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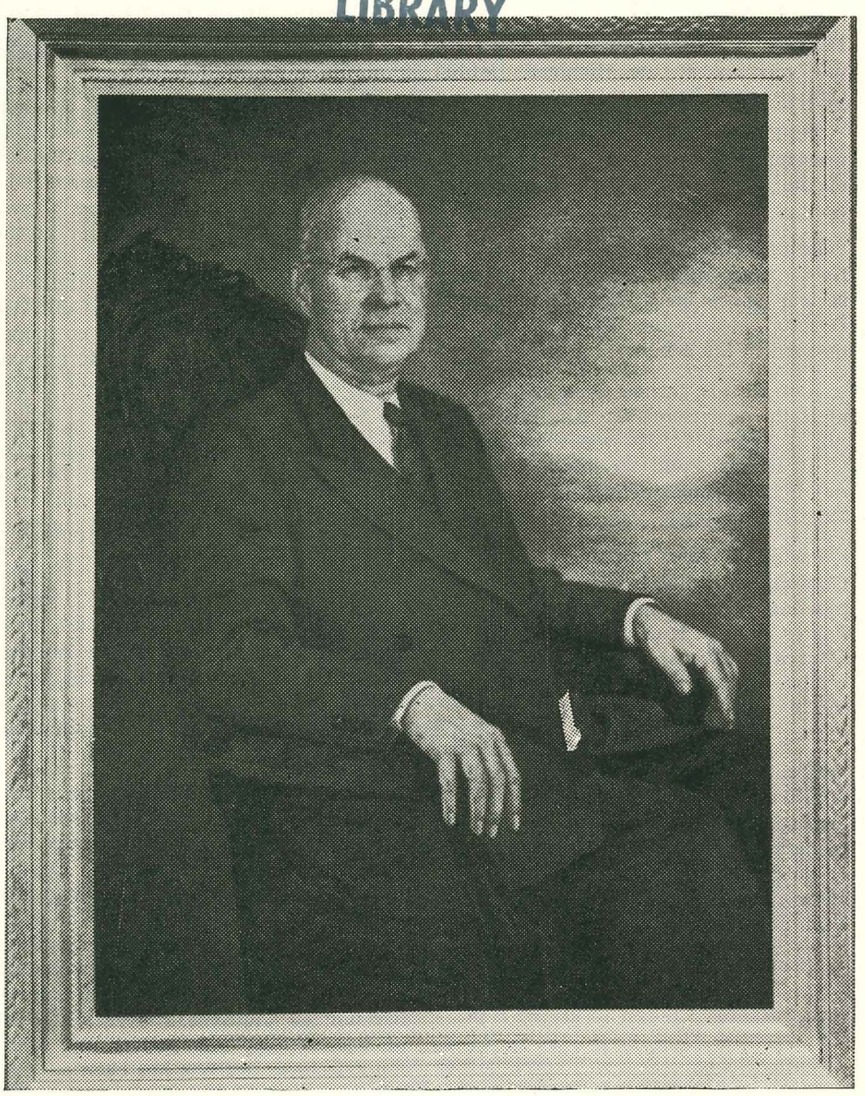
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Portrait of President Samuel S. Hill, Sr., by Artist Meyer, of Knoxville, Tennessee, to be unveiled at the opening program of "Six Great Days," tonight, Thursday, August 25. The oil painting is a gift of Mr. Bryan P. Wolfe, Georgetown businessman. **See article on Page 15.**

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Gleanings From The Field

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The new governor of Texas is a Baptist from Port Arthur.

Dr. Hyman Appelman is to begin a revival with Pastor A. W. Walker at the Carlisle Avenue Church of Louisville, September 19.

Dr. J. J. Owen, Seminary professor, is preaching in a meeting with Pastor Ellery Hinson at Millville Church, near Frankfort, Ky.

Pastor William Lloyd Cloud, of the First Church, Hodgenville, is in a five-day meeting at the Richland Baptist Church, near Falmouth, Ky.

Dr. Edwin S. Preston has resigned as president of Cumberland University, one of the Tennessee Baptist schools. We are not informed as to his future plans.

Editor O. W. Taylor, Baptist and Reflector, recently underwent a very serious operation at Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville. Prayers are requested in his behalf.

John Hargis, farmer, died at his home at Ruth, near Somerset, Ky., on Friday night, August 5. He was a brother of C. P. Hargis, Field Worker in the Sunday School Department in the Kentucky Baptist Building.

Pastor J. Ray Dobbins, Beechmont Church, Louisville, has been in a revival meeting recently at Friendship, Tenn. Pastor John C. Huffman, of Seven Hills Church in Owensboro, will be the guest minister in a revival at Beechmont during October 9-21.

R. P. Ringo has resigned his interim pastorate at Warfield, in Martin County, Ky., where he has been located for the last six months, and has accepted the pastorate at Indiantown, Fla. In former years he was pastor at Jenkins and Belfry, in Kentucky. He hails originally from Louisville.

Miss Florence Ritter has resigned her work as Pastor's Secretary at Walnut Street Baptist Church to accept a position on the staff of the Baptist W. M. U. Training School. She will continue her work as organist at the Walnut Street Church, and will be succeeded in her office work by Miss Jean Moorman.

Word has come in connection with the Western Regional Training Union Convention, to be held at the Grace Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana, September 2 and 3, that there will be room for only 200 people at the banquet Friday night at 6:00 P. M. First come, first served, in the making of reservations. Sorry about this limitation.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, will preach in a series of evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green beginning September 25 and following. The music will be led by Dr. W. Hines Sims, Associate Secretary of the Music Department of the Sunday School Board. Harold J. Purdy is pastor at Bowling Green.

From Rev. T. J. Duvall, 416 E. Stocker, Glendale 7, Calif., came a greeting to Mrs. Josephine C. Booker, after the article about her appeared in a recent issue of the Western Recorder. Brother Duvall in former years was her pastor at the Franklin Street Church here. He and Mrs. Duvall are members of the First Baptist Church of Glendale, Calif. He is eighty years of age, and is no longer serving as pastor. His last pastorate was the University Baptist Church of Hollywood.

During the first half of August, Dr. C. E. Matthews and E. Powell Lee are engaged in simultaneous revivals with the Los Angeles Association, 36 churches participating. Dr. Matthews is preaching at the Truett Memorial Baptist Church, Long Beach, California. Their next campaign will be with the First Baptist Church in Clovis, New Mexico. where two associations are engaged in simultaneous revivals. They go to Washington, D. C., for simultaneous meetings September 25.

Pastor Melvin Faulkner reports that Sonora Baptist Church is experiencing one of the best years in the entire history of the church. Under the capable leadership of Miss Joan Furgerson the Daily Vacation Bible School had an average attendance of 127, a record for our church. Last Sunday there were 232 present in Sunday school. The church has had 40 additions this year with 31 of these coming by baptism. The rotating system of deacons has been adopted and there is a growing interest in all of the organizations of the church.

Nelson Association will hold its 101st session with the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, RFD 3, Shepherdsville, September 1 and 2, 1949. Nelson Association has consistently been among the highest in the number of Standard Sunday schools. Of the twenty-five churches, twelve report Standard Sunday schools. The introductory sermon will be by Pastor R. B. Hines, Cedar Grove Church, who was elected as alternate to Rev. R. W. Kicklighter, then pastor at New Haven, at the last session. R. B. Hooks, Superintendent of Evangelism, will deliver an address on the afternoon of September 2.

The New Salem Church, Deatsville, Nelson Association, of which James L. White, III, is pastor, will conduct its fall revival September 4-11. Pastor John Moore Lewis, David's Fork Church in Fayette County, near Lexington, will bring the evangelistic messages. John Dalton, currently singing in the St. Matthews Baptist choir and assisting with the young people's work, will lead the music. Evangelist Lewis is a graduate student at Southern Seminary, where he is fellow in Biblical Theology. Previously this summer he has assisted in two evangelistic campaigns—one with Pastor Robert Culpepper at Buck Run, and with Pastor William Strickland at Pleasant Ridge, both in Franklin County. Singer Dalton is also a student at Southern Seminary.

The Audubon Baptist Church of Louisville has a new pastor in the person of Rev. D. C. Stringfellow, post-graduate student in the Southern Seminary. He is a native of Dothan, Ala., and is a graduate of Howard College and the Southern Seminary. Before the War he was pastor of Patriot and Center Square Baptist Churches in Switzerland County, Indiana. He served as a chaplain in the U. S. Marines, seeing service with the First Marine Division in the Pacific. On August 10, Pastor and Mrs. Stringfellow became the proud parents of a fine baby boy, Robert Andrew Stringfellow, who was born at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Stringfellow is the former Miss Helen Walters, of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church of Louisville, who served for a time as Receptionist and Telephone Operator in the Kentucky Baptist Building.

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Editorials

A Baptist Parade In Chicago?

A street parade has been suggested as a means of impressing Chicago when the Southern Baptist Convention meets there next May.

The idea seems to be that, since Chicago knows little of Southern Baptists and their work, the parade should include sundry floats depicting the departments of the denomination's program. It was offered that parade-language is the kind of talk large cities understand best.

Admitting that parades are used to advantage in vacation Bible schools, where children are involved, we go on to ask:

Would it be wise for the Southern Baptist Convention—symbolizing more than six million church members, and with a mission reaching around the world—to adopt vacation Bible school psychology in an effort to impress a great city with the importance of our work and place in the earth?

Would it be good kingdom-economy to make financial expenditures in the amount required to create such an impression when our churches are being reminded perennially of desperate needs at home and abroad?

Even though a few might be favorably impressed (only a comparative few could see such a parade, confined, of necessity, to a small area of downtown Chicago), we ask in friendly sincerity, "Is that the way for Baptists to impress a great city?"

No, we doubt that horn-blowing and drum-beating can be given heavy accent by Baptists who, perhaps beyond all people, have magnified the importance of the work of the Holy Spirit. It strains our imagination to conceive of Paul and his party putting on a parade to impress the cities he entered. There is a large place for demonstrations of the Spirit and power of God, but not much room for horn-blowing and noise.

If we must march, let us march for our Lord to the ends of the earth; if we must demonstrate, let it be in the power of God; if we must have floats, let them not be beautifully adorned devices rolling down crowd-lined streets, but ships laden with missionaries and relief for those who know not our Lord and His love.

Houston And Atlanta To Invite 1951 Convention

It seems now certain that the matter of the meeting place for the 1951 Southern Baptist Convention will be brought into sharp focus at Chicago.

The Oklahoma City Convention, by a very small majority and with most of the messengers out of the auditorium, voted to hold the 1951 sessions in San Francisco.

From widely scattered sources and for sundry reasons protests have been made against the decision.

Information reaching this office is to the effect that both Atlanta and Houston will extend an invitation at Chicago. Either would be an ideal Convention city if rooms can be provided.

From all of this a valuable lesson has been offered. Messengers ought to remain for business. While we agree that the matter, under existing circumstances, should come up again, we wonder just how much real ground for complaint a messenger has, if, while he was out of the auditorium and perhaps just visiting around, an item of business was transacted in a manner contrary to his wishes. Let the messengers be present, and then let all abide by the majority vote, be that by only one voice.

Church Membership Drives?

The *Religious News Service* reported, July 3, that, "forty-two denominations have pledged support of a United Evangelistic Advance, beginning next fall, that is expected to mark the most comprehensive church-membership drive ever launched by American Protestants."

The release goes on to say: "The crusade will open on World Communion Sunday, October 2, and will continue 15 months, according to Dr. Jesse M. Bader, executive secretary of the department of evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, which is sponsoring the drive."

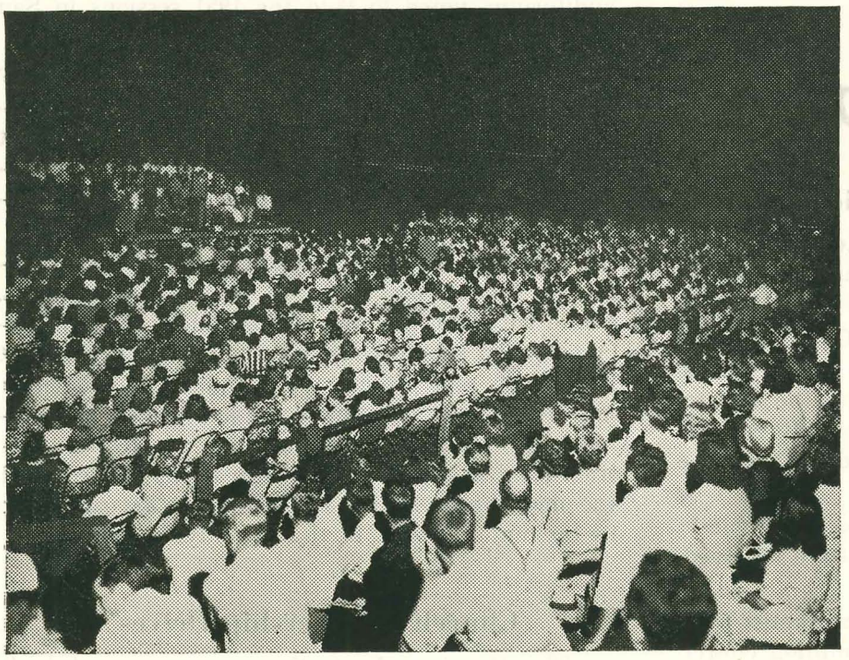
Evangelism is not a drive for church members. Evangelism is the telling of the old story of God's love expressed by the sending of His only begotten Son to die on the cross for our sins, of His atoning death on Calvary, of salvation through His blood, of His burial and bodily resurrection and ascension to the Father to make intercessions in our behalf, of His blessed coming again. Evangelism is the leading of lost souls to repent of their sins and trust Jesus only—not church membership or the so-called sacraments or anything else.

The **saved** need to be added to the church, and **only** the saved. It is their duty to work in fellowship with other believers; but let Baptists never make the blunder of all blunders—putting on a campaign for members. May the Holy Spirit of God empower us for a mighty crusade for souls, going before us and with us to make effective the witness and to convict of sin and work the miracle of the new birth.

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►Are Indians more sensible than white people? It is reported that the Inca Indians in Columbia have asked government officials to forbid the sale of alcoholic liquors in their territory to "prevent quarrels and improve living conditions."

►The year-round-Baptist-Hour will begin on 130 ABC stations next October 2, 2:30 P. M. Central Standard Time. Each pastor can aid greatly in his own church by announcing the program and building up a large radio audience.



The Day of Mass Evangelism is Not Over

By RAY ROBERTS, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Danville, Ky.

THERE HAS BEEN much discussion among Baptists today concerning mass evangelism. Many have said, "The day of mass evangelism is over; we must reach the lost through a perennial program of visitation." I am convinced that the program of any church should be centered around personal visitation among the lost and unenlisted every week in the year, but I also believe that the evangelistic program should be supported and climaxed with at least two evangelistic meetings each year.

In cases where mass evangelism is not successful we may be sure that the proper preparation for, and conducting of the campaign has not been complete. The same Lord who saved thousands at Pentecost, who crowned the efforts of Moody, Sunday, Smith and others, by saving thousands of souls in great evangelistic meetings is on the throne today.

During the past twelve months we have welcomed into our church around 300 new members, more than 200 of these being for baptism. Of this number over one-third have come during the regular services held in the church, and as a result of a regular program of visitation. We have just concluded a fifteen-day evangelistic campaign which was unusual in many ways. We planned this meeting several months in advance in order to secure an outstanding evangelistic preacher and singer. We were fortunate in securing the services of Angel Martinez as our evangelist, and Mel and Ruth Dibble as evangelistic singers. I do not think there is a better evangelistic team in the South, and securing them was the beginning of success of the meeting as a whole. We planned for our evening services to be held in an outdoor arena located in the Danville High School Football Stadium. By renting 1,000 folding chairs and utilizing one side of the stands we provided seating capacity for 3,000 people. We erected a speaker's stand and a choir platform to take care of a seventy-five-voice choir.

A small tent was erected in the rear of the choir platform which was used as a prayer room before the service and an inquiry room after the service. Our advertising program was planned well in advance. Realizing that this would play an important part in reaching the masses we allowed $600.00 in our budget for this item. Two weeks prior to the meeting we used large newspaper ads, attractive posters, printed invitations which were mailed out to prospects and special church bulletins which were distributed two Sundays prior to the meeting. Through a census that had been taken a few months before, and from prayer lists of lost and unenlisted friends of the people in our church, we had the names of hundreds of live prospects for our church. Two weeks before the meeting began a group of the people in our church started a program of visitation among these. Nine cottage prayer meetings were held each week in different sections of our town. The lost people in those sections were given special invitations to the meetings.

The opening day of our revival, Sunday, July 17, we had a forty-five minute radio broadcast at 8:00 o'clock. The Sunday morning services were held in the church auditorium. During the week we had a broadcast each morning at 9:00 o'clock for fifteen minutes. This gave us a wonderful medium for making announcements and for a brief musical program and sermon. At 1:45 each week-day afternoon we had services in the church. After these well attended services each one present was given the name of one person to visit on their way home. During the entire meeting our church secretary took a summary of the sermon the night before which the local paper printed on the front page as a news item. In each paper on the back page was a four-inch advertisement which extended across the top of the entire page of the paper announcing the next sermon subject and inviting people to the outdoor arena. The expense of this meeting ($1,500.00) was given by free-will offerings during the first week of the meeting.

Let us list some of the results of this meeting. Because of its unusual nature and the extensive advertising everyone in this town of 11,000 people knew the meeting was going on. Near capacity crowds filled the outdoor arena each evening. The whole city was stirred by the impact of the meeting and it became the topic of conversation everywhere that people gathered. Besides the thousands who came in the arena multitudes of others listened from parked automobiles, sidewalks and porches. The amplifying system was so effective that people who lived as far as a mile away stated that they could hear all of the service. People who would never have come to the church for a service attended these meetings in shirt sleeves. Over 125 people were added to the First Baptist Church and 15 to other Baptist churches in this vicinity. In addition to these more than 100 came rededicating their lives to Christ. People in this church and other churches in Danville are recalling the days of Gypsy Smith and Billie Sunday, and are insisting that we make this an annual affair.

Mass evangelism or a perennial program of visitation evangelism? The same Scripture that Jesus used in speaking of the tithe could well be applied here. "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23).

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"Earnestly Contend for the Faith Once for All Delivered to the Saints."—Jude 3.

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The Holy Spirit In Evangelism

By H. H. HARGROVE, Brownwood, Texas

ONE OF THE most meaningful and far-reaching of all the statements of our Lord was made to his sorrowing apostles in his farewell address: "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away the Comforter (Holy Spirit, John 14:26) will not come unto you. But if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7). They had grieved at the thought of his impending departure, but here he tells them that it is best for them that he go away.

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Christ gave the little band of His followers the tremendous task of winning the whole world to Him. Had they been expected to carry out his Commission in their own strength, it would have been impossible. But when we remember that He had promised that the eternal God in the person of the Holy Spirit would give guidance and power, their task is seen as reasonable. He told his disciples that after He should depart they were to go up to Jerusalem and wait for the promised Spirit, and when He should come upon them, they should receive power for the great task.

They did go up and wait in prayer. The Holy Spirit did come, and in His power they marched into a hostile world to make advancement in Christianity, the like of which, in proportion to their numbers, the world has never seen since.

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It seems that the divine scheme of redemption may be expressed as follows: God the Father planned it in Heaven, God the Son purchased it on Calvary, and God the Holy Spirit promotes it upon the earth. It is all of God. It is both past and present, and it is important to recognize the present work of the Spirit.

We are strong on remembering Christ's sacrifice on the cross and rightly so, but there is room to fear that we are sadly weak on recognizing the presence and office of the Holy Spirit among us on earth now.

When Christ came the Jews continued to talk much about the prophets, and then crucified Jesus who was the fulfillment of the prophets. With the Holy Spirit among us, we can make the like mistake of ignoring the Spirit Whose office is to work out the redemption Christ began on Calvary.

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It seems that the Scripture is plain that the Holy Spirit's work on earth is to represent Christ, to guide in the doing of Christ's will, to initiate salvation in the lost, and to continue it in the saved. None of this work can be done by human power; divine power is essential for all. All effort in the churches or in the individual Christian that fails to recognize and follow the Spirit is of the flesh and in the weakness of the flesh. Failure to recognize the Spirit simply means failure in kingdom effort.

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In the opinion of this writer, here is the crucial point in our kingdom strategy today. Our problem is not the blatant bawling of atheists nor the subtle soothing of the modernists. It is not primarily the adroit appeals of the unionists nor the lethal lethargy of backslidden church members. A real Spirit-led, Holy Ghost-empowered revival would solve all problems, level all mountains and melt all coldness in these groups which have too long held Christianity at bay.

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Our real problem is to get our human wisdom and our carefully wrought-out methods and schemes out of the way of a definite and complete recognition of the Holy Spirit as the only source of wisdom and power for victory.

This is not to suggest that we are not to seek and use human wisdom. Certainly, this is God-given and we should use all we can muster.

Nor do we inveigh against the use of careful planning and methods. The Holy Spirit Himself may reveal to us effective plans and methods. But even wisdom and methods revealed by the Spirit will fail in accomplishing desired ends if, in our use of these, we fail to recognize and depend on the Spirit to do His office work among both lost and saved.

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Danger—dread, death-dealing danger —lurks in our carefully and studiously wrought efficiency in evangelism and in church life in general. With our efficient methods, our knowledge and use of psychology and our adroit schemes for "drawing the net," it is not difficult to get people to "respond" in evangelistic campaigns.

But when we remember that we get very few lost persons in the services except the one great unified service at the Sunday school hour, the spiritual preparation of their hearts, or the lack of it, for an invitation, must cause us great concern. **"Salvation is of the Lord" from beginning to end and the great peril, both to sinners and to the churches, is that sinners will be received before they have known the Spirit's work of repentance, faith and regeneration in their hearts.** The peril to the sinner is that, being thus approved, he will never be saved. The peril to the church is that these unregenerated who are recognized as members may become a "Trojan horse" in her spiritual warfare pulling the church down to worldly standards of morals and practice and hindering her effort to carry out Christ's will in the world. Indeed one wonders if many of our churches are not laboring under this handicap already, and if the dead weight of dead numbers is not pulling us down to defeat.

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INFLUENCE—A young minister was leaving an English town, and was bidding an old lady good-bye. "I have almost finished packing up my things," he said.

"There's one thing you won't be able to pack up, sir," said the old lady; "you'll have to leave that behind."

"What is that?" the minister asked, puzzled.

She answered quietly, "You can't pack your influence, sir."—*Friendly Chat.*

Third Baptist World Youth Congress Has 1,400 in Attendance at Stockholm

By HERBERT C. GABHART, Williamsburg, Ky.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—The City of Stockholm, capital of Sweden, is now only two days' distance from Louisville, Ky., via airmail, as was so clearly demonstrated when the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, Ky., dispatched the accompanying article and photographs "Luftpost, Par Avion," on August 6, and they arrived promptly on August 8. The photographs here and elsewhere depict some of the persons and scenes witnessed by the visitors.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, August 6, 1949.—The Third Baptist World Youth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance convened in Stockholm, Sweden, Wednesday evening, August 3, with approximately 1,400 messengers from twenty-five nations. Of that number, 250 were from the United States, 200 being from the Southern Convention and 50 from the Northern Convention. Some 400 of the messengers were from Sweden.

The theme of the Congress was *"Baptist Youth Facing the Future,"* and each day a different aspect of the theme came before the messengers for consideration and discussion.

Mr. N. Quensel, consulting member of the Swedish Cabinet, brought words of welcome to the visitors. Messrs. Nils Netz and Ruben Swedberg spoke for the Baptists of Sweden. Dr. T. G. Dunning, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, laid before the visitors the purpose of the Congress—the stressing of unity, fellowship, and evangelism.

Mr. Joel Sorenson was introduced to the assembly as the newly elected secretary of youth work of the Baptist World Alliance. After special music by the 175-member chorus, Dr. Dunning conducted the roll call of the nations. Twenty-five nations were represented and bent their flags toward the cross in expression of the power of the cross. Mr. William Hall Preston of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, U. S. A., brought the closing devotional.

Thursday morning the Congress was introduced to the theme for the day—*The Forces of the World and the Power of God.* Mr. Ralph Overman, scientist of Oak Ridge, Tenn., could not be present to deliver his message, but his paper was discussed by Mr. Arvid Overgaard of Norway and Rev. Herbert Gudjons of Germany. Several young people presented effective initiatives in Baptist Youth work. A fellowship luncheon was had daily in the *Eriksdalshallen.* The afternoons of the Congress were devoted to group discussions of the paper of the morning, then the groups re-assembled and heard reports of the opinions of the groups. This proved to be one of the most interesting and helpful parts of the Congress program. There were sixty-eight discussion groups with several leaders being from the Southern Convention. Drs. Roland Q. Leavell, W. C. Boone, Herbert C. Gabhart, William Mueller, William Hall Preston, and Mr. Robert Denny and Miss Eunice Parker served as discussion leaders.

Thursday evening the messengers were treated to a Swedish Night program in the beautiful Town Hall of Stockholm. Swedish songs, pictures, and pastries and punch were enjoyed by the group. (Incidentally, Swedish music and pastries are superb.)

Friday the theme for the day was: *Christian Youth and Lasting Peace.* Dr. T. G. Dunning's paper was discussed. The group discussions in the afternoon and the evening service emphasized the urgency of nations learning to live for each other rather than by each other, of nations learning that the world does not need salvaging but it needs saving, of learning that the main thing is not world power but a world community, and that peace can only come through the interest, efforts, and prayers of regenerate men and women.

Saturday morning Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and Dr. W. O. Lewis, Associate Secretary of the Alliance, clearly and forcibly stressed the theme for the day—*Baptist World Fellowship*—by urging all to think of the kinship of the human race and the nearness of fellowship opportunities. Saturday afternoon was devoted to sight-seeing. One of the most helpful and interesting features of the Congress came on Saturday evening when all of the visiting delegates were invited to a session of Christian fellowship in the homes of Swedish Baptists. This occasion strengthened the bonds of fellowship and brought all face to face with the closeness of the ties that bind hearts in Christian love.

Worship services Sunday morning were held in the various Baptist churches of the city with visiting speakers bringing the messages. This gave the messengers a chance to worship in the Stockholm churches. Sunday evening a sacred concert was rendered in the Con-

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Nils Netz, Chairman of Swedish Congress Committee, leads the reading in unison at the speaker's stand, while other members of the Alliance Committee on the platform enter heartily into the reading, each in his own tongue. The platform is resplendent with color, emanating both from the floral displays and the flags of the nations, each poised aloft on its own standard.

Principles Underlying A Call to Preach

By W. T. CONNOR

LET ME SET out some of the fundamental principles underlying the belief that God calls men to preach.

One of the first and most important of these principles is that the fundamental reality of the world is a personal God. This idea of a personal God is challenged in many ways today. Into this we do not propose to go here. But of course we would not expect any man to believe in a call to preach if he did not believe in a personal God.

Many people today are religious who do not believe in a personal God. If one believes with many humanists that there is no God, but that we should still be religious in the sense that we should strive for our highest and noblest human ideals, trying to make the world a better place in which to live; or if he believes with the pantheist that God is an impersonal influence or power pervading all things, but that we cannot rightly think of him (or it) as having knowledge or purpose after the manner of a human personality or if he believes that the world is a mechanistic system controlled by inexorable law without foresight or purpose—on any such view as these, one will necessarily reject as absurd the idea that God calls men to preach.

Personal God Calls Preachers

Aside from the idea of a personal God, of course, the idea of a call to preach is without meaning. If the Power behind the universe is not of the nature of personality with the power to think, feel and will, then necessarily a call to any special line of activity from that Power is impossible.

Then, to turn the matter round, if one experiences what be believes is a call to special service, he will see in that, if he reflects on it, an evidence that there is a personal God. While we need to be cautious in interpreting our experience, it certainly is true that our experience is a key to the understanding of the nature of reality. And it is a fact, as real as any in the world, that thousands of men have experienced what they have believed was a call from God to preach the gospel. Of course, those on the outside looking in may interpret this as a psychological illusion. But those having the experience have believed that it was a reality.

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Now if this experience was genuine— that is, if it was what those who experienced it took it to be, if it was an impression coming from the fundamental Power of the world; then we must take it as an experience revealing to these men the will of a personal God for their lives. Thus we have a clear index to the nature of the fundamental reality of the world. It means that there is a God and that he is personal. If God wills for some men that they shall give themselves to the work of preaching rather than following some other line of activity, this looks very much like a personal choice that God has made for these men. Impersonal forces do not make personal choices.

Another principle underlying the idea of a call to preach is that God is interested in his human children, that he has a definite redemptive purpose concerning them, and that this purpose extends to the life of the individual.

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The idea of a call to preach means nothing if God does not have a definite purpose concerning men. Moreover, it means little unless God's purpose is a redemptive purpose. The gospel of the New Testament is a redemptive gospel. It is good news of salvation from sin. Historically it is true that where this conviction has held its power over the minds of men they have believed in a God-called ministry. The reverse is true. Where men have experienced the power of Christianity as a redemptive reality some of them have continued to experience an invisible urge—an urge which they interpreted as an impression coming directly from the will of God—to preach the gospel to other men.

Call to Preach is Definite

The idea of a call to preach necessarily implies that this redemptive will of God includes within its scope the life of the individual. A call to preach is not a sheet lightning affair that hits nowhere. It strikes very definitely. It is not an impression that God wants Christians generally to proclaim the gospel; it is rather a conviction that God wants **me,** or this other particular man, to preach. It means nothing unless God has a particular plan for the life of the individual.

Nor does it mean that God has a particular plan only for the one who is called to preach. Rather the implication is that God has a plan for the life of each individual and that each one should seek to know and do his will. The will of God should be the law of life for each Christian.

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The world is not done with the cross, but it is done, without it.—Copied.



Left to Right—Dr. W. H. Jernagin, Washington, Pastor and member of Young People's Committee of B. W. A.; Nils Netz, Congress Committee Chairman; Dr. T. G. Dunning, Chairman of Young People's Committee of B. F. A.; and N. Quensel, Consulting member of the Swedish Cabinet.

The Rural Church Revival

By R. B. HOOKS, Field Secretary of Rural Work

The Rural Church Program was begun in Kentucky on August 1, 1944. As we face our fifth birthday in this work, we ask, "What has been done?"

Not as much as could have been if there had been a clearly defined plan of approach, but no one knew the answers then, so there had to be a careful study made of the rural churches. This was done, and a clear picture of the need of the whole state was set out in the map that was made.

After the church fields had been plotted, some means had to be discovered through which a clearly defined program of work could be taken to the churches. This was done in two ways: "The Fellowship Revival," which presents to the local church the great mission program of Southern Baptists, by pictures and speakers, and "The Rural Church Revival."

This program can be put on in a church within five to eight days, depending on the time the pastor and church can give to it. A survey is made of the local field to discover the total prospects for the church and the financial strength of the community. The Bible picture of the New Testament church in her community, as to her origin, work and reward, is presented. Five full days and nights are devoted to a careful study of the Bible and the local church field. The following quotation from an article written by Rev. H. L. Carter gives an idea of the work done in a week:

"It is the growing conviction of this writer that it is the wisest, most comprehensive and inclusive program that has yet been worked out. In addition to the facts set forth in the article mentioned above, I should like to emphasize the following:

"1. It is a Christ-centered and church-centered program. In and through it all, Christ is exalted and His church is magnified.

"2. It is a program of information. The religious survey, with which the program begins, and upon which it is based, gives knowledge that simply cannot be acquired in any other way. Frequently some pastor or church worker will say, 'I know this particular field,' but wherever such a survey has been made, this has invariably proven to be erroneous.

"3. It is a program of visitation. In making the survey, every home in the church community receives a visit from a team of workers. Then every lost person receives one or more additional visits by the director, evangelist or other worker.

"4. It is a program of personal work. As set forth above, the lost people in the community are found, and then each one is visited in the interest of his own soul's eternal welfare.

"5. It is a program of enlistment. The survey cards reveal the possibilities for each department of church activity: the morning or evening preaching service, Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood. Stewardship possibilities are accurately set forth. The making and follow-up of the survey teach members of the local church how to visit and work for Christ, which is in itself an outstanding feature.

"6. It is a program of missionary education. Following the evening services pictures are used to present every phase of Baptist work, at home and abroad, 'through eye and ear.'

"7. It is a program of Bible preaching. What a wealth of themes: Missions, Witnessing, Stewardship, Life-dedication, Evangelism, Fellowship! Several of these great themes can be woven repeatedly and effectively into each separate message.

"8. It is a program of fellowship. That's why some of us like to call it 'A Church Fellowship Revival.' Fellowship in working together, studying together, co-operating together!

"In conclusion: It is a program of hard work. Surely it cannot be attractive to a lazy preacher or a lazy church. It means eight days of unremitting toil, but a period that will be filled with glorious experiences. Let me emphasize again, when proper preparation has been made, and the program is put on under earnest and experienced leadership, this will prove to be one of the greatest meetings any church has ever experienced! All our progressive pastors and leaders may well give earnest consideration to arranging to have this program presented in their churches."

In these five years, four things have been accomplished. First, a complete map of the church fields in the state of Kentucky has been finished. Second, a staff of excellent workers have been secured and trained. Several men have been in the Rural Program since its beginning in Kentucky. They have all contributed to the success of the work.

We now have four excellent men: Rev. H. L. Carter, Rev. George Grubbs, Rev. B. T. Wells, and Rev. G. R. Pendergraph. Third, two programs of work have been developed, "The Rural Church Revival" and "The Fellowship Revival." Fourth, we are ready to go afield to help any rural pastor or missionary to survey his church or associational field, and plan a program of work. Whether it be in one church or all the churches of the association.

Some of the states are employing associational men and placing the rural work on their shoulders. Dr. Boone feels that the Rural Program is making a distinct contribution to the Mission Program in Kentucky. The rural men in Kentucky are regional men, but will be used all over the state for specialized rural work.

Any pastor or missionary wanting one of the rural men to help him in his particular field may write the Rural Department, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. A time will be selected and set for one of the men to help him.

A great number of souls have been reached, new churches have been organized, and dead churches revitalized and put back to work. Many unenlisted people have become active. May God ever richly bless the fine men that are working with rural churches! The strength of any nation ultimately comes from the soil, and the people that till the soil are the backbone of that nation. This is true of a denomination. Southern Baptists are a rural people. May we ever be true to our heritage!

W. O. Henderson, Former Louisville Pastor, Dies In Baltimore

Rev. William Oscar Henderson, 77, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Douglas Sompayrac, 4302 Wentworth Road, Baltimore, Bd., with whom he and his wife resided, on July 21. His wife, Mrs. Lizzie Wolford Henderson, has been ill for some time, but he was apparently enjoying good health until his unexpected demise. His funeral was preached by Rev. J. T. Anderson at the Lee Street Memorial Baptist Church, Baltimore.

Brother Henderson was pastor of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., from September 4, 1901, to July 9, 1902. He was a native of Saltillo, Penna. He obtained his Th.G. from the Southern Seminary in 1896. He was licensed to preach at the Memorial Baptist Church of Altoona, Penna., before coming to Louisville in 1893. He was ordained July 29, 1896, by the Saltillo Baptist Church. In early life he was pastor of Pennsylvania Baptist Churches such as: First, Huntington, 1896; Port Matilda, Martha Furnace, Unionville, Fleming, 1896-98; and Mar's Hill Church, Rillton, Penna., 1898. After his pastorate in Louisville he was pastor for a long time in North Carolina.

Mr. Henderson was a brother-in-law of the late A. T. Wolford, who died in Louisville about a year ago. He is survived by his wife and daughter, already mentioned.

Mt. Olivet Has 29 With Perfect Attendance Records For 12 Consecutive Sundays

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky., July 27.—Twenty-nine members of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Williamsburg, in Baptist Association, attended Sunday school for twelve consecutive Sundays.

During the past four years Mt. Olivet has spent approximately $16,000 on its building. The improvements include a blower furnace, a two-story educational structure, new pews and several smaller items.

The church has had a busy summer. The VBS enrolment reached 112. The Sunday school enlargement campaign led by Dr. W. A. Gardiner was a success. The School of Missions was well attended and brought spiritual blessings. God's people there are anticipating and praying for a great revival August 15-26.



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Second Row—Miss Reva Keeling, Mrs. Clyde Burns, Miss Sarah Jenkins, Bruce Burkhead, Rev. Dan Thomas, Mrs. Dan Thomas.

Third Row—Mr. Culvin Satterly, Mrs. Keith Royalty, Miss Lula Robinson, Miss Ruth Thompson, Mrs. J. B. Jenkins, Mr. William Brothers, Mr. George Kays.

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Back Row—Mr. William Griffey, Mrs. James Burkhead, Mr. James Burkhead, Mrs. A. R. Royalty, Mr. Keith Royalty and Mr. Marshall Shewmaker.

Bruce Whitaker Leaves Smithfield Pastorate For Further Study

SMITHFIELD, Ky., July 1.—Pastor Bruce Whitaker has resigned his pastorate at Smithfield Baptist Church, in Henry County, to give more time to his post-graduate studies at the Southern Seminary, where he is also a Fellow in the Department of Christian Ethics and Sociology. He also teaches part-time in Sociology for the University of Indiana in its Southeastern Center, at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

May 15 marked the close of his four-year pastorate at Smithfield. On that day the church undertook to do a worthy thing for foreign misions in honor of the retiring pastor. The whole idea was touched off by a project that had been started by Mrs. C. H. Hulett, a member of the church, whereby enough one dollar bills would be collected to reach end to end from the front door of the church all the way up to the pulpit. She had about a third of the number required—bills which she had collected from members and friends. By the time of the evening service great interest had been aroused among the membership, and before the end of the service the entire amount, about $100, had been raised and tacked together. The line of bills was an inspiration to every person present, for it represented what has been a growing concern on the part of the church for missions, and it filled to overflowing the heart of a praying pastor that his people might come to have a great concern for the lost in other lands. On that same day a good Mother's Day offering was taken for the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, and a clothing drive for foreign relief was consummated.

During the pastorate of Mr. Whitaker at Smithfield there have been 75 additions to the church, 45 of which have been by baptism. A Sunday school plant containing a well equipped kitchen was erected and dedicated. The church was renovated and redecorated. Gifts through the unified budget system which was put into operation were more than doubled, and gifts to outside causes including the Co-operative Program were better than tripled. Beginning the first Sunday in April the church went from a half-time basis to that of full-time.

Frankfort Pastor To Speak On Cedarmore Program, September 5

Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., will be the inspirational speaker at the Twilight Service at the Long Run Associational Sunday School Retreat, to be held Labor Day, Monday September 5, 1949, at CEDARMORE.

Departmental conferences will begin at 10 A. M. through 11 A. M. After a picnic lunch the afternoon will be given over to recreation and rest. The day will be closed with the Twilight Service at 5 P. M.

This will be a day for all Long Run Associational Sunday School workers and members to have recreation, fellowship and inspiration together.

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NORTH CENTRAL REGION

The North Central Regional Convention begins Friday night week, September 9, and closes Saturday night with the Dedication Service conducted by Dr. Dale Moody. Mr. J. Harlan Barnes, president, announces that Rev. Dalton Leath will bring the devotionals.

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JUNIOR JOTTINGS

Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette
State Approved Junior Worker

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

Are you planning to attend your Regional Convention? When you read Junior Jottings this week, the first of the eight Regional Training Union Conventions will be in progress, Southwestern Region at First Church, Murray, August 25 and 26. The Convention will begin Thursday night and close Friday night. There will be conferences for Junior Leaders, Sponsors and Department officers, and Junior boys and girls Friday morning and afternoon. The Junior Memory Work Drill will be Friday morning at 11:40 followed by special music by the Junior Choir of Immanuel Church, Paducah.

SEVEN OTHER CONVENTIONS

Following this convention there will be seven others in September and October. For announcements about these read this page each week and the posters which are being sent out. Splendid programs are being planned for each of these conventions. Plan to attend your convention. You will receive information and inspiration for your work. Do you have a problem in your Union? We will discuss it in our conferences. Have you solved some problem in your Union? Come prepared to share conferences.

One of the most important features of each Regional Convention will be the Junior Memory Work Drill. In each drill should be a representative from each Association. If your Association has not had a drill, one should come from each church. If you did not receive the rules and material for this drill, write State Training Union Department, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. The winners in these drills will represent the Region in the State Junior Memory Work Drill to be held at the State Training Union Convention, April 12-14, Ashland, Kentucky.

PROMOTION

Promotion day is just around the corner. Let's make promotion day so attractive that no Junior will want to leave a Union until he is supposed to. How about a Junior Promotion Banquet? There is a good suggestion in the September Training Union Magazine.

How about organizing a new Junior Union if you have enough nine year olds coming from the Story Hour. See your August 1946, Training Union Magazine for suggestions concerning Story Hour children who are being promoted to the Junior Union. Attractive promotion certificates can be secured from your Baptist Book Store.

Plan an installation service for your new officers following promotion day.

SOCIALS

Have you had your Social this quarter? See a Bottle Party, for Juniors, page 45, September Training Union Magazine.

Gleanings from the Field

Pastor John W. Outland, of Maplewood Baptist Church, Paris, Tenn., conducted a revival during recent weeks at the Sinai Baptist Church, near Buchanan, Tenn.

Pastor Wendell H. Rone, of the Memorial Church, Murray, Ky., has been doing the preaching in a revival meeting at Salem Baptist Church, where T. T. Crabtree is pastor.

Rev. F. R. Bingham, of Central City, Ky., has been preaching in a revival meeting at the North Fork Baptist Church, near Murray, where E. A. Summers is pastor.

Preaching in the revival at the Spring Creek Baptist Church during the middle of August was Pastor T. T. Crabtree, of the Salem Baptist Church. J. H. Thurman is pastor at Spring Creek.

The new pastor of Scott's Grove Baptist Church is Brother T. G. Shelton, formerly of the Big Rock Baptist Church, Big Rock, Tenn. In his new work he succeeds Brother D. W. Billington.

Dr. J. E. Skinner returned to his old pulpit by speaking on a recent Sunday in the First Baptist Church of Murray for Pastor H. C. Chiles, now on his vacation. Dr. Skinner continues to reside in Murray.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Hargrove was conducted in the Hickory Baptist Church on July 31. She was the widow of the late Ledo Hargrove, formerly of Farmington, and she died in Detroit, Michigan.

Pastor Frank Norfleet, of Sligo Baptist Church, Sligo, Ky., and post-graduate student in Southern Seminary, supplied for Pastor Thomas R. Brown at the First Baptist Church of Paducah in the middle of August.

Funeral services for W. T. Cox, 48, were held in the Bethel Baptist Church, in Marshall County, on July 31. Rev. Vernon Turner was in charge of the service, and burial took place in the Bethel Cemetery. He was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church.

H. F. Paschall, Hazel, has been assisting Pastor John Ryeberg in evangelistic meetings at the Cherry Corner Church during the first two weeks in August. Just prior to that the Hazel pastor assisted Pastor M. M. Hampton in meetings in the Sinking Springs Baptist Church.

Miss Ruth Gourieux and Anthony J. Hazelwood were united in marriage by pastor William F. McMurry at the Baptist Tabernacle of Paducah on August 6. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pierre Gourieux, of Paducah, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Priest Hazelwood, Henderson, Ky.

Pastor J. Frank Young, of the Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah, for four and a half years, has been called to succeed Brother Thomas G. Waller at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Benton, Ky., and he has accepted. His predecessor was killed in an automobile accident some months ago. Long a resident of Paducah, Mr. Young has led the Oaklawn Church in getting well established. His wife is the former Miss Pauline Seeley, of Murray. Two children grace their home—Billy Joe and Nancy Charlene.

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Bardwell Baptist Church To Erect New Building On An Adjoining Lot

MURRAY, Ky., August 9.—Pastor Wendell H. Rone and his family, of the Memorial Baptist Church here, are visiting relatives in Owensboro and Livermore, Ky. Before returning to Murray, Pastor Rone will go on to Ridgecrest Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., where he will attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist Historical Society, of which he is a member from Kentucky, during August 20-22.

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Murray Pastor Rone Going To Historical Meet At Ridgecrest

BARDWELL, Ky., August. 15.—The Bardwell Baptist Church voted to go ahead with a new building on the lot next to the present building. The church has been raising money for several years. The work is expected to get under way in a few days. The old building will be used until the new one is finished. A committee of three will direct the work. They are: John M. Kelley, W. L. Lynch and Jesse Ford. Harry T. Copeland is the pastor.

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Two Rallies Held In Ohio River Association

By R. B. Hooks, Louisville, Ky.

The Evangelistic Committee of the Ohio River Association arranged for two Evangelistic Rallies in connection with the monthly meeting of the Board. One of these meetings was held on Monday night at Marion, Kentucky, in the Marion Baptist Church, where Rev. C. R. Hill is pastor. The other was held at Smithland Baptist Church, where Rev. G. O. Cavanah is pastor. The Board meeting was held in the Salem Baptist Church where Rev. Julian Hanson is pastor. All three of these meetings were centered on Evangelism. The day meeting was taken up by the men of the churches, with their pastors discussing the work of God: Foreign Relief, Displaced Persons of Europe, Sunday school, Baptist Training Union, The Women's Missionary Union—a great spirit of fellowship prevailed.

Twenty-three of the thirty-five churches were represented at these meetings. Rev. W. G. Potts gave a report of his work for the month. Plans are being made for a School of Missions, a Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in September, an Associational Training Union Program, with a closer study of their own fields.

It was my privilege to speak on the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism at each of the three meetings. I am looking forward to many other such meetings in other associations in the near future.

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Alabama Pastor Holds Meetings At Lewisport Church, Near Owensboro

LEWISPORT, Ky., Aug. 9.—The Lewisport Baptist Church had a successful revival just closed. The speaker for these services was Rev. John Riddle, formerly pastor of the Avoca Baptist Church, Avoca, Indiana, and now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brantley, Ala. Pastor J. F. Hixon, a student in the Southern Seminary, says that there were seventeen who came upon profession of faith, seven by letter, and many rededicated their lives to the Lord. Of the seventeen professions of faith, thirteen were adults.

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DIET—Potatoes, for months at a time, were the exclusive diet of many families in Ireland until the latter part of the 19th century. The people were so poor they couldn't afford any other food, not even salt. Consequently, they would "dine on potatoes and point"—pretending they added a flavor to each mouthful by pointing to a bottle in the center of the table which contained a little salt, a piece of cheese or a preserved bit of fish or bacon. Children guilty of misbehaving were sometimes punished by being forbidden to add the imaginary flavor by pointing at the bottle.—Freling Foster, *Collier's.*

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Prof. Schnootz, attending a reception, said, "You all know I'm a university professor and I know you're dying to ask questions. Who wants to be the first?"

One fellow asked, "Is it true that prof's are absent-minded and have bad memories?" To which the prof replied, indignantly, "That's a fallacious lie. Prof's haven't got bad memories. They're not absent-minded. Don't you think I know where I am right now? And tomorrow I'll know where I was last night! Would somebody like to ask another question?"

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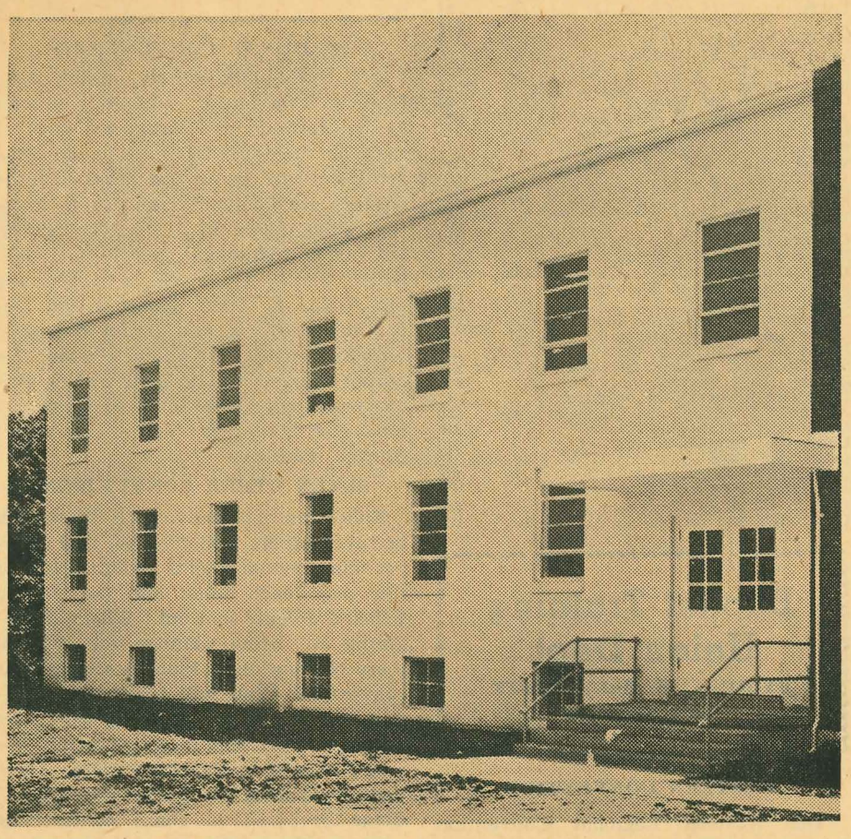
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CAVE CITY, Ky., August 17.—Dr. Bradford Curry, Glasgow, Kentucky, is the new moderator of the Liberty Baptist Association, succeeding in that work Leon Larimore. He was elected at the meeting of that association with the Rock Springs Baptist Church on August 10-11. Other officers elected at the same time included: Pastor Tom W. Dunlap, Jr., Cave City, Associate Moderator; Joseph Martin, Edmonton, Clerk; Harmon Barlow, Cave City, Associate Clerk; and Mitchell Ellis, Glasgow, Treasurer.

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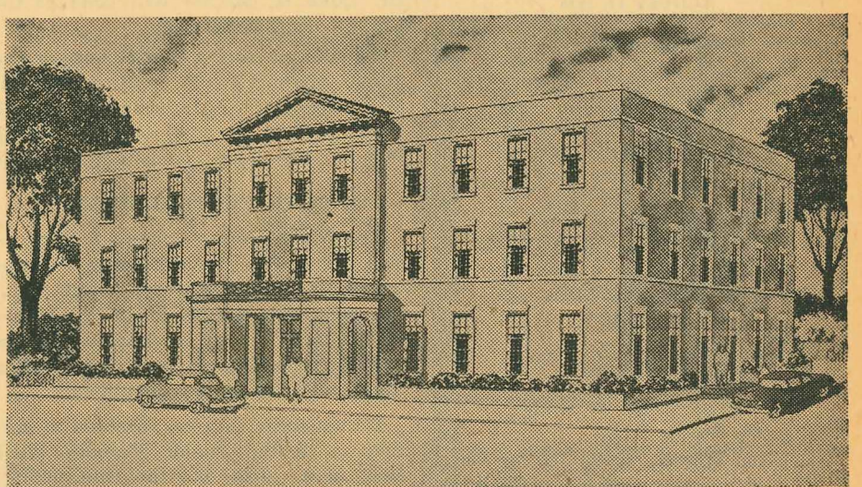
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Murray, First	---	535
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Deacon Robert Ross Conducts Baptist Mission In Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 29.—The Lexington Leader of July 23 paid special tribute to Deacon Robert Ross of Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Ross is the chairman of the Church Missionary Committee and has led in the establishment and operation of Calvary Baptist Mission.

The Mission has been operated for some four years for the depressed people of the city. A new building was recently provided and equipped through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cooke.

Mr. Ross is a lay preacher and a deacon of the Calvary Baptist Church. He devotes his attention and sacrificial service to superintending the Sunday school, conducting Saturday night meetings in the Mission, and ministering to the needs of the people in that community. He is ably assisted by a strong corps of volunteer workers who are devoting themselves with genuine sacrifice to reaching a host of people.

Clear Creek Church In Elkhorn Shows Much Progress and Strength

VERSAILLES, Ky., Aug. 15.—Rev. E. H. Egg, of Georgetown College, recently completed a two weeks' revival at the Clear Creek Baptist Church, near Versailles, in the Elkhorn Association. Nine were saved, and six came by letter. Others rededicated their lives to His service.

Pastor Raymond I. Sanderson began his ministry at the Clear Creek Church in November, 1945. In those three and one-half years 106 persons have been added to the membership, of which sixty-two were by baptism.

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During this period an active Training Union has been organized, deacons have been ordained, and the church has been steadily growing. A little more than two years ago a mid-week prayer service was started, and today it is stable and progressing.—*James Montgomery, Church Clerk.*

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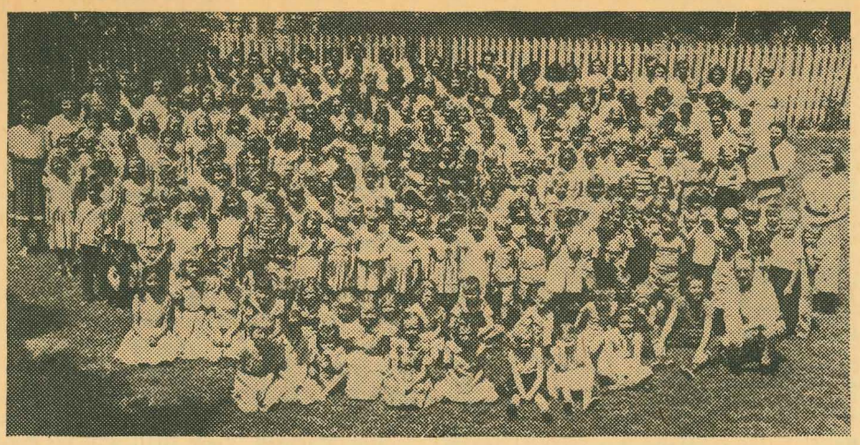
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Lessons for the school were all prepared by the pastor. Juniors and Intermediates studied a series of lessons on "The Lamb of God," a study of Jesus from "The Book of the Lamb" (The Bible) to the "Lamb's Book of Life." Primaries and Beginners had a different series adapted to their age.

Children were transported from the mission points, and the church paid transportation for those who had to ride on busses along the highways. Morehead Church spends several hundred dollars annually in local missions.

W. R. Royce, Winchester, Conducts Revival At Holly Hill Church

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Although the weather was unusually warm, the services were well attended, visitors coming from New Boston, Ohio, Russellville, Ky., and Calvary Baptist Church at Covington, Ky.

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The Holly Hill Church has recently been reorganized. We feel sure that more of the young people who were under conviction will soon be following these others by accepting Jesus as their Saviour. All who attended these services received a great blessing.

Brother Royce is a real man of God and brought great spiritual messages each night, preaching the Word of God without fear or favor. He has made many warm friends both at Holly Hill and at Vanceburg. We are looking forward to having him back with us in the near future. The Lord is blessing both of these churches. Souls are being saved in regular services, attendance has been good at Vanceburg, although many of our regular pupils have been away during vacation, teachers have been attending summer school, but as the opening of school draws near they are coming back. With the new ones who have come in, we are looking forward to a larger attendance.

This has been a busy and gracious year for both churches. We thank God for sending Brother Bruce Lunsford and his family to us.—*Mrs. Albert Bryan, Route 1, Vanceburg, Ky.*

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Pineville Church Holds Twenty Bible Schools

PINEVILLE, Ky., August 20.—The First Baptist Church here has again led the Southern Baptist Convention in Vacation Bible School work. Under the leadership of D. M. Aldridge, Professor of Missions at the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, and Missions Chairman of the First Baptist Church, Pineville, twenty Mission Bible Schools were held the week of July 25-29. These twenty schools enrolled 1,326 and had an average attendance of 1,024 each day. There were twenty-three professions of faith, a total missions offering of $70.00 and an expense offering of $40.00. There were 107 workers used in the schools, forty of whom were from the Clear Creek Preachers School, including twenty preachers who served as principals and their wives. Sixty-seven of the workers were from the membership of the First Baptist Church in Pineville.

The climax of the week came on Sunday night, July 31, when a great evangelistic service was held at the First Baptist Church in Pineville. Some forty cars, furnished and driven by the members of the First Church, went out into the mountain areas and brought people into the service. There were 661 present to hear Pastor Charles A. Jolly preach on John 3:16. One young girl was saved out of a group of some 400 lost people.

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WHEATLEY, Ky., Aug. 12.—Pastor Eugene Poston has just closed a series of services at the Dallasburg Baptist Church in Owen County which resulted in a great revival among God's people. The revival spirit is still sweeping the community even though the visiting preachers have left.

Rev. Ted Burkhalter, a Louisville pastor, led the song services and taught a group of the Dallasburg young people the art of chalk talking. The young people are willing and ready to use their talents anywhere for the Lord.

Rev. Judson Lennon, a young pastor from Raeford, North Carolina, brought heart-searching Biblical messages each morning and evening.

Pastor Poston became ill and was confined to his bed for a few days during the revival. However, the people "had a mind to work," and carried on just the same as though he were there.

The Dallasburg people have built and paid for a Sunday school annex and have nearly finished a modern brick parsonage. All of this has been done within the past year.

Pleasant Ridge Church Enrolls 144 in VBS

DeMOSSVILLE, Ky., August 12.—The Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, in Crittenden Baptist Association, completed its VBS on July 15, with Pastor G. H. Clark acting as principal. He was assisted by a faculty of twenty-two others.

There was an enrollment of 144, with an average of 125. The mission offering was $57.00, and it was sent to the Inikbulan Baptist Church in the Philippine Islands. This church was organized in 1945 by an army chaplain and his assistants.

The pastor of the Inikbulan Baptist Church is Brother Simeon Manalo.

God's Call To Baptists In Northern Kentucky

By O. J. Steger, General Chairman

NEWPORT, Ky., August 20.—Those of us who live in this Northern section of our good state are facing, in the very near future, a mighty challenge. The most far-reaching evangelistic effort is being planned for every church in these two Associations — North Bend and Campbell County. Never have there been such human efforts and plans which are now in the making. The very fine committees are all faithfully working to carry on their part of this holy responsibility. This part of our plans calls for no small effort on our part. Our greatest task is not the technique of a revival, as important as that may be for us, but can we muster the grace and power of God on our behalf to give spiritual meaning and purpose to our plans.

Great spiritual awakenings have come only through great souls and divinely touched personalities. Can the Lord find some holy surrendered people in every church, who will pay this price for a modern miracle for our needy world?

I do believe Jesus is not just *an* answer to all our ills, but is *the* answer.

I am calling my brethren to join me in holy expectations of a mighty visitation of divine grace and that old-fashioned confession of sin be felt and practiced among us all.

Smithwood Pastor Of Fountain City, Tenn., In Owen County Revival

FOUNTAIN CITY, Tenn., Aug. 17.—The Owen County Association in Kentucky engaged in a simultaneous revival during August 1-12, with fourteen of the twenty-seven Baptist churches participating.

I had the privilege of helping Pastor W. T. Dunaway, pastor of the Richland Baptist Church in Owen Association. We had fourteen additions to the church, eleven for baptism, and three by letter. The Richland Church voted recently to put a basement under its meeting house, and to install automatic heat before winter. On Sunday, August 14, the church was looking for 125 in Sunday school and church. The classes had received goals to be met, and at the close of the meeting 115 had signed slips stating their intention of being present on the following Sunday.—*Ralph L. Murray.*

Deacon Robert Ross Conducts Baptist Mission In Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 29.—The Lexington Leader of July 23 paid special tribute to Deacon Robert Ross of Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Ross is the chairman of the Church Missionary Committee and has led in the establishment and operation of Calvary Baptist Mission.

The Mission has been operated for some four years for the depressed people of the city. A new building was recently provided and equipped through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cooke.

Mr. Ross is a lay preacher and a deacon of the Calvary Baptist Church. He devotes his attention and sacrificial service to superintending the Sunday school, conducting Saturday night meetings in the Mission, and ministering to the needs of the people in that community. He is ably assisted by a strong corps of volunteer workers who are devoting themselves with genuine sacrifice to reaching a host of people.

Clear Creek Church In Elkhorn Shows Much Progress and Strength

VERSAILLES, Ky., Aug. 15.—Rev. E. H. Egg, of Georgetown College, recently completed a two weeks' revival at the Clear Creek Baptist Church, near Versailles, in the Elkhorn Association. Nine were saved, and six came by letter. Others rededicated their lives to His service.

Pastor Raymond I. Sanderson began his ministry at the Clear Creek Church in November, 1945. In those three and one-half years 106 persons have been added to the membership, of which sixty-two were by baptism.

From the records we find that in the last three and one-half years the Sunday school attendance and church finances have almost tripled. During the months of May, June and July of the current year we have averaged 114 in Sunday school. The church meeting house has been completely redecorated. Hardwood floors, flourescent lighting fixtures, new hymnals, heatrolas, an organ, and other additions have been made to beautify and make useful our sanctuary. Our Sunday school rooms have been redecorated, equipped with new folding chairs, and maps and flags have been added.

During this period an active Training Union has been organized, deacons have been ordained, and the church has been steadily growing. A little more than two years ago a mid-week prayer service was started, and today it is stable and progressing.—*James Montgomery, Church Clerk.*

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The North Bend Baptist Association will meet with the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church of Covington, September 15-16. John E. Huss, Latonia, is moderator, and W. T. Perry is clerk.

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The Building Committee is composed of M. V. Foster, Chairman, Norman Tucker and S. B. Noffsinger. They have been alert and active in all the new construction work on the new annex.

In the last eight years that Ray H. Dean has been pastor there some $111,-421.19 has been raised for all contributions, of which $28,305.11 has gone for missions. The total additions in that time have been 483, more than half of whom were entered on the rolls of the church after having been baptized in the waters of the pool at the First Baptist Church of Central City.

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By R. B. Hooks, Louisville, Ky.

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Alabama Pastor Holds Meetings At Lewisport Church, Near Owensboro

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The Sunday School Board has been glad through the years to give training course awards to students in our schools who take courses paralleling the books in the Sunday School Training Course.

The following list of school awards reveals that there is a fine co-operation on the part of our schools in receiving such awards:

Bethel Woman's College	149
Clear Creek Preachers' School	864
Cumberland College	191
Campbellsville College	—
Georgetown College	808
Magoffin Institute	3
Oneida	2

The Clear Creek Conference

The Sunday School Conference held at Clear Creek Springs the first week in August was the best. The attendance was good, the program great, and the spirit of those present was the best.

We are deeply grateful to God for this great week.

Another write-up of the week's work will appear later in the Western Recorder.

Hindman Campaign

A group of us conducted a Sunday School Campaign with Dr. J. S. Bell and the Hindman Sunday school. It was one of the best weeks of work we have ever had. We felt that we were in the presence of greatness while we were with Dr. and Mrs. Bell. The Lord has used them in a glorious way in the work in Knott County. Bro. Bell is known and loved by the people in that whole section.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 14, 1949

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut Street (4)	249	1,465
Harrodsburg (3)	205	979
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	198	974
Louisville, Parkland (1)	52	787
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	220	755
Owensboro, First (1)	75	750
Covington, Latonia (2)	128	680
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	161	636
Owensboro, Third	---	611
Madisonville, First	---	604
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	117	588
Bowling Green, First	---	583
Lexington, Calvary (1)	32	565
Louisville, Beechmont	---	549
Newport, First (1)	49	541
Louisville, West Broadway (1)	53	540
Danville, First (1)	42	539
Murray, First	---	535
Mayfield, First	---	522
Lexington, Immanuel	---	515
Middlesboro, First	---	515
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	---	514
Ashland, Pollard (1)	27	497
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (2)	131	482
Louisville, Highland (2)	137	475
Hopkinsville, Second	---	457
Lexington, Grace	---	441
Barbourville, First (1)	73	440
Glasgow (1)	18	422
Hopkinsville, First	---	412
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	406
Lebanon	---	401
Corbin, First	---	392
London, First	---	389
Louisville, Clifton (1)	71	388
Danville, Lexington Avenue (1)	40	387
Shively	---	378
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	373
Hodgenville, First (1)	26	372
Henderson, Audubon (1)	57	362
Mt. Vernon (4)	164	356
Campbellsville (1)	45	354
Louisville, Third Avenue (1)	21	354
Corbin, Central	---	341
Henderson, Immanuel	---	339
Williamsburg, First	---	336
Franklin, First (1)	31	335
Fulton, First	---	331
Covington, South Side	---	329
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	---	325
Harrodsburg, Bruner's Chapel	---	314
Middlesboro, E. Cumberland Ave.	---	311
Willisburg	---	310
Versailles	---	300
Greenville, First	---	296
Crouches Crk. (near Jellico, Tenn.)	---	296
Winchester, First	---	291
Owensboro, Hall St.	---	275
Bellevue	---	271
Richmond, First (2)	32	266
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	262
Paducah, Trinity	---	253
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.	---	250
Louisville, Gethsemane	---	248
Hall's Gap, Fairview	---	235
Sturgis, First	---	222
Hazel	---	220
Deep Creek (near Harrodsburg)	---	217
Albany (1)	43	215
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	---	212
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	210
Louisville, East	---	210
Russellville, First	---	208
Jeffersontown	---	208
Dayton, First	---	206
Louisville, Shawnee	---	205

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE
State Secretary

WESTERN CONVENTION

The Western Regional Convention begins next Friday, September 2, with a banquet for everybody at 6:00 P. M., and closes with the Life Dedication Service on Saturday night.

President, Rev. E. Keevil Judy, announces that the music will be directed by Mr. H. L. Hughen, of Somerset, and that *"The Christian Home"* will be the theme of the Friday night message by Dr. Joe W. Burton, of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Rev. I. L. Baughn will bring the devotions. The Hartford Intermediates will give a demonstration.

Saturday morning's service will begin at 9:10, the evening service at 7:10. Dr. Duke K. McCall will conduct the Life Dedication Service.

Be sure to send a participant for the Junior Memory Work Drill at 11:40 A. M., Saturday, the Intermediate Sword Drill at 2:20 P. M., and the Young People's Speakers Tournament at 4:15.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

The North Central Regional Convention begins Friday night week, September 9, and closes Saturday night with the Dedication Service conducted by Dr. Dale Moody. Mr. J. Harlan Barnes, president, announces that Rev. Dalton Leath will bring the devotionals.

Do not forget to send someone to participate in the Junior Memory Work Drill at 11:40 A. M., the Intermediate Sword Drill at 4:15 P. M., and the Young People's Speakers Tournament at 2:20 P. M., all on Saturday.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS

Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette
State Approved Junior Worker

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

Are you planning to attend your Regional Convention? When you read Junior Jottings this week, the first of the eight Regional Training Union Conventions will be in progress, Southwestern Region at First Church, Murray, August 25 and 26. The Convention will begin Thursday night and close Friday night. There will be conferences for Junior Leaders, Sponsors and Department officers, and Junior boys and girls Friday morning and afternoon. The Junior Memory Work Drill will be Friday morning at 11:40 followed by special music by the Junior Choir of Immanuel Church, Paducah.

SEVEN OTHER CONVENTIONS

Following this convention there will be seven others in September and October. For announcements about these read this page each week and the posters which are being sent out. Splendid programs are being planned for each of these conventions. Plan to attend your convention. You will receive information and inspiration for your work. Do you have a problem in your Union? We will discuss it in our conferences. Have you solved some problem in your Union? Come prepared to share conferences.

One of the most important features of each Regional Convention will be the Junior Memory Work Drill. In each drill should be a representative from each Association. If your Association has not had a drill, one should come from each church. If you did not receive the rules and material for this drill, write State Training Union Department, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. The winners in these drills will represent the Region in the State Junior Memory Work Drill to be held at the State Training Union Convention, April 12-14, Ashland, Kentucky.

PROMOTION

Promotion day is just around the corner. Let's make promotion day so attractive that no Junior will want to leave a Union until he is supposed to. How about a Junior Promotion Banquet? There is a good suggestion in the September Training Union Magazine.

How about organizing a new Junior Union if you have enough nine year olds coming from the Story Hour. See your August 1946, Training Union Magazine for suggestions concerning Story Hour children who are being promoted to the Junior Union. Attractive promotion certificates can be secured from your Baptist Book Store.

Plan an installation service for your new officers following promotion day.

SOCIALS

Have you had your Social this quarter? See a Bottle Party, for Juniors, page 45, September Training Union Magazine.

Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
Executive Secretary

TWO WORKERS LEAVE FOR FURTHER STUDY



Miss Mary Sampson

It is with much regret that we announce the resignations of two of our workers, effective August 31.

Miss Mary Sampson, Missionary to China, who has been serving as Young People's Secretary since February 1, came to us with the understanding that she was still a missionary appointee, and that she would serve with us until opportunity arose for further active service with the Foreign Mission Board.

At the request of the Foreign Mission Board Miss Sampson enters Yale University in September for further study of the Chinese language, anticipating her return to China when conditions permit.

Miss Sampson has served faithfully and well, and it has been a much appreciated privilege for our young people to have the inspiration of her leadership and a more intimate acquaintance with one whose life is fully dedicated to Foreign Missions. I am sure future days will yield a more abundant harvest of the fruits of missionary investments because of her service in our State. We shall pray for her as she studies and serves here, and elsewhere, as God leads her.

Mr. John A. Wrenn has served as Royal Ambassador Secretary in Kentucky for several years. He began his work with us as a summer worker for Royal Ambassador activities and then in 1945 he was employed on a full time basis. Mr. Wrenn has done splendid work and made many fine contributions to Royal Ambassador work in Kentucky and has served on important committees for Royal Ambassadors for Southern Union. He has scores of friends who will cherish with gratitude the memories of his helpfulness to them.

Mr. Wrenn is an ordained minister and is desirous of completing his studies at the Seminary which have been interrupted by his service with the W. M. U. of Kentucky. The prayers of the boys of Kentucky and of those who love boys will follow Mr. Wrenn as he seeks to fit himself for greater usefulness in the Master's Kingdom.



Mr. John A. Wrenn

An announcement as to the successors to these fine young people will be made soon.

Georgetown Professor Is Directing Choir At Calvary, Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky., August 10.—Professor William B. Anders, head of the Music Department at Georgetown College, is Minister of Music at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington. Professor Anders has developed two choirs which are given wide opportunity in the great worship services at Calvary Baptist Church.

Beginning the middle of September, Calvary will join WVLK with a statewide radio coverage which will give much greater opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel and the broadcasting of the musical services of the church.

Professor Anders invites young people who are coming to Lexington to join one of the choirs of the church. Under his direction splendid musical training is given and fine opportunity to serve the Lord with a choir. Young people may communicate with Professor Anders in care of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. W. A. Diman, executive secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association, has written a letter to Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, extending a welcome for the meeting to be held in Chicago in 1950.

"It is the desire of the Chicago Baptist Association to extend to our brethren of the Southern Convention a most hearty and cordial welcome to the city of Chicago," Dr. Diman wrote. "It is also our desire to be of any reasonable assistance to you and your people in setting up and carrying forward your great convention. We shall urge that as many of our churches as possible should open their pulpits to the preachers who will be in attendance.

"This action was taken with the most cordial and sincere desire to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship between our two great bodies. As Executive Secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association, I will be waiting to hear from some of your representatives to indicate how we might be of help."

Dr. Lee wrote to Dr. Diman expressing appreciation for the letter.

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Third Baptist World Congress Has 1,400 in Attendance at Stockholm

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cert Hall of the *Konserthuset* by the Swedish Baptist Choral Association under the direction of Martin Lidstram.



Consulting the program in the cloakroom at World Youth Congress are Dr. A. T. Ohrn, General Secretary of Baptist World Alliance; Ronald Bell, British layman, acting in youth work; and Dr. T. G. Dunning, Chairman of Young People's Committee of Baptist World Alliance, of London, England.

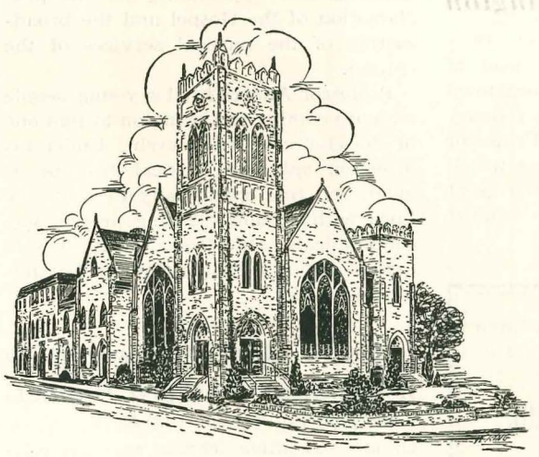
The concert consisted of Swedish Anthems, Swedish Spiritual Folk Songs, and several selections from *The Messiah.* The Swedish people take their music seriously. The concert was a high hour of the Congress.

The theme for the Monday sessions centered around the subject: *What Baptists Stand For.* Rev. Hans Arndt of Germany had written the paper for the day's consideration. He clearly outlined the basic Baptist doctrines and the Congress unanimously endorsed his position in general. Again discussion groups were had and effective Christian initiatives were presented to the messengers. Monday evening an Open-Air Concert was held in the Solliden with the joint choirs of the Swedish Baptist Choral Association and the Y. M. C. A. rendering favorite anthems of the world, Nordic Compositions for Men's Choir, and the lovely anthem by Stainer, *"For God So Loved the World."* At 9:00 o'clock, *"Christ—The Way."* A rapsody—they chose the way, we are choosing the way, and the way to the future was presented by juniors, scouts, and representatives from different parts of the world.

The closing day's theme was *Youth Evangelism in Modern Times.* Mr. Joel Sorenson had the paper for the day. His emphasis was clear and strong on the importance of youth going forward in an all-out effort to win the lost to Christ. Those who planned the program were wise in closing the Congress on the note of Evangelism. Tuesday evening Dr. F. Townley Lord, editor of *The Baptist Times,* of London, lifted the Congress messengers to a high level.

To those who attended this Third World Youth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, there was no room left to doubt the direction the messengers were urged to take. The power of God was pointed out as the power needed for world peace, and world peace was encouraged through Christian fellowship. The young people and their leaders were treated royally by the Swedish and Stockholm Baptists as they shared and showered their hospitality and Christian love.

It is only hoped that the inspiration, information and spiritual impetus received by the visitors will go on bearing fruit in the years to come. The hope of the world is in Christ, and Christian people who are willing to pay the price in order to live their convictions. The Congress did not hold before the young people an easy way, but pointed them always to the Cross. Such a gathering will long contribute to the cause of Christ. Baptists are to be proud of the youth who promoted and conducted this the Third Baptist World Youth Congress. Dr. T. G. Dunning and Mr. Joel Sorenson left nothing to be desired. Baptists can rightfully look forward to wonderful leadership under the direction of Mr. Sorenson.



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Dr. Alldredge States His Position

By DR. E. P. ALLDREDGE

[In a desire to be fair, the Western Recorder presents here a statement from Dr. E. P. Alldredge, author of the much-discussed motion at the Oklahoma City Convention. His statement relates to the charge that he has, by reason of his relationship to the American Baptist Theological Seminary, been connected indirectly with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ. His use of the word Seminary refers to that institution.—Editor.]

I have never compromised myself or had any occasion to compromise myself with the Seminary. In fact, I was never an employee of this institution in my life, in any capacity. My three and one-half years' employment and twenty-four years voluntary (free) service was all given to the Southern Baptist Commission. I served this distinctly Southern Baptist Commission to the best of my ability for 27 years and more. And this Commission has no sort of connection with the Federal Council.

Then, when the Negro Baptist Convention, with which Southern Baptists were working to establish a Negro Seminary suddenly joined the Federal Council of Churches, our Commission refused to go on with this proposed Seminary unless the Board of Directors should adopt a Confession of Faith that would forever safeguard us against the Federal Council, and leave no doubt in any one's mind that this Negro Seminary stood for "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." The Board of Directors of this Negro Seminary, composed of 24 Negro Baptists and twelve white Southern Baptists, worked out such a Confession of Faith, and, before the Negro Seminary opened for students in September, 1924, the Board of Directors came together under such leaders as Dr. L. K. Williams and Dr. C. H. Parrish, etc., and adopted the fullest, most explicit and most Baptistic Confession of Faith ever adopted by an educational institution in the history of Southern Baptists. I shall be glad to send a copy of the Seminary's Confession of Faith to any pastor requesting it.

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Accommodations are being provided for 300 students the first year. Persons interested in attending Grand Canyon College may secure a catalogue by writing Dean Floy S. Wise, Box 67, Prescott, Arizona.

My Prayer

Lord, so teach me how to pray
That, as I live from day to day,
According as it is Thy will,
I may help my prayers fulfill.

And if I'd have Thee send Thy light,
Then let me, too, cast in my mite,
To help brave souls to take Thy Word,
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Principles Underlying A Call to Preach

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Each Has His Gift

In discussing spiritual gifts in I Cor. 12:14, Paul seems to proceed on the assumption that each member of the body has his particular gift and function to perform, and that each should use his gift for the upbuilding of the body as a whole. This does not mean that God calls men to what we speak of as secular work as he does to the ministry. But it does mean that he calls men to the ministry, not on the assumption that others are free to follow their own way independently of the will of God, but rather on the assumption that some men are to be dedicated to God and his service in a special way in order that others may also give their lives to him.

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The ministry is sacred work in order that other men may be led to make all life and all work sacred. The preacher is to dedicate himself to God in order that other men may dedicate themselves to God. This particular class of men are to seek and find the will of God in order that others may also find God's will.

The same principle holds here that holds in dedicating a part of our time and money to God. We dedicate a part of our time and money to God on the assumption that this will help us to dedicate all our time and all our money to God. If a man gives a part of his money and time and energy to God on the assumption that this releases him to use the rest of his time or money or energy in a selfish or sinful way, he misses the point.

In a similar way, a special class of men are dedicated to God and religion, not on the assumption that all the rest are free to live for selfish ends, but on the assumption that all the rest of us should dedicate our selves to God and his service.

God Takes the Initiative

Another principle involved in the idea that God calls men is that God takes the initiative in dealing with men. A call to preach means not only that a man is doing God's will in preaching, but that this will is imposed by Another. The one who is called does not necessarily resist, but when he enters this work he does so because God laid it upon him. He feels it as something imposed from above. If the work is sought, the motives are likely to be selfish and unworthy. No self-seeking man should be in the ministry.

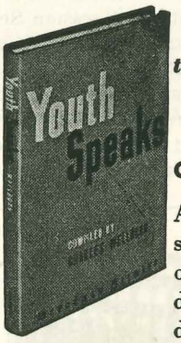
In speaking of his success in Christian work, Paul says, "By the grace of God I am what I am" (I Cor. 15:10). He always regarded his being in the ministry as a favor conferred of God's free and sovereign grace. Grace accepted always means the death of man's pride. All sufficiency in Christian work is of God, not of the worker. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God must give the increase. Nothing is more out of place than a vain and proud man in the pulpit. If any man thinks he is succeeding in the ministry, this is a sure sign that he is failing.

Here as everywhere else in Christianity God moves first. Man only accepts the will of God. Of his sovereign grace he moves on men to save them. When man yields he is saved. So in Christian work, all qualifications that make one efficient in service are God's gifts, not our attainment.—*The Baptist Standard.*

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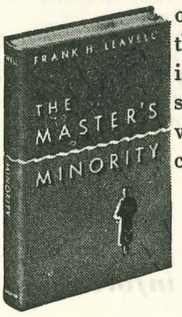
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The Holy Spirit in Evangelism

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Again, we emphasize that we are not arguing against the use of methods in evangelism. But we have been so successful in creating and using methods that we are in danger of feeling that proper use of our methods is sufficient for success. It seems that what we need to remember is that **the Holy Spirit can succeed without our methods and the best methods without the Spirit are futile.** The weapons of our warfare are not carnal and if we use only carnal weapons in our spiritual warfare, our victories will be defeats.

The only method the early Apostles knew was prayer, preaching and waiting for the Holy Spirit to operate.

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If we would shift our effort from drives for large numbers of additions, in which we are tempted to go ahead of the Holy Spirit in our effort to reach a goal, to a concerted seeking of the Holy Spirit for a great revival we believe our churches would be empowered to seek and made ready to receive new members and larger numbers than we have ever known would be saved and ask for membership.

The Holy Spirit is "God with us" to work out in the world the salvation Christ bought on Calvary. Woe betide us if we fail to realize that our work is essentially being channels through which He can work. A real revival simply consists in the Holy Spirit, unhindered, dominating the churches, convicting and saving the lost and cleansing, empowering and leading the saved. Our main method must be to get everything out of the way and loose Him for his divine prerogative.

Portrait Of President Samuel S. Hill To Be Unveiled Tonight

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Aug. 13.—One of the highlights of the "Six Great Days" will be the unveiling of a portarit of Dr. S. S. Hill, president of Georgetown College.

This portrait, painted by Meyer of Knoxville, is the gift to the College of Mr. Bryan P. Wolfe, one of the outstanding local Georgetown businessmen. The unveiling will take place in the John L. Hill Chapel at the opening session of the "Six Great Days," Thursday, August 25. Dr. Hill's son and daughter, Sam, Jr., and Janie, will unveil the portrait.

Dr. Hill is the eighteenth president of Georgetown College. He has proved himself an efficient leader and administrator in educational circles. During his administration the college has made many achievements. Plans are being completed now for the construction of the Cooke Student Building.

Dr. Hill's portrait will be hung beside that of Dr. John L. Hill, for whom the chapel is named.—*Raymond E. Childers, Alumni Secretary.*

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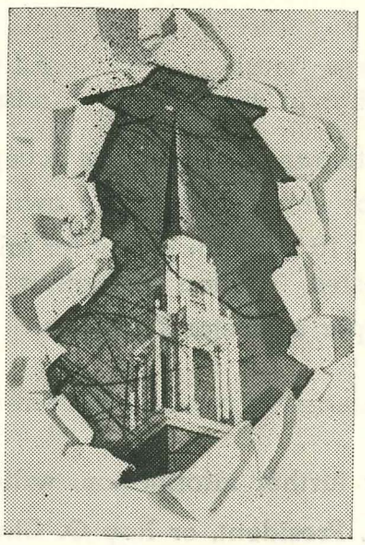
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Missions Superintendent Tours General Hospital

By FLOYD FOLSOM, Superintendent of Missions

The superintendent of missions for Long Association was recently shown through the General Hospital and the Children's Center, Louisville, Ky., by Rev. Fred Tucker, institutional missionary for the Association. Going first to the hospital, visits were made in a number of the wards—male and female medical, male and female surgery, and the children's ward, together with a look into the psycopathic ward. Gospel booklets and the Western Recorder were given numerous patients who were able to read, and who expressed an interest in what Brother Tucker had to offer.

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Many of the patients had never seen the missionary before, as they were newcomers; however, it was surprising how many of them greeted him by name as he approached the beds one after another. A prayer offered for this one, a verse of Scripture with that one, and a word of cheer and comfort for each one, left the various wards in a little different frame of mind and spirit than when the minister entered. A group of boys in the children's ward learned —many had never heard it before—that "God is love." Because of some incident or environment in their backgrounds, one or two refused to participate; but an impression was received, and they will not soon forget the words spoken in that strange, lonely place of suffering.

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Leaving the hospital, a tour was made of the Children's Center, a separate institution located just across the street. A visit was made in each of the wards there—the divisions being based on sex and color. One fine baby girl was there —perhaps eighteen months old—who was being given needed attention and love by some of the girls occupying the nearby wing of the floor on which the nursery is located.

A visit to the chapel was somewhat disappointing. It is just a basement room with all of the steam pipes, etc., one usually finds in such rooms. However it is for those children a place of worship. On each Sunday morning, after the Sunday school classes have been dismissed from the various wards, the children assemble in that chapel for a worship service. (Sunday school has been temporarily suspended due to lack of teachers. Here is a fine opportunity for some men and women to do a bit of missionary work.) A separate service is provided Roman Catholic children. In a recent service the adult worker whose Sunday duties included the playing of the piano was not present. A colored girl, without having been asked, rose and walked to the piano and began to play the hymn announced. She will be serving more in that way as the Sundays come and go, and if she remains at the Center.

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One of the strongest impressions gained by this visit was that of the fine reception accorded the missionary by the staffs of the two institutions. Such a spirit of co-operation and helpfulness on the part of the hospital personnel is a testimony to the value of the work done by him in years past. He was careful to enter no room where a nurse was at work, or where a doctor was visiting a patient. In turn, he has gained their respect for the work he is doing and for the message he proclaims. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For . . . I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me . . . "

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