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Gleanings From The Field

►Mrs. J. W. Binns, mother of Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, died in Atlanta, Ga., recently.

►The Deanefield Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, recently closed its Vacation Bible School. It had an enrollment of 52. The school was under the direction of the pastor, Billy Carter.

►According to word received by the *Baptist Press* Orbie R. Clem, former editor of the Kansas State Baptist paper, is accepting evangelistic engagements for this year and next. His address is 1149 Jefferson, Wichita, Kansas.

►Dr. Harvey D. Bruce, president of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, recently did the preaching for a revival in the First Baptist Church, Norwalk, Calif., of which Rev. W. E. Harrell is the pastor. In this meeting there were 108 additions; 87 of these coming on a profession of faith and as candidates for baptism.

►Pastor H. Rhea Gray has been conducting a layman's revival during August 22-29 at the Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Louisville. Seven Lynn Acres men were the main revival speakers and ten additional men gave brief testimonies concerning their Christian faith, and still other laymen took care of the song worship, visitation, publicity, ushering, and such things.

►Pastor Clarence R. Brock, Route 5, Lexington, writes that the East Hickman Baptist Church has just finished a two weeks' meeting in which Brother Odell Leigh, pastor of Bullet Lick, Shepherdsville, was the evangelist, resulting in 19 for baptism and 4 by letter. East Hickman was revived. William Schooler, Rosemont Church of Lexington, directed the music.

►The annual meeting of the Philippine Baptist Mission (made up of Southern Baptist missionaries serving in the Philippines), held recently in Manila, revealed tremendous growth during the past year in this country where the work was begun in 1950. Baptist churches and preaching points increased from 11 to 27 during the year. Membership in the churches more than tripled, bringing the total to 901.

►Pastor I. L. Baughn has resigned the care of the First Baptist Church, Sturgis, Ky., to accept the call of the Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, Louisville. In the six years he has been at Sturgis the church has shown much spiritual growth. An educational building has been erected, the church has been rededicated. "As Sunday school superintendent," writes E. M. Cullen, Sturgis, "I have never worked with a pastor and his wife as cooperative in the Sunday school and church work as Brother and Mrs. Baughn have been."

►President Samuel B. Kent, Morgantown, of the Gasper River Associational

Training Union, says that they are making plans for the Southern Region Convention to meet with them September 10-11. Dorothy M. Kent has been named chairman of the Rooms Committee, and Pastor Henry Hedgespeth is chairman of the banquet Committee (phone numbers are 3191 and 3671 respectively). Brother Kent says, "A hearty welcome is extended to everyone thinking about coming this way. Just drop us an early card or letter if you plan to be at the banquet or will need a place to stay."

►The Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, is now engaged in erecting its new auditorium. Windows and doors have been ordered, and they hope to get the wiring, plastering, and heating equipment in by October. A departmental study course for every department of the Sunday school, which has been standard for two years, was conducted July 26 and following. Dr. O. W. Yates, pastor, says that they averaged 203 in Sunday school during June. Since they began their Million More in '54 last October, they were asked to set as their goal a 20% increase in enrollment. During the first nine months they have increased 33-1/3%, and hope to reach 50% by the end of the 12 months.

►Pastor J. Edward Cunningham led in the dedication of the new parsonage of the Campton Baptist Church recently. Approximately 300 attended the day's festivities and more than \$400 was given for the building fund. The church gave the pastor and his wife an old-fashioned pounding. This is one of the churches being served by a county missionary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Brother Cunningham had with him Brethren M. Wendell Belew, general worker of the General Association, and J. Ray Dobbins, of the Beechmont Church, Louisville, assisting in the program. The Beechmont Church of Louisville has been assisting in the erection of the parsonage. Even now the church is looking forward to a new educational building, including a youth center, modern kitchen and dining facilities, nursery, library. Approximately \$1,800 has been raised for this since last December. Sammit Smith, Cocoa, Fla., is directing a program of recreation this summer.

►President D. M. Aldridge writes that the work at Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, Pineville, Ky., is getting off to a good start. "In the future," he writes, "our student solicitation will be directed toward mature men and women of the Southern Mountain region. More especially, will we be looking for opportunities to help our own Kentucky brethren, and preference will be given to them in our work program. The enrollment September 1 will be larger than we had anticipated. Of

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course, our same type of educational program will be pursued. Directed courses of study are planned to cover three or four years. We will also, offer basic courses for those not ready for the Bible school work. We shall continue to serve students, who for reasons either controlled or uncontrolled, fail to gain the educational background usually gained by our Baptist brethren during their early adulthood. Since our financial policy will be entirely in line with the wishes of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, I believe that the future of Clear Creek Bible School is very bright."

The Non-Baptist Christian College

By W. JACK WILSON
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I was talking the other day with a young man who plans to enter the Baptist ministry. He was asking about where he should attend college.

In the course of the conversation it became apparent that he had been strongly influenced in the direction of a well-known non-denominational Christian college. He asked my opinion about it.

This seems to be a matter of increasing importance to our prospective ministers. It occurred to me that a clear picture of what such action would involve might help him and other young men in similar situations.

I write this article with a certain amount of reluctance, well aware that it is controversial and may be misunderstood by some. This is not intended as a criticism of any particular college, nor of non-denominational colleges in general. God apparently uses all Christian groups, including independent Christian colleges. But when it comes to a question of where your son or future pastor goes to college, we must remember that something is involved besides whether or not the college is a Christian college.

I am a graduate of a Baptist college, but previously attended two non-denominational Christian schools, and was later on the faculty of one for a brief period. I believe the following observations, made as a result of personal experience, are important and should be considered by any prospective Baptist minister trying to decide where to attend college.

1. Every Baptist pastor can testify that one of the greatest blessings in the ministry is the close ties and friendships with other Baptist pastors. Such ties endure for years and across several states, and occasionally around the world.

It is true that many of these contacts and friendships are made while in seminary. It is also true that most Baptist ministerial students are able to fill student pastorates while they are in college, and thus make invaluable friendships and contacts. The student attending a non-denominational college does not usually have this opportunity. He often finds it a little difficult to establish himself on the same basis with those who have "grown up together" in the ministry.

It is not a matter of desiring to be "cliquish" or of maintaining a "closed corporation," as one young man complained recently. It is the same problem that faces any new-comer into a

long established group, business, social, or religious.

Some young ministers have discovered that their ministry was hindered or retarded while other younger men, perhaps with less native ability, will find larger and more effective positions of service because they were in on the "ground floor." It is not a matter of "politics," nor is it planned favoritism. It is unavoidable that a young man must prove himself.

2. Most non-denominational schools claim to be "inter-denominational," and they encourage young ministers to continue to be active in their denomination. But such a college cannot possibly have a faculty which is thoroughly familiar with Baptist literature and programs. So the young Baptist minister does not become familiar with the details of his denominational programs and literature.

3. Since most non-denominational schools have no connection with a regular theological seminary, there is a tendency to discourage or discount the importance of further training at a seminary. They often imply or frankly state that they will provide all the education needed, and that their graduates are ready to step into any position of leadership which may be open. Many fine, capable young men have been tragically misled by this idea, and have missed some really great opportunities for service because of a lack of sufficient and thorough theological training.

4. The "independent" attitude and philosophy which characterize many non-denominational Christian colleges usually leads one away from a co-operative denominational program. It is one thing to be a Baptist in doctrine, and quite another thing to be a Baptist in spirit. Cooperation has made our associations and conventions the great

power for God that they are. Willing cooperation is the backbone of Baptist effectiveness, and "independence" of the wrong sort tends to retard progress.

Unfortunately, most non-denominational colleges seem to instill a critical, divisive attitude in many of their graduates. This does not make for the kind of unity and fellowship which we must have to remain strong. Why should our young ministers expose and subject themselves to such an attitude?

5. Because of this critical, non-cooperative attitude, some churches have had unfortunate experiences with pastors who came from independent colleges. This acts as an automatic hindrance to any other pastor coming from that background. Some will be suspicious of him from the beginning. Even though he may be sound in doctrine and have a fine, co-operative spirit, he must prove himself in a way that those coming through recognized denominational channels do not need to do.

6. Since non-denominational colleges do not have the financial support of a large and established group of people, their financial position is often rather shaky. As a result, they often lack the funds to provide necessary equipment and faculty for the highest quality of education. It usually costs just as much to attend such a non-accredited school as it does one which meets the highest standards. Why spend money for second quality when the same money will buy the best?

I am well aware that there are many fine ministers who have attended non-denominational colleges. There are some outstanding exceptions to the general rule that the most successful Baptist ministers are graduates of Baptist colleges.

I am also grateful for the training I received from the two secular and the two non-Baptist Christian colleges which I attended. Many of the faculty were godly and exerted a strong, wholesome spiritual influence. I have found, however, that the same is true to an equal or greater extent in most of our excellent Baptist institutions.

All Baptist schools are not alike or equal in all aspects. We cannot place our wholesale, uncritical approval upon a man or a school simply because they happen to be Baptist. However it has taken years of consecrated sacrifice and millions of dollars to provide the excellent educational opportunities in our Baptist colleges. Any young man, called of God to the gospel ministry, would do well to place his confidence and his future in the hands of the Baptist men and colleges which have produced the great men whom God has used to lead us to this hour.

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►Sam Reeves, for the past ten years pastor in El Dorado, Ark., is the new pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.

"FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING:" In the July 29 issue of the RELIGIOUS HERALD, Virginia, our highly esteemed friend, Editor Reuben E. Alley said:

"In fairness to all concerned it seems that something should be said to make clear the position of Southern Baptists with respect to certain church policies. An open letter from a Baptist minister in Vancouver, B. C., sets forth the writer's grounds for desiring affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Canadian friend seems to have special concern about 'alien immersion' and 'open communion' as obnoxious practices of all except two of the Baptist churches of his country. He wants to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention in order to escape these 'evils.' All of our friends in Canada deserve to be informed that many churches of the Southern Baptist Convention practice 'alien immersion' and 'open communion.' It is true of the churches in Virginia where the fellowship is quite similar to that in Canada. If our friend in New Brunswick is searching for a relationship free from these 'heretical beliefs,' he will not find it in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Dr. Alley uses the words, "in all fairness," and we sincerely believe he wants to be fair. He also states that he wishes "to make clear the position of Southern Baptists with respect to certain church policies," obviously having in mind the questions of "alien immersion" and so-called "open communion" and the fact that some churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention do recognize alien immersion and practice open communion. We offer the following to shed more light on the question of the church ordinances as practiced by Southern Baptist churches:

Not long ago the now discontinued Committee On Relations With Other Religious Bodies (SBC) conducted a cross-section survey over the territory of the Convention to discover, as well as such a survey could reveal the true facts, the beliefs and practices of the churches. The entire report of that Committee and its findings may be found on pages 446-451 of the 1953 Annual of the SBC. The question asked in the survey centered primarily on the teachings and practices of the churches with respect to baptism and the Lord's Supper. Some of the questions and findings are here presented:

Q. "What percentage of the churches confine the participation of the Lord's Supper to their own members?" Answer: "37 per cent." Obviously this means that 37 per cent of the churches do not even invite members of other Baptist churches.

Q. "What percentage of the churches invite other bodies of any faith or denomination to have part with them in this observance" [Lord's Supper]? Answer: "five per cent."

Q. "What percentage of your churches accept members to full fellowship who have been immersed by other bodies than Baptist churches?" Answer: "Eleven and one-half per cent."

Q. "What percentage of your churches practice restricted, or so-called 'close communion'?" Answer: "Eighty-nine per cent."

Q. "What percentage of the churches in your territory practice open church membership?" Answer: "One-half of one per cent."

Q. "What percentage of the churches in your territory believe that all Christians should be baptized; that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by the authority of the church; that it is an act of obedience, but in itself has no saving power?" Answer: "Ninety-seven per cent."

Our friend, Dr. Alley, did not state that the trend among Southern Baptist churches is toward "alien immersion" and "open communion," nor did he say that anything like a majority practice such. He said "many" do, and that "it is true of the churches in Virginia where Baptist fellowship is quite similar to that in Canada." Obviously, however, the vast majority of Southern Baptist churches do not recognize "alien immersion" or practice "open communion." In the light of the survey made and reported to the Convention in 1953 at Houston, it would seem that the word *many* would come nearer describing Southern Baptist churches which are strict in their practice of the ordinances. Certainly it is unquestionably true here in Kentucky where only a few of the churches affiliated with our General Association recognize "alien immersion" and practice "open communion."

"CHURCH NOT A DEMOCRACY:" Editor H. H. McGinty, *The Word and Way*, Missouri Baptist state paper, said recently in an editorial:

"'God forgive us!' said Dr. Duke K. McCall at the recent dedication of the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas. 'We have talked much about our churches and said each is a democracy. They are not a democracy; they are indeed a theocracy. This is to say, the Son of God is the head of the church, and the church must spread through the democratic processes, the will and vision of God Himself. You and I must ever understand that; we must never forget it. God forgive us if ever we as individuals and groups substitute our own will for the leadership of the Son of God.'

"It is a word well spoken. Maybe we have talked too much about the freedom of the individual Christian and not enough about the Lordship of Christ in every Christian's life. Maybe we have put too much emphasis on the autonomy of the local church and not enough on the sovereignty of Christ in every church. Maybe we have said too much about the rule of the majority and not enough about the rule of God.

"In every New Testament church it must be written in large letters, 'This is Christ's church.' It is not instituted to carry out the will of the people; it is set for he proclamation of he gospel of Christ and the fulfillment of His will.

"You will not need to travel far to find churches that are rent by strife and weakened by dissension. In the majority of these, this tragic situation is the result of the substitution of the will of men for the will of God.

"Let us talk less about the freedom of the individual and more about the Lordship of Jesus. Let us

seek less the rule of the people and more the rule of God.”

Our Comments: Drs. McCall and McGinty are basically right. Christ is the Head of every church and His will supreme. God's will, revealed in the Word of God by the Holy Spirit, is our rule of faith and practice. We must magnify His Lordship and acknowledge His will as supreme.

But on the other hand, we need not magnify less the democracy and autonomy of Baptist churches. Our democracy and autonomy say to the State, and to all other religious bodies—even other Baptist churches—that each church has, under God, the right to interpret the Bible for itself as the Holy Spirit guides “into all truth.”

If a would-be hierarchic group seeks to impress its will on a church, make it conform to its own established pattern, then, because Christ is the only Master and because His Word is the only rule of faith and practice, it can, by “democratic processes” as Dr. McCall expressed it, set aside the edicts of authoritarian human groups and determine its own course in the light of the Word of God.

Let us magnify no less the democracy of Baptist churches, nor their autonomy; but within the scope of spiritual democracy and autonomy, let each church be certain it proceeds within the will of God; they are democracies in their relation to the State and to each other. They are theocracies in their relationship to Christ their only Head.

MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROADERS: There are still a few who think they are conservatives and who are regarded by a segment of the public as conservative because they always occupy a middle-of-the-road position on every question. Some of the so-called middle-of-the-roads are merely opportunists; they take the course of expediency; they do not wish to lose the support and friendship of either side; they are waverers, and if you follow them long enough you will discover they drive both left and right according to the crowd at the moment; they are shilly-shally dillydalliers, asses between two bundles of hay and wishing to feast on both. Thank God, there are not many such, but you have found a few through the years. Beware of the man who is afraid to tell everybody exactly where he stands; beware of the chameleon who changes color according to his environment. Some of them could wriggle through a barrel of fishhooks and never get a scratch (they think). All the world loves and trusts a man who has convictions as deep as life itself but who holds those convictions in love for men and as a servant of God. High character and conviction are still the legitimate parents of lasting and constructive achievement. When you see a man who is unwilling to “stick his neck out” on a really vital issue, you can put it down as certain that there is not much man on one end of that neck and not much head on the other. The time has come when all men need to throw their souls into problems confronting us.

And yet there are good and wise men who take a middle-of-the-road position because they regard, with all their being, that position as right. For such

we have infinite respect and in them we impose deepest confidence. They serve to stabilize the rest of us and guard against dangerous extremes which sometimes destroy an otherwise great people. A man is not necessarily right because he is vociferant, clamorous. A loud string can be off pitch. And the man who is always elbowing his brethren can end up with a lot of his skin missing. Conviction; good common sense; love for the truth and love for the brethren: these, too, are needed now!

NEGLECT OF VOTING RIGHTS: According to *Report From The Capitol* (published by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.), United States citizens neglect woefully their voting rights—less than half of the potential voters (those old enough to vote) going to the polls. The data furnished are from the *Congressional Quarterly* of January 29, 1954 and “are open knowledge on Capitol Hill.”

Baptists, being a sizable voting power in many states, must share in the justly placed blame for failure to exercise suffrage rights. Here are some of the facts gleaned:

Out of a total potential 96,833,000 voters in the U.S. in 1950, only 41.8 per cent voted. In Kentucky that year, only 28 per cent of a possible 1,743,000 voted; in Tennessee, only 13.3 per cent; in Alabama, only 8.7 per cent; in Mississippi, only 7.3 per cent; in South Carolina, only 4.4 per cent; in Texas, only 7.6 per cent; in Virginia, 10.5 per cent; in Louisiana, 14.3 per cent; in Florida, 13.9 per cent; in North Carolina, 22.6 per cent; in Arkansas, 26.6 per cent; in Georgia, 12.6 per cent. The highest percentage of the voters going to the polls were in Utah—67.7.

This means that, in national elections, certain segments of the United States are dominated by the rest—a situation for which the non-voters are to be blamed. It is the right and duty of every citizen to go to the polls and vote. They should, of course, be informed and conscientious, but nevertheless they ought to exercise their sovereign right as citizens.

► **Today it is not the open communists, the admitted followers of Marx and Lenin, who are likely to trip us up. It is the naturalists, the soft thinkers, the agrarian reformers, the welfare staters and collectivists who merely decry the methods but are blind to the aims of international communism.—Allen W. Dulles.**

► **Idleness is the bane of the body and mind, the nurse of naughtiness, the chief mother of all mischief, one of the deadly sins, the devil's cushion, his pillow and chief reposal.—New Outlook.**

► **Spires outlast spears; altars are more lasting than armament; freedom, truth, love are invincible. They belong to the stuff of eternity.—Jos. R. Sizoo.**

► **World War II cost this country \$360 billion, or nearly ten times as much as World War I, and more than 1,000 times as much as the Revolutionary War.—Link.**

► **Don't criticize your wife too harshly. It may be that it was her poor judgment that kept her from getting a better husband.—Quote.**

A Personal Report on Southern Baptists in the Northwest

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For a long time the Lord has been preparing the way in the Northwest for our Southern Baptist work. It would seem regrettable that we have not been working here any more than five years formally, nevertheless since we started the work officially in May, 1949 it has grown by leaps and bounds.

There is a thrilling account of how the Lord moved Southern Baptists into this great country with all its natural resources and beauty which had its beginning May 25, 1844. On that date the first Baptist church in Oregon was organized near Hillsboro, Oregon in the home of a Missouri deacon and called a Kentucky Baptist as pastor, Rev. Vincent Snelling. Two Associations of Southern churches sprang up rapidly and had a good start with 17 churches and one college. There was little hope for them when denied recognition by the Southern Convention in 1894, so that very little gain was ever conserved.

Today there is a far brighter picture and the picture is not mere hopes but reality. We have grown from the 21 churches we started with in 1949 to 86 as of May, 1954. How we thank God for the ever increasing number of (FORTRESSES OF THE TRUTH) New Testament churches, "Pillar and Ground of the Truth."

I came to the Northwest soon after graduation exercises of Southern Seminary in May 1951. I was with the Home Mission Board under the Student Mission Program. Portland was my field of service with only one of our Southern Baptist churches and two missions. Just before my 10-week period was completed, God worked out my highest ambition. The East Side Branch of the First Southern Baptist Church organized the Lincoln Street Baptist Church and I was called as pastor.

Earlier that year while in a chapel service at the seminary when the goal for the number of new churches to be organized that year in the Northwest was announced, I felt a spontaneous response given to the Lord, "You can count me in on one of them." That became my prayer before I knew I could go to the Northwest for God.

The next year through another miracle of God, a new field was laid upon my heart right on the edge of Portland where less than 10 per cent of the population are evangelicals who attend

church regularly. Within six months our mission was organized into a church and the first year reported 22 baptisms. There were many trials and struggles in our rented building until we finally secured a nice lot for building. Then we could only build a temporary frame structure with a sawdust floor and flexible plastic glass for windows to house our faithful group through the winter. (We called it, roughing it in pioneer style.) Nonetheless we were thankful for



Edmon Burgher, Jr.

what we had; a portion of our lot was paid for by a friend in Kentucky.

Since the first of this year we have seen two more churches organized in Portland bringing the total to eight. In September 1950 the one church had 275 enrolled in Sunday school and now the eight and one mission have over 1600. What is happening in Portland is happening all over our two-state convention of Oregon-Washington. How grateful we are to take the program of Southern Baptists and plant it in this fertile soil that cries out for the gospel. Of course there are many religions that are making a bid for this country but none quite so strong as we, though we are still far back in the ranks.

God has blessed us in every way but perhaps the most notable is in his selection of our leaders. Our executive secretary who has been with us years before our entry into the convention is

Dr. R. E. Milam. He is very capable and on every hand it is evident that God has been preparing him for such a work. His father was a pioneer Baptist preacher from Texas. He along with the whole staff have launched out and taken the ground literally by faith! Miracles have taken place here and continue. One of the most recent is our chair of Bible just off the campus of the University of Washington, with her 17,000 students. It is accredited by Baylor University.

Our responsibility last year was seen to reach even to Canada where we found Baptists of like faith grasping for a rope that would give a true pattern of New Testament work. We shall ever be indebted to the wonderful leaders of our convention who have visited our country already and given us assistance when we needed it. They are still bearing the load but there is more, much more, that could be done if a few more could lift up our arms. We need MEN, men of God for our churches; we need WOMEN, women who are courageous and sacrificial; we need young people; we need mission building loans, and God will supply all our needs!

The future looks bright for our church. We just finished a revival with 14 additions by baptism and 1 by letter. We are planning for a record Vacation Bible School and then it is hopeful for a mission Bible School. We do not have a loan available yet for our building but we do expect to get into a new building before winter.

The wonderful Christian fellowship experienced here among our churches is amazing. Of course it creeps into our Associations and Convention from the local churches. I felt it quite in order last November to announce the birth of our third son to a host of friends as our Training Union Convention adjourned by passing out three cartons of chewing gum! The bond of love unifies our hearts in the pursuit of our calling here in God's great Northwest.

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►The first services of the Eastern Heights Baptist Chapel, a mission of the Southside Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., were held in the Ingrahamville School on French Street, Jeffersonville, Ind., Sunday, July 25, 1954. There were 30 in attendance in Sunday school and 60 in Training Union the first Sunday. There were 16 received the first Sunday as charter members and 8 additions on August 1. A number of workers from Southside are working in the mission. Rev. Ralph O. Britt, a student in the Southern Seminary, is pastor of the Chapel. He comes to the Ohio Valley from Columbus, Ga., where he had a heating and air-conditioning business. He and his wife, Mildred, are from Atlanta, Ga., and are presently living at L-8 Seminary Village, Louisville 6, Ky.

Scripture Cannot Be Broken

By S. E. ANDERSON

The article, "Is the Bible Verbally Inspired," in the November 26, 1953, WATCHMAN-EXAMINER drew considerable fan mail. Every letter was courteous; all but two were favorable, and those two raised honest questions which deserve an answer.

First, a short article cannot tell everything about a big subject. In discussing the inspiration of the Bible, we should think of the original manuscripts and not the King James Version, or any other. The writer has fourteen versions in five languages.

In centuries past, copyists have taken liberties with the ancient Hebrew and Greek texts. Why? Perhaps because they did not hold to verbal inspiration, but to "thought inspiration" instead. They thought they could improve on the older texts, hence the variant readings in our old manuscripts. Now our best scholars must exercise meticulous care in their efforts to restore the exact jot and tittle of the original inspired Scriptures. That they are succeeding is indicated by a comparison with the newly discovered Dead Sea Scrolls, which are about 2,000 years old.

Second, the Bible does not teach the Ptolemaic system. Of course, it refers to the four winds of heaven, meaning all winds; it speaks of the four corners of the earth, just as we do when we mean all directions; it speaks of the sun rising and setting, just as sensible people do now. The Bible never says the earth is flat; its sphericity is indicated in at least five passages: Deuteronomy 4:19; Job 26:7; Proverbs 8:27; Isaiah 40:22; Luke 17:24-26.

Third, every archaeological discovery touching Bible history proves the Bible accurate, with never an exception. Jesus seemed to believe in Genesis, why then should not we, in spite of critics like, Astru, Wellhausen, and Ingersoll? A recent article in The Reader's Digest, "How the Bible Is Building Israel," reveals the marvelous accuracy of the Old Testament.

Fourth, the Bible does bear witness to itself, and properly so. The sun is its own best witness; it needs no philosopher to tell us that it gives light. A flying airplane, heavier than air, is its own demonstration that it works. A radio filling a room with symphonic music is its own proof of fidelity. An accurate watch demonstrates its time-keeping ability. So the Bible sheds divine light on every human problem; it lifts us from earth to heaven; it fills believing souls with heavenly music; and it keeps us in coordination with

God's will. Who, then, can doubt the divine—meaning the precise—inspiration of the Bible?

The Bible rightly claims and amply proves its own inspiration. The Old Testament canon was fixed when Jesus spoke and when Paul wrote; both endorsed the entire Old Testament. (Luke 24:44, 45; II Timothy 3:16.) And every New Testament writer had several cre-

Bob Beaty, Son of Pastor Shelby R. Beaty, Marion, Ky., Ordained in Texas



Robert R. Beaty

TYLER, Texas.—Robert R. Beaty was ordained to the ministry on August 1, 1954, at 2:30 by the Calvary Baptist Church here. The pastor, W. L. Shuttlesworth, acted as moderator and led in the questioning. Deacon Claude Fletcher, Marion, Ky., led the ordaining prayer.

After the laying on of hands, Rev. Leo Rudd, Bible teacher at the Baptist Student Center, Tyler Junior College, presented the Bible. Dr. Porter M. Bales, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tyler, gave the charge to the church. Mr. C. L. Martin, educational director of the Calvary Church, sang a solo.

Robert Beaty's father, Rev. Shelby R. Beaty, pastor of the Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Ky., and a former pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, preached the sermon and gave the charge to the candidate. The council was composed of 43 preachers and deacons.

dentials; apostolicity or intimacy with apostles, eyewitnesses, researchers as in Luke 1:1-4, approval by apostles and by the Lord himself, and assurance of divine inspiration in John 14:26; 15:26; 27; 16:13. What more can one ask? Those good men were not liars; they were Spirit-filled to an extent unknown in our generation. Let us trust them. Our world has always been blessed by wholehearted believers in the Bible, but where has God shown his approval upon Bible-deniers?

Fifth, the world's intelligentsia have not yet given us a better book! Thirty years ago, H. G. Wells proposed that our best scholars should write a new Bible, one "worthy of this enlightened age." But where do we have one scholar, or a combination of mental prodigies, who can equal the writings of Peter and John, who were "unlearned and ignorant men" (Greek, *agrammatoi eisin kai idiotai*)? How can anyone account for their amazing superiority apart from verbal inspiration?

Surely, it is no mark of superior scholarship to doubt God's repeated assertions of his own authorship. "Every scripture is inspired of God" (II Timothy 3:16). This is a good and solid premise for all of us, and since every scripture consists of words, then the words are divinely inspired. What is the alternative—Hegelian dialecticism? Inner light? Changeable science? Neo-orthodox speculation as to what is God's Word?

Our bewildered world needs an authority, an absolute, a Bible that is authentic and reliable. We have it. Let us then believe it, thank God for it, and obey it courageously.—*Watchman-Examiner*.

Administrator Named For Jacksonville Hospital

Lawrence R. Payne, executive director of the East Texas Foundation and administrator of the Medical Hospital, Tyler, Texas, assumed his new position as administrator of the new Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., on Sept. 1, according to announcement made by Frank Tripp, administrator of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans. Native of Dallas, he received his education at Hardin-Simmons University. In 1932 he became assistant superintendent of Baylor Hospital, Dallas, and was administrator of the Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco, from 1938 to 1943. In the latter year he returned to Baylor Hospital as administrator and remained there until 1951.

►Religious groups spent \$5,000,000 more than was spent in June for church buildings during the month of July and \$11,000,000 more than in July last year. It raised total expenditures for the first seven months of the year to \$302,000,000, a gain of 22 per cent over the \$248,000,000 spent in the same period of 1953.

HOW BIG, *Southern Baptists?*

By CHARLES L. MCKAY
Baptist Sunday School Board

When viewed historically Southern Baptists present an unrepresented pattern of growth. Starting with a mere handful in 1845, but with a compassion for reaching lost people for Christ, going under the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit, they have had marvelous success in reaching the multitudes.

With more than 29,000 churches and a total membership of over 8,000,000 no one could question the fact that Southern Baptists have grown. Some have said, "We are getting too large." Some are saying that too much emphasis is placed on numbers these days. Others are saying, "Whither to now?"

Such statements are pertinent. Nevertheless, a few things should be seriously and prayerfully considered in regard to Southern Baptists and their responsibility for reaching people.

1. As long as Southern Baptists reach people with a Bible-centered program there is little danger of getting too large by reaching too many people. The Bible has and is the answer to peoples needs.

2. Southern Baptists will never become too large as long as each individual church insists on a regenerated, scripturally baptized membership. This calls for a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ on the part of everyone who comes into this fellowship. The Bible states this experience as the new birth. The new birth is wrought by the Holy Spirit when an individual repents for sin and believes on Christ as Lord and Saviour.

3. As long as Southern Baptists grow from within as fast as they grow from without there need be no fear of their size. This calls for an ever expanding program of enlargement. Buildings must be continually enlarged. More buildings must be built. Physical equipment must keep pace with the needs of the growth in numbers. Trained workers must be provided. The organization must be kept enlarged in order to assimilate and conserve the gains in each church. Dr. Scarborough well said, "One hundred additions to a church are one hundred liabilities until they are assembled." Dr. Clay I. Hudson said that it is just as important to save a life as it is to save a soul. Jesus commissioned New Testament churches to teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Evangelism is never completed until the evangelized became evangelists. When that is done Southern Baptists need not be afraid that they are too many. Use them and you will not lose them.

Is it that some are not willing to pay the price of growing from within? Surely we are to go on making bigger plans and keep on reaching more people. One who would let Christ control must be interested in numbers—large numbers. The biggest effort ever attempted by Southern Baptists only made provision to reach one out of forty-seven possibilities (responsibilities). Who said that "A Million More in '54" was too much task?

4. Never will Southern Baptists grow too large as long as they keep organizing and growing churches after the New Testament order. The regions beyond present a wonderful opportunity for the present churches to move out and move in and possess the unpossessed territory. It will take fast and hard work to put a New Testament church within easy reach of every member of every family as the need demands.

5. Southern Baptists will never become too large as long as they undergird and utilize their State Baptist papers to keep our people informed. Our

Wilburn L. Taylor Goes To Sunday School Board



Wilburn L. Taylor, planning and scheduling supervisor in the Operations Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, a new position in the Board's extensive re-organization, effective September 1. Taylor has been production manager of *FARM AND RANCH* magazine, Nashville, since 1951. —Baptist Press.

editors are good sound interpreters of the Bible. They help greatly to indoctrinate our constituency. Every pastor would be greatly benefited to have the "Every Family Plan" in his church. It is a good assistant pastor. Only eternity will reveal what our Baptist editors and papers are worth to the cause of Christ.

Dr. Sweet, in his book on *Religion in the Development of American Culture*, makes an observation worthy of our consideration. Says he, "The phenomenal growth of the Baptist denomination in the United States has been due to four factors. First, the simplicity of its doctrine. Second, the democracy of its organization. Third, its ability to propagate itself without overhead machinery. Fourth, its appeal to the common man because of its simple doctrine and its democratic policy. Will Southern Baptists continue to follow the pattern set by those who have gone on?"

In Mark 1:38, "Jesus said, let us go on . . ." Surely the task of Southern Baptists has just begun. As never before they are prepared to reach people for Christ.

65 Attend Chinese Youth Conference in Philippines

RICHMOND, Va. — At the closing service of the fourth annual Chinese Youth Conference held recently in Manila, Philippine Islands, 11 young people made professions of faith in Christ for the first time and 18 others dedicated their lives to Christian service.

The 65 young people attending the five-day conference came from seven Chinese centers on the islands of Luzon, Mindanao, and Cebu. Most of the conferees were members of Chinese Baptist churches or had direct contact with the young people's work of those churches.

The conference program centered around the theme, "Walking as Christ Walked."

A highlight of the conference, according to Southern Baptist Missionary, Theresa Anderson, was the day spent at a government recreation center near the University of the Philippines.

"It was a public holiday, the day which the Catholics call Holy Thursday, a day of suffering, in which no form of gaiety can be indulged in" Miss Anderson wrote. "But through the course of that day's meetings we were able, in the midst of a Catholic world, to demonstrate that a life truly in God is not one bereft of joy on certain days of the year, but rather one which perennially is filled with praise unto him."

Concerning the conference, she added, "We felt we were reaping the fruits, not of one conference, but of four—not of one year of missionary service in one place, but of five years of missionary service in many places."

An Interim Pastor?

By WALKER L. NIGHT
In Baptist Standard

If your church is without a pastor, or when such an event does occur, secure an interim pastor.

That's the advice of pastors and workers who are well acquainted with both sides of the question, "Should a church have an interim pastor?"

This was the question that the *Baptist Standard* asked pastors and denominational workers throughout the state. They were also asked who made the best interim pastor and what were the advantages and disadvantages of an interim pastor.

How Does the Church Benefit?

And just how does a church benefit by having an interim pastor? Here's a summary of what the cross-section group wrote the *Standard*:

There is continuity of service.

The denominational program is kept before the people.

Pressure on the church from ministers seeking the pastorate is somewhat relieved.

The pulpit committee is given more time and does not have to concern itself with a supply.

The membership will feel greater responsibility.

There is no breakdown in attendance and spiritual power.

Dangers?

But almost everyone stressed some danger for which a church should watch:

The interim pastor will not have a program.

He may seek the pastorate on a permanent basis.

The church may become satisfied with the interim pastor and not seek a pastor or move too slowly in calling one.

A long term program might be advanced with which the new pastor will not be in hearty accord.

One contributor wrote, "I recommend that every pastorless church call an interim pastor where the plan for calling a regular pastor makes this possible. I have known interim pastors who added to the burdens of a pastorless church, and in some cases the church was faced with the problem of having to get rid of the interim pastor before they could call a regular pastor.

"These cases are rare, and where one church has been hurt *many churches are greatly blessed by the services of the interim pastor.*"

This writer continued, "Most of the

problems which arise in using an interim pastor could have been avoided if, at the beginning, all concerned could have had a thorough understanding of this relationship. A public statement concerning this should be made when the interim pastor is first presented to the congregation. He should follow this with a statement concerning his desires and his purpose in the position he has accepted."

With almost the same thought another wrote, "It should be thoroughly understood that the interim pastor is not a prospective pastor for the church. This should be an initial statement before both people and interim pastor."

"An interim pastor," another pastor writes, "will help keep the work of the church at a high level. The membership will feel a much greater respon-

Ray Stewart Called To New Liberty Church

Pastor Ray Stewart, a native of North Carolina, and formerly pastor at Verona, Ky., and chaplain in the U. S. Navy, is the new pastor of the New Liberty Bap-



Pastor Ray Stewart

tist Church, New Liberty, Ky., and has just concluded a revival there in which the preaching was done by Brother Norris Fulfer, student at Southwestern Seminary. There were 11 additions by baptism, and there have been 19 additions since Brother Stewart went there June 17.

sibility to him than they will to a policy of having different men supply the pulpit each Sunday. They will have one definite person to whom they can look to perform weddings, to conduct funerals, and help out in the other situations that may arise. There is a definiteness about such work."

What Kind of Man?

Then, just what type person makes the best interim pastor?

One said, "I believe that a retired pastor, head of an institution, or denominational worker is best."

Another writes, "A capable man who would not in any way be available for service as the regular pastor would be the best."

"The best interim pastor," another writes, "is always that man who is not interested or cannot be swayed to consider the church himself. We have a great number of highly capable men in denominational places and in teaching positions in our schools and administrative positions in our institutions that need to be preaching, ought to be preaching, and want to be preaching. Such a practice as having an interim pastor affords these men opportunities to share the message of their hearts and to leave the impact of their personality in the minds and hearts of the people."

But one writes, "My experience indicates that there is no general classification to follow in selecting the man who will serve most efficiently. The benefits derived by the services of an interim pastor depend upon the man called."

But to sum up, another is quoted, "An interim pastor is the best thing that can happen to a church while it is pastorless."

Dr. Franklin Owen Is Commended to Kentucky Baptists

Dr. Franklin Pearce Owen, new pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, is praised highly in a letter which came from a South Carolina friend to Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College. We are grateful to Dr. Eddleman for passing the friend's statement on to us that we might in turn give it to Kentucky Baptists. He said:

"Frank Owen is a real man, solid as a rock, as honest and frank as the light of truth itself. I happen to know that he is greatly interested in denominational education. He does his own thinking as anybody who is worth his salt does. He is a great cooperative Baptist."

The Western Recorder, in behalf of Kentucky Baptists, congratulates both Dr. Owen and the Calvary Church. We pray they may have many happy, prosperous years of service together.—Ed.

The Brotherhood and the 1955 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade

GEORGE W. SCHROEDER, Executive Secretary
Brotherhood Commission, S. B. C.

Southern Baptists are soon to put forth one of their greatest efforts in the field of evangelism. Under the direction of C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, and state superintendents of Evangelism, Evangelistic Crusades will be held in every section served by our Convention during the spring of 1955.

The Brotherhood Commission is pleased with the part it will have in the 1955 Evangelistic Crusades. No task could be more challenging to our men than that of conducting cottage prayer meetings—500,000 of them—during the periods of preparation for the simultaneous efforts. To promote and conduct the meetings—an average of one for every fifteen church members—will be a tremendous undertaking.

The prayer meetings prior to the revivals prepared for by the men, under the guidance of their pastors, will determine whether or not the revivals which follow will be as far-reaching as they should. We cannot depend upon our organizational structure adopted for the evangelistic efforts to achieve the desired results. Such machinery is a means to an end, not the end within itself. We must empower through prayer our organized efforts if we are to reach people properly and tellingly for Christ. All of us will concur that prayer and revival are inseparable. One is dependent upon the other. It has always been so. It will ever be.

It has been stated so many times that perhaps it has lost some of its significance. The fact remains, however, that the key which will unlock the door for success in the coming Crusades is prayer. *Prayer will make the difference.* Without divine leadership and guidance, we cannot achieve success for our Lord. This being true, then the importance of the prayer meetings preceding the Crusades are all important. They need careful attention, both in planning and conducting. They should have good leadership. Church members should be enlisted in the attendance of them.

These prayer meetings are to be periods during which the participants will ask God to help them, their fellow church members, the pastor, evangelist, song leader, and other workers in the revival. Prayers should be specific. Don't ask God to save every one and mention no one. Lost people should be prayed for by name. Then, after pray-

ing, help God to answer the prayers by devoting some time and effort to contact people for Christ.

It is not too early to begin planning for the cottage prayer meetings in your church. Pastors and Brotherhood leaders should start immediately to:

1. Divide the church territory into districts.

2. Make lists of members living in each district so that these names can be made available to those who will be responsible for the building of attendances.

3. Secure homes in which to hold meetings.

4. Enlist leaders to conduct prayer services.

5. Hold meetings of chosen leaders to acquaint them fully with the purposes and possibilities of the prayer meetings.

It is suggested that a goal be set that will call for the holding of at least one cottage prayer meeting for every fifteen members in the church. For example, if your church has 180 members, plan for twelve cottage prayer meetings—three each night for four nights during the week preceding the revival. If your church has more or less members, then govern the number of meetings and the nights to hold them accordingly.

And this final word: May it once again be said that prayer will be the key to the success of the Crusades. These 500,000 cottage prayer meetings, properly promoted and conducted, can assure success for the Lord in this tremendous evangelistic undertaking. These cottage prayer meetings must not be overlooked in making arrangements for the Crusades.

President Aldridge Denies Article Concerning the Mountain People

President D. M. Aldridge, Mountain Preachers Bible School, Clear Creek Springs, Pineville, Kentucky, writes us a vigorous denial of statements made in an article which appeared "in the COURIER-JOURNAL and various other newspapers entitled 'Religion Wears No Tie In Pudgin Creek, Kentucky'."

Aldridge declares that at no time did he grant anyone an interview, and that to his knowledge he never met the author of the article, Miller Davis. And

he adds that the article has caused him a great deal of embarrassment, and that the people whom he served in Breathitt County were "quite resentful."

President Aldridge also says: "Evidently, Author Miller Davis heard me speak and then attempted to produce the dramatic story from memory. It does contain an element of truth, but it is so mixed with error that I would not have recognized myself had not my name and the name of the Magoffin Baptist Institute appeared in the article."

To President Aldridge's statement we add our regret that all too many times reporters, unintentionally, perhaps, add color and detail which did not exist. Articles when so written become mere fiction. President Aldridge is a thorough and understanding friend of the mountain people—a great people indeed. This writer began his work among mountain people in another state and he knows that many of America's greatest are among them.—Editor.

Christian Education Emphasis Scheduled For April 10 in '55

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Plans for the 1955 Convention-wide April emphasis on Christian education were approved by members of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools and by members of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention during a joint meeting in Nashville.

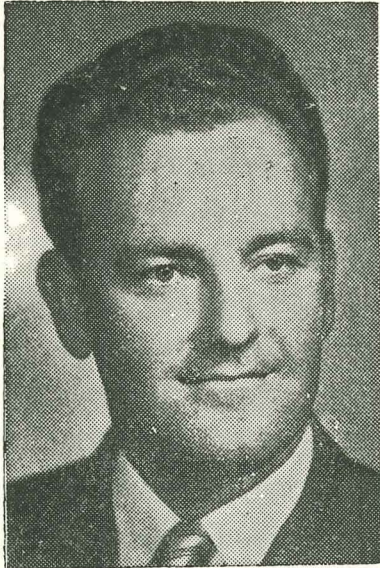
The primary emphasis in 1955 will be during the regular Training Union programs and a fellowship hour scheduled to follow the evening worship services on April 10, the last Sunday of Youth Week. Based on the vocational interest theme, it will seek to acquaint Baptist students with opportunities for vocational preparation in Southern Baptist colleges.

Members of the two organizations also voted to distribute special materials supplementary to the Training Union programs to churches through the pastors.

During the business meeting of the Association, John W. Raley, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, was elected president; D. Harley Fite, president, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., was elected vice-president; and H. I. Hester, vice-president, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

For the first time in its history, a junior college administrator, Charles L. Harman, president, Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va., was elected chairman of the Commission. Other Commission officers elected were Warren F. Jones, president, Union University, Jackson, Tenn., vice-chairman; and E. F. Haight, president, Anderson College, Anderson, S. C., re-elected secretary.

Wm. L. Lumpkin and H. C. Jackson Added to Southern Seminary Staff



Wm. L. Lumpkin



Herbert C. Jackson

Dr. William L. Lumpkin of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Herbert C. Jackson, of Philadelphia, Pa., have been elected to the faculty of the School of Theology of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Lumpkin, who will become associate professor of church history at the Seminary, is presently serving as pastor of the Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond.

He is a graduate of the University of Richmond, Southern Seminary, and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, with additional study at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, and Oxford University in England. His Ph.D. thesis at Edinburgh was based on original research into English Baptist history.

During 1948-49 Dr. Lumpkin served as director of religious activities and assistant professor of religion at the Uni-

versity of Richmond. He has also been pastor of the Holland (Va.) Baptist Church and the Manly Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Va.

Dr. Jackson goes from a position as registrar and professor of missions at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia to be associate professor of missions and comparative religion at Southern Seminary.

He is a graduate of William Jewell College in Missouri, Southern Seminary, and Yale University.

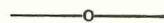
Dr. Jackson served one term as a missionary in the American Baptist Telugu Mission in South India. His work there included two assignments to general (evangelistic) missionary work, one as principal of a teachers' training school, one as principal of a high school, and one as a college faculty member and advisor to Baptist students at the college.

those differences may follow a general geographical pattern of East and West, we still believe that it is unwise to play up such differences.

Actually, those differences among Baptists do not seem to be defined by geographical areas anyway. One can find some of the "wildest" and most noisy type in some of the old eastern cities and towns while some of the most formal and theologically liberal are to be found "west of the river." The reverse is also true. In other words, Baptists are Baptists, east or west; and no one can cut them to a pattern. Some develop along some lines more than others; yet, basically, Baptists are more alike than different.

Having been reared in a southeastern state, and having lived and worked in four different conventions (one of which is "west of the river"), we believe we know a fairly representative cross section of Southern Baptists. We have watched them, heard them, lived with them, worked with them, and loved them in many relationships for a good many years. We are convinced from this experience that any east-west tension which may exist is based mainly on unrealistic premise. We are further convinced that such real differences as do exist (whether they may be found to follow geographical lines or not) may prove to be helpful rather than hurtful.

What we seem to need is to understand one another better. Clear understanding makes the easterner more patient with his supposedly "wild" western brother; and understanding also keeps the enthusiastic westerner from disdain the reserve and strength of his somewhat less vocal brother in the east. East or west, Baptists are Baptists; and it is better, we believe, to emphasize those things which unite us rather than the things which might divide us.



North Carolina Church "Beats the Heat"

GOLDSBORO, N. C. — (BP) — Is it hot in your church? If so you might try to "beat the heat" as the First Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., did.

With the outside temperature hitting 106 degrees the congregation of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a comfortable reading of 84 degrees on the inside. And the church doesn't have an expensive air-conditioning unit either.

Using a system his father invented several years ago, Deacon Roy Parker, Jr., filled the baptistry with 500 pounds of ice. All doors and windows were closed and a fan blowing across the ice sent cool breezes out over the congregation. The apparatus was rigged at 8:00 a.m. By the time church services were under way, the auditorium was very comfortable despite the stifling heat outside.

Baptists East and West

By S. H. JONES, Editor
Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C.

[This editor seeks from time to time to give a cross section view of editorial comment over the Convention's territory relating to much discussed themes. Here is an expression from Dr. S. H. Jones, S. C.]

It seems that a few Baptists in both the eastern and western areas of the country delight in agitating a sort of East versus West tension. The familiar line is for those who live in the East to intimate that Baptists in the western areas are rather wild and unstable while

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those in the West intimate that Baptists in the eastern area are theologically too liberal and lacking in missionary vision and evangelistic zeal. We believe such intimations, although some cases in point do exist, are hurtful and should, therefore, be discouraged. Admitting that some differences of emphasis and of belief do exist, and admitting also that

“Guard Against Debt”

In a recent issue of The Religious Herald, Virginia, Editor Reuben E. Alley made what we consider some sound and timely remarks concerning the Home Mission Board's request of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis that it be allowed to borrow three million dollars to lend to churches for building purposes, and also that it be allowed to appeal to the churches for a special offering which, it was hoped, would bring the amount to ten million—the offering to be over and above all gifts to the Cooperative Program. Editor Alley said in part:

“It appears that the Home Mission Board used to advantage the few days between the Convention in St. Louis and the meeting of the Executive Committee at Nashville. In spite of general unfavorable reaction to the proposal of borrowing an additional \$3,000,000, the Home Board showed a surprisingly strong front at Nashville. Southern Baptists are indebted to the Executive Committee for the decision to delay. Meanwhile the case deserves thoughtful study by all who have an interest in the welfare of the Convention.

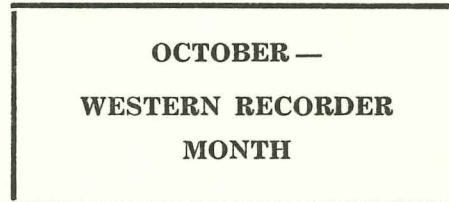
“Among other things, this appeal by the Home Mission Board leaders raises a question about procedure in the Convention. The members of the body at St. Louis read the recommendations of the Home Mission Board for the first time in the printed bulletin for the day. In twelve minutes during the evening session the proposals were read and presented for the approval of the Convention. There was time neither for explanation nor discussion. A motion to refer the matter to the Executive Committee passed, but in acting under stress it appeared that John Buchanan had not worded the resolution as he intended; for in restating the motion following the vote, he included a provision for a report to the Convention after study by the Executive Committee. Messengers promptly raised their voices in objection and thereby, amid the confusion, an impression could easily have been made, we believe unwarranted, that the Convention was apathetic to the proposals by the Home Mission Board secretaries. For agencies to create a situation requiring quick action is not the way to transact business in a democratic body, but it is particularly poor procedure in a convention of 10,000 people.

“Everyone will agree, we believe, that when the Convention voted to refer the matter to the Executive Committee, the messengers had only a meager understanding of the contents and implications of the proposal made by the Home Board secretaries. With an extremely limited understanding of what was involved, the Convention placed the business in the hands of the Executive Committee with

power to act. Altogether it was bad practice. In place of this unreasonable procedure we propose that such matters shall come to the Executive Committee for prior consideration, not decision, before they are presented to the Convention. The Committee would study each proposal, take time to weigh the matter in the light of the whole program of the Convention, give publicity through the press, and then present recommendations to the Convention **objectively**, a thing that an interested agency cannot do. Which of these methods is more democratic should not be difficult to judge.

Not Approved by Home Board

“The recommendations submitted by Secretary Courts Redford for action by the Convention had not been approved by the Home Mission Board. They were approved by the Executive Committee of that Board. Since the Convention unquestionably believed that the recommendations came from the Home Mission Board and in the light of that assump-



tion voted to refer to the Executive Committee, it would be proper for the Executive Committee to refuse to take action and to return the proposals to the Convention in session at Miami.

“A contention for great need for funds is not ground for indebtedness. My, how great are the needs. It has always been that way. Every board and institution in Virginia [and other states] needs more funds. It would be easy to clothe an appeal for every one of these with power apart from emotionalism. . . .

“The physical assets of a Baptist institution or Board are not a gauge for indebtedness. Every agency and board in the General Association and in the Convention has assets that could be committed by mortgage, but it does not follow that wisdom requires or justifies a committal of those properties by debt. The Convention has said, and we believe rightly, that debt is a bad policy for Southern Baptists. Experience has proven that!

“The policy of keeping out of debt is not evidence of a lack of faith in Christ. Such a policy may be a proper lack of faith in existing economic conditions, which is quite a different thing. Because we believe in Christ as Master, we should be careful stewards of that which he has entrusted to us. . . . Sometimes we talk as if the whole mission

of Jesus depended upon a sum of money. How utterly foreign that would have been to him who had chief concern about human life and complete commitment.

“The need of the Home Mission Board for investment money are not as urgent as it might appear. In recent years Virginia and Florida have had the largest increases in population among Southern States. Norfolk, Arlington, the Peninsula, and Richmond have felt heavy demands for new churches, but local and state organizations have supplied those needs in a commendable way. We believe this is true of other eastern states. . . . Leaders in the western states have equal competence and resources. The individual income in the western states is higher than the individual income in the South. We believe that Baptists in the West can and will accept their responsibility. One of the leaders in California passed the information that the churches in that state are financing building programs in a satisfactory way by selling bonds.

“The only method proposed for permanent funding the debt were receipts through the Cooperative Program (capital needs and advance) and a special offering by the churches for the Home Mission Board. A study of Home Mission Board budgets for recent years reveals how slight are the prospects of debt funding from Cooperative Program receipts. To suggest that churches give the money by building chapels for mission stations whose members would pay the Home Mission Board, is an indirect way to the end. The Home Mission Board secretaries recommended this procedure to the Convention as a part of the whole plan.

“At Nashville, representatives of the Home Board stated that they would defer, for the present, the proposal for a special offering. Now, funding is a major part of any plan to borrow money. The Convention authorized the Executive Committee to act with the whole plan which consisted of nine interrelated divisions. The Executive Committee should think seriously before it accepts major alterations by eliminations within the plan which the Convention referred. If the Home Board alters the recommendations, they should be brought back to the Convention.

“Southern Baptists know about special offerings for debts. Even if it were desirable, there appears little reason to believe that twenty or more churches in Virginia would assume an obligation of \$10,000 each to build a chapel for a Home Board special offering.

“Let Southern Baptists help the Executive Committee to determine the matter coolly and in the light of all that is involved.”

A racy story doesn't make girls blush these days. Unless, of course, they don't understand it.—Franklin P. Jones.

Two Added to Seminary's School of Church Music Faculty This Fall



James H. Wood



Paul R. Jenkins, Jr.

Two additions to the teaching staff of the School of Church Music of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., have been announced by Seminary President Duke K. McCall.

Mr. James H. Wood, who has served for the past two years as head of the vocal music department at Duke University, Durham, N.C., will join the vocal music faculty in September.

Mr. Wood holds a master's degree from the University of Iowa, and is pursuing studies toward the Doctor of Sacred Music degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Before going to Duke University he taught at the University of Iowa, Colorado A & M College, and Bethany College in Kansas.

While studying in New York in 1951

and 1952, Mr. Wood was a member of the Shaw Chorale, participating in Carnegie Hall concerts and recordings including Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under Toscanini.

Mr. Wood has recently served as minister of music at the Edgemont Baptist Church, Durham, N.C., and the Angier Avenue Church, also in Durham.

Mr. Paul R. Jenkins, Jr., a native of Rock Hill, S.C., will become instructor in organ and Seminary organist. He replaces Mr. Kenneth Pool, who resigned because of ill health.

Mr. Jenkins goes to the Seminary from a position as organist at the Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. He is a graduate of Davidson College in North Carolina, and has a Master of Music degree in organ from the University of Michigan.

T. E. Dougherty Goes From Fort Thomas, Ky., To Decatur, Georgia

Pastor T. E. Dougherty has resigned as leader of the First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, to become pastor of the Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur (Atlanta), Ga., September 15. The Georgia church has a membership of 1,600 and a Sunday school enrollment of 1,300, and is preparing to erect a new church on a seven-acre tract of land recently purchased.

During the eight and a half years in

which Brother Dougherty has been pastor at Fort Thomas, the church has spent a total of \$200,000 for old indebtedness, building improvements and expansion, and the resident membership has doubled. There have been 415 additions.

Brother Dougherty has been three times moderator of the Campbell County Association; president of the Bethel Baptist Encampment directors; director of the Covington Center of Campbellsville College Extension School; member of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and many other honorary offices and positions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, AUGUST 22, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	85	629
Auburn	77	235
Bardstown	---	312
Bellevue	63	367
Blackford	65	194
Bowling Green (2)	210	1,049
Burlington	---	280
Cadiz	106	209
Campbellsville (3)	---	594
Pleasant Hill	169	300
South Campbellsville	---	295
Carrollton, First	---	206
Clay, First	---	207
Cloverport	---	217
Corbin, First	106	356
Central	103	462
Covington, Calvary	---	593
First (1)	91	333
Latonia (2)	191	872
South Side	112	443
Crestwood	30	226
Cynthiana (2)	---	432
Danville, First (3)	171	729
Lexington Avenue (1)	108	561
Dayton, First	---	216
Dawson Springs	---	274
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	136	744
Erlanger	54	353
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	105	528
Ferguson (1)	82	281
Fort Thomas, First	57	238
Crestwood	56	241
Frankfort, First (1)	---	750
Thorn Hill	127	367
Fulton, First	122	469
Georgetown	---	318
Glasgow (1)	111	641
Grant's Lick	125	212
Greensburg	52	206
Greenville, First	133	351
Harlan	123	650
Harrodsburg (2)	227	828
Shawnee	---	217
Hawesville	---	266
Hazard	76	329
Hazel	79	310
Henderson, First	110	475
Immanuel Temple (1)	85	582
Hopkinsville, First	89	571
Second	124	756
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	257
Lawrenceburg, First	90	318
Lebanon, First	113	459
Leitchfield	86	258
Lexington, Calvary (2)	97	712
Grace (3)	84	629
Immanuel	191	646
Porter Memorial	120	480
London, First (1)	135	538
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	187	636
Baptist Temple	---	270
Beechland	89	486
Beechmont (2)	128	832
Bethany	39	371
Bethlehem	80	246
Carlisle Avenue (2)	215	1,186
Clifton (1)	84	368
Crescent Hill (2)	157	802
Eastern Parkway N	65	506
Farmdale	---	340
Harmony	104	273
Hazelwood	60	403
Highland Park, First	---	404
Jeffersonton	87	233
Immanuel	63	350
Kenwood	---	207
Lynn Acres	62	---
Okolona	46	422
Parkland	166	818
St. Matthews (1)	130	573
Shively	140	710
South Jefferson	110	592
Southside	78	391
Third Avenue	67	388
Twenty-third and Broadway (2)	166	603
Victory Memorial (2)	---	744
Virginia Avenue	---	244
Walnut Street (4)	282	1,547
West Broadway (1)	138	603
Ludlow, First	---	344
Mackville	---	207
Madisonville, First	311	936
Marion	96	233
Mayfield, First	255	776
Middlesboro, First (5)	95	627
Monticello, First	61	213
Morganfield, First (1)	---	376
Mt. Washington	74	253
Murray, First	---	754
Newport, First	96	648
Trinity	104	242
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	115	434
Eaton Memorial (1)	198	437

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Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

Regional Conventions

Northeastern—First, Ashland, September 3-4.

Southeastern—First, Morgantown, September 10-11.

South Central—September 17-18.

Western—Hartford, September 24-25.

Southwestern—Harmony, October 8-9.

Southeastern—First, Pineville, October 11-12.

North Central—Central, Winchester, October 15-16.

What My Trip to Glorieta Meant to Me

A marvelous, majestic, wonderful experience never to be forgotten. I could go on using big words forever and I could never use enough to tell you what my trip to Glorieta meant to me, but I shall try to share a few of the wonderful things as well as they can be shared on paper.

First of all was the "Land of Enchantment." I had never been so far west before and I didn't know God could create such beautiful places.

Second was Glorieta in all its beauty. The beautiful new buildings and the wonderful fellowship with other Christians. The age-group conferences and personal interest groups with people from everywhere (at least it seemed that way). Then the morning and evening worship services in the auditorium, with Harold Souther leading in songs of praise and Dr. Swilley bringing the message of God's Word. Lakeside worship with a campfire and Dr. Ackland leading in worship to God under the open sky filled with stars so close you could almost touch them. The morning of the Sword Drill and the evening of the Speaker's Tournament when young people witnessed for God. Then there was a life dedication service when so many young people gave their life to the Will of God. And last, but certainly not least was the dining hall where you sat together as one big, happy family in God's presence.

Glorieta, "a little bit of heaven," and that's exactly what it was. I want to thank the Baptists of Kentucky for sending me and I pray they shall keep sending participants to the Sword Drill and Speakers Tournament each year, because it is an experience, I am sure, they would never forget.—Sue Phelps, Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah.

My Visit to Ridgecrest

My visit to Ridgecrest (this July) was my first. As we rounded a small curve in the road Mr. Whaley told me, "Well, Bob, there is Ridgecrest." And what stood before me filled my keenest expectations. Here in the top of the beautiful tree-laden North Carolina mountains, stretching as far as eye could see, stood the place commonly called "the Little Heaven on earth." With the clouds only a few yards above you and the peace and serene nature held by matching Southern colonial architecture of the various main buildings on the grounds, one felt that surely nowhere else could he be quite as close to God as here.

But this first impression, while a lasting one, was far exceeded by the feeling one gets as he finds his way around Ridgecrest and attends the various sessions and listens to the speakers. One feels that he knows every one of the 3,000 persons there, for everyone has a common bond with Christ. And as the days progress, little does one realize just what is happening to him. For even as he is physically located in the mountain-tops, he suddenly finds himself on the highest mountain of spiritual experiences. Perhaps he does not realize just how much it does mean to him until he goes back home again, and again goes into the world. He misses those close talks with God and the many Christian friends found at Ridgecrest.

Upon arriving home, I realized that Ridgecrest was not so much a place or a group of people, but rather a spirit, a common bond of love of Christ held by all that are there which tends to make the weak strong and the strong to be totally committed even more to God and his service. When one stands and views hundreds of young people going forward to full time service he begins again to realize the power of God.

I want to thank the people of Kentucky many, many times for allowing me to go to Ridgecrest. I feel that my few days at Ridgecrest gave me just the added strength needed to go on with a renewed faith. Ridgecrest cannot be accurately described using man's words, for it is a place of God, and how can man conceive of God? Truly one must experience a stay at Ridgecrest to know just what it is.—Robert Lancaster, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

►Dr. Chauncey R. Daley, dean of men and associate professor of Bible at Georgetown College, will become pastor of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church on September 5, succeeding Pastor Eugene T. Moseley, now gone to Oklahoma. The new Harrodsburg pastor graduated from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and since being in Kentucky has been given the B.D., Th.M. and Th.D. degrees by the Southern Seminary. Formerly he has been interim pastor at Paris and Cynthiana churches.

A Word To Catholics

"Martin Luther" And Relics

*By Emmett McLoughlin

The Catholic church's attempt to suppress the motion picture "Martin Luther" is a glaring example of the hierarchy's unAmerican opposition to freedom of thought in this country. Fortunately its efforts failed in most American cities.

An interesting aspect of the condemnation is that the censors had to invent a new classification for "Martin Luther." It was not listed as "condemned" but as "unacceptable." Therefore it was not said to be immoral or historically untrue.

The fact is that "Martin Luther" is so historically true that it is downright embarrassing. As an ex-Franciscan monk I was delighted with its accuracy to the ultimate detail, even to the sloppy manner in which they made the sign of the cross.

The hierarchy claims that its history was ridiculed by the film's presentation of the abuse of relics and indulgences. One of the princes had gathered enough relics so that their attached indulgences would save him over one million years in purgatory. But the story is true.

In Luther's day, Catholics gathered relics like our people save postage stamps. The only difference is that there are scientific ways of proving the authenticity of postage stamps. And as with philatelists, the richer the patron the more diversified the collection.

One of the royal contemporaries of Luther boasted that he had a feather from the wing of the Angel Gabriel, a piece of Jesus' naval cord, and some milk from the breast of the Virgin Mary.

"Martin Luther's" presentation of the relic situation is only too true.

Even now, in spite of the hierarchy's "scientific" control of relics and their authenticity there is much fraud and superstition connected with them. I once had a relic guaranteed to be a piece of the block upon which St. Paul was beheaded. (That was a second class relic—a piece of St. Paul himself would have been a first class relic.)

One day, in a rather blasphemous mood, I opened the sealed capsule. It contained a grain of sand.

*Mr. McLoughlin, author of *People's Padre*, was for 14 years a Franciscan priest at St. Mary's Church, Phoenix, Arizona, and is now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix.

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ABRIDGED PROGRAM B.W.C. CAMP, CEDARMORE

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Theme: "Learn, Love, Live."

Saturday, September 4, 1954

Theme For the Day: "Learn of Me"

6:30 Banquet Mrs. O. B. Mylum, Berea, in charge
 8:45 Missionary Message Rev. Paul E. Sanderson, Brazil

Sunday, September 5, 1954

Theme for the Day: "Love Me."

7:30 Morning Watch Miss Mary Sampson, Formosa
 8:00 Breakfast
 9:30 Sunday School
 Assembly Miss Lorene Tilford, Formosa
 Bible Lesson Mrs. Geo. R. Ferguson, Louisville, Ky.
 11:00 Morning Worship Rev. Paul E. Sanderson, Brazil
 12:30 Dinner

Afternoon — Rest and Meditation

5:30 Picnic Supper
 6:30 Vesper Service Miss Cora Ney Hardy, Nigeria
 8:00 Evening Worship Misses Sampson and Tilford
 9:30 Lakeside Service Mrs. Encil Dean, Lexington, Ky.

Monday, September 6, 1954

Theme for the Day: "Live for Me."

7:30 Morning Watch Miss Mary Sampson
 8:00 Breakfast
 9:00 Business Session
 9:45 Conference Mrs. H. C. Randall, Columbia, Ky.
 11:00 Missionary Message Miss Lorene Tilford, Formosa

—Miss Edith Dority, President
 State B. W. C. Federation

To Speak At State BWC Federation Camp



Rev. Paul E. Sanderson, Brazil, will bring the missionary message on Saturday night and conduct the Worship Service on Sunday morning.



Miss Mary Sampson, Formosa
 Missionary Speaker
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Tragedy Strikes

It is with great sadness of heart that we announce that our much-loved State Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Frank Hill, of Elizabethtown, met a tragic death on August 12 in an automobile accident as she was returning from the W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest. Also, that Miss Maye Bell Taylor, our missionary to Brazil, sustained injuries in the same accident.

Our State Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. H. C. Randall of Columbia, Mrs. L. D. Wilson, president of the Seminary W. M. S. and your Executive Secretary escaped with minor injuries.

We are happy to report that Miss Taylor has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital and return to her home in Haskell, Texas.

Mrs. Hill's brilliant mind, radiant and dynamic personality together with her deep, consecrated and lovable Christian spirit greatly endeared her to all of us.

Mission Study in Kentucky reached new heights under her capable leadership.

We shall always treasure in our memory the inspiration of her loyalty to high Christian ideals and her personal friendship.

Kentucky is poorer and heaven richer because God in His wisdom saw fit to take her from us.

Our love and prayers go out to her husband, two sons and her mother, that the Holy Spirit may comfort and keep them by His power.

CONCERNING ROYAL AMBASSADORS

In view of the decision made in St. Louis concerning Royal Ambassador work many are asking what action Kentucky W.M.U. is taking and how local work will be affected.

Since no official change can be made except by vote in the annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and the General Association, Royal Ambassadors will be promoted under the present plan until official action can be taken.

We urge that in this period of transition counselors be secured and Royal Ambassador work maintained on a high level looking forward to the time when our Brotherhood will accept full responsibility.—Mrs. Encil Deen, President Ky. WMU., Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Executive Secretary.

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Report on Cooperative Program

W. C. BOONE, Treasurer

Receipts for the Cooperative Program for three quarters of the present General Associational year, November 1, 1953 to July 31, 1954, amounted to \$1,260,491.96, which is a gain over the corresponding period of last year of \$51,574.05.

Designated gifts for this year to date amounted to \$690,975.07, which was a decrease of \$28,634.94 from last year.

Total receipts for the past 9 months were \$1,951,467.03, or a net gain in all contributions of \$22,939.11.

Our Cooperative Program goal for the Associational year ending October 31, 1954 is \$1,700,000.00.

To reach our goal we must average \$156,502.68 per month for August, September, and October. Kentucky Baptists can do this easily. Let us all do our best during this remaining quarter, to reach our goal, so we may close the year with all our causes receiving their full quotas.

The Cooperative Program is Scriptural. It is comprehensive. It is effective. It is the best way yet found by which all Baptists may voluntarily work together to support our Lord's work.

McCall Family Establishes World Evangelism Foundation

A fund to promote world evangelism has been established at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., according to an announcement by the Seminary's Board of Trustees.

The fund is to be known as the Lizette Kimrbough McCall Foundation, and is the gift of the family of President Duke K. McCall's mother.

Announcement of the presentation of the gift defines world evangelism as "evangelism in the local community, including personal work and evangelistic preaching as well as evangelism in the larger communities through the state organizations of Baptists and through the Home Mission Board and also through the Foreign Mission Board."

Promotion will take place through "lectures, sermons, and other special exercises for the entire student body of the Seminary along with any other interested persons."

The McCall family described the gift as a "memorial to one whose life has been devoted to world evangelism."

"But she would be the first to insist," they added, "that its main purpose is to add to the Seminary's own purpose to make known throughout all the world the name of Jesus, the Christ, God's Son, our Saviour."

Cecil E. Marsh Ordained By the College Avenue Church of Lynchburg

LYNCHBURG, Va. — The College Hill Baptist Church here conducted an ordination service for Cecil E. Marsh, who was formally and publicly ordained as a minister of the Gospel, August 15. A resident of Lynchburg and a graduate of the University of Richmond, he is now a second-year student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

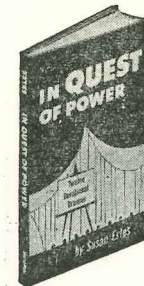
Assisting Pastor Joseph J. Bowman were Rev. Gordon Mason and Dr. Henly M. Fugate and pastors J. T. Gunter, Munford Street Baptist Church; W. T. Vest, Old Forest Road Baptist Church; W. B. Pittard, Franklin Street Baptist Church; J. B. Thurman, Flat Creek Baptist Church; and C. P. Cleveland, Madison Heights Baptist Church.

Brother Marsh was recently married to the former Miss Betty Montgomery, Richmond, Va. They will make their home in Louisville, where he will continue his studies in the Seminary.

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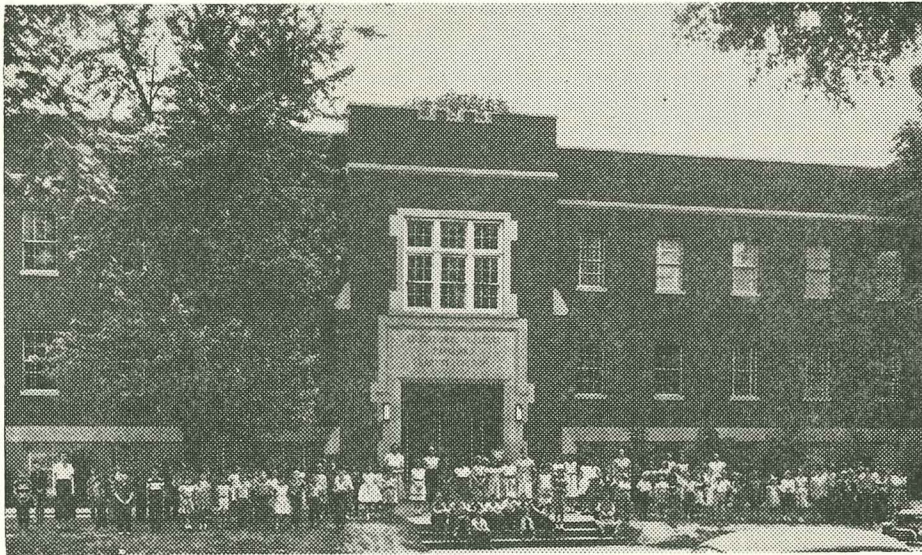
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Parkland Baptist Elementary School Entering Fall Session



The Parkland Baptist Elementary School, 1357 Catalpa, Louisville, will open its ninth session September 7, 1954. The photograph above shows last year's group consisting of the kindergarten and the first to sixth grades. The course of study is identical with that of the public schools, plus daily instruction in the Bible as to Christian faith and practice. Dr. E. N. Wilkinson is the pastor of the Parkland Baptist Church, and Brother B. B. Steele is minister of education.

Dr. Buchanan Opposes \$3,000,000 Debt for Home Mission Board

[The following, taken from the church bulletin, Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., of which Dr. John Buchanan is pastor, is offered our readers. Certainly a great deal of prayerful thought needs to be given the matter he discusses.]

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board in Glorieta last week, the Board renewed its request to the Executive Committee to be authorized to borrow \$3 million to aid in new church buildings, largely in the western section of the Convention.

A special committee of the Executive Committee will consider this request and bring back their recommendations to the December meeting of the Executive Committee.

There are many of us who feel that it is unwise and unsafe for any agency of the Convention to expend more money than our people are providing annually. Debts are easily made and extremely difficult to repay. This pastor feels that if such a debt is authorized upon the part of the Home Mission Board it should be clearly understood that only its assets and its allocation of the Cooperative Program be hypothecated as security for such debt.

It is, in this pastor's judgment, utterly unfair and unethical to permit one agency of the Convention to contract a debt and offer as security the anticipated support of other agencies of the Convention.

We have a haunting fear that if the

Home Board again plunges into debt, the tragedy of a few years ago will be repeated in connection with that agency; namely, that all of the receipts of the Board will be consumed in paying debts and only the receipts of the Annie Armstrong Offering from the W.M.U. will be available for mission work. That was the pattern the board was forced to follow when it was laboring under a \$2 million debt a few years ago.

The majority of our boards are now composed of fine young men who did not have to face the terrific task of liquidating heavy debts on our agencies. Some of us older pastors shrink from again plunging our denomination into debt. "A burnt child dreads the fire."

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"The King's Business" In Korea

By W. PEYTON THURMAN

SEOUL, Korea — "Would you like to attend the R.A. meeting at the church?" was the query we heard from Dr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy, our missionaries, less than two hours after we arrived in Seoul, Korea.

"Royal Ambassadors in Seoul?" we thought to ourselves.

"Sure," we answered, "we would like

to go to the R.A. meeting," knowing it would probably be the only chance to visit a church group on such a brief stay in this war-ravaged city.

As we made our way from the missionary residence, high up on a hill overlooking Seoul, and walked through the crowded streets to an old Shinto shrine where the Seoul Baptist Church now meets, we were hardly prepared for the sight our eyes were to behold or for the spiritual joy our hearts were to feel.

On entering the large room where the meeting was in progress we sensed something wonderful going on even before we removed our shoes and moved on over to the chairs which were awaiting us. We had been told that this was the Intermediate R.A. group; so we expected to find a half-dozen boys grouped around their leader.

But here were twenty-nine, fine-looking Korean boys, listening attentively to an American G. I. of Louisiana, himself a product of the R.A. movement, as he spoke earnestly through an interpreter on "I am the vine, ye are the branches," even as he held a branch of a small tree before the boys.

In the group were sons of well-to-do Koreans. Two young Korean princes are active members of the group. One of them led the closing prayer of the meeting.

The G. I.'s interpreter was seventeen-year-old Park Bong (better known as Mike), president of the R.A.'s.

Chaplain David Weaver from Kentucky had found Mike, an orphan boy, and had made him his housebody. Mike became a Christian; and before Chaplain Weaver went back to the States he told the Abernathys about Mike and his potential leadership.

Since 1951 Mike has been living with the Abernathys and is showing every evidence of being an outstanding preacher of the gospel. His ambition is to be as good a preacher as Billy Graham whom he heard in Seoul several years ago.

Opening of West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute

CLINTON, Ky. — The opening date of the fall semester of the West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute is September 6. From the number of inquiries to date, indications are that we are to open with the largest enrolment thus far.

Those interested in coming to the Institute should write for a catalog at once. The application should be filled out in full and mailed to the Dean immediately. That will save time—both on the part of the student, as well as here in the office. If anyone knows of one who should be in school here, please give us the name and address.

For information write: W. A. Sloan, President, West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute, Clinton, Kentucky.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT
State Secretary

Cedarmore Sunday School Week Successful

On August 13 the Sunday School Week at Cedarmore came to a close with a total registration of 657, more than 100 over the attendance of last year.

The program was very inspiring and informing. Those who appeared on the program were: Dr. Dale Moody, Ernest Loessner, T. H. Shelton, Preston Lawrence, Bill Enete, Christina Stokmann, Mrs. C. S. Hodge, Mrs. Paul Fox, Mrs. A. B. Colvin, Mrs. Wheeler Thompson, Chester Igleheart, Lawrence Holzschuh, Mary Ella Davis, and Roy E. Boatwright. Six girls from the Carlisle Avenue Church in Louisville inspired us with special music each day. On Tuesday night a youth choir of male voices from the Victory Memorial Church in Louisville brought us special music which was appreciated by all present.

The following associations were represented:

Baptist, Bethel, Blackford, Blood River, Boone's Creek, Bracken, Breckinridge, Central, Christian County, Crittenden, East Lynn, Elkhorn, Enterprise, Franklin, Graves County, Henry County, Laurel River, Liberty, Lincoln County, Long Run, Lynn, Mt. Zion, Muhlenburg County, Nelson, North Bend, Pulaski County, Rockcastle County, Russell Creek, Severn's Valley, Shelby County, South District, Tate's Creek, Ten Mile, Union, Warren, Wayne County, West Kentuckiana.

The following Churches were represented:

Fellowship, Lawrenceburg, Mt. Pleasant, Adairville, Auburn, Lewisport, Scott's Grove, Winchester, Central; Augusta, Morehead, Cloverport, Lebanon, Springfield, First; Hopkinsville, First; Dry Ridge, Gardnersville, Gum Lick, Mt. Carmel, Turner Ridge, Pleasant Grove, Clover Bottom, David's Fork, East Hickman, Georgetown, Lexington, Calvary; Chevy Chase, Grace, Immanuel, Midway, Paris, Central; Pikeville, First; Bellepoint, Frankfort, First; Thorn Hill, Providence, Mayfield, First Campbellsburg, Union, East Bernstadt, London, First; Edmonton, Stanford, Louisville, Audubon, Baptist Tabernacle, Bethany, Bethlehem, Buechel, Carlisle Avenue, Covenant, Crescent Hill, Crestwood, Dixie Chapel, Fairdale, Highland, Immanuel, Ninth and O, Parkland, St. Matthews, Shawnee, South Jefferson, 23rd, and Broadway, Victory Memorial, Virginia Avenue, Walnut Street, Pleasant Grove, (bc) Munfordville, Corbin, Central, Greenville, Second, New Salem,

Covington, First, Latonia, Southside, Ft. Mitchell, Ludlow, Somerset, First; Mt. Vernon, Watts Chapel, Greensburg, Bethel, Buffalo, Middle Creek, Severn's Valley, Trinity Chapel, Bagdad, Burk's Branch, Indian Fork, Little Mount, Shelbyville, First; Danville, First; Forks of Dix River, Junction City, Richmond, First; Rosedale, Poplar Grove, Beaver, Falmouth, Powersville, Bowling Green, Eastwood; Monticello, Evansville, Ind., Keck Avenue; Spottsville.

If there are mistakes in listing these associations and churches we wish to apologize. The information was secured from the registration cards.

Why not plan now to have your Sunday school represented at Cedarmore next year. The date for next year sessions is, August 8-12, 1955.

New Book

You will be interested to know that a new book has come from the Broadman Press entitled "In Quest of Power" by Susan Estes. This book is a compilation of devotional dramas which were prepared for young people in Sunday school assembly programs. The price is \$1.00. The title of the chapters are: 1. Through Prayer, 2. Through the Holy Spirit, 3. Through Obedience, 4. Through Faith, 5. Through Decision, 6. Through Courage, 7. Through Humility, 8. Through Witnessing, 9. Through Divine Guidance, 10. Through Wisdom, 11. Through Dedication, 12. Through Prophecy. No doubt you will find this book very useful in your Young People's Department.

New Intermediate Material Available

We now have three new pamphlets for use in the Intermediate Department in your Sunday school. "Living and Learning with Intermediates" is a guide for the teacher of Intermediates. The outline of this pamphlet is:

1. Purpose that Charts Right Directions.
2. Organization that Achieves Spiritual Objectives.
3. Teaching that Effects Changes in Pupil Conduct.
4. Winning Intermediates to Christ.
5. Improvement Through Training.
6. Power Through Worship.

"Action for Intermediates Through Service." This is a guide for Intermediate class officers. This pamphlet sets forth the new plan for class organization, the new organization is the same as that for the Young People and the Adults.

"Achieving Spiritual Goals with Intermediates." This is a guide for the Intermediate Superintendent and other Department Officers.

All of these new pamphlets were written by Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, Intermediate Worker of the Sunday School Board. You will find all of these very helpful in your work. Write to the Sunday School Department, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky., for your supply.

Persecution Flares in Brazil

RIO — (ANS) The following telegram was received last week by Dr. Almir Goncalves, Baptist editor in Rio de Janeiro:

"Amazonas Baptist Convention, meeting in Parintins, Amazonas, July 25 to 28, suffered terrible persecution by local population. Local Baptist and Evangelical churches plundered and dynamited, latter almost completely destroyed. Christian's homes threatened with destruction. Dr. Erodice Queiroz (pastor from the city of Sao Paulo who was holding evangelistic meetings in connection with the Convention) forced to flee to Manaus. Police and local authorities taking strict measures but unable to contain fury of persecutors. Please send urgent copy this telegram to president of Brazilian Baptist Convention and inform President of Republic and Department of Justice. Threats and plundering continue nightly." Signed, Eduardo Lessa, president Amazonas Baptist Convention.

Also in July the Minas-Gerais Baptist Convention, meeting in the city of Montes Claros, was molested during three consecutive days. The latter incidents were reported by the pastor of the Montes Claros Baptist Church, the Rev. Feliciano Amaral. Before the convention started, related the Brazilian pastor, a priest, speaking on a local radio program, denounced the Baptists as "American profiteers" and called for a "demonstration of faith" at the door of the Montes Claros Baptist Church.

The demonstration took place on the second day of the convention. Led by three local priests, a small procession stopped in front of the church, began yelling threats, calling the Baptists "Protestant Serpents," and in other ways disturbing the meeting. Similar disturbances continued for the next three days.

According to pastor Amaral, "The city is very much embarrassed and ashamed over the incident." He said various families have turned against the Catholic Church as a result of the priests' behaviour and are now attending Baptist services. Included is one man, formerly a staunch defender of Catholicism, who made a profession of faith the day following the disturbances.

►Dr. Robert E. Humphreys, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, is to be the evangelist in a series of revival meetings to be held at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky., where Dr. Ernest N. Perry is pastor, beginning October 17 and running through October 24.

►Brother Thomas R. Brown has resigned as pastor of the Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan, Kentucky, to become pastor of the Boulevard Baptist Church, Anderson, S.C., effective September 1. Kentucky will regret immensely to lose such a fine young man from our midst.



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Reporting on August

We returned from the Brotherhood-Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, on August 5 and spent the 6th in the office catching up with our correspondence, etc. The remainder of the month was spent as follows: 7—Valley View Baptist Church, near Louisville; 8—Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville; 9—First Baptist Church, Somerset; where we organized a new Brotherhood, eighty-three men being present for the meeting; 11—Annual Meeting of Goshen Association, Leitchfield, and at Shakertown Baptist Church, Harrodsburg that night; 12—Annual Association meeting Shelby County at Cropper and at Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville that night; 14—Rode a bus to Madisonville where we visited with the Liberty Baptist Church on Sunday; 16—Spent in office and committee meetings; 17—Annual Meeting, Boone's Creek Association at Irvine, Kentucky; 18—Annual meeting of Barren River Association, ompkinsville; Kentucky; 19—Franklin Street Baptist Church, Louisville; 20—Annual meeting Salem Association at West Point that morning and at First Church, Paducah that night; 22—First Church, Cloverport; 23—Fellowship Church, Harrodsburg; 24—First Church Pineville; 25—Enterprise Association for Annual Meeting, Belfry, Kentucky; 27—Annual Meeting Bell County

Association at Pineville; 29—First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville for morning and evening services and at Fruit Hill near Hopkinsville that afternoon; 31—Pastors and Laymen Conference at Camp Schafer near Owensboro.

Concerning Royal Ambassador Work

You will note on the W. M. U. page this week a statement concerning Royal Ambassador work in our state. We have talked with the W. M. U. leaders about this matter and quote below their statement in which we concur:

"In view of the decision made in St. Louis concerning Royal Ambassador work, many are asking what action Kentucky W. M. U. is taking and how local work will be affected.

"Since no official change can be made except by vote in the Annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union and the General Association, Royal Ambassadors will be promoted under the present plan until official action can be taken.

"We urge that in this period of transition counselors be secured and Royal Ambassador work be maintained on a high level looking forward to the time when our Brotherhood will accept full responsibility."

Your Brotherhood Department is cooperating with the W. M. U. in this important matter and we trust that the men of our churches will give their assistance on the local level.

Lee Hopkins and James A. Hipps Ordained by Carlisle Ave., Louisville

The Carlisle Avenue Church, Louisville, ordained Brethren Lee Hopkins and James A. Hipps to the Gospel ministry Wednesday, June 30. Pastor A. W. Walker gave the message and presented the Bibles. Pastor Webster C. Brown, Hopewell Baptist Church near Madison, Indiana, read the minutes of the examining council and gave the ordaining prayer, and 25 ministers and deacons concluded the service with the laying on of hands.

Lee Hopkins was a member of Carlisle Avenue while a student in the Southern Seminary, from which institution he was graduated last May with the B. D. degree. He is now pastor of the Rineyville Baptist Church. Mrs. Hopkins is the former Marjorie Adams, a daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Colliver Adams, Covington, Ky., who attended

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the ordination, and the late Pastor J. Marvin Adams, former pastor at Midlesboro and other Kentucky cities.

James A. Hipps, a member of Carlisle Avenue, has recently become pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, near Alexandria, Ky. He is a graduate of Georgetown College, and has had two years of graduate work in sociology at the University of Louisville and two years at the Southern Seminary. He is a son of retired Chaplain Ferdinand L. Hipps, of the U.S. Army, and Mrs. Hipps, Buechel, Ky. Mrs. Hipps is the former Charlotte Johnson, daughter and stepdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bentley, of Louisville.

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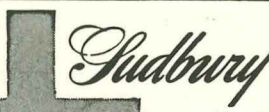
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►Miss Blanche Mays, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Little Rock, Arkansas, has been named Baptist Book Store supervisor in the eastern area of the Southern Baptist Convention territory. This announcement comes from Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board.


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By H. C. Chiles

Christian Citizenship and Cooperation

Christians ought to be and are the best citizens in any community. Their relationship to Christ has so much to do with their attitude toward the government and their service within its jurisdiction. Christians should accept the responsibilities incumbent on them as citizens of the state.

Romans 13:1-10

Human government is ordained of God and functions by His providence. God has ordained government for the protection of its citizens against evil, for the punishment of evil doers, and for the administration of justice. Defiance of governmental authority is a matter of disobedience to God also. God commands His children to be subject to the higher powers because they are ordained of God.

A Christian should abide by the laws of his city, county, state and nation, and be submissive to them, unless said governmental agency should require him to disobey God and do wrong. The limitation of the Christian's responsibility to be subject to the earthly powers begins only when such subjection contravenes the plain teachings of the Word of God. A Christian must always obey God in preference to man.

It is incumbent upon the Christian that he pay taxes. This has been ordained by our Creator for the support of the state. As an evidence of the fact that the payment of taxes is in line with the will of our Lord, one only needs to read such passages as Matthew 17:24-27. While spiritually we live in the heavenlies, we are not to evade our earthly responsibilities. Christians should be better citizens than those who are not.

In verses eight to ten Paul leads us more directly into keeping the commandments which especially involve our duties to our fellowmen. If we love them as we ought, we shall observe these commandments with reference to them.

A Christian must meet his obligations to his fellowmen. We do not think that Paul here meant to brand all credit-buying as un-Christian, for he, himself, ran a "charge account" with Philemon. Instead of teaching that one should never go in debt, he was saying, "Do not leave a debt unpaid." Do not be like the man who was called "a human dynamo" because everything which he was wearing was charged. A debtor must never defraud his creditor.

A Christian should live within his means and pay his bills promptly. It is

not wrong to borrow, but it is a sin if one fails to pay back that which is borrowed, even if it is a book or an umbrella. If we treat others as we would like to be treated, then we shall not defraud them of those things which rightfully belong to them.

I Corinthians 3:4-9

Trouble arose in the church at Corinth. Regardless of where one may go, it seems that somebody is always trying to start something to hinder the work of the church. In the church at Corinth there was a lamentable lack of growth on the part of the Christians because of a factional spirit which prevailed among them. There were at least four factions in that church, each calling itself after a favorite leader. Each group contended that their leader was superior to all the others.

Such divisions are never prompted by the Lord. They are always caused by people who are carnal and influenced by Satan. Envy, strife, factions and divisions among the members of a church are always indicative of carnality. Spiritual and Christ-loving people do not have this spirit. Strife and divisions in a church reveal the lack of brotherly love, unity, cooperation and conformity to the will of Christ. Those who indulge in these things manifest their carnality by conducting themselves as ordinary men of the world, and sometimes even worse.

In this passage the Holy Spirit through Paul declared the absurdity of their division in factions. Their division of allegiance revealed their carnality, hindered growth and dishonored the Lord. Paul did his best to correct their carnality by showing them that God uses men as instruments, but that the real credit for all accomplishments in the Lord's work actually belongs to God. These ministers, whom the Lord has saved, used and crowned their ministry with success, are compared to husbandmen who plant the seed, water them, and then wait and watch for the increase. They simply take the soil, the seed and the water, all of which God has made, and put them together in the proper manner, but it is God who performs the miracle. All of their work would have been useless apart from God who alone had given the increase. Regardless of how high in esteem one may hold ministers of Christ they are only instruments in the hands of God. Their effectiveness is not due to their personal powers, but to the blessing of God upon their labors. Apart from His

blessing their best service will ever prove to be fruitless.

Christians are highly honored in being God's fellow workers. What a title! That is the highest tribute that can be paid to us. We are workers with Him in His field. He furnishes the soil, the seed, the showers and the sunshine, but He expects us to do the cultivating. He will not do for us the things that we can do for ourselves, but He will do everything for us that we cannot do for ourselves. Success is certain when we work with Him.

BWA-Goers May Receive Cold Reception in London

LONDON, England — (BP) — Just about one year from now Baptists will be attending the Baptist World Congress that meets here next summer. It is to be sincerely hoped that the reception will be warmer than it would have been on a recent July weekend. It turned up "perishing" cold and brought out furs and topcoats. Housewives built winter fires and put heavy sweaters on the school children. Central London had its coldest night in fourteen years with temperature down to 47 degrees. Cold winds from the arctic circle were responsible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, AUGUST 22, 1954 (Continued from Page 17)

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First	-----	870
Hall Street (1)	-----	469
Macedonia	-----	228
Seven Hills	-----	94
Third (1)	-----	289
Paducah, First (1)	-----	128
Oaklawn (1)	-----	145
Twelfth Street	-----	117
Paintsville, First (3)	-----	69
Paris, First	-----	41
Pikeville, First (3)	-----	66
Prestonsburg, Irene Cole Mem. (6)	-----	374
Princeton, Second (2)	-----	103
Russellville, First (1)	-----	86
Somerset, Calvary (1)	-----	208
First	-----	188
Pleasant Hill No. 2	-----	65
Sonora	-----	190
Springfield, First	-----	127
Whitesburg, First	-----	696
Williamsburg, First (1)	-----	63
Willisburg	-----	106
Winchester, Central (1)	-----	111
First	-----	136
	-----	408

►Director Alfred Carpenter, Chaplains Commission, Southern Baptist Convention says that 150 chaplains are available for simultaneous campaign, "Every Church Revived in '55." He further says that by the time the campaign is launched there will be approximately 500 Southern Baptists chaplains on duty. "Of this number," he continues, "300 will be serving in the U.S. At least half of those serving in this country will be in position to assist in the campaign. Churches in the associations adjacent to military establishments should get in touch with available chaplains, securing their services well in advance of the campaign. These men will do the churches an outstanding work in enlisting men and especially former service men."

Kentucky Baptists on the Move

Adairville—Mr. Fletcher Loftic, Rt. 2.
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Carrollton—Mrs. L. B. Cox.
Cattlettsburg—Mrs. Willena Workman, 3524 Short St.
Central City—Andrew Geary; Mr. Levis Burden, Rt. 3.
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Coburg—Mrs. George Faulkner.
Columbia—Rev. Clealus Jacobs.
Covington—Mrs. James Fletcher, 2623 White Ct.
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Elkhorn City—Mrs. Raymond McCoy.
Elizabethtown—Leonard Sisk, 239 W. Dixie Ave.; Mr. Donald Gash, 604 Balmoral St.
Falmouth—Mrs. Dorothy Short, Rt. 5.
Flatwoods—Rev. John A. Ivey, General Delivery.
Frankfort—Mr. B. H. Willson, 312 Coleman Avenue; Mrs. W. G. McConnell, Rt. 1.
Franklin—Mrs. Elmer Buchanan, Route 1; Mrs. John L. Stanford, Route 1.
Georgetown—Mrs. Robert Perry, 310 Water Street.
Glasgow—Thomas E. Humphrey, 201 Milton.
Hartford—Mrs. Hester Buchanan, General Delivery.
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Jenkins—Rev. Joseph Profit, Jr., Box 208.
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West Liberty—Warren Robbins.
Westview—William Richards.

Norris Gilliam Goes From Tennessee Foundation to Sunday School Board



Norris Gilliam, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, on September 1 became contracts and investments counselor to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute, Clinton, Ky., opens its sixth session September 6 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor John D. Laida, Fulton, Ky., will be the speaker. If at all possible, night students should be present for registration and the program Monday morning. Opening session for the evening classes will be Tuesday, September 7, at 6:45 p.m., according to President W. A. Sloan.



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E. D. Davis Joins Clinton School Faculty

CLINTON, Ky. — President W. A. Sloan of West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute announces that E. D. Davis has been added to the faculty, and that he began his new work the first of September.

For some months the new teacher has served as missionary in the Ohio River Association, and prior to that was a successful pastor. The school's president expresses pleasure in Brother Davis' coming, feeling his wide experience both as pastor and as missionary enables him to know preachers' problems and needs and to meet them in the class rooms. Davis is a native of Kentucky, holds an A.B. degree from Georgetown College and a Th.M. from Southern Seminary. He is thoroughly acquainted with Kentucky Baptists, having served many years as secretary of the General Association.

Home Mission Board announced that the Annie Armstrong mission offering as of June 15, was \$1,032,548, an increase of \$54,329 over the same time last year.

Leo J. Sheffel has resigned the pastoral care of the Olive Baptist Church, Lincoln County, to accept the pastorate of the Amity Baptist Church, Amity, Indiana. A fellowship supper was held for Brother and Mrs. Sheffel and daughter, Janice, soon after they moved on the new field.

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Let's Pray For World Piece

By **FRANK E. BURKHALTER**
Chairman Emeritus Journalism Department,
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It is encouraging to note that President Eisenhower has proclaimed Wednesday, September 22, as a day of national prayer for world peace. If the Christians of America will heed that request by giving considerable time that day to offering individual petitions for peace, and the churches will give special emphasis to this subject at their mid-week services, there is every reason to believe the Lord will hear and answer such intercession.

This belief is based upon several factors, but space forbids the listing of more than three of them:

First: The character of the heavenly Father, whom we know still delights in giving good gifts to his children.

Second: God's bountiful promise to hear and answer sincere, appropriate, and believing prayer, as witness the following passages:

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

"And you shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with your whole heart" (Jer. 29:13).

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end" (Ephes. 3:20-21).

From numerous Bible passages we learn there is nothing too difficult for God.

Third: On two occasions, within this generation, God has intervened in international crises and turned the tide of battle in response to wide-spread intercessory prayer.

Many who read these lines will recall the critical situation that prevailed on the Western Front in France in the spring of 1918, during World War I. The

powerful German Wehrmacht had rolled across the plains of Western Europe, sweeping everything before it. It appeared they were on their way to becoming the masters of Europe, and maybe of the world.

Many thousand American men had been thrown into that battle in an effort to halt the German march, but when it appeared no human force could do that job, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed May 31 as a day of prayer and fasting, asking that God intervene in behalf of the Allies. Millions of Americans heeded that call to prayer, and within five months and eleven days the Germans had been conquered and signed the Armistice of November 11 that terminated World War I.

Twenty-two years later, in May and

Samuel Southard Called To the Fort Mitchell Pastorate, Covington



Dr. Samuel Southard

COVINGTON, Ky. —A special installation service was held at the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church here at the morning service, August 1, for the incoming pastor, Dr. Samuel Southard, former instructor in psychology of religion at the Southern Seminary in Louisville. A reception for the new pastor and his wife was held in the afternoon.

Dr. Southard was born in Lincolnton, N. C., February 10, 1925. He married Frances Allen, Tifton, Ga., and they have one daughter, Pamela Sue, born March 19 of this year.

He received his B.A. from George Washington University in 1948; and his B.D. and Th.D. from Southern Seminary since.

From 1943 to 1946 he was in the U.S. Army. Following this he became associate pastor of the East Washington Heights Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., 1946 to 1948. When he came to the Seminary he worked with the Committee on Institutions, of which the Home for the Aged Committee was one of his responsibilities. He also served as pastor of the Redhouse Baptist Church, then in 1951 he became assistant chaplain at Central State Hospital.

June, 1940, during World War II, an even more powerful German war machine had rolled over the Low Countries, and had pushed all the Allied Forces back to the Atlantic Ocean, where it appeared they must either surrender or be annihilated from the land and air. Under this tremendous pressure France withdrew from the struggle, and the Belgian Army surrendered. This left 335,000 British soldiers bottled up in the French port of Dunkirk, with no human means of extricating themselves.

Recognizing his brave men's plight, King George of England seized his radio and appealed to his Christian subjects to repair to their churches and spend the night in prayer, pleading with God to save the brave, entrapped men at Dunkirk.

True to his character, God sent a deep, impenetrable fog over Dunkirk, so dense and deep the German bombers could not see where to drop their missiles.

The Royal British Navy was afraid to go to the rescue for fear it would be destroyed. But fortunately the usual rough English Channel was as calm as a pond all night, and by use of every type of commercial and pleasure craft everyone of the 335,000 British soldiers was landed safely on English soil before the heavy fog lifted.

Since God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, He will hear the prayers of his people and perform another miracle in today's tense world situation if his people will only repent of their sins, and turn to Him with their whole hearts.

President Eisenhower has done well in calling the people of America to prayer, but a mere proclamation will avail nothing. However, if all the 28,000 white Baptist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention shall make earnest prayers for peace the major item at their mid-week prayer services September 22, and the majority of the 8,000,000 members of those churches take advantage of every opportunity to lift their hearts, asking God to overthrow atheistic Communism and bring an early peace throughout the world, I believe those prayers would be answered. And there's no other way to obtain such peace.

As a layman who gave ten years to promoting a publicity program for Southern Baptists, I should like to suggest to my brethren of the ministry that I do not believe they could perform a greater service to the Kingdom of God at this crisis than planning an adequate observance of a season of genuine prayer for peace on September 22.

►Dr. Frank Tripp's mother died recently in Winnewood, Okla. Dr. Tripp is executive secretary and superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

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BOOK REVIEWS

"The Student's Historical Geography of the Holy Land" (\$2.25) by W. W. Smith. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This book, in spite of its brevity, contains an amazing amount of information. It is completely indexed and has many valuable maps and pictures.

"Win America Now!" (\$3) by Dr. E. E. Milam. The book can be ordered from the author, 1422, S.W. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Dr. W. R. White says of the work: "There may be diversities of opinion at some points, but the overall picture is inescapable." Dr. W. A. Criswell says of it: "Every pastor in the South should read the volume." Dr. James L. Sullivan said: "It will certainly enlarge a person's horizon of vision and give him a better understanding of the background and problems of Baptist work in the far West and Northwest." Dr. J. W. Storer said of it: "Now on the positive side, I think you have helped to clear the way for a better understanding of why we are in California and Oregon-Washington. If we go there as those who want to win the lost, and not as those who are destructive in criticism, the Lord can and will bless us."

"The Seven Laws Of Teaching," by John Milton Gregory, published by Baker Book House. Price \$1.75.

Among the first books that were used in the Sunday school study course was "The Seven Laws of Teaching" by Gregory. Among the first awards this reviewer received on the study course diploma, issued by the Sunday School Board, was the one for the completion of this book.

The book has been used with great success through the years. This reprint from the 1917 edition is the result of strong demand. It is a clear and simple statement of the art of teaching.

Its author, Dr. John Milton Gregory, was a Baptist minister and educator.

Certain additions and alterations have been suggested by the recent developments in educational theory and practice. It is hard to improve on some of the old books. This is one of them.—A. M. Vollmer.

"One to Eight," by J. N. Barnette. Broadman Press. Price 60c.

An excellent study course book by one who knows what he's talking about. It is an appeal to Southern Baptists to win one new convert for every eight Baptists. And he shows how this high goal can be achieved. This study course book should be used in every church.

"The Directory of the Devout Life" by F. B. Meyer. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich. Price \$2, and more than worth it.

Twenty practical, stimulating, edifying and devotional messages by a great writer and preacher. Baker Book House deserves congratulations for bringing this and many other great books back into print. It can be bought from your Baptist Book Store.

"Little Missionaries," by Joan Riffey Sutton, published by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, price 35 cents, paper cover.

One of the most delightful stories about Brazil, its friends, its churches, its language, and its country side is found in "Little Missionaries" by Joan Riffey Sutton. This little booklet is written for Primaries as a part of the 1954 Foreign Mission study books. Its message is so easily understood that any primary can readily grasp it and yet its content demands the attention of the adult reader. It tells the story of Mrs. Sutton who first went to Brazil as a missionary's daughter when she was only five and one-half years old. The facts of the story come fresh from her own experience and make the message most interesting. The closing paragraph which shows how every little boy and girl can be a missionary now is a worthy climax to the book. I heartily commend it for use in all of our churches.—Verlin D. Kruschwitz.

"Teaching to Win and Develop," by J. L. Corzine. Broadman Press; Cloth, 75c; Paper 50c.

An excellent Sunday school study course book, of nine chapters and 152 pages, deal-

ing with the proper use of activities in the processes of teaching, learning, and serving. We consider this one of the best so far brought out.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The following books have been received from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan:

"Twelve Striking Sermons" by Charles H. Spurgeon. Price \$2.50. A group of sermons many will be glad to see in print again, and use.

"Twelve Sermons on the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ," by Charles H. Spurgeon. Price \$2.50. Another great group of the type of sermons which made Spurgeon "the prince of preachers."

"John Ploughman's Talk,"—plain advice for plain people, by Charles H. Spurgeon. Price \$1.95. A well-known book many have longed to see in print again.

"High Peaks in Redemption," by F. J. Huegel. Price \$1.95. A book of 15 sermons on Satan.

"The Walk, Character, and Conversation of our Lord," by Alexander Whyte. Price \$3.50. Another biography of Jesus the Christ by an outstanding Scottish preacher and teacher.

"The Epistle to the Romans," by David Brown. Price \$2.50. A commentary on the entire Book of Romans, the purpose being to give practical helps.

"The Servant of Jehovah," by David Baron. Price \$2.95. The book treats of the sufferings of the Messiah and the glory that should follow—an exposition of Isaiah 53. Baron was a missionary to his people the Jews.

"Good News in Bad Times," by J. Edwin Orr. Price \$3.50. A work dealing with signs of revival now.

"Tomorrow I'll Be Happy," a religious novel by Dorothy C. Haskins. Price \$2. A love story with a lesson.

"Homespun,"—another religious novel by Emmett Russell. Price \$2. A story going back to the War Between the States. A fast-moving romance.

"Unto the Uttermost," by Sallie Lee Bell. Price \$2.50. Another religious novel which will hold the interest of the old or young reader.

"Encyclopedia of Games" for the entire family to enjoy (\$2.95) by Doris Anderson—a book that fills a need.

"How to Usher" (50c) by Leslie and Lora Lee Parrott.

"How to Plan a Party for Teen-Agers" (50c) by Leslie and Lora Lee Parrott.

"Christmas Program Handbook" (35c) by Grace Ramquist.

"Kids' Program Handbook" (35c) by Mabel H. Nance.

"Things a Girl Can Do"—handicrafts and activities (50c) by Carolyn Howard.

"Things a Boy Can Do"—handicrafts and activities (50c) by Carolyn Howard.

"Who Can Tell Me?"—Bible quizzes (50c) by Herbert Moehlmann.

"Teen-Age Etiquette" (\$1) by Grace Ramquist.

All these books can be bought from the publishers or from your Baptist Book Store.

Missionary For Church Budget

HENDERSON, N. C. — (BP) — A veteran associational missionary and mountain preacher has declared himself squarely on the side of planned finances for churches. Dr. J. C. Pipes told a gathering of North Carolina associational missionaries here, "In twenty years of associational work I have observed that once you get a rural church started on a church budget it never stops. Last year one of our churches went from \$250 for missions to \$1,400 for missions just by adopting a budget."

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A Resolution to Southern Baptists From the Japan Baptist Mission

WHEREAS meeting in annual session in Japan in August, 1954, and upon hearing the report on Asia from Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, and, furthermore, realizing the chaotic conditions in Asia and the urgency of evangelization now, and

WHEREAS we feel alarm and deep

concern over the shortage of mission volunteers in this time of God-given opportunity,

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that we, the Japan Baptist Mission, implore all Southern Baptists to (1) heed the call of Christ for Asia and the entire lost world, (2) pray to God for the earliest possible appointment of qualified volunteers both from the seminaries and pastorate to these areas of great need, (3) urge college and seminary young

people to look at the lost of the world through the eyes of Christ and, in complete obedience to his will, to take the gospel now to all nations, remembering that it is unto him that we must give account of the stewardship of our lives.

FINALLY, be it resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Foreign Mission Board and to all Southern Baptist publications.—From Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.