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"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee."

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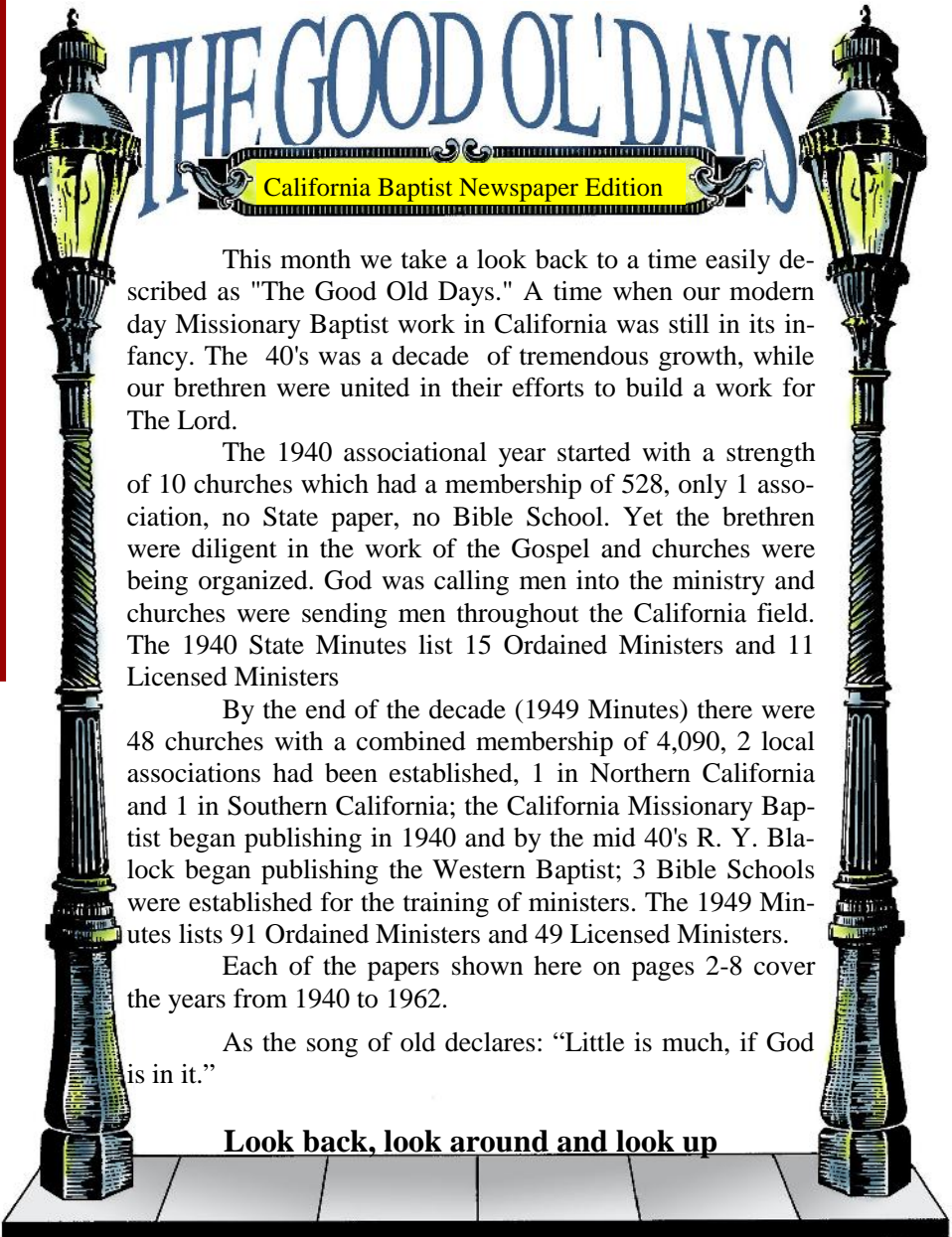


C. E. Hunt



R. Y. Blalock

EDITORS



This month we take a look back to a time easily described as "The Good Old Days." A time when our modern day Missionary Baptist work in California was still in its infancy. The 40's was a decade of tremendous growth, while our brethren were united in their efforts to build a work for The Lord.

The 1940 associational year started with a strength of 10 churches which had a membership of 528, only 1 association, no State paper, no Bible School. Yet the brethren were diligent in the work of the Gospel and churches were being organized. God was calling men into the ministry and churches were sending men throughout the California field. The 1940 State Minutes list 15 Ordained Ministers and 11 Licensed Ministers

By the end of the decade (1949 Minutes) there were 48 churches with a combined membership of 4,090, 2 local associations had been established, 1 in Northern California and 1 in Southern California; the California Missionary Baptist began publishing in 1940 and by the mid 40's R. Y. Blalock began publishing the Western Baptist; 3 Bible Schools were established for the training of ministers. The 1949 Minutes lists 91 Ordained Ministers and 49 Licensed Ministers.

Each of the papers shown here on pages 2-8 cover the years from 1940 to 1962.

As the song of old declares: "Little is much, if God is in it."

Look back, look around and look up



Allen Tabor



C. C. Middleton



Luther Cooper



Troy Mize



O. C. Harris

"REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK WHICH THY FATHERS HAVE SET" Prov. 22:28.

VOLUME 1

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, MAY 1, 1940

NUMBER 1

WHY A NEW PAPER?

Why a new paper? No doubt many are asking this question. Perhaps many are saying, "Have we not enough papers now?" Perhaps that is true, but we have no paper in California among Missionary Baptists. And we believe that Missionary Baptists in California need a California paper that is true to our principals and one that is interested in our churches and work here.

For some time the writer has felt the need of a real Missionary Baptist paper in California. We believe that we are in the greatest mission field on the American Continent. A field that is practically untouched, as far as Missionary Baptists are concerned. We have a great opportunity to spread the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus but we must avail ourselves of every opportunity to get the Baptist message to the people.

In talking to Bro. G. M. Workman a few months ago, I found that the Lord had also laid the matter of a paper upon his heart. We were both impressed with the necessity of a paper that would stand true to our principals and would "not shun to declare all the counsel of God."

We pledge to our readers that this paper will be true to the old time faith of our fathers; that it will be a real Baptist paper; that we will stand in the old paths and walk between the bounds of the ancient landmarks.

We do not intend to make a fight on any other paper or any other group of brethren. It is not our desire to fight anyone. We are not in opposition to any other paper. But we feel the need of a paper that is sound in the faith, and one that stands for the work here in California.

Also we want this paper to be an open forum and a medium through which our brethren can express their views to the people. We welcome your article.

We realize our lack of experience in this work and we need the prayers and the cooperation of all the brethren. We believe that the brethren in California realize the need of a paper and we are depending upon them to help make it a success.

Will you help us? We are looking to you. Will you send in your articles and news items? We will publish them exactly as written.

Will you work for the paper and secure as many subscriptions as possible? If you will, it will be a success and we can do a great work.

Our whole desire in publishing (Continued on page 4, column 1)



ELDER G. M. WORKMAN

Pastor at Gloria Gardens
Pres. of Pomona Bible Institute
and co-editor of the California
Missionary Baptist.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THE PURPOSE OF A BAPTIST SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA

First of all, I want the people to know that the Baptist school, located at Sixth and Linden Streets in Pomona, California, was, as some of us believe, a Call of God, and as God has, and is calling so many to preach His gospel, and missionaries to go to the ends of the earth, we have felt the need of more Bible knowledge and training for those in the Lord's work.

This work was laid on my heart some years ago, and after talking to others about the great need, I found that others felt the same way I did about the School. So, some of us began to pray, and to plan, and God blessed our plans, and since our dreams have come true.

Our location is the very best. The church is truly sound and has one of our best young men as Pastor, Elder Claud Miles. We take courage and pride in this great move. We find also that the greater part of the Ministers and Churches throughout the State of California is willing to back the School with their prayers and offerings, for which we thank God. This School is strictly under church control, which is Scriptural, and we trust will have the hearty cooperation of all true Missionary Baptist Churches.

THE BIBLE IS, AND WILL BE FOREVER, OUR TEXTBOOK

Our Purpose is to study and teach the Bible, which we believe is all together inspired. Not that

it contains the word of God but that it IS the Word of God. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work." Also 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

1.—A great question for us to consider is, should Baptists have their own School? Is there any real need for Christian Schools? I mean Baptist Schools. This may seem foolish to some people, but to me, it's profoundly serious. But some will say, haven't we public schools and High and State Schools? Are they not enough? Why put money into a Baptist School, when we have these others, that our children and Ministers can go to? They may suit you, but some of us would never be satisfied with them for they cannot give a complete Christian education.

2.—NOW WHY BAPTIST SCHOOLS?

Because they can and do give a complete education. It is true that man is a Triune being, Three in One—Body, Mind, Spirit. The parts must be taught and trained.

Our state and public schools, because of law, cannot go beyond the mental, the second part of the trinity. They must not touch the spiritual realm. Notice, right here, is drawn the line between Church and State. Baptists beyond all others believe and contend for this separation. Hence, IF A COMPLETE EDUCATION IS EVER GIVEN TO OUR CHILDREN AND MINISTERS, IT MUST BE DONE BY REAL OLD TIME, MISSIONARY BAPTIST SCHOOLS.

3.—WHY BAPTIST SCHOOLS?

Because the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19, 20), was given to the Church, to teach, make disciples of all nations, and to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever, I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

The church is preaching, teaching, baptizing their Ministers and workers for the work whereunto God has called them.

The church is the only one that has this authority, under heaven, and that is the main object and purpose of our Baptist School. God calls, the Church ordains and

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CALIFORNIA RECEIVES MUCH NEEDED VISION

I was glad to hear the results of the State Association, this year. There seems to be a better understanding of the preachers and churches themselves in the Association.

I received the news, with gladness, that the Missionary Baptist school started and was very glad to hear California at last is to have their own Baptist paper.

In my opinion these two things will be a great help to the California Missionary Baptist work and for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

The paper will keep each church informed of the other churches and will prompt us to greater action, also, it will fall into the hands of people who know little or nothing of our work here and in the future it will be the means of our work growing here.

Each church and pastor should co-operate with the Editor, Brother Cline, who is a very able man, and a solid Baptist. One of the Association's greatest needs is co-operation. Churches with churches. Churches should learn the need of co-operation. Even in the churches we do not have enough co-operation. God's people should do as Paul said in Heb. 12:1, 2, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking to Jesus the Author and finisher of our faith." Baptists should lay aside those weights that are holding them back in the race. No runner as yet has ever won a race with weights hanging on him, but the winner always casts aside every thing that might hinder him in the race. Looking to Jesus who is our Captain and he will safely pilot us through the pathways of life. The reason so many professing Christians fail in his service, they take their eyes off of Jesus, and look to some man or men or themselves.

I visited the school last Tuesday night and was very much impressed with the interest shown among all who were there. The school has begun with a good start and has real Baptists for teachers (Bro. G. M. Workman and Howard Cline). We need men who will stand by and for the Word of God above all things. In many ways the school will help the Baptist work here. Solomon said, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Prov. 29:8. That is what Baptists need today above all things.

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The Western Baptist

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NUMBER 1

Churches and Missions

"We believe the Scriptures teach that every local Baptist church should be sovereign and independent.

"We believe the Scriptures teach that every local Baptist church should operate by the authority delegated by the Master, and that this authority cannot be scripturally redelegated to any other group.

"We believe the Scriptures teach that every local Baptist church should operate under the personal superintendency and control of the Holy Spirit, and that no local church can be true to the Lord and accept a program and guidance from any other source than He.

"We believe the Scriptures teach that every local Baptist church, Holy Spirit-planted, has divine authority to make its own program, elect its own relationship, and find its own fellowship through messenger representation at messenger assemblies upon the broad principle of heavenly fellowship, the messengers going, gaining inspiration, gleaned ideas, and reporting the same back to their own churches.

"We believe the Scriptures completely ignore the fact of messenger assemblies, and that, as a consequence, they must operate without divine authorization, or sanction, and that they are no more than an aggregation of brethren dominated by a genuine desire to be helpful. Messengers to messenger assemblies may organize for order and decorum, but never for the control of churches represented in them.

"We believe that messenger assemblies, making a program for local Baptist churches, invade the sovereign prerogative of the Holy Spirit, the Vicegerent of the Lord's churches, and, in so doing, they chart a course that can but end up in a Baptist ecclesiasticism." —The Orthodox Baptist.

The above by Dr. Rector, expresses my belief better than I could express it, so I pass it on with a hearty Amen. — R.Y.B.

Church Truths

How much of the Gospel does a church have to repudiate to cease to be a Gospel church?

If a church accepts baptism that is administered by anyone for the purpose of procuring salvation, is not that church accepting another gospel? Gal. 1:8, 9. The Gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ for our sins. I Cor. 15: 1-4. Baptism is a picture of the Gospel, and preaches the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Any church that places grace in baptism, destroys the meaning and sets aside the blood of Christ for water. Can a church receiving such immissions as valid be a Gospel church? Reason and common sense say "no":

Truth is logical, it never crosses it.

self. Truth is always right. Righteousness comes from God. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. John 14:6. He said to His church, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: And lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." To do any other way is to do wrong. Do you think He will be with a church that goes on in wrong doing? He said to the church of Ephesus, "I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Rev. 2:5, and again He says to the church of the Laodiceans, "I know thy works, [that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:15, 16.

A dead church: "know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." Rev. 3:1. Moody tells a story, that is a picture of a dead church.

In the year 1775, the captain of a Greenland whaling vessel found himself at night surrounded by icebergs, and 'lay to' until morning, expecting every moment to be ground to pieces. In the morning he looked about, and saw a ship near by. He hailed it. No answer. Getting into a boat with some of the crew, he pushed out for the mysterious craft. Getting near by, he saw through the port-hole a man at a stand, as tho' keeping a log-book. He hailed him. No answer. He went on board the vessel and found the man sitting at the log-book frozen to death. The log-book was dated 1762, showing that the vessel had been wandering for thirteen years among the ice. The sailors were found frozen among the hammocks, and others in the cabin. For thirteen years this ship had been carrying its burden of corpses.

So from this Gospel craft I desery voyagers: for eternity. I cry: "Ship ahoy! Ship ahoy!" No answer. They float about, tossed and ground by the icebergs of sin, hoisting no sail for heaven."

The drift of the times is to soft-soap the Gospel truth. The preacher does not preach on hell. He is afraid it will grate on the nerves of his most refined members. It may drive them to join the sects that teach there is no hell, and who say "God is too good to send anyone to hell." They slap God a backhanded lick, in charging God of sending them to hell. They go there of their own accord. He pleads with them not to go there. It is the same old lie of Satan to deceive and lead you to hell.

It is the old story of the devil in the pulpit, rocking to sleep his dupes that he

may gloat over them in an eternal hell. There is an awful judgment ahead when Christ shall have to say, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment." Matt. 25:46. Who are "these"? "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15. Reader, is your name written in the book of life? If not you are on the road to hell.

Do not be angry with me for telling you the truth. If your house were on fire and you in it, and I knew you did not know it, I would be an ungrateful being not to tell you and try to rescue you. Your eternal soul is on fire with sin and the fire of hell, and I offer you the water of life that will put it out and save your soul. John 7:37, 38.

"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Gal. 4:16. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. It was because Christ loved us and did not want us to die in our sins, and go to hell that He died for us and told us the truth. Then shall we who have been redeemed by His blood fail to tell you the truth?"

Missionary Methods

I notice in May 25th Orthodox Baptist Searchlight, Brother Chastain, one of the Editors, complains that "The Missionary committee of the American Association voted to send Mr. and Mrs. Welsh to Mexico City. Brother Chastain says, "Where is the Scripture for the committee's sending out Missionaries?" It is found in the constitution or by-laws of the A.B.A. Have you been so long time with them and are just now finding out their unScriptural by-laws?

Brother Chastain says, "The American Baptist Association should either do Scriptural mission-work or quit claiming to do so." That is right, Brother, make them do so, or get out and be not partaker of their unScriptural deeds.

Some other unScriptural things the A.B.A. does: The Bible teaches that the church is the "light of the world" and they should not put their light under a "bushel." Matt. 5:14. But they put the church's light under the bushel of the American Baptist Association.

All acknowledge that direct church missions are Scriptural, yet most of our Baptists seem to want to practice some other way. Is it the lack of faith in God's plan, or a desire to have their own way?

"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." Prov. 24:10.

BAPTIST SIGNAL

Matthew 28:19-20

"The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

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No. 6

Are Miracles And Spiritual Gifts Part Of God's Plan Today?

By Clifford Creel

II Tim. 4:3 says: For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Since the purpose of this writing is to examine the scripture to find if the working of miracles is a part of God's plan of things, there is no better place to start than at this scripture, for it plainly tells us that there will be those who will teach contrary to God's word.

First let us look into this passage of scripture which is before us. First, Paul, in writing this to Timothy, warns him that the time WILL come. In I Jno. 4:3 we find that the spirit of anti-Christ was already in the world. What then did Paul mean when he said the time "will come"? He meant for one thing that as time drew on, false teachers would grow worse and worse. (II Tim. 3:13, But evil
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A Note Of Thanks

Dear Brethren:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank one and all for the wonderful cooperation that we received during the State Association. We particularly wish to thank our neighboring churches for their help in entertaining the visiting church messengers, and the messengers for their fine spirit of love and cooperation.

We invite each of our brethren to visit us soon. May God continue to bless our labors in California.

Sincerely,
Martin Canavan.

The Power Of The Presence Of The Ark

By E. E. Crawford

In looking at the power of the Ark in its various connections, we wish to see Jesus and the power of His presence, when brought into contact with Him.

I. THE PRESENCE OF THE ARK IS THE HOPE OF THE HUMBLE.

Josh. 7:6, "Joshua rent his clothes, and fell upon his face before the Ark of the Lord."

Israel had fled before the men of Ai, defeated because of secret sin, and Joshua bowed down to the earth, humbled and helpless before the Lord. Secret sin is the cause of much of our failure in service to God. If we did realize, as did Joshua, the dishonor such failures bring to Christ, we would be oftener upon our faces before God. Although the enemy has at times got the advantage of us, what a comfort to know that He
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New Testament Giving

By Charles Crouch

2 Cor. 8, 9

God has a plan of giving for the support of his cause. This plan is clearly revealed in both the old and new testaments. For this study we will use scriptures from both.

The first principle of giving is: GIVING ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP OF GOD, Ps. 96:8. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an OFFERING AND COME INTO HIS COURTS. The scriptures show in many examples that one going to see a king always brought a present or gift. Study the Queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon, or the
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Great Revival In The Corcoran Church

By Thomas Hicks



The greatest revival that I have been in, in years, just closed in the First Missionary Baptist Church in Corcoran, Calif. Bro. Martin Canavan is the pastor of this great church. He is a fine pastor and leader; he had the church praying and working for the meeting. That is the greatest task that confronts any Revival effort and he certainly had the meeting started before the Evangelist arrived. The church was deeply burdened for the lost; they prayed for the lost, then went about inviting those they had prayed for. We do not have the exact figures on just how many were saved and united with the church or how many backsliders came back. But in all, we counted after the meeting, some 88 coming forward. There were some 45 or 50 professions of faith in Christ; nearly every one of these united with the church. Every one of these came to the altar or mourners' bench and were prayed for and were dealt with by the Word
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CALLING ALL TRUE BAPTISTS

THE BAPTIST TRUMPETER

AND THE SINGERS SANG THE TRUMPETERS SOUNDED!

II CHRON. 29:28.

TO EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH—JUDG 3

DEITY OF CHRIST—BLOOD ATONEMENT—CHURCH PRE-EMINENCE—PRE-MILLENNIALISM

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No. 5

Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meeting at Friendship Church

This comes to you as an invitation to the Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meeting to be held at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, located at Hedge Avenue and Jackson Road, east of Sacramento, December 29-30.

Friday

9:30 A.M. Singing and devotional (Leader to be chosen).

10:00 A.M. Subject for discussion: Is the Doctrine of Election a Bible Doctrine? (Introduced by Bro. Allen Tabor).

Noon. Lunch served at the church.

1:30 P.M. Singing and Sermon (Speaker to be chosen).

3:00 P.M. Subject for discussion: Is the Nineteenth Article of Faith as listed in our association minutes scriptural? (Introduced by Bro. A. A. Moore).

5:00 P.M. Supper served at the church.

Saturday

9:30 A.M. Singing and devotional (Leader to be chosen).

10:00 A.M. Subject for discussion: Is the Fruit of the Vine Spoken of in Matt. 26:29 or Mk. 14:23, Strong Fermented Wine? (Introduced by Bro. H. B. Beam).

Noon. Lunch served at the church.

Debate

There will be a debate in Redlands, California, beginning the 16th through the 19th of January, between the Campbellites and the Baptists. Mr. T. J. Walling will represent the Campbellites, Elder E. E. Crawford, pastor of the church at McFarland, will represent the Baptists. Brother Crawford is an able representative and in the past the brethren have been highly pleased with the way he has cared for the truth. And I, for one, am confident he will take care of it this time. The debate will be held in the Campbellite building at 402 Church St. in Redlands.

If a sufficient number of you brethren will attend, brother Ketchum, pastor of the church backing this debate, has informed us that various Bible subjects will be taught through the four days, which will be profitable to all who attend.

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1:30 P.M. Singing and sermon (Speaker to be chosen).

3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Open to the congregation.

5:00 P.M. Supper served at the church.

Come prepared to stay throughout the meeting with us. The church will have accommodations for you to spend the night.

Everyone welcome!

All special songs will be appreciated.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Flora Magee, Clerk
Route 2, Box 3348
Sacramento, Calif.

Report On Association At Centerville

By Allen Tabor

Because of disastrous floods the small church at Centerville was at a great disadvantage to begin with, in entertaining the Association. However, with the able help of the Sanger church, they were able to supply plenty of beds and other accommodations needed.

They were somewhat worried about feeding the great number of Messengers, as the flood had come into the homes and destroyed the greater part of the food they had prepared. But they were well fed, even though new plans and arrangements had to be made hurriedly. Sandwiches, coffee, tea, milk, apples and coolade, followed by satisfying desserts, were the order of the first day, and certainly no one could have asked for a better or more satisfying meal. This young church and pastor are to be highly commended on the royal way in which they entertained that great crowd. We even had a turkey dinner with all the "Fixin's," on Thursday. After they had an opportunity to get organized they did a wonderful job of feeding the multitude, though I am afraid the poor ladies of the church had little opportunity to enjoy many of the services they might otherwise have been privileged to attend.

As most everyone knows, our custom is to have devotional and preaching services Monday night preceding the convening of the Associational messengers Tuesday morning. They could not have these services Monday night at

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THE GOSPEL MESSENGER

WORLD
WIDE
MISSIONS
MK. 16:15
BIBLE
MISSIONS

"SET FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL" -Phil. 1:17

Missionaries selected by the Holy Spirit - Acts 13:2
Sent and recommended by the local Church - Acts 13:1-4, Acts 14:26
Supported by the local Churches - Philipians 4:15

THE LORD JESUS
THE
HEADQUARTERS
EPH. 1:22
MATT. 28:18-20

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JANUARY 1955

REVIVAL MEETING: The El Nido Missionary Baptist Church begins revival meeting Feb. 13, 1955 with Eld. J.L. Wisdom of Klamath Falls, Oregon as the evangelist. Eld. M.J. Martin is the Pastor of the Church.

REVIVALS: Placentia Missionary Baptist Church begins a revival Sun., Feb. 6. Eld. Troy Mize is the Evangelist. Santa Ana Church begins a revival Feb. 20.

VENTURA CHURCH has called Bro. Ray Mouser for pastor.

BURBANK CHURCH has called Bro. Harold Bialock as Missionary-Pastor.

SAN DIEGO CHURCH is still without a pastor.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING: The Church in Coachella will entertain the next Fellowship meeting in March.

-Emmanuel News

FELLOWSHIP MEETING: at Brentwood was well represented. The Stockton Eastside Church walked off with the banner by having 36 present. Let us plan now to bring it back from Modesto next month.

Elder C. V. Blanchard of Klamath Falls, Ore. writes that the church there has withdrawn from the N. A. B. A.

REVIVAL SPIRIT has been manifest in our services for the past two weeks. Sunday Jan. 30 at the close of the evening message Bob and Jean Allen, Bonnie Bense, Earla Todresic, Walter and Tommy Berry came to the altar and after prayer made a profession of faith in Christ.

BAPTISMAL services were held in the Brentwood Church building. We wish to thank the Brentwood church for the use of their baptistry. -Stockton Eastside Church Bulletin

PARABLE OF THE BLOWER

Behold, the "blower" went forth to blow and he "blowed". Some gossip fell by the wayside and the foul ear picked it up and devoured the good brother whom it concerned. Some fell to the phony Christian and having not much worth, straightway he jumped out of his chair of Do Nothing, telephoned his neighbor and when he hung up his neighbor was scorched and his love withered away.

And his brother who fell among thorns not knowing how the tale grew up, was choked and lo, he perished. But by and by some fell to the good man who having considered the matter, refused to believe a lie, and 'squashed' it, and continued to gather of the blessings an hundred fold.

He that hath ears to hear let him hear, but he that hath a tongue, LET HIM KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transform-

ELD. C. H. FREDENBURG - GONE HOME

Eld. C. H. Fredenburg, born in Walla Walla, Washington, April 17, 1866, departed this life Dec. 20, 1954 at the age of 88 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

Funeral services were held in the Missionary Baptist Church at Foster, Oregon with Elder L. H. Boswell in charge. Bro. Don Allen read the obituary and lead in prayer. Bro. Fredenburgs favority songs "what a Friend" and "The Great Physician" were sung by the quarter, after which Bro. Boswell brought a timely message.

Palbearers were: Elders Leo Kennedy, Donn Powell, S. P. Burgers, A. T. Swanson, H. F. Dane and Lynn Hoover.

Internment was in the Masonic Cemetery at Brownsville, Oregon. Brownsville being the place where he spent his childhood and early manhood and attended the Missionary Baptist Church that was there.

Bro. Fredenburg was saved when a young man and started preaching at the age of 23. He preached for 65 years. He was truly a soldier of the cross and a great defender of the strict Missionary Baptist Faith. He read his Bible daily and I wouldn't doubt that he read it through more than anyone of his day.

He wrote a book entitled "The Kingdom Question" which is copyrighted by a London Publishing Company. He also wrote several good tracts on doctrinal subjects. He wrote the history of the Middle Oregon Baptist Association several years ago which gives a good record of Missionary Baptist in Oregon.

I'm sure that Bro. Fredenburg's works and testimony will live on and accomplish much good.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST SEMI-ANNUAL SCHOOL

The Semi-Annual Bible Conducted by the Mt. Vernon (Colton) MBC, and her able pastor Eld. Leroy Gable was a great Spiritual success. Fellowship of the Brethern was of the Highest order, from all appearances the brethren are growing up to be real gentlemen. The following is a list of the subjects and teachers; Prophecy and Church History, Eld. Randy Rudd, (2) Holy Spirit, Eld. Lester McCallister, (3) Faith, Eld. Luther Cooper, (4) Book of Romans, Eld. Norval Ketchum (5) Open Forum, Eld. A. A. Harris. These Brethren are to be appreciated for their successful contribution to this effort. All subjects were extremely edifying, and a credit to our work. Evangelistic services were conducted each evening with speakers chosen from the floor. We were royally entertained by Colton Church, and her neighboring Churches. We also made a number of new acquaintances, whom we learned love and appreciate. Semi-Annual Bible School for next summer was invited by the MBC of Norwalk, Calif., Eld. M. Canfield; Pastor. Our heart felt

THE BAPTIST SENTINEL

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Armona Calif.

Dec. 12, 1955

Season's Greetings

THE VERY BEST OF WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS ARE EXTENDED TO ALL THE READERS OF THE "SENTINEL" (Formerly the Booster). MAY THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE BE CONTINUALLY YOURS.

PLEASE NOTICE

If anyone hears a rumor about Brother Charles Jameson and/or the First Missionary Baptist Church of Salinas California where he last served as pastor, and the rumor is unpleasant, the following is to clarify the truth of the matter.

The Salinas Missionary Baptist Church and Brother Charles Jameson are in full fellowship. At his request, Brother Jameson has been granted a letter of full fellowship to the Oakland Missionary Baptist Church. One of the sweetest manifestations of the Spirit of Christ was manifested by both the Salinas Church and Brother Jameson, Nov. 20, 1955. We are grateful to God for His goodness and the power of His love. Yes, the Salinas--Church loves Brother Jameson.

By L. M. Branch, pastor.

GONE TO NABA'S

Word has come that the Paramount Church has gone to the NABA work of Calif. under the leadership of pastor W. F. Griffin.

We are sorry to hear of this move.

Several did not go along with them in this move and have joined other churches in that area.

NEW CHURCH AT WHITTIER

State Missionary, Douglas Ferdue, reports that the new church in Whittier now has 19 members with over 40 in regular attendance in the morning service.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

All sister churches are invited to send their ordained help to sit in council with the Coreoran Church in the ordination of --- four deacons Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.

No other announcement will be mailed out so please consider this as your personal invitation to attend. This is by the pastor, Bro. S. E. Comstock.

LANDMARK ASSOCIATION

The Messenger meeting of the Northern Landmark Association met at Cypress Church and was well attended with some twenty three churches represented.

Harmony and fellowship prevailed and Bro. Jim Patterson was recommended as Associational Missionary.

Officers elected were: Olen Johnson, Moderator and M. Fatterson assistant.

Clerks: Wayne Easlon and Henry Hance..

M. F. Downing brought the annual message, which was a master piece on walking with God.---The 1956 meeting goes to the San Pablo Church.

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CONCERNING THE CONVENTION:

A lot of folks called Baptists have introduced convention sovereignty, alien immersion, invisible church and other departures from the Bible and Baptist principles, which has precipitated a Good healthful discussion over the South. And now since the true-blue Baptists are speaking out against their innovations the heretics who brought on the dispute are yelling, "Quit wrangling and go to work!" Verily the Baptists are at work, their principal business in the world being to protect and defend the truth. Baptists, like Israel of old, can rebuild their Jerusalem and fight at the same time. If these lusty yellers want the fuss stopped let them stop their heresies.

CHURCH SUCCESSION: Baptists do not believe in "Apostolic Succession," for that means a succession of apostles; but we believe in the succession of churches. Christ did not promise a perpetuity to men, nor to their office, but he did promise perpetuity to his church.

CHURCH CO-OPERATION: Churches may, and should, co-operate. But churches may not and should not centralize their work. Co-operation is Scriptural and Baptist; but centralization is unscriptural and un-Baptistic.

AGAINST LIBERALIST: "The tendency toward compromise in religious matters is clearly seen in all such organizations as the Young Men's Christian Association, the Christian Endeavor Society, the Evangelical Alliance, the Salvation Army, and the various Sunday School Unions that dot the land. All of these organizations have as their supreme motive the determination to ostracise any man who is bold enough to stand by his religious convictions. For our part we have as little use for any of these organizations as they can possibly have for us. We believe their tendency to be only and always toward evil. Liberalism necessarily means a betrayal of a royal trust, and the liberalist, by any name, is a traitor to the truth."

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC SERVANTS: - "We desire to specially emphasize the fact that it is the right of our Baptist hosts to know what our public servants are doing, and if at any time a desire is manifested for the publication of facts, or an investigation of proceedings, it is a mighty bad sign to see these public servants get on their ear about it, and make as if some great outrage has been committed against them by asking them to give an account of their stewardship.

EDITORIAL

Christian Education



COLOSSIANS 2:8

O. C. HARRIS

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Education until a century or less ago did not exist apart from religious life. The state controlled education system was brought into being by a definite lack of spiritual insight and the prophetic fulfillment of scripture, For it is through the state controlled education institutions, kindergarten through college, that the World Government will exercise its first authority over a sovereign state.

We must be aware of the dangers involved in sending our children to worldly institutions, staffed by worldly minded, unsaved men and women. This is no more or less than sending sheep to be slaughtered. These people are dedicated to a philosophy of education that change comes from without and the Bible says it must come from within. There isn't a phase of education that shouldn't be controlled by a local New Testament Church. No one has the right to separate life from the spiritual.

I Cor. 6:19-20 - WHAT? KNOW YE NOT THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN? 20 - FOR YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE: THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY, AND IN YOUR SPIRIT, WHICH ARE GOD'S.

I Thess. 5:23 - AND THE VERY GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY: AND I PRAY GOD YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS UNTO SOUL AND BODY BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

We live in the world, but are not of this world. John 17:15 I PRAY NOT THAT THOU SHOULDEST TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT THOU SHOULDEST KEEP THEM FROM THE EVIL.

We should not subject our children to the teachings of a Satanic controlled worldly institution of learning. They are no match for it. We lose most of them (from the Church) during their tender years of adolescence to the world because of this situation.

Preacher education is fine and we need it. But we don't have the right to limit our schools to preachers and we don't have the right to say this subject belongs to the world and this one to God. They all belong to the school that wants to teach them with Christ as the center of every class. From the hand of our creator issued all life Physical and Spiritual. John 1:3 - ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM: AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANY THING MADE THAT WAS MADE.

False and erroneous theories of evolution need to be properly contested and the truth taught. The social side of our life is fast becoming desolate when Chasity, marriage and the home is on a down hill moral decline. These social institutions need to be upheld and the correct approach taught.

While the world is fighting to control the minds of men. Should we do less for our own. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is a necessary part of our Christian life and it involves every phase of it. Let us contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Let us be more spiritual by exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the DAY approaching.

NOTICE THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS - HOURS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PER YEAR. Protestant (they include the Baptist in this also). 25 hours per year. Catholic 225 hours per year. Jew 325 hours per year.

Children are in public school over 1000 hours each year. How can you combat the odds against them. We have set the stage because of our spiritual blindness to the value of education.

Making the Most of Your Sunday School

Mrs. Oliver Andrews

To say that Sunday School is important

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"A Meeting Called"

The meeting that was called by the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Sacramento, on July 7th, 1962, was truly a great success.

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