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New Wing On South Jefferson Church Is Dedicated

The new Educational Building of the South Jefferson Baptist Church, in Jefferson County, was recently dedicated on its thirty-first anniversary.

Top—Pastor Dester E. Jones (left), stands with three of the original officers who served when this church was organized 31 years ago: J. S. Lippold, clerk; Miss Florence Woods, treasurer; and H. B. Pendleton, moderator.

Middle—Some of the 16 charter members who were present for the anniversary and dedication: Front Row (left to right)—Miss Florence Woods, Mrs. Melvina Richie, Mrs. Sadie Laslie, Mrs. Stanley Brown, Miss Carrie McAllister, Mrs. Malissie Horine. Back Row—J. S. Lippold, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Mrs. H. B. Pendleton, H. B. Pendleton, Mrs. Tellys Dixie Campbell (a babe in arms with her parents at the time the church was organized), and Mrs. Mattie Robinson.

Bottom — The new Wing added to the rear of the old building (See Article next week).



Gleanings From The Field

►Lyndon Baptist Church, in Long Run, had ground breaking exercises for its new educational building December 13. Hugh B. Goldsby is pastor there.

►Pastor Sherman Holt was recently assisted in a series of evangelistic meetings by Evangelist James Foust, resulting in 23 additions to the New Hope Baptist Church, Kevil, near Benton.

►James T. Ryan has resigned as pastor of the McVeigh Baptist Church, and has become pastor of the Mouth Card Church. He has been at the former place for 10 years. Prior to that he was at the Inez Baptist Church three years.

►The regular dinner meeting of the Long Run Federation of Business Women will be held at the Clifton Baptist Church, 1947 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m., according to Miss Ada Mae Sympton.

►The Florence Baptist Church, in northern Kentucky, has sent us resolutions regarding the passing of Dr. Luther Bach. He was a deacon, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, liberal in his contributions and his attendance upon the services of his church.

►H. O. Niceley, formerly of Kentucky but now of Batesburg, South Carolina, writes: "Our work is going good. We are adding Sunday school rooms and soon will start on a \$16,000 parsonage. We praise His name for all the Lord has enabled us to do."

►Leslie F. Knepper has resigned as choir director of the First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, Indiana, to return to school to work toward a degree in music. In addition to his musical activities he has taught in the Sunday school and served as Intermediate Leader in the Training Union.

►The Trinity Church, Paducah, ordained Harold Stubblefield to the Gospel ministry at the Lamasco Baptist Church, of which he has been called as pastor, on January 10. Pastor Rudy Bouland presided and Dr. H. C. Chiles, Murray, preached the ordination sermon. The Bible was presented by Dr. Frank F. Norfleet.

►The Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., has acquired a 125-acre site on Strawberry Point—across the Golden Gate and directly north of San Francisco. Strawberry Point was considered as the headquarters for United Nations, but final plans eventuated erecting it on the East Side of New York City.

►Dr. William H. Morton, professor of Biblical archaeology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was named director of the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem for the school year 1954-55. Eighty-five universities, colleges and seminaries in the United States, including Southern Seminary, support the work of the school. Morton was a research fellow at the school in 1950-51.

►Dr. A. L. Aulick, before his recent death, prepared a statement of how Southern Baptists have grown in California. The Southern Baptist Convention of California was organized in 1940 with 13 organized churches having a total membership of 1,000. By 1953 the body was composed of 400 organized churches having a total membership of 60,000.

►Rev. William E. Burke, who was for ten years a Roman Catholic priest, was ordained by the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., some weeks ago. Some years ago, after leaving the priesthood he was baptized at the Calvary Baptist Church, New York, and has been preaching since throughout the nation, but wanted to go through his ordination again under Baptist auspices.

►The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, R. F. D. 2, Mayfield, has ordained Will J. Murphy to the full work of the Gospel ministry. His ordination was called for by the Baltimore Missionary Baptist Church, Pryorsburg, Ky. O. C. Markham led in the questioning and Allan Rohrer, the pastor, delivered the message. F. M. Masters gave the charges to the church and candidate. The Bible was presented by W. W. Dickerson.

►Ground was recently broken for the new two-story educational building and is now under construction at Oals Island Church, Morningview, Ky. It will contain 2,300 square feet of floor space, with class rooms and assembly areas for the six departments of the Sunday school. Included will be a Fellowship Hall and kitchen. Taking part in the groundbreaking were Brethren Edwin Jackson, Alfred Damon and Russell Rector, members of the building committee; Sam Branham, pastor of Crescent Springs; Chase W. Jennings, superintendent of Northern Kentucky Mission Program; and Rev. Robert Browning, the pastor, who drew the plans for the new structure.

►The Lockport Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Barnett L. Williams, conducted a dedication service for its new pews on January 17. A history of the church was read and a review was made of the improvements on the property. Also a church program and hopes for the future of the church were developed. Taking part in this service were Ernest Craigmyle, Bill Carter, Dean McCardwell and Everett Robinson. The present Lockport meeting house was erected in 1887 as a one-room structure. In 1951 class rooms were added, most of the money for these being left the church by a will. The next year the interior was redecorated with a new ceiling and new automatic furnace being installed. And now they have added the new natural finish oak benches to enhance further the beauty of the building.

►Mt. Vernon Church, Woodford County, has made another step of progress



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under the leadership of Miss Susie Bryant. An initiation service for the Royal Ambassadors was held recently at which time Charles Blackburn, Larry Duncan, Bobby McDonald, Roy Gene McDonald, Johnny McDonald, Hugh B. Turner, Howard Carter, Wayne Friedly, Edward Blackburn and John Thomas Lundy were initiated. The Ambassadors have increased from four to ten under the leadership of Mrs. Herbert Turner. Both these ladies were assisted by Donald Henderson, Deacon Jesse Tutt Eaves and Pastor William E. Mitchell. In the recent recognition service, Charles Blackburn, who has been a diligent ambassador, received his Ambassador's sword. Charles Duncan and Wayne Friedly were also recognized. In the recent coronation Hilma Eaves, Mona Faye Turner and Wanda Congleton were crowned Queen.

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Abraham Lincoln said, "The use of alcohol as a beverage has many defenders but no defense."

Justification Through Faith

JOE T. ODLE

(Reprinted from Brotherhood Journal)

The full meaning of God's wonderful salvation cannot be expressed in one word, or by one definition. One must study the whole Word of God even to begin to comprehend all that God did for man when he provided redemption for him. One means of making this study—justification through faith—is to search out the great words that are related to salvation and seek to know their meaning. There are many such words in the Bible and in theology, the understanding of which will deepen one's knowledge of God's work of grace.

Among those words which reveal God's work for us are regeneration, forgiveness, justification, redemption, propitiation, sanctification, and glorification. All of these are rich in meaning, and each presents some facet of the many glorious truths of God's saving work. Time will not permit our studying all of them, but it is our purpose in this article to consider the doctrine of justification. This word is often misunderstood, and seldom fully understood, but presents one of the greatest truths of all the Scripture revelation.

Justification through faith was the doctrine that started the Reformation. Martin Luther, who has been spoken of by the historians as a man who changed the "face of the world," was made into a world changer by the verse, "The just shall live by faith," a passage which is found four times in the Bible. (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). The understanding of the great truth that men are justified through faith changed his life, changed Europe and changed history. A full understanding of the doctrine will mean much to Christians of today.

Bible Teaches Justification Through Faith

Our one source of authority for any doctrine is the Bible. With Baptists nothing else is acceptable. The doctrine of justification through faith is so clearly taught in the Word that one wonders why any person ever questions it. We shall consider some of the numerous passages which open this great truth to us.

The Book of Romans may be described as the book on the plan of salvation, and nowhere in Scripture is justification through faith more clearly taught. In chapter one, verse seventeen, Paul quotes from the Old Testament "The just shall live by faith," and this seems to be his theme for the next several chapters. In those chapters he reveals man as a sinner, but shows how God justifies him through the redemptive work of Christ.

In Romans 3:23 we find the status of all men, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." But the next verse (24) says "Being justified

freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Verse 26 follows with a description of that redemption, "To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus." In the 28th verse he concludes "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Nothing could be clearer than these statements.

In Romans 4:5 we read "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." In 4:25 we read "Who was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification," and in 8:33 "It is God that justifieth." There are many other references in Romans and in other books, but time permits us to call your attention to only one other passage. In Galatians 2:16 we read "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

One cannot read without realizing that Bible does teach justification by faith. Indeed, it is taught not only here but throughout the Scriptures.

Meaning of Justification Through Faith

Since the Bible clearly teaches justification through faith, what does it mean? How does it relate to our salvation? Why is it such a glorious truth?

Justification is a legal term. In the original language it means "to accept as righteous," "to hold as guiltless," "to declare not guilty."

In the courts there is a great deal of difference between justification and pardon. The man who is found not guilty is justified. The man who is found guilty may be granted a pardon because of the mercy of the court, or of some official with authority. The pardon does not, however, change his guilt, but merely allows him to escape part or all of the penalty. He is free from the penalty, but not the guilt. The justified man, on the other hand, is free from guilt, therefore also from penalty.

Now all men are sinners, and therefore are guilty before God. This is so clearly revealed in the first two and one-half chapters of Romans, that it is indisputable. Ecclesiastes 7:20 says "For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not." Since men are all found guilty by God himself, how can such men be justified? The answer is found in the great doctrine of justification through the redemptive work of Christ, for through that God can be "just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Christ."

The sinner is guilty, but Jesus Christ paid the sin-death penalty for his sin upon Calvary, and rose again from the grave in order that redemption might be completed. Christ's righteousness is credited to the believer and he stands before God as if he had never sinned. That is justification. It is God's act in declaring the saved person just, with right standing before God. He has become "not guilty" legally and morally.

Through Faith or Works

There is some disagreement in the world as to whether justification is by faith or by works. Paul clearly teaches that it is through faith, while to some James seems to teach that it is by works. When one studies James 2:21, 24, carefully and compares it with Paul (Romans 3:21-28; 4:1-5), he finds that Paul is speaking of one class of people while James is speaking of another. They discuss the same man, Abraham, but speak of different experiences in his life. Paul is telling us how a sinner may be justified in the sight of God and that, says Paul, is only by faith and wholly apart from works. But James, in his epistle, is speaking of saints who have already been justified by faith in the sight of God and tells how these may be justified in the sight of men. God needs not our works to see whether we are saved. God looks upon the heart, and the moment he sees in the heart of the sinner, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, he justifies that sinner. Men, however, can see only what goes on in our lives for they cannot know our hearts. When they see our works of faith they know that we are saved. Therefore we are justified by works as far as men are concerned.

True Scriptural justification, however, is before God, and that comes the moment we repent of sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Results of Justification

The fifth chapter of Romans summarized the results of justification through faith. Here we are told "Therefore being justified by faith we have . . ." and then follows a discussion of what justification means to us. Summarizing it we find that we have peace with God, a new standing (as guiltless) before God, a hope of the glory of God, the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts which were formerly sinful. We are saved from the wrath of God against sin, our hearts are filled with a joy that overcomes tribulation and trial, and we have assurance of complete victory over sin, eternal security through Christ, and everlasting blessing with Him in heaven.

It is wonderful to know that all of these things are true of all of us who were once sinners, but are now "washed (from our sins), sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." (I Cor. 6:11) We are God's righteous ones, standing just before God, and because we are, we should seek to glorify him daily in all that we are and in all that we do.

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BENJAMIN C. FISHER: After having labored among Kentucky Baptists since January 1, 1953, Education Secretary Benjamin C. Fisher has resigned to become associated with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forrest, N. C. The resignation was accepted with regret by the directors of our Education Department and resolutions have been drawn by them expressing appreciation of Secretary Fisher and his work here. The resignation is effective March 15, at which time he becomes administrative assistant to Southeastern's president, Dr. S. L. Stealey. Also, he will be director of Public Relations and teach in the Department of Church Administration there.

Kentucky Baptists sustain a loss in Secretary Fisher's leaving. Many times he has gone all over the territory of our General Association—contacting our people individually and in various meetings. He has visited again and again, all our schools, conferring with the presidents and trustees to acquire better understanding of the needs and objectives and thus enable himself to bring sound recommendations to his directors of the Education Department. An excellent writer himself, he has, through his own articles and by presenting his Department's program through the Western Recorder, brought about a much better understanding of the Christian Education needs and problems.

We shall miss Secretary Fisher. Notwithstanding his training and wide experience in the field of Christian Education, he is a down-to-earth person who loves his brethren. Affectionately known as "Big Ben," he is even bigger in heart than in body. Southeastern Seminary is fortunate to secure his services.

"THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING": A truth lies in Ephesians 1:17-20 which all believers should hold to their hearts as a precious possession. Read it for the good of your soul. Paul had heard of the *faith* of the brethren at Ephesus and, upon hearing, broke forth in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for it.

Faith, First: It was faith, first of all, after which God yearned, and which He had labored to increase and purify. Concerning faith's primacy, Peter wrote: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:7). All the other blessings of grace in Christ Jesus come to us as we have faith and as it is purified in the refining fires of His providences. It was when Paul heard of the great faith of the Ephesians that he prayed that the other blessings might be added; for they could not come without the faith in God that was in their hearts.

Added Graces: Paul besought God to grant them, *in addition to their faith*, to have wisdom and revelation which comes through a growing knowledge of Him, by having their eyes of understanding opened, so that they might know what the hope is to which He called them, and how gloriously rich God's portion in His people is, and how surpassingly great is His power for us who believe!

The Call: Christian life does not begin, in the first moment of our spiritual awakening, *with our hunting for God*, but with His call to us in Christ. If He did not move toward us, we would never move toward Him. There is hope in His calling because He did the calling! And there is hope of final victory because He

purposes it, and because He Himself leads us on from victory to victory—teaching us, opening our eyes to comprehend His riches of grace and His great power to us who believe.

Miracle: Baptists have a great deal to say about the miracle of regeneration in the new birth, and we should. But ought we not to have as much to say, also, about the *continuous* miracle of His grace as HE works in us both to will and to do His own good pleasure?

Destiny: There is destiny in His calling to salvation in Christ; but there is equal destiny in His work in and for the believer. There would be no security, no growth in grace, no conforming to His will and purpose without the operation of the same almightiness which was exercised in our regeneration.

Amazing Grace: Paul, being an inspired prophet, looked through coming ages and spoke of God's eternal purpose in Christ—why He did all He has done and why He is carrying on His work in the believer: "That in the ages to come He might show forth the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. . . . For we are *His workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before *ordained* that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:7, 10). We do not know the full and blessed nature of those eternal beings who now and will surround the throne of God and praise Him continuously forever; but we do know that God will show them—all of them, angels and redeemed spirits—how great His grace was and what it did for those who believed. This is the almightiness about which John Newton wrote: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed; Through many dangers, toils and cares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY:—*Newsweek* carried a statement by Dr. Martha M. Eliot, chief of the United States Children's Bureau, in which she declared that 385,000 children between 10 and 17 were brought before the courts in 1952 and that 1,000,000 boys and girls were in trouble with the police. Four out of five of the delinquents were boys. . . . The Federal Bureau of Investigation noted the fact that half of all the auto-theft arrests were children under 17 years of age.

The Reason:—Millions are asking, Why is this true? Our personal answer is: (1) Too many homes have emphasized material things rather than spiritual and moral values. (2) Salacious, lecherous, lustful literature has been made easily available to young people. It can be bought and is being bought daily by children in their teens, from many of the news racks. There is a law against selling dope to children, but they can buy mental and spiritual poison almost anywhere. (3) Some of the so-called comic books have in them ample suggestions as to how crime can be committed. (4) There is, though this doctrine is now scouted by many modern writers on child psychology, an innate disposition toward evil and away from God. Inhibitions must be planted; character must be built. In short, the human heart needs the divine nature through the new birth. Christ is the answer to juvenile delinquency. What chance has a child with parents who are themselves lacking in character?

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Evangelistic Conference Urged Preparation For 1955 Crusade

By **ELDRED M. TAYLOR**
 Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism

Another Kentucky Baptist Evangelistic Conference is now history but its influence will be felt far into the future. Even though the entire state was blanketed with the deepest snow of this winter and the highways were dangerously slick, the people came in large numbers. Some 1,800 people from seventy-four of our eighty associations attended one or more sessions of the three-day conference. This was only slightly under last year's attendance, at which time the weather was very mild. Such unusual attendance in zero weather is surely indicative of our people's deep concern for evangelism.

The speakers all brought top flight messages—messages filled with Bible truth. Those in attendance received inspiration, challenge, methods and heard some great sermons on basic doctrinal subjects. The main speakers were: Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans; Dr. James L. Sullivan, Nashville; Dr. C. E. Autrey, Dallas; Dr. O. T. Binkley, Wake Forrest; Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, Louisville; and Dr. Forrest H. Heeren, Louisville.

Much emphasis was given to the importance of preparation for the 1955 Convention-Wide Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. This will be the greatest evangelistic endeavor Southern Baptists have ever undertaken. Kentucky's date for the Crusade will be April 10-24, 1955.

The following things were suggested as steps in preparation for the Crusade:

1. That each association vote at once to participate if it has not already voted to do so.
2. That each association hold a one day planning meeting in February at which time a full steering committee should be chosen and plans made for progress. If the steering committee has already been chosen then this associational planning meeting should be held and the preparation for the Crusade started.
3. That the Chairman of Enlistment (formerly called the Organizer) seek to enlist every church in this Crusade now.
4. That churches vote early to participate and enlist their evangelistic help before it is too late.

We were also told that the Sunday Schools will lead in taking a census prior to the revivals. The Training Union will teach soul-winning books before the meetings begin. The W. M. U. will sponsor women's rallies and help in all preparation. The Brotherhoods

will sponsor a half-million cottage prayer meetings across our Convention.

Is not this a challenging program? Let us begin now to pray and prepare for these crusades to the glory of God and salvation of many lost souls.

In addition to the Evangelistic Conference, a Workers' Conference was held for all State Board employees before and after the Evangelistic Conference. Every missionary of the Board receiving as much as forty dollars per month was in attendance at the Workers' and Evangelistic Conference except two, Brother C. F. Hinds of Paducah, who was unable

Paul Hatfield is Called to Hillcrest Church in Lexington



Paul Hatfield

The Hillcrest Baptist Church, 1409 Versailles Road, Lexington, Ky., has welcomed its new pastor, Paul Hatfield, to its pulpit. Before coming to Hillcrest he resigned the pastorate of the Beech Grove Baptist Church, Louisville, Tenn., which he served two years. While there he led the church to erect 22 rooms and double the seating capacity of its auditorium. He is a graduate of Campbellsville College and attended the Southern Seminary. Hillcrest is now erecting its new auditorium. The steel work is up and bricks are now being laid. The church has now purchased adjoining property at 1407 Versailles Road to provide for future growth.

to come because of illness and a very recent operation, and one other.

One of the most noticeable things about the Workers' Conference was the wonderful spirit of unity and cooperation on the part of the workers. They have now returned to their respective fields (89 of them) to give their best for our Lord and Kentucky Baptists during 1954. Let us not forget to pray for them.

Regional Meetings On Evangelism and Stewardship in March

By **W. C. BOONE**, General Secretary

Several changes have been made in the schedule of our annual regional meetings on Evangelism and Stewardship for the first two weeks in March. The meetings this year will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and extend until 9 in the evening. The host church will provide supper for all out-of-town guests.

Special speakers for the meeting this year include Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., of Little Rock, Arkansas; Mr. James Sapp and Mr. David Mashburn, of the South-wide Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; and Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. The department heads of the State Mission Board will also make this tour and be on the program. There will be special conferences on Evangelism, led by State Superintendent of Evangelism Eldred M. Taylor and two conference periods for the Woman's Missionary Union workers conducted by Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Encil Deen, State President.

A special effort is to be made this year to get local people, particularly the laymen to attend these meetings. It will be the first opportunity of Kentucky Baptist men to meet their new State Brotherhood Secretary, L. E. Coleman, Sr. It will be the first opportunity, also, for many to hear Mr. James Whaley, the new State Training Union Secretary.

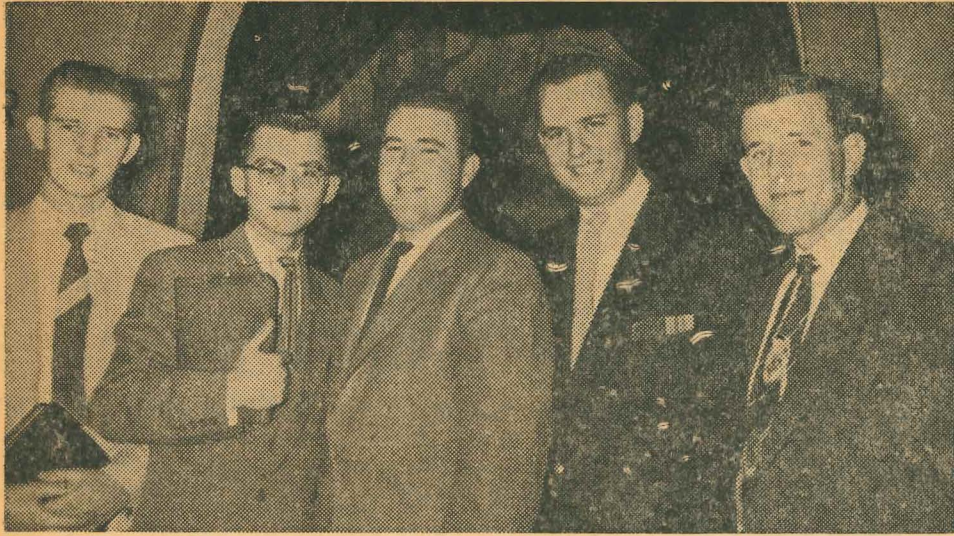
A cordial invitation to these meetings is extended to all of our people, pastors, laymen, and women, and it is hoped that the attendance will exceed all previous records.

The dates and places of the meetings are as follows:

March	Baptist Church	City
2—	First Church,	Murray
3—	First Church,	Madisonville
4—	First Church,	Glasgow
5—	Baptist Tabernacle	Louisville
9—	First Church,	Harrodsburg
10—	First Church,	Williamsburg
11—	First Church,	Pikeville
12—	First Church,	Morehead

►The White Lick Baptist Church, in Tate's Creek Association, has built an addition to its meeting house and had dedication services December 20. Bro. W. H. Bryant, Berea, Route 3, is its pastor.

Youth Team Gives Program for Graves County Youth



MAYFIELD, Ky. — A Youth team from the West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute, Clinton, presented the program for the Graves County Youth Rally at the Liberty Church recently. In the picture, from left to right are: (1) Rev. Bill Turner, who gave a short testimony of what Christ meant to him; (2) Rev. Maurice Jones, who delivered the message; (3) Rev. Charles Vincent, youth director (the only one in the picture not enrolled in the Institute); (4) Rev. J. H. Currin, who introduced the program; and (5) Rev. William Sullivan, song leader.

Brother Jones spoke on "Your Life on the Auction Block." There were 402 present from 18 churches. Director Charles Vincent reports that the youth meetings in Graves County Association have increased from 40 to 400 this year.

Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Ordains Five Deacons

Five deacons—Mora Helm, S. H. Lipscomb, Joe Fowler, Glenn White and J. W. Jennings (the last named representing the Church for the Deaf)—were ordained December 30 at the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville. W. Irving Petty read the Articles of Faith. The ordination sermon was preached by the pastor, Dr. Manual A. Cooper.

"In the first Epistle to Timothy," said George Summerfield in delivering the charge to the deacons, "we read that those selected to places of the deaconship were first to be proved and they were to use the office blamelessly."

Continuing, he said, "The Scriptures say that the deacon is to be the husband of one wife and he is to rule his household well. The deacon's several qualifications are that he is to be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre.

"In the preparation of this talk I was especially impressed by the word *grave*. 'The deacon is to be grave.' I went to my dictionary to look up that word, and it gave the definitions: sedate, dignified, solemn, sober, somber, earnest. The dictionary says that when one is *grave* he is anti-frivolous, he is anti-trivial, anti-silly, anti-foolish and anti-flighty. The Christian gentleman who has been elected to the office of a deacon is to be solid, dependable, a dignified Christian gentleman. This is a high standard, and we all fail to meet it at certain points.

"Of the deacons selected back in that

early day the Scriptures say 'They were men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom; they were men of honest report.'

"The deacons are sometimes referred to as the pillars of the church, and the usefulness of the church to a great extent will depend upon the type of deacons who serve the church. If there are deacons who are careless in their living, lacking interest in the church, not liberal in their giving, not faithful to God's Word, if the deacons do not spend much time in prayer—then it is to be expected that the pillars will not be of much strength and their usefulness will be small.

"While each of us who has been elected a deacon may rightfully feel a certain amount of pride, we should always remember that we have not been elected as the bosses of the church. Rather, we are to be the servants of the church. And we should remember that, while as deacons we have the right and it will be expected that we will make certain recommendations, yet it is the people who make up the membership of the church who have the final voice in all matters. We should always have our eyes and ears open, be attentive to any matters which may develop into grave concern for the church. The deacons will wisely suggest remedies to any problem which may come before them."

The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Marvin Cash, after which all the ordained men present entered into the laying on of hands, and the hand of fellowship was extended the newly made deacons by the entire membership present.

Taylorsville's First Church Making Excellent Progress

TAYLORSVILLE, Ky. — The First Baptist Church, this city, of which Rev. William Henry Crouch is pastor, approached 1953 with the necessity of increasing its budget 100 per cent over the 1952 record to carry on its planned program. The year was entered with trembling. But with a united effort on the part of all the members the total contributions reached \$20,924.16. This was \$2,000 above the stated budget for 1953.

The membership is happy that their faith and work paid off. Especially are they happy that the Cooperative Program figure has already tripled.

On January 13 the church called the Rev. Robbie J. Harris as minister of music, and he began his work January 27. Harris is a first-year student at Southern Seminary and is a Baylor University graduate.

February 7 was set aside to ordain five men to the office of deacon. They are Claude Brock, Arle C. Money, Johnnie J. Stewart, Roy J. Stout, and Jack W. Spears.

►The Logan County Associational Training Union held M-Night at Lewisburg—Mt. Pleasant Church. Pastor J. H. Maddox, Second Church of Hopkinsville, was one of the speakers. There were 393 in attendance, with Oak Grove receiving the banner for having the largest number—86—present. Leslie Williams is director and S. B. Shemwell was clerk pro tem.

New Pastor at Liberty In Russell County



Landon Hadley

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, in southern Kentucky, ordained Landon Hadley to the gospel ministry recently. He is now pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church, Russell County Association.

Southern Baptists Give \$15 Million for SBC Causes in 1953

By Porter Routh
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Southern Baptist Convention causes received \$15,359,142 during 1953 through the offices of the Executive Committee, a 10.31 per cent increase over 1952.

Cooperative Program receipts for Convention-wide causes received from the twenty-three state conventions accounted for \$9,683,360 of the amount, and designated gifts accounted for \$5,675,781. This is a gain of \$607,313 in Cooperative Program gifts for the Southern Baptist Convention during the year, and an increase of \$823,803 in designated gifts. The designated gifts are made up largely of the Lottie Moon and the Annie Armstrong offerings sponsored by the WMU.

More than half of the total money, \$8,373,630, went to foreign missions. This compares with \$7,482,064 going to foreign missions in 1952. A total of \$2,757,796 went to home missions. This compares with \$2,590,580 going to home missions in 1952. Total of Advance funds received through the Cooperative Program, that is, funds above the operating and capital needs of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, went \$998,520 to foreign missions and \$332,840 for home missions. This compares with Advance funds of \$1,038,035 for foreign missions in 1952, and \$346,011 for home missions in 1952.

Arthur A. Haynes Joins SBC Radio-TV Commission As Its TV Director



Arthur A. Haynes, former television program director and production manager of WCOS-TV, Columbia, S. C., has been appointed television director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

College Extension Classes at Hodgenville



Front Row (left to right), faculty members of the Extension Center of Campbellsville College at the First Baptist Church, Hodgenville (1) Pastor Robert Mizell, teacher of Old Testament; (2) Pastor Robert Palmer, teacher of the International Sunday School Lessons; (3) Dr. Paul G. Horner, teacher of New Testament; and (4) Dr. William W. Stevens, Director-registrar and host pastor. Many students are attending from the nearby churches.

Eastwood Baptist Church Organized in Bowling Green And Growing Rapidly

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — This city has a new and thriving congregation—the Eastwood Baptist Church—which, though it only recently secured a large residence in which to hold services, is literally overrunning the building. William Rogers, who was recently graduated from Western State College and who has been pastor of Glen Lily Baptist Church near here, has accepted the call of the new church to become pastor and will assume his duties in February. He is married and has two sons. He plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as soon as possible and will commute between this city and Louisville.

First steps toward forming the new church were taken in September, 1953, when 20 members of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Sam B. Todd, Jr. After seeking divine guidance, and feeling the need for expanding the local Baptist program, the twenty decided to form a new church which would serve primarily the eastern section of this city.

On Sunday afternoon, November 22, 1953, a constitutional service was held at the First Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. H. Franklin Paschall, presiding. Sixteen members of the First Church, who previously had requested letters to carry through the organizational program, were listed as original members of the body. It was understood, however, that the 16 would not be the only charter members, but would serve as the nucleus around which the new church would be built. At the consti-

tutional meeting Sam B. Todd, Jr. was elected moderator, and the doors of the new church were opened. Twenty-two others presented themselves for membership and were received.

A residence was purchased at 517 Nutwood Avenue by one of the members and made available as a temporary site. A building program is planned for the spring and will advance as rapidly as funds are available.

The temporary meeting place is already too small. The membership now numbers 66 and is growing rapidly. Three have been received for baptism. Sunday school enrollment has reached 90 and on a recent Sunday all 90 were present.

Mitchell Carter is Sunday school superintendent and Dr. W. B. Faxon is director of Training Union. The church purposes to form a Brotherhood and a Woman's Missionary Union and to carry on other related activities. William O. Skinner is church clerk. A large lot has been purchased on which the permanent building will be erected.

Orville Groner Dies, Served Baptists 31 Years

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — Orville Groner, 57, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex., died unexpectedly of a heart attack here, January 4. He had not been previously ill.

Groner came to the Relief and Annuity Board in April, 1923, as general accountant, then became treasurer of the Relief Fund in 1924, and general treasurer in 1933. He served as deacon in the First Baptist Church, Dallas for many years.

Current Issues in Which Religious Liberty is Involved

By J. M. DAWSON, Executive Director
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D. C. — 1. Recent degrees of the Colombian Government, countersigned by the Papal Nuncio, which direct that all non-Catholic missionaries and pastors, both foreign and national, shall be expelled from territories classified as "missionary." Baptist missionaries are in the area affected. Can the U. S. State Department assist in preventing these harsh decrees from going into effect?

2. Suit filed by Jose R. Toledo and others versus the Pueblo de Jemez, N.M., asking right of non-Catholics to bury their dead in the communal cemetery and to permit Protestant missionaries to come and go freely within the pueblo at all reasonable times.

3. Proposed free grant of twenty acres of land owned by the United States Government in Phoenix, Arizona to Brophy College for the purpose of establishing a Jesuit University. The issue involves also the propriety of Baptist institutions receiving free grants of government surplus properties of all kinds: as free gift of \$1.9 million-dollar hospital at Kirkwood, Mo. to Sisters of Charity, St. Louis Archdiocese.

4. Imprisonment of four Czechoslovakian Baptist leaders on charges of espionage and treason by the Senate of the Pardubice Regional Court at Cherudim in Eastern Bohemia. These men who have been deprived of their rights as citizens and their property confiscated are: Dr. Jindrich Prochazka, head of the Baptist Training College in Prague, imprisonment 12 years; Jan Ricas, Chairman of the Baptist Brethren Union, 18 years; Cyril Burget, secretary of the Baptist church in Prague, seven years; and Michal Kejsar, chairman of the Baptist Brethren Union of Slovakia, five years.

5. Possible submission of a peacetime conscription act in the form of Universal Military training to the Congress of the United States.

6. Continued intomations by Congressional Investigation Committees that

► The Central Baptist Association, on January 17, began sponsoring the Baptist Hour over the new Lebanon-Springfield Radio Station WLBN. The program is heard from 8 to 8:30 each Sunday morning. Prue H. Kelly is moderator of the Association and also pastor of the First Baptist Church of Springfield.

Protestants as such, among religious forces of the Nation, contain within their ranks the bulk of subversives, thus contributing to the Roman Catholic false contention that the Roman Church constitutes the one dependable loyal group in our conflict against communism. Baptists have never opposed investigations of subversives, such as the Communists, but have vigorously protested the methods which lead to false conclusions and infringe upon American freedoms.—*Report from the Capital.*

Baptist Personalities



Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Parrent

Shown above is a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Parrent, both members of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, and formerly of the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mr. Parrent was treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort for twenty years, and had been elected for the twenty-first time there when he was called to the Walnut Street Baptist Church as secretary and treasurer of that church. He was also a deacon in the Frankfort Church for fourteen years before coming to Louisville.

He has served as secretary and treasurer of the Walnut Street Church since December 16, 1934. During this period he has handled more than \$2,500,000 for his church.

The item which follows was printed in the Chimes, the bulletin of the Walnut

Street Church on the occasion of their anniversary:

"Brother Harry M. Parrent has rounded out nineteen years in the service of the Walnut Street Baptist Church. His faithfulness to duty, his readiness to 'go beyond duty,' to participate in all phases of the church's life, his happy spirit, his smiling face, and his every day goodness are qualities which have made him to be increasingly loved and appreciated through the years. We have been a fortunate church to have such a worker.

"Now one of the finest things about Brother Parrent is Mrs. Parrent, and on this anniversary of their years of service we thank God for both of them. Although Mrs. Parrent is not on the payroll of the church, we are due her a debt of gratitude for the many hours of work that she gives to her church.

"May God's richest blessings be upon these two servants of Jesus Christ and of this church."

Visalia Baptist Church Makes Great Progress

COVINGTON, Ky. — The Visalia Baptist Church, on Highway 177 out from this city, has made exceptional progress under the leadership of Pastor Bob W. Brown who recently began his sixth year with the church. Pastor Brown is now only 23 years old and is also a student at Southern Seminary.

The church recently voted to complete the last unit of a building program begun in 1952. A new \$55,000 church building was dedicated in 1952, and in a few weeks work begins on the landscaping and educational unit. Also, the church budget was doubled in 1952 and surpassed by 15 per cent.

In co-operation with the "Million More in '54" campaign, the Sunday school enrollment has already been increased by 20 per cent in the 13 weeks ending December 27.

The 1954 budget includes a 50 per cent increase in mission giving and the Western Recorder is being sent by the church to every family in the membership.

Also, the Visalia Church recently completed the first month of radio ministry over WZIP at 2:30 each Sunday afternoon. The broadcasts continue through 1954 and response has been even better than expected.

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Pineville Church Holds Reception for Its New Pastor



Shown in the picture are (left to right): Mrs. T. R. Ware, Dr. Edward S. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Raymond Sanderson, Pastor Sanderson, Mrs. Clyde Creech, Mr. Clyde Creech, and Mrs. Edward Wilson, Sr.

PINEVILLE, Kentucky — The Pineville Baptist Church's newly decorated pastorium was the scene of a gala reception held for its new and much loved pastor and family. He is Pastor Raymond Sanderson, of Frankfort, Kentucky, a graduate of Georgetown College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Brother Sanderson began his ministry the first Sunday in August, but due to the complete remodeling of the pastorium the recep-

tion was held in abeyance until November 23. It was combined with a housewarming which brought a shower of lovely gifts, ranging from a cherry dining room table to a set of crystal.

In the receiving line were: Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Sanderson; Dr. Edward S. Wilson, chairman of the Deacons, and Mrs. Wilson; Mr. Clyde F. Creech, chairman of the remodeling committee, and Mrs. Creech.

First Church, Tulsa, Summarizes Great Year

TULSA, Okla. — The First Baptist Church, this city, of which the president of the Southern Baptist Convention—Dr. J. W. Storer—is pastor, summarizes its 1953 record as follows:

Received for baptism, 157; received by letter 357; lettered out, or died, or dropped from roll by request, 375; present membership 5,758. Total monies received, \$327,501.25; total missions and benevolences, \$86,868.08; paid on church debt, \$61,446.63; amount of building indebtedness, \$338,553.37. Sunday school enrollment 3,305; average Sunday school attendance, 1,606; Baptist Training

Union attendance, 400. W. M. U. enrollment 541.

[Associated with Dr. Storer are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Osbrink in the field of church music. The Osbrinks were formerly with the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, in the same capacity. They are greatly loved in Kentucky. And so is Dr. Storer close to the hearts of Kentucky Baptists. He is a great friend, a noble and generous spirit, and a worthy president of our Southern Convention.—R.T.S.]

A Boy's Prayer

A small boy knelt at his mother's knee and offered his evening prayer. When he had finished, he continued to speak softly while on his knees.

"What did you ask for?" his mother questioned.

"It isn't nice to always ask for things." Replied the little fellow. "I just told God that I love Him."—Copied.

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Eldred M. Taylor



H. Franklin Paschall



Wm. C. Boone



Ernest J. Loessner

Rev. Eldred M. Taylor, superintendent of missions and evangelism in Kentucky, will be one of the inspirational speakers in the Regional Sunday School Convention to meet at Harlan Baptist Church, February 18.

Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., will be the inspirational speaker at 11:20, February 19, at Lebanon Baptist Church, for the South Central Regional Sunday School Convention.

Dr. W. C. Boone, our state general secretary, will appear on the Regional Convention which will meet at Lebanon, February 19.

Mr. Ernest J. Loessner, assistant professor of religious education in the Southern Baptist Seminary, will be on the Regional Meeting to be held at DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange.

We are fortunate in having these four speakers to appear on our programs.

REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS PROGRAM

February 8-19, 1954
Morning Session

(All meetings start at 9:30 Central Standard Time and 10:30 Eastern Standard Time. Meeting places listed last week.)

- 9:30 Song Service, Scripture, Prayer
- 9:45 Visitation Program and Assemblies
- 10:05 Training Program
- 10:25 Half-Million Month, Victory Week
- 10:45 Song, Announcements, Offering
- 11:00 Vacation Bible School Program
- 11:20 Message

Afternoon Session

- 1:15 Song Service and Prayer
- 1:25 Department Conferences
- 2:45 Song
- 2:55 Business Session
- 3:05 "A Million More" in Action

Testimonies:

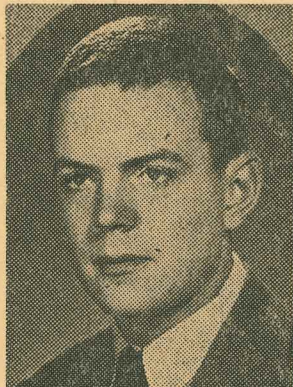
- (1) Associational Work
- (2) Visitation
- (3) New Units
- (4) Branch Sunday Schools

Night Sessions

- 6:45 Special Music
- 7:05 Department Conference (as in the afternoon)
- 8:00 Song Service and Offering
- 8:20 Message

Special Music

- Bethel College—
At Hopkinsville, Mayfield
- Campbellsville College—
At Bowling Green, Lebanon
- Georgetown College—
At LaGrange, Newport
- Cumberland College—
At Harlan



Bobby Martin

BOWLING GREEN, CALVARY—Rev. H. L. Carter, Pastor; Mr. Bobby Martin, Superintendent. A letter from this pastor states:

"We are proud of our young superintendent. He has been serving two and one-half years—since he was 17 years of age.

"We taught *The Pull of The People* the week of September 27. We have started one new class. We have started one new mission. The enrolment gain from the first of October 1953 is 56.

"Our new mission, although it has been operating but a few weeks, has had an average attendance of 43 thus far.—Sincerely, H. L. CARTER, Pastor."

HOSMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS GOOD GAINS

Rev. Lynn P. Robbins, Pastor; Mr. Charles Gibson, Superintendent. They taught "The Pull of the People" Sept. 14-18. They started one department, six new classes, one new Sunday school and have had 43 increase in enrolment since October 1. The enrolment last year was 155.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 24, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, Unity (1)	114	552
Bardstown	---	355
Bellevue	80	366
Buffalo	90	216
Cadiz	82	234
Campbellsville (1)	---	265
Pleasant Hill	160	282
South Campbellsville	---	202
Central City	240	402
Clay, First	---	212
Corbin, First	170	422
Central	128	484
Covington, Calvary	---	648
First (1)	130	335
Latonia (2)	228	963
South Side	108	460
Cynthiana	---	397
Danville, First (3)	196	777
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (1)	131	706
Erlanger	69	331
Evanville, Ind., Calvary	136	556
Grace (1)	309	891
Keck Avenue	120	268
Walnut Street (2)	---	458
Falmouth	---	216
Ferguson (1)	79	241
Fort Thomas, First	81	286
Frankfort, First	185	903
Thorn Hill	154	---
Glasgow (1)	122	658
Greensburg	78	208
Harrodsburg (2)	268	867
Bruner's Chapel	99	218
Hawesville	---	210
Hazel	58	277
Henderson, First	156	456
Immanuel Temple (1)	150	621
Hopkinsville, First	142	213
Second	160	849
Independence	134	285
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	260
Lawrenceburg, First	---	355
Lebanon, First (1)	107	430
Leitchfield	77	203
Lexington, Calvary (1)	141	862
Grace (1)	---	765
Hillcrest	---	266
Immanuel	301	821
Porter Memorial	172	580
London, First (1)	160	585
Louisville, Audubon	75	200
Baptist Tabernacle	214	671
Baptist Temple	113	283
Beechmont (1)	163	434
Bethany	---	257
Broadway	68	310
Carlisle Avenue	265	1,330
Clifton	102	471
Crescent Hill	280	937
Deer Park	---	532
Eastern Parkway	88	555
Fairdale	168	405
Farmdale	---	362
Harmony	109	286
Highland Park First	---	390
Jeffersontown	107	291
Lee's Lane	117	266
Lynn Acres	96	277
Ninth and O (1)	237	1,219
Okolona	50	430
Parkland	302	960
Shawnee	---	362
Shively (1)	115	721
Third Avenue	92	427
Twenty-third and Broadway	172	683
Valley View	85	208
Victory Memorial (2)	238	861
Virginia Avenue	81	276
Walnut Street (4)	235	1,605
Ludlow, First	93	353
Madisonville, First	294	925
Marion	---	229
Mayfield, First	310	920
Middlesboro, First (3)	162	701
Mentice, First	75	291
Morganfield, First	---	390
Morgantown	120	---
Mt. Washington	61	243
Murray, First (1)	177	841
Newport, First (2)	120	702
Trinity	105	265
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	122	522
First (1)	106	917
Hall Street (1)	202	485
Macedonia	---	215
Seven Hills	114	258
Third (1)	367	1,081
Paducah, Trinity	129	306
Paintsville, First	75	275
Pikeville, First	---	289
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial	---	326
Princeton, First	116	---
Russellville, First (1)	---	390
Somerset, Calvary	171	304
First Pleasant Hill No. 2	60	221
Sonora	76	210
Springfield, First	147	403
Versailles	87	382
Vine Grove (1)	90	261
Walton (1)	97	298
Whitesburg, First (6)	98	519
Willisburg	104	281
Winchester, Central (1)	108	472
First	150	430

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Announcing 1954 Girls' Auxiliary Houseparties

CAMPBELLSVILLE March 5-7

Intermediate girls who have completed the Maiden Step are eligible to attend. Reservations must be in the State Office by February 19. The cost will be six dollars plus one dollar reservation fee which is to be sent to the State Office.

GEORGETOWN March 12-14

Intermediate girls who have completed the Princess Step are eligible to attend. Reservations must be in the State Office by February 26. The cost will be two dollars registration fee at Georgetown (this will include the cost of the banquet on Saturday evening) and one dollar reservation fee which is to be sent to the State Office. Each girl will buy her own meals in the college cafeteria.

CUMBERLAND March 19-21

Intermediate and Junior girls who have completed the Maiden step are eligible to attend. Reservations must be in the State Office by March 5. The cost will be six dollars plus the one dollar reservation fee which is to be sent to the State Office.

BETHEL April 2-4

Intermediate and Junior girls who have completed the Maiden Steps are eligible to attend. Reservations must be in the State Office by March 12. The cost will be six dollars plus the one dollar reservation fee which is to be sent to the State Office. Each girl will have to bring her own bed linens and blankets to Bethel.

INFORMATION CONCERNING RESERVATIONS

There will be no limit on the number from each church this year, but each group must be accompanied by an adult counselor. A \$1.00 reservation fee must be sent with each name to the State Office. Only those girls who make reservations through the State W.M.U. Office will be admitted at each Houseparty. **NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE COLLEGES.** Cancellations must reach the office one week before the date of the Houseparty for the reservation fee to be refunded. There is a limit on the number each college can accommodate; therefore, the first reservations received will be accepted. Reservations will be returned to the sender immediately if they are too late to be accepted.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Registration at the college will begin at 2:00 P.M. Friday afternoon. All counselors should try to see that the girls are at the college by 5:00 P.M. in time for the evening meal. The first session will be at 7:30 Friday evening. There will be a Coronation Service on Saturday evening. The Houseparty will close after the Sunday noon meal. **COMPLETE INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT TO BRING WILL BE SENT TO EACH GIRL AS SOON AS RESERVATIONS ARE RECEIVED.**

REGISTRATION BLANK

Church _____

Name of Counselor Attending _____ Address _____

Houseparty which you will attend _____

(Send \$1.00 reservation fee for each girl and counselor listed on this blank)

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Counselor _____ Address _____

Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

MEET THE WINNERS!

(Seventh of a series)



Verna Mae Ping

Miss Verna Mae Ping of Somerset represents the South Central Region as Sword Drill winner. She is a junior at Somerset High School and sings in the High School Chorus. She is also a member of the library staff, and feature writer on the school paper. Verna Mae is fifteen years old, and belongs to the First Baptist Church, of which Preston L. Ramsey is pastor. There she is a member of Girls' Auxiliary, the Intermediate Choir, and plays the piano for the Intermediates in Sunday school and Training Union. She is president of her Intermediate Union.

Miss Lillian Vaughn, Intermediate leader, trained Verna Mae for the drill. Verna Mae testifies that the Sword Drill has meant a great deal in her life and has been a definite Christian influence.

Second place winner in this drill was Miss Dorothy Jackson of Campbellsville, Russell Creek Association.

ANOTHER "M" NIGHT REPORT

We have just received a report from Ohio River stating that they had an excellent "M" Night with an attendance of 113 representing 12 churches. Eight pastors were present. This report makes 37 associations reporting an "M" Night with a total attendance of 13,188.

ONLY 77 DAYS

Yes, it is only 77 days until the State Training Union Convention. This year the meeting will be April 2-23, at the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Kentucky. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Dr. J. D. Grey and Dr. W. O. Vaught are but a few of the persons you will have the privilege of hearing. Start planning now for your entire Union to attend this meeting.

STUDY COURSES

The first quarter of our associational year is over so let's look at our study course records: 232 of the 1,014 Baptist churches in Kentucky with Training Unions requested 7,371 awards. This is 2,520 more than was requested this time last year. We do not have the number of churches requesting awards last year, but there is every indication that this number is also growing. Only 12 associations in the state with Training

Unions have not requested awards. Let's try to cut this figure by half by the end of March. Listed below are the names of the associations who requested awards, and the number of churches requesting them.

AWARDS

ASSOCIATION	No. of Awards	No. of Churches Requesting Awards
Baptist	56	1
Barren River	40	1
Bell County	132	2
Bethel	14	2
Blackford	2	1
Blood River	169	5
Boone's Creek	71	1
Booneville	109	2
Bracken	26	1
Breckenridge	28	1
Caldwell	81	2
Campbell County	152	6
Central	151	4
Christian County	176	6
Crittenden	97	4
Daviess-McLean	147	10
East Lynn	18	2
Edmonson	58	1
Elkhorn	425	10
Enterprise	24	1
Franklin	28	2
Freedom	21	2
Gaspar River	111	3
Goshen	32	1
Graves County	2	2
Greenup	166	4
Laurel River	95	1
Liberty	70	4
Lincoln County	148	4
Little Bethel	178	4
Little River	27	1
Logan County	103	2
Long Run	1,277	31
Lynn	21	1
McCreary County	66	1
Mt. Zion	17	1
Muhlenberg	313	10
Nelson	40	3
North Bend	186	7
North Concord	12	1
Ohio County	414	10
Ohio River	63	2
Ohio Valley	89	5
Owen County	71	3
Pine Mountain	138	8
Pulaski County	48	1
Russell County	1	1
Russell Creek	195	4
Salem	88	4
Severn's Valley	157	4
Shelby County	93	5
Simson	104	1
South District	78	3
South Union	36	2
Sulphur Fork	76	1
Tate's Creek	110	3
Union	26	2
Upper Cumberland	78	2
Warren	178	4
West Kentuckiana	110	6
West Kentucky	171	6
West Union	258	6
TOTAL	7,471	232

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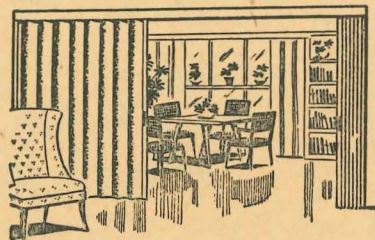
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For February 14

By H. C. Chiles

Jesus Declares His Deity

After the chief fruits had been gathered in the autumn, multiplied thousands of pilgrims made their way to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, the last of the three great annual Jewish festivals. It was an occasion for rejoicing over the numerous expressions of God's goodness and graciousness to them. This feast was celebrated with such universal joy that Josephus called it "the greatest and holiest feast of the year."

During the seven days of this festival the pilgrim dwelt in booths constructed of branches from trees with thick foliage as a reminder of their sojourn in the wilderness. The festival was designed as an occasion of thanksgiving for the concluded harvest, as a commemoration of their wanderings and sojourn in the wilderness, and as a grateful celebration of their deliverance from Egypt and their settlement in the Promised Land.

In the observance of this feast, each day a priest with a golden pitcher went to the pool of Siloam, followed by a throng of people. All of them, who could get near enough to the water, drank with great joy. Then, after filling his pitcher with water, the priest returned to the Temple and poured the water from his pitcher into a silver basin, amid the sounding of trumpets and the shouting of the rejoicing multitudes. This daily libation called to their minds the water which Moses had brought forth from the riven rock. This ceremony was attended with so much joy that a famous rabbi remarked that he who had not seen an observance of it had never witnessed real rejoicing.

I. THE PROPOSITION.

John 7:37-39

Christ Jesus was present for the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles, and while there continued to instruct and to entreat the people. Significantly, the procession to and from the pool was omitted on the last day of the feast. On that day, as the compassionate Saviour observed the sin-sick multitudes moving hither and thither, He selected an elevated spot from which He could be seen easily, took a standing position thereon, and spoke earnestly and loudly in order that He might gain their attention and be heard by them. It was customary for teachers to sit while giving instruction, but on this occasion Christ stood as a herald with a great proclamation to be made. He stood in that elevated place and cried aloud to the multitude because He had something exceptional and extraordinary to say. He spoke of their chief spiritual need in terms of one of their greatest

physical necessities, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink."

1. The Appeal.

This expression, "If any man," marks the universality and the individuality of the appeal. This urgent appeal is extended to every person who hears it and thirsts, regardless of his race, country, condition, age or the enormity of his sins.

2. The Appetite.

"If any man thirst." Thirst denotes a real and intense desire. It is something of which one is acutely conscious. It is a craving for that which is not in one's actual possession. Here Christ is referring to that intense longing for Himself which only the Holy Spirit can create in the soul.

This expression, "If any man thirst," does not convey the idea of any distinction. The blessing is for all who thirst regardless of age or class. This fact brings to mind the incident of the well-known minister who some years ago welcomed a nobleman, a Chinaman and a washerwoman into his church in the same service. As he extended to them the hand of fellowship, he said to the congregation, "My friends, I will have you to notice that at the cross of Christ the ground is level."

3. The Approach.

"Let him come unto Me." This verb "come" expresses action and, as it is used here, signifies an approach to Christ. The one who thirsts for salvation must come to Christ and fully trust Him if his thirst is to be quenched.

4. The Appropriation.

This expression, "and drink" simply means to appropriate. And this is a personal act. Just as another cannot drink for a thirsty person, so no other can drink the water of life for you. If your spiritual thirst is to be quenched, you must come to Christ and trust Him for yourself. He will give if you will receive.

Then, after your thirst has been quenched by Him, rivers of living water will flow from your satisfied soul and you will become a channel of spiritual life to others.

II. THE PROBLEM.

John 7:40-44

A controversy arose as to the identity of Christ and what should be done with Him. Many of the people were impressed with the gracious words which He spoke. Believing that a prophet was coming, they said, "Of a truth this is the Prophet." Some thought that He was the Christ. Others contended other-

wise, asserting that they knew perfectly well that the scriptures taught that the Messiah would come from Bethlehem. Like many today who can quote the scriptures accurately, they did not know Christ as Saviour. Still others were hostile to the Saviour and wanted to arrest Him and take Him before the Sanhedrin. Although they had that desire, they did not have the ability to do so. And while they were divided in their opinions of Christ, He remained the same. Their opinions made no change whatsoever in Him.

III. THE PROCLAMATION

John 8:12-19

Christ forgave the woman caught in adultery, brought the light of salvation into her soul, told her to go and sin no more, and then with consummate wisdom rebuked the hypocrisy of her accusers and effectually silenced their accusation.

Confronted again with His implacable enemies, the Pharisees, the Lord Jesus seized upon a comparison which would adequately serve His purpose. His proclamation was, "I am the light of the world." Note that He is not a light, but THE light. His use of the definite article "the" indicates that He is all the light. As there is only one sun to give its blessings to this physical world, so there is only one "Sun of righteousness" to provide any spiritual light for this benighted world. Without Christ, this world would be in utter and impenetrable spiritual darkness. Apart from Him, the world does not have a satisfactory answer to its questions or solution to its problems. It is the sincere desire of our Saviour to bring all sinners out of the terrible darkness of sin into the true light.

Canada Faces Same Problem

Our neighbors to the north are finding themselves in the same position as many communities in the United States which have invoked civil authority to oust teaching nuns from public school positions.

Ontario's Education Minister, W. J. Dunlop, was approached recently by a group of Hawkesbury (Ontario) Protestants who demanded removal of two nuns now teaching in the public high school to their "proper place"—the Catholic schools—where they will be legally free to advance the cause of their religion.

The group also seeks abolition of religious symbols from school premises and reports plans of some Catholics to provide confessional rooms.—*Church and State.*

A copy-reader on a newspaper was habitually 15 minutes late for work each day. One day he slid smugly into his place a bare 5 minutes tardy. "Well," said the city editor approvingly, "I want to extend congratulations. This is the earliest you've ever been late."—*M. J. Herzberger.*



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Great Emphasis to be Placed On 1955 Nation-Wide Evangelistic Crusade

In the planning meeting at Nashville in December, many of the most important leaders of the South were asked to sit with Dr. C. E. Matthews and the state secretaries of evangelism as they planned the greatest Evangelistic Crusade ever undertaken in America. Those present were the state executive secretaries, editors of the state papers, representatives of the Department of Publicity and Promotion from the Sunday School Board, and Dr. Paul Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission. All showed an intense interest in the movement, and each pledged his full support to the Crusade. Never in history has such a thing been undertaken. The possibilities of it are unspeakable. The heads of all the State Departments have been asked to take definite responsibilities in the promotion of this Crusade.

The aim is to enlist every Baptist church and mission in the Convention in a simultaneous revival. The Crusade is to begin in the atmosphere created by the prayers of our people meeting in a half million pre-revival cottage prayer meetings. It is highly important that our churches vote as soon as possible

to participate, and that the evangelist and singer be secured. Let's begin to pray even now that this great effort will result in a spiritual awakening that will reach atomic proportions.

Much has been said about the balance of power in other realms. One sure way to avoid the continual threat of destruction by atomic energy is to balance that power with spiritual energy. No amount of power is dangerous in the hands of those whose hearts are filled with the love of God. This Crusade could be the movement that will spark a world-wide revival. As Nineveh repented under the preaching of Jonah and was saved from destruction, let us pray that God will give us a revival which will save us from ourselves and from those who would destroy us.

Date for the 1955 Crusade in Kentucky April 10-24.

►Pastor Harold D. Tallant, Madisonville, and W. L. Hughen, minister of music, Central Park Church, Birmingham, Ala., assisted Pastor O'Ray Weeks in a recent revival at the Porter Memorial Church, Lexington, Ky., resulting in 5 by letter and 31 for baptism.

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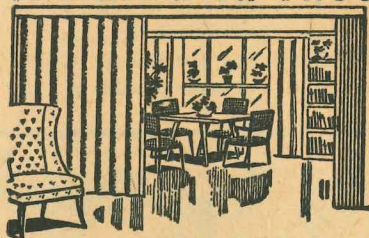
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Ordination of Frank H. Leavell, Jr.

Frank H. Leavell, Jr., son of the late Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Sr., who was for many years the leader of Student Work of the Southern Baptist Convention, was ordained recently in the First Baptist Church, of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor, was in charge of the program.

An interesting feature of the ordination was the participation in the proceedings of the council by Brother Leavell's grandfather, Dr. A. U. Boone, of Memphis, Tennessee, by long distance telephone. The following quota-

tion is from the daily press of Memphis, concerning the ordination, "Under the circumstances believed unique in the history of the Baptist Church [es], 93-year-old Dr. A. U. Boone of Memphis took part in ceremonies leading to the ordination of his grandson. Dr. Boone functioned by telephone from his home at 41 North Bellevue as a member of the church's examining board [council] which passed on the qualifications of Frank H. Leavell, [Jr.] in Nashville.

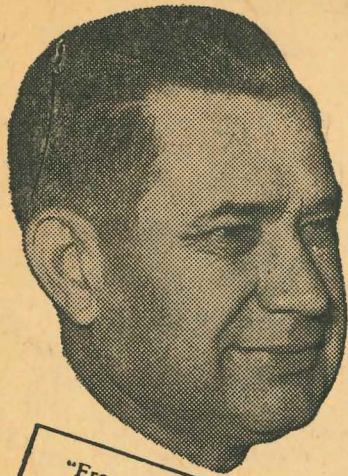
"Mr. Leavell, grandson of Dr. Boone and son of Mrs. Frank H. Leavell, Sr., of Nashville, will become a Baptist minister tonight at the First Baptist Church in Nashville.

"Dr. Boone, pastor of the First Bap-

tist Church here [Memphis] for 32 years and its pastor emeritus since 1930, was given special permission to serve on the examining board [council] by telephone. He was unable to make the trip to Nashville because of his advanced age."

Brother Leavell is the nephew of Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of Kentucky Baptists. He is teaching in Campbellsville College and is also serving as pastor of Pleasant Valley Church in the Russell Creek Association. He was recently married to Miss Marjorie McNeel, of Wheatly, who had been serving for the past year as church secretary of the West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

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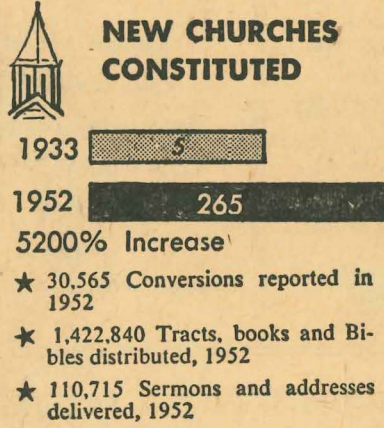
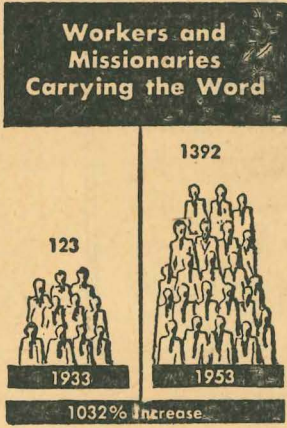
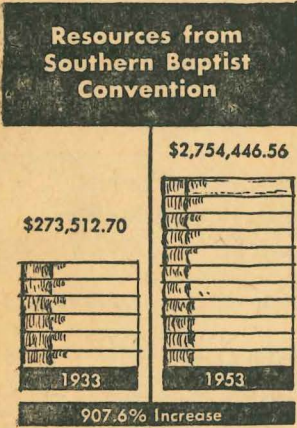
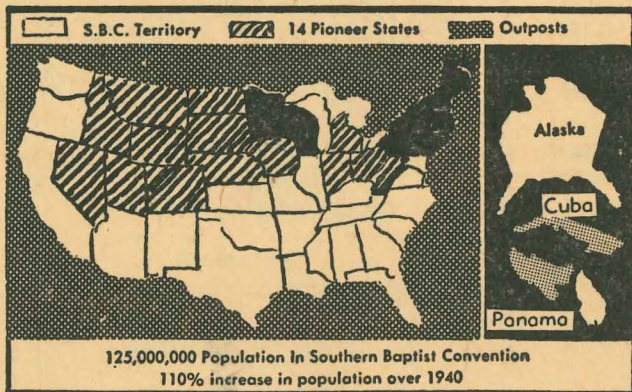
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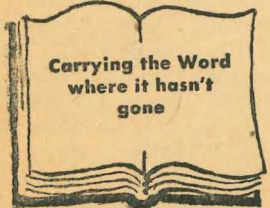
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