRST SUNDAY--AUGUST

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Charles Moore is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Old Macedonia Baptist Church, Adolphus, Ky. Pastor W. T. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

### RADIO PROGRAM

The following brethren conduct a radio program over WLCK, Scottsville, Ky. each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. First Sunday, Eld. Earl Patterson; Second Sunday, Eld. Charles Brunson; Third Sunday, Eld. Johnny Meador; Fourth and Fifth Sundays, Bro. David Taylor or Bro. Douglas Blankenship. This is 1260 on the radio dial. Tune in to these programs.

## Radio Ministry

There is a radio ministry being presented each Sunday at 8:30 A.M. on WAMG at Gallatin, Tenn. This is 1130 on the radio dial. The brethren presenting these broadcasts are Elders Bobby G. Sutton, Harold Dunn and Tommy Oldham. You are invited to listen.

# Bro. Grizzle Writes To Banner Readers

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This is to bring you up to date concerning our work in Africa. We left here the first of May as planned to try to get permission to live in Negeria as missionaries. They are not allowing any new ones in and are trying to get rid of the ones they have.

At the time we were there some missionaries were killed, their wives attacked and their children could not be found. I could stay as a tourist, but not as a missionary. As a tourist, I could not preach. If I was turned in I would be imprisoned.

To enter as a missionary you must belong to the board. They want what you can give them and not the gospel. The only one I want to be tied to is the Lord's church and preach the preaching God bids and not man would have. I told a moslom how to be saved and he laughed at me. They think Americans are rich and the living expense is very high.

My burden is still for the Arab people. I hope and pray that someday I can obtain a visa to go there and stay. When returning back to the States I met a woman on the plane and she told me her son-in-law was the vice-concelor and he might be able to help me. I have his name and address, so maybe this is the help I need.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for the support you are giving me. May God bless you all and continue to pray for me that things might open up.

A servant of the only true and living God,  
Malcolm Grizzle  
110 Elmwood Ave.  
Lebanon, Tenn. 37087



Elder Malcolm Grizzle

## ATTENTION!

For the first time in over eight years of publishing of the BAPTIST BANNER, the cost of printing the paper has gone up. Even though there has been increases in labor, ink, paper and other supplies from year to year, the printer has been very good to us and has not increased the price of our printing.

But now it is necessary to do so. I do not intend to increase the subscription rate of the BANNER (which is the same price as has been for eight years with all the inflation) but I will--beginning next month send bundles to churches according to the money received. Some renew their bundles, asking for the same number of papers but send less money. I have tried to go ahead and send the number asked for. Beginning next month bundles will be sent according to the following schedule and money received: 1-9 Copies-\$2.00 per copy per year, 10-50 Copies-\$1.50 per copy per year, 51-99 Copies-\$1.25 per copy per year, 100-over Copies-\$1.00 per copy per year.

Your cooperation in sending the right amount will be appreciated.--Editor  
--Editor

## The Ladder's Still There

Some years ago, on Lincoln's Birthday, a cartoonist drew a very effective picture. At the bottom of the picture he drew a log cabin. At the top of the picture he drew a picture of the White House. He then drew a ladder reaching from the log cabin to the White House and the title under the picture was this, "The Ladder is Still There." I would like to draw you another picture. At the bottom of that picture I would place the world with all its sin, suffering and sorrow. At the top of the picture I would paint a scene of the Heavenly Glory, if I could. And, then I would place the Lord Jesus Christ as the ladder that leads from earth to glory. The ladder has been there throughout the centuries. It is there today and will still be there for all of those who will come his way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

## THE NUMBER ONE NEED AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE

By Ethelene Driver

A questionnaire was mailed to all the ordained Missionary Baptist preachers that I could find about two months ago. For most of the eight questions, I received enough responses to write a separate article about each one, and these articles will be appearing in the BANNER in the coming months. But one response came to my attention so often, scattered among all the answers, that I believe it deserves our first and probably our most undivided attention.

The one word PRAYER just kept jumping up at me from almost every questionnaire.

Bro. Billy D. Carter of Lafayette, Tenn. said, "God's people are failing to pray as they should. We are as strong in this world as we want to be. All things are ours in the Lord if we pray."

Bro. Landon D. Long, of Franklin, Ky. said, "I advise younger preachers to prayerfully study the Bible and ask God for wisdom."

Bro. H. S. Linville, of Westmoreland, Tenn. said, "Always be prayerful, and take time for meditation."

Bro. Edgar Copeland of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Bro. James Lawson of Westmoreland both said that prayer was one of the subjects they preached about most often.

One Baptist preacher said that the battles are either won or lost for God in the prayer closet; the individual just has to go out and gather up the spoils after that. Others have said that a Christian's life can be no more effective than his personal prayer life.

The Apostle Paul told the Christians at Phillipi to, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." The Apostle John reported Jesus as saying, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do."

I believe most saved people know of these truths from their own experience, and can add their testimony to these men of God. I know that I can tell a difference in my whole life, according to the strength or weakness of my regular communications with God in prayer. Prayer is like a "time exposure" to the will of God; it cannot help but change us.

## G O D I S

By Jim Carney  
Creve Coeur, Ill.

God is light, in Him there is no darkness. God is love, in Him there is no hatred. God is peace, in Him there is no strife. God is laughter, in Him there is no sorrow. God is truth, in Him there are no deceptions. God is mine, what else can I say?



Rebekah gave Abraham's servant a drink from her pitcher. GENESIS 24: 1-28