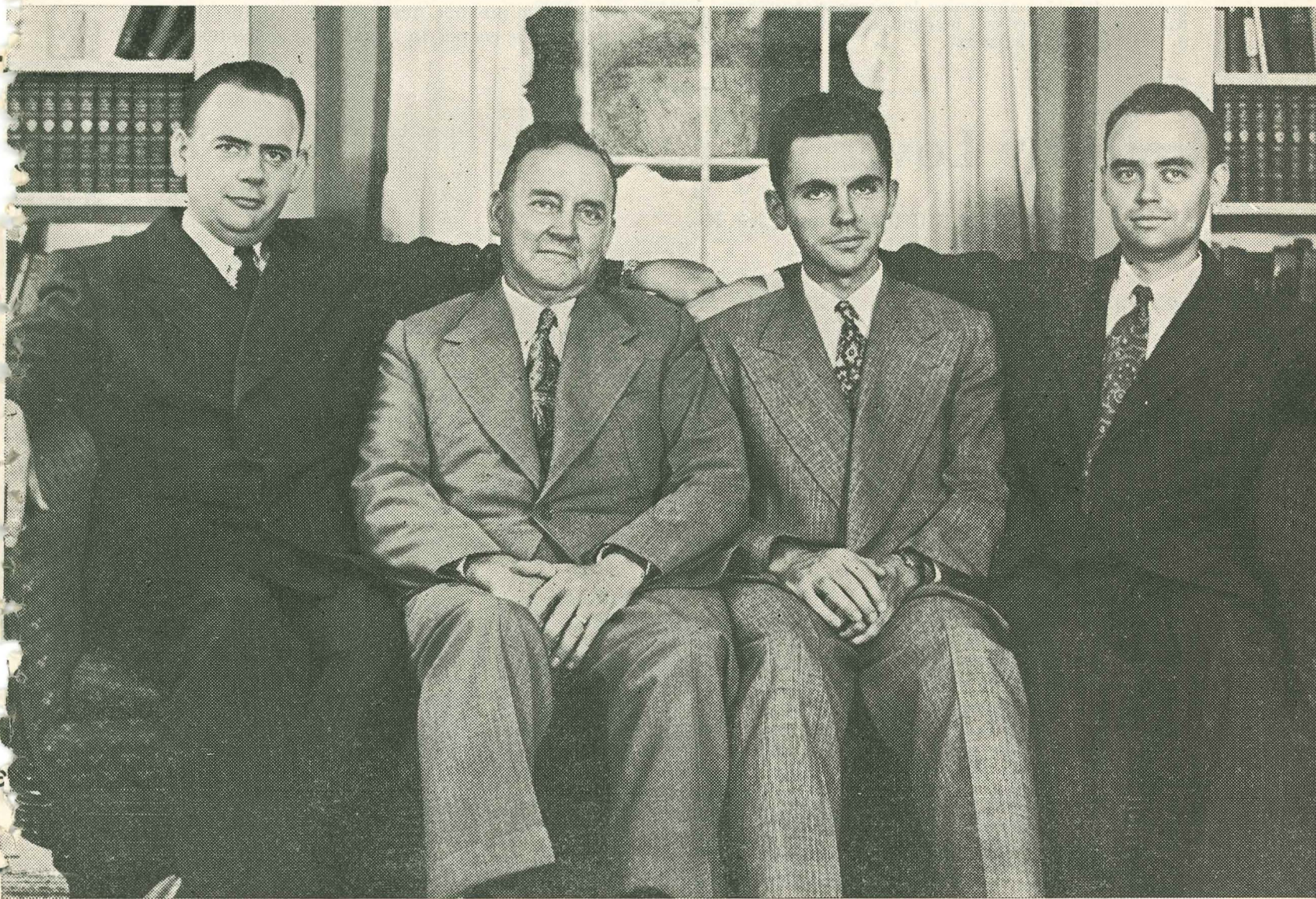


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A Family Quartette Of Bratcher Preachers From Brazil



Louis M. Bratcher, Jr.

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To have three upstanding sons in one family is something of which any preacher-father should be proud. But for each of these three upstanding sons to be Baptist preachers is really something unusual. In the family of L. M. Bratcher, Sr., all of the men are Baptist preachers (See articles on pages 5 and 14).

Gleanings From The Field

The Salem Church, near London, Ky., has called W. S. Vandeventer as their full-time pastor.

W. E. Jones is the new pastor at East Pittsburg Church, and plans to move on the field soon.

Caleb McFadden is now preaching full-time at Greenmount Church in Laurel River. A new basement is planned as soon as it can be arranged.

The First Church of Middlesboro, Ky., noted the tenth anniversary of the pastor, J. Marvin Adams, on a recent Sunday.

Braxton B. Sawyer resigned as pastor of the First Church of Murray, Ky., on March 28, effective May 3. He goes to the Immanuel Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Ark.

Brother Chase W. Jennings has been assisting Pastor M. M. McFarland in a revival meeting at the Oak Ridge Church, Covington, Ky., during April 11-25.

Pastor W. R. Rogers did the preaching in a revival recently at the Swiss Colony Church, in Laurel River Association. Jewell Arthur and Delbert Binder assisted the pastor.

Rev. John S. Ransdell, retired and former Field Worker with the Kentucky Baptist State Board of Missions, together with Mrs. Ransdell, has moved to 816 Sorolla Avenue, Coral Gables, Fla. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Housman, will join them there next June.

Dr. L. M. Bratcher is back in Louisville after visiting in Florida, Texas, California and western Kentucky. He and Mrs. Bratcher will leave Kentucky on May 17 for New York City, from which port they will sail on the Steamship Argentina on May 21. They expect to arrive in Rio de Janeiro on June 2.

Brother B. B. Hilbun has resigned as pastor of the Florence Baptist Church, Florence, Miss., and has returned to Kentucky to be pastor at Greensburg. Brother Hilbun was formerly pastor at Columbia, Ky., and other Baptist churches in this state. He has many friends here who will welcome him back to our midst.

The centennial of the First Church of Tyler, Texas, was observed April 7-11 with an elaborate program. Speakers included such names as President H. D. Bruce, East Texas Baptist College; W. E. Floyd; President W. R. White of Baylor University; Secretary J. Howard Williams; M. E. Dodd, Shreveport and the pastor, Dr. Porter M. Bailes.

A building program was launched by

the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., on March 21. Darrell C. Richardson has just completed his first year as their pastor. During the year there have been 62 additions. The new net membership has increased from 341 to 394. The sum of \$14,799.81 has been raised for all purposes, and more than \$5,500.00 is in the building fund.

The Calvary Baptist Youth Night will be held at their church, Eighteenth and Prentice Streets, Louisville, on Sunday night of May 2 at 7:45 o'clock. Eugene Milby, senior student at Male High School, will preach, and Dave Bielefeld will preside. Pastor T. J. Barksdale is back from an extended trip to Florida, and is much improved in health. He has resumed his preaching, and is gradually getting back into his pastoral duties.

J. E. Howell has moved from Williamsburg, Ky., to the Second Church of Hazard, Ky. There have been 27 additions in his first two months there. The church plans to build a new church as a tribute to A. S. Petry who served

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the church for eighteen years, and preached in the Kentucky mountains for more than fifty years. Now 81, Brother Petry is still hale and hearty, rarely ever missing a service except when he is preaching somewhere else.

Supt. J. Perry Carter, of the Long Run Office, was in a stewardship revival with Pastor J. C. R. Hendon at the Southside Baptist Church, Mooresville, N. C., recently. He taught P. E. Burroughs' book, *The Grace of Giving*, to a class of 35 to 40 adults, and spoke on *Stewardship and Our Baptist Program* to the entire group in the second period. It was part of an Association-wide stewardship program sponsored by Assistant State Secretary E. L. Spivey and Yadkin Association.

The Cecilia Baptist Church, Cecilia, Ky., ordained six deacons on March 28 at 3:00 P. M. These new deacons are Brethren H. S. Gardiner, J. C. Horrell, R. W. Ransell, L. Woodring, Henry Greenwell, and George Razor. Pastor R. T. Miller served as chairman of the Presbytery. J. W. Wood of Elizabethtown interrogated the candidates, and

Warren Rust, pastor of the Vine Grove Church, delivered the ordination sermon. The ordination prayer was led by Pastor Bruce Chelf.

Pastor George W. Cummins is finding it necessary to have two Sunday morning preaching services at the Beechmont Church, Louisville, these days to accommodate the crowds. A preaching service is conducted at 8:30, at which time the Intermediate choir leads the singing. This is followed by the Sunday school at 9:30, as usual. Then another preaching service is held at 10:30, at which time the regular choir has charge of the music. Beechmont practically doubled their auditorium several years ago, but it still is not large enough for their needs.

Nathaniel G. Mayhall has been called to be Associate Pastor with Pastor J. C. Stephens at the Irvine Baptist Church, Irvine, Ky., and he will be in charge of Pitts, Rockhill and Ivyhill Missions, which three missions are being fostered by the Irvine Church. He will go to this new work as soon as the Seminary closes for the summer. Brother Mayhall is native of Mississippi, but has worked several summers in the mountains of Kentucky for the Baptist State Board. Mrs. Mayhall is a former Church Secretary at the Broadway Church of Louisville.

Seven Baptist churches in Central Association (Marion and Washington Counties) joined in a school of missions, March 7-12. Churches participating were Mackville, Charles Devine, pastor; New Hope, Ronald Hicks, pastor; Thompsonville, E. C. Owensby, pastor; Springfield, Bailey F. Davis, pastor; Lebanon, F. G. Schlafer, pastor; Muldraugh's Hill, John Wall, Pastor; and Bradfordsville, George R. Gaddie, pastor. Missionaries on the program included: R. A. Slinker, Murray, Ky.; H. M. Herron, Mouth Card, Ky.; J. L. Hart, Chile; J. R. Allen, Brazil; Prof. R. A. Jacob, China; G. O. Foulon, a Frenchman and a missionary to the French; and E. L. Garza, an Indian from Brownsville, Texas.

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Editorials

Holy Fire In The Pulpit

Jonathan Edwards' great sermon—Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God—was perhaps the most spoken-of-sermon ever preached on this continent. Delivered in 1741, under trying circumstances, it moved the hearers to a response rarely achieved. Many cried out in a fear, approaching frenzy. They clung to their seats lest they slip into hell. They realized the awfulness of sin, the certainty of a terrible retribution.

But the tide went against that kind of preaching. Hearers were thereby made unhappy. They reasoned: "After all, was not religion intended to bring happiness, not grief?" Speakers and writers generally, referred to such men as "fire and brimstone preachers." They urged that more people are won by love than by fear. They neglected to witness to the fact that Jesus Himself preached about a very real hell.

With the leaving out of the hell-preachments, the hearers were left more and more unaware of the awfulness of rebellion against God. The *casual* age set in—the age which has blasted powerful, evangelistic preaching—and there came the slow drift toward complacency. Mothers and fathers no longer wept for the salvation of their children. They felt that somehow, the love of God would make all things right. In due time the children would decide to "line up with the church and engage in a good cause." After all, it was a matter of choosing the best things in life.

Brethren, the writer speaks only for himself: It is this failure to fully understand the tragedy, the crime of sin against God which slowed down evangelistic passion. The writer was going into town one day; he saw just ahead, a little country home burning. A part of the family was rushing about the place, trying to save what they could. It was all happening so fast. Suddenly, the mother missed one of the small children. I have never heard such a scream! It took two strong men to hold her out of the flames. Love for the child, and an understanding of the awful peril, drove her to frantic effort in its behalf. If we love souls; if we love the Christ Who died to redeem them; if we fully understand their sad condition before God; then we will awaken from our complacency, and frantically throw ourselves into any effort to point them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin-of the world."

And brethren, say what you will; this holy fire must be kindled in the pulpit if it is ever to sweep through the pews! We have many, but we need so many more—men of God in the pulpits whose hearts are broken, over the lost—who will stand up for God and plead, plead with lost men to turn to Christ and "flee the wrath to come." It must be kindled and brought to white-heat in the preacher's heart. There is but one fact confronting us—souls are lost and are on their way to a Christless eternity.

We have but one message—Jesus the Saviour of men. We, all of us, have such a short time, at the best, to take our turn as heralds of the gospel. We "must work the works of Him that sent" us, "while it is called day; for the night cometh when no man can work."

Mothers' Day Offering

It would be difficult to put too strongly the appeal for the special Mothers' Day offering. This cause comes mighty close to all our hearts. Those who understand the great needs will be unable to turn a deaf ear.

Certainly evangelism comes first. We should always keep that first. But next to that, relief for those who cannot help themselves. The offering made by the churches on Mothers' Day, May 9, will be used by the Hospital to minister to the needs of those not in position to pay for hospital treatment. Unless you personally have seen it, you cannot possibly know the need. We must make it possible for the financially unfortunate to have required surgery and medical assistance. And, we must do it for the sake of the Master Who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these. . . ye did it unto me." The Spirit of Jesus prompts us to do great things for a great Christ!

The Prayer Closet, With The Shut Door

Jesus is the great prayer-Teacher. He knew *how* to pray. He also knew *where* to pray.

Some of the people were confused. They were going through prayer forms in public. They wanted to impress the watchers and the listeners. They overlooked the fact that prayer is to be made to God *alone*, that *it is not to be made for the purpose of other people hearing it*.

Prayer is then a secret thing. The makers of street-corner-prayers had overlooked this. Jesus therefore called them "hypocrites," a word which in those days meant actors, or those who play a part before an audience.

Without ridicule, Jesus called His disciples' attention to the danger of the un-genuine, to the temptation to make a "good impression." This is a temptation which all of us meet at one time or another—the man in the pew, the preacher in the pulpit.

The makers of street-corner-prayers were probably careful about their choice of words, about the forming of their sentences, even about the tone of voice used. The people were listening. They were acting for their audience and it had to be good or they would lose their standing.

Do you reckon it could ever be that the Heavenly Father, as He listens (surely He always does), feels like inquiring of us, "To whom are you talking? the people? or your Father?" It makes a lot of difference, doesn't it?

Jesus pointed the way of escape from the actor-complex in prayer. "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." Have you ever had the feeling that the maker of a prayer was behind with his closet-praying? Enough praying in the

closet with the shut-door, fortifies a good man against the actor-complex when he prays in public. He'll be talking to *the Father*, unmindful of watching eyes and listening ears. He'll talk to Him as though there were no others around except just himself and the Father.

And Jesus gave in His own life, such a good example of this kind of praying. Now and then, He prayed before the people. Such an instance is found in the seventeenth chapter of John. Of course there were others. But most of the time Jesus went away to pray. He even left His closest friends behind. It was a matter of fellowship between Himself and the Father, not between Himself and His friends. There is a place for earthly friends, but the heart hungers for the Father. We can't go on without Him. Leaving friends and loved ones behind, even those of our own homes, we are to go away from everybody and everything, and pray. When we are thus with Him, neither time nor words matter.

Don't you think that this kind of praying, on the part of God's millions, would work miracles in our churches, and in our denomination, even in our nation and world? Such prayer-fellowship will turn back the tides of confusion and war. Such praying will bring an answer to the petition, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Let us pray!

Symphony Written Around Hymn

In the April issue of *Capital Baptist*, District of Columbia, Editor Dowdy remarks: "When a hymn composer selects some melodic section from the classics, that is not news; but when an entire symphony is written around a popular hymn tune, that is news."

"Virgil Thompson's 'Symphony On a Hymn Tune' was featured in a recent concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra at Constitution Hall in Washington. It was quite an innovation to hear the Constitution Hall vibrating with the orchestra playing the familiar tune, 'How Firm a Foundation.'

"The program notes contained this interesting paragraph: 'Although it is the property of no one denomination, it has come virtually to be the theme song of the Southern Baptist Convention.' Secondary theme is the tune associated with the words: 'Yes, Jesus Loves Me.'

"This is somewhat of a commentary after a century of growth when one hundred years ago it was said, 'Baptists are a feeble and ignorant people.' We ought not to hold lightly a heritage that found so many of our pioneer preachers jailed for the right to preach the gospel in these United States."

Brotherly Love

By W. B. HUBBLE, Paint Lick, Ky.
(Abbreviated)

BUT THE love Jesus had in mind is of the Spirit. It involves the will and is based upon sound reason. The fact that Jesus gave the command "to love one another" proves this a love we acquire and cultivate by conscious effort. Otherwise Jesus stands convicted of giving senseless commands.

There are some things we must do if we cultivate brotherly love.

First, deny self (Matthew 16:24). Brotherly love and selfishness cannot exist in the same heart.

Second, cultivate a forgiving spirit. "Love covereth a multitude of sins." So brotherly love will both forgive and forget even as God forgives and remembers sins against us no more.

Third, differentiate between the sinner and his sin. Though God hates sin He loves the sinner. We are to love our brother while hating his sin.

Fourth, look for the good—that which is commendable in the life of our brother. "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise think on these things" (Phil. 4:8). If I go out into the fields looking for ugly things that mar the landscape, I can find them: If I search for beauty, I can find it. So it is with our brethren. If we look for faults, we can find them, for none are

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"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).  
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perfect. Jesus said, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." So let him that is perfect be first to find fault with his brother.

Some sound reasons why we should love our brother:

First, we have common background. Spiritually speaking, there are only two classes, the saved sinner and the unsaved sinner. It matters little the social, cultural, or financial background, it remains true that we were all at one time in the same class. We are what we are today only by the grace of God. "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8-9). Greater gifts, greater capabilities only increase our responsibilities to God. For "God requires of a man according to that which he has and not according to that which he has not."

Second, we are all bought at the same price. "For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (I Cor. 6:20). Again we read, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation re-

ceived by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:18-19).

It cost the Father the life-blood of His Son to redeem you and me, and it cost God no more or no less to redeem the vilest sinner than to redeem the most moral. But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe (Gal. 3:22).

Again, when God cleanses He does a thorough work. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Third, we share in a common relationship. Jesus said, "All ye are brethren" (Matthew 23:8). Again, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:2).

Fourth, we shall share in a common inheritance. "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:16-17).

Fifth, we should love one another because Jesus commands it. When Jesus was here on earth, when asked on one occasion to take food, He said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." And then He explained, "My meat is to do the will of my Father and to finish His work." It will be a great day in the history of Southern Baptists when we all become more anxious to do the will of Christ than we are to take food for the body.

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Brazilian Baptists Are Real Baptists

By L. M. BRATCHER, Sr., Corresponding Secretary
of Brazilian Baptists' Home Mission Board

THERE IS NO mission field in the world that is paying such dividends as in Brazil, today. In a little over sixty years a few Baptists have grown into a virile young denomination that is rapidly taking its place side by side with others that are working for the evangelization, not only of Brazil itself, but of Latin America also.

As to growth, there are about nine hundred Baptist churches, scattered through every state in Brazil. These have about 90,000 members. In the city of Rio de Janeiro alone, there are sixty-three churches. At the recent meeting of the Federal Convention of the Woman's Missionary Union there were enrolled 1,059 messengers at the first meeting. There are more people enrolled in the Sunday schools than there are members of the churches. *One church alone in the capital city has more than twenty Sunday schools.* Other statistics could be given, but these are sufficient for the time being.

Teaching Aids Evangelism

As to the co-operation of the denomination in the fight for intellectual freedom, it is enough to call attention to the plan of the Home Mission board to help do away with illiteracy through its "evangelistic campaign by means of literacy." It is the plan of the board to organize a literacy school in every Baptist church in the land. The course will be one year, and the teacher will do the work free of charge. The material is the Primer based upon God's Word, and the First Reader is the book of John. At the end of the year's study, a New

Testament will be given to every one who learns to read and write.

Already schools have been organized in every state and thousands of pupils have been enrolled. We want the people to know the plan of salvation as well as to know how to read and write.

Mission Work Supported

As to the denomination's missionary zeal, it has a Foreign and a Home Mission board. The Foreign Mission board has work in Portugal and in Bolivia. The task of the Home Mission board is to carry the Gospel to the great interior, to the Brazilian Red Man, to the emigrants, to preach Christ through the radio, to prepare Gospel literature for direct evangelization, and to train workers for the great interior.

Direct evangelism is carried out by trying to enlist all of the churches in a special national revival meeting. Four hundred and fifty were enlisted at one time.

Last year Brazilian Baptists gave more per capita for Home Missions than did Southern Baptists. At the recent meeting of the National Baptist convention it was the consensus of opinion that two outstanding programs were those of Home and Foreign missions.

In period of service, the writer of this article is the oldest Baptist Home Mission secretary in the world. The Home Mission board supports more than sixty missionaries in its various tasks.

Board Declines Gift

As to its doctrinal position a recent event will speak louder than any words

or comments of the writer. In connection with its work, the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission board maintains a little orphanage in the far interior. It also has a little dispensary out on the great Tocantins river. It is the only institution of its kind on the river. The work of these two institutions has attracted wide attention, so wide that the attention of the local congressman was attracted to them. He investigated and found that they were doing an outstanding work.

He was so impressed that he went before the National congress and asked that 10,000 cruzeiros per year be voted for each institution. The congress heard his appeal and voted unanimously to help each institution with the amount asked. The Home Mission board was invited to receive the amount designated to each institution.

When the matter was presented to the Home Mission board, after study and thought, it was voted unanimously not to accept the offer, on the grounds that it would be a violation of our religious principles. *Not one missionary took part in the discussion.* A courteous letter was sent to the congressman, thanking him for his interest in our work, but at the same time explaining that our attitude on the doctrine of the separation of church and state would forbid our accepting the grant.

Greater Support Needed

I was most proud of my Home Mission board when I received the news for I knew how bitterly they needed the grants that had been made. In fact I have been praying that some way might be found to make up the financial loss to the board, to the little children and to the sick of the great interior.

A way should be found in which Southern Baptists will help Brazilian Baptists in their God-chosen task to evangelize their own fatherland. That should be done in a new approach that will show our confidence, faith, and love in a peculiar way. If that is done Brazilian Baptists will march shoulder to shoulder with Southern Baptists not only in the conquest of Brazil for Christ, but in the conquest of Latin America for our Saviour.

Pastor James Roy Clark has completed his first year in the leadership of the Morgan Avenue Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, Texas. During the year 358 people have joined the church, 214 of them being by letter, eight on statement, and 136 for baptism. Some \$54,147.42 has been raised during the year, of which \$20,433.45 is for a building fund, \$3,000-plus for the \$15,000 parsonage purchased, and \$4,631.04 for missions. The remainder was for local expenses. A new \$100,000 auditorium and educational building is being planned for the current year.

Kingdom Work

By H. LEO EDDL EMAN, Chairman
State Mission Board

Recently I took time to go casually through our Baptist State Board offices. One cannot do this without being impressed with the atmosphere of courtesy, spirituality, and efficiency prevailing in every department of our work.

Dr. W. C. Boone, our Executive Secretary, has his own effective work greatly multiplied through the energetic and well planned efforts of Brother L. O. Griffith, his associate.

It is difficult to recall ever entering one of these offices when it did not seem that there was much going on. Just as this is true of the above-mentioned offices, it is also true of Dr. Gardner's Sunday School Department; Dr. Vollmer's quarters, with their two-pillared responsibility in Christian Education and the Kentucky Baptist Foundation; the Relief and Annuity Department under Brother Baynard F. Fox; the Training Union quarters under Brother Byron De Jarnette; the W. M. U. Department under Miss Mary P. Winburne; the Western Recorder Department—from the busy offices of the editor, Dr. R. T. Skinner, and the business manager, Brother Robert L. Pogue, on down through the cramped quarters of the press room with its buzzing machinery, where are Mr. H. L. Taylor, Superintendent and his hard working shop force.

It gives one a sense of pride to find such a spirit and zest for work prevailing in his own denominational headquarters. While activities approaching the dimensions of beehives do not necessarily prove the worthwhileness of an organization, the presence of a fine spiritual atmosphere coupled with the former certainly make a happy combination.

It was my privilege to speak several times to the entire staff of the building in their morning devotional periods. It was a personal blessing to me to be with them. It was inspiring to find the individuals of an efficient, hard working organization pausing to look the Lord in the face and seek His guidance and strength for the day.

The volume of work under the direction of the Executive offices is amazing. Contemplate the amount of planning and detail work involved in such items of which the following are but a few examples, and you will get an idea of the tremendous work going on; State workers' conferences; state-wide evan-

gelistic conferences; simultaneous associational revivals promoted; conferences of twenty-eight camp directors of of Baptist camps and assemblies; state mission literature planned and written and distributed; news releases to daily and county papers; surveys of various phases of work over the state in order to distribute, allocate, and shift emphasis wisely; visual aid (making and distributing motion pictures of our work—this is a matter for which we Baptists ought to make our desires known to such degree that the need and

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demand for sufficient movies of our sacred work to acquaint all the people of all our churches therewith shall be met); the summer program using students, volunteer pastors for mission revivals, etc.; bulletins acquainting missionaries, Board members and others with the highlights of the work from month to month; use of the radio periodically; helping secure equipment for state missionaries. These are but samples of the many things that transpire in these offices under the direction of Dr. Boone and Brother Griffith.

Brethren, we ought to appreciate our State Board workers more. We ought to pray for them, and we ought to express our appreciation to them every now and anon. The members of the secretarial staff work hard and long and their efforts are felt throughout the State.

The attitude of most of these workers is typified by the spirit of a young lady of the secretarial staff, who, during the recent evangelistic conference was asked by someone, "What shall we do until this next session begins?" To which she replied, "Let us be praying for it."

Corbin Pastor Praises Doctors And Nurses At The Baptist Hospital

By S. D. Vaughn, Pastor,
Goodhope Baptist Church

CORBIN, Ky.—I appreciate the opportunity of telling others what the Kentucky Baptist Hospital at Louisville has meant to our church and community. This was our first year to call on our Hospital.

Our first patient was a woman, who was not a Baptist. As soon as our letter reached Superintendent H. L. Dobbs, he notified me to have her there on a given date. The patient required surgery of a serious nature, but she is now well and able to work again. She praises our hospital and its doctors, and all connected in any way with the institution.

Soon after this case had been handled, we had an aged minister who needed hospitalization. As is often the case with aged preachers, he had no money. Our Hospital at Louisville took care of his needs, and he is preaching again.

Both patients tell me that they were never treated so well as at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. So I do not think of Mother's Day as a day to give, but as a day to invest in the health and life and comfort of others. God help each of us to do our best this year!

Thanks again to Superintendent Dobbs and the doctors and nurses for their help at a time when it was badly needed.

HONESTY—Never judge a man by his failures. He may have been too honest to succeed.—*New Day*.

Pleasant Hill Church

Dedicated New Building

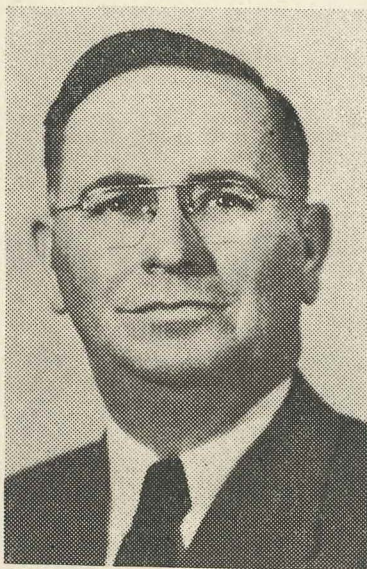
CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky.—The dedicatory services for the new Pleasant Hill Baptist Church were held on Sunday, April 18, with a program beginning at 11:00 A. M., and continuing until 2:30 P. M., with dinner served at the noon hour. The program was informal, with an address at the morning hour by Dr. R. T. Skinner, Editor of the Western Recorder.

The Church at Pleasant Hill was organized in 1840 and since that time has had four buildings. Two of them have burned. One of these fires occurred during the War Between the States, and the recent one several years ago, was so damaging as to make necessary the erection of the new building.

The meeting house that was destroyed by fire on April 18, 1945, was a frame structure which had been built in the late 'nineties, and had been remodeled with the expenditure of several thousand dollars a short time before the conflagration. In addition to the loss of the building by this crisis, the church also sustained a heavy financial loss, having only a few thousand dollars of fire insurance at the time.

The day of the recent dedication was just three years after the burning of the old building. The church has been practically completed for fifteen months. In a few weeks after commencing the new structure worship services were conducted in the basement, made possible by using a temporary roof. Ample space for preaching and teaching was available. It was not until October a year later that the congregation moved into the auditorium. The accompanying picture is the stately edifice made possible by the work and labors of the

congregation and their friends throughout the county and state, and many from out of Kentucky made contributions. Two gifts came from as far away as California. The bulk of the cost was



D. L. Druen

borne by the congregation. More than 99% of the congregation gave and gave liberally to the building fund, making it possible to build. Approximately \$70,000 has been paid by generous friends during the building program. The entire debt was paid off by the day of dedication. Actually the value is worth more than \$100,000.

The architect who furnished the plans for the building was E. T. Daugherty of Nashville, Tenn., resident architect of the Baptist Sunday School Board. W. A. Harrell, head of the Architectural De-

partment, and his assistants were consultants for the architect during the building.

The local building committee was composed of Pastor D. L. Druen, S. V. Kessler, Lee Reynolds and Obie Rafferty who served throughout the period.

The new meeting house has a seating capacity of 600 in the auditorium and balcony, with extra rooms for chairs. There is a large assembly room in the basement which will seat 350, and which is admirably adapted for visual education and other advanced methods of instruction. Also there are five other large assembly rooms, and 21 class rooms, with library, storage, kitchen, heating and other conveniences provided for.

All the landscaping, driveways, shrubs, evergreens and grass have been added completing all the work that is to be done for a complete job.

Brother Druen has been pastor here for 18 years, with the exception of a six months' period while he was pastor of the Bruner's Chapel near Harrodsburg in 1944.

The church has a resident membership of 400, and a non-resident membership of about 100. There have been 89 additions in the last two years, 73 of these being added by baptism. At present 295 are enrolled in the Sunday school with an average attendance of 225. The Training Union has 110, with an average attendance of 75.

The church is located five and one half miles from Campbellsville on Highway 68 in one of the fine farming sections of Taylor County. The church has prospects of growth and development in the days ahead. Large crowds attend all services, including prayer meetings.

V. S. Gentry, Georgetown Biology Teacher, Dies

GEORGETOWN, Ky., March 31.—Prof. Vernon Scott Gentry, 42, died at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville yesterday. He had been head of the Department of Biology at Georgetown College since 1942. Funeral services were conducted at the Dallasburg Baptist Church of Wheatley, Ky., on April 1, President Samuel S. Hill officiating.

Native of Wheatley, he attended local schools and graduated from Georgetown College, and then went on to the University of Kentucky for his master's degree. He later took his doctorate at the University of Kansas. Before returning to his Alma Mater to teach in 1942, he had taught at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kans., and the Florida State College of Lakeland, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Ruby Kindoll; by his father, Marcus Gentry; and by a brother, Robert S. Gentry, Wheatley.



New Meeting House at Pleasant Hill

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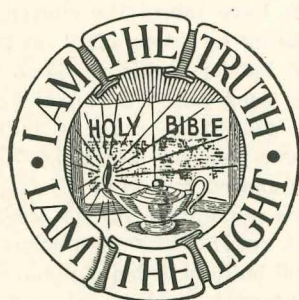
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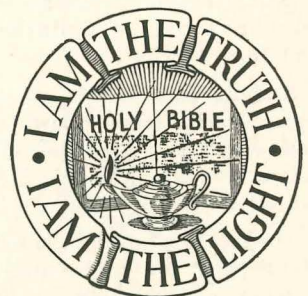


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Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE,
State Secretary

TATE'S CREEK SIMULTANEOUS SCHOOLS

During the week of March 28-April 2 the Tate's Creek Associational Training Union conducted simultaneous Training Schools in five churches, namely, Berea, Hay's Fork, Richmond First, Rosedale, and Wallaceton. A mass meeting for a general session and conferences were held at Berea on Sunday afternoon. Teachers in the schools included some from their own church, some from other churches in the association, some from Georgetown College, and some state workers. The state workers were as follows: Miss Ava Albro taught in the Berea Church, Miss Maurita Morris taught in the Wallaceton Church, Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette taught in the Hay's Fork Church, and the writer taught in the Richmond, First Church. Mr. Maurice Willis is Associational Director. He and others worked hard in preparation for the week, which was successful for the churches participating. The pastors of these Churches are: Berea—Rev. O. B. Mylum; Richmond First—Dr. E. N. Perry; Rosedale—Rev. Eldred Taylor; Hay's Fork—Rev. John Lucas. Wallaceton is without a Pastor.

AWARDS BY COURSES IN SOUTH

Adult	12,425
Junior	8,752
Intermediate	8,202
Young People	7,425
Administration	3,208

BOOKS WITH HIGHEST NUMBER AWARDS GRANTED

The Baptist Adult Union Manual.....	3,104
The Baptist Intermediate Manual.....	2,739
The Baptist Junior Union Manual.....	2,736

AWARDS FOR MARCH

Association	Meth- ods	Other Books	Total
Blood River			
Cherry Corner	---	11	11
Caldwell County			
Eddyville, First	6	---	6
Kuttawa	4	---	4
Princeton, First	6	---	6
Walnut Grove	1	---	1
Campbell County			
Newport, First	---	45	45
Trinity, Newport	26	---	26
Christian County			
Hopkinsville, Second	---	75	75
Elkhorn			
Central, Paris	---	6	6
Felix Mem'l, Lexington	28	---	28
Georgetown, First	---	1	1
Enterprise			
West Liberty	26	---	26
Gasper River			
Salem	---	1	1
Laurel River			
Corinth	52	---	52
London, First	1	---	1
Long Run			
Bethel Mission	---	10	10
Central Baptist Mission	---	9	9
Crestwood	---	13	13
Elk Creek	25	---	25

Fisherville	1	1	2
Harmony	---	2	5
Jeffersontown	2	3	35
Kenwood	---	35	35
Lee's Lane	32	19	51
Parkland	8	---	8
Portland Avenue	2	---	2
Shawnee	8	10	18
Taylorsville	1	---	1
Weaver Memorial	11	2	13
West Side	12	---	12
Nelson			
Bloomfield	---	38	38
Shepherdsville	29	---	29
Ohio Valley			
Audubon, Henderson	1	---	1
Henderson, First	72	27	99
Russell Creek			
Campbellsville	25	---	25
Severn's Valley			
Severn's Valley	---	59	59
Shelby County			
Burk's Branch	---	33	33
Three Forks			
Hazard, First	56	---	56
Warren			
Bowling Green, First.....	174	---	174
West Kentucky			
Milburn	18	---	18
West Union			
West End	26	---	26
Total	653	400	1,053
Southern Baptist Seminary.....	143	---	143
Grand Total	796	400	1,196

20%-ERS

The following churches have reported a total Training Union Attendance equivalent to twenty per cent of their resident membership:

April 4: Crestwood, Frankfort; Dallasburg, Wheatley; Danville, First; Erlanger; Frankfort, Thornhill; Harmony Baptist Chapel, Louisville; Hawesville; Jellico, Tennessee, First; Kuttawa; London, First; Lynch; Madisonville, First; Muldraugh; Victory Memorial Louisville; Walnut Street, Evansville Indiana; Weaver Memorial, Louisville.

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Brother Wheeler Thompson is working vigorously to increase the number of Vacation Bible Schools and also to make them better this year. We have turned this work over to him and we trust our Kentucky Baptist people will do their best to help him make this a great year for the sake of boys and girls all over the State. Do not call on brother Thompson for workers if you can at all get along without them. Our money will not stretch to all the really needy mission fields in our State. Instead of your church asking for help we suggest that you use your own people at your church and then after your school has been conducted send these people out to some needy section. Also we suggest that you contact your Negro pastor and ask if you can give them any help. Let us do our best this year.

TAKE AND USE A RELIGIOUS CENSUS

The surest way to get the names of all your prospects will be to take a religious census, check it with the church and Sunday school rolls and start more classes if you need them. Then put on a vigorous visitation campaign to get them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

April 18, 1948

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut Street (3)	192	1,610
Louisville, 9th and O (1)	225	1,308
Louisville, Carlisle Ave., (2)	201	1,212
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	1,076
Owensboro, First (1)	48	1,051
Lexington, Ashland Ave., (2)	155	902
Frankfort, First (1)	80	897
Louisville, Parkland	---	840
Louisville, Crescent Hill (1)	-58	812
Harrodsburg (1)	42	804
Mayfield, First	---	798
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	220	795
Lexington, Calvary (1)	31	772
Owensboro, Third	---	691
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	---	677
Evansville, Calvary (3)	191	667
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	112	643
Harlan (3)	180	629
Madisonville, First	---	625
Ashland, Pollard (2)	60	623
Louisville, West Broadway	---	616
Evansville, Grace (2)	170	609
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	79	606
Somerset, First	---	604
Louisville, 23rd and Broadway	---	564
Louisville, Beechmont	---	536
Newport, First (1)	---	528
Lexington, Grace	---	517
Hopkinsville, First	---	515
Murray, First	---	510
Ashland, Unity	---	484
Louisville, Clifton (1)	52	480
Hopkinsville, Second	---	478
Louisville, 3rd Ave. (1)	49	477
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	475
Louisville, 18th Street	---	471
Louisville, Deer Park	---	471
Corbin, First	---	470
Louisville, Highland Park, First	---	452
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	20	446
London, First	---	445
Campbellsville	---	419
Louisville, West Side (1)	69	411
Henderson, First	---	409
Glasgow (1)	26	409
Fulton, First	---	407
Paducah, East	---	402
Greenville	---	398
Paducah, Twelfth Street (1)	98	394
Covington, South Side	---	390
Shively (1)	44	387
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	388
Bellevue	---	379
Louisville, Franklin Street	---	373
Owensboro, Hall Street	---	362
Barbourville, First	---	344
Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville, Ky.	---	343
Erlanger (1)	30	343
Beechland (near Valley Station)	---	321
Franklin, First	---	319
Louisville, South Side	---	308
Henderson, Immanuel	---	303
Jellico, Tenn., First	---	300
Evansville, Walnut Street	---	294
Crestwood, Crestwood, Ky.	---	293
Evansville, Temple	---	292
Henderson, First	---	286
Morganfield	---	283
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	278
Versailles	---	276
Owensboro Seven Hills	---	271
Lebanon	---	260
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	---	240
Carrollton	---	239
Mackville	---	237
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	236
Four Mile, Riverside (1)	72	233
Ft. Thomas	---	231
Leitchfield	---	227
Louisville, Kenwood	---	227
Paducah, Baptist Tabernacle	---	226
Burlington	---	225
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	222
Beech Grove (near Perryville)	---	220
Mt. Vernon (Rockcastle Co.)	---	220
Dry Ridge	---	218
Horse Creek, Hima, Ky., (1)	54	212
Dayton, First	---	212
Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, Ky.	---	210
Vine Grove	---	209
Mt. Washington (Nelson Ass'n)	---	202

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY P. WINBORNE
Executive Secretary

Missionary Appointees

At a recent meeting of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board three Kentucky young women, students at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, were appointed as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

Miss Jean Bach, whose home is at Florence, Kentucky, is to go to Nigeria, Africa, some time during this summer. Miss Mary Frances Gould, of Covington, was appointed as Missionary to China. Palestine is the field to which Miss Mabel Summers, of Bardstown, is to be sent.

Kentucky Baptists are proud of these daughters who have dedicated their lives for mission service on foreign fields.

An Appeal to College Students

Literally thousands of persons overseas are still counting on Christians around the world to help them in their battle for life. As Dr. Louie D. Newton so aptly said, "Southern Baptists must continue to give until all the need is met."

Students, before you pack your garments for summer and prepare to go home for annual vacation, look through your belongings and see what you find to send for relief. Last summer student leaders reported that hundreds of garments were thrown away by students as they left college for vacations. The Relief Center in New Orleans makes an appeal to student groups to pack up all spare clothing, bedding, shoes, etc., and ship it to the official Southern Baptist Relief Center, 718 Richard Street, New Orleans 13, La. It is suggested that donors write personal messages and enclose them in the pockets of the garments they give.

Missionary Reading

If every Woman's Missionary Society would enlist every member in missionary reading there would be a greater missionary zeal permeating our Baptist churches.

How to get women to read mission books? First, circulate text books used in study classes among members who did not attend the class. Use your most persuasive powers to get them read. Buy some especially interesting books for missionary reading. Books suggested for reading are listed in *World in Books* and are marked R. C., which mean *Reading Circle*. Second, make definite plans for the circulation of books. Form groups for ease in passing them around and for common interest in types of books.

Have an alert enthusiastic Reading Circle leader on the Mission Study Committee who will keep books circulating.

A Steward's Prayer

From lust for gain or greed for gold,
Keep me with high and holy mein,
But if the ships of fortune bring
Some precious cargo clear and clean,
Safeguard me in my stewardship
By glimpses of Thy great unseen.

From lust for peace or pomp or power,
Save me with pure and passionate pride.
Curb not the hunger of my soul,
But keep ambition sanctified.
Safeguard thy steward, Lord, each day,
By visions of thy higher way.—R.S.C.

Kentucky Baptist Encampment

Do not delay making reservations for the Kentucky Baptist Encampment to be held at Clear Creek Springs, Pineville, August 16-20. Write to Mr. Marvin Byrdwell, Manager, for the reservations desired.

To Sing At Memphis



Jeannine McDonald

Once a patient for a year in Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., with a rare throat ailment, Jeannine McDonald is going back to Memphis, this time as a vocal soloist on the annual program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 16-year-old soprano, daughter of Publicity Director Erwin L. McDonald and Mrs. McDonald of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., received nationwide publicity recently as a result of her miraculous recovery, singing on a national radio program.

Dr. Sam H. Sanders, of Memphis, Jeannine's chief surgeon during the long battle that almost cost her life and which once left her speechless for weeks, will present her on the Memphis program. She is to sing on Saturday, May 22, at 11 a. m.

Pastor Commends Healing Facilities Of Hospital

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Superintendent H. L. Dobbs, of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, this city, has received a personal letter from Pastor Clinton B. Coots of the First Baptist Church of Leitchfield, Ky., commending the charity fund now being raised on Mother's Day for the assistance of some who are unable to pay for much needed medical services.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation in helping to meet the needs of people in this community in emergency operations," writes Pastor Coots. "Also, I want to express my appreciation and commendation of the splendid work done by the Kentucky Baptist Hospital through the charity fund made possible by the Mother's Day Sunday School Offerings," he continues.

"Through the charity fund, a mother who was in a very serious condition, received surgery that saved her life and enabled her to minister now to her four children and husband in a normal, happy way.

"Another, a young mother, is alive and well because of the charity fund. She has united with our church, has led her husband and three others to accept Christ, follow Him in baptism and church membership.

"A grandfather who recently received treatment said this of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital: 'It was the finest place I ever was in. They were wonderful to me and did more for me than I could ask. They were wonderful!'

"These and other recipients of the aid made possible by the Sunday school offering, have praised the Hospital and helped to make my work in winning others to Christ and Christian service more enjoyable and fruitful," the Leitchfield pastor concludes.

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Home Board Elects 300 Student Missionaries

The Home Mission Board is now in the process of assigning approximately 300 college students to serve on the various mission fields of the South for ten weeks this summer, May 31 to August 6.

As has been the policy for several years, these students will work under the regular missionaries of our Board and workers designated by the state secretaries with whom we are co-operating in mission activities.

Only missionary volunteers with at least 60 hours of college credit will be considered for appointment. They will participate in practically every type of service undertaken by the Home Mission Board. Among the fields in which they will serve are the following: Mexican, Indian, Italian, French, Chinese, Negro, good will centers, city missions, rural missions, evangelism, underprivileged, pioneer fields, and mountain areas.

Last year the 286 student workers established 41 new missions, constituted 23 new churches, taught a total of 76,048 children in Vacation Bible schools, helped lead 3,800 persons to Christ, and reported 3,506 rededications of life to Christ.

There is a four-fold purpose in this program. First, it helps young people who feel called to missionary service to discover their interests and aptitudes by actual participation in such work. Second, much good is accomplished on our mission fields. Third, these students, returning to their campuses, help to arouse general interest in missions. Fourth, it is an investment in the training of future missionaries, and helps the Home Board discover the best material for our permanent missionary forces.

Western Conference Called Great Success

Much credit is due Rev. Fred A. McCaulley for the success of the Southern Baptist Home Mission conferences at beautiful, commodious Asilomar, California, March 25 through 31. One hundred and ninety-two were registered at this, the second conference for the three Western states, of California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Among those attending the conferences were Home Board missionaries and workers, secretaries of the three states, pastors, and W. M. U. representatives.

The meeting has been described as one of the most unifying, encouraging, and instructive ever held in that section.

Outstanding features included the testimonies of the missionaries; the challenges presented by the secretaries of each state; the historical, inspirational address by Dr. L. A. Brown on "The Gospel's Westward Movement Carried by Baptists;" and the strong, inspiring messages of Dr. S. F. Dowis. Dr. B. O. Herring, president of the Golden Gate Seminary, conducted a Bible hour each day which was classified by many as superb.

The conference is scheduled to meet in New Mexico next year.

Canal Zone Church Plans Educational Building

The Balboa Heights Church in the Canal Zone, which was for years fostered by the Home Mission Board but for some time now has been self-supporting, is planning to erect a large educational plant. This church still meets on Home Board property, but plans to finance by itself the building of this educational plant. It will be a large modern building estimated to cost about \$37,000.

Panama Church Moves to Better Building

The Redemption Baptist Church of Panama has recently rented a more commodious and desirable building located across the street from the National University and one half block from the Canal Zone border line.

Rev. Jose Prado Cideres, pastor of the church, says that since moving to the new location the attendance has improved, and that several professors and students from the University have been noticed in the audience. Although the rent on this building is more than the one which has served in the past, it is thought it would be well worth the difference.

Cuban Baptists Receive Gift For Assembly

Cuban Baptists are happy because of a gift of sixty acres of land presented to them by a wealthy woman who is a member of a Cuban Baptist church. The lovely wooded section adjoining a beautiful river will be used by the Cubans for an assembly similar to Ridgecrest.

Good Programs Planned for Week at Ridgecrest

Many of our best speakers of the Southern Baptist Convention have been engaged for the home mission week at Ridgecrest, June 1 through 8.

Evangelism and rural life will be emphasized, although all phases of the work of the Home Board will be studied.

Dr. C. E. Matthews announces six hours of conference on methods and techniques of evangelism. The topics are: "Southern Baptists' Program of Evangelism" "Setting Up the Steering Committee for Simultaneous Crusades;" "The Organizer and General Chairman for Simultaneous Crusades;" "The Religious Census—How to Take It, How to Use It in Cities and Counties;" "Publicity for Revival Crusades, City and Rural;" "The Use of Radio in Evangelism;" "The Director of Simultaneous Crusades and Fellowship Meetings;" "Prayer Program in a Revival;" "Getting a Maximum of Good from State-wide Evangelistic Conferences;" "Extension, Colportage, High Attendance Day, and Drawing the Net;" "Conservation of Results;" and "Special Rallies and Finances."

Special conferences on good will center work will also be held.

New Frontier Book

America's Christian Frontiers is the name of the resource book for the 1948 graded series on home missions. Mrs. Lawrence, author of the book, makes a study of *Spiritual Frontiers*, *Amazing Grace*, *The Ice Cutter*, *These Were First*, and *Strawberry Road*, and makes suggestions as to teaching plans and background materials.

The book was released by the Home Mission Board to the book stores during the past month and is now available through state Baptist book stores.

Miss Juanita Ann Riley and Mr. James Coleman Vick, III, were married at the Highland Baptist Church of Louisville on the night of April 8. The groom's father, Rev. Macon C. Vick, performed the ceremony. The young married couple are making their home at 228 Franck Avenue.

Every Baptist a Tither

30,000 Expected in Evangelistic Service in Memphis Convention

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—A giant Sunday afternoon evangelistic service in Crump Stadium will be the climatic hour of the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention here May 19-23.

Evangelist for the service will be Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis. A strong appeal for the conversion of unsaved persons will be made at the close of Dr. Lee's message.

Hope is expressed that the Convention sessions, climaxed with the evangelistic appeal, "will be the spark to set off a spiritual awakening among Baptist people throughout the land."

The evangelistic service will be preceded by a wide-spread visitation program throughout Shelby county, issuing invitations to unenlisted persons to attend the special meeting. Memphis Baptists will promote the visitation program, going out from all Memphis churches in

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organized groups for three successive Saturdays prior to May 23. The Convention program itself will recess Saturday afternoon, May 22, for purpose of allowing messengers to participate in the visitation program.

The Crump Stadium seats 28,000 per-

**Sunday School Lesson for
May 2, 1948**

Subject: Nehemiah Rebuilds
Jerusalem

Lesson Text: Nehemiah 4:1-6; 13-
14, 21-23; 6:15-16

Golden Text: Nehemiah 4:6

sons, and additional seats will be placed to raise the capacity to 30,000 for the occasion. Still additional space will be provided for a special choir of 2,000 voices under direction of W. Plunkett Martin of New Orleans, convention song leader.

Plans are for the congregation to be seated at 2 p. m., the choir at 2:15, and the worship service to begin at 2:30 p. m. The program from 3 to 4 p. m., including

Dr. Lee's sermon, will be broadcast over WMC, Memphis, and probably 147 other stations on a Southern Baptist network arranged by the Convention's Radio Commission.

HUMILITY—Novelist Thomas Mann was once introduced to a successful writer who grovelled, declaring: "Sir, I am hardly worthy to be here with you. I am only a hack."

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Ground Breaking May 8, 3:00 P. M.

Baptists believe in separation of church and state; that the churches have a distinct Scriptural ministry. Thus we build our rooms for teaching, halls for preaching, but we are woefully neglectful in providing hospitals for healing. Jesus taught, preached and healed while in the flesh; He purposed to project this same ministry through His churches, and commissioned them to carry on His work.

This house of healing will be dedicated to suffering humanity; will be open to all creeds, color and race and will be built for the Glory of God and good of man. If we care, we will cure; if we love, we will lift. Let Baptists arise and build. We are challenged. We must work and pray. The wall of healing must be rebuilt—"Let the people have a mind to work," and give and the walls will be built.

THE CENTRAL BAPTIST HOSPITAL BUILDING PROGRAM

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The Globe-Girdling Bratchers

On the Cover Page This Week

The four distinguished looking gentlemen whose pictures grace the cover of the Western Recorder this week make up one of our fine family groups of Baptist preachers. Brazil claims them to be Brazilians, but we think of them as being Kentuckians.

These much travelled couriers of the good news of Jesus Christ have a way of getting over the globe, so don't be surprised, dear reader, if you see them in any port, domestic or foreign. They are as much at home in one place as in another, and they just don't know any strangers.

Thirty-nine years ago Senor L. M., Senior, went to Brazil as a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board. From 1919 to 1930 he was teacher in Rio Baptist Theological Seminary. Also he taught in the Woman's Training School for 18 years. For the last 21 years he has been Secretary of Brazil's Home Mission Board. He is native of Grayson, County, Ky., and graduated from Georgetown in 1914. He took his Th.M. at the Southern Seminary in 1917, and his Th.D. in

1918. Georgetown honored him with the D.D. in 1924.

The oldest son, Senor L. M., Junior, on the extreme left, recently returned to his native Brazil as the Executive Secretary of the American Bible Society in Brazil, and at present he is also Professor of New Testament in the Rio Baptist Theological Seminary during the illness of Dr. W. C. Taylor. Also a graduate of Georgetown and the Southern Seminary, he served as chaplain in the U. S. Army and attained the rank of Major. He has served as pastor of Liberty Church, near Fulton; and the Second Church, Hazard, Ky.

Senor E. Ballance Bratcher, the third from the left, is a graduate of Baylor University, and served with a submarine unit in World War II, with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. He is now a second-year student in the Southern Seminary.

Senor Robert G. Bratcher, the one on the extreme right, is a graduate of Georgetown and Southern Seminary, and has served as a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, and came out Lieutenant Junior Grade. He was a Loundes scholar—a W. M. U. scholarship for the highest standing among the children of missionaries. He is now a post graduate student in the Southern Seminary, and expects to return to Brazil some time soon.

Fred Fox Resigns At The Friendship Church

GREENVILLE, Ky.—After fifteen years of service at Friendship Church in Muhlenberg County, Ky., Brother Fox resigned on January 17. The church books show that 186 have united with the church during his pastorate, 144 of them being by baptism. When he came to the church in 1933 there were only 126 members. There are now 258. The services have gone from quarter-time to half-time, with year-round Sunday school and Vacation Bible School each year. The church has adopted the budget system, supports the Co-operative Program, District Missions, and the special

offerings as presented through the year. The church has a number of tithers, an average attendance of 74 in Sunday school and mid-week prayer service.

A new church house is being erected, construction of which began in 1947. This is being built of concrete blocks, with basement and Sunday school rooms. The building is now under roof.

It is with sadness that we give up our beloved pastor and his good wife. They were ever ready to lend a helping hand, visiting the sick and aged, and pointing the lost to Christ. His messages were always evangelistic as evidenced by the many souls who were saved during his years with us at Friendship. They have two sons, Clemis and Wendell Lee Fox. —Homer Parker, Church Clerk.

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New Christian Education Film

"Christ in Education," a new thirty-minute 16mm silent movie, has just been completed by the Baptist State Board of Missions, in co-operation with the Education Committee. This film, with no rental charges, will be ready for booking from the Baptist State Board of Missions, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, May 15, if the laboratory that is making the five duplicates gets them out on schedule.

This film depicts the process of Christian Education in the home, the church, and the school. This is another illustration of the unity of our work. The film would be fitting to show for Christian Home emphasis, teaching, training, or to present our denominational activities. The family of Ira J. Porter, Louisville, with many other consecrated church people, were used. The final script and photography are by L. O. Griffith.

This film is really the first one produced by the Board where a script was written before the pictures were made and a definite story followed. The Education Committee, Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Secretary, is the first to take advantage of the offer the State Board has made its Departments and Institutions to produce pictures for them for just the cost of the film.

The State Board suggests that Associational Missionaries, or some Pastor where there is no Associational Missionary, book a copy of the film for one or two weeks and take the responsibility of getting it shown just as many times as possible before the Educational Of-

fering. Carroll Hubbard, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ashland and Chairman of the Educational Committee, is booking a copy of this film for the last two weeks in May. He is planning to have it shown in a number of churches in Greenup Association during that time.

The State Board announces that two other movies will be released in the next two or three months. "Co-opera-

Dr. Carpenter Announces Chaplains' Get-Together

The Southern Baptist Chaplains Association, in which all Southern Baptist Chaplains and former Chaplains are eligible, will hold its annual meeting during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis.

The place for this meeting is the King Cotton Hotel, Thursday, May 20, at 1:00 P. M. Tickets will be on sale at the chaplains booth for \$1.50 each.

tive Missions," a story of Kentucky Baptist tithe dollar, and "Baptist Missions in Kentucky," the work being done by our missionaries on the mission fields.

One set of slides on "State Missions, World Missions," has already been released. Other sets of slides are to be made in the near future.

PESSIMISM—A pessimist is a man who backed an optimist.—Mary Pettibone Poole.

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Produced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the series brings into focus the vital issues of modern home life, interpreted in the light of Christian principles. The titles include: "Are You in Love?," "What God Hath Joined," "Stewards and Partners," "Make Haste to Live," "Home Fires, Burning," and "Children are Human."

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Brotherly Love

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A Dream

A young woman doing mission work in one of our large cities had a class of children from various walks of life and different nationalities. She dreamed. In the dream she had gathered her class

for instruction, when she received word that Jesus Himself would come shortly to visit her class. She was much disturbed to know just how to arrange the children—which should be placed in the front row? Suddenly there came a knock at the door. Jesus had come and she was not ready. Courtesy demanded that she not keep Him waiting. She hurried, intending later to explain that she had not had time to arrange her class properly as to nationality, but greeting and inviting Him in, she turned to face her class and was about to explain. But as she looked into the faces of those children, she was amazed to find that from the class all national and racial distinctions had disappeared. So will it be when Jesus comes. Then, my friends, all distinctions will disappear and we shall all be one. "For there is neither Jew or Greek, neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galations 3:27-28).

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Honor your mother on Mother's Day by following her example of unselfish kindness. As a tribute to her, give so that others may live. Give through your church—Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, for the Sunday School Charity Fund.



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