

Baptist Banner

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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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

By H. C. Vanderpool

What about ministerial education? Should men who are called of God to represent Him in the world, preach the gospel of Christ, win the lost to the Lord, establish sound churches, teach the saved and carry on all the activities expected of God's servants make an effort to study and prepare themselves for this work?

If our people have sons and daughters attending colleges or universities in preparing themselves in the field of business, farming, salesmen, doctors, nurses, school teachers, lawyers and even veterinarians who are to treat their cats and dogs, you talk about it and express your appreciation for them being so concerned about their lot in life and how they are preparing themselves to better serve mankind.

Then let someone mention the fact that a man has been called of God to preach the gospel, win the lost, establish churches, go to the mission field, do evangelistic work and the many other activities related to the work of God, and that he wants to study and prepare himself and they start frowning and choking and grunting and say — Well, that is this and that, and I don't think that is right. God will take care of him: I believe God does His part in calling, leading by the Holy Spirit, and giving wisdom to them that ask (James 1:5). The Bible also says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. If anyone concerned in the least about God's cause will go back and investigate this verse of scripture closely, it involves many things concerning the minister's obligation to God and to those whom God sends him.

I am prayerfully writing this article, hoping the entire thing will be read and considered. I believe God calls men to preach, I Tim. 1:12.; Acts 26:16. I believe the Holy Spirit leads and directs us in the work of the Lord. John 16:13. I believe God enables us to do things we cannot do for ourselves. Phil. 4:13. However, according to the above mentioned scripture, read it again, II Tim. 2:15, if WE do not do the studying that WE are to do, we are not proving ourselves to God, we can be workmen who are ashamed, we are unable to rightly divide the word of truth. I've

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BAALBEK AND THE BEKAA VALLEY.

Missionary Report From Israel

P. O. Box 7305
Jerusalem, Israel
January 4, 1973

Dear Bro. Vanderpool and Friends,

At the beginning of this new year, 1973, we send our greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who loved us and washed from our sins in His own blood. (Revelation 1:5). We would like to share a little something with you of what goes on here with us. So by this means we shall endeavor to skim the surface a bit, at least. I can think of more that I want to say, however, before I sit down to write.

A goodly number of our friends remembered us during the Holidays with their cards, kind and encouraging letters, and useful gifts, all of which we appreciate so very much. Just to know that people are thinking of us and praying for us is comforting and encouraging. We do earnestly pray that the Lord will bless all who sent any expression of their love; and above all, we are thankful to those who are praying for us, for there is nothing better that you can do for us.

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Editor Reports On Third Tour Of Bible Lands

By H. C. Vanderpool

(I am reporting on my third tour of Bible Lands — Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. My wife was my co-host. We traveled in a group of 243 and the dates were Oct. 30 — Nov. 8, 1972. The first article covered the first three days which were spent in travel and then in Cyprus and Turkey. This is article No. 2 of the series. — Editor.)

Thursday, Nov. 2, 1972 — Last evening we had left the port at Iskenderun, Turkey and had sailed all night on the Mediterranean Sea to the port of Beirut, Lebanon. We were up early and had breakfast in the dining room of our ship, MTV Sounion. Lebanese officials came aboard and checked out our passports and other papers and then we disembarked. As we went to board our buses I met and talked with Mr. George Bacchus, a fine gentleman, who was our guide in Lebanon last year. However, he was not on duty on this day and our new guide was Mr. Nicola Sabilo. We left Beirut — a city of 1,200,000 population — and traveled east up and

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heard ministers say they could not engage a religious enemy in a debate because they were unable to do so. Well, that wasn't God's fault. I've heard some say they couldn't do preaching on the radio — where thousands could hear the truth — but that wasn't God's fault. I've heard ministers mention a number of things that they could not do, which if done, God would use it to His glory and the saving of souls, but it was not God's fault. WHY? Because they were not willing to do the studying and the preparing for the task. I am against men going to schools for the purpose of "making a preacher" with God left out of it. You who know me, what I have believed, preached and practiced should know this.

One of the most treasured books in addition to the Bible of old-fashioned Baptists of our region is "History of Middle Tennessee Baptists," by J. H. Grime, printed in 1902, giving history of our people of the last century. Some of those critical of ministerial education have this book in their libraries — if they would read it — and the following is found in that treasured book concerning men of God who served some of the churches today representing in the Enon and Wiseman Baptist Associations and others. Men who served as pastors of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. "History of Middle Tennessee Baptists," J. H. Grime, pp. 299-300.

"Among the noted events in the history of this Association (Enon) we find the following: In 1851, they purchased Wirt College and established Enon College, near the line between Sumner and Trousdale counties, on the pike leading from Gallatin to Hartsville. A partnership

in this institution was formed with Salem Association, and much was accomplished in the way of education. After a successful history for a few years the institution failed. In 1882, this Association (Enon) leased Bellwood Academy, in Macon County, and established a first-class academic school. Later, the property was permanently secured by this Association (Enon) and for many years a fine school was fostered by this body. Eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished by this institution. It was here that many young ministers have laid the foundation for lives of usefulness."

In addition to the above from Bro. Grime's history concerning the ministers who served our forefathers and their work among many of our churches still in our associations today the following statements are found. The quotations are as brief as possible due to space. The statements are found in the biographies of the ministers. Those wishing to know of whom it was said will do well to read the entire history to learn this and many other things unknown that should be known by our ministers and critics of today.

The quotations are as follows: "he attended Marion Collegiate Institute;" "he was well educated." "on his arrival here he entered school . . . he entered Union University at Murfreesboro." "He entered school and remained until he was competent to teach." "he had an education which was paramount to any received from text books." "he managed to secure a good English education and part of his earlier life was spent in teaching public schools." "he acquired a fine education."

"He graduated with high honors from the Southwestern Baptist University, May 30, 1887." "By assiduous study and close application . . . he soon became a fine English scholar." "this young man was kept in Enon College sometime and in Union University one year, from which he acquired a good education." "he attended McNight Academy." "He acquired a good education." "he became a good theologian." "He was a close student . . . and became proficient in Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and ever found delight in Bible study and research of sacred theology." "founder, and, for years, principal of Bellwood Academy, Macon County, Tennessee." "He has a good education, completed in Union University; he also took a theological course in that institution under Elder J. M. Pendleton." "He was mainly educated in Southwestern Baptist University, at Jackson, Tenn." "He was educated in Liberty Academy, Springfield, Tenn., and Union University, Murfreesboro, Tenn." "He attended Cumberland University, Santa Fe College and a Business College in Nashville." "He was educated at Cumberland University, Doyle College and Carson-Newman College."

"He was educated in common schools with a course in Union University." "He was educated at Union University and New Middleton, taking the degree of A. B. at the latter place in June, 1870." "He has never been ordained, but is in school

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Editor Reports On Tour

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through the Lebanon Mountains. Religious groups found in this country are Moslems, Catholics, Protestants, Baptists and Jews.

Lebanon is bounded on the west by the Mediterranean Sea, the north and east by Syria and the south by Israel. On our way up into the mountain we saw many banana and orange groves. This is a beautiful country. From an elevation of 5,000 ft. in the mountains we looked back to the west over Beirut and the Mediterranean. It is a wonderful experience to view these places, the handywork of God. By the side of the highway we were privileged to see a Cedar of Lebanon. There are not many of these left in Lebanon. Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem was built of stones and Cedars of Lebanon from this area (1 Kings 5:1-18) Eze. 31:3-5; Ps. 92:12).

We continued toward the east. We had a rest stop at some shops, had some refreshments and then headed on to the Bekaa Valley. We came to the city of Baalbek, a city of 15,000 inhabitants. These are either land or sheep owners, farmers, traders, merchants, or government employees. It has twelve schools, six mosques, three churches, three cinemas, two hotels and one bank.

One would have to get literature on this city and read for hours to understand its background and historical meaning. Three temples were erected to idols in Baalbek — Temples of Bacchus, Venus, and Jupiter. The building of these began in the first century A. D. and 1,160,000 slaves worked over two hundred years before they were completed. (If we were as willing to work and build churches for the True and Living God!)

After a few hours touring this valley and city we returned to the area where we stopped in the morning for our dinner. We had a variety of food and one tourist said they noticed me having an unusual expression on my face as I ate one dish. Well, anyway it is interesting to eat the many different types of food in these countries and the way they are prepared.

After eating we boarded our buses and began our journey to Damascus, Syria. We crossed the border between Lebanon and Syria and after arriving in Damascus we changed to Syrian buses and guides. Our Syrian guide was a young man. His name was Abed El Kader Ajjaj and asked us to call him "Eddie the Shepherd." We toured Damascus — amid thousands of cars, all blowing their horn — and we traveled the "street called Strait" and went to the house of Ananias, Acts 9:10-17. Our guide gave a very interesting talk concerning the Apostle Paul. We had prayer and some testified. This was a wonderful experience. After this we went to a large shop. I was privileged to see two children whom I had seen the year before when we were here. I brought home a color slide with me that I had made with them. They were children of the shop owner.

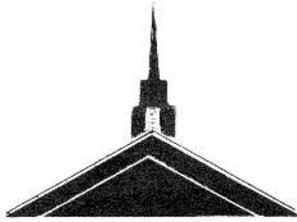
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- Study Methods for Sermon Preparation Elder F. L. Ray
- Church History Elder H. C. Vanderpool
- Harmony of Old and New Testaments Elder W. T. Russell

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SCHOOL CONSTITUTION

- ARTICLE 1.** Old Union Missionary Baptist Church voted in regular business October, 1972, to organize the Old Union Baptist Ministers School.
- ARTICLE 2.** Our purpose is to aid God-called Preachers in obtaining a greater knowledge of the Bible that they may have a burning zeal to win the lost, establish and build true Baptist churches, teach His word, and accept and

- fulfill His purpose in their lives.
- ARTICLE 3.** All instructors shall be chosen by a unanimous vote of the school committee, and subject for approval by the church.
- ARTICLE 4.** All applicants must furnish evidence of a genuine experience of salvation and a call from God to preach the gospel.
- ARTICLE 5.** All applicants must be approved by unanimous vote

- of the school committee.
- ARTICLE 6.** It shall not be the purpose of this school to provide a place for discussion or debate of the differences that may exist among churches or ministers. The Old Union Baptist School Committee will have the authority to terminate such discussion and in the case of extreme circumstances ask participants to absent themselves from the school.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

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preparing for the work." "He was educated at Lafayette Academy, and Tuckahoma College in Tennessee." "He was educated at Elmwood and Knoxville, taking A. B. degree at Doyle College." "He was educated at Cumberland College, Princeton, Ky." "He was educated at McMinnville and Burritt College." "He was educated at Glasgow and Georgetown Colleges."

The continuation of these quotations may be monotonous to some, but they are being presented to let our people of today know how concerned our older preachers were in preparing themselves for the work whereunto God had called them. Before I close the article, I'd like to give a few more quotations from Grime's History concerning our older ministers' work. They are as follows:

"He graduated in Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., in June, 1897." "He graduated in Carson-Newman College in 1899." "He was educated in Bethel College, Ky." "He was graduated in common schools and Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn." "He was educated in a select school in Trigg Co., Ky., where he took a Collegiate course." "He is now in

Carson-Newman College preparing for the work." "He was educated at Union University and at home." "He is now in Carson-Newman College preparing for the work." "He completed his education at Union University, Murfreesboro. He has conducted a number of successful schools in connection with his ministry." "He finished his literary course in Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee." "In 1867, he moved to Ewing, Ill., and founded Ewing College, a leading Baptist institution of learning." "He was educated at Collegiate Institute." "He was educated in district schools and Bethel College, Russellville, Ky." "He was educated in Farmer's Academy, Watertown, Tenn., Union University, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Columbus College, N. Y. City." "He was educated at Southwestern Baptist University." "He was educated in Union University." "He was a graduate of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn." "He was educated in common schools and Enon College." "He attended Bramlett Seminary and Bethel College where he took the degree of A. M."

When men are called of God to preach, I believe they should be prayerful in their study, first the Bible, the book of all books. Then in their labors, their preaching and all that they do. I believe God's servant should study the scriptures, history, Bible

background, the Bible was first written in Hebrew and Greek, and have all the knowledge possible of the related subjects that would make him a better servant of God, prepared for the master's use. After he has studied, prayed and made all efforts to satisfy God in these respect, then let the Holy Spirit lead and direct in the preaching and working as it pleases the Lord. I have never known any preacher who quoted scriptures, stating chapter and verse, the writer and gave information relative to Bible teaching unless he had studied it or had it taught him by someone else. I am not speaking here of the men inspired to write the Bible. II Tim. 3:16.

Moses was an educated man. Paul was educated, yet these men served God in humility and let the Spirit lead in their ministry. Some would have us think God handed the King James version of the Bible to us thousands of years ago. This is the Bible I use - it is the most used version - yet because men studied and learned they were able to translate the original Hebrew and Greek into English so you and I could have it to read today. The King James version of the Bible was completed and published in 1611.

I thank God for opportunities provided for His servants to prepare themselves for the work where unto He has called us.

Report From Israel

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A group of our Arab friends came to visit us on Christmas Eve, and we had an enjoyable time together, as we ate, talked in friendship and prayed together. Some of the joy was taken out of our get together, however, by the lights going out in the house. But we got by with candles, and some of them liked that, but I got quite nervous because I couldn't find out the trouble. The next day we found the trouble, which was simple, our refrigerator had a fault in it and it cut the fuses.

Fear is one of the terrible experiences that man has to contend with in this world, and I think that all of us have had enough of this thing called fear that we know very well just what it is. John said that fear hath torment, (1 John 4:18) and this gives us some idea as to how terrible fear really is. There is much fear among men today because of the frightening signs that are visible. Men fear men and his destructive inventions. Jesus said that this fear would become so intense that men's hearts would fail them. (Luke 21:26). How terrible, and how unpleasant this fear is! I suppose that there is no place in the world where fear is more apparent than here in this little country of Israel. As I said above, that men fear men, and certainly we can see this demonstrated among the people here. Just the other day at our Hebrew class I was talking to a lady during a rest period, and an elderly man whom I had befriended before came up and said to the lady; "don't let him convert you, I want you to remain Jewish." I said to him that I don't try to pressure anybody, but the experience that I have, I would like to share with others. Then he changed his expression and looked very serious, and said, "I would like to visit you sometime and talk more about this, and I would like for you to visit me too." Then he said that there are many of our people who are interested in this, but we fear others, and as we talked he would look this way and that to see if there was anybody hearing what we were saying. How wonderful it would be if this dear man could come to know Jesus and His great love, for John said in the verse mentioned above, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear."

Our prayer is that all of you will have a very good year in 1973, and that the Lord will give you much fruit for your labor. Please remember to pray for us. May the Lord bless you, and give you peace, as the people say here, Shalom alechem.

Sincerely in His service,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

Bible Lands Tour

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Only One Way

There are very few men in the world today,

Who preach the truth and what the Lord has to say;

They take his words and turn them around,

Then the untrue sermon is brought down.

Many people are led astray on Sabbath day,

Because of those who preach the wrong way;

They think there's nothing wrong with this great sin,

As long as they have the crowd and the money coming in;

But God has a different view on this matter,

"The blind lead the blind, they shall fall in the ditch together.

A God called man is what we should hear

That preaches the truth without any fear

That wouldn't be afraid if God should call him away,

And then again, when he stands on judgment day.

There is only one way to the heavenly gate,

Jesus is that way we have to take;

His way is straight with no crooks or turns;

Some day they shall all surely learn.

Peggy Jean Allen
Toledo, Ohio

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association Convened In 15th Annual Session

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association convened in its fifteenth annual session on Sept. 15, 16, and 17, 1972, with Faith Baptist Church, Graham Rd., Franklin, Indiana. Officers elected were Elder Lewis Holland, Mod.; Bro. Edd Sanders, Clerk, and Bro. Larry Patterson, Treas.

Elder Richard Huskins preached the Introductory Sermon; Elder Lewis Holland preached the Memorial Sermon and the Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Elder Hugh Hudson.

The Association is to meet in its sixteenth annual session with Rossville Missionary Baptist Church, Rossville, Illinois, on Friday, Sept. 14, 1973. Elder Berlin Roy is to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Clellon Buster the Memorial Sermon, and the Doctrinal Sermon is to be by Elder Billy Moran.

I Can't Believe It's A Girdle

By Ethelene Driver

The devil is having a field-day at the expense of our old-fashioned Baptist young people, those who have been raised in church, receiving the full course of indoctrination which our churches are offering. Satan sits back and watches them leave the supervision of their parents and rejoices about the holes we have left in their girdle of truth (Eph. 6:14). We have taught them salvation by grace, through faith, baptism by immersion, the value of the mourner's bench, and closed communion — good solid areas in their girdle of truth. We have stressed the eternal security of the believer and failed to teach them that they are not their own, but are bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 19-20), for the advancement of His kingdom in the world. Knowing that nothing can separate them from God, they often relax and allow the desires of the flesh to resurface and rule their lives, robbing God of the honor He is due.

Are we leaving holes in their girdle which render them vulnerable to the wiles of the devil? Do they know about the tremendous revival the devil is enjoying in the field of the occult, witchcraft, demonology, astrology, fortune-telling, drugs, and crime. Are they aware that they will be faced with a drastically different set of moral values and that their faith will be questioned, and if possible shattered, by the "intellectual" world when they go away to college or to find a job? And, more to the point, do they know how to handle these problems in harmony with the Word of God when they arise? Are we sending them out with only a partial girdle of truth, with vital areas of their being yet unprotected?

Granted, salvation is by far the most important protection, but God teaches in Hebrews 6:1-3 that we are to stop dwelling on the same fundamental doctrines all the time and strive to move on toward perfection, or spiritual maturity. Shouldn't the church, and we as Christian parents, spend more time on the weak areas in our children's girdles (and our own as well) in order to send them into the world with a stronger, more impregnable suit of armor?

If we, through eyes of spiritual discernment, could view our children when they leave home as God does, and as the devil does, we might be shocked into saying of the truth which girds their loins (Eph. 6:14), "I can't believe it's a girdle."

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The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.