

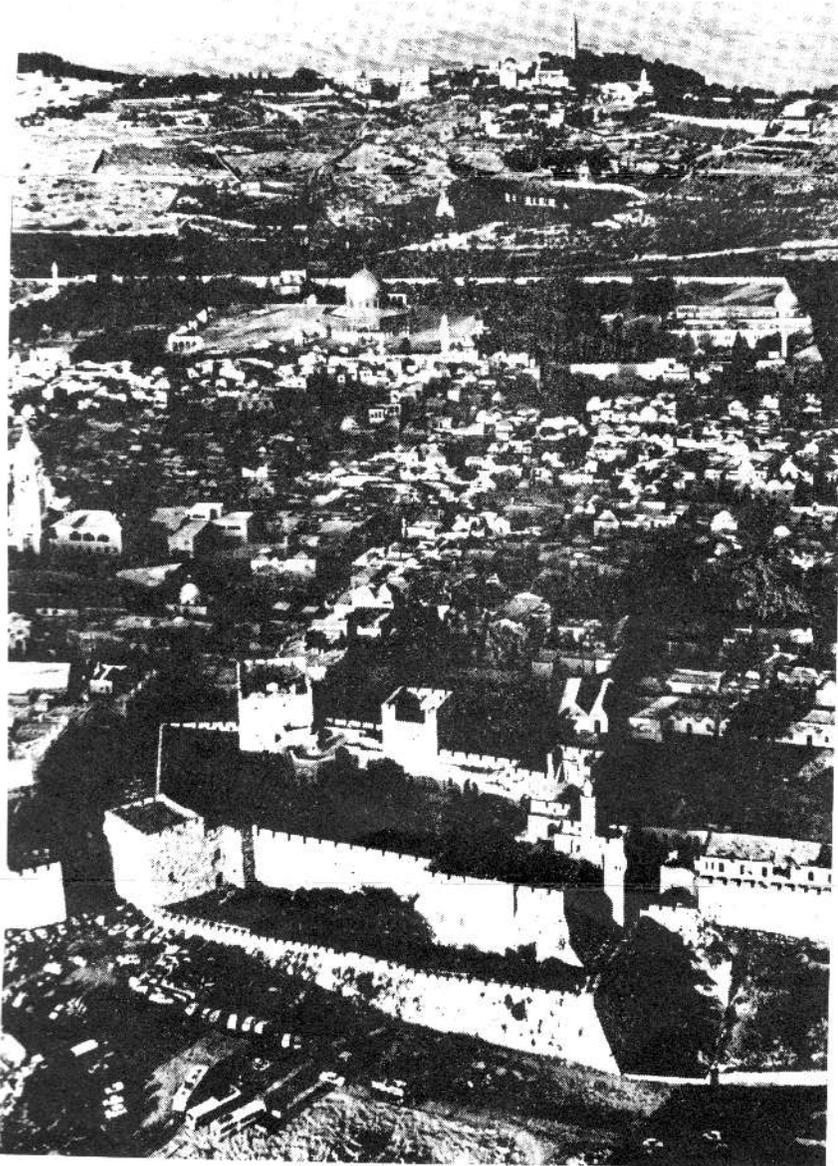
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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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Editor Reports On Bible Lands



By H. C. Vanderpool OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

(For the past few months I have given a report on our tour of Bible Lands. I began with the May issue. The tour began on March 3, of this year. In previous issues of the BANNER, March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and until noon on Saturday, March 8, had been reported on. So,

today I begin our tour report on Saturday afternoon, March 8, at Jerusalem.—Editor)

After lunch at our hotel we boarded our bus and went to Mt. Scopus where we had a panoramic view of Jerusalem, mirroring the city's development from

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Report From California Pastor

1025 Ontario Street
Oxnard, California 93030

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I am writing to let you know my change of address. I also have changed churches. I am now pastor of Nylan Missionary Baptist Church, 2602 Alvaroda St., El Rio, California.

I appreciate your paper very much. A brother from back home got my address from the paper, and wrote me, asking me to invite his daughter, who was living here in California, to church. She came and was saved during a revival in March at the church where I pastored in Downey. Also one of my sons was saved. Bro G. M. Budd from Missouri helped me in the meeting.

If any reader of this paper has relatives living near here, who are not attending church, will send me their name and address I will be glad to contact them.

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Deacon Howard D. Wilburn Dies At Age 82

By Elder Calvin Perrigo

Deacon Howard D. Wilburn passed away at a Carthage, Tenn. hospital on July 1, 1969. He was baptized into Dixon Creek Missionary Baptist Church by Elder J. H. Swann in 1908.

In 1917 he went into the organization of Mace's Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. He was elected clerk of this new church and was elected for the next 52 years, which is believed to be a record.

He was ordained to the office of Deacon by Mace's Hill church in its early years. He filled this office to the best of his ability as long as he lived.

The work and influence of this Ban-

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We desire an interest in everyone's prayers. This is a small church here. Enclosed is a check for renewal of your paper.

Yours in Christ,

Kenneth Davis
1025 Ontario Street
Oxnard, Calif. 93030

(NOTE: I'm thankful that this little publication is used as an instrument with others' labors to get people to church and then hear of them being saved by the grace of God. Would you be willing to send it to a friend or loved one for the glory of God? Subscribe today! —Editor)



New Baptist Mission Begun In Detroit

A new Baptist Mission was begun in Warren, Mich., on August 10, 1969. Services are conducted each Sunday at 2:30 P.M. in the North Warren Masonic Lodge Building, 31690 Ryan Rd.

This mission and the services are under the leadership of Bro. Don McDonald, a young but sound and true Baptist minister. He holds membership with Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit.

If you have friends and relatives in this area and you would like Bro. McDonald to visit them and invite them to services, write him at: 28160 Cuningham, Warren, Mich. 48092

Baptist Missionaries To Israel



Elder James Henry and Annie Laura Smith

Missionaries On Way To Israel

Foreign Address:
P. O. Box 266
Ramallah, Israel

Dear Churches and Friends:

We are busy making preparation for our journey to Israel, packing and trying to get everything in order here at home so that our minds can be relieved for a few days before starting on the journey. Getting ready to go is about the hardest part, the actual journey itself isn't so bad; but I cannot explain the deep sense of responsibility and burden I have in my heart for this mission the Lord has called us to. There is something different about it from others which we have made in past years. There will be quite different situations confronting us, there may be trials which will test our faith, but one thing is for sure, and that is the Lord whom we serve is the same everywhere, and He is able to give us victory over all forces; He is the Master of every situation, nothing is too hard for God.

We have enjoyed our visitation to the churches since I returned home one year ago. The Lord's people have been very kind to us and have spoken many encouraging words to both of us, and so many have assured us of their prayers. We do thank the Lord for everyone of you; your kind and encouraging words, your prayers, and your offerings are appreciated more than we can tell you. By the time we leave we will have visited

sixty churches, where I have preached the Word of God, told of our work, and something about our future plans. I love to preach; there is nothing that I get a greater blessing from than just preaching God's eternal Word. I can rejoice when I exalt the Lord Jesus in preaching. He has done so much for me, I would like nothing better than to boast of Him and what He has done to save us from sin, death, and hell. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

You may start sending mail to us at our foreign address in Ramallah sometime after the first of September. I have a P. O. Box already reserved for us at the post office in that city. So if there is some mail that gets there even before we do, it would be safe.

Those who wish to send funds to us abroad, may send it by bank draft, cashier's check, or bank money order. After I get there at some later date I can tell you if we can use a personal check. I think we can, but I am not so sure yet.

Most of all, and more important than anything, we certainly need your prayers. Pray that we can be used of the Lord to bring lost and dying souls to a saving knowledge of Him.

Yours in His dear Name,

Henry and Annie Laura Smith

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE AND
MOUNT OF OLIVES

OLIVE TREES IN GETHSEMANE

MEDITATIONS

By G. H. Dillard

When Jesus Christ was here on earth walking and talking with men he said; "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23-24.

Another New Testament writer has this to say; "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." I John 4:20.

After being out of the singing field for fifteen years due to sickness, I have been visiting churches in the past three or four months. It seems that the love of brethren and sisters is manifested much anymore. I believe it would help if we would pray "Lord help us to love our brethren and sisters better in the future than we have in the past." The song writer who wrote "Old Time Religion," speaking of salvation, said, "it makes me love everybody."



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BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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ancient times to the present day.

This area is called the mount of peace. The first campus of the Hebrew University was located here and also the Hadassah Hospital. A poet once said of this place: "From the heights of Har Hatzofim, Peace be unto thee, Jerusalem!" When the Romans destroyed the city in 70 A.D., they called this place "the Lookout," or "Mount Scopus." According to Josephus it gave "a plain view of the great temple."

We went on to the Mount of Olives. Here I was filled with mixed emotions. My soul was blessed to walk the earth where Jesus walked and nearby was the Garden of Gethsemane where he often prayed. It was here that he prayed the night before his death (Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:26-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1). His death was for me, Heb. 2:9.

"On Mount Olive's sacred brow
Jesus spent the night in prayer;
He's the pattern for us all, all alone.

In the Garden of Gethsemane we saw Olive trees that were from 1500 to 1800 years old. In one section of the garden we saw beautiful flowers blooming which presented a picturesque scene. While this was a fascinating experience, I could feel the solemnity of this opportunity. My soul is blessed even now as I write this report and, the Lord willing, I'll be back there next Spring.

My Bible means more to me now than

ever before. Visiting these places and meditating upon the days when Christ and his Apostles, and also the Prophets centuries ago, were here, are wonderful experiences.

After leaving the Garden of Gethsemane we went to the entrance of Hezekiah's Tunnel (Siloam Tunnel) at the Spring of Gihon. Then we went down to the Pool of Siloam (John 9:1-7). It was here that Jesus sent the blind man who received his sight. For full information on the Spring, Tunnel and Pool read (II Kings 20:20; II Chro. 32:30);

It was now late afternoon. We went to the Garden Tomb and the guide and I made arrangements for our service on Sunday. It was dark now. We returned to Mt. Scopus Hotel. After dinner I placed a phone call to my wife back home in Bowling Green, Ky. In about seven minutes the call was through and I was speaking with her. It was good to let one another know all was well. She was to relay the message to my congregation next morning that their under-shepherd was doing fine in Jerusalem.

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TO HOST SILOAM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Deacon Howard Wilburn



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association To Meet In Detroit

The seventeenth annual session of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association is to convene on October 3, 4 and 5, 1969, with Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Services are to begin on Friday, October 3, 10:00 A.M. Anyone wanting directions to the church will find a map in the 1968 minutes of the Association.

Officers elected at the 1968 session were: Elder F. W. Lambert, Moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treasurer.

The Introductory sermon the first day is to be delivered by Elder J. D. Sanders. On Saturday, Elder H. C. Vanderpool is to preach the Memorial sermon. Elder F. W. Lambert is to preach the Doctrinal sermon on Sunday.

Churches from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky represent in the association.

Some of the subjects to be discussed during the three-day session will be Missions, Religious Literature, Sunday Schools, Prayer Meetings, Orphan Home, Finance and Church Discipline.

Last year visitors representing other Baptist Associations in Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and Indiana were present. Everyone is invited to attend this year and enjoy the fellowship.

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REVIVAL

A revival is to begin at Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagle Ave., Louisville, Ky., on Sunday night, October 12. The pastor Elder L. W. Smith is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Bowling Green, Ky.

If you have relatives or friends living in Louisville write or call them and invite them to attend this meeting.

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ist Deacon will continue for many years, through his family, church and community whom he served faithfully all his life.

He was a member of the Smith County Court, a devout Mason. He was a dedicated member of the Cato Masonic Lodge. It had been said of him that he was the best church leader his community ever knew. The love he manifested toward his church was most outstanding.

Funeral services for Bro. Wilburn were conducted on July 3, at Mace's Hill Church by his pastor Elder J. C. Austin and beloved friend Elder Howard G. Taylor. His body was laid to rest in the Dixon Springs Cemetery, Dixon Springs, Tenn.

"--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."

REVIVAL REPORTS

White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Seven professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor C. L. Russell was assisted by Bro. Horace Head.

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn. One profession of faith and one addition to the church. Pastor L. C. Long was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Eastside Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. Sixteen professions of faith with twenty-one additions to the church. Pastor W. V. Deweese was assisted by Elder Ray Smith and Bro. Harold Carter was song director.

Green Valley Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. No visible results. Pastor Phocian Gibbs was assisted by Elder W. V. Deweese and singing was directed by Bro. Harold Carter.

Concord Baptist Church, White House, Tenn. One profession of faith. Pastor G. C. Smith was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Bro. Bobby Butts was singing director.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Nine professions of faith with fifteen additions to the church. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder L. W. Smith. Song director was Bro. Duncan Houchens.