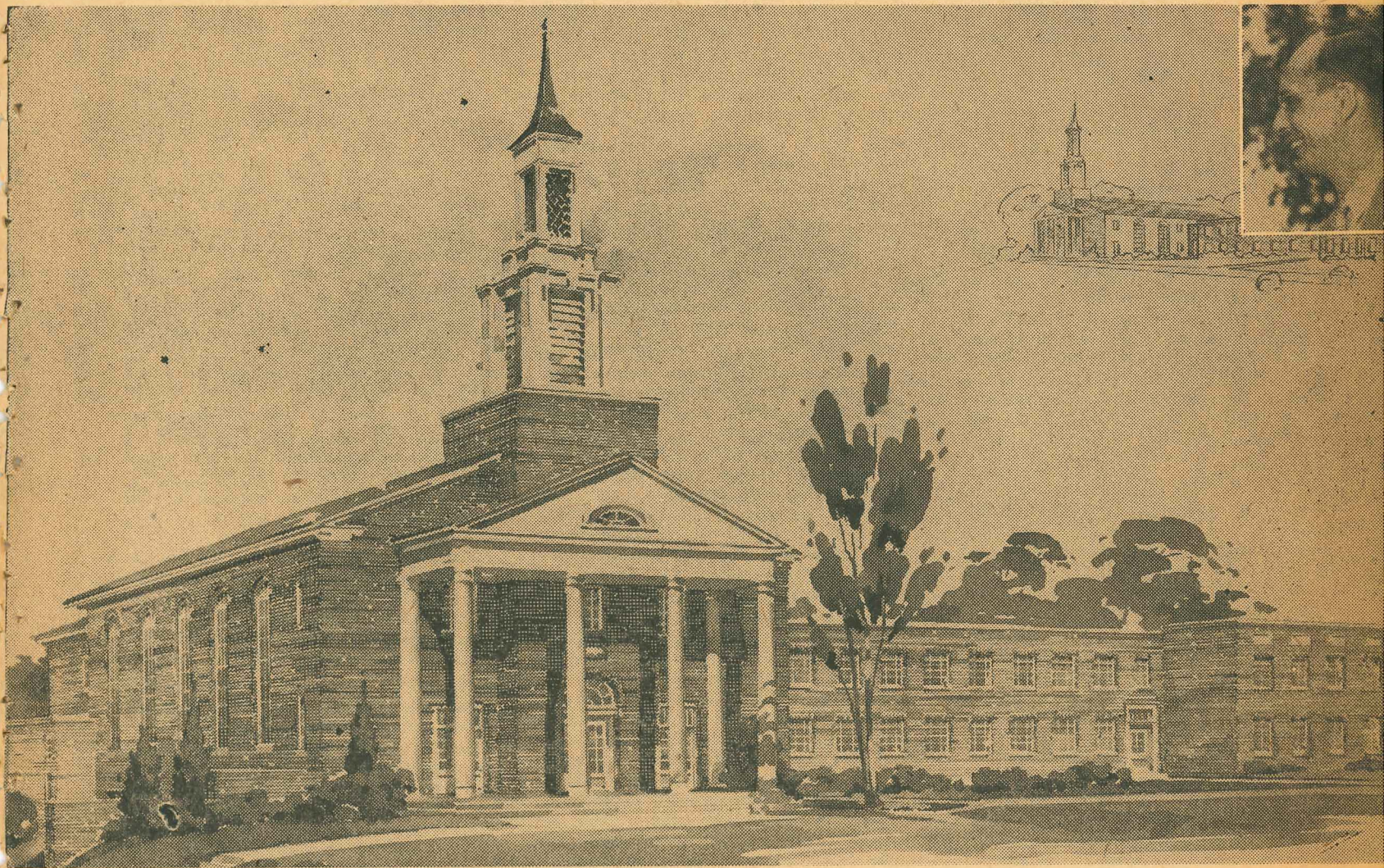


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Historic Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, the first church of any denomination to be organized in Kentucky 173 years ago, will extoll that event by the laying of the cornerstone for its sixth meeting house next Sunday. (See story page 9.)

Gleanings From The Field

►Ohio County Training Union organizations had 466 present at a mass meeting at Centertown Church recently. Sixteen churches were represented. Dr. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown, was the speaker.

►Cool Springs has just voted to go full time recently. This makes a total of 15 full-time churches in Ohio County Baptist Association. There were 4 full time churches 5 years ago when Pastor H. A. Bickers went there.

►Twenty-seven new churches admitted to the Korean Baptist Convention at its ninth annual session since World War II brought the total number of churches to 185. The meeting was held in Taejon, May 5-7, in a lovely new building erected with Lottie Moon Offering funds.

►C. Oscar Johnson recently celebrated his 23rd anniversary as pastor of the Third Church, St. Louis. During these years the entire church edifice has been rebuilt and a large education unit added. There have been 10,406 additions, 3,621 by baptism. Total contributions have almost reached \$5,000,000.

►Pastor Harry Harp brought a group of 18 young people from the Bardwell Baptist Church, in western Kentucky, to Louisville May 26-27. They spent the first night in Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, and then came on to visit the Kentucky Baptist Building, and other Baptist points of interest. Come again!

►A panel of 2,200 marketing executives reported that of the eight TV commercials they found "most objectionable or irritating," seven were for cigarettes. And in Washington, Representative John D. Dingell (D., Mich.), announced he would introduce a bill to outlaw all tobacco advertising in media that cross state lines.

►According to a recent survey there are now 205,000 members of Southern Baptist churches in the United States armed forces. There are 477 Southern Baptist chaplains in active service and they reported more than 17,000 professions of faith last year, according to Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission.

►Paul M. Stevens, director of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Atlanta, is the speaker on The Baptist Hour for June. His subject was *Seeing Men Through Jesus's Eyes* on June 13. On June 20 he will speak on *Jesus Paid It All*, and on the last Sunday in the month his subject will be *An Eye-Opening Experience*.

►Pastor Charles F. Jones says that they have had a fine revival at the Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Ky., with Pastor John D. Boykin, Buechel, doing the preaching and Dan Williams, Chattanooga, Tenn., leading the singing. Many decisions were made and the church received a spiritual uplift. A peak attendance of 283 was reached the middle Sunday.

►Ohio County Baptist Association has constructed a cabin at Floral, Ky., at

Schaffer Memorial Camp. The cost was \$2,807.45. The men of the association—25 of them—contributed a day's work. The building is 60 feet by 20, with nine-foot ceiling, made of cinder concrete blocks, with windows and running water, showers, and modern conveniences. The floor is also concrete.

►Walter Jack Bunkley, Jr., 27, an Atlanta, Georgia, student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been taken to the Louisville General Hospital and is thought to be in a critical condition with the dreaded polio. He took sick about May 12 and was taken to the hospital May 16. An iron lung is available for his use whenever his physicians think it advisable for him to use it.

►Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hays, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan who are in the States on furlough, are moving from Louisville to Ashton, Mo., where they may be addressed during June c/o Sam W. Hays. In July they will be in Jacksonville, Fla., where their address will be 1606 East 14th Street. They will be sailing for Japan August 5. Mrs. Hays, the former Helen Mathis, is a native of Louisville.

►Dr. F. O. Criminger, retired Baptist preacher, is ill at the Veteran's Hospital, Louisville. He has been making his home at Lyndon, where he was formerly pastor, and is a member of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church. In other years he has been pastor at Sulphur, Ky., and Immanuel Baptist Temple of Henderson, Ky.; Suffolk, Va.; Mt. Vernon, Ill.; and Excelsior and Slater, Mo.

►Paul Scott Howerton was born at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on April 29. The young man weighed seven pounds, eight and a half ounces. The young man's father is Brother Ellis Paul Howerton, a first year student in the Southern Seminary and minister of music at Baptist Temple, Louisville, and his mother is Mrs. Eunice Drury Howerton, formerly of Versailles. Also he is a grandson of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Howerton, Pikeville, Ky.

►At the 65th annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cumberland College, Pastor E. O. Edwards of the First Baptist Church of Corbin was elected to serve as a trustee to fill out the unexpired term of A. T. Siler. His induction to membership on the board is subject to final approval of the General Association. Our informant, Mr. T. J. Roberts, treasurer of Cumberland College, also states that "Cumberland College is the only junior college of Baptist affiliation in eastern Kentucky with a student body of approximately 350 young men and women."

►A communication from John D. Freeman states he recently visited Dr. Victor I. Masters, now 88, in Walker Memorial Hospital, Avon Park, Florida. He says of him: "The great old warrior is not far from the time when he will lay down his arms." He also speaks of a visit to see Finley F. Gibson, Gray Moss Inn, Clearwater, Florida, and Mrs.

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Gibson. He states that Dr. Gibson has passed his 78th birthday, "but his mental powers are unabated and his interest in the brotherhood with whom he labored so long has not waned." Dr. Freeman resides at Graceville, Florida.

►Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., informs us that Chaplain Eldon Arvell Byrd is to be released from military duty June 15, 1954, and will be available for pastoral duties after July 1. Chaplain is one of our Kentucky preachers. He graduated from Murray State College in 1943 and from the Southern Seminary in 1951. He has risen to the rank of captain. We believe he has had two terms of service as a chaplain, and has spent approximately one year overseas. Heretofore he has been pastor at Crutchfield, Gilbertsville, and of other churches near Paducah. He may be addressed in care of Dr. Carpenter, or at the Office of Chaplain, 382nd General Hospital, APO 54, San Francisco, California.

The Holy Spirit's Historian

Luke is his name. He wrote more of the New Testament than any other author. He is the only one to write two books of history. He is the only Gentile historian in our first century ranks. He is the only historian of the apostles, as a group, and of their era of responsible direction of Christianity. He is notable as the historian of life under the grace of God, of Christian womanhood and her devotion to her Lord, and he preserves for us the New Testament's Psalms.

Luke was especially the historian of the Holy Spirit. He records, right in his first chapter, three of the thirteen cases, told of in the whole Bible, where people were filled with the Holy Spirit. We see how the Holy Spirit gave His plentitude to the Forerunner and to his whole ministry, producing through that ministry a triple conversion, of the fathers to the children of the children to their fathers, and of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. Thus the Spirit prepared, through John's preaching, a PEOPLE ready for the Lord.

When that Lord took over that people, he avowed the readiness, on all occasions, of the Father to give the Holy Spirit to those who asked him (Luke 11:13). The Spirit came upon the virgin Mary to give entrance into our humanity of God the Son. He was on that Son, in His temptation and in all His public ministry (Luke 4:1, 18). The word *Christ* means that the anointing presence and power of the Holy Spirit, yea the anointing Spirit himself, was upon Jesus for full sufficiency and knowledge and direction of all he was, did, said and gave. Every day and hour that Jesus was the Christ of God He moved and had His being under the control of, and in perfect docility, submission and obedience to the capacitating Spirit of God. His human-divine being, in the incarnation, drew on the omniscience, the omnipotence and the omnipresence of God, just as far as they were necessary to be the Being he was, to reveal God in the incarnation, to say what he was sent to say and to finish our redemption.

Luke is just as definitely the historian of the work of the Holy Spirit, in both Christ and Christians, in his Gospel as he is in the "Acts of the Apostles." Luke mentions the Holy Spirit 39 times in the Acts, but he mentions Him 16 times in the Gospel. The presence and work of the Spirit in Christianity is no more a fact in the book of the Acts than it is in the book of the Gospel. The same Spirit has always been the King's commanding General in his kingdom. He was that in its preparatory phases in Old Testament times, in its presence among the Jews who believed and received their Messiah during the days of his flesh, and in the missionary expansion of that kingdom, after the consummation of our Lord's redemption,

By W. C. TAYLOR

in death, resurrection ministry, ascension and the gift of the same Spirit, in his vice-gerency as the Administrator now of this world kingdom through missions.

Luke is the total historian. In his history all Christianity spoke; and it spoke the whole of Christianity, in its creative and formative history. There is no more important cluster of verses in the entire Bible, for apologetics and witness, than Luke 1:1-4. The Gospel of Luke had its eyes on a lot of private gospels then current. Everybody wrote a gospel, his memory of the words and works of Jesus. There must have been a lot of inaccuracy, inadequacy, positive error and some untruth in a lot of those private gospels, maybe aspiring to become group gospels, in some cases. Luke deliberately writes, in the Spirit's judgment on those gospels (*Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us—or, are fully established*, says the margin). Note that a Gospel is no mere biography. It is a summary of a Life revealed that is also Truth revealed, the official, God-given interpretation of that Life and that Truth, and the Way they opened for us men and our salvation. Luke has this assurance because his is not a mere individual witness.

Here is the glory of the Holy Spirit's historian of Christianity. The contents of his history, these things so surely believed among us, so well established then, only three decades after the death of our Lord, come from the united voice of the apostles and others, may be some of the seventy who walked with him in joint power over the spirit world, Luke 10. Who gave Luke the contents of his Gospel, giving to that Gospel this assurance of all its certainty? The answer is: "they which from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word." Who were they? Who was with Jesus all through his ministry and were ministers of the Word? Not many can so classify themselves? They sought for those so qualified, to find a successor to Judas, Acts 1:22-26. They found two, Matthias and Joseph Justus, also called Barsabas, in a small group of 120.

Luke's avowed authorities for this certainty are not laymen. They are not women. They are ministers of the Word, all throughout the history of our Lord's ministry. The Twelve, and others so qualified, speak to us through Luke. He is all Christianity's historian. He is the historian of the "Acts of the Apostles," for he has been in contact with them

and has preserved for us the Gospel of all the apostles. Gospel and Acts are two volumes by the Spirit's one historian of all revealed Christianity, in its essence and development, through the official witness given by the apostles, and about them, till two thirds of the first century are about over. Why did he not write a third volume? There is no need of it. Christianity has no doctrinal or ecclesiastical development to record in the last third of the first century. John's inspired contribution is the deepening of the already revealed, and supplemental Gospel data that do not alter the pattern of Christian life or of Luke's certainty. But John, as Luke, records only "what the Spirit says to the churches"—nothing beyond or above the churches which the "Acts" records the multiplication of.

It is customary to say that only Luke and Matthew record the Virgin Birth. Silly twaddle. All these "eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word" record it, in and through Luke. Its certainly came, not from Luke but from them. The whole of original Christianity's spokesmen give us their witness through Luke, the Holy Spirit's historian, voice of all official Christianity's witness. Matthew gave the Gospel of the Virgin Birth to the Jews, Luke to the Gentiles. There isn't anybody else. The whole witness is by the whole apostolate and the whole ministry associated with all the life of our Lord and with subsequent Christian history. They lend us their unanimous voice in witness through Luke. Maybe John, the keeper of the mother of our Lord in her old age, gave Luke the Aramaic document of her witness which some see back of his Greek. Luke speaks for the entire apostolate of the Jews, companions of all the Saviour's ministry and on beyond. And Luke is spokesman for Paul. He is the historian, for us Gentiles of the post-Jewish world, of the whole apostolate and all its certainty, including Paul. Let his apology have for our faith its full weight: "that thou mightest know the full certainty of those things wherein thou hast been instructed." So may a new generation be redeemed from its infidelity and futility, in the dawn of a new era of faith.

►H. A. Bickers directed a Training Union study course at East Fork Church recently, and taught the adults. Mrs. Bickers taught the Intermediates and Sherman Babbitt the Juniors. Later a Training Union was organized, with Adult, Intermediate and Junior groups. Also Brother Bickers directed a Training Union at Pleasant Grove Church, teaching the Adult Manual, and Ezra Meadow the Intermediate Manual, and Mrs. James Tuttle the Junior Manual. Still later he conducted one at Barnett's Creek Church, using stewardship books, assisted by Mrs. Bickers, Richard Richerson and Mrs. Richerson.

Marriage Can Ruin You

By WILLIAM J. PURDUE
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Our concern today is about the foundation of civilization and society. What is it that holds civilization together? What is the foundation upon which it rests? It is marriage and the home.

A nation is not made enduringly strong by political or military might, but by the character of home and family life.

We are all concerned about the casualties in Korea, and we should be. But we need to realize that a divorce or broken home is as much or more of a casualty as a soldier giving up his life in a fox hole.

The sociologists give a sad commentary on this situation as they tell us that if divorce continues to increase the next 50 years as it has in the past half century it will not be possible for our civilization to survive.

We must take steps to remedy this break down in American family life. It is my belief that marriage is primarily a religious institution, therefore, I feel that the church needs to take an active part in righting the wrongs that exist.

Yes, marriage is in the realm of the spiritual. God performed the first marriage ceremony and was the builder of the first home. Too often everything about marriage, from the ceremony on, is made secular instead of sacred. And God is left out. A marriage without God is like a fire without warmth, like a song without words, like an unknown tongue without interpretation.

God is the life principle of marriage and family life. Crowd God out and you are slowly blocking off the flow of life.

As young people walk down the road of life they come to many cross roads. A choice must be made. At some of these turning places it actually doesn't make a great deal of difference which way you go.

But then there are other choices which are more exacting. To go one way would be right, to go the other way would be wrong. For example, your choice of a vocation or profession. If in God's great plan it is His will for you to be a Christian school teacher, then it would be wrong for you to settle down to sell newspapers the rest of your life.

There is one intersection to which most young people come where they had better read all the signs very carefully indeed. Here they face the most decisive choice of all. Shall I get married? Whom shall I marry? When shall I marry? A wrong choice here can ruin your life! Yes, marriage can ruin you!

I have seen young women become old in a year. I have seen beautiful ladies become ugly in a matter of weeks. I

have seen the fragrant flower of purity and zest for living fade into the withered weed of mere existence. I have seen the fire of love degenerate to the dull look of forced endurance in a short while.

I have seen young men of promise and ability slip and fall. I have seen their climb up the ladder of success thwarted—and sometimes stopped. I have seen their desire, for the best, degenerate into a readiness to accept whatever is easy. I have seen the happiness and joy of the wedding hour fade into the misery of feuds and fights.

There are four great danger areas in marriage and home life:

Finance

One of the high ranking causes of marital trouble is difficulty over money. The husband doesn't bring it all home, and that is bad. Or if he does bring it all home, the little wife takes it and spends it unwisely. And that is bad too.

The old adage "Two can live as cheap as one" is very romantic, but it is not very sound economically. I have learned that it costs much more to buy five pairs of shoes than one pair!

I'm not going to discuss this at length, but I do want to point out this area of danger. You may think you can live on love, but somehow that doesn't satisfy the gas company, the land lord and the grocer.

Family

I refer to the in-laws. Now would be a good time for a joke or two about mother-in-law, but this is really a matter too serious to joke about. When two people are married they owe more to each other than they do to anyone else in the world, except God. Your husband did not marry your mother, he married you! And you did not marry his mother either! Both of you promised to forsake all others and to cleave only to each other.

Who is to be boss in the family? In a Christian family there is no need for a boss. According to the scripture the father is to be the leader and policy maker. In ancient Christian families the father acted as priest. A nagging, bossy wife is not only an abomination to the husband, she is an abomination to the Lord. And by the same token, an overbearing, bully husband does not please God. "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church—"

Faith

One of the most tragic mistakes a young person can make is to marry someone outside his or her own faith.

This problem may seem trivial before marriage, but afterward it grows to heartbreaking proportions.

When we talk of marrying "outside one's faith" we usually mean a Protestant marrying a Catholic or a Jew. There is another way to marry "outside the faith" and that is for a Christian to marry a non-Christian.

A Christian should not marry a pagan. Listen to II Cor. 6:15: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Oh, I see, you plan to convert him and to reform him? More power to you dear lady. But there have been many more hearts broken than reformations made in these situations.

You are being blind and foolish if you ignore the importance of this matter. Three major studies agree that the chances of divorce are 2½ times greater in an inter-faith marriage than otherwise.

Dr. David R. Mace says that in New York 642 students were asked if they would consider an inter-faith marriage. Most of them said they would not hesitate—but they would not be willing to change their religion to make marriage work.

There are worse things than going through life unmarried; one of those things is to be married to the wrong person. The slavery of an unsuccessful marriage is the worst slavery there is.

The soul is the most sensitive part of one's personality. When the soul is wounded, as it will be in an inter-faith marriage, there are wounds that never heal.

In marriage, each is to be the complement of the other. A gracious lady in the past who was sorely afflicted with ill health, said to her great writer husband, "I'm a worry to you—too weak and ill to be any help to you." His gallant reply was, "My dear, my strength needs your weakness just as much as your weakness needs my strength."

You are to be to your partner, and your partner is to be to you, a help and not a hindrance. Not excess baggage, but a part of his or her life—a vital part.

Preparation

We will all agree that the best medicine is preventative. But before we take that up briefly, what of the person who is already bound up in an unhappy marriage?

Without discussing them, I make four simple suggestions: (1) Remember your marriage vows which said "for better or for worse." (2) Improve yourself. (3) Seek counsel from someone in whom you have confidence. (4) Ask God's help.

In the April Reader's Digest, Elizabeth Force lists some questions asked often by teen agers in a marriage preparation class. Ironically enough one of them is "Do people stop loving each other when they get married?"

That reminds me of the quip made about the new bride and groom: "They were such good friends until marriage came between them."

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FAITH THAT WORKS: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works . . . For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (Jas. 2:17-18).

Those verses and others associated with them have long been a battleground on the question of salvation by works and salvation by faith alone. But there has never been need for battle at this point.

Paul made it plain that "we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26). He also said: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10); "Now to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David describeth the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works" (Rom. 4:4-6).

Again he said concerning those trying to gain salvation by works: "For I bear them record that they have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:2-4).

Again he said: "I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ; the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Phil. 3:8-9).

If, then, salvation be only by the righteousness of Christ, made available when we trust Him only, then why does James say: "You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (Jas. 2:24)? Were James and Paul at variance? No! Both were inspired writers, and the Holy Spirit did not contradict Himself. Nor did James and Paul.

A man proves his faith—demonstrates his faith—before men by the works which his faith causes him to do. He is justified before men by his works, but not before God: "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the Scriptures? Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:2-3).

All Christian students should know that James wrote to the Jewish Christians—those in deadly dangers of lapsing into fatalism. He was therefore writing concerning the faith of Christians and concerning the works which always follow genuine faith, and which justify their claim to such a faith. He was in no sense of the word writing concerning the faith of the repentant sinner as he turns to God for salvation through Christ.

The faith of the repentant sinner is proven to be genuine by the fact that it is devoid of every other dependence except that which is upon Christ—the one Object of saving faith. But on the other hand, the faith of the Christian is proven to be genuine by the fruit it bears in obedience to the will of Christ.

He who claims to be a Christian but does not show by his works that he has faith belies his claim; for

"by their fruit ye shall know them." Do we believe in the Lordship of Jesus? Then let us demonstrate by acknowledging in practice that He is Master. Do we believe in the authority of the Scriptures? Then let us prove our belief by regulating our lives by its teachings. Do we believe men are hopelessly lost out of Christ? Then let us prove our belief by telling forth the good news of salvation through Christ alone, every where. We must justify our claim to faith, by good works. We assert, It is impossible for a living Christian faith to remain static, inactive. It will express itself by good works: it will openly acknowledge Jesus as Saviour and Lord, and it will cause the Christian to take up his cross and follow Him.

"TOO MANY SWARMS": Editor S. H. Jones, *The Baptist Courier*, South Carolina, wrote: "In our boyhood days we were told that a colony of bees which swarmed too many times did not produce much honey, and we noticed it was true. Quite obviously the tendency to divide and produce other colonies produces a number of weak colonies which have a hard time surviving while not enough workers are kept in one place to produce very much.

"We have often thought of this lesson of the bees when we see a church, and sometimes a weak one at that, dividing ('swarming') and forming two or more small, weak 'colonies'. The reason for such a situation we will not discuss here, but we are told that bees swarm often as a result of the production of too many queen bees! The analogy, if any, we will leave to the readers, if any, to see. Our concern is to point out that the setting up of new churches by taking members from churches that are already weak may not increase but rather decrease the results in kingdom service.

"Among churches, however, the tendency seems to be toward building a big, fat colony at the old stand rather than 'swarming' to form new ones. (When a hive gets full of honey, the bees stop working.) Some very large churches, no doubt, would be better off if they did 'swarm' and set up new churches in the areas where they are needed. Our experience has served to convince us that churches which are able to do so are never weakened but rather strengthened by the seeming loss sustained when they 'give up' a number of their members to form a new church."

Editor Jones wrote wisely. A good purpose is served when strong churches send out members to form new churches where needed, but the cause of 'swarming' should never be strife. Sometimes even years are required to heal such breaks. Love for the Master must be the impelling motive in every advance.

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► We are more anxious to seem than to be. We strive for baubles and geegaws and gimcracks, good clothes and shiny cars, rather than for contentment, fundamental culture and appreciation of real beauty. Not knowing how to spend our time, we take what satisfaction we can in spending our money.—*Economics*.

► When the mind wanders like a Mexican jumping bean, nothing happens but chaos. It is the HEART that should wander, out into other lives and other places, making sympathetic journeys which can find places where the mind could work.—*Simeon Stylites, Christian Century*.

► William Penn said: "Believe nothing against another but on good authority; and never report what may hurt another, unless it be a greater hurt to some other to conceal it."

► Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs in any field, since the payment is pure love.—*Today's Health*.

Devotional Life in Modern Times

By TIMOTHY FETLER
(Watchman-Examiner)

Culture historians often refer to contemporary American life as representing a practical, business civilization. We are living in a machine age. It is no wonder that pragmatism, the philosophy of practicality, originated in and is a product of the American way of life. Some Christians, though realizing that the spirit of the times may be more of a cultural than a spiritual phenomenon, and disclaiming whatever negative implications may be associated with some of these modern trends, nevertheless are often unaware of the extent to which even their spiritual life is influenced and colored by purely pragmatic and mechanistic considerations.

Activity and No Divinity

Activity being such a basic factor in modern life, it has become easy to confuse activity with spirituality. In our evangelistic drives, money-raising campaigns, highly diversified church activities, and missionary projects—activities necessary and worthwhile—there is always the danger that these may in themselves become the main emphasis, even though theoretically they are subordinated to the basic spiritual factor. It is not always realized that the emphasis is of primary importance. A system, organization, or activity receives its basic orientation not just from the factors that are involved, such as in this case activity and spirituality, but primarily from the emphasis that each of these factors receives in actual practice. For if, theoretically, spirituality is the main emphasis, but in practice, activity, then it will be difficult, if not impossible, for the Spirit of God to fulfill his all-important mission.

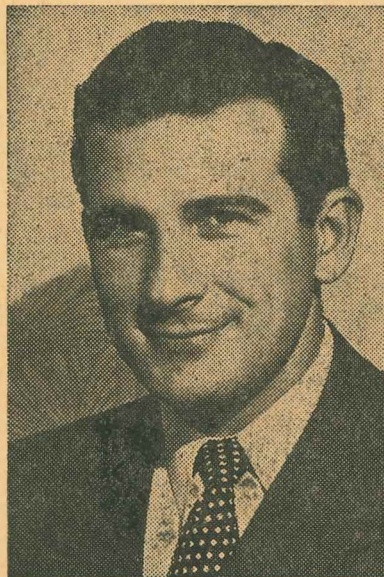
It is still true today, as in times past, that only by going first inward can we become effective outwardly. Especially in these times of speed, machines, and hectic activity, in which technology has cut man away from simple, organic existence, the Christian should not venture out on spiritual missions without subjecting himself first to a thorough self-examination as, standing before God in his basic loneliness, he is stripped of everything external. Only in this way will he be able to understand correctly the extent to which he has been relying on human agencies, organizations, or his own potential, instead of on God alone. Only by putting earthly means in their properly secondary place, laying aside every dependency upon human credits, every aspect of self-sufficiency, will he be able to approach God in his holy of holies and become truly effective spiritually.

Could It Be Done Today?

It is well to pause once in a while and look back to less hectic times, when

saintly men of God, not subjected to many of our modern distractions, lived lives of glowing, inward faith and were able to leave us some of the great devotional literature in the Christian tradition. . . . We rejoice with them as we consider the reality of their experience and are inspired to follow Christ in his call for a totally surrendered life. We note the strong emphasis made on Christian humility. Today, possibly because of the strong effects of modern individualism, true humility is a rare flower indeed. "Love to be unknown," writes Thomas A. Kempis, and again, "It doth no hurt to thee to set thyself lower than all men, but it hurteth thee exceedingly if thou set thyself before even one man! Continual peace is with the humble."

Shawnee, Louisville, Gives Farewell Reception For the Boykins



John D. Boykin

Pastor John D. Boykin resigned May 2 at the Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, to accept the call of the Buechel Baptist Church, in nearby Buechel. He has served Shawnee for five and a half years.

During his pastorate at Shawnee the church has had 539 additions to its membership. The budget has increased from \$12,000 to \$45,000. The membership is now 39th in size in the Long Run Association, yet is 26th in mission gifts, 20th in baptisms, 18th in total giving, 11th in value of church property and 7th in per capita gifts. The Sunday school enrollment has grown from 309 to 600.

The vigorous and faith-filled leadership of Pastor Boykin has made possible the enlargement of the old audi-

torium, the completion of a new Sunday school building and finally, the completion of an auditorium seating approximately 650, with a full nine-room classroom basement, equipped with a large assembly and kitchen, at a cost of approximately \$180,000.

In addition, Brother Boykin has been active in the work of denominational groups, etc., i. e., president of the Louisville Baptist Pastors' Conference; member of Executive Board of Long Run Association; member Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; music director of Long Run Sunday school and Training Union Group; has served on many committees and advisory boards, and is vice president of the Kentucky Free Public Schools Committee.

Typical of his leadership is the result of the two-weeks' revival meeting during his last two weeks as pastor of Shawnee. There were 15 additions by baptism, 12 by letter, and 19 rededications, and 5 surrendering to full-time Christian service.

At the close of the evening service on May 2, the congregation voted to give Brother Boykin in salary and gifts \$550 as partial expression of their appreciation. This action was followed by a reception in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Boykin and their three children.—William R. Cromer, Jr.

Simultaneous Crusade In Louisville Churches

By Henry Beach, General Chairman

The Long Run Association of Louisville engaged in a Simultaneous Crusade April 18-May 2. C. Y. Dossey, assistant secretary of the Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, served as director. He was assisted by E. Powell Lee, also of the Department of Evangelism.

Seventy-two churches participated in the crusade that resulted in 1,334 additions to the churches, with 860 of this number coming on profession of faith for baptism.

This crusade not only had a larger number of churches than any previous crusade, but there were also more professions of faith than in any other.

I appreciated the splendid co-operation from the Steering Committee and the pastors of our association. Their co-operation made the task a real joy. Much of the success of our campaign was because of the splendid manner in which Dr. C. Y. Dossey directed the campaign. His kindly spirit and his zeal for the lost were easily carried to the heart of each pastor. Dr. Dossey had planned a real program for our Fellowship Breakfasts which gave added strength and courage for the day's work. I am sure he helped to establish the work of evangelism in the Louisville area more deeply.

Dr. Lee led the singing in one of our fine churches and also had charge of the music at the breakfasts. Every one appreciated his optimistic spirit and the way in which he directed our singing.

BAPTIST PERSONALITIES

Two Kentucky Baptist Students Enter Foreign Mission Board Service

Miss Martha Jean Capshaw, of Kentucky, was appointed a missionary to Colombia at the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Mission Board. A nurse, she will serve in the Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia. Miss Capshaw is a native of Grahn, Ky. She attended Ashland Junior College, Ashland, Ky., and received the R. N. from the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Louisville, and the B. A. from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. For the past year she has been studying at Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville.



Martha Jean Capshaw

Her nursing experience includes work in the Veterans Administration and Kentucky Baptist Hospitals in Louisville, John Graves Fort Memorial Hospital in Georgetown, and Greenville General Hospital in South Carolina. She also served as campus nurse at Georgetown College and as staff nurse during

the summer of 1950 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina.

Miss Capshaw told the Board she became a Christian when she was 15 while attending vacation Bible school. She dedicated her life to full-time Christian service the following summer. "Throughout my school life my ambition was to become a nurse," she said. "I felt that God had a definite purpose for my life as a Christian nurse. After I finished nurse's training I worked for several months, but gradually I became more and more dissatisfied. . . . After much prayer and wrestling with my problem I finally surrendered to God's call to foreign missions. It was at that moment that I found the peace and happiness I had been seeking."



Frances Crawford

Also appointed to serve in Colombia was Miss Frances Crawford, of Missouri, a nurse, who worked with Miss Capshaw at Georgetown College and shared an apartment with her during their year of study at Carver School of Missions. Seven May appointments brought the Board's overseas staff to 933.

Private Bills 'Reward' Nuns for Law Violation

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The private immigration bill is a "useful device of free government" which has been "abused" for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Church, a Washington correspondent declares in the April 14 issue of *The Christian Century*. Refugees from totalitarian countries are properly admitted to the United States by means of this device, the correspondent avers, but he points out that at least 71 bills have been introduced in the 83rd Congress to aid about 150 non-refugee Roman Catholic nuns who have deliberately violated the immigration laws. President Eisenhower has signed several of these bills.

Under Discipline

The 150 nuns came to the United States between 1947 and 1951 on six-month visitors' permits, swearing that they intended to stay no longer. Each, however, applied for and obtained six to twelve-month extensions after expiration of the first permit. After the period of grace was up, they still remained in the United States in violation of the McCarran-Walter immigration act, and in the face of deportation orders against them under terms of that act. "Being under discipline," the *Christian Century* article observes, "they

could not act in this way except on orders of their superiors."

These "superiors"—the Roman Catholic bishops—insist that it would be a "moral outrage" to deport the nuns, who, they say, are "noble servants of Christ who ask nothing for themselves and seek only to serve others." *The Christian Century* asserts, however, that the ecclesiastical pressure in these cases stems from "the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is experiencing increasing difficulty in persuading young American girls to enter nunneries." Further, the "shortage of nuns threatens the future of the parochial school system and of other institutions of the church, many of which could not be maintained if the church had to pay the salaries lay people require." Devout and overpopulated Italy, which "is still producing more 'vocations' for the church than are needed there," is therefore looked upon by the American bishops as a source of recruits for church work over here.

Under the McCarran Act, the annual Italian immigration quota is 5,645, but the church finds it inadvisable to work through the quota for important reasons which *The Christian Century* states as follows: "The difficulty here is that great numbers of Italians de-

sire to come to the United States, and the delay is long. Another answer would be for the church to ask for preference under the immigration laws. But if special privileges were asked for clergy or nuns, the church would be embarrassed in its efforts to oust American Protestant missionaries from Italy. It might find Congress demanding reciprocity of treatment. A third answer might be to bring the nuns in under the August 1953 legislation, which admits 60,000 persons from Italy over a three-year period. But the law provides that most of these immigrants must be refugees and the rest persons with relatives here. It would need stretching to cover people already here." The church's approach, therefore, is to prevail upon Congressmen to introduce private immigration bills by the score, each one a "favor" to influential constituents, *The Christian Century* concludes.

The Washington correspondent's article specifically examines several cases affected by the private bills and brings out some interesting sidelights. Among those mentioned is H. R. 828, sponsored by Rep. Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, which would "confer eligibility for citizenship upon Dr. Vincenzo Guzzo, a physician who is employed by J. M. J. Bon Secours Hospital in Methuen," and a man who "might be ineligible for citizenship by virtue of an admitted former membership in the Fascist Youth League . . ." Another bill, H. R. 8262, by Rep. Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan, would require the United States Treasury to refund \$1,000 to the Rev. Philip Batrocetti, S.O.S.B., of Detroit, because security bonds which he had posted for two fellow clergymen and would-be immigrants had been forfeited. "Are other people's forfeits rebated?" *The Christian Century* asks.

One special bill affecting a Protestant clergyman is also mentioned. This involved a Canadian who had been convicted of petty larceny 30 years before, when he was not yet a minister. He had restored the \$20 involved and drawn a suspended sentence. Now a minister of 20 years standing with an American wife and children, a private bill has removed the bar against his entry because of this black mark on his record.—*Church and State*.

Man 85 Converted Under Influence of The Western Recorder

From a reader of the *Western Recorder* comes the following statement which may be of interest:

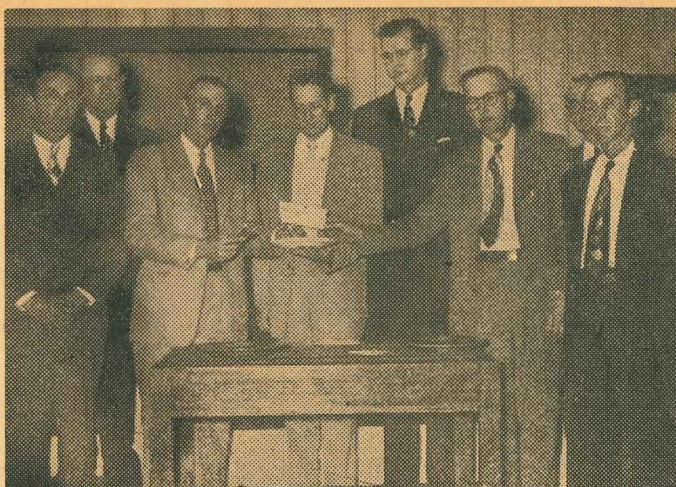
"I am writing you, as I feel I should. My husband passed away on the sixteenth of February, 1954. He was led to Christ by my reading the *Western Recorder* to him. He professed religion and united with the church at 85, and was baptized the same evening he joined the church."

We appreciate this testimony to the ministry of the *Western Recorder*.

Corinth at McQuady at a Note Burning Service

A note burning service was held at the Corinth Baptist Church, McQuady, in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, February 14. This was in celebration of the retirement of indebtedness on the educational annex to the auditorium. The annex was completed in July, 1951, and it has been gratifying the way the Corinth people have responded in meeting the cost of this building, according to Pastor H. Mark Holladay, Jr. An offering of \$1,400 was taken, and the year before, at a similar service, the offering was about \$2,-

500. Dr. Theron D. Price, professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker for both morning and afternoon



The pastor, deacons and visiting speaker (left to right): Rod Robertson, Virgil Robertson, Carl Jolly, Pastor H. Mark Holladay, Dr. T. D. Price, Ben Dean and Herbert Taul.

services. The church has spent nearly \$25,000 during the past six years for building and improvement, including the erection of a parsonage.

Education Building is Dedicated at Horse Cave

The Horse Cave Baptists are now in their new educational building. It was dedicated March 21, at which time Dr. W. C. Boone preached the dedicatory sermon.

The building consists of a basement with fold doors which provide a Junior Department with one assembly room and five class rooms; an Intermediate Department with one assembly room and seven class rooms; and a kitchen. The upstairs has two adult rooms, a Primary Department with an assembly and three class rooms; a large beginners room; a nursery, pastor's study, and a Library. The building is heated by two gas furnaces—one for the basement and one for the upstairs.

The first shovel of dirt was broken for the new building in 1950. In September, 1951, Dr. Fuller B. Saunders, under whose ministry the construction was started, resigned. The present pastor, Leon Larimore, was called, and the building was completed and entered in 1952. Then on the first Sunday in January, this year, the notes were burned in the morning service.

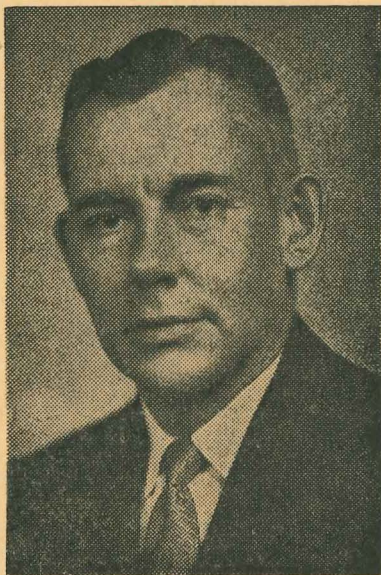
Evans T. Moseley Called To Oklahoma Church

Pastor Evans T. Moseley has resigned as pastor of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Oklahoma Baptists seem to be picking on our Kentucky preachers, for this is the second one we have lost in the last month.

Brother Moseley has been pastor at Harrodsburg for six and a half years. He led in the construction and the complete debt retirement for the education-

al unit. The church has already announced its plans to move forward with auditorium construction in the near future.

During his ministry at Harrodsburg two other churches—Fellowship and Shakertown Baptist Churches—were



Evans T. Moseley

formed, growing out of local missions, and a third mission—Mud Meeting House—was organized. His former pastorates include the Walnut Street Church, Evansville, Ind.; Beaver Dam, Ky.; and Rogersville, Tenn. Active in Army Reserve and veterans' affairs, he has been Division Chaplain of the 25th Infantry Division during five years of active duty and has served as Department Chaplain for the Kentucky American Legion.

He has served on the Executive Boards of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and Executive Committee of

the latter; the Cedarmore Committee; and the committee on Christian Education. At present he is the Kentucky trustee for the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He conducts "The Word for the Day" broadcast on Radio WHIR, Danville.

He married Emma Lee Finch, Columbia, Tenn., and they have two sons—Bill, 12, and Tom, 7.

Marriage Can Ruin You

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Another question asked is: "How do you feel when you are in love?" Now that is a right interesting question, isn't it? One of the boys said, "When she isn't around I feel like a lost dog."

Young people must learn that marriage is more than physical. If you do not have anything to offer your partner in marriage except that which is physical, your marriage will not last! Marriage must be more. If I were a young lady I would hate to admit that the only power I had to attract a man was through the physical. What ELSE have you? Do you have a brain, a heart, a soul, a personality? A beautiful character can often compensate for an unattractive body; but an attractive body can never make up for an ugly character!

Judge Joseph Sabath of Chicago, who believes in the Ten Commandments and the sacredness of marriage has formulated his own "Ten Suggestions for Wives." These are so good I want to share them with you:

1. Don't pick a husband like you shop for a hat.
2. Trust your husband until you are positive he's unworthy.
3. Ignore advice you don't seek; your marriage is your problem.
4. Remember that no home is large enough for two families.
5. Do not nag. (Proverbs 19:13).
6. Never let your husband go to work without a home-cooked breakfast.
7. Reach for the skillet instead of the can opener.
8. Never let yourself become dowdy. (Not neat).
9. Do not pout.
10. Do not complain about your income.

The richest man in the world is one who is married to a woman who loves and respects him and whom he loves and respects dearly. Life holds no greater treasure than that.

The late Dr. Ellis Fuller, a great preacher and teacher of preachers, told in my hearing how he proposed to his wife. He said to her, "I love you very much. I want you to be my bride—but I can never give you first place in my heart and life. I gave that to another long ago."

And she knew what he meant. She said, "No girl could be safer than to marry a man who has given his first loyalty to God. On those terms I'll gladly accept second place in your life."

Make your marriage like that and it will succeed abundantly.—ILLINOIS BAPTIST.

Cornerstone Laying for 173-Year-Old Severns Valley Church at Elizabethtown, Sunday, June 20

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. — The Severns Valley Baptist Church here, the first Baptist church organized in Kentucky and west of the Alleghenies, is celebrating its 173rd birthday on Sunday, June 20, 1954, by laying the cornerstone of its new half-million dollar auditorium and educational plant (See the architect's elevation forecast on page one of this paper.).

Organized on June 18, 1781, four months before the British General, Cornwallis, surrendered arms at Yorktown, Virginia, to the American colonies, this church—which is older than the United States Government—has now grown into a thriving organization of more than 1,800 members and is presently sponsoring three missions. The 18 people who constituted the original church met under a green sugar tree and this grove became their first temple. Since that time, the body has built and enjoyed five different houses of worship—the new structure will be the sixth.

Early history of the church tells of a mighty revival which swept the community in 1801 and 1802 which added 101 to the membership. Shortly afterward a church was organized at Nolin and 105 members of the Severns Valley Church were "lettered out."

The Severns Valley Baptist Church was well represented at the founding of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky in 1837 when only 9 associations of the 43 in the State were represented. At this time, only a few churches endorsed the formation of this organization. Of them Severns Valley was one.

Another way in which this historic church has made its influence felt among Kentucky Baptists is in our women's work. On November 8, 1880, the Woman's Missionary Union of Severns Valley Baptist Church was formed. Two years later, at the meeting of the General Association the value of the women's contribution to the church was recognized and a resolution was passed urging all churches to form such societies. In 1883 the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky was organized.

The new church will be of colonial design, of red brick trimmed with Bedford limestone. It is so situated on a rolling five acre lot that one can walk into the auditorium and educational wing without climbing any steps, or can enter the adult department under the main auditorium without steps. Ample provision for parking and outdoor recreation will be available.

The main auditorium will seat 950 in pews an additional 150 can be cared for in chairs. The balcony, used at present for a Young People's Department and six classrooms, will at a later date add seats for 250 more in pews.

The educational plant has provisions for four nurseries, two beginner departments, two primary departments,

two junior departments, two intermediate departments, one young people's department, and three adult departments. There are 100 rooms in the new building.

It will be heated with forced hot water, heated by oil. Provisions are being made to air condition the sanctuary and lower auditoriums.

Since September 1, 1952, Dr. Verlin C. Kruschwitz has been the pastor, succeeding such outstanding men as Dr. L. Martin, Dr. W. Fred Kendall, and Dr. Arthur Stovall, the late Dr. W. P. Stuart, and others. At present the church is having two morning services to accommodate those who attend. Besides underwriting the work of three missions, the church is giving 40% of its budget expense money to the Cooperative Program.

Court Ruling Will Reduce Cost and Improve Education

WAKE FORREST, N. C. — (BP) — "The decision of the Supreme Court concerning segregation in public education is in harmony with the ideal of equality in democratic society," Olin T. Binkley,

professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, said here. "In the long run it will reduce the cost and improve the quality of American education, diminish the period of second-class citizenship in American society, and strengthen the moral influence of the United States in the world. "The administration of the ruling will test the wisdom of our leaders and the spiritual maturity of our people. Human values are involved in this historic declaration and it is to be hoped that concern for these values will guide the political decisions and the educational policies that must be worked out in the long, hard task of implementing the ruling," he said.

"It is unwise to assume that the complex problems of race relations can be solved by federal compulsion alone. The enduring solutions will be thought out and wrought out in good communities by spiritually minded men and women who treat every individual as a person and whose attitudes are guided by the ethic of righteousness and love," Binkley further stated.

►A Jersey City, N.J., priest estimates that \$20,000 to \$50,000 extra annual income will accrue to many Roman Catholic churches as a result of the recent legalization of "charitable" bingo.—*Church and State.*

KENTUCKY BAPTIST GENERAL CAMPS

Sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

For Boys and Girls ages 9-16. There is no limit to the number from each church. Applications are accepted until the camps are filled.

These are inspirational camps with a full program of recreation. Members of the staff will be: M. Wendell Belew, director, others directing recreation, music, campers services, and conferences will be: Rev. Alber E. Griffin, Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Lynch, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Cunningham, Rev. and Mrs. Quinton Lockwood, and Mrs. Elizabeth Zieger.

Camp Pastor for Boys Week is Rev. C. Hoge Hockensmith, pastor of Paintsville Baptist Church. Camp pastor for Girls Week is Rev. Eldred M. Taylor, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism for Kentucky.

Boys Week—July 5-9

Girls Week—July 12-16

Total Cost—\$10.50

Fill in the application card on the right and send with \$1.00 reservation fee to: M. Wendell Belew, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Boy? APPLICATION Girl?.....

Kentucky Baptist Camps

NAME Age
(Years) (Birthday)

Address Dollar Enclosed
(Town) (Street)

Parent Phone Pastor

Address Christian?

Church? R. A.? G. A.?

Rank or Step. I agree to keep camp rules.

Camper's Signature

I approve my child attending camp

Parent's Signature

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT
State Secretary

We Pay Tribute to Our Associations That Have Reached the Standard— 1953-54

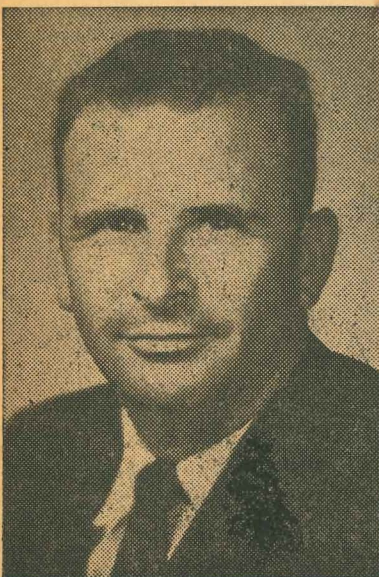
We are happy to present the pictures of the Associational Sunday School Superintendents whose Associations have reached the Standard for this year.

Laurel River Association
Mr. L. T. Bullock, Supt.
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Mr. H. W. Jones, Supt.
Nelson Association

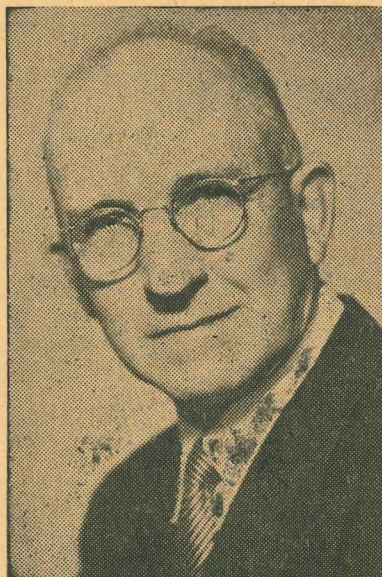
We wish to congratulate these Superintendents and their workers for this achievement. Other Associations are about ready to apply for Standard recognition. As the applications come in we will run the picture of their Superintendent on this page.



Mr. James A. Oakley, Supt.
Ohio Valley Association

A Story of What Two Cradle Roll Workers are Doing as Told by Rev. Ray Daugherty, Associate Pastor, Newport, First

The following letter was received by the writer from Brother Daugherty. "These two women, Mrs. Rose Arrowood and Mrs. Alma Gross were baptized by me just a year ago. They became very anxious to do something for the Lord. I have spent much time with them and they are very promising workers, although this, I believe, was the smallest class I have ever taught I believe that it has proven to be the most profitable. (Bro. Daugherty taught these women the book, "The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School.") These two ladies have gone out from our Chapel which is a Mission of First Church, Newport and in four weeks have enrolled 28 babies of which only five mothers are Christians and virtually none of the fathers. This is the most challenging list of prospects I have in my files. I have sent a personal letter to each of these parents with an invitation to attend our services and a special invitation to be present with their babies this next Sunday for a Cradle Roll Day and be recognized with them when we shall introduce our Cradle Roll Department workers and members. We have increased our Sunday school enrollment from 159 at the last Sunday of September of 1953 to 239 to date. We



Mr. Kenneth R. Connely,
Supt. Ten Mile Association

are organizing our Extension Department now and of course we shall reach some that way too."

High Ten in Sunday School Training Through May 31, 1954

Louisville, Beechmont	453
Harlan	396
Stanford	372
Owensboro, First	346
Louisville, Victory Memorial	341
Hopkinsville, First	340
Louisville, Parkland	335
Newport, First	313
Louisville, 9th and O	292
Madisonville, First	285

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JUNE 6, 1954

(Numerals after church indicates number of missions.)		
Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	78	703
Unity (1)	104	540
Bardstown		354
Bellevue	63	392
Benton, First Missionary	70	203
Buffalo	85	260
Burlington	85	254
Campbellsville (3)		619
Pleasant Hill	141	287
Carrollton	27	223
Catlettsburg		405
Central City (1)	217	419
Clay		224
Corbin, Central (1)	138	480
First	123	393
Covington, Calvary		630
First	106	385
Crestwood	50	246
Cynthiana (2)		457
Danville, First (3)	201	702
Lexington Avenue (1)		444
Dayton, First		249
Dawson Springs		309
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (1)		796
Erlanger	56	371
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	149	573
Ferguson (1)	73	235
Florence	89	312
Fort Thomas, First	76	315
Frankfort, First (1)		824
Thorn Hill	114	324
Fulton	159	500
Greenville, First	138	367
Harlan	138	489
Harrodsburg (2)	218	845
Hawesville		238
Hazard	88	348
Hazel	59	310
Henderson, Immanuel Temple (1)	128	722
Hopkinsville, First	114	619
Second	128	806
Independence	117	250
Lancaster		300
Lawrenceburg, First	86	360
Sand Spring	38	313
Lebanon, First (1)	92	389
Leitchfield	59	238
Lexington, Calvary (2)	103	697
Grace (2)	93	719
Immanuel	208	687
Porter Memorial	115	496
London, First (1)	151	609
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	201	699
Baptist Temple	77	302
Beechmont (2)	143	957
Bethany	40	254
Bethlehem	82	239
Carlisle Avenue (2)	258	1,341
Clifton (1)	73	456
Crescent Hill (2)	159	876
Deer Park		466
Eastern Parkway	88	576
Eighteenth Street		256
Farmdale		328
Harmony	108	324
Hazelwood	45	494
Highland Park First		443
Immanuel	65	392
Jeffersonstown	68	265
Lynn Acres		281
Manley Memorial	104	
Okolona	69	466
St. Matthews (1)	167	646
Shively (1)	131	699
South Jefferson	96	556
Southside	106	492
Third Avenue	96	468
Twenty-third and Broadway (1)	217	686
Victory Memorial (2)		789
Virginia Avenue		254
Walnut Street (4)	220	1,589
West Broadway (1)	132	652
Ludlow, First	84	386
Mackville		215
Madisonville, First	323	1,045
Marion		277
Mayfield, First	249	907
Middlesboro, First (4)	108	626
Monticello, First	72	303
Mt. Washington	52	239
Newport, First (2)	119	723
Trinity	95	225
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial (1)	81	602
Hall Street (1)	197	483
Seven Hills	95	292
Third (1)	355	1,068
Paducah, First (1)	165	608
Oaklawn (1)	130	298
Twelfth Street (1)	145	377
Paintsville, First	71	263
Paris, First	68	252
Pikeville, First (1)	74	291
Prestonburg, Irene Cole		
Memorial (5)		318
Princeton, First	104	500
Northside (1)	95	217
Second (3)	136	354
Russellville, First (1)	102	485
Somerset, First		629
Springfield, First	116	423
Sturgis, First		318

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Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

Youth Week Report

St. Matthews Baptist Church of Louisville observed Youth Week April 4-11. Nineteen Intermediates and twenty-five Young People held offices in the church that week. Lewis Wayne, the Training Union Director, writes: "It was one of the most outstanding weeks in the year of the church. The Young People responded in a wonderful way. Each filled his appointed place in a splendid way. Several taught classes in various departments of the Sunday school that have not been counted here. Youth week was well attended and supported by the adults of the church. Youth choirs were used for all services."

The Baptist Sunday School Board Opens A New Service

Recently Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant came to our Sunday School Board to organize a new Department—Church Recreation Service. We as Southern Baptists are extremely fortunate to have such a fine, capable leader in this field of our church program. Mrs. Pylant has already started publishing a quarterly bulletin. This *Church Recreation Bulletin* is free for those interested in this phase of our total church program. Write Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, and ask to be placed on her mailing list.

STUDY COURSE AWARDS REPORT THROUGH MAY

Association	No. Churches Requesting Awards During Year	No. Awards Requested in May	Total Awards Requested This Yr.
Allen	1		27
Baptist	5		130
Barren River			
Bell County	5	19	316
Bethel	8	45	221
Blackford	1		2
Blood River	8	63	362
Boones Creek	4		262
Booneville	3		132
Bracken	7	42	189
Breckenridge	2		63
Caldwell County	7	30	253
Campbell County	8	57	247
Casey County			
Central	6	179	413
Christian Co.	11	203	686
Crittenden	8	17	233
Daviess-McLean	29	167	997
East Lynn	3		72

East Union	1	24	24
Edmonson	1		49
Elkhorn	24	58	881
Enterprise	5	20	271
Franklin	6	131	310
Freedom	2		43
Gasper River	5	23	253
Goose Creek			
Goshen	1		52
Graves County	9	113	513
Green River			
Greenup	7		447
Greenville			
Henry County	1	54	54
Irvine			
Jackson County			
Laurel River	2		131
Liberty	6		178
Lincoln County	7	13	278
Little Bethel	11	146	561
Little River	4		126
Logan County	3		122
Long Run	66	552	3725
Lynn	2		58
Lynn Camp	1		11
McCreary Co.	4		204
Middle Fork			
Monroe	4		130
Mt. Zion	3	24	79
Muhlenberg	17	257	1140
Nelson	11	105	343
North Bend	14	83	590
North Concord	1		12
Ohio County	14	136	811
Ohio River	6	63	276
Ohio Valley	9	135	311
Owen County	9	47	250
Pine Mountain	8		243
Pulaski County	5	132	270
Rockcastle	1	27	27
Russell County	4		50
Russell Creek	7		239
Salem	10	42	290
Severns Valley	10		442
Shelby County	12	68	404
Simpson	3	69	176
South Concord			
South District	8	69	396
South Union	2		36
Sulphur Fork	2		120
Tates Creek	5		170
Ten Mile			
Three Forks	1		35
Union	3		26
Upper Cumberland	6		260
Warren	9	41	405
Wayne County	5		47
West Ky.-Ana	15	167	789
West Ky.	14	135	503
West Union	17	77	1064
Whites Run			
TOTALS	519	3633	22,830

The above report shows that 519 churches in a total of 69 associations requested 22,830 awards. This is 1,728 more awards than were requested over the same period last year. Let's keep up the good work.

►The Sandusky Chapel Baptist Church, Sumpter, Ky., closed a revival meeting May 19. Pastor Donald Randolph, of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Monticello, Kentucky, was the evangelist. There were 18 additions to the church, with 16 of them coming for baptism, one by letter, one by statement, and two professions uniting with other Baptist churches, according to Pastor Vernon L. Clark.

Dr. Kruschwitz Commends "Houses for God"

"Houses for God" is one of the newest filmstrips produced by Mr. L. O. Griffith of our Home Mission Board. In beautiful color it shows the need for new Baptist churches and church buildings. It gives in some detail the story of the great million dollar Baptist church at Decatur, Georgia, and Dr. Dick Hall, Jr., the pastor. It also tells the story of how the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, under the leadership of Dr. H. H. Hobbs, has extended its ministry through mission churches. Clearly and forcibly it presents the need of struggling churches in the West and Northwest as they attempt to build adequate houses of worship. It also shows how the Home Mission Board through its Building and Loan Fund has and is aiding many of our Baptist churches.

To me the most forcible lesson from this picture is the truth that building houses of worship need not take from our gifts to world missions. Instead new churches and larger churches make it possible to give more to the cause of Christ around the world. The hope of Southern Baptists is in the building of more houses for God.

Verlin C. Kruschwitz

►Pastor Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown, spoke at a mass meeting at Centertown, recently, according to Pastor H. A. Bickers, Beaver Dam.

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BOOKS

1. For Young People

Sample copies of three little booklets you should have to place in the hands of young people were sent to us by the Sunday School Board. They are: "Drugs Destroy," "Marriage With Two Strikes Against It," and "When You Are the 'U' in Uniform." These are attractive little booklets with vital down-to-earth messages on subjects that are uppermost in the thinking of many of our young people in these strenuous days. They are only 15c each and can be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

2. Missionary Biographies

Two series of booklets of missionary biographies have been very popular and successful, one series for Juniors and one for Intermediates. The series for Juniors is the "Much to Dare" series and that for Intermediates is entitled "More Than Conquerors" series. Recently additional biographies in these series, have come from the press. They are entitled: "John Lake of China—The Man Who Dared," by Elwyne Lee Means, Junior Book 5; "Effie Roe Maddox of Brazil—Dona Ephigenis," by Nadine Sanders Maddox, Junior Book 6; "Alonzo Scott Patterson of Africa—And So He Did," by Mary Patterson Lawton, Junior Book 7; "Charles Arthur Hayes of China—As Jesus Served," by Mary C. Alexander, Intermediate Book 5; "Ida Deaver Lawton of China—Happily Ever After," by Sadie Lawton Holloway, Intermediate Book 6; "Lucille Reagan of Africa—In His Might," by Elizabeth Routh Pool, Intermediate Book 7; "Stephen Lawton Watson of Brazil—A Good Name," by A. R. Crabtree, Intermediate Book 8. These books may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store for 20c each. A study of three of them taken together will count as a mission study book.

3. Community Missions

With the June issue of "Kentucky Keynotes" we are mailing a new leaflet giving recommended books related to Community Missions Activities. The W. M. S. President will pass this leaflet on to the Community Missions Chairman. However, additional copies of the leaflet are available in the office on request.

A ROYAL AMBASSADOR COUNSELOR SPEAKS

The Royal Ambassador organization, to me, is one of the most important phases of religious work in which I have ever been engaged. The Chapter of which I was elected Counselor included both Intermediate and Junior boys. This chapter had been inactive for quite some time, so from the very beginning this was the most important challenge of my life. I not only had to prove to the boys and their parents

the importance of Royal Ambassador work but to myself as well—in view of the fact that I had never attended an RA meeting before becoming a Counselor. We aroused the interest of the boys by providing transportation to and from the meetings.

Recreation played an important role in getting our Chapter organized, for someone once said "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This I found to be true as we devoted about one-third of our meetings to recreation.

We began work on the rank of Page. I had never passed the ranks myself, but I soon passed the ranks of Page and Squire along with the boys. The boys realized that they knew practically as much about the work as I did, so we learned together the importance of missionary work and the Ideals of a dynamic Royal Ambassador Chapter.

Some of the Knightly Deeds projects (this includes community missions) in which we have engaged are: sending 60 pounds of clothing to Korea, making tract racks, taking baskets of fruit to the elderly people of our church and also to the shut-ins, and taking charge of prayer meetings periodically. These activities proved to be a blessing to our Church and especially to the boys. These and many other projects have challenged the boys to greater Christian service in the community and in their individual lives. Another important asset to our Chapter occurred when we divided the Intermediate and Juniors in separate Chapters. This brought about more interest, enthusiasm, and efficiency for both age groups.

The boys especially enjoy attending the Associational Conclaves, State Congress and Camps. Several attended the First Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress. This was held last August 18-20 in Atlanta, Georgia. The boys received a world view of the work of RA's. One of the most thrilling results of this trip came when the Chapter introduced the song we learned at the Congress "No Turning Back" (The World Behind me, the Cross before me, no turning back. . .) to our Church.

Recently our Chapter assisted in the purchase of a duplicating machine for our Church. Plans are now being made to have a monthly Church Newsletter, which will include a lot of RA information, because the Chapter is responsible for the publication. We believe this is another milestone in the King's Business.

My experience as a Royal Ambassador counselor has impressed upon me the bigness of our task in world missions—the necessity of becoming a Tither—has led me to a mountain top experience with the Lord. The Royal Ambassadors is without a doubt the most important boys' organization of today.

Every Baptist Church ought to have at least one Junior and one Intermediate chapter.—ROBERT WREN, Counselor, Paint Lick Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ten Mile Association, where Rev. Malcom E. Smith is pastor.

REPORTS

We have been studying the quarterly reports recently. In most instances, reports are thrilling to read, in some instances disappointing. The biggest challenge that faces us is enlistment. Another great challenge is to get all of our organizations to report.

We are pardonably proud of the records of the work in Kentucky. However, how much greater would be our rejoicing and how much better our reputation if we could get all our reports. There were nine whole Associations in Kentucky that did not report last quarter—69 reports from 78 Associations. There were about 150 W.M.S.'s and an even larger number of auxiliaries that did not report. Reports are so important. Don't fail to send your reports in promptly. You need to report, we need your report!

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By H. C. Chiles

Judgment Comes to Israel

Pursuing an evil course means future disaster to an individual or a nation. Through exorbitant taxation Solomon brought about national prosperity. When Rehoboam had an opportunity to ease this terrible burden of his people, he made the foolish mistake of increasing it. As an outgrowth of his folly, the nation was divided into the northern and southern kingdoms. Jeroboam, king of Israel, was promised the blessing of God on the condition of obedience and loyalty to Him. From Jeroboam to Hoshea not a single king sought to do the will of God. While Hoshea did evil in the sight of God, he was not as wicked as his predecessors. Nevertheless, in spite of His extraordinary patience, the hour had arrived when God's wrath could not be restrained or Israel's punishment could not be deferred.

I. The Ingratitude. II Kings 17:5-8.

When the Israelites were helpless slaves under the dominion of wicked Pharaoh, God manifested great grace toward them by mercifully delivering them from their oppressor. Instead of being deeply grateful to God for His intervention in their behalf, as they should have been, they were filled with ingratitude. They forgot or ignored the God who had chosen them and brought them out of the bondage of Egypt. They sinned against the love of God, which had been manifested so graciously toward them, by ungratefully turning away from Him into the paths of disobedience. Not only did they disobey God's commandments, but they also adopted the statutes of the pagan nations and of their own wicked kings as their guide. Like many today, they did not realize that the sin of ingratitude to God always removes His people from the place of blessing.

II. The Idolatry. II Kings 17:9-14.

Not only did the kings indulge in disgraceful wickedness, but their people were set on evil also. Chief among the sins which caused the downfall of the Israelites was that of idolatry. In direct opposition to the divine prohibition, they manufactured and erected idols and burned incense to the heathen deities. Their idolatry was not due to ignorance, but to their perverseness. The heinousness of their sin was all the greater because they knew better. They were aware of God's hatred of the terrible sin of idolatry, but they persisted in it, notwithstanding. Thus they did exactly the same thing as those who lacked all knowledge of the true God. And it was ruinous, as is ever the case. Nobody can turn away from God and worship idols without paying the penalty for it. In fact, the worship of an idol is one of the most grievous and provoking sins which

people can commit against the true and living God.

While the people thought many of their sins were secret, they were fully known to God and abominable in His sight. Nobody has ever deceived God. Neither has anything ever been hidden from His view.

God sent some of the noblest and best prophets who ever lived and wrought to plead with the people to turn from their wicked ways, and to warn them of the severe punishment that was awaiting them unless they repented of their sins and became reconciled to Him, but they refused to heed their numerous and urgent appeals. In defiance of God they plunged deeper and deeper into wickedness. Their conduct in this regard caused God to compare them with an obstinate and self-willed animal that stiffened his neck against all persuasion on the part of the driver.

III. The Inevitability. II Kings 17:18.

After repeated and numerous attempts to get the Israelites to turn from their sins had failed, it became necessary for God to send judgment upon them. Because they were determined to have their own way, rather than to turn from their wicked ways, no other course was open to Him. By their own sins they automatically removed themselves from God's favor. His anger, long growing, reached a climax, and He delivered them into the hands of a heathen king and they were taken away into cruel bondage. The punishment was severe, but certainly not any more so than their sins deserved.

This lesson sets forth some truths we ought to remember. The rejection of God's message is always perilous. Ruin is inevitable for all who reject God's grace and mercy. Disobedience to Him is never profitable. He will not ignore the wickedness of those who profess to know Him. Even though judgment on sin does not always fall swiftly, it is inevitable. God's people, therefore, need to humble themselves, to pray, to seek His face and to turn from their wicked ways. If they will do so, He will hear their prayers, forgive their sins and heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14.

Concerning World to Come

Bruce H. Price
Newport News, Va.

During a Sunday school class banquet one of the women who was serving brought me the first plate saying in a jesting manner, "I'm always good to preachers because they can get people into heaven for nothing." She was wrong about the way to reach heaven, but she was right in the knowledge of

the reality of heaven. And it is just as true that there is a hell.

"The Bible is clear," writes Dr. Harold L. Fickett, "death does not end all. A clothing store in Galveston keeps a record of every customer. When one dies, his card is removed from the file, and across the face is written the two letters, 'H.B.' The explanation is that at death everyone is either heaven-bound or hell-bound. Conscious existence is for both saved and unsaved after the spirit departs from the body. Death is the gateway into the beyond." Eternal life or eternal punishment awaits every soul.

The second coming of Christ is a vital doctrine. It will be an outward, visible, and personal return. This Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven (Acts 1:11).

Knowledge of the exact date of the second coming of Jesus has been reserved for the mind of God, only. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the father (Mark 13:32). In the face of this scripture "date-fixers" continue to try their hand.

A very devout woman had been misled. She announced the Lord would return one spring on Easter Day. When the time arrived she refused to admit her error, saying she had miscalculated; that Jesus would positively come on the next Easter. I do not know what she said when the following Easter went by.

The true Christian attitude is to watch, pray, and be ready for his coming by keeping his commandments and leading others to be prepared.

At a review in the army in Peru honor is paid to the memory of Admiral Grau who was killed in battle. When his name is called an orderly answers, "Absent but accounted for, he is with the heroes." Likewise our heroes of faith who have gone on are accounted for—they are with the risen Lord.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JUNE 6, 1954 (Continued from Page 10)

Versailles	91	378
Williamsburg, First (1)	48	392
Williamson, W. Va., East		
Williamson	68	272
Willisburg	96	291
Winchester, Central (1)	106	426
First	112	373

►Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Wheaton, Ill., assisted Pastor Arthur L. Walker in a series of evangelistic meetings at the Evarts Baptist Church, Evarts, Ky., recently. Dr. McCall was formerly executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. There were 18 additions by baptism and 25 decisions.

►Pastor Adrian Lamkin writes that they have experienced a fine revival in the Hardinsburg Baptist Church May 9-16. The visiting evangelist was Pastor A. W. Walker, Carlisle Avenue Church, Louisville, and he was assisted by Preston Lawrence and Charles Hutchins with the music. There were a number of additions—most of them for baptism.

What Is a Southern Baptist?

C. E. MATTHEWS

Because of the tremendous expansion in every direction in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, the question is being asked, especially from people in the North, "What is a Southern Baptist?" Probably this question comes from the fact that many new churches, not yet affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, are naming themselves Southern Baptist. The term surely needs defining so that people will understand the real definition of a "Southern Baptist." Here is the writer's answer:

First, the name "Southern Baptist" now has no geographical significance. There are Southern Baptist churches in every state in the Union, and some that go by this name even in British Columbia.

Second, the term "Southern Baptist" does not necessarily bear doctrinal significance. In the work of evangelism the writer has been privileged to observe the teachings of Southern Baptist churches in every section of the United States. He has been unable to discover in a single instance a Southern Baptist that does not believe in the deity of Christ and in other cardinal doctrines commonly believed by Baptists. There is, however, a wide difference within the ranks of our people in the practice of ecclesiology, the chief difference being on the place and meaning of church ordinances.

Third, the fact that one is giving his money to Southern Baptist causes, regardless of the amount, does not mean that he is a Southern Baptist. One of the largest givers we have to Southern Baptist institutions is not a member of a Baptist church.

What, then, is a Southern Baptist? He is one who co-operates in spirit and harmony with the programs that are adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. For instance, when the Seventy-five Million Campaign came before the Southern Baptist Convention in its meeting in Atlanta in 1920, Dr. L. R. Scarborough opposed it. But when the Convention adopted it, he led the campaign. He was a Southern Baptist. To illustrate, the writer was once pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a Travis Ave.

Baptist; he was a Tarrant County Association Baptist; he was a Texas Baptist. He could have been all of these and yet not have been a Southern Baptist. A Southern Baptist is one who goes beyond the boundary lines of his church, his association, and his state and stays with the actions of his Convention, even though he does not always agree with the program the Convention endorses. For that matter, we doubt that there is a single church in our Convention that does not have one or more members who do not fully agree with the program of the church; but when the church adopts the program, he cooperates in spirit and harmony with what his church does.

It is the writer's opinion that America is closer now to a genuine revival sent from God than she has been in the last fifty years. Southern Baptists will play our part in this revival and measure up to what God expects of us if we do not fumble the ball and become divided in carrying out the program that our Convention has adopted.

Kentucky Private and Chaplain Meet in South Carolinian Baptismal Waters



Pfc. Darrel Blanton, USMC, of Philpot, near Owensboro, Kentucky, is presented with a baptismal certificate by Chaplain Asa W. Jones, Hodgenville, Ky., a member of the Buffalo Baptist Church who is presently stationed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Paris Island, S. C. Chaplain Jones has been at Paris Island since September, 1953. He will be transferred to the 3rd Marine Division in Japan this July. Pfc. Blanton completed his recruit training on April 30 and was then transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, for further training.

Columbia Revival

Ben F. Mitchell

I have just had the happy experience of preaching in a week's revival meeting in the Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, Kentucky, where Dr. Albert H. Phillips is pastor.

There were evidences of a real experience of the transforming power of God. The Columbia Church has many faithful, true saints who prayed and labored faithfully with us. Among them is the retired but still active and vibrant Dr. J. P. Scruggs, former pastor at Russellville, Kentucky. There were 15 additions, ten of which were for baptism.

Brother Phillips and his faithful helpmate have two fine boys, Graham eight, and Dale five, the older of which was baptized by his father at the close of the meeting. They came to Columbia in November 1951, and the church has made notable progress during his brief tenure. Another floor has been added to the educational building, and a house and lot adjacent to the church property has been purchased this year for additional expansion. A mission has been established, and is doing splendid work under the leadership of Pastor Clealus Jacobs, recently ordained by the Columbia Church.

The Southern Baptist Seminary recently accepted the thesis of Brother Phillips, after he had successfully passed his examination. He received the Doctor of Theology degree on May 20. He is a native of Ontario, Canada. Previous to his going to Columbia, he was pastor at Rockport, Indiana, while doing undergraduate work in the Seminary.

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RALLY PROGRAM

Following is the tentative program for the Baptist Men's Rally to be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Friday, June 25, following the free barbecue supper which we will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. (CST) and serve through 7 o'clock. This supper is free to all who come. The program will begin at 7:15 (CST). Here it is:

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| 7:15 | The Piano Plays | Jimmy Jenkins |
| 7:20 | "Every Man in His Place" Singing | Ronald Wells |
| | "Unto the Lord" | W. C. Boone |
| 7:30 | "Every Man in His Place" A devotion | Marion Wiseheart |
| 7:40 | Our Quartette Sings* | "Red" Davis, Ronald Wells
Leon Heltsley, Bill McBeath |
| | | Lucien Coleman |
| 7:45 | Hello—We Are glad you came! | J. C. Ballew |
| 7:55 | "Increasing in Wisdom and Stature, and in favor with God and Man"—(Royal Ambassador Recognition Service) | Everybody |
| 8:15 | Let's Stand Up and Sing | You and I |
| 8:20 | Out of our Abundance | Same Four |
| 8:25 | Our Quartette Sings Again | George W. Schroeder |
| 8:30 | Message | Everybody |
| | God Be With You | |
| | * Miss Sara Skinner, Accompanist. | |

MEN AND BOYS

It is summer time! Therefore it is time for the men and boys of our churches to get together in outdoor activities. Hiking and outdoor camping are two of the favorites. These can be either church or associational projects. Spon-

sor baseball and softball teams. Provide supplies and equipment for these teams. By all means supply leadership for them. Take your boys fishing. They will like that. In other words men, do something to encourage and hold your boys in your church and community.

Religious Oppression Continues in Spain

Two incidents involving religious oppression in Spain were reported in a letter received at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters.

Pastor Ramon Lopez of the Baptist church of Jativa, a deacon of that church, and a printer in Valencia were each fined 2,000 pesetas (more than \$50 in American money) for a tract which came to the attention of the Governor of the province of Valencia.

This tract was printed nine years ago by the Valencia printer at the request of Pastor Lopez, who planned it for use with the orientation of candidates for baptism. Printing of the tract had not been authorized by the government; however, it was not for public use. According to Spanish law, no one is "to be bothered in the private practice of his religious beliefs."

The tract came to the attention of the

Governor while Pastor Lopez was ill and a deacon of the Jativa church was presiding over the regular church services.

"As yet we do not know just how these fines are to be paid," the letter said. "Many Christians prefer to go to jail rather than pay a fine in contradiction to their convictions, even when they have the money."

The second incident concerns Protestant burial. A member of the Baptist church of Badalona, who had formally requested to be buried as a Protestant, was buried in a Catholic cemetery at the insistence of ecclesiastical authorities.

As is the custom of non-Catholics in Spain, the lady had requested Protestant burial in a certificate of last will and testament, signed by her Baptist pastor and other witnesses.

A few hours before the funeral was to take place, her relatives were notified that she must receive Catholic burial. The ecclesiastical authorities said she could never cease to be a Catholic, since she had been baptized and married as a Catholic and since her husband had been buried as a Catholic.

The Baptist pastor appealed to the police and the mayor, but was told by the civil authorities that they could not interfere with these religious matters.

Priests took the body to the local Catholic church for last rites. The burial took place in the Catholic cemetery, although a grave in a plot designated for non-Catholics had already been prepared.

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Pastors who join the Plan at this time will receive credit of 2% of salary for each year of service rendered back to date of inauguration of the Plan in their state. To pastors 30 or over, this will be a definite advantage over other retirement plans the Board offers.

This credit will not be available under any new plan set up by the Board except the new Ministers Security Plan, which is available only to members of the Ministers Retirement Plan. This Plan is the only way one may take advantage of the increased benefits offered by the Ministers Security Plan.

One may elect, however, to stay under the present 3% member-3% church-3% convention basis. All pastors who do not now belong to the Ministers Retirement Plan are urged to take advantage of this

last opportunity to join under this rate of dues.

The retirement plan provides the basic protection of an old age annuity up to \$2,000 per year, and also gives the added protection of a disability annuity up to a maximum of \$500 per year.

Application blanks for joining the Ministers Retirement Plan are available from your state executive secretary or directly from the Relief and Annuity Board. Enclose a check for the first month's dues with your application, and a certificate will be issued. Deadline is July 1, 1954, or within a 90-day grace period, provided dues are paid from that date.

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