

BAPTIST

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SPRINGFIELD ROAD, BLACKPOOL

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- SERVICES:** Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
(Sunday-at-Eight) After Meeting
Sunday School 2:30 p.m.
Prayer Meetings 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. PRAYER MEETING
8:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY
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"JULY NEWSLETTER"



THE PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome all who visit our fellowship at this time of the year. We thank you for your fellowship in the Gospel and trust that you will benefit from our fellowship. If any visitors are interested in receiving tapes of the messages, then they are invited to ask one of the stewards at the doors who will direct them to those in charge. We are grateful to the Lord for encouraging us in this unexpected ministry. The tapes of our messages go out to many different parts of the world and are used to advantage. We foresee much opportunity for expansion in this sphere and are grateful for any encouragement that we receive. If you would know more of it, then don't hesitate to ask.

You are welcome too to join us on Wednesday evenings at our Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. According to the Scriptures these are two of the primary functions of the Church the work of praise and intercession and the reading and understanding of the Word of God. However unpopular they may appear, and however neglected in this generation, they are still basic to the Church's life and witness, and when much present excitement shall have died down or passed away altogether, these will remain among our most important tasks. To neglect prayer and the Word is to court spiritual peril and disaster, for without these things we neglect both the presence and the precepts of our God.

May the holiday period be a means of physical and spiritual refreshment to us all.

The Lord bless you,

Yours very sincerely,

W. H. DAVIES

Pastor.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

It was a pleasure on two recent Sunday mornings to share in the Dedication services of the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hough - Ruth, and Mr. & Mrs. Whiteside's son - David Jake.

Rev. Wagnell's visit to us on June 8th had an added interest in the fact that he is the son of the minister who was in charge of the Baptist Tabernacle when it was built on the present site.

Please keep in mind those of our fellowship who are suffering longstanding illnesses. Mrs. Prentice wishes to contact you all through the following letter.

Dear Pastor Davies,

Will you please give my thanks to all those who visited me or sent letters and cards and flowers or fruit and who shared in prayer during my recent illness.

I am very grateful for all the prayer on my behalf; I was greatly encouraged by such love and kindness. God bless and thank you all - Edith Prentice.

July 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. - a meeting we should all attend of the JAPAN MISSION; the founders Neil and Peggy Verwey will be with us.

Mr. C. Lane would like you all to know that an anonymous doner has brought the Sunday School Anniversary total up to £300, the largest amount ever.

Miss Suzan Howarth (Guide Captain and Brown Owl) reports how well our Brownie Pack did at the Swimming Gala. Diane Singleton, age 7, won the under 9 Breast stroke shield. Deborah Singleton gained the over 9 Breast stroke shield. Together with Allison Whatnall they won the Pack team race and cup, also the Pack were successful in winning the Division Cup for highest overall marks. Miss Howarth herself, won the Guiders Cup for the race. Congratulations! Congratulations too to Mr. & Mrs. Prentice on their 44th Wedding Anniversary.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE (Cont.)

Mr. Roy Thornton informs me that 44 people joined the Spring Bank Holiday trip and hike to Skipton and Bolton Abbey. They enjoyed fine weather and this alone made the scenery well worth seeing and there was a good spirit of fellowship which made it altogether a great day.

We are thankful for news of improvement in the health of Mr. Branch, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Kershaw and others, in our midst, who of late have suffered ill-health. Mr. Foster (senior) has just had an operation at Fleetwood Hospital, at the time of writing, and is progressing nicely.

The Young Peoples Fellowship (Boys only section) are to camp at Low Wray-Windermere from August 2nd to August 9th under the guidance of Mr. Roy Thornton, more about this in the next "Newsletter"

It has been a pleasure to myself, as editor, to Mr. Cyril Boothman (who introduced us to our new printer) and to the deacons who authorised the changeover of our "Newsletter" that it has been so well received by you all. Readers, of course, must realize that as regards church news on various sections of church work, can only appear when given to the editor; any lack of these will be because nobody has taken the trouble to inform him.

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CANCEL EVERYTHING ON TUESDAY NIGHT JULY 1ST
and be at the TABERNACLE by 7:30 p.m. to welcome
the founders of the JAPAN MISSION -

Mr. & Mrs. VERWEY

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LETTER PAGE

Dear Editor,

As you have given a rather lengthy reply to my brief comment on "Visions" in the June "Newsletter" perhaps you would allow me a further word.

I am not behind you in rendering any honour to the person or societies you refer to, but unlike yourself I do not accept anything as "Gospel" simply because one esteems the authority presenting it. This is the error Paul so strongly warns against in Gal. 1 - 8 (I hope I shall not be misunderstood)

Regarding "Visions", of course, these have always occurred both inside and outside the church, e.g. Bernadette and the Virgin Mary at Lourdes but what reliance can be placed on them? I return to my point having the Word of God, we are to rely on this and this alone in all matters of faith (Sola Scriptures)

Yours R. Helm.

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Mr. Helm here points out the most important factor in the matter of "Visions" or for that matter "sects" or sermons (even some Baptist sermons) as Paul says "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Ga. 1 - 8

This is where many visions fall down (including Bernadettes of Lourdes and the one of the Sacred Heart via a St. Mary somebody or other) the contents are not according to scripture.

Of course, the text does pre-suppose that if they or an angel from heaven did preach the same gospel - all would be well, at least John thought so in his Revelation experiences.

However, as Mr. Helm points out, in all matters (Sola Scriptures)

Editor.

THE CREATOR OF BILLY BUNTER on "PRAYER" and
"EVOLUTION"

Charles Hamilton, Martin Clifford and Frank Richards are, of course, one man. As author of the stories in "The Gem" and "The Magnet" and the creator of Billy Bunter and Harry Wharton and Co., he became known world-wide. His name is still a legend. He wrote little of his belief in God and this makes the following of all the more interest.

PRAYER by FRANK RICHARDS

That prayer is answered by God is, to my mind, not a matter of argument or discussion, but of plain fact, plain to all those who, having eyes, see not. But in this matter, as in all others, it is necessary to have regard to common sense. We must consider whether our prayer may deserve an answer. And the first step must be to eliminate selfishness, which can scarcely be accepted to find favour in the eyes of our Father in Heaven.

The man who should pray to be permitted to break the Bank of Monte Carlo, could hardly look for an answer. The man who should pray for worldly success must expect to find the heavens dumb. For what is worldly success but a desire to live in a bigger house, and wear better clothes than our neighbour? God may pity the folly of such a petition, but He will hardly accede to it. If you pray for advantages for yourself, you are wasting your breath. But if you pray to be made a better man, a kinder husband, a more dutiful son or father, God will help you.

Your prayer will be answered and you will find the happiness for which you are not to ask, given to you unasked. God will lend His ear to such prayers; but He cannot be expected to listen to selfish whinnings.

To my mind, then, it boils down to this, if we pray that we may do our duty, that we may have kinder hearts and more patient minds, in a word, that we may be better Christians/

Christians, God will hear and answer, but if we pray for our own benefit, as a hog might for a larger allowance of swill, there will be nothing but silence

Precisely the answer we shall deserve.

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EVOLUTION

Here is an experience of my boyhood. An elderly relative presented me with Darwin's "Descent of Man" ... it is difficult to imagine anyone reading it through I found it dull and heavy, in fact Darwinian: but entertaining in places^o- in one particular place, a real shriek.

That any man in possession of his seven senses, could advance such a theory as that man once had a tail, which they obliterated by continually sitting upon it, seemed to me the limit, and I laughed till the tears came. It moved me to verse.

"If a tail you could once swing a cat on,
Disappeared just because it was sat on,
Why hasn't the stern
Disappeared in its turn,
In the millions of years we've sat that on."

(From: *The Charles Hamilton Museum Illustrated Catalogue*
30 Tonbridge Rd., Maidstone, Kent)

MISSIONARY MATTERS

News from Mr. & Mrs. Moore of W.E.C. (Mr. Moore is brother to our Mrs. Stanley Sykes)

COMMENTRY - Olive and Albert Moore. "The summer work in the holiday town of Neris has just commenced with the Bible stand in the market on Thursdays, a meeting Friday evening and personal contacts in the park etc. Several people have already started attending the meeting. Pray! Two young Portuguese people, soundly converted, will be baptised on Whit Sunday. After several months of meetings a division has come in the home, as the parents, not yet convinced or perhaps unwilling to break away from tradition, are now opposing the younger members of their family who want to follow Christ. Several younger children are coming to the Bible club on Wednesdays.

F.C.P.S. This month we post literature to the farmers again, and trust that the little booklet sent will bring light to their hearts. The last children's paper seems to have been appreciated and a number of children have already sent in for the competition, some with little letters attached, and five new names for the mailing list."

B.M.S. NEWS - Elizabeth Wainwright new missionary to ZAIRE.

Where next? The opportunity arose to teach English at the Zairian church centre in Kintambo, which God showed me was his will. This showed again that God was planning what he wanted for my life and as I trusted him he opened the right doors that I could be where he wanted me.

There is much uncertainty about the future here and rumours are numerous, but through this I am learning to live one day at a time and to trust God more and more, knowing that all things are in his hands. Other issues to which there is a need to seek for answers are those of bribery and the question of attitudes to beggars. Throughout the time I have been here I have been aware of the way God is working out his plan in my life and I praise him that he is drawing me closer to himself. How wonderful and how true are the words, "Be still and know that I am God", and "I will be with you". The reminder that he wants us to be still before him, trusting him and knowing that he is Lord.

One never reads our exciting well-illustrated B.M.S. "Missionary Herald" without feeling sure more of our members should take it, tremendous value at 5p a month. Read about the answers to your prayers (obtainable from W. Lister)

YOUR DEACONS: Mr. S. Coe, Mr. D.T. Davies, Mr. Boothman,
Mr. D. Blundell, Mr. R. Helm, Mr. J. Kershaw
Mr. T. Moses, Mr. L. Warren, Mr. L. Valentine
Mr. E. Lindow, Mr. R. Thornton & Mr. W. Lister.