

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 10/5/31

Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Ray:

We got back last Tuesday from our trip partly around the world, which took us a little more than three weeks to accomplish. It was "beastly" hot the first two weeks, but I think the "Turkish bath" did us good. And meeting our brothers and sisters in the flesh, as also many in the Lord, was an inspiration and a help.

Now I have a letter from Bro. Bussell, of Arizona, in which he states you had suggested to him to write me to attend their Convention at Phoenix, which meets the 23rd to 25th of this month. I appreciate the suggestion and the invitation, but it will be impossible for me to go then.

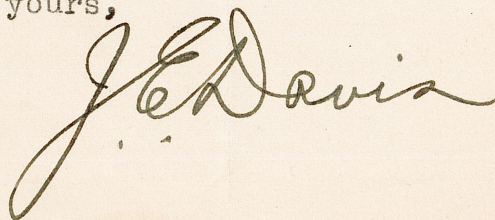
I am to begin a meeting with Pastor A. R. Foster, of Anderson, Mo., the 25th. So I have planned to get to Springfield for the General Association, which meets there the 20th to the 22nd. If I could attend the Arizona meeting and get to Anderson by the 25th, I would change my plans to do that, but that can not be negotiated, as there is not enough time in between.

Will you be in attendance at the Springfield meeting? If you are, I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again, and if I can help you out, I shall be glad to do so.

I have a very important matter to talk over with you. I do not want to write it, but talk it over. I think that will likely be the opportunity to do it. In fact, there is going to have to be a change in things--likely a radical change--here, and it is important to know your attitude and get some suggestions as to how to go about it--that is, how to remove some of the obstacles, in order to go about it. I sincerely hope to see you at that meeting, or meet you somewhere on the road, in case you do not intend to be there.

May the Lord lead us all in these trying times.

Most cordially yours,



Oct. 9, 1931.

Rev. J. E. Davis,
P.O. Box 211,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:

Thank you for yours of Oct. 5th. I am sorry you cannot go to Arizona meeting. I have written to Russell if you could not go, he could perhaps get Benson. I feel sure Benson would also render him a fine service.

It is not certain yet whether I can go to the Springfield Meeting. At the Board Meeting next week I will have up with the various state representative the question of representation at these State Conventions, so I shall have to wait until after that time before I can settle whether I am to be at the Missouri Meeting.

I will keep in mind about seeing you. It may be that if I cannot go to the Springfield Meeting, we can see that our paths cross somewhere for the conference you mention.

Cordially yours,

R/P

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 10/16/31

Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Ray:

Your message sent at 12.52 p.m. reached me at 11.10 a.m. Rather it was received in El Paso at that hour, and was in my hands in less than 20 min. thereafter. Pretty good!

I shall do my best for you. Am wiring Dr. Vines that I will be there and do what I can. It may not be all you could desire and all they might expect, but God does not exact from us what we can not give. With His help, I shall try to present our Great Cause acceptably to Him.

Am exceedingly sorry that I am not going to get to see you and talk over matters that seem to me to be urgent. I know we are going ~~to~~ have to get along with what you have already assigned us. I am not wanting to talk over money matters, except in a secondary manner, and that as they pertain to the matter in point. I shall not present it, unless I can do so by word of mouth, personally to you.

I am sure you will understand that there is nothing wrong in what has been done, and no one is in any way implicated in wrong-doing. That is not it, but I want to consult you personally about measures needed to meet this present crisis in our work. Surely some changes will have to be made, and I need to know how to go about it.

If the time comes for me to be eliminated from this work, I assure you that I am ready to be eliminated, for the glory of our God. I am not sure that such an emergency has come. I have tried to get the consent of my mind to ask to be relieved of this responsibility, but have not been able to get out from under it. Instead everything seems to point to a continuance of my connection with this work.

I wonder if you will be at the Texas Convention. I see you are on the program. If so, I think I can make it to Waco by that time. Let me know at Springfield, if you answer at once, or if for any reason you do not, then at Anderson^{Mo.}, after the 25th, where I am to be with Pastor A. R. Foster in a meeting.

With heavy heart I note that receipts of the Board have fallen off for the first five months, a bit over 13% over last year. Getting worse and worse. May the Lord help!

I am feeling fine. Pray for us in our work.

Cordially in Him,

J. E. Davis

Anderson, Mo.

10-27-31

Dear Ray:

I wonder if I failed to get a letter from you in reply to my last one. I did not get any mail at Springfield and have nothing from you yet at this office.

You know I was interested in knowing whether or not you were going to attend the Texas Convention at Waco. I likely can plan on seeing you there as I return home after the meeting here closes.

The meeting starts off fine. I

never saw a finer start that I now remember.

I did my best for the Great Cause of Missions at Springfield. I determined that my speech should not be "with enticing words of man's wisdom" but simple and as forceful as the Spirit would enable me to present the matter.

Dr. Vnier seemed well pleased and I know the Association heard me gladly. Dr. V. insisted that I send in my expense account. I hardly know just how to do that, but I append what seems to me to be fair. I had a pass over the Rock Island and the Texas & Pacific, thus getting me to K.C. without passage expense. In

this way the expense was relatively small. If I hoped to get anything much out of this meeting here, I would charge it all against the meeting, but Vines insisted repeatedly on my sending in my account for expenses. I think I shall go 50-50 on it - you pay the expense from El Paso to Springfield and I will take care of the return.

Pullman two nights	\$ 5.50
Fare K.C. to Springfield	4.84
Other necessary expense, meals, taxi etc.	5.15
Total	<u>15.49</u>

With I felt like contributing this amount also.

You have heard from Dr. V. He said he was going to write you. Truly, J. E. Davis

October 28, 1931

Rev. J. E. Davis,
c/o Pastor A. R. Foster,
First Baptist Church,
Anderson, Mo.

Dear Davis:-

I have not answered your letter of the 16th before, because I have not been able to decide whether I could get to the Texas Convention.

It now seems apparent that I shall go to Waco for that convention. I may not be there the first day, but will be there from the middle of the Convention on to the end. If you can arrange to come there while I am there, we can talk things over. Shall certainly be glad to see you.

Hope you had a great time at the Missouri Convention. I know you were glad to get back in your old state and to your old state meeting.

I pray that God's Spirit and grace may be upon you in great power in your meeting at Anderson. Give my kindest regards to Brother Foster.

Cordially yours,

R/F

October 30, 1931

Rev. J. E. Davis,
c/o Rev. A. R. Foster,
First Baptist Church,
Anderson, Mo.

Dear Davis:-

Yours of the 27th just received.

My letter to you and this one crossed. I explained in that letter why I had not written before.

Please find enclosed check for \$15.49 to be applied to your traveling expenses. I know you delivered a good message at the Convention.

I am glad to hear that your meeting is starting off well. May God give you grace and blessing.

Cordially yours,

R/F