

**REV. WALTER
P. BIKACSAN**
1920-2010


The First Hungarian Baptist Church of Akron, OH, was Rev. Bikacsan's home church, where he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized by Rev. Ladislaus Lovas. His parents, Flore and Bertha File Bikacsan, were long-time members of the church and helped him grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was active particularly in the choir and the band until he entered service in the Navy in World War II.

By 1946 he answered God's call to the ministry. After his marriage to Gizella (Szabo) Taylor of Wadsworth, OR, they went to Sioux Falls College, SD, where for a year on week-ends after classes they, along with Gizella's brother Elmer Taylor and his wife Ruth, served as a Gospel Team for the college. The Bikacsans returned to Ohio and in 1950 he graduated from Cleveland Bible College (now Malone University of Canton), receiving the Bachelor of Theology degree.

Rev. Bikacsan was ordained in June, 1950 by the Huntsburg Baptist Church and the Ohio Baptist Convention. He served in both Hungarian and English languages there until 1952. A second bi-lingual pastorate was served at High Street Baptist Church in New Brunswick, NJ from 1954 to 1961. In 1956 after the Hungarian Revolution, Rev. Bikacsan helped with the processing of those at Camp Kilmer under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance and the capable leadership of Dr. Bela Udvarnoki. He also served as treasurer of the Building Committee for Bethesda Baptist Home in Palm Bay, FL. He served five other American Baptist congregations, all English, until he retired to Etowah, TN in 1984. Even in retirement he filled in for pastors and was active in church life until illness set him aside. He went Home to the Lord on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at 90 years of age.

Funeral services were held in Etowah Baptist Church and in Akron, Ohio. Burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens, Peninsula, Ohio, with a 21 gun sa-

lute and the "Doxology" with joined hands.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gizella; sons Ronald and Dennis and daughter Sharon and husband William Halter; also his sister and husband, Violet and Ernest Lehoczky.

Life verse: Jeremiah 33:3

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THE U IN JESUS

Be fore U were thought of or time
had begun,

God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see
it's true,

You can't spell out JesUs and
not include U.

You're a pretty big part of
His wonderful name,
For U, He was born;
that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason
He died.

It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with
U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold
trUmppet blew,
and this word resUrrection is
spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His
Upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just
had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them
it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled
with a U,

Don't they have a right to know
JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

**Making a will? Do not forget about
the Convention,
our Hungarian mission.**

Végrendeletet készít?

**Ne feledkezzen el Szövetségünkéről,
az amerikai magyar baptista
misszióról!**

JESUS IS THE GIFT

*Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits every
heart / and it is with His love that all cel-
ebration starts.*

*We rejoice in Him as we remember His
birth / and thank God for sending His
only Son to earth.*

*His life led from a manger to a cross on
a hill / where He faithfully followed His
Father's perfect will.*

*He freely laid down everything so that
we could live / and there is no greater
treasure anyone could give.*

*Like a scarlet ribbon His love wrapped
around the cross / and He offered it to us
all at the greatest cost.*

*So each time that we give we remember
what He's done / and honor the perfect
Gift - God's one and only Son.*

**For God so loved the world that He
gave.. John 3:16**

Jesus is the Gift weboldalról

When Your Hut's On Fire

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger.

He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to me?'

Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! 'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers.

'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied.

The Moral of This Story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering.

Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

A chicagóiak bulletinjából

In Memoriam: Zoltán Vékás

Zoltán Vékás, past vice president of the Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania and who represented the Baptist group at several Baptist World Alliance and European Baptist Federation events, died from colon cancer, on November 24, in Satu Mare, Romania. He was 61 years old.

Vékás was, for 12 years, editor in chief of Szeretet (Love), the monthly periodical of the Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania. He became pastor of the Baptist church in Satu Mare in 1990, and previously served as pastor of churches in Hunedoara and Lupeni, all in Romania.

Ordained during the communist era on November 24, 1978 - exactly 32 years before his death - Vékás was at times called in and questioned by the police on account of his faith, but "he remained faithful to the Lord and didn't give in either to pressure or to promises," his obituary read.

A Romanian of Hungarian descent, he did theological studies with the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, (since relocated to Prague, Czech Republic), and the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Plymouth, Minnesota, in the United States.

A memorial service was held on November 26 at the Hungarian Baptist Church Satu Mare and funeral service on November 27 at the Rodnei Street Greek Catholic Cemetery chapel.

He leaves wife Elizabeth, daughter Blanka and son Benjamin.

In Memoriam: Julia Gero

Julia Gero, president of the European Baptist Women's Union (EBWU) from 1987-1992 and a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department, died in October, in Hungary. She was 83 years old.

After marrying Sandor Gero, a Baptist pastor, in 1950, Gero became actively involved in, and eventually leader of, the Baptist women's movement in Hungary, attending various meetings and conferences in Europe. She was appointed Hungarian representative to the EBWU in 1982, and became its first president from the communist bloc of nations when she was elected in 1987.

During her presidency of the EBWU, Gero was instrumental in helping to organize women's unions in the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, and among Hungarian women in Transylvania, Romania.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1981, and is survived by daughter Dorothy and son Erik..

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PINTÉR SÁNDORNÉ 1918 - 2010

Mély fájdalommal tudatjuk, hogy Pintér Sándor egykori argentinai magyar lelkipásztor testvér özvegye, Pintér Sándorné, született Berta Erzsébet, szeptember 8-án az Úrhoz költözött. Férje több mint 15 évvel megelőzte őt.

Erzsébet testvérnő 1918. március 7-én született Padéjon, Jugoszláviában.

A Platanos-i temetőben búcsúztunk tőle. Még élt, azt kérte, hogy a temetésén a 90-dik Zsoltárt olvassam fel, ami az ő kedvenc Zsoltára volt.

A testvérnő még fiatal korában megismerte az Úr Jézust, akihez hűséges volt haláláig.

A Szentírás arra tanít minket, hogy boldogok, akik az Úrban halnak meg. Ezt mi is valljuk és hisszük. Biztosak vagyunk abban, hogy majd egykor, az Úrnál találkozni fogunk. Addig nyugodjon békében, emléke örökre a szívünkben marad.

Gyászolja fia Horvátországban és egy fia és leánya Argentínában, valamint a magyar baptista testvérek itt Argentínában.

Varga Antal

Varga Antal testvér levelében ezután az argentinai misszióról, illetve annak szomorú sorsáról ír.

Varga testvér a Vojlovicai magyar baptista gyülekezetben fogadta el az Urat, 14 éves korában, amit soha nem bánt meg. Mindig szívén hordozta a missziót, s azt kívánta, hogy még sokan megismerjék az Úr Jézust, különösen a mi magyar népünk között.

Azt írja Varga testvér, hogy minden nap imádkozik a magyar baptista misszióért, értünk és az egész világon élő véreinkért. 15 éve, Pintér testvér halála óta Varga testvér fogja össze a Palatinosi testvéreket, szolgálva közöttük az igével is. Sajnos a 15 év leteltével a testvéreink már majdnem mindannyian elköltöztek az Úrhoz, írja, s noha még vagyunk kb. 15-en magyar baptisták, de jelenleg megszűntek az összejöveteleink. Sajnos ott van a szép imaház, amit építettünk, de most ott argentinok jönnek össze.

Varga testvér továbbra is látogatja a magyar testvéreket, s ha kell, az úrvacsorát is kiosztja. "Sajnálattal kell tudomásul vennünk, hogy a tudomásom szerinti egyedüli Dél Amerikai magyar baptista gyülekezet is megszűnt, mint olyan. Nagyon hálásak vagyunk a testvéreknek, hogy mindeddig elküldték az Evangéliumi Hírnököt, mert valóban jó dolog tudni hittestvéreinkről, és épülni abból, ami történik és léleekben együtt lenni, másokért imádkozni."

A továbbiakban csak egy lapot kér, amit majd tovább visz a még érdeklődő testvéreknek.

"Kedves Testvéreim, valóban gyönyörűséges az Úr Jézust szolgálni. Legyetek hű szolgálói az Úr Jézusnak. Maradjatok testvéretek az Úrban, Varga Antal.

*E versekkel üdvözöllek mindannyi-
ótokat: 2 Kor 13,11-13*

Köszönöm Varga testvérnek a hirdését és a hűséges szolgálatot, amit népünk között végzett és végez. Urunk áldását, segítségét, reménységet és békességet kívánunk neki. Köszönjük, hogy imádkoznak értünk, innen is azt üzenjük, hogy mi is többet fogunk imádkozni értük. (szerk.)

Túrmezei Erzsébet: MEGYEK BETLEHEM FELÉ

Megyek Betlehem felé,
az én Krisztusom elé.
Lakóhelye messze van,
mégis megyek boldogan.

Bárhol lakik elérem,
csillag az én vezérem.
Megyek Betlehem felé,
az én Krisztusom elé.

Az ő házán nincs fedél,
átszívja rajta a szél.
Am a szél nem bántja őt,
csak ringatja a bölcsőt.

Megyek Betlehem felé,
az én Krisztusom elé.
Sok a bűnöm, bánatom,
átok van a vállamon,

de tudom, ha meglelem,
megújul az életem.
Megyek Betlehem felé,
az én Krisztusom elé.

Ha házába befogad
s nekem szolgálatot ad
tanítványa maradok,
hálát neki így adok.

ALIG ÉRTJÜK... (gyermekeknek)

Úr Jézus, hogy megszületté,
kisgyermekként közénk jöttél,
hozzánk hasonlóvá lettél -
alig értjük, hogy mit tettél,
de érezzük, hogy szerettél.

Fogadd el hát köszönetünk.
Vedd komolyan ígéretünk,
hogy mi Téged úgy szeretünk,
hogy oda'djuk az életünk:
Tiéd legyen! S Te légy velünk!
Így lesz boldog az életünk.

Herjeczki Géza (1977)