

FAITH BAPTIST TRUMPET

“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” I Cor. 14:8KJV

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HOW TO BE SAVED

The Romans' Road to Salvation

(Which is the same road in all the other Books of the Bible)

KJV 1611 Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23;
Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9, 10, 13

JUDSON, THE SCRIPTURES MADE HIM A BAPTIST

(Taken from the book entitled, “The Story of the Baptist,” by Richard Cook, 1887)

On the 19th of February, 1812, four American missionaries embarked in the brig “Caravan,” from Salem, Mass., for Burmah. They arrived at Calcutta, June 17th. Two of them were Adoniram Judson, and his wife Ann H. Judson. He was born in Maiden, Mass., August 9th, 1788, and was educated at Brown University. He entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, in 1808, and was converted soon afterward, and joined the Congregational church.

While at Andover, he and a few other pious stu-

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dents turned their attention to foreign missions, and, impressed with the wretched condition of the heathen, resolved to devote themselves to the work, and presented themselves to their older brethren in the ministry and the churches, as ready to be sent abroad for that purpose. This led to the formation of the “American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,” in June, 1810. And Judson and his wife, with others, were sent to Burmah by the board. The long voyage to Calcutta was partly occupied by Mr. Judson in examining the subject of Christian baptism.

There were two reasons for this special study. First, he hoped to have conversions among the heathen, and (continued on page 2)

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what to do about the baptism of children and servants he did not know. Then he was going to reside for awhile among the Baptist missionaries at Serampore, and expected that they would introduce the subject of baptism, and that he would be called upon to defend his views.

Hear the result in his own words: “I could not find a single intimation in the New Testament that the children and domestics of believers were members of the church, or entitled to any church ordinance in consequence of the profession of the head of their family. Everything discouraged the idea. When baptism was spoken of, it was always in connection with believing. None but believers were commanded to be baptized, and it did not appear to my mind that any others were baptized.”

“I knew that I had been sprinkled in infancy, and that this had been deemed baptism. But throughout the whole New Testament I could find nothing that looked like sprinkling in connection with the ordinance of baptism.”

He felt that he had never yet received Christian baptism, and that his only consistent course was to join the Baptists. This plunged him into great difficulty and distress, and it cost him a struggle to decide.

“Must I, then,” he asked, “forsake my parents, the church with which I am connected, the society under whose patronage I have come out, the companions of my missionary undertaking? Must I forfeit the good opinion of all my friends in my native land, occasioning grief to some, and provoking others to anger, and be regarded, henceforth, by all my former dear acquaintances as a weak, despicable Baptist, who has not sense enough to comprehend the connection between the Abrahamic and the Christian system? All this was mortifying; it was hard to flesh and blood. But I thought, again, it is better to be

guided by the opinion of Christ, Who is the truth, than by the opinion of men, however good, whom I know to be in error.”

“If I quieted my conscience in regard to my own personal baptism, and concluded that, on account of my peculiar circumstances, rather than the command of Christ, still the question would return, with redoubled force: How am I to treat the children and domestics of converted heathens?” Mrs. Judson, in a letter to a friend, said: “An examination of the subject of baptism commenced on board the Caravan. As Mr. Judson was continuing the translation of the New Testament, which he began in America, he had many doubts respecting the meaning of the word baptize. After arriving at Burmah, he continued the examination of the foundation of the Pedobaptist system. The more he examined, the more his doubts increased; and, unwilling as he was to admit it, he was afraid the Baptists were right and he was wrong. I felt afraid he would become a Baptist, and frequently urged the consequences, if he should. I always took the Pedobaptist side in reasoning with him, even after I was as doubtful of the truth of their system as he. We procured the best authors on both sides; compared them with the Scriptures, examined and re-examined the sentiments of Baptists and Pedobaptists, and were finally compelled, from a conviction of truth, to embrace those of the former.”

They requested baptism at the hands of the Baptist missionaries at Serampore, who were “extremely surprised,” for nothing had been said upon the subject by either party. They were baptized on the 6th of September, 1812, in the Baptist chapel at Serampore. Luther Rice, who was ordained with Mr. Judson, and who arrived in India a short time afterward, also joined the Baptists. The effect of the baptism of Judson and his companions, upon the Baptists of America, was truly startling.

(Copied from *THE BAPTIST PILLAR*)

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Building Stones of the United States of America

(Editor's Note: With the many efforts in recent years to desecrate the flag of the United States and to be careless with the many freedoms we daily enjoy, we of Faith Baptist Church deeply appreciate this Nation and her flag and the precious freedoms many have died for. With the bad efforts to remove the words "UNDER GOD" from the Pledge of Allegiance, here is another great document with the words "UNDER GOD." It should not be removed from either. Each and every U.S. citizen should actively promote God being in our government and throughout this Nation.)

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—

this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

**Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863**

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"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Galatians 2:16

Less Clothes, More Divorces

(by E. L. Bynum)

I have always believed that immodest clothing leads to more and more immorality, divorce and other great social problems. I have based my beliefs upon the teaching of God's Word, which after all, is our standard of conduct as set forth by God. Up until recently I had never done any research on this from a statistical standpoint. My interest was recently peaked by something that I read in the newspaper, of all places. *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, 4-10-99, contained an editorial written by the editors of this Lubbock paper. This thought provoking article caused me to search for statistical information, which would back up what the editors said.

The editorial was entitled "**Divorce Rate Factor,**" and it was based on a research study that was done by Howard Markman, a psychologist with Denver University. I shall now quote from part of the editorial.

"Strangely enough researchers say, the divorce rate of any place in the continental U.S. can be reliably predicted by knowing the number of days out of the year that women there can wear swimsuits. Generally speaking, the more warm weather days suitable for bathing attire, the higher the divorce rate; the more cold weather days unsuitable for swimwear, the lower the divorce rate."

Is This Really True?

It seemed reasonable to me that this was true, and I automatically surmised that if it was warm enough to wear swimsuits, it would also be warm enough to wear shorts, mini-skirts and other skimpy clothes. I felt like I should seek some statistics that would bear this out. Without too much trouble I was able to find the statistics based on the follow-

ing:

"Marriages and Divorces-Number and Rate, by State: 1980-1995" Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1997, Vol. 46, No. 6, January 2, 1998.

In this report we have the very statistics that prove the Denver University professor's report was true.

States With Lowest Divorce Rate

I will here list the first ten States with the lowest divorce rate. They will be listed in order by listing the State with the lowest divorce rate first.

Massachusetts
Connecticut
Maryland
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Illinois
Wisconsin
Minnesota
North Dakota

Please note that not one of the above ten States with the lowest divorce is located in the Southern part of the United States, but that they are all in the northern part of the country. This is where there is less warm weather, and where bathing suits, shorts, and other skimpy clothing can be worn the least number of days in a year.

States With The Highest Divorce Rate

These are all listed in order, beginning with the State with the worst record listed first, etc.

Indiana
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Wyoming
Arizona
Arkansas
Alabama
Tennessee

Kentucky
Florida

As you can see with the exception of Indiana and Wyoming, all of these states are located in the South. Of course Nevada tops the list with the most divorces. We have excluded it from the statistics because it is the divorce capital of the United States. People go there from all parts of the country to get a divorce.

It pains me to write about this because I am from the South. I was born in Oklahoma and have lived most of my life in Texas. Texas barely escaped being in the top ten of the worst States in having the largest number of divorces. The South is supposed to be in the so-called Bible belt. If there ever was a Bible belt someone has stolen the buckle, because the belt is not holding anything up. One way to help the morals of the South would be to air condition the country, and that might be a little too expensive, even with government aid.

Other statistics on unwed births, and teenage pregnancy generally follow the same trends as the number of divorces. It really is true, that the more men are able to observe women and girls running around in bathing suits, shorts, and other skimpy clothing, the more broken homes you will see, and the more divorces that will take place. I also believe that women wearing pants that show the shape of their hips, thighs, and pelvis, certainly encourage the same kind of conduct. (Most if not all of the pants on women do this.)

What the Bible says about modesty is true, because God said it. However, it is also true that statistics reflect what the Bible says about it. I Tim. 2:9, *"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel...."* God said it, and He has not changed His mind, and He never will. We have several tracts on this subject, so we will not repeat their contents here. Those who want more information can write us. asking for our

list of tracts. Yes, I am against immodest clothing worn by men and boys. This goes for shorts, swim suits, or tight pants, because they are immodest on men as well. I think I can safely say that this does not arouse women nearly as bad as immodest clothing on women will arouse a man. Why? It is just the facts of life, and we cannot change that. As our society has masculinized women and feminized men, we have seen a great increase in homosexuality. The solution is to let girls be girls, and let boys be boys. Frankly, I am sick of sissified men going around with long hair, wearing earrings, and acting like women.

Christian (?) Sponsored Immodesty
Churches all over the country are sponsoring youth activities that encourage immodesty. There are Baptist churches which allow people to attend their worship services in shorts or whatever they want to wear. The pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, in television ads asks people to come as they are. You surely know that this means there is no dress codes. (Of course Second Baptist is about as liberal as you can get.) A number of people have told me of going to other Baptist churches and observed people sitting in the pews with their shorts on. If they are doing that in the Baptist churches, what must they be doing in the liberal churches. I have passed by other Baptist churches, and have seen young people going in the buildings for activities, dressed in shorts and other immodest apparel. These churches are encouraging immorality, divorce, and children being born out of wedlock. Of course they say they are out to save the youth but in reality they are destroying the youth, as well as the adults.

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Churches that sponsor or encourage mixed swimming are doing the same thing. Some so-called fundamental Baptist churches are doing this, and it will have a lasting effect on their youth. Some Fundamental Baptist youth camps allow the youth to dress in shorts, mini-skirts, big legged culottes, which are nothing more than shorts in disguise. Most camps allow the girls to wear pants to the activities. In many instances they show a clear outline of their hips, thighs, and pelvis. This is plain talk, but it is time for it. The reason why this condition is worsening is because some preachers have no convictions, and others do not have the backbone to stand up to their family and to the Church. They wouldn't want to say anything that would upset folks, curtail their popularity, or perhaps hurt their pocketbook. Too many of the preachers are described in I Sam. 2:36. *"...Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread."*

Christian (?) Aquatics Coming

A few days ago I received a letter from an organization coming to Lubbock. No kidding, it is called **"Christians Of Lubbock Aquatics."** You will find a copy of their letter printed below for evidence.

"Dear Church leaders,

"I am excited to write you this letter and express the ministry God had laid on my heart. What I am about to share with you has not been done in any part of the country, and I am honored to be a part of God's plan to reach a new generation of warriors for His Kingdom.

"Having been a coach in the sport of swimming for almost two decades now, I am thrilled to have God give my staff and I the opportunity to use our passion for kids and our sport to bring the gospel to the youth of

Lubbock County. We are bringing a new team to Lubbock, called Christians Of Lubbock Aquatics, or COLA, which will be unlike any swim team in the nation.

"Our staff truly believes that athletics is an instrument which God uses to bring kids together to receive the good news and promises of God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. Through our competitive swim team, we want to plant the seeds of Christ's love not only to the youth of this area, but also to the hundreds of thousands of others we will come in contact with nation wide, as we travel from the bottom of Texas to the top of our nation, and from the east coast to the west coast.

"Our mission is simply to use athletics as a tool, in bringing the message of Romans 10:9 to young hearts, that they will not only come to know salvation, but become witnesses and warriors for the kingdom of God Almighty.

"But we need help from the body of Christ, and we are asking for you to seek God in prayer to protect us from the attacks of satan (sic.). Furthermore, we would like very much to have the opportunity to pass out some fliers in your Sunday school classes and/or youth groups. We also would be pleased to be able to share our ministry with your congregation in a 5 minute presentation. And finally, we have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed enveloped with the hopes that you will be able to help in supporting our stand for God's Kingdom. It is a steep, uphill climb financially to get this team started, and we will need \$4,700 simply to begin. No matter how large or small the contribution, God will use it to complete His work!!

"Thanks so much for your time and prayers. May God richly bless you and your congregation. Take care and God bless,

"Mike.....

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"Christians Of Lubbock Aquatics"

My Comments On The Swim Team

In view of what we have already written, it does not seem necessary to say much about this new organization. The people behind it may be sincere people with a sincere desire to help the youth of our city. However, that cannot change the facts. The result will be that they will take boys and girls, dress them in skimpy swim suits, and then parade them around the country in the name of Christ. (If anyone thinks they will wear the old long bathing suits of a hundred years ago, they would probably buy frogs that are advertised as being able to fly to the moon.)

If you think that scantily clad girls do not cause men to lust, you need someone to tell you about the birds and the bees. In their hearts men know better, and women should. What these people are going to do is cause lust, fornication, adultery, unwed mothers, and divorce.

They want to come and recruit our youth, and take up money from our adults to get this "Christians Of Lubbock Aquatics" started. That will happen just as soon as catfish learn to drive Cadillacs, and I don't think that will be very soon. This may seem to be a hard article, but I learned a long time ago you can't fight the devil with a feather duster. Some who read this, particularly on the Internet, will call me a dirty old man. No, my friend I am not, but I do know the facts of life, and it is too bad that many pretend that they do not know.

(Copied from *Plains Baptist Challenger* VOL. LVIII, NO. 4)

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"FOR EVER, O LORD, THY WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN."

PSALM 119:89

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"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6



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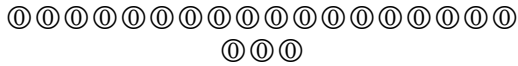
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The Eye Opener

(by Charles E. Ashcraft)

There are those who seem to think
That horses never sleep a wink.
But just as sure as you read this,
Sleep to a horse is quite a bliss.
Though he may stand upon his feet,
His joints will lock as does
birdsfeet,
He will stand and snooze about
midday
And fool most folks who come his way.
There is a spiritual sleep of man
today.
He too stands, and does not lay.
The Bible speaks of this kind you see;
Says it has to do with eternity.
Be careful my friend how you sleep.



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WHICH CHURCH SHOULD I ATTEND?

(The purpose of this column is to give the facts about true churches of the Lord and facts about the Devil's counterfeit "churches". Check this column in each issue of FBT to see the Scripture proofs given of what kind of church God wants us to go to.)

Concerning a true church to go to, it is important to distinguish between the following:

1. The Family of God includes all the children of God in Heaven and on earth, Ephesians 3:15. All believers in Christ are God's children, Galatians 3:26; John 1:12.
2. The Kingdom of God includes all of the saved living on the earth at a given time, Matthew 11:11.
3. The Church of God is a specific assembly of baptized believers at some locality, I Corinthians 1:2. All of God's children are not necessarily in the Church of God.

Salvation is absolutely not in a church, but in Jesus Christ plus nothing and minus nothing. A person can be saved and never darken the door of a church. However, if one's salvation is real, it will not only take him to Heaven when he dies, but it also desires to take him to church while he is alive. Also, as with salvation first, church membership is on God's terms (which are not grievous).



CHURCH PLANTING

Faith Baptist Church is endeavoring to be a church-planting church. Pastor Watt has continuously instilled the importance of this in the members of Faith from the Word of God.

The Lord started His church while He was here on earth and left it with important work to do. This work includes telling people about His ability to save their souls, then after salvation to scripturally baptize them. Also, the Lord wants them to be very faithful to a local church of His that they can attend—not to somehow keep themselves saved, the Lord keeps that, but to attend simply because they love the Lord and want to live for Him and obey Him.

For this reason it's easy to see the need for scripturally started churches in towns and cities across the world. Faith Baptist Church is a product of this exact process, produced by Faith Baptist Church of Spokane, MO. Contact us for details if you, your friends or family are interested in seeing a Baptist church started in your locality.

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