



SEASON'S GREETINGS

"And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . ."

—John 1: 14.

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MY CHURCH

I am member of a MISSIONARY Baptist Church--not one of those which include the word "Missionary" in their name but not in their program--but one which demonstrates its faith by its works.

My church is only three months old--and was in the making as a mission only a year before that. My church now has fifty-five members, approximately twice as many as it had when my family and I joined about seven months ago.

My church has given 10% of its income to world missions through the Cooperative Program since its beginning as a mission. It was begun as an arm of a missionary-minded church.

My church voted last Sunday to increase its gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program to 11 per cent. In addition, it is giving 2 per cent to associational missions. It also voted that all surplus funds received above the \$210-per-week budget needs should be divided 90% building fund and 10% Cooperative Program.

My church has also voted to sponsor a mission as soon as its missions committee can present definite recommendations to the church.

My church has a young pastor, who is growing with the church. He came as a pioneer preacher when the mission had six members. His has been an unselfish spirit and much of the credit for the church's growth and missionary vision must be his.

My church does not have a building of its own. Its only material property is a used piano, a supply of Baptist Hymnals, and a Lord's Supper service set. But my church is a MISSIONARY church, and I am proud to be a member.

Oh, yes. . . MY CHURCH is the Erie Baptist of Buffalo!

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WORLD MISSIONS & EVANGELISM CLINIC--

"The associational evangelism clinic is to the local churches what the state evangelistic conference is to the pastor."

So said a leader among Baptists, and we believe he is right!

We have planned such a Clinic on World Missions and Evangelism for our area--at the LaSalle Baptist Church--on Tuesday afternoon and evening, Feb. 24. Plan to attend any or all of the sessions.

Our speakers will be:

Dr. Glen D. Grober, Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil.

Dr. Vernon Yearby, Dallas, Texas, Associate in the Department of Evangelism, Baptist Home Mission Board.

Rev. Ray E. Roberts, General Secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, who will give special instructions on the function of the church missions committee.

Supper will be served by the host. Remember--LaSalle Baptist Church, 646 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Detailed program next month!

TELEVANGELISM--

A new series of Southern Baptists' popular "THIS IS THE ANSWER" television program is scheduled to start on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 4, on a network of TV stations across the nation. The project, to run for 13 weeks, is being jointly sponsored by six national Baptist bodies, as a part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

We are told that the program has been offered to a BUFFALO station, but we have not received confirmation of this. Our pastors will be notified as soon as we have a definite answer.

The earth has grown old with its burden
of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
--Phillips Brooks.

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* The egg's no chick by falling from *
* the hen, *
* Nor man a Christian till he's born *
* again. *
* --John Bunyan. *
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FRONTIER ELECTS LAYMAN--

Frontier Baptist Association has become the first association in the fellowship of the Ohio convention to elect a layman as its Chairman of Evangelism.

Newly elected to this post is Mr. Clayton A. Taylor, 2857 Niagara St., Buffalo 7, N. Y., a member of Erie Baptist Church. Mr. Taylor is a native of Newfoundland, married a Georgian and has had several years background in Baptist churches of the South. He has three children.

MINUTES OF FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

(Condensed by Editor from the Complete Minutes submitted by Clerk Dallas C. Eubanks.)

Met with Bolivar Drive Baptist Church, Bradford, Penna., Nov. 4, 1958.

Moderator R. Z. Boroughs presiding.

Following action was taken:

1. BUDGET ADOPTED.

Submitted by the Budget Committee-- Cullen Crane, Chairman; O. H. Dozier; Rev. Paul Becker; and Rev. W. C. Heilig.

To be applicable for the period-- Oct. 1, 1958 to Sept. 30, 1959.

Budget as follows:

	Per Month	Per Year
(1) Frontier Bapt. News -	\$10.00	\$120.00
(2) Office Equipment - -	10.00	120.00
(3) Miscellaneous Expense of Missionary - - -	5.00	60.00
(4) Promotion of all organizations - - - -	10.00	120.00
(5) Expenses of Associational Officers - -	10.00	120.00
(6) Associational Minutes	2.00	24.00
(7) New Work Site Fund -	25.00	300.00
(8) Undesignated (Emerg.)	11.33	136.00
TOTAL - - - - -	\$83.33	\$1000.00

That items 1, 2, 3 be paid monthly by Treasurer to Missionary.

That items 4, 5, 6, and 8 be administered by Executive Committee.

That item 7 be put into Savings Account by Treasurer.

That item 2 be a reimbursement to Missionary for personal funds already spent on office equipment.

2. AUTHORIZED necessary expenses for Treasurer and Clerk.

3. COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN ELECTED:

Evangelism Committee: Mr. Clayton Taylor, chairman; Rev. Walter Heilig; and Rev. Dallas Eubanks.

Missions Committee: Rev. Walter C. Heilig, chairman; Rev. Paul Becker; Jim Bish; Cullen Crane; and Frank Matchett.

Radio & Television Committee: Rev. Dallas C. Eubanks, chairman; Jim Rudolph; and Rev. Paul Becker.

Calendar Committee: Bill Brainard, chairman; Merle Williams; and Howard Mayfield.

Nominating Committee: Ronald Howard, chairman; James Rudolph; and Rev. Phil Bryan.

Long-Range Planning Committee: Rev. Paul Becker, chairman; Rev. Dallas Eubanks; Cullen Crane; and other elected officers of association.

4. MOTION carried that the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Area Missionary serve as ex-officio members of the above committees.

5. CHAIRMAN of Radio & Television Committee authorized to send resolution to the Radio-Television Commission, thanking them for names supplied from the fan mail of the "Baptist Hour" and "This Is The Answer."

6. NEXT MEETING of Executive Committee set for Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1959, exact place of meeting to be determined and announced by Missionary.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT for SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER--

September:

LaSalle, Niagara Falls -----	\$42.70
Erie, Buffalo -----	12.75

October:

Erie, Buffalo -----	15.85
First Southern, Syracuse -----	16.52
Bolivar Drive, Bradford -----	10.00
LaSalle, Niagara Falls -----	19.39

Total Receipts ----- \$117.21

No Disbursements thru October -- 0.00

BALANCE ON HAND ----- \$117.21

--Cullen Crane, Treasurer
505 Bolivar Drive
Bradford, Pennsylvania

MINUTES of the Executive Board meeting of Cuyahoga Baptist Association for Oct. 13, reveal the decision to "send \$50 as partial settlement of funds and rest to be settled later" to the Frontier Association. The churches of Frontier Association were affiliated with the Cuyahoga Association until September 23. The above action will give Frontier's treasury a needed boost.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT FOR
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Traveled 5,967 miles;

Made 41 visits to the churches and the missions in the area;

Attended the Missionarys' Planning Conference in Columbus in October, and the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio in November, taking part on State Missions program at latter meet.

Conducted revival at Ages, Ky., in October, and one at Bolivar Drive Baptist Church, Bradford, Penna., in November.

Preached 43 sermons; conducted 4 prayer meetings, with 24 professions of faith and 34 additions to the churches. Also 2 life volunteers.

Surveyed 14 communities; held 60 conferences and committee meetings.

Spent parts of three days visiting mission points and churches with Rev. Darty Stowe, State Supt. of Missions.

AMONG THE CHURCHES AND MISSIONS

FIRST SOUTHERN, SYRACUSE, N. Y.--

- * NEW MEMBERS--Received during the past month were 13 new members from regular services.
- * PULPIT GUEST--Rev. Gerald Boyce, Field Secretary for the American Bible Society, was a recent pulpit guest.
- * REVIVAL--Revival services were in progress as this was being written. Evangelist is Rev. George E. Turbeville, pastor, Bayview Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina.
- * FIRST ANNIVERSARY--Syracuse church celebrated its first anniversary as a church on Nov. 16 by breaking all attendance records, with 103 in Sunday School and 83 in Training Union.

LaSALLE, NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.--

- * MISSION STUDY WEEK--As many as 60 were present at one time during the recent "Correlated Mission Study Institute" conducted by the church. Four classes were conducted for the different age groups each night, Nov. 17-21, with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Heilig and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Walker as teachers. The study was on Southeast Asia.
- * MISS OEMI ABDURRACHMAN, from Bandung, Indonesia, and MISS JUANITA DYE, from Negros in The Philippines, gave their testimonies and spoke concerning work

in their countries at the closing services of the Mission Study on Friday evening and at the Morning Service on Nov. 23. Both girls are presently enrolled at Syracuse University and attend First Southern Church there.

ERIE, BUFFALO, N. Y.--

- * SEEKING SITE--Having looked for many months for a suitable building site in the northern part of Greater Buffalo (in the Tonawandas, Kenmore or the Town of Amherst), the church has decided to enlarge the area of their search. They will now look eastward to the Town of Cheektowaga or to adjacent villages. One site in the north end of the Town of Tonawanda is still under consideration.

BOLIVAR DRIVE, BRADFORD, PENNA.--

- * REVIVAL--An Evangelism and Stewardship revival was conducted Nov. 9-16, with the Area Missionary as preacher. Pastor Dallas Eubanks led the singing. Six decisions were made for membership, with other rededications.
- * THANKSGIVING SUPPER--The annual Thanksgiving Supper was held at the church on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25.

ROME CHAPEL, ROME, N. Y.--

- * BUILDING IN VIEW--The chapel is negotiating for the rental of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Rome. Actual membership of the chapel is 5, but others are in attendance in the home services.
- * PASTOR PHIL BRYAN plans to move onto the church field at the end of this semester at Syracuse University, and commute back to Syracuse for a limited schedule in the University.

GRAND ISLAND CHAPEL, GRAND ISLAND--

- * PASTOR CALLED--The chapel and sponsoring church (LaSalle) have extended a call to Rev. Donald A. Bennett, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bogue Chitto, Miss. They are now awaiting his decision.
- * MEMBERSHIP now stands at 6, with two others awaiting baptism. The Area Missionary has been serving as preacher until a pastor could be called.

SEND US YOUR CHURCH NEWS THAT WE MAY INCLUDE IT IN THIS COLUMN EACH MONTH.

COMING EVENTS - FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER
21 22 23 24 25 26 27
28 29 30 31

28 Student Night at Christmas in the churches.
31 Training Union Watch Night in all the churches.

JANUARY
1 2 3
4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29 30 31

4 Soul-Winning Commitment Day in the churches.
5-9 January Bible Study Week.
11-16 W. M. S. Focus Week.
27 Executive Board Meeting at Buffalo, N. Y.
29-30 State Evangelistic Conference at Whitehall Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

FEBRUARY
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28

1 Baptist World Alliance Sunday.
8-14 Y. W. A. Focus Week.
24 World Missions & Evangelism Clinic at LaSalle Bapt. Church, Cayuga at Munson, Niagara Falls.

THE WISE MEN

Matt. 2: 1-12.

I. From whence did the Wise Men come?

The East -- Babylon.

Many believe they were (as Herodotus says) "of a tribe of the Medes."

But it would seem that they were Jews, for they came seeking a "King of the Jews"--not a universal Saviour and not a Gentile King.

II. Did they follow the Star from the East to Jerusalem?

No! The Star would not have led them to Herod. They had seen the Star while they were in the East. Herod "inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared" (Matt. 2: 7).

As Jews, they would have had the 5 books of Moses which told them: "There shall come a star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel." With the aid of this prophecy and with the stimulus of a direct revelation from God, they came to Jerusalem. But they did not have the Prophets to tell them where He should be born (Matt. 2: 2; Micah 5: 2). They would have known it to be in the region of the Jews (perhaps Jerusalem) but not that it would be in Bethlehem.

When they left Herod, the Star reappeared to them and "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

III. Where did they find the Christ Child?

In Bethlehem, in a stable-house.

IV. What did their gifts signify?

The gold, frankincense and myrrh were for Him as Prophet, Priest, and King.

V. What does the Bible reveal as to the identity of these Wise Men?

The genealogy of Jesus in Matt. 1: 3

gives us a clue: "Phares and Zarah."

In Gen. 38: 26-30, in the story of the birth of the twin brothers, Pharez (meaning a breach) triumphed over Zarah in the womb as Jacob did over Esau.

From this time there were 2 royal families in Judah, the Pharez line and the Zarah line. Jesus was born through the Pharez line.

But follow the seed of Zarah:

1. Zarah means "East" or "Brightness."
2. I Chron. 2: 6 gives names of Zarah's seed: "Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol and Dara." These were singers (I Chr. 15: 19). They wrote the 88th and 89th Psalms. In I Kings 4: 29-31, we see the wisdom of Zarah's seed surpassed only by that of Solomon. Verse 30 says they dwelt in the East. Most of the Jews remained in Babylonia and never came back to Jerusalem.

It seems, therefore, that the Wise Men may have been Jews of the line of Zarah.

VI. Why did they come looking for the King of the Jews.

Perhaps hoping for a "breach" in the line of Pharez. Certainly looking for their royal kinsman, the promised "Sceptre" and "King of the Jews," that they might worship Him (Matt. 2: 11).

PASTORS! MAKE LOUISVILLE RESERVATIONS NOW**

For official application forms, check the Ohio Baptist Messenger or the November issue of The Baptist Program. Applications must be on the official forms and sent with a \$10 deposit for each room to be reserved. Convention date--May 19-22! Churches, why not send your pastor?