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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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Wiseman Baptist Association To Meet

The Wiseman Baptist Association is to meet in its 78th annual session on October 24, 25 and 26, with Faith Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank Streets, Nashville, Tenn. Services are to begin on Friday, the first day, at 10:00 A.M.

Officers elected last year were: Elder F. L. Ray, Moderator; Elder W. T. Russell, Clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treasurer.

Elder H. D. Linville is to preach the Introductory sermon the first day. The Memorial sermon on Saturday is to be delivered by Elder Howard G. Taylor, and on Sunday Elder W. T. Russell is to preach the Doctrinal sermon.

A number of subjects will be discussed. Everyone is invited to attend.

CLOSE SHAVE

TEL AVIV—A new Israeli army order forbids soldiers to grow long sideburns.

Church Recalls Pastor

Elder D. C. Russell has been re-elected as pastor for another year of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The reporter for the church says, "Everyone has a special invitation to come and worship with us in all our services. Remember to pray for us and our revival in October."

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By H. C. Vanderpool

(The reports on the Bible Lands Tour in previous issues have been on March 3-8. In this report I begin with Sunday, the seventh day of the tour.—Editor).

Sunday, March 9, 1969. We are still in Jerusalem. After breakfast at the Mt. Scopus Hotel, we gathered on our bus where we conducted our devotional services. We went from Jerusalem through Bethany down the "Jericho Road" to Jericho and the Dead Sea.

We stopped at the "Inn of the Good Samaritan" which Jesus speaks of in Luke 10:30-37. We saw shepherds on the hill sides with their flocks.

We journeyed on to Jericho the "City of Palm Trees," (Deu. 34:3). It is located five miles west of the Jordan River. It has a tropical climate. We saw here banana groves, palm trees and many beautiful flowers. Jericho is a green oasis in the center of the dry Jordan Valley area.

While here we visited "Elisha's Spring"

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Meditations

By: G. H. Dillard

In memory of my dear wife, Effie. Written on our fifty-first wedding anniversary, September 4, 1969.

The dead in Christ are only sleeping,
Tho their beds be made of clay.
They shall rise and joyfully meet Him,
When He comes in that great day.
We that live shall see His glory,
But the dead shall first arise.
Then together we will hail Him,
King Em-man-uel in the skies.
O, be robed and ready brother,
Let us hail the mighty King.
Singing, Grave where is thy victory,
And, O death where is thy sting?

Jesus tells us in John chapter 5, that the time was coming when those in the graves would hear the voice of the Son of God. I folded the feeble hands of my wife on her breast two minutes before she went to sleep. But when she hears that voice, the vault will burst open as if paper.

In I Cor. 15, Paul tells us that these bodies are sown in weakness but will be raised in power. He speaks of a mystery. That we should not all sleep but would be changed. I expect to be living when Jesus comes again. But whether asleep

or awake, I will meet dear Effie in that great multitude. Then we will be at home with Jesus while Eternal ages roll. All people can have that hope by putting their faith in that same Jesus that Effie put her trust in at the age of nine.

Attention, Please!

Every minister, deacon, Sunday School teacher and layman should buy and read Bro. Norman Wells's book, "THE RELIGION RACKET." I've read it through and it is the truth and should be given serious consideration. ORDER IT NOW.

-Editor

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Caves of Qumran where Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

as you read of in II Kings 2:19-22. I enjoyed a fresh drink from this spring.

Looking west from the city we saw the mountain range which in the Bible is called, "the wilderness." (Matt. 4:1). It was here that Jesus went after being baptized by John the Baptist, and was tempted for forty days and nights. Turning around and looking east over the Jordan Valley, we saw the area where John baptized Christ and the Apostles (Matt. 3:17; Acts 1:22).

Leaving this Biblical and historic city, we traveled south through the Plains of Jordan to the Dead Sea. The greatest depth of this body of salt water is 1,310 ft.

We looked east across the Dead Sea to Mt. Nebo. This is the mount where God brought Moses to see the Promised Land before his death (Deu. 34:1-6). Only God knew how I felt when I looked upon this mountain and meditated upon what happened there with God and Moses.

We now go down to Qumran. It was here in the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found about 1947 by some

Arabic Bedouins. This is located at the eastern end of the Wilderness of Judah.

We now make our way back to Bethany. This was the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha (John 11:1-18). Jesus often visited here. The town is located about two miles east of Jerusalem. The tomb of Lazarus is said to be about the center of the picture shown here of Bethany.



Bethany

Leaving Bethany we go back into Jerusalem to our hotel for lunch (our Sunday dinner). After lunch we boarded our bus and went to Calvary and the Garden Tomb. I cannot speak the words

nor write them, to describe what this experience meant to me. Thank God for this day! We view Calvary where Christ died for us all, (Heb. 2:9; John 3:16). We went into the empty tomb. Near the tomb under some trees and in this beautiful garden of flowers we conducted our worship service. This certainly was a great experience. We felt the presence of the Spirit of God.

After this memorable service, we went to view the Model City of Jerusalem. From there we went to the Hebrew University. Leaving the campus, we next saw the Knesset (Parliament Building). The sun had disappeared behind the western horizon, the lights began to twinkle on here and there, so it was time to head for the hotel. After dinner we enjoyed another good night's rest in the Holy City. (To be continued).

Revival Announcements

SECOND SUNDAY—OCTOBER

Dixon Creek Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell.

Lyons Baptist Church, 904 Gagle Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor L. W. Smith is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

THIRD SUNDAY—OCTOBER

Meadorville Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson and Elder Tommy Lankford is to direct the singing.

Reservations Are Being Made

Reservations are now being made for the Bible Lands Pilgrimage. I already have several who have made theirs for the 10-day tour next spring, March 3-12, 1970.

Some people want to go and are asking about the situation in Israel. This was the situation in Israel this year when we went, yet the trouble spots in America sounds worse than in Israel some times on the news. I am anxiously looking forward to the next tour. Most of the trouble is around the Suez Canal which is far from the tour area. **MORE PEOPLE ARE VISITING BIBLE LANDS THAN EVER BEFORE. MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW.** — Editor

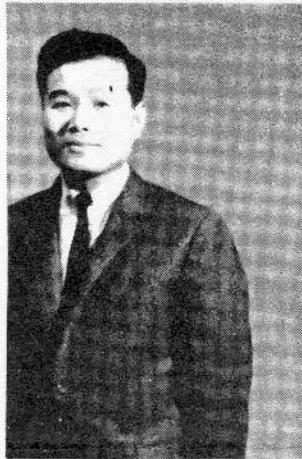
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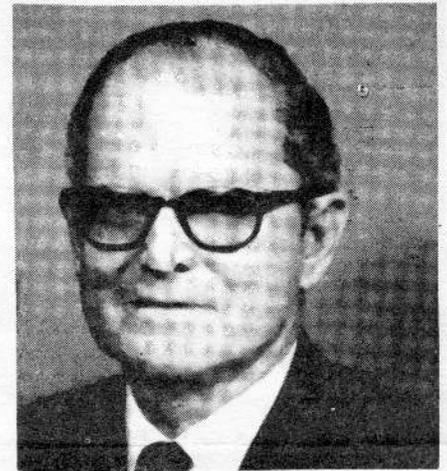
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MISSIONARY TO MEXICO MAKES REPORT

By: James Vance

Since the beginning of the year I have received the following contributions from churches and individuals:

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church	\$ 214.08
Chestnut Mound Baptist Church	50.00
Caney Fork Baptist Church	282.60
South Carthage Baptist S.S.	100.00
Rocky Grove Baptist Church	100.00
Mace's Hill Baptist Church	50.00
North Carthage Baptist Church	171.39
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wilkerson	10.00
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A. J. Grisham	25.60
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Elder Everett Scruggs	13.00
Friends of Smith County, Tenn.	118.47
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paris	20.00
Mrs. J. D. Manning, Sr.	30.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Lucious Reed	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dedmon	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reed	20.00
Mrs. Era Gwaltney	5.00
Old Union Baptist Church	63.36

Total \$1,487.37

Revival Announcements

Drake's Creek Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. One addition to the church. Pastor James (Pete) Porter was assisted by Elder Floyd Ferguson and Bro. James Thompson was singing director.

Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Four professions of faith with eight additions to the church. Pastor Hilman Duncan, was assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor.

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Four professions of faith with thirteen additions to the church. Pastor James Suttle was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Bro. Duncan Houchens was in charge of singing.

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How About This, Parents?

THE BOTTLE—A young girl was crowned beauty queen in her high school. She and her date went out to celebrate. Late that night her father was awakened and called to the scene of an accident. In a ditch lay the dead body of his lovely daughter . . . pinned underneath the wreckage was the body of her companion. On the pavement lay a broken bottle and the smell of liquor filled the air. The father was seen wringing his hands together and was heard to say, "If I could just get my hands on the criminal who sold them that bottle, I'd wring his neck!"

After going home he decided he needed a "shot" to booster his nerves, so he reached into his usual spot for his bottle of "tonic". The bottle was gone and this note was in its place: "Daddy, we wanted to celebrate so borrowed your bottle . . . sure you won't mind.

E. L. Jones—bulletin

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.