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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

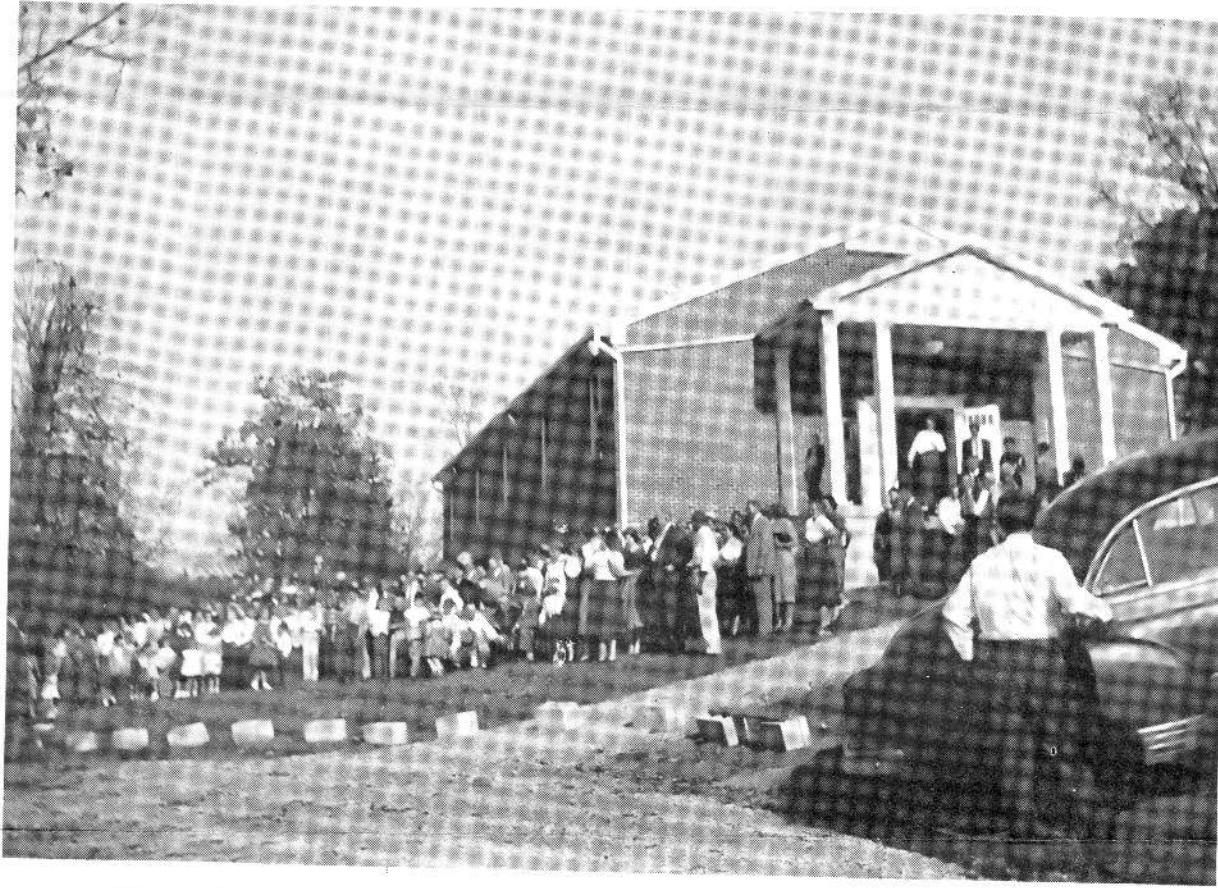
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New Bethel Baptist Church To Have Homecoming Sunday, June 9



Pictured above is when New Bethel had first service in new building, 1956.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn., has set Sunday, June 9, for their homecoming service. Sunday school is to begin at 9:45 a.m. Elder F. L. Ray, pastor of the church, will preach at 11:00 a.m. Afternoon services are to begin at 2:00 p.m. Most of the afternoon will be given to singing. Elder W. T. Russell of Bowling Green, Ky., a former pastor, is to give a history of the life and work of Bro. Ray the pastor, in the afternoon.

This will be the 30th anniversary of Bro. Ray's ministry. He preached his

first sermon at New Bethel on the second Sunday night in June, 1938.

Bro. Ray says: "This will be the one hundred and seventy-fourth year of New Bethel Baptist Church, having been organized in 1794.

"You are invited to attend these services, come and spend the day with us or part of the day. We will be delighted to have you with us in the services.

"If you will come I'm sure you will enjoy the day at this old land mark church. God has greatly blessed New

Bethel through these many years. Pray for us here that we will ever stand for the principles of the word of God, and will contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. This was done by order of the church in conference on the fourth Sunday night in April, 1968."

Bro. Ray, the pastor, also said, "I would like to extend a personal invitation to all my friends to be present on this day. All the former members are invited and all churches that have gone out from New Bethel, directly or indirectly, are invited to be represented on this day."

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Elder J.H. Smith Writes From Mission Field In Israel

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Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends,

I received your letters of March 6, April 9, and copies of the Banner enclosed. Thank you very much; I was glad to hear from you and to get all the news in the Banner.

I have been in Israel two months now. Five days after I arrived in this country I wrote a letter to the Israeli Ministry of Interior and ask for an extension of my stay, and I waited for several days for a reply, but no reply came. I sent the second letter, but no reply came. I then wrote the third time and waited several days, and on the 14th of April, I received a notice to come to their office and fill out forms for a visa. They told me that I would hear from them within two or three weeks. I am not sure yet of the visa, but I must keep trusting in the Lord, and I ask that all of our friends join me in prayer. If I get the visa, it will be for 12 months; that is all that they grant at a time. I talked to Southern Baptist missionaries and they tell me that they have to renew their visa every 12 months. So I guess nobody gets more than that at a time.

This has been the most trying experience of all my missionary life, but on the other hand, there have been some of the most joyous experiences. So it is rewarding after all. The Lord has given me many precious promises while looking into his word. Here are some of the passages from which the Lord has spoken to my heart during my time of waiting before Him here in this land: "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee; If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." Psalms 40:5; "I will instruct you and teach you in the way which thou shalt go, I will guide you with mine eye." Psalms 32:8; "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13; "Therefore, I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

I haven't yet tried to acquire a permanent place of residence, because it has been uncertain as to whether or not I can stay in Israel. I thought, however, that I would just be here at this hotel for a few days and then get some other place of lodging; but this is about as reasonable as can be found, if not more so. Cost of living in this country is extremely high, and so in consideration of that, the rates here at this hotel are not so bad. As soon as I hear from my application, if it is favorable, I intend to get out and find the place that the Lord has in mind for us. The lady at the ministry of Interior told me that as soon as I heard from them I could send for my wife; she meant, of course, if they approved my application.

I have had good opportunities to witness to Jews in my personal contacts with them. I talked to a Jewish man and his wife who were staying in this hotel a few days back, and his wife seemed very interested in the claims of Jesus when I referred them to some passages in Isaiah, those that refer to His virgin birth in Isaiah 7:14, and His suffering in Isaiah 53. But her husband tried to hinder her from listening, he tried to block her way. She said that she was going to read those Scriptures in her Hebrew Bible when she got home. I believe many Jews would be open for the Gospel but others try to obstruct their way.

I was on the bus coming from Jerusalem the other day, and a man sat beside me with whom I had a good conversation about Jesus, about His virgin birth

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Let's Leave Something Behind

By H. C. Vanderpool

Daily we are traveling toward eternity. We are now living in time. It is the will of God that all men should repent. II Peter 3:9. If they do—they have life—eternal life. Acts 11:18. After we are saved by the grace of God we belong to him. I Cor. 6:20. We are to live for the Lord and work for his honor and glory. Eph. 2:10.

Our life span on earth is called day—we can no longer work for the Lord when death comes. I believe every saved person should follow Christ in baptism, be a member of a true Baptist church and live their lives for God. I am persuaded to believe that there are many saved people in the world today who fit the description of the person mentioned in I Cor. 3:13-15. They are not striving to please God nor to have rewards waiting at the day of rewards—if this be true—then, very little is left behind that really counts.

What can we leave behind? I've heard Christians tell of a sermon, a testimony, song, prayer or some other influence of a brother or sister that caused them to seek the Lord for salvation. They were saved after that person had died, but they had left something behind and God used it according to His will. Some people have written books, religious articles or some tract or type of religious literature that has been an inspiration to those that followed them down the road of life. What do you plan to leave behind?

We would not have Bibles, churches, church buildings, the gospel and many other blessings and benefits today if our forefathers had not loved God and His cause enough to have left something behind. Thousands gave their lives, others gave money, time or things of material worth that the Lord's work would continue and the gospel would reach those that would stand in need of redemption.

In the fall of 1955, my family gathered a crop. My father, who died June 2 of that year had planted it. Muchmore, I see new evidence now from time to time of the seeds that my dad sowed in the Kingdom of God. Thousands of others have done the same thing. Will we leave behind us for the future generations what those dedicated pilgrims left us?

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"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. Let's leave something behind.

White Hill Church Calls Pastor

The White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. recently called Elder C. R. Russell to her pastorate. Elder William I. House resigned as pastor of the church after serving it for a number of years.

Revival Reports

New Salem Baptist Church, Smith Valley, Ind. Six professions of faith with twelve additions to the church. Pastor Lewis Holland was assisted by Elder Emmett Strode.

Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Four professions of faith with seven additions to the church. Pastor L.W. Smith was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Homecoming At Sulphur Fork Church

There is to be an all-day homecoming service at Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner Co., Tenn. on Sunday, June 16. Sunday school and preaching in the morning with singing in the afternoon by a number of quartets.

The revival begins that night, and the Spiritualaires Quartet of Nashville will be singing. Pastor Gerald Dias is to be assisted during the revival by Elder C. B. Huddleston.

Fellowship Meeting

There is to be a Fellowship meeting at Hendersonville Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., on Thursday night, June 6, with services beginning at 7:30. William I. House is to preach. Everyone is invited. Elder Robert W. Gregory is pastor of the church.

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and His suffering, as recorded in Isaiah, and he was very reasonable and seemed interested. He said that he would read those passages in his Hebrew Bible when he got home. I invited him to visit me, and he promised that he would. I have had this man very much on my heart since that day, and I desire so much for

his salvation. I pray that God will deal with his heart, and whether or not I ever know about it, he will open his heart to those wonderful truths and give his heart to Jesus and be saved. I have talked to a wo-



Elder Smith

man on the bus while on a tour about these same great truths in the Prophets, and she promised that she would read them for herself in Hebrew when she returned home. She was a very kind person, the most friendly of any I met on the tour, and it was a joy to talk to her about the Messiah. I love to talk to them about Jesus when they will listen and not get angry. However, some of those who get angry will go off and do some thinking and later change their attitude. I earnestly request that you pray for these dear people, pray definitely for their salvation.

About all I can do right now is do personal witnessing where I have opportunities. It might be very difficult to hold public meetings, especially among Jews; I think they would make it rather hard for us. I visited a Jewish preacher in Jerusalem a while back, who is interdenominational, and he said that he had to quit holding public meetings because of the pressure against him; he now does only personal work among his people, visiting in their homes where he is invited. But Jerusalem is the most difficult place in the land to evangelize among Jew, I think because they are more orthodox there than anywhere else in the country. There is a large Arab population now since the six day war, however, and I wouldn't think that there would be any objection to working among them. But my heart goes out for Jews and I want to do something to help them wherever I can. I realize that we may be greatly handicapped, but the Lord can do wonders if we trust in Him.

I have traveled around over the country some since I've been here and have seen some very interesting sights. I've been in Jerusalem several times, once in a guided tour, and other times on my own. The old walled city of Jerusalem is especially of great interest. I guess there has been very little advancement for two thousand years, and about everything you see is very different from what we are used to. Very few streets in the old city that are passable for automobiles, just narrow lanes for walkers and donkeys. I saw such historical places as the birth place of Jesus in Bethlehem, the place of His crucifixion and burial place in Jerusalem; the Mount of Olives where He ascended to heaven; the tomb of Rachel between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. I have seen the ruins of the ancient, Roman city of Caesarea; the tombs of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, (the Cave of Machpela) in Hebron. I've been up to the Sea of Galilee, and from there down the Jordan Valley to Jerico and the Dead Sea, and others.

In closing, I ask that all our friends pray for us and for the salvation of the Jews. God said to Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee."

Yours in His Service
James H. Smith

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

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matt. 6:34.

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Cor. 12:9.

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Banner Begins Third Year of Publication

With this issue the BANNER begins its third year of publication. Again the editor wishes to thank everyone, church, minister, deacons, Sunday school teachers and others who have helped to get subscribers and have also assisted in the distribution of the paper.

Please renew your subscription before it expires and get someone else to subscribe. If your church isn't getting the BANNER, we would be happy to send a bundle each month. You may send an offering and you will receive a bundle according to the amount sent.

Beginning with this edition, Volume 3, you will note at the top of page one a verse of scripture that is our motto. We trust this will give a better understanding as to why we are interested in the circulation of this Baptist publication.

We are not always able to print all the material that we receive, but will endeavor to always print all that we can that is timely and constructive. Sometimes errors will appear in the paper, but we trust our readers will understand and pray for us when you are tempted to say something besides a prayer.

To Mr. Clarence Martin and his fine staff of workers at the MONROE COUNTY PRESS, Tompkinsville, Ky., who prints the BANNER for us, we say, "Thanks and Appreciation for your work and Cooperation for the past two years."

OLD UNION BAPTIST CHURCH HAS WONDERFUL DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, May 19, Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., enjoyed a wonderful day in the Lord. Services began with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. followed with preaching at 11:00 a.m. by the pastor, Elder H. C. Vanderpool. This was Memorial Day observed by the church.

A large crowd was in attendance. Lunch was spread at the noon hour on several large tables and this was a great fellowship hour in eating and visitation. Singing began at 1:30 p.m. There was congregational and choir singing. The Gospelaires Quartet of Athens, Tenn. was the featured group. The Young People's Choir, the Hargis Children's Trio and a number of other children took part in the singing.

After a time out, the church came together at 7:00 p.m. for the regular Business Meeting of the church. Thus closed a wonderful day in the Lord and for the people at Old Union Baptist Church

Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY—JUNE

Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor W. T. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Bobby G. Sutton.

McFerrin Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

SATURDAY NIGHT—JUNE 8

Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. Pastor Calvin Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter.

SECOND SUNDAY—JUNE

Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. Pastor Norman Cliburn, Sr. is to be assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Old Liberty High School Bldg., Liberty, Tenn. Services to be conducted by Elder Tommy C. Ashford and Bro. J. C. Diringt.

Rayon City Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tenn. Pastor O. E. Russell is to be assisted by Elder J. D. Birdwell.

West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor C. C. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

THIRD SUNDAY—JUNE

Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner Co., Tenn. Pastor Gerald Dias is to be assisted by Elder C. B. Huddleston.

FOURTH SUNDAY—JUNE

Caney Fork Seminary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor Cordell Earps is to be assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson and Elder Tommie Lankford is to lead the singing.

FIFTH SUNDAY—JUNE

Veterans Memorial Bldg., Smithville, Tenn. Services conducted by Elder J. D. Birdwell and Elder Tommy C. Ashford.

A Brother Writes From Missouri

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I felt that I should write and tell you that I am thankful for your work in publishing the Banner. I am sure it helps to bring the scattered flock of God closer together.

I want to renew my subscription and please send a subscription to Bro. O'Dell Fife, 400 Felkins Rd., Santa Paula, Calif. 93060. I just returned from out there. I went out and conducted a two-week meeting at Niland Missionary Baptist Church. No one was saved as far as we know but the church was strengthened and we had sweet fellowship in the Lord.

They are a sound church, which is hard to find in this day, but the Word says, "because iniquity doth abound the love of many wax cold." I am sure we are living in the last days.

I came to Independence, Missouri and organized Jericho Missionary Baptist Church, 820 Woodbury, Independence, Mo., the third Sunday in December, 1962 with four charter members. It has been a hard battle but the Lord has richly blessed our labors. He has saved 40 precious souls and I have been privileged to baptize 46. Several have joined by letters. We now have 102 members. Seven brethren have surrendered to the call of the ministry. Some are preaching a lot and some aren't. You know how it goes I am sure.

We have modernism to fight on every hand up here in the Kansas City area and I hope this letter will enable you through the Spirit of God to pray for us that we will be able to carry the gospel to the countless number in this area.

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder Chester B. Viles
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Grandview, Mo. 64030

Something For Everyone

A newspaper in Springfield, Ill., printed this editorial recently:

"If you find a mistake, please consider it put there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are looking for a mistake." From Red O'Donnell's Round the Clock, Nashville Banner.