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"I am a voice."—John the Baptist

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## VOTE DRY NOVEMBER 7

Tuesday, November 7, will reach the pages of history as a day of great decision for or against the return of legalized whiskey to our State. Which way will you help turn the tide?

If Kentucky Baptists will vote dry that day, Kentucky can be saved for God and righteousness, soberness and honor. We wish to record our heart-deep conviction that any Baptist ought to be ashamed to vote wet on November 7. Brother Preacher, cry aloud against the evils of repeal.

To repeal the Eighteenth Amendment is to vote wet. It is to return the curse of the saloon in form even if not in name. It is to tear down what a century of instruction and voting against liquor have cost us and given us. It is to bow at the gods of wine and gold, whiskey and revenue. Do not be deceived as to the issue. To repeal is to go wet.

We cannot drink ourselves to prosperity. What a toll if we could! But we can drink our sons and daughters into their graves. We can drink food and clothing away from needy wives and children. We can drink ourselves downward and hellward, but never Godward.

No man can pray God to bless his vote if he votes for repeal.

Vote dry until whiskey ceases to dethrone reason, to destroy health, to ruin character.

Vote dry until whiskey no longer makes paupers, whips wives, starves children.

Vote dry until whiskey loses its poison, newspapers seek not its wealth for advertising, hell refuses to receive those sent there by drinking.

Let whiskey first repeal its anarchy against morality, righteousness, God. Until then, vote dry on November 7 and sleep with a clear conscience that night.

It is reassuring to know that some of our leaps into the dark turn out to be leaps into the light.

## A PERENNIAL REVIVAL

**A POSSIBILITY.** A revival "through the year" is no mere Utopian dream; it can be actualized. A revival represents a church at its highest on the spiritual thermometer, and a perennial revival seeks to maintain this degree through the year.

The revival mercies from God are ready, as an unblocked stream, to flow on; as an ungrounded wire, to empower us unceasingly; as an unhindered light, to keep shining; as an undeadened life, to be ever more lively. The joys and blessings of a revival are lasting and normal to the people of God. Do not settle down to Laodicean ease and faltering unbelief thinking that a perennial revival cannot be.

**THE PROBLEM.** The short life of many revivals, the tendency toward backsliding, and the annual need for revivals show that the problem grows from facts too stubborn to be denied. The problem, simply stated, therefore, is to catch up the salient features of the annual revival and realize them throughout the year. We must cease limiting God in our unbelief and killing expectancy in our hearts and the hearts of the lost that God will save through Christ at other and all times of the year.

**THE PANACEA.** Analyze a God sent revival, grasp its secrets, and strive toward them through the year. A true revival is not a time of emotional excitement but a spiritual mood and attitude, an unhindered flow of blessings of God, an eager hungering and thirsting after God. Our task and the panacea of our ills, therefore, is to grasp the following salient features and actualize them in our churches

**1. Prayer.** The true revival presents two outstanding marks of increase in prayer. There is a new degree; we pray more earnestly than at other times. This earnest pleading and agonizing intercession for the lost should be perennial. There is a new kind: all our revival prayers center around the restoration of backsliders and the salvation of the lost.

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The petitions of the saints throughout the year should be thus definitely centered on the glory of Christ Jesus in the salvation of lost men. Why pray for a week or ten days and then cease our prayers for the lost for a year?

**2. Faith.** During the regular revival meetings we pray in faith, expect souls to be saved, and God rewards our faith. But our habits and customs through the rest of the year kill our expectancy. How many expect conversions in our regular services? Ah, how we stand condemned by the unbelief of our hearts and the lightness of our burden for the lost! Paul had "continual" sorrow in his heart for his lost kinsmen.

**3.** Increased Bible reading, more general giving, larger attendance, and abstinence from certain habits characterize a protracted meeting. Keep these to the fore through the year, and the perennial revival will yield perennial blessings.

**4. Witnessing.** Anything that makes us unfit for or uninclined toward personal witnessing is sinful. The story gained currency that two boys said that, could they escape the personal workers for a few more days of the meeting, the Christians (?) would not bother them for a year. Shame on us that we do not witness throughout the year

We, both preachers and laymen, stand convicted of unfaithfulness both publicly and privately for our lack of evangelism. Do we preachers make our regular sermons as evangelistic as during the meeting season? Has God warranted such? Does the love of God for a lost world hibernate as ours too often does? Each sermon should be full enough of the gospel to show men the plan of salvation, and our passion for the lost should pulsate through every sermon until men know certainly that we earnestly beseech them to be reconciled to God.

Are not men just as truly lost during the whole of the year? Do not sinners die with-

out God at all times? Has God set His approval on our unevangelistic prayers, preaching, and personal work? Until God calls us to our supernal post, we must pray agonizingly for and witness earnestly to the lost of Jesus' power to save them from ruin to glory.

Have the perennial revival as your ideal. Pray for and witness to the lost through the year and through every year.

## OCTOBER FINANCES.

### Receipts

Balance from September.....	32. 35
Anonymous.....	100. 00
Anonymous, for student help.....	50. 00
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. H., Ft. Smith, Ark....	4. 00
West End Church, Paducah.....	5. 17
W. H. M., Big Clifty, Kentucky.....	10. 00
E. R. P., New Kensington, Penn....	73. 75
Mount Zion Church, Tennessee.....	2. 00
New Bethel Church, Lyon County.....	39. 00
Hopewell Church, Trigg County.....	3. 70
Rushing Creek Church, Tenn.....	1. 73
Sinking Spring, for R. O. B.....	4. 50
Dexter Church, Calloway County.....	2. 30
Mrs. E. H. P., Chicago, Illinois.....	5. 50
Memorial Church, Murray.....	8. 55
Total receipts.....	342. 55

### Disbursements

Floor mop and soap.....	79
Coal, ten tons.....	53. 00
Flour for Dorroh, Hampton, Gream....	2. 55
W. W. Dickerson, for teaching .....	12. 50
Student-janitors, Gream and Rowland ..	15. 00
W. L. Hampton, for rent.....	8. 00
Mrs. H. B. Taylor, for teaching.....	31. 25
R. O. B., as designated.....	8. 00
R. O. B., .....	42. 00
For typing notes, Geneva Taylor.....	1. 00
H. Gream, for rent.....	7. 50
H. Rowland, on board.....	2. 51
Total paid out.....	187. 10
Balance on hand.....	155. 45

We bought coal early in October to keep from paying higher prices later. Our students have cut and hauled wood almost every Saturday and Monday since School opened Sept 26. We are using wood as long as the weather is mild and will mix it with the coal later. We followed the custom of Brother Taylor in counting the week in September in paying the teachers.

Renew your Subscription.

## The Question of Leadership

God has given us leaders, consecrated personalities surcharged with divine power and wisdom, and we honor them as such. Pity the man who cannot be led but must always be a leader, either just of himself or of others. But we seek now to study how far one may Scripturally and safely follow leaders.

Perhaps no better example can instruct us than that of Paul, illustrious in humility and following as truly as in leadership. His ability to follow gave him the power to lead. I Corinthians 11:1, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Paul here says that we are to follow or imitate him according as or insofar as he followed Christ. Paul never once dreamed that anyone would think he thus claimed sinfulness or infallibility.

"Don't copy copies", said a noted artist to a student. My father once gave us a model by which to cut palings for a yard fence. Each new paling served us as a new measuring stick. Shortly father noticed our mistake and asked us to compare the last-cut paling with the standard he gave us. The variance was manifest. We must model our lives after the original copy, the exemplary standard of the Lord Jesus. By completely following leaders who are themselves led we go far astray from the Master Leader.

Two illustrations will clarify our point. A man said, "I will vote with him whichever way he goes." Too much personality, too little principle. Thank God, we will vote with no one, political, moral, or religious, unless he, as far as we see it, votes right. Another said, "He has led us these many years, and I know he can't go wrong. I am going to follow him." Thank God for seasoned men of God to lead us but never "copy copies" in trying to follow Jesus Christ. If you do, you will miss greatly what Jesus requires. Such sentiments are suicidal to personal recognition of the Lordship of Jesus.

I never fear that anyone will ever slavishly follow as small a light as I am, but I wish to record here that I do not desire such sentiments expressed about me. Follow Jesus, the Master Leader, as I too try to follow him

"Study to be quiet," Paul.

This issue should be No. 14, not No. 1.

## PROVISIONS WELCOME

As ever, the students of the School need and welcome gifts of provisions. Whatever it is to eat, our students can use it.

We appreciate the gifts of a few who have already responded. But we want our friends to know that there are five families that can use and need some provisions.

## WHY BE A BAPTIST

We have only two months now in which to send out the remaining thirty-five thousand copies of Brother Taylor's best writing, "WHY BE A BAPTIST". They await only two cents postage on each book. They are to go to preachers free of charge. Perhaps our friends do not appreciate the immense bulk and weight of this number of books. No private home can begin to store them. The cost of moving and storing will not be little if we wait for it to start January 1, 1934

## H. B. Taylor Monument Fund

Previously reported.....	\$ 34.15
Mrs. Belle P. Davis, Cobb Ky.....	. 30
W. E. Long, Kevil, Ky.....	2. 00
Miss Grace Holcomb, Murray, Ky.....	2. 00
L. H. Hale, Tampa, Fla.....	1. 00
James Orr, Murray, Ky.....	1. 00
Mrs. Coleman, Paducah, Ky.....	1. 00
Miss Carrie Bichon, Paducah, Ky.....	1. 00
Charles C. Montague, Beech Grove.....	2. 50
E. C. Brewer, Murray, Ky.....	1. 00
Mrs. Sallie May Coates.....	1. 00
Mrs. Cecil Ryan.....	1. 00
Total.....	\$47. 95

E. B. Holland, Treas.

Do not just tell troubled souls that they ought to be happy; help discover or point out to them the wells of joy.

The horn on a car needs repair when it sounds two distinct tones. Brother, carry your gospel horn to Jesus for serious adjustment if you are sounding two notes, the gospel of the atonement and the gospel of human merit.

## A Night Class

Our newest venture in the West Kentucky Bible School is to begin a night class from seven to eight each Tuesday evening.

We shall teach one of the regular courses of the School, Old Testament History. This is an attempt to give a general knowledge of the Old Testament from creation to the birth of our Lord. Students who have had the course speak highly of its value in understanding the Old Testament.

Every one who desires to study the Bible may come with us and get regular credit for the course. We welcome visitors to hear the lectures. Every preacher, every Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, every man, woman, boy, and girl interested in studying the Bible and in easy reach of Murray should grasp this opportunity.

Come with us each Tuesday evening.

The first class met Tuesday evening, October 10. Twenty-four enrolled for the course, and eight visitors were present. This included preachers, their wives, and children, high school and college students, and business men and women.

## You Name It

Monthly from May to September did The W. K. B. S. Voice announce that the School would open on September 26, 1933. We regarded this as **Official**.

Alas! for some who have talked to the contrary, it **did** open on September 26 and it is progressing as it ever has. We condescend with this item of information for our well (?) -wishers (note that we do not question the wishing).

We let **you** name the reports (rumors is a more appropriate word) that it would not open.

Rumor-coining and rumor-circulating do not become a Christian. I am too **busy** to do such work [charitably called work] or be hindered thereby.

Men do not climb hills backwards; their eyes are turned to the heights, not the valleys. Christian, take heed.

## The King's Manual School

Earthly dominions have their king  
Whose majesty entrances so  
That his subjects desire to bring  
Themselves within his courts and know  
His will and blessings for their lives.

Of dress and mein and manner, too,  
Certain requirements are laid down  
Which tell how those who enter sue  
The blessings of an earthly crown.

The Lord, our King, much be approached,  
If of uncertainty we're free,  
According to the Book He wrote  
To tell us how we all must be  
When we draw near unto His throne.

Perplexities in our approach,  
Or vagueness of His Kingly Rule,  
Come when lax study doth encroach  
Within the King's Manual School.

## From the Fourteenth News and Truths, July 14, 1906

### Faith

Faith is not feeling. Neither is it "doing commandments." Both feeling and doing commandments may exist without faith. Much of the feeling in many meetings is carnal, emotional, sentimental. God is not the author of it. All "doing commandments" in order to be saved or to keep saved shows the doer is under law and not under grace. There are many such in Murray, and they are all under God's curse (Galatians 3:10).

Genuine faith begets spiritual feeling and loving obedience. The man who says he is saved because he feels good and won't obey God's commands is a liar (1 John 2:3). The man who thinks he is saved by "doing commands" and yet has no internal feeling but laughs at feeling is deceived (1 John 5:10).

Genuine faith, that purifies the heart, works by love. It does not work from fear. Neither does it work for pay. But love is the motive that prompts the work and the lubricant that keeps the running gear in trim and makes the work easy. Faith saves, and loves because saved, and obeys because it loves, and is happy because it obeys. The love, obedience, and feeling are all because it obeys. The love, obedience, and feeling are all because of and not in order to salvation.