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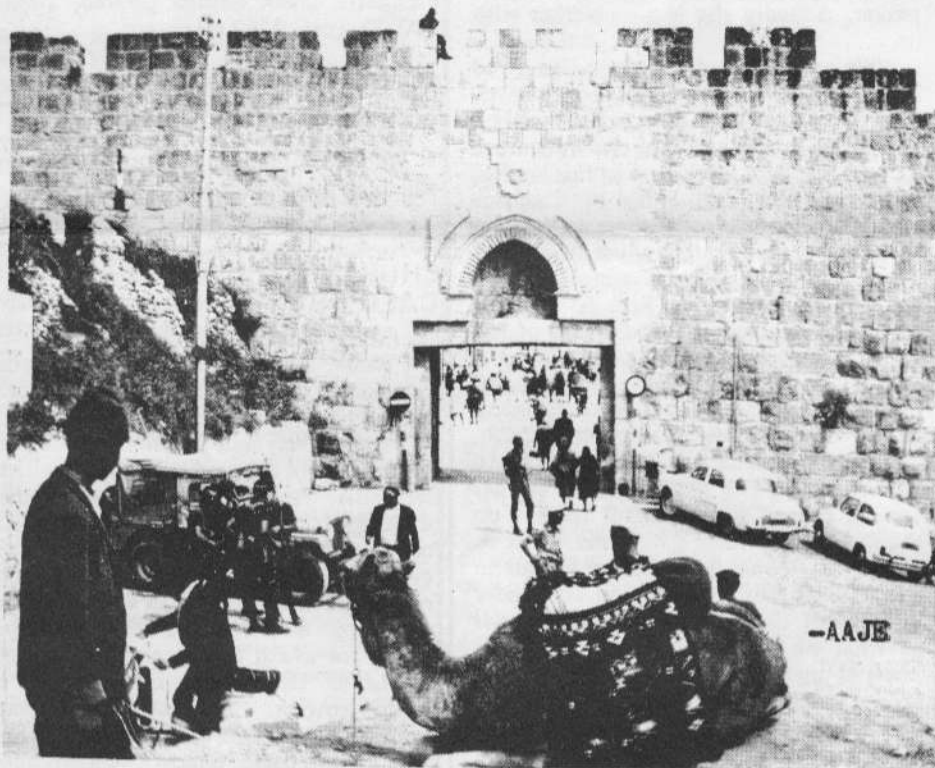
Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4.

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OLD DUNG GATE, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL -- NEHEMIAH 3:14

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM ISRAEL

P. O. Box 7305
Jerusalem, Israel
March 16, 1971

Dear Friends,

We send our greetings to you again in the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God upon every remembrance of you. The longer we stay on the mission field the stronger our love and appreciation grows for our dear brethren and sisters in the homeland. Your love and prayers mean so very much to us, and it is through you that the Lord works to supply all of our temporal needs.

Annie Laura is feeling much better but still isn't too well. She spent a few days in a hospital for some test; it was discovered

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AN OPEN LETTER

By Calvin Perrigo April, 1971

This is an open letter to the Baptist readers of the BAPTIST BANNER to clarify a situation before it is distorted out of context by rumors and hearsay.

On August 16, 1970, I asked the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church not to consider me when they called a pastor for another year (this is normally done on the first Sunday night in December). I stated my willingness to surrender the pulpit at any time a pastor became available previous to January, 1971, (the anniversary of my pastorate), but would fill the pulpit until then if a pastor was not able to move on the field before 1971.

In due time the church selected three brethren to serve on a committee to assist the church in obtaining a pastor. This committee's function was to contact preachers that might take the work,

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MISSIONARY REPORT FROM JAPAN

Hiroshima Nishi P. O. Box 62

Hiroshima 733, Japan

April 5, 1971

Dear Elder Vanderpool and reader,

I am sending you our christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Japan.

I received your interesting book, "Travel With Me Through Bible Lands" and your nice letter some time ago and enjoyed them so much. Thank you sending them by air mail. I also thank you for sending me "Baptist Banner" of March.

Hearing from churches and individuals over the Pacific ocean means something special to me. It is my privilege and joy to know they remember us and work that way. Sometimes I read letters with joyful tears. Mrs. Drossie Jones of Nashville, whom I have never seen, wrote me, "I've heard my niece and her husband speak so much of you, when you were at Plunketts (Continued on Page 2)

RUSSELL-WARNOCK DEBATE

MAY 17, 18, 20, 21

There is to be a four-night debate on the plan of salvation on May 17, 18, 20, 21, at the National Guard Armory Building on the Morgantown Road, Bowling Green, Ky. The discussion will be between Elder W. T. Russell, pastor of Fairview Memorial Baptist Church in Bowling Green and Weldon E. Warnock, minister of the West End Church of Christ also of Bowling Green.

Services are to begin each night at 7:30 p.m. The propositions to be discussed are as follows: Proposition No. 1, "The Scriptures teach that faith in Christ is the last condition of remission of past alien sins."

W. T. Russell, Affirms

Weldon E. Warnock, Denies

Proposition No. 2, "The Scriptures teach that baptism in water of an alien sinner is for, in order to obtain, the remission of past alien sins."

Weldon E. Warnock, Affirms

W. T. Russell, Denies

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arrange appointments, etc. Most of the contacts made were on the suggestion of various church members and friends of the church.

In the past seven months, six visiting preachers have preached at Liberty (not in view of a call) for which we are most grateful and thank God for their willingness to come our way; but the church has not made choice of a pastor. We made no attempt to persuade pastors to give up their work to come this way; neither did politics enter into the efforts of the church to get a pastor they want. No doubt disappointments have been many as doors were closed on possibilities, but the church stands firm in the faith once delivered to the Saints and understands that God knows all things.

As 1971 began, I committed myself to stay with the church until a pastor was selected; in other words, I could not turn my back on the church and leave them without someone to fill the pulpit. I ask you not to pass judgement on this proposition as it came from my convictions and I do not question it even today.

In view of the fact the church does not appear to have a burden to call a pastor, and all attempts to obtain a pastor seem to come to naught and my feeling for the work is very dear to me, I remain the pastor of the church.

I ask that you pray for me and seek to understand the circumstances of this explanation. Any questions will be most welcome, but please address them to me and not to someone else.

Yours in Christ,
Calvin Perrigo

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM JAPAN

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Creek. She said the Lord shined all over you. I am sending you this donation, but wish I could send more, as being a widow woman, I don't make a large salary. Remember me in your prayers." She enclosed two bucks in her letter for missionary work. Yes, I remember her in prayer. Actually she is a co-worker with us.

"We are still singing" wrote Bro. Fred York of Carthage, a member of Missionary Quartet. Did you know only a short note makes us happy and encourage us do missionary work here in this land of paganism? Bro. Bill Petty of Carthage sent some clothes and others to me and each of my family. They just fit us. Did you know why? It is because of his and his family's love to us. Bro. R. Alvis of Brush Creek sent me a clipping of his daughter's marriage. It is nice of him.

I truly thank many of churches and individuals who help our work in many ways. I appreciate them very much. Because of love to the Lord and love to us they write us wondering if we get enough money to go on our work. I do thank God for their asking me about it. Where else could I find such friends in this world? But I would like for reader understand this one thing. God supplies all what we need and to do this He uses inspired men, His loving people. If God speaks something to your heart, I would like for you do it for His glory.

Lately two ladies got saved. We are happy to know their souls got saved by His saving power. We will accept them with baptism.

A man named Hiromoto, Butsudan maker, comes to our services. Butsudan is an altar with which Buddhist worship their ancestors' spirits. From early in the morning till late in the evening he works under his boss, in fact, he lives in his boss's house and has no Sunday. He breaks his work and comes to hear message. He knows his work is only to make money and is something in vain. He said to me he has no peace and satisfaction in his soul. He has opposition and pressure from his boss not to go and hear the gospel from Bible. He needs your prayer.

Following is a report of contributions received for the first quarter of this year. We received them so much thanks.

January — Elder J. Frank Carr, New Middleton, Tenn., \$5.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 90.00; Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Adolphus, Ky., 35.00; North Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 33.80; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 50.00. Total

\$213.80.

February — Lyons M. Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 50.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 64.42; East Carthage Baptist Church, Tenn., 114.03. Total \$228.45.

March — Bro. Thomas D. Dickerson, Huntsville, Ala., 50.00; Bethel M. Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, 67.87; Lyons M. Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 50.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Tenn., 100.00. Total \$267.87.

From McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., to Koi Baptist Church — January 90.95; February 87.00; March 116.30.

We would like for you pray for us. We will keep praying for you.

Yours sincerely in Him
Koji Tajima

CHURCH NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

121 Corsicana Drive
Dear. Bro. Vanderpool: Oxnard, California

I would like to use your paper, if you have space, to report on the church work here on the West coast.

I pastor Nyland Missionary Baptist Church, 2602 Alvarado Street, Oxnard, California. We have an average attendance of 30-35 for Sunday School and 40-45 for church services. We just closed a revival. Elder Bobby Sutton came out from Nashville to help us. We had one profession and five additions to the church for which we are very thankful to the Lord. The church is small but is slowly growing. There has been 3 saved and several additions to the church since I came here as pastor almost two years ago. My home church is Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn.

I went to Oregon in January to help in a revival. As far as we know there wasn't anyone saved. The church there is very small, but I believe it is sound in the faith. It is located at Hauser, Oregon, near Coos Bay, about 80 miles Southeast of Eugene, Oregon. If any of your readers are looking for a sound church in that area, I would recommend it. Richard Salsman is the pastor. His address is 1025 Fir Drive, Reedsport, Oregon. Phone No. 503-271-4273.

If any of your readers in this area know of friends or relatives who need an old time Baptist Church to attend, give them my address, or get in contact with me. I would be glad to call or visit them. My address is 121 Corsicana Drive, Oxnard, California. 93030. My phone is 805-485-2824.

I appreciate all the help I have received since I came this way, both the prayers and the financial help. May God bless all who have helped in any way. Thank you,
Yours in the Lord's service
Elder Kenneth Davis

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM ISRAEL

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that she has anemia and a liver trouble. She has taken the prescribed medication and is getting better. We want you to pray for her.

Sarah, my Hebrew teacher, about whom I have written something before, seems to be getting more interested in the subject of the Messiah, Jesus. She sometimes introduces the subject herself, and she is now reading and studying the New Testament. She says, however, that she just can't understand how God could have a Son. I referred her to Isaiah 9:6, Old Testament Scripture that Jews are supposed to believe, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and His name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Some of the Jews seem to be surprised that this verse is in the Old Testament. I ask again that you pray for this woman. She is very frightened because of the situation in this land. She talks about death and says, "I am afraid to die."

There have been very unusual weather conditions in Israel for the last few days, in the middle of March. We had a blizzard on Saturday night and Sunday, March 14, 15, and Jerusalem was blanketed with snow. In upper Galilee there was up to 20 inches of snow. Much destruction to crops was caused, especially to oranges, by winds, lightening and hail. I started out to church on Sunday morning in Ramallah but had to turn and come back to the house because of the blinding storm, it was too dangerous to go on. I was thinking, could this be a prelude, or a foretaste of what God is going to do with the great forces of nature to those terrible northern armies that are coming down to take a spoil in Israel, as recorded in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. I thought of this at least.

Well, we were very disappointed the other day when Brother Calvin Perrigo, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio, came to Israel, and we failed to make contact with him and missed seeing him. He sent a card to inform us of his being here, but for some reason the card was held up in the mail and we didn't receive it till it was too late. If and when anybody else comes from there please pass our telephone number to them. Our phone no. 82164 in Jerusalem. We would be so happy to have those coming to visit us.

May the dear Lord bless you, everyone.

In His name,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

BANNER COMPLETES 5th YEAR OF PUB

This issue of the BAPTIST BANNER brings to completion five years of publication. The editor wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to each church or individual who has assisted in subscriptions, financial help, your prayers or any other way to make it possible for us to get this small, but sincere work out to the public.

I also want to express my appreciation to Mr. Clarence Martin and his staff at the printing company at Tompkinsville, Ky., for their work and cooperation in publishing the paper this past five years.

The Lord willing, next month I will begin the 6th year of this work. I desire your prayers and help in the future as I have had in the past. Some ministers, churches, and laymen have sent in several dollars to have the paper sent to others, or just to help keep up the expenses of the paper. This has been a great help in recent weeks. God bless each of you.

SOME ARTICLES NOT PRINTED

Some months there isn't space to print all articles sent in. This month has been one of them. You that wanted to write to Bro. F. R. Bingham may write him at Jordon Baptist Church, 5040 West 87th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois 60459. If I had printed your letter then I would have had to leave out revival or mission announcements or some of the Mission work reports in foreign fields. Space and means are limited for this publication and as editor I try to use it each month as thought best.

BOOK SALES GOOD

The sales and distribution of my book, "Travel With Me Through Bible Lands," has been good and I appreciate your response. I wish I could have printed the letters that I've received concerning the work and the joy it has brought to readers but space will not permit. I have some left if you care to order more. See Order Blank on page 4. — Editor

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT OLD UNION BAPTIST

There is to be an all-day Memorial service at Old Union Baptist Church, Matlock Road, Bowling Green, Ky., on Sunday, May 16. There will be Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., preaching by the pastor, Elder Kenneth Massey at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing in the afternoon and the Kinsmen Quartet of Bowling Green will be the featured singers. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHURCHGOING IS LINKED TO HEART DISEASE RATE

BALTIMORE (AP) — A Johns Hopkins University medical researcher says the incidence of fatal heart disease among infrequent churchgoers is twice as high as for men who attend church at least once a week.

The findings by Dr. George W. Comstock, professor of epidemiology at the school of hygiene and public health, were reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Comstock said he based his findings on a study of the records of more than 500 men aged 45 to 64 in Washington County, Md., between 1963 and 1966. Hardening of the arteries and other cardiac disease was listed in 189 deaths.

ATTENTION!!!

If you are a pastor and your church or churches are not supporting the BAPTIST BANNER by sending in for a bundle for distribution each month, why not begin now? Send in your announcements for publication. In this issue of the paper you can read about church work of Baptists in Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois, Michigan, Oregon, Kentucky, Ohio, California, Japan and Israel.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO???

The question has been asked by some pastors and some churches as to what to do about supporting Bro. James Vance, a missionary in Mexico. Bro. Vance holds church membership with Caney Fork Baptist Church, formerly of the Enon Baptist Association in Tennessee. He told the editor and other pastors that he felt led to leave that church and hold membership with another church that was in fellowship with sister churches. This was when he was on leave home last August. Each church will have to act for themselves. But in order for them to know what is on the record the following is found on Page 4 of the 1969 Minutes of the General Association of Missionary Baptist held on March 29, 1969, at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

"Moved that this assembly not seat messengers from Caney Fork Baptist Church of the Enon Baptist Association on the grounds of their tolerating alien immersion. This being on the fact that a member of this church, Eld. Charles A. Gentry, was serving as pastor of North Carthage Baptist Church which had received Eld. R. D. Brooks by letter from Peyton's Creek Baptist Church, the same church known to be guilty of and endorsing alien immersion, of which many Baptist churches having already withdrawn fellowship.

After questioning Bro. Gentry and a discussion of the same, the motion carried 41-3." Bro. Vance still holds membership with Caney Fork Church.

ILLINOIS CHURCH EXPRESSES THANKS

April 6, 1971

Dear Bro. Vanderpool,

Just a few lines to the Baptist Banner, to thank all the good old time Baptist Churches, for their help in our financial need in buying a building. I'm sure the Lord knows each one and what they give, so I'll say thanks to each of you that helped us out.

Please pray for us up here, we sure need your prayers, the work in this country is so hard. If any one has friends or relatives around Milford, Ill., please contact them, or let us know their name and address.

Elder Mitchell Rigsby

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Beautiful Home Missionary Baptist Church, Milford, Ill.

REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SUNDAY—MAY

Longview Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Paul Patterson is to be assisted by Elder Bobby G. Sutton.

SECOND SUNDAY—MAY

Grace Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes St., Detroit, Mich. Elder L. W. Smith, the pastor, is to do the preaching.

FOURTH SUNDAY—MAY

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Pastor Thomas Carter is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Salem Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor William Johnson is to be assisted by Elder Calvin Perrigo.

MEMORIAL DAY BARBERTON, OHIO

Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio, will have an all-day Memorial service on Sunday, May 23. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Preaching by Elder Calvin Perrigo, the pastor at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and there will be singing in the afternoon. In addition to singing by the church, the Patterson Family Singers of Indianapolis will be the featured group. All who can are invited to attend Liberty Church on this date to enjoy the fellowship and services.

BRO. SUTTON ACCEPTS DETROIT CHURCH

Faith Baptist Church, 17970 Glendale, Roseville, Mich., in the Detroit area, has recently called Elder Bobby G. Sutton of Nashville, Tenn., as pastor. Bro. Sutton has been with the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Nashville for several years. He has accepted the pastorate of the Detroit church and has begun his work with them. He and his family will be living at the above address and you may reach him there. He began preaching there on the third Sunday in April and he doesn't know the exact date his family will get moved on the field.

BAPTIST MISSION Springfield., Tenn.

A new Baptist mission has been started in Springfield, Tenn. It is located at 1701 Batts Blvd. It is called Batts Blvd. Missionary Baptist Mission. Bro. Gary D. Nicholas and Bro. Charles Watts are the ministers in charge. They conduct services each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. and preaching services at 11:00 a.m. Pray for these brethren and you are also invited to attend these services and assist them in this work.

REVIVAL REPORTS

Old Union Baptist Church, Matlock Rd., Bowling Green, Ky. There were five saved with two additions to the church. The pastor, Elder Kenneth Massey did the preaching.

Truehope Baptist Church, 713 S. Newton Ave., Springfield, Mo. There was one saved. Pastor Turner Smith was assisted by Elder Jerry Reynolds.

Baptist Church at Hauser, Oregon. No professions of faith or additions reported. Pastor Richard Salsman was assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis.

Nyland Baptist Church, Oxnard, Calif. One saved with five additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth Davis was assisted by Elder Bobby G. Sutton.

BETHLEHEM CALLS PASTOR

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn., has called Elder O. E. Russell as pastor. He succeeds Elder Bobby G. Sutton. Bro. Russell began his work with the Nashville Church the third Sunday in April. He had been pastor of Rayon City Baptist Church at Old Hickory, Tenn.

The General Association of Missionary Baptist, a meeting of Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, convened in an all-day session with Bethlehem Church on March 29, 1969.

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