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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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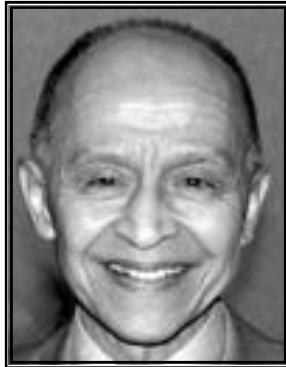
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Mario Castellanos

March 7, 1939—November 1, 2013



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Mario was born March 7, 1939, in LaCeiba, Honduras. He began studying the bible in 1965, and was saved in March 1970. On January 1, 1985, he was baptized by the Grace MBC in Madera, CA, Pastor Dennis Wharton baptizing him.

In May 1985, the Lord called him to preach and he was licensed by Grace MBC.

He was ordained by the Unity MBC in Sunnyvale April 27, 1996.

The Emmanuel MBC in Hayward called him as pastor April 13, 1997 and he remains as pastor as of this day (2009). Brother Mario grew up in San Francisco, served in the USA Air force and has his High School Diploma and two years of college.

From the: *History of Landmark Baptists of California—Volume Two—Who We Are—page34*

Archives From Porterville to Folsom



The Archives of the History & Archives Committee is now officially in Folsom. The First Missionary Baptist Church in Porterville has been the location since late 2002. The churches of California owe this church a deep debt of gratitude for the valuable service they provided in their willingness to house this material.

Through the years, since 1974, the material has been housed in a closet in the home of our first chairman, Bro. Les Scott, at Clovis MBC, Cypress MBC, Arroyo Grande LMBC, Woodbridge LMBC, and Porterville FMBC.

Bro. Stan Dillon and his family made delivery on Friday, October 25th. In addition to the boxes pictured here, approximately 9 file cabinets arrived, all in great condition.

The work of sifting, sorting, and arranging this incredible historic treasure is proceeding in earnest and hopefully, in the near future, the work of inventorying will begin.

This Issue contains items discovered over the past month and I trust they will be a blessing to our readership. **AGAIN** ———

A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" TO

FIRST MBC—PORTERVILLE & PASTOR TOM McCRIGHT.



Who Says Baptist History Is Dry?



**First Missionary Baptist Church,
Salinas, Calif.,
recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.**

On August 8 and 9 the First Missionary Baptist Church of Salinas, Calif., held a special conference on Baptist Heritage to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Speakers for the occasion were Brethren James C. Pack, Martin Canavan, I. K. Cross, G. A. Williams, and Pastor Lonnie Wiggins. The conference was well attended and interest increased throughout as the heritage of Baptists was presented by the speakers. It is my understanding that the series of services was dimaxed by a revival spirit in the congregation itself.



**Pastor Lonnie Wiggins,
of the First Missionary
Baptist Church, Salinas.**

Folsom

August 11-17 I spoke every night in a special conference on Baptist History with the Landmark Baptist Church, Folsom, Calif. Brethren from all around came to encourage us in the services, and the church literally "drank" in the messages. We covered the entire scope of our history as we progressed night by night from the origin of the church to its finally being planted in California. These were genuinely spiritual services, and the concluding Sunday morning service witnessed many rededications. The messages were taped and many plan to study them carefully as they hear the material again.

Pastor Wallace Cooper and family — and the entire church — really went all out to show me a good time while in the Folsom area. They almost made me enjoy myself to death, concluding with a big barbecue on Saturday afternoon.

*From The Baptist Sentinel
— September 1975, page 5*



JOHN WILKINS, ORDAINED

John W. Wilkins is the new pastor of the Olive Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Oroville, California. After being called as pastor by this church he was ordained by the Landmark church in Sacramento, on February 3rd. A large number of ordained help responded to the invitation to help examine him and after a thorough examination recommended his ordination.

James Wilkins, pastor of the church, was elected moderator of the presbytery. Bill Anders and Dee Burch, the two deacons of the church, presented the candidate while L. D. Perdue, State Missionary, did a masterful job in questioning the candidate. Winton Jefferson retired minister and member of Landmark, prayed the Ordination prayer. H. F. Dane, pastor of the church in Watsonville, presented the Bible while the candidate's brother, Clint Wilkins, who is pastor of the Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in Long Beach, preached the message. James Pack, pastor of the Landmark Church in Stockton, was the clerk of the council.

By the time you read this John will have already moved on the field in Oroville. Bro. Tony Robertson has done a great work as pastor in Oroville and as John moves there he will be working with a very sound, progressive church.

Herald - February 20, 1967

Missionary Baptist
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PREACHABLE SERMONS

BROTHER, WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

TEXT: II Kings 2:9-18 Heb. 11:5-6; Rev. 14:13.

I am looking for the rapture of the Church. I believe Jesus is soon coming! If Jesus should tarry His coming, I will die and you will die. Our bodies will be placed in a grave somewhere. We can carry nothing with us to Heaven. Job 1:21; Eccl. 5:15. We can send a few things ahead of us. Matt. 6:20.

When Jesus went away to Heaven, He left: (a) Salvation to all who will receive. (b) A Church purchased with His blood. (c) A commission to be carried out. (d) Power of the Holy Ghost. (e) Victory to be enjoyed.

If I die before Jesus comes again, I do not want to leave: (a) A question in the minds of loved ones as to my destination. (b) Any gossip or slander caused by a tongue on fire with evil. (c) Any money that belongs to God.

I WANT TO LEAVE

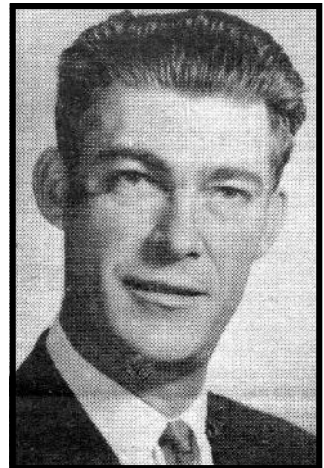
- I. A MISSED PERSON
 1. People evidently looked for Enoch. He was not found. Some pass away but you never miss them. "They are soon forgotten." Eccl. 8:10
 2. The prophets sent out a searching party for Elijah
- II. A CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE — A real testimony
 1. Enoch — "He pleased God"
 2. Abraham — "He believed God"
 3. The Grandmother and Mother of Timothy left an influence upon his life. II Tim. 1:15
- III. A STANDARD FOR THE WORD OF GOD
 1. Lift high the Blood-stained Banner
 2. Preach it as the Inspired WORD
 3. Practice the Word in my life
- IV. SOULS I'VE WON TO JESUS — Rev. 14:13
 1. I want to win souls. Thank God for those that I have won to Christ. Psa. 126:6
 2. I want to leave some preaching — some singing — some shouting God's praises.

WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

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Johnnie Sloate—1966



Lee Wright—1966

The Brethren pictured here were scanned from various Issues of the Missionary Baptist Herald, Published Monthly by Missionary Baptist College, 2041 Wyda Way, Sacramento, California.

In 1966 the Editors were Jim Wilkins, Ray Owen and A. J. Wall, Editor-in-Chief.

Dr. Jim Wilkins, President, Ray Owen, Dean and L. E. McCalister, Registrar.

PREACHABLE SERMONS

SOME FACTS ABOUT PRAYER, FOR MEN

TEXT: Luke 18:1

"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." So said the Lord of men and of salvation. Then—

- I. PRAYER IS A REAL THING
It is something of intrinsic value. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is" (Heb. 11:6). A man once confessed that, "Before I was converted I prayed to nobody. Now I pray to God."
- II. PRAYER IS A SIMPLE THING
Any child can pray. It is the offering up of our desires unto God. It is asking because we feel our need, and believe that we can receive. There is no mystery in this.
- III. PRAYER IS A DESIRABLE THING
"Men ought to pray." They ought to pray, just as they ought to work and eat. Men ought to deal fairly with God, as they ought to deal fairly with their fellowmen. It is their duty and privilege.
- IV. PRAYER IS A MANLY THING
"Men ought to pray." Man is the only animal that can naturally look up. Some men live the brutish life by never looking up. Life up your face to God, and maintain your dignity as a man.
- V. PRAYER IS A CONSTANT THING
"Men ought always to pray." He ought to keep on praying, just as he keeps on desiring. Men ought to exercise their bodies daily to be healthy and strong; so ought they to exercise their souls toward God. Continue in work if you wish to grow rich in the world's goods. Continue in prayer if you would grow rich in faith and grace.
- VI. PRAYER IS A TESTING THING
"And not to faint." It is easy to grow weary in this well doing. Ye shall reap if ye faint not. Praying always and not fainting is the evidence of strong faith. The trial of your faith is precious.
- VII. PRAYER IS A PROFITABLE THING
"Ask and ye shall receive." Our Lord would never have said that "Men ought always to pray" if He did not mean always to give. As a proof of this, see the little parable in verses 2-7.

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Ellis Fisher—1966



John Peach—1966

Cooper, Ted R. (ABA) Ted was the son of Willis John Cooper. He became involved in the California work in 1945 when the Brentwood church unanimously called him for pastor the first Sunday in September. He was very active from the start in building the church, including a nice building with full basement. It was one of the nicest among Missionary Baptist churches in California. He remained as pastor until about 1956 when the pressures of the work and critical opposition of the brethren throughout the State led to his resignation from the church.

Ironically, many of the things for which he was condemned are very common in our churches today. After he left Brentwood he joined a Southern Baptist Church. In his later years he got back in Missionary Baptist work, joining the First church in Antioch. He has gone on to meet the Lord.— *H&A Comm. Bio*

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STOCKTON RESCUE MISSION NEWS

GOD'S SHEPHERDS ON SKID-ROW

Volume 1

Stockton, California, 26 W. Main Street

No. 10



THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET

“And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side” (Luke 10:31, 32). The picture was too dark, the clouds were too heavy on this side of the street. They must get on the sunny side. Many preachers and churches pass by skidrow. Some look on and pass by on the other side, some don't even get near, a very few will say something ought to be done BUT HOW MANY ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT? The Stockton Rescue Mission is supervised by Tom Reeves but is a responsibility of every church in Stockton. Every preacher in Stockton and near by communities should see the responsibility and opportunity they have there. You may say, “I have my church responsibilities.” Do you

MESSAGE OF HOPE

NEW TIME

9:55 A.M.

Monday Thru Friday

5-Minute Program

God is Remembering
the Forgotten Men

KCVR 1570 K.C.

not know this is part of the church commission. You will send money to India, Africa, and other dark parts of the world. Why don't you begin in (Jerusalem) your home city? We are guilty of desiring the sunny side of the street and let someone else take the Road to Jerico.” Since the Missionary Baptist Church of Brentwood has been placed on the services in the Mission it makes our own streets in Brentwood more sunny and our church has benefited by this activity. Churches, back your pastor up when he goes to the mission by going with him. I hope this writing will cause some church to receive the blessing our church has by working with Brother Reeves in this mission work.

Ted Cooper, Pastor
Missionary Baptist Church
Brentwood, Calif.

PLEASE

Clothing and food is the daily need. All kinds of useable men's clothing can be used to bring the Gospel to those in need. If you can't bring them in we will be glad to call. Phone H0ward 5-6402 or drop us a postal card, or letter.

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THE FIRST
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CHURCH NEWS

557 McClarren Road, Brentwood, California
Box 651. Tel. MELrose 4-3058— Sept 6, 1955

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

ALL DAY SERVICE with Rev. and Mrs. Cooper, Joetta and Nancy celebrating their tenth anniversary with the Brentwood Church.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

THE PASTOR AND FAMILY WILL BE HONORED on their tenth anniversary next Sunday, September 11. The pastor was about five years old in the ministry and the church was one year old at the time of this call on September 9, 1945. This family and the church have gone through many trials as well as many blessings and happiness together in these years. The church had a membership of 29 at the date of the pastor's arrival here. The first sermon was preached to a congregation of 39. At this time we were meeting in the Masonic Temple. The church had purchased a small lot downtown and were planning on building a small building. The church and pastor working together sold this property and bought a larger lot and built a larger building with a full size basement (the basement was used by the church for three years before finishing the building which is 40' x 64'). A three bedroom parsonage was added to this 166' x 200' lot. Another building is being added for the purpose of serving dinners and other recreation. This building will be 32' x 50'. The Lord not only blessed us with material goods but has given many souls through the effort of the church. More than 200 have been baptized and eternity alone will reveal the souls saved. Many were saved but were unable to be baptized because of their parents' disapproval. There were other causes but this was the greatest hindrance of all. We invite you to join us for a special service next Sunday. You are also invited to take part with us for another decade of soul winning for the Lord.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE BASEMENT AT NOON-TIME next Sunday. Song service begins at 2:00 P. M.; Morning service at 9:45 A. M.; Evening service at 7:00 P. M. If you have a special in gospel song or music, come and let it be known and we will place you on the program. REMEMBER, EVERYBODY is invited.

THE ALISAL CHURCH IN SALINAS changed their anniversary date to September 18 in order that this pastor and family can be with them. I had the honor to preach the first sermon for this group when they met; I, also, preached the organization sermon and now this great church has invited me to bring the sermon for their first anniversary of the work there. Elder Frank Suiplia, one of the young preachers who was baptized and ordained by this church, is the pastor of this church. The Brentwood church is proud of Brother Frank, his family and this church and the Brentwood church also feels an honor to have had a great part in this work. We feel more at home in this church than at any other place except in our own home church, T. R. C.

DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY will begin at 9:30 A. M. with the Stockton church. The lesson for the day will be the "Church Covenant." The Bible chapter will be Romans 12. The church is located at 17 N. Oro Street in Stockton.

Above: Courtesy of Roger Bowline



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Riverbank, California Aug., 1950

No. 1

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

By Allen Tabor

This is an experimental copy of the Baptist Trumpeter for your approval, or disapproval. We want to hear from each and every reader as to what you think of a paper of this type. We are using only four pages to begin with, but will enlarge the paper as the need might arise in the future, and as soon as seems wise.

The church at Riverbank is sponsoring the paper in the interest of the Pacific Coast Bible Institute, and the Missionary Baptist work in general all over the world. We demand the cooperation of no one, but do solicit that of the true churches everywhere. Our aim is to keep the churches and individual members informed of the work on home and foreign fields as we are able to gather the facts.

For the present we plan a page of News Briefs, one of Doctrinal discussions, one dealing with Evangelism, and one wholly devoted to Missions, home and foreign. You will notice in this plan no room for "Logger-heading," "Digging out our Brethren's faults," or "Poloticing." If our Brethren finds fault with us, come on over and we will discuss it personally or publicly, and we will do the same in like circumstances, but we absolutely refuse to "shoot at anyone" through the pages of The Baptist Trumpeter regardless of the occasion. The News page will carry news of all happenings as they come to us. Some will be good news, while, no doubt, some will be bad. We shall refrain from commenting on any news items that may seem to cast unfavorable reflection on any person or church, but will print any item that comes in, of any nature, if we know it to be true. Bare facts

NEWS . . .

By Allen Tabor

One of the most humble and consecrated preacher boys we have had the privilege of helping in the Riverbank school is Elder Ed Hall. His great desire is to be, one day, a missionary the true churches of California and elsewhere will be glad to have on the field to represent them. He has done a great deal of mission work since he has been attending school, and if a fine personal worker. He loves lost men and women, and the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He plans to qualify himself as quickly as possible then spend his full time in mission work.

Brother Hall is engaged at present in a mission effort at Woodbridge, Calif., where he has a wonderful opportunity of organizing another Missionary Baptist Church. They are working in a protracted meeting there now, with Brother Ben Crawford doing the preaching. Good crowds are attending and souls are being won to the Lord.

Sister Hall is a fine, consecrated, capable helpmate to Bro. Hall in his work. She is both a musician and a teacher.

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Antioch began a meeting July 16th, with Elder Floyd Ingram doing the preaching. You will find a warm welcome in these

will be printed without comment.

We will "Contend for the Faith" in a doctrinal sense on the Doctrinal page; we wish to encourage churches and individuals to greater efforts in Soul Winning on the page treating Evangelism, and appeal continually to the people to labor wholeheartedly to carry out the Great Commission on our Mission page.

services extended by both the membership and their good pastor, Brother Allen Adkins. Too, you will hear a great gospel preached by the Evangelist.

Elder Troy Mize, pastor of the La Habra church, preached both services in the First Missionary Baptist church of Oakdale, Sunday, July 16th. Both were great messages and the church was nearing the mountain peak at the close of both services. We thank God for men like Brother Mize.

Brother Harold Blalock has accepted the pastoral work of the El Nido church. May God richly bless this good church and pastor as they labor together for His glory.

We regret very much to learn of the disbanding of the church at Baldwin Park, Calif.

The great Camp Meeting of the Middle Oregon Association is the first week of August. Any who find themselves able to go will find it well worth your while. Continuous preaching, teaching and devotional throughout the meeting. Certainly, this ought to be a time of feasting in the presence of the Lord and His people. Brother Crawford and Brother Hicks will assist in the meeting.

Wedding Bells are scheduled to ring again in the near future at Riverbank, I understand. Elder Don Ross is to arrive from Little Rock, Ark., sometime in August, and Sister Betty Graham is waiting starry-eyed, and "all a-flutter."

The church at McFarland is on fire for the Lord and growing steadily under the leadership of Elder E. E. Crawford.

WHAT SAITH THE WORD ?

A Page of Bible-Doctrine conducted by Eld. Ben Crawford.

HOLY SPIRIT OR WATER BAPTISM, WHICH?

By Ben Crawford

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Ephesians 4:5. Since the Scripture is clear that there is only one baptism, the question that we want to discuss now is: which is Scriptural baptism, Holy Spirit or water?

There is a lot of teaching now in the world, and among Churches, (so-called) that the "True Church" is the universal and invisible church composed of all believers everywhere. They teach that the moment a sinner believes in Christ as his Saviour, the Holy Spirit baptizes that person into the "Great Invisible Church."

Now, there is just one thing wrong with that teaching, it just isn't so.

I shall quote 1st Corinthians, 12:12-14, where they claim to get authority for this doctrine.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many."

Now to quote Dr. Scofield, who also has taught this doctrine: "The baptism with the Spirit forms the body by uniting believers to Christ the risen and glorified Head, and to each other (vs 12, 13). The symbol of the body thus formed is the natural, human body (v. 12), and all the analogies are freely used (vs. 14-26). (Page 1222 Scofield Reference BIBLE).

Notice that he says: "The baptism with the Spirit forms the BODY by uniting believers to Christ."

What seems to be their teaching is that believers, wherever they are in the whole world, are united to Christ, the HEAD, and thus the BODY, or the church is formed. That this "uniting" is done the

moment a sinner is saved, whether he is in Calif., Okla., South America, or anywhere else.

There are two things wrong with this reasoning. First: If we are to believe Paul's writing to the Ephesian Church, then there is but one baptism. Is that ONE BAPTISM, water baptism or Holy Spirit baptism?

I—It Is Water Baptism

The Lord Jesus commanded His Church to baptize in WATER; "Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Matt. 28:19.

That has never been revoked, because the Churches did baptize, and are still baptizing, and they do not, and could not baptize with the Holy Ghost.

We see in Acts 2:41, and in Acts 8:12 that the church baptized people and in Acts 10:48, Peter commanded baptism, after the sinner HAD RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST.

To believe the above doctrine of "HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM" one would have to believe in TWO baptisms . . . one in water, and one by the Holy Spirit, for water baptism has not been TERMINATED.

II—What Is Water Baptism?

1. WATER BAPTISM IS THE BURIAL IN WATER, by authority of a New Testament Church, one who has repented toward God, and believed in JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, AS HIS OR HER PERSONAL SAVIOR.

2. WATER BAPTISM IS A DECLARATIVE ACT, declaring God to be Just. "And all the people that heard him, and the Publicans, JUSTIFIED GOD, being baptised with the baptism of John" Luke 7:29.

3. WATER BAPTISM DECLARES JESUS TO BE THE CHRIST. "And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, for this cause came I baptizing in water. John 1:31. "Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that

they should BELIEVE ON HIM which should come after him, (JOHN) that is, on JESUS CHRIST, Acts 19:4.

4. WATER BAPTISM DECLARES OUR REPENTANCE. Acts 19:4. Quoted above, and Matt. 3:11. I indeed baptize you with(in) water UNTO (because of) REPENTANCE. In verse eight of the 3rd chapter of Matthew after certain ones had come to John the Baptist for fruits PROVING THEIR REPENTANCE. "Bring forth therefore fruits MEET FOR REPENTANCE."

5. WATER BAPTISM DECLARES OUR DEATH TO SIN. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are BURIED WITH HIM by baptism into death: That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father, EVEN so we ALSO should walk in newness of life, Rom. 6:2-4.

6. WATER BAPTISM DECLARES OUR JUSTIFICATION FROM SIN. For he that is dead is FREED FROM SIN. Rom. 6:7.

7. WATER BAPTISM DECLARES US TO BE CHILDREN OF GOD. After certain ones declared God to be just, by receiving John's baptism, Jesus said of those who accepted it. "BUT WIDOW (GOD) is justified of (by) all her Children," Luke 7:35.

Holy Spirit Baptism will be discussed in the next issue.

We are looking forward to the return of Brother Goulding. He was scheduled to board a plane for home July 18th, after spending several profitable weeks on the Central American Mission fields.

Elder A. A. Harris was given a few days off by the Friendship church, and he chose to spend them in a cooler climate. He is preaching, arguing, and fellowshipping with the brethren in the southern part of the state, Los Angeles.

EVANGELISM . . . Our Need

A regular feature conducted
By Thomas W. Hicks

It has been assigned to me to write an article each publication on evangelism. I desire to write something that will be a help to pastor and laymen. I will welcome any sermon or article on evangelism if it is scriptural. There is nothing that is more sorely needed in this day and time than to win the lost to Jesus Christ. **WHAT IS EVANGELISM? "THE PROMULGATION OF THE GOSPEL: EVANGELICAL PREACHING." WHAT IS AN EVANGELIST? A PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. A WRITER OF THE HISTORY (HIS STORY) OR DOCTRINES, PRECEPTS, ACTIONS, LIFE, DEATH, RESSURRECTION AND COMING AGAIN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.** Now part of that is the definition given by Webster. He stops with the death of Jesus, but I cannot accept anything as being all the Gospel that does not include the Resurrection and Coming Again of Christ. Too many times we preach the Resurrection of Christ on Easter and forget it until next Easter. Every saved man can be an Evangelist, it is not confined to preachers only; some seem to think the pastor is the only one to win men to Christ. But what is scriptural Evangelism? To be true to the Scripture, it is only found in the New Testament Church. She alone has the divine right and commission to preach the gospel. (Matt. 28:19-20) There has never been anyone saved but what owes their knowledge of what they had to do to be saved, to a missionary Baptist Church. There is a lot of preachers who can tell you all about evangelism but do nothing, or very little about it. I believe it is something to do rather than something to talk about. Among many there seems to be this attitude, **WHY WIN HIM TO CHRIST? HE WILL TURN OUT TO BE A HERETIC ANYWAY.** The major objective of the Church is to win

the lost to Christ. Every activity of the Church should be a means to this end. Winning the lost is not secondary; it is primary. We always grow the fastest when we win souls. The great trouble with the church is the low value she has placed upon lost souls. No church can live long that lets the fires of evangelism go out. Blood that does not flow soon coagulates; and coagulation means death. We are overwhelmed with the indifference of God's people over the lost. Where are those old fathers and mothers that wept and prayed day and night for their lost sons and daughters. Where are those who once trembled at the thought of a burning Hell. There is nothing that will cause us to do more for Christ and His Church than to realize that men are lost and on their road to a devil's Hell. This day is as black as a midnight cloud with its lightning flashes of eternity; In its folds is God's ever increasing wrath ready to be unleashed at any time on a sin benighted world. While sin abounds and wickedness is everywhere and nakedness flaunts itself in our faces everywhere we go. Churches are at one another's throats, and God called preachers cannot even be friends let alone fellowship one another. It makes one cry out: **"EVEN SO COME QUICKLY LORD JESUS."** A paralysis of worldliness has chilled our compassion, muffled the Churches' voices, retarded her growth, killed her influence, compromised her testimony, made decrepit her step, shifted her emphasis and rendered impotent her efforts. Formalism has supplanted evangelism in many places. Many preachers are apathetic rather than prophetic. **DO YOU HAVE A BURNING COMPASSION FOR THE LOST?** Men become critical and cynical when they are not concerned about the lost. Many see the price of everything and the value of nothing. Oh! that we would arise and awake from our sleep and see that the field is white already to harvest but the labourers therein are few.

SEVEN THINGS ABOUT THE LAMB

In many instances in the New Testament, Jesus is the Suffering Lamb. The Lamb of God who had come to EXPIATE the sins of mankind. Rev. 5:6-12. Rev. 13:8. We also see Him as the INDIGNANT LAMB, Rev. 6:16. As the Victorious Lamb, Rev. 17:4. As the object of ADORATION, Rev. 5:8. And also as ENTHRONED, Rev. 5:13-7:17. His death was and will always be an EXPIATORY DEATH. It means that Jesus made expiation for our sins. PROPITIATION IS A GREAT NEW TESTAMENT WORD. Propitiation means to "satisfy, to appease, to purify." Expiate in the Old Testament is a much stronger word. It means to "EXTINGUISH, PUT OUT OF EXISTENCE." That is exactly what Jesus Christ did as the Lamb of God. In the scriptures, in many places where God is spoken of as dealing with our sins, we find such expressions. Isaiah 44:22, I have blotted out, as a thick-cloud, thy transgressions. Isaiah 38:17, "Thou has cast all my sins behind thy back." Ps. 103:12, As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." Micah 7:19, "Thou wilt cast all their sins in the depths of the sea." Heb. 8:12, "And their sins will I remember no more."

1. WE SEE HIM AS THE LAMB PROPHESED—Gen. 22:8.
2. WE SEE HIM AS THE LAMB TYPIFIED — Ex. 12:5, 6.
3. WE SEE HIM AS THE LAMB CRUCIFIED — Isa. 53:7.
4. WE SEE HIM AS THE LAMB TESTED — Matt. 4:9.
5. WE SEE HIM AS THE LAMB ACKNOWLEDGED — Jon. 1:29.
6. WE SEE HIM AS THE LAMB CROWNED — Heb. 2:9.
7. WE SEE HIM AS THE LAMB JUDGING — Rev. 6:16.

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Missionary L. M. Branch is visiting his people in Alabama and Texas, preaching in revival efforts while there. Pray for him while engaged in that worthy work, and that he will soon be back on the mission field.

MISSIONS----

By Allen Tabor

(Note:—The general policy and principles are briefly set forth on the front page of this paper, and this is just an additional word. This page is to be used as our Mission page, or department, and is to be used for the purpose of keeping the mission needs and progress before the people. This department will be conducted by whoever the Riverbank church chooses for the place, providing that person accepts. They may choose Brother W. S. Goulding when he returns home. Personally, I believe that would be a wise choice, but the church will decide.

Each page or department will be conducted by one whom the church has chosen, according to that one's best judgment. He will be responsible for that page as assistant to the editor, and is second in authority as to what shall go on that page only to the managing editor. Every article will be inspected and OK'd by the editor before going into print. The departmental head will not necessarily do all the writing for the department he conducts, but shall choose the material for it and hand it in to the editor already prepared. The staff, including all officers, staff writers, etc., from the editor down, will be elected by the vote of the church body, but we want the churches, their pastors and membership, as well as Missionaries and Christian workers everywhere to feel free to send manuscript to any department of the paper. Appropriate headings will be worked out a little later to fit every page or department. We want this paper to not only send "The Clarion Call of a Trumpeter" out to awaken Baptists to their responsibilities, but we desire that it should be neat and attractive in appearance. Pray for us in our labors, and let us know your opinion of the Trumpeter.)

W. P. GRIFFIN IN CALIFORNIA

Elder W. P. Griffin has accepted the work at Ridgecrest, California.

Brother Griffin is an able preacher and pastor, having experienced several years of mission work in Alaska and Canada. He has been pastoring the church at Sutherland, Oregon, the past year or more.

We trust that God may richly bless the work of this church and pastor. Welcome to California, Brother Griffin.

CENTRAL AMERICAN MISSIONS

We feel sure that there are times and seasons for God's purposes to be worked out in mission fields, as well as other fields of service.

Brother Goulding and Brother Canavan found when they reached the mission fields of Costa Rica and Panama that God had prepared the way before them. Possibly an earlier time would not have met with such wonderful success, despite the fact that Brother Goulding grew rather restless under the strain of delay and the great burden he was carrying for the work there. He had misgivings as to how the news of his baptism since coming home, and the reorganizing that must be done in the work there, would affect the Brethren who had been laboring so faithfully in that field. To his surprise, he found when he landed there that some of them were becoming more or less aware of the fact that something was wrong. One of them began to ask questions about his own baptism before Bro. Goulding even broached the subject. He was a student of the word and realized something was amiss, though he knew nothing of our missionary's former experiences. This was the opening Brother Goulding needed, and he found that every one of the workers were more than anxious to get started on firm, scriptural ground in the work there. With no opposition at all he has established the churches there, with the help of Brother Martin Canavan, on the proper ground and they have ordained some of the ministers to the full work of the ministry.

God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. Brother Canavan came home after about three weeks on those needy fields, and is reported to be very encouraged concerning the work there. Brother Goulding is scheduled to be on his way home at the time of this writing. Certainly, this is something to rejoice over; the Goodness of God is great, and His mercy endureth forever.

We feel now that the mission work in Panama and Costa Rica is in top ship-shape, and that Brother Goulding will feel more freedom in his work here, as well as there. Do not fail to send him your offerings; the workers are in dire need.

Brother Bob Roderick and wife are the proud parents of another girl, Deborah Ann, and both mother and babe are doing nicely. (That makes me GRANDPA again.)

HOME WORK

Brother Ashley White is still laboring in the bay area, and doing a good job. He is very enthusiastic about the work at Napa, where he is meeting with a fine group of people. They are meeting at present in a home, but Brother White has purchased a tent and is now erecting it for a meeting place, building a sturdy frame and putting down a floor. They expect to use the tent after the organization of the church, until they are able to secure a permanent meeting place.

If they are able to carry out their present plans, the church body will be formed during the 5th Sunday meeting at Oakland, providing a place can be found for them to fit into the program.

Brother White is an old fashioned missionary and true blue.

Greatest Mission Opportunities

Nowhere in the whole wide world do we find greater opportunity to do mission work than in the state of California. Certainly there are many unfavorable aspects and circumstances that must be considered and met, but the opportunity still exists. We as Baptists may be failing to meet the challenge, had you thought of that? To fail in our moral, spiritual, and material support of the Missionary on the field, is to fail to meet the challenge. To engage in trivial personalities with our preacher brethren, or our sister churches, is to fail to meet the challenge. To fail to add our own strength (individuals or churches) in a concerted effort to establish Missionary Baptist churches in every town and village up and down this state by the preaching of the Word, is to fail to meet the challenge.

I am constrained to believe that Jesus Christ wants a church in every settlement, and that Satan wants one nowhere. Our Lord wants unity among His people, Satan wants disunity. What do you and I want? What will we give for what we want? Our works will reveal what we want every time. Let us work the works of Him that sent us. What saith the Lord? "GO!"

Brother Hicks and the Modesto church are still forging ahead. Souls are being saved and they disturb the baptismal waters quite often.