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Gleanings From The Field

▶The South Central Regional Training Union Convention was held in the Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ky., September 17-18.

▶The Bethel Church, in South Union Association, has closed a revival in which Pastor Emerson Jones and Brother Philip Ball did the preaching, resulting in 14 additions, 11 of these being by profession of faith.

▶The Louisville Baptist Council of Education is now operating the (Louisville) Baptist High School, formerly conducted by and at the Eighteenth Street Baptist Church. This institution opened Thursday, September 2, at the East Baptist Church, 412 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Dr. B. T. Kimbrough, AT-wood 5116, is the acting principal. The sessions are held from 9 to 12 noon each day.

▶New Bethel Church, in Breckenridge Association, had a VBS for ten days with an enrollment of 72 and an average attendance of 61. The school was in charge of local workers and was successful. Brother James Graves is the new pastor, and did the preaching in a recent revival in which there were 11 additions to the church.

▶Supt. C. Ford Duesner, of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale, Ky., preached in a revival with Pastor John E. Douglas at the Wolfe Creek Baptist Church, in Salem Association recently, resulting in five additions. He worked a great deal with the children, and splendid attendance was in evidence throughout the series.

▶The Association of Baptist Teachers of Religion convened at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 23-24. Robert W. Jackson, associate professor of religion at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., was elected president. The vice president is Robert L. Dobson, chairman of Bible and religion, Wayland College, Plainview, Texas; and the secretary-treasurer is Dr. E. C. Masden, professor of religion, Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky. The association is composed of teachers of religion in our Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

▶George L. Shearin, Waco city judge, has been named associate secretary and legal counsel for the endowment department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. His appointment, effective September 1, was announced by L. Taylor Daniel, endowment secretary. Shearin, a native of Memphis, Tenn., received the LL.B. degree from Baylor University in 1950 and started practicing law in 1951. He was appointed assistant city attorney for Waco in 1952 and served until April, 1954, at which time he was made city judge.

▶Dr. J. P. McBeth, Dallas, Texas, was the evangelist in a revival this summer

with Pastor H. M. Hampton at the Hazel Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky. Pastor Hampton says: "Dr. McBeth is truly one of our greatest evangelists of today and can present the profound truths of God's Word in simplicity and with great effectiveness. He is one of the most effective Bible teachers, and his coming has been a blessing to our church and people that will never be forgotten." The results were 22 for baptism, 3 by letter and many dedications of life.

▶The Gethsemane Baptist Church was organized with ten charter members at Yosemite, Kentucky, August 29. Bro. Lewis E. Searcy was elected moderator of the council and N. C. Hayes clerk. After reading the resolution, church covenant, and articles of faith, the council voted to adopt same and give the right hand of fellowship to the new church. The door of the new organization was opened and one came on profession of faith and two by letter. N. C. Hayes was called as pastor. The new church is moving forward with a full time program. A Sunday school is now in operation, and a Training Union will be organized soon. Ten per cent of the income will be given to the Co-operative Program. The new organization was a mission of Friendship Church, in South District Association, of which Lewis E. Searcy is pastor.

▶The boys and their leaders from Little Bethel Association had an Associational R. A. Conclave at Nebo recently, with 138 strong. They had fun and fellowship, and then plenty of food on lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carneal. Following the feast, provided by the WMU of each church from which the boys came, everyone went to the Nebo Church for a program. Representatives from eleven churches helped form a constitution and by-laws. Officers elected were: Buck Lamb, Earlington, Ambassador-in-Chief; Ronnie Sadler, Nebo, First Assistant Ambassador; Billy Prow, Charleston, Second Assistant Ambassador; Lysander Carneal, Nebo, Recorder; Ernest Hopper, Charleston, Herald-Steward; and Eddie Stump, Liberty, Custodian. Mr. J. C. Ballew, R. A. Secretary, showed RA slides as the climax of the meeting. These presented much of the work of the Baptist boy's organization in the local church, the association, the state camp, state congress, and activities throughout the SBC.

▶In order that our readers may know more intimately something about President Thomas H. Francis, new head of Magoffin Baptist Institute, Mountain Valley, Ky., we give a thumbnail sketch of him as follows: He was born September 26, 1923, in Cadiz, Kentucky. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Francis. He was graduated from Trigg County High School in June, 1942; and from the University of Kentucky in 1949 with the degree of B. S. in Ag-

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riculture. While in Lexington he was active in BSU work, closely associated with Student Secretary J. Chester Durham. He attended the Southern Seminary from 1948 to 1951, and then, after spending eighteen months in Palestine and the Near East as an agricultural missionary, he returned to the Seminary and was graduated last May with the B. D. degree. Back in 1950 he was connected with the Kentucky Boys' Estate, and in 1953 he served as pastor of the Lower Bend Baptist Church, in Estill County, near Irvine, Ky. He is succeeding President D. M. Alldridge as head of Magoffin.

Revelations of God

By CARL LOY, Pastor
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We cannot harmonize the immanence of God and the transcendence of God; but both are essential to Christian faith. If God were immanent in the world only and not transcendent, He would not be trustworthy. If He were transcendent only and not immanent in the world, He would not be accessible. Neither pantheism nor transcendentalism can be accepted, for "He was in the world and the world was made by him and the world knew him not."

Whether or not we agree with Richardson (Christian Apologetics p. 127) that all revelation is saving revelation, we must concede that all knowledge of God must come through God's disclosure of Himself. Man cannot set sail in his tiny intellectual craft, upon the boundless sea of speculation, and find God. When the Greek philosophers were making a vain and futile effort to find ultimate reality (God) by their wisdom, the Hebrew prophets were declaring Him to the world by revelation.

God has chosen to make revelations of himself to man, and He does this, not because of what man is, but because of what He is himself.

I. The Hebrew Religion

The student of Comparative Religion cannot fail to see that the Hebrew religion with its doctrine of God, man and morality, is singular and superior to other religions. The lofty concepts of an ethical God, evidenced so clearly by the eighth-century prophets, cannot be ascribed to any superiority of the Hebrews. They were not a philosophical people like the Greeks, but were a plain people concerned with the practical affairs of life. Their religion was not the product of their thought, but a revelation from God.

It has been objected that the Mosaic Code was nothing new, for there are similarities between it and Hammurabi's Code, which, of course, is much older. Let it be granted that the Code of Hammurabi contains elements of ethics coming from some revelation of God in some remote period of the race's history, and it does not weaken the revelation to Moses, for God talked to him and gave him the law. The law of Moses is superior to Hammurabi's Code because of its doctrine of God. The religion of the latter was polytheistic.

Even though the Jews committed idolatry at times, and later drifted into

a stereotyped legalism, there was a revelation of God in their religion. In spite of His condemnation of the Pharisees for their tradition, Jesus magnified the one God of their faith.

The Hebrews were the only ones who studied nature and did not equate nature with God. All other people—the people of India, China, Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Rome—were nature worshippers. If it be objected that the Hebrews did not study nature as closely as their contemporaries, I would answer by saying that the Hebrews were close observers of nature as is seen from their nature Psalms. "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him" (Psalms 8:3-4)? "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Psalms 19:1). These verses, with other portions of the Psalms, show that the people of Israel were close observers of nature—yet they did not worship nature as God.

Although the Pharisees had made religion a set of formalistic rules, void of spirit and life, there were pious ones among the Jews when Jesus came, such as Zacharias, Elizabeth, Simeon, Anna, Joseph and Mary, who worshipped God in spirit and truth. There was always a 'remnant' in Israel which preserved the knowledge and worship of Jehovah, and held their religion as a revelation from him.

II. The Carpenter of Nazareth

Jesus, Who was born of a virgin, Who grew up in a peasant's home, Who was not as well favored as the foxes and birds, Whose hands were calloused by toil, was God moved into history. Despised by enemies and misunderstood by friends, He had a deep consciousness of His own uniqueness and mission. He was God revealed in the flesh.

1. To see Jesus is to see God.

"Phillip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father . . . Jesus saith unto him . . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:8-9).

2. To believe in Jesus is to believe in God.

"And we know that the Son is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true,

and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life" (I John 5:20).

3. To know Jesus is to know God.

Jesus said to the Pharisee, "Ye neither know me nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also" (John 8:19).

In Jesus, the Creator was with the creature; the Lord had become the servant; the giver of the law had become its subject; and life had become subject to death. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (I Tim. 3:16). Jesus was God incarnate—the word made flesh.

III. The Knowledge of Salvation

1. The knowledge of salvation does not come through education. We cannot teach salvation to anyone (Heb. 8:10-12, John 3:3).

2. It does not come through proxy. It is a personal experience and cannot be bestowed, or inherited (Matt. 3:7-9).

3. It is not acquired by works. A person depending upon his works for the knowledge of salvation would never know when he had done enough for the assurance of salvation (Rom. 4:5, Eph. 2:8-9).

4. It is not gained through wisdom (Luke 10:21, I Cor. 1:21, 2:9-14).

5. The knowledge of salvation is a revelation through faith in Christ (John 20:31, I John 5:13). Peter said, "Thou art the Christ," and Jesus said, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my Father" . . . (Matt. 16:16-17).

Jesus taught that the Father reveals the Son, and the Son reveals the Father (Matt. 11:25-27).

Paul says that no man can say that Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 12:3).

Christians can say with Paul, "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6).

It is not through philosophy, science, reason, ritual institutionalism or religion, but through faith in Christ, Who stood as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, that we come to know God.

This is life eternal (John 17:3).

►Pastor A. H. Phillips, of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, Ky., did the preaching in a one week revival at the Charity Baptist Church, Adair County, resulting in six conversions. All candidates were baptized in the Green River.

Proclaiming Christ Overseas

By **BAKER J. CAUTHEN**, Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board

In the task of world missions we are committed to an enterprise of vast proportions. Southern Baptist mission work is more widely extended than at any period in the history of our denomination.

Nine hundred thirty-six missionaries of our Board are at work in three broad areas of the world.

In Africa, Europe and the Near East, the largest concentration of missionaries is in Nigeria where a highly effective Christian witness has been established.

In Latin America the major concentration of mission work is in Brazil, where three missions represent Southern Baptists throughout that extensive country. Southern Baptists are represented in thirteen Latin American countries.

In the Orient, although missionaries can no longer be located in our oldest and largest mission field, they have upon withdrawal from China extended work throughout Japan, Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, and are located in the doorway of Red China at Hong Kong and Macao.

In the dark days of the depression, when Dr. Charles E. Maddry became executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board in January, 1933, even the most courageous and optimistic people among us would not have dared predict Southern Baptist world witness could possibly become so extended as now.

On mission fields around the world, heroic faith and selfless devotion characterize the labor being done in the name of our Lord. When crises arise in which possessions, security, or even life are imperiled, missionaries of our generation show the same stalwart qualities of those who first pioneered in this mighty undertaking.

The grave of Dr. William L. Wallace in Wuchow, China, who died in a Communist prison cell after fifty-three days of unspeakable suffering, is a constant reminder of the extent to which commitment may have to go and the readiness with which God's servants will make that commitment.

The devotion of missionaries is matched by that of national Christians in many lands throughout the world. If at any time a missionary grows discouraged as he sees the slow spiritual progress among people around him, he has but to remember the behavior of national Christians when they are brought face to face with crises for

their Lord. Christians in China have suffered through the years for their Master and they are doing so today. Even now as we assemble in this Convention some of the choicest of God's servants languish in prison in that country.

Our labor in Korea has been made especially joyful because of the priv-

Dr. Roy O. McClain to be Baptist Hour Speaker October Through December



**Roy O.
McClain**

ATLANTA, Ga.— Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, has been named speaker on the "Baptist Hour" for the last quarter in 1954. His first sermon will be on Sunday, Oct. 3. Dr. John A. Hamrick, Charleston, South Carolina, chairman of the Baptist Hour Committee, made the announcement this week. An extremely popular preacher in Atlanta, Dr. McClain held student pastorates in his home state of South Carolina and Indiana before going to the First Baptist Church of Orangeburg. He left that church for his present pastorate.

The new "Baptist Hour" preacher served in the U. S. Army during World War II as a chaplain.

A member of the Radio and Television Commission, Dr. McClain was one of the first preachers in the nation to utilize the medium of a closed television circuit through which to preach to overflow crowds in his church. His church services now are televised each Sunday morning by WLWA-TV in Atlanta, the time paid for by his church.

Dr. McClain has a broad educational background which includes a B.A. degree from Furman University, a master's in accounting degree from Carolina Commercial College, and the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky.

He is active in denominational work, serving as a trustee for Furman University, Southern Seminary, and Shorter College at Rome, Georgia.

ilege of working with people who have suffered so much for their Master and who count such suffering a privilege.

When we consider the total gifts of Southern Baptists, whereby the income of the Foreign Mission Board for last year came to the total of \$9,201,059, we must conclude that this indicates on the part of many a high degree of sharing which can best be understood in the story of the widow's mite.

The enterprise of world missions has borne rich fruit. Thousands of people have been won to Christ. Churches have been established, leaders have been trained, and far-reaching ministries of love and mercy have been extended to those who are in need.

People from our Convention who have had opportunity to visit the mission fields come back with a unanimous testimony of the worthwhileness of this great undertaking and freely confess that they had no idea that such fruit had been borne.

We cannot overstate the urgency of the task of world missions in our generation. It is more than ever a life and death struggle. For the individual around the world it has always been the turning from death unto life when he has found the Saviour.

In our generation the whole world rests under a cloud of potential tragedy which is almost too horrible to contemplate. Even though we do not like to think of it, it is real. Every international conference emphasizes the gravity of our time. Each report of atomic and hydrogen bomb developments warns us of impending danger.

We Southern Baptists have committed ourselves to an effort to place 1,750 missionaries around the world to witness for Christ. Even if we had that number today, we would not feel that our responsibility has been accomplished. As long as there is any means of our increasing the ministry to a broken-hearted lost world it is clearly our duty to do so.

Our destiny as a great people of God depends largely upon our being able to grasp the significance of the times in which we live. If we are wise, we will see that God has raised us up for the distinctive purpose of heralding His gospel to the ends of the earth in a crucial hour of history.

► The First Baptist Church, Loyall, Kentucky, has called Brother William Roby, Canton, Mississippi, to be its pastor and he has accepted, effective October 1. This will bring to a close a six months' interim pastoral relationship the church has had with Brother P. B. Baldrige, who will go on October 3 to deliver a message at the home coming of the church at Maryville, Tenn., where Bro. George Masters is pastor.

Editorials

MT. MORIAH PASTOR SETS EXAMPLE: Pastor R. Roland Powell, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Boston, Ky., sends us the names and Louisville addresses of 24 of his members. He does this in the interest of the Transfer Church Membership Week. Pastor Powell said concerning his effort: "Each of 106 non-resident members has received a letter from the church last week, and over 40 pastors of churches in cities and villages where they live received their names and addresses to aid in Transfer Church Membership Week promotion." He enclosed a sample of the letters, and it contained excellent ideas. The letter stated in part: "Mt. Moriah has 338 members on the roll, but 106 of them are non-residents! In other words, approximately *one out of every three* members now lives so far from Boston that he (or she) can not be expected to attend regularly either Sunday school, Baptist Training Union, prayer meeting, or the worship services of his (or her) church. This is tragic! Is it any wonder that many feel that the church means little or nothing to them? How can our church minister to the spiritual needs of these members? One thing Mt. Moriah can do is to write to every member who is both inactive here and who lives nearer another Baptist church and urge him (or her) to unite with the Baptist church where he (or she) now lives and works." And he added: "Transfer Church Membership Week makes it very much in style to walk down the aisle and transfer your own church membership." After telling each non-resident member the steps to take in transferring membership, the pastor concluded: "We believe you sincerely appreciate being a member of a church that takes seriously its task of ministering to the spiritual needs of *all* its members. That's why the church, meeting in regular business session last Sunday, September 5, did not hesitate to vote to write each of these 106 members and urge every one to *pray* and then *act* during Transfer Church Membership Week. . . . Ephesians 5:25; Hebrews 10:25; Philipians 1:3-11."

We predict Pastor Roland and the Mt. Moriah Church will get results. Absent members should be impressed with the need for keeping their membership right along with them—in the church nearest them and where they can work to best advantage. It is nothing less than tragic for Baptists to neglect this important part of their witness. Carelessness tells an awful story about church members. Thank you Brother Powell for the example you have set. If all churches and pastors would follow it, there would be fewer non-resident Baptist church members.

A DANGEROUS EMPHASIS: One of the very real dangers in this complicated, confused world is that which stems from misplaced emphases, a warped sense of values. What men regard as important reveals what they actually are, personally. The best photograph of any man is his sense of values. To illustrate in a small way: If a man regards the thrill of speeding through traffic at a dangerous rate as of more importance than the lives he endangers by so

doing, then something is radically wrong with that person. He, by nature, is a menace and a potential killer at heart. Men reveal their deficiencies as well as their excellencies by their sense of values.

A Stronger Picture: As a much larger illustration of this principle in operation, we offer what was recently brought to light by *Christian Life*. A panel of twenty-eight historians, educators and journalists, in an effort to publicize a new history book, rated what were, in their judgment, the hundred most significant events in history. In their evaluations the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ was rated fourth and, even then, that event of all events was ranked along with the drafting and adoption of the Constitution of the United States, the discovery of ether as an anesthetic, the discovery of X-ray, and the first plane flight of the Wright brothers. First in their rating was Columbus' discovery of America, and the second place was given to Gutenberg's development of movable type. Eleven other events tied for third place and were placed above the Crucifixion in importance. It was a most intimate picture of the men who so voted. They thereby revealed how far along they, and many others, have gone in their materialistic ideology.

We do not underrate the value of Columbus' discovery of America, nor the development of movable type by Gutenberg. And certainly we do not minimize the importance of anesthetics or the X-ray or the work done by the Wright brothers, or the Constitution of the United States; but in contrast, all these drop into lower brackets when we consider the death of Jesus Christ on the cross as an atonement for the sins of the world. The young people who study that history book, especially those who know of the evaluations made by the educators and journalists and historians, will share, at least in some instances, the opinions advanced, and will also develop a warped sense of values. That is exactly the process by which the world drifts on toward the deadly maelstrom.

But those men are not alone in their warped sense of values: even some church members say, at least by their living and witnessing or lack of it, that the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ is relatively unimportant. Though professing in words to have high regard for His atoning death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, they do little or nothing about it except to profess a faith. Where are the deeds which prove we have faith? They, too, reveal our actual sense of values.

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►On the rock near the top of Mt. Washington there is a marker on the trail to show the spot where a woman climber lay down and died. One hundred steps more and she would have reached the hut at the summit, the shelter she sought. A battle, so the strategists say, is won by the army which can hold out minutes longer than the foe. A man cannot do everything, but he can keep going. He has energy for one step more. He has a bit of resource left, even when he thinks he is spent.—A. K. Chalmers, *The Constant Fire* (Scribner's).

The Warmth of the Christ Passion

Whenever there is a fire on the hearth, men and women put out their hands to be warmed. Since the walk on the road to Emmaus, man's heart has been burning within. The passionate Christ kindles a fire that consumes sin's dross and refines the gold of human nature.

Is A Powerful Imperative

The Christian faith cannot be understood apart from a consuming passion. Discontented with specious loyalties, this historical faith makes no provision for apathy, dulled zeal, or partial discipleship.

The surging rivers which inundated the Roman Empire had their source in this historical fact: an uncompromising passion for God which knew no precedent—releasing upon the world a floodtide of dynamics unlike any of its religious antecedents.

Along the way, this Christian passion earned all types of disdainful epithets. The word "Christian" fell first from the lips of churling pagans who thus tagged the Christ-followers in Antioch.

Midway in the first century A.D., no greater compliment could be paid the early band of disciples than to call them fools. Peter and John, feeling the warmth of the inner glow, defiantly shouted, ". . . whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye; for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

It was no effort to flatter religionists which caused Sigmund Freud to exclaim, "Religion is a universal obsessional neurosis." Because of a singular devotion to the Christ-passion, John Wesley was maligned, his home burned, his life endangered. No type of obstacle has been able to hinder the onward march of people mastered by this magnificent obsession. Like a stream, impeded by the newly-built dam overflows, continued its journey to the sea; so the pilgrims of the Nazarene conquered adversity to keep the fire of faith aglow!

Turning to Jesus, to probe the mystery of His life and teachings, one fact is immediately obvious: it was not His Messiahship that attracted the throngs, since few were convinced that He was the Coming One; rather, a powerful magnetism in His nature—a surge of life that enabled Him to know what was in man, a divine-human X-ray that penetrated the vitals of life. He was warm and genuine. The ring of the

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By ROY O. McCLAIN

"Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way. . .?"

—Luke 24:32

real was in Him. No ersatz quality was found in Him. One moment in His presence arrested the feverish jig of the curious. No one believed Him to be just another ecclesiastic with a novel turn. The Greeks demanded an audience; the Roman Centurion urgently asked for his servant's healing; a Syrophenician woman found her way; Nicodemus, a Jewish attorney, came inquiring. In the presence of a Samaritan woman Jesus refused to enter an academic debate on geography and history; instead, He warmly appealed for a decision to repent. To His inviting lap came the little children, impatiently plowing their way through the polyglot

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of the sick, destitute, confused, rich and the lost. Nothing but a winning warmth would have attracted this varying mass of people.

A Warm Message In A Cold Messenger Is A Contradiction

No doubt remains in the mind of a novice student of the Bible about the warmth of the Christian message. The Holy Spirit is presented in association with fire. Jesus exclaimed, "I am come to send fire on the earth" (Luke 22:49). At Pentecost, cloven tongues were likened unto fire. God spoke to Moses through fire in the burning bush. The author of Hebrews declares, "Our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29). God's *dunamis* is the word supplying our word for dynamite. The message in its warm vibrancy deals with the tender processes of regeneration and life-giving freshness.

The warmth of the message must be matched by a warm messenger. The strongest argument for Christianity still is a Christian. The history of many great churches is but a lengthened shadow of a great preacher. The quality

and posture of God's men of the cloth often determine the quality of lay people—a fact that hardly can be exaggerated in importance. Truth's best channel of communication is personality!

When there is disparagement between the message and the messenger, cross-currents of difficulties are encountered. Now the acid test is upon us: the Marxists are calling for our credentials as Christians.

With incisive piognancy Lowell exhorts, "The epic of a man rehearse, be something better than thy verse." Throughout Holy Writ there flows a stream of warning, "The blind cannot lead the blind," "I deal myself the knockout blow, lest when I have preached to others, I myself become a castaway." When the messenger is not winsome, the message suffers loss. Few are objective enough to see the truth apart from the herald of the truth.

Many are the reasons for lack of winsomeness: for one thing, an excessive familiarity with the divine. Constant handling of the sacred vessel induces the carelessness of impiety. Presuming upon the goodness of God by virtue of ordination papers can have dire consequences!

The minister's disdain for sin and its ugliness paves an easy road for the growth of disdainfulness in the preacher. The hard-hitting man of God who vehemently condemns sin runs a frightful risk of not distinguishing the sinner from his sin, thus becoming personally associated with an unattractive quality in his nature.

Some clergymen almost have made a graven image out of a pious tone and a tame manner. Subscription to this type of practice has rounded the corners of individuality and given rise to a method which contradicts the fresh, wholesome technique of the Master. All the "verbal sunsets" can never measure up to the Biblical simplicity, "Repent and be baptized."

Our gymnasiums of activity have given rise to a tired pre-occupation that stifles the art of true worship. Matthew Arnold is right in contending that the best known book in church circles in America is the Book of Numbers. Hungry congregations know too much of the sound and fury—too little of the simple gospel claims.

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Patrolman C. Ortiz, Pueblo, Colorado, testifying against woman who threw a flatiron at him when arrested: "She missed. I've been married a long time, and managed to duck."

Safeguarding Baptist Principles

By C. EMANUEL CARLSON

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

In the over-all view of modern world history there are three facts of our faith which have been most frequently associated with the term "Baptist." The first of these, in emphasis if not in chronology, has been evangelism, including in that term the whole process of recruiting personally committed followers of Jesus Christ. The individual's need of a divine rebirth, the profession of the new life by obedience in baptism and in affiliation with a church are time honored Baptist emphases.

We have also become known and recognized for our democratic form of church government. The authority of the local church in matters of membership, ordination, and policy may have made Baptist churches proverbially unpredictable, but they have also played a large part in cultivating democratic attitudes and capacities, the basic materials for political democracy.

Ever since the days of Roger Williams, Baptists have been known and commended for their position favoring separation of church and state. Many, including Jefferson, have known and approved our position even though they have not grasped the spiritual truths and relationships which make separation of church and state a "must" among Baptists.

It has been through these three facets that Baptists have perhaps made their greatest contributions to the cause of Christ on this earth. They are time honored principles and we who are Baptists today should seek to preserve them for our posterity.

The Baptist Pattern

Perhaps the time has come for a careful rethinking of the vital inter-relationships between these three outstanding points or facets. They are not simply so many culture complexes accidentally combined into a "Pattern" (as some superficial students of "social culture" might assume).

The person who accepts salvation through Christ and thereby comes into a personal relationship with the Lord, being "born again" as "a child of God," gains an intimate personal fellowship with the Lord such that he cannot be satisfied to negotiate with the Lord

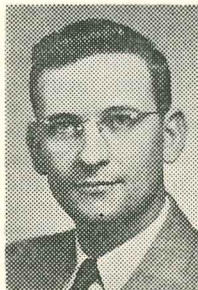
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through an intervening priesthood that directs his life and his worship. Who wishes to live under the domination of a priesthood if he has found opportunity for direct access to God in prayer, in praise, and in divine personal guidance? When the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit becomes a personal experience, and the contents of God's Word available to one's own seeking soul, the local fellowship of believers becomes a democratically-minded group of humble saints anxiously seeking the will of the Lord.

The acceptance of salvation and the forgiveness of sin on the basis of Christ's redemptive work in our behalf should normally establish the Lordship of Christ in our lives. We become "His men." The love of Christ constrains us and regulates our living. He becomes our master and we become his devoted and loyal subjects. To these ends the Holy Spirit fills his rightful place within these earthly temples that He might minister the things of Christ to our hearts and minds.

If these things be real, how then can there be place for an intervening authoritarian church between the individual and his Lord? How can a government possibly contribute or become in any way involved in the Christian's fellowship and obedience to his God? Democracy among the believers and the separation of church and state follow logically from a clear grasp of the truth that the Kingdom of God now

Lyndon W. Collings Goes to Clarksville, Ind., Pastorate



Lyndon W.
Collings

Brother Lyndon W. Collings began his pastorate at the First Baptist Church, Lincoln Ave. near Highway 62, Clarksville, Indiana, on Sunday, September 12, succeeding Bro. William L. Lee, who has returned to school. Bro. Collings goes to the Indiana pastorate from the Muldraugh Baptist Church, Muldraugh, Ky. Native of Spencer County, he was formerly a pastor in Shelby County.

consists of the rule of God in the hearts and the lives of His people.

Baptist Procedure

How, then, do we proceed when we wish to be certain that these realities will be available for our posterity?

There is a sense in which these Baptist principles do not need safeguarding. They are rooted basically, not in a social or political tradition, but in the mind of God and in His design for human beings. The heroes of faith in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews may not have lived in a social order that recognized separation of church and state, but their obedience to the supremacy of God's will essentially established the principle in their experiences.

Since truly spiritual principles do not emanate from social or political traditions, but instead are beamed into our lives and into social systems by God, the very basis of defense lies in our wholehearted acceptance of them. If we who profess the salvation and the Lordship of Christ could and would live our lives in complete allegiance to God, there would be no alternative to the separation of church and state. It would be an obvious reality. The arguments and plans of authoritarian systems of religion would be dissolved by the sheer force of obvious contrast.

Because of these considerations, evangelism has ordinarily been a vital part of any Baptist program for America. Because of these, also, the Baptist denominations have been aggressively foreign-mission minded. Throughout the confusions of one social problem after the other, through one program of reform after the other, and throughout the ups and downs of economic cycles and international tensions we have held to a faith—clear though at times intangible—that Christ is the answer to all our needs. Accordingly, we have pushed ahead to win more people for Him and to help them yield more fully to Him.

The Baptist Purpose

On the other hand, in yielding ourselves to the Lord in that complete manner, the Lord equips us with a new set of motives which require that we do all we possibly can for the welfare of our fellowmen. No truly devoted child of God was ever careless about his own personal influence nor about the nature of group life around him. So much of the good and of the evil comes to an individual person through social channels that the Christian must of necessity be concerned about those channels and what emanates from them.

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"You know, when Johnnie asked me to marry him, he flopped around like a fish out of water."

"Maybe he just realized he had a hook in his mouth."

Laymen Can Witness, Too

By CLARENCE HENDERSHOT

"If the world is to be won for Christ, laymen must do it." A pastor was speaking. "If every pastor," he continued, "worked all the time, we could never evangelize the world. We couldn't even keep up with the increase in population. The world can be reached only if laymen commit themselves to the task." Have you ever thought of it that way? This pastor was simply saying that if this world was ever to be won to Christ it would take more than the ministry to do it, that every layman and every person who has had an experience with Christ would have to become deeply concerned about the sharing of that experience with those who are not acquainted with the Master.

"Me?" someone says. "What can I do? I cannot witness."

What do you mean, *cannot witness*? We are witnessing every day, whether we mean to or not. The fact is witnessing is not something a Christian does at specially allotted times by conscious decision; it is not even a matter of choice; it is not optional; it is a full time matter, and there is no escape from it. The question is not *whether* we witness, but *how*.

But how do we witness? Obviously, we do it in many ways:

Witnessing By One's Work

First is the matter of our daily employment. Two men were shaping rocks. A passerby said to one, "What are you doing?"

"Cutting rocks," came the reply.

Then turning to the other he asked the same question. Raising his eyes, the laborer said proudly, "Building a church."

Daily toil can be a Christian witness. Jesus glorified physical labor for all time by his own years in the carpenter shop. When John sent his disciples to inquire of Jesus whether he was the Messiah, Jesus answered not with words, but directed the visitors to observe his works and report what they had seen (Matt. 11:2-6).

The first disciples knew the meaning of physical toil. They probably supported themselves with their labor. Paul

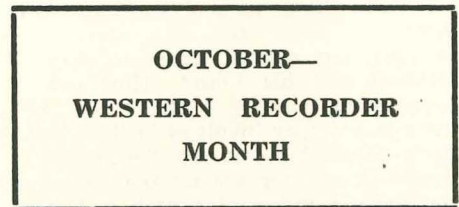
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practiced a trade. He witnessed by his work. No doubt his workmanship and industry were observed as closely as his words (II Thes. 3).

Paul makes several references to "honesty," a Christian virtue which demands witness today as in Paul's time—the full pound, an "honest" hour's labor, "honest" dealing with one's co-workers, "honest" payment for service rendered. Honesty is its own witness. Everyone can practice it. If every layman made his daily tasks a witness to Christ, what a commanding testimony that would be! Christianity practiced through the lives and business transactions of men who profess Christ is a tremendous means of witnessing for the Master.

Witnessing on the Job

But witnessing on the job is not limited to attitudes toward one's work and his fellowmen. In some offices a Bible



on the desk is a silent witness to visitors as well as a reminder to the owner.

We are living today in an age marked by close personal associations. It is also a period in which the problems about us are so overwhelmingly complex that we feel the need of fellowship of kindred souls. Prayer groups are one approach to the problem. In the Nations Capitol concerned members of Congress meet regularly for Christian fellowship and prayer. Another group of men concerned about the application of Christian principles in international affairs meet weekly for prayer and discussion. Scores of other groups are meeting in Washington, throughout the United States, and around the world for the blessing of Christian fellowship and to concert their witness.

Are you a member or participant in a Christian breakfast or luncheon group? You will find such groups meeting for Christian fellowship and devotion most helpful in creating a fine Christian spirit among those with whom you work in making your livelihood.

Witnessing to Neighbors

If the Christian witness is not optional, neither is it a part time matter. The concern may remain the same, but the opportunities for action vary during different parts of the day. How do you witness when you are not in your shop or office?

First, is your witness in the home such as to commend the Christ we proclaim? A young boy spent a few weeks with neighbors while his parents were away. On their return he asked why they did not have a family altar like their friends. As a result of this neighbor's influence, an altar was soon established in this lad's home.

Then there is the witness in the neighborhood. A young man presented himself for membership in a metropolitan church. The pastor, curious as to what had prompted the young man's decision, asked, "Which of my sermons influenced you in this decision?" "I am sorry," replied the young man, "but it wasn't your sermons. You see, for years I have watched Mr. Jones walk past my house every Sunday morning on his way to this church. That is why I came."

Witnessing Through The Church to the Community

The concerned layman will find more active things to do in his church than just attending the preaching and prayer services. With Sunday school classes to be taught, Training Union groups to be led, Brotherhood, church Sunday school and other offices to be filled, no layman should feel unneeded.

In every Baptist church each layman is charged with greeting visitors, and with lending a hand wherever needed. Calling on the ill, the new prospects and the spiritually lost is a constant challenge to our Christian witness. Christ's gospel makes no provision for spectators. "In as much as you *did* . . ." (Matt. 24: 10), not "*saw*" or "*thought*," said the Master.

Climaxing it all is the spoken word, the telling of the gospel story and what it has done for you. Many Brotherhoods sponsor missions from which churches grow. Some hold services for the inmates of institutions with rich spiritual results. Many conduct visitation campaigns taking the challenge of Christ to the unconcerned.

Sometimes we sing the familiar hymn, "Make Me A Channel of Blessing." Did it ever occur to you that no more can flow out of a channel than flows into it?—*Brotherhood Journal*.

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The Secret of Keeping On

By DR. F. TOWNLEY LORD
The Baptist Times, London

One of the surprising facts in history is the continuance of the Christian church. From the day the church began to be until this good hour, she has been confronted with hostility, enmity and overwhelming force.

In the early days of apostolic history it seemed that nothing could prevent the submerging of the little companies of Christians. Opposition came in as tidal waves, and the amazing thing is that the church rose to the crest of the waves and refused to be drowned.

The story of the church is a record of endurance. She has faced hardship like a good soldier of Jesus Christ. She has been wounded more often by her friends than her enemies. Sometimes opponents thought that she was ready to die; the epitaph was written, the coffin ordered and the grave dug, but the miracle happened. She rose again as one called back from the valley of the shadow, and continued her way along the path marked out for the pilgrims' feet.

Dr. Denny was told by a pessimist that the church was dying; he answered with a smile, "She has always been like that. She dies to live." The world was never friendly to true religion. The only church acceptable to the worldly-minded is fashioned after the pattern of the Laodiceans: neither hot nor cold.

The followers of Christ, individually or collectively, are called to fight the good fight of faith. It is a fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. From the early conflicts recorded in the *Acts of the Apostles* until now, that conflict waged. In some periods it seemed to die down, but they were the times of the church's decadence. Each step to the Kingdom of God is gained by holy warfare. Did our Lord not say, "In the world ye shall have tribulation?" There is no doubt about it; history has verified the statement. Happily for us all the Master also said, "In Me ye might have peace."

It would be interesting to make a collection of descriptions of the world written by religious leaders of different periods. John Calvin wrote of the people of his day, "Their wickedness has, however, reached such a pitch that I hardly hope to be able any longer to retain any kind of position for the church, especially under my ministry. My influence has gone, believe me, unless God stretch forth His hand." Calvin's last words were very true . . . "Unless God stretch forth His hand."

The Secret

What is the secret of keeping on? It is the same in the experience of the community as in that of the individual. Long ago it was told by Paul when he stood before Agrippa; the petty king was interested in the evangelist, and permitted him to tell his story. In it Paul declared how the Jews had persecuted him. They tried to kill him but failed. Paul says, "Having therefore obtained the help of God I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come."

The secret of keeping on is not far to seek. It is not human attainment. Individual Christians have sometimes been endowed with great gifts of scholarship, eloquence and genius, but these are not the explanation of their continuing

Ex-Kentuckian, James C. Barry, Becomes Editor of VBS Materials



Dr. James C. Barry

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in the way that was oft-times dark and hard to tread. A Christian is called to be faithful unto death—no easy task. Temptations are subtle and strong; they are not less today than in the earlier years. By some teachers they are represented as being far more and far greater than at any previous period of the church's history; but no generation has a monopoly of difficulties or of hardship, and when the trials have been most severe the church has been most beautiful in her fidelity and consistency.

The strongest evidence for Christianity is the Christian. No printed document, however lucid and logical and apparently unanswerable, has anything like the evidential value of a consistent Christian life. Our witness to Christ is not in our pretty phrases but in our loyal obedience to His will. The light shines when the heart is passionately in love with the One Who is the light of the world.

Many young men and women hold back, not because they do not trust Christ, but from fear that lest if they declared themselves His followers they might dishonour His Name by failing to keep on. It is so easy to talk of absolute honesty, absolute purity and absolute submission, but these present insurmountable difficulties, unless God stretch forth His hand and hold us in the slippery paths and dangerous places. How good it is to be assured that there is grace to help in time of need and that as our day so our strength shall be. Keeping on is a continual miracle. What could have been done in the face of the enemy had God not given His help?

Human nature is very frail, and there is a wholesome shrinking from proclaiming our religious professions. In the Victorian days men and women talked with greater freedom about their deepest and most private experiences. Not so now. Fear is present lest we should fall and become disobedient to the Heavenly Vision. Experience may be worth a great deal more than exposition, and here is the experience of a man who fought it out to the death and in the face of the tragedy that ended his earthly life, wrote "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and there is laid up for me a crown of life."

It is not often that we have recourse to Rudyard Kipling; but there are some verses in his *The Children's Song* which point us in the right direction:

Father in heaven, who lovest all,
Oh help Thy children when they call
That they may build from age to age
An undefiled heritage.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth
With steadfastness and careful truth;
That in our time Thy Grace may give
The truth whereby the nations live.

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On Impressing Legislators

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C. N. Bolinger

attracted to a tall, stately looking, elderly gentleman who always sits near the front and to the preacher's left. He is Mr. Charles Newton Bolinger.

"Uncle Charlie," as he is affectionately called by both old and young alike, is a favorite of all. His quiet, amicable spirit, his strength of character and soundness in the faith, have made him a prince among laymen in his long and useful life. In character, culture, ideals, courageous insight and independence, Mr. Bolinger was, from the beginning, marked for service in the kingdom of God.

Amidst the roar of cannon and those dreadful days of the War between the States, on September 6, 1861, little Charles Newton Bolinger first opened his eyes to the beauty of this wonderful world, being born on a farm near Maysville, Ky., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Bolinger.

The family moved to Lewisburg, near Maysville, in 1877. It was there that "Mr. Charlie" (as he is called by friends in and around Maysville) made his profession of faith and joined the church. Later he taught a class of small boys. In 1880, he was made secretary of the Lewisburg Sunday school and faithfully served until he was made superintendent in 1884, an office he held five years.

Mr. Bolinger married Miss Sally Kilpatrick in 1886. While in Lewisburg, they ran a General Merchandise Store. Mrs. Bolinger died in 1912, after which "Uncle Charlie" moved to Maysville and spent the next five years as bookkeeper in the Maysville National Bank. Later he operated a Ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Dry Goods Store.

While in Maysville, "Uncle Charlie" served the First Baptist Church as deacon for twelve years. He was made clerk of Bracken Association and, after serving for six years, was made moderator and served for twenty years.

In June, 1917, Mr. Bolinger married Elizabeth Vanarsdale Woodward. They went to Miami, Oklahoma, where "Uncle Charlie" was bookkeeper for a Lead and Zinc Mining Company. He also

RICHMOND, Ky. — Ninety-three years young and still going strong! Seventy-seven years a Christian and still active! Not many people can boast such a record!

Anyone worshipping in any service at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky., is at once attracted

served as clerk in the First Baptist Church there. They came back to Kentucky and lived in Harlan for one year, where he was bookkeeper for a mining company owned by some Maysville men. It seems "Uncle Charlie" had special talent for keeping books, for he served as church clerk of the First Baptist Church of Harlan, too.

Mrs. Bolinger, "Miss Bettie," as she was called by all acquaintances, was a highly educated and wonderful woman, good to all. She was called home in 1939. Hundreds, almost as many colored as white, passed by her bier to pay their love and respect.

After the death of "Miss Bettie," "Mr. Charlie" went to Florence, Alabama, where he was manager of a lumber yard for Mr. W. F. Tune of Maysville, Ky.

In July, 1942, Mr. Bolinger came to Richmond, Ky., where he lives with a niece, Mrs. H. C. Barnes. Since coming to Richmond, "Uncle Charlie" has served as clerk for the First Baptist Church, has sung in the Men's Choir, and has served as president and as secretary of the Baraca Class in the Sunday school. He

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is faithful to all services, even attending the Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meetings. Of course "Uncle Charlie" had to have good health or he couldn't have done so much in the business world and in the churches where he has been a member. He has had a doctor only once in ninety-three years.

Many years of faithful service demands and deserves attention. Even though "Uncle Charlie" is very humble, modest and unassuming, he does have the friendship and esteem of all who know him. Such a character as this will surely, when that great summons comes, hear the words from the lips of the Master, saying, "Well-done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Mrs. E. N. Perry.

[Editor's Note: The editor knows "Uncle Charlie" well, and he deserves this tribute. If you have an unusual person or persons in your church, send us the picture and story. We shall be glad to carry both in the Western Recorder.]

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Both the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis and the American Baptist Convention in Minneapolis adopted new statements favoring legislation against liquor advertising. These statements have no doubt been placed on file by the proper agencies of each Convention.

The Director of the Joint Committee, however, had opportunity to appear personally before the Committees on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, first to file a statement in the House in behalf of the Bryson Bill and then in the Senate in favor of the Langer Bill. I told them about the resolutions, about the reasons for our opposition, and that our Joint Committee consists of delegations from several Baptist Conventions, totaling about eighteen million. Were they impressed? Not that I know! What was lacking? Would a longer statement, more eloquently drafted have helped? Will more and better resolutions do the job? Hardly.

The thing that impresses a legislator or a legislative Committee or even a House is not the formal documents but the grass-roots evidence of concern among the voters among whom they will campaign soon for re-election. This is not in any sense a criticism of our men in Congress. It is simply a statement of the democratic process in our country.

If there is no concern among the voters in a Congressman's district he will accomplish no good by going out and standing alone as a man of courage only to be defeated in the next election. If public service is a man's work under God, there is no merit in political suicide.

How, then, can a Congressman know what the concerns and desires are among his people back home? In this he has no mystery gadget, he must go by what they tell him. The brewers, the bartenders, the publications are all organized and ready to tell the representatives what their viewpoints are—that is, to create a volume of mail on the subject of liquor advertising. If that is the only mail on the subject we have no right to criticize our legislators for assuming that to favor such legislation would be to thwart public opinion back home. We are millions and we have convictions, but we are the silent millions.

What is lacking? Adequate organization is lacking by means of which to let our people know that there is a Bryson Bill, and a Langer Bill, to let them know who the Committee members are, and who their own representatives are. Is not this unfinished business for the Lord?—Report from the Capital.

The Best Defense is An Offense

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History affords many illustrations of the axiom of military science that the best defense is an offense. In the early days of World War I the Allies were driven back for hundreds of miles as the German armies swarmed through Belgium and France toward Paris and the Channel Ports. Then Marshall Joffre called upon all his army commanders to make a last desperate stand. From the commanding general of the Ninth French Army came this stirring reply: "My right is crushed. My center gives way. The situation is excellent. I attack!"

The attack of General Ferdinand Foch's battered troops drove a wedge between the German armies in the First Battle of the Marne, and hurled them back from the very gates of Paris.

We Christians of this mid-twentieth century need to assume the offensive in two critical areas. In the field of international relations we are losing the battle against a far stronger and more ruthless foe than the Kaiser or Hitler. The forces of Communism have forced us on the defensive. Through a war of nerves, supported by swift strategic moves, they have captured one by one the satellite countries of Europe, Manchuria, China, and large parts of Korea and Indo-China.

In our own country the Communists recognize Christianity as their chief foe, and they have thwarted our efforts to expose their undercover methods of intrigue, and their boasted program of open violence. Too few Americans recognize that Communism is gangsterism on an international scale. We fail to perceive that for our world it is Christ or Communism. Christians need to see the issue clearly, and to take a stand courageously and aggressively against this threat to all our liberties.

The other area we Christians find even more difficult to adopt a positive attitude is when tragedy comes into our own lives. When doors of opportunity are slammed shut through loss of health or unexpected failure financially or professionally, we should not give way to frustration, but search diligently and even expectantly for other doors which the Architect of each of our lives has placed for us to enter and serve.

And when medical science some day tells us that our days are numbered we need to meet this supreme test of our faith with the calm conviction that death is but an incident in our eternal exist-

tence. When the specialists at Duke Medical Center told the late Dr. E. M. Poteat, noted missionary, preacher and educator, that he had cancer of the throat, his reply was, "That clears my skies." And through the months of suffering that followed he insisted that friends and loved ones look upon the day of his death as his coronation day.

Not many of us are made of such heroic stuff, but cannot we all strive to spend our last days that we will have no shame when we view them from the other shore, surrounded by the redeemed of all the ages?

Let each renounce his negative and defeatist attitude in every area of life, and let us lift our voices and hearts in the triumph song, "March On, O King Eternal."

Jesse S. Bell Completes First Year at First Church, Dawson Springs



Jesse S. Bell

DAWSON SPRINGS, Ky. — Pastor Jesse S. Bell has just completed his first year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, Ky. During the year there have been 87 additions to the church membership, one for each four resident members. These include 58 baptisms, 29 by transfer of letter, and in addition there have been 7 professions of faith not baptized for various reasons. Sunday school enrolment has increased

40%, from 430 to 600, and average attendance has increased 32%. A Brotherhood was organized early this year with some 65 members with good attendance at each meeting. The church in conference recently adopted a long-range building program to care for 600 in Sunday school and approximately 600 in worship service. Plans call for beginning construction in early 1955.

Pastor Bell also serves as part-time Chaplain at Outwood Veteran's Hospital for the State Mission Board and Little Bethel Association. He is a native of Webster County, Georgia, and received his training at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He served churches in Georgia and in Kentucky, and came to Dawson Springs from Cascade Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., where he served two years as educational director.

The Warmth of the Christ Passion

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Christ-Centered—God-Directed

In the whirl of tasks that are never done, our greatest need is a sense of God's guidance. Once Christ is enthroned in the center of the minister's life, the Holy Father takes the initiative. Man can trust his future to God. "He knows the way, He holds the key, He guides us with unerring hand." There is an overruling Providence charting the course for every life yielded to Him. It is possible to know much about God and not know God.

Once again, the old school of humanism is contemporary—that school which makes man all-sufficient and denudes his mind of a need for other help. Many of the voices from the pulpit, so quick to condemn this theory, are studious adherents to it in practice.

Humanism usurps the initiative from God. What, with our impatience and efforts to manipulate God, we insist on taking the thing in hand and working out our own schemes.

The long list of applications for vacant pulpits, by some, evidences the truth of this contention! Human effort is essential; God is not asking man to give up his hard-earned gains. Instead, He asks man to recognize the source of his strength, humbly accrediting the source of power. Without God man cannot; without man God will not.

Oh! what a need to return to the child-like belief in our own preachments, to thrust ourselves in a "wreckless confidence upon the grace of God!" The words from "Be Still, My Soul" carry a capsule of excellent theology: "Leave to thy God the order and provide; through every change He faithful will remain."

Baptist Women of Spain Make Progress In Spite of Poverty and Persecution

RICHMOND, Va. — Forty Spanish Baptist women, representing 21 churches, attended the seventh annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Spain, held in Barcelona in August. Many of these traveled for as long as two days and two nights in hot, crowded trains to get to the meeting.

Reports of last year's work showed, in spite of poverty and persecution, that many unions had reached all points on the Standard of Excellence. Eleven churches have fully graded unions, and five new unions were welcomed into the national organization.

One woman reported that all members of her union tithe, adding that they find the nine-tenths goes further than did the ten-tenths before they started tithing. Two girls who have studied for one year in the Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome reported on their activities in that institution; and three who will begin studies there this fall gave their personal testimonies and tearful, heartfelt thanks to the national union for making it possible for them to go.

One woman came to represent a village where there is no church, but where eight women meet together in a home every Sunday. She was a reminder of the rather tragic way in which the gospel came to this little group. Some years ago when this woman was a child her father bought a Bible from a colporteur. He did not read it; but his wife and daughter did and they were converted.

When the father realized that they would not renounce their new-found faith he committed suicide. The mother and daughter, by their faithful witness, have won six other women. All eight are members of the nearest Baptist church several villages away; and once a month they go there to partake of the Lord's Supper.

In the afternoon of the second day of the convention, thirty-eight of the women took a two-hour trip in a chartered bus over lovely mountains to a peaceful village to see the newly constructed home for old folks—a dream come true for Spanish women. The home is not yet furnished; but chairs were arranged in the dining room for the final session of the convention. The director, giving a comprehensive report about the hopes, dreams, and problems that went into the realization of the beautiful home that will house 12 or 14 old folks, showed a hot-water bottle that one Sunbeam Band had given.

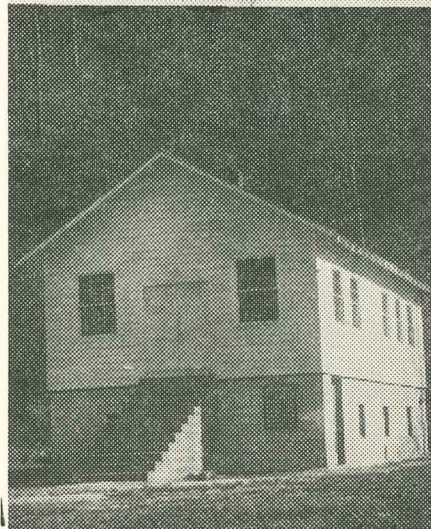
Prior to the W. M. U. convention, thirty-eight counselors and leaders of young people's organizations met for their fifth annual conference, the pur-

pose of which is to learn ways of improving the program and work of missionary young people's organizations. Eighteen new organizations were begun during the past year.

A pastor's wife told of a Royal Ambassador community missions project in which her 14-year-old son taught an 11-year-old boy of very poor parents to read, write, and do arithmetic.

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A Few Materials and Hard Work Transform Rock House Building



The upper picture shows the first meeting house of the Rock House Baptist Church, while it was a mission of the Hyden Baptist Church, and the bottom picture is the same building, raised to allow the construction of a basement underneath and completely refurnished. They started out to renovate the in-

terior decorations and to change a side entrance door into a double door front entrance. Then they started talking about a basement, and before they knew it they had a new building.

The mission was organized into a church with 12 charter members on November 18, 1952. Pastor Edward D. Baker has since baptized 35, and 11 others have been added by letter and statement, making a total of 58 at present.

Friends in Illinois gave the roof, friends in Michigan and Lexington, Ky., gave a bus, and a railroad company is giving a discarded engine bell. A prisoner in South Carolina is sharing profits on billfolds he is making and the local people are selling. The Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky assisted in the renovation of the building as it now stands.

A. J. Johnson, Missouri, Preached in Auburn Revival

AUBURN, Ky. — The Auburn Baptist Church closed a series of revival meetings last night which proved to be spiritually uplifting and Christ magnifying, Pastor William A. Merryman announces. The church was crowded every night of the two weeks of meetings, and the morning services were very well attended. The people of Auburn expressed deep appreciation for the evangelist, Rev. A. J. Johnson, whose home address is Bismark, Missouri, and for the excellent singer, Mr. Gail Bierman, missionary for Sangamon Valley Baptist Association in Illinois. These two are God's men.

Brother Johnson is nearing his 70th birthday anniversary. He has been widely used of God all over the Southern Baptist Convention. This meeting at Auburn was his 319th such revival. He has led nearly 30 church-building programs, has held prominent pastorates in Missouri, Florida and elsewhere, and he has assisted 14 young ministerial students to receive their education. One of the ladies at Auburn was heard to say, "That old man has got religion. I could tell it even before he opened his mouth." The warm, kindly heart and message of this good man of God, a former pastor of Brother Merryman, reached 16 people for decisions. Eight came for baptism, including one man of 86 years and the pastor's 6-year-old daughter, and eight came by letter into the fellowship of the Auburn Church.

►Miss Victoria Parsons, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippine Islands who is in the States on furlough, is moving from Madison Heights, Va., to Louisville. She will attend Carver School of Missions and Social Work and may be addressed at 2801 Lexington Road.

Youth of Malaya Shine For Christ

By W. PEYTON THURMAN,
Hopkinsville, Ky.

SINGAPORE, Malaya. — We have just completed a five-day visit to our Southern Baptist work in Malaya. We have been with our missionaries and have observed what they are doing in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Petaling, Ipoh, Penang, and Alor Star. Marvelous is the evidence of God's abundant blessing upon a small force of workers in this land.

Our cup was filled to overflowing when we sat in on the beginning of the second annual conference of the Baptist youth of Malaya, a meeting planned to give Bible training, inspiration, and fellowship, as well as practical training in Sunday school and Training Union work. The theme: "Shining for Christ."

One hundred forty-eight registered for the nine-day conference held on the premises of a lovely high school building in Penang. The majority of these young people have been Christians less than two years. Many of them say they are just two and a half or three months old.

It brings deep satisfaction to know that careful training and spiritual nurture are given these new friends in Christ. They are the hope of the work here; and that hope begins to brighten with the Christian growth of these who will win others.

Doors are abundant and open for young people of America to respond to the call to come and work with the young people here that there may be an even greater day in the work of Christ in Malaya.

[EDITORIAL NOTE: — The foregoing is another brief article in the series being written by Dr. W. Peyton Thurman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., and a Kentucky member of the Foreign Mission Board, as he visits mission fields in the Orient with Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., formerly of Williamsburg, Ky., now secretary for missionary personnel.]

Engineering Courses Now Being Offered At Campbellsville College

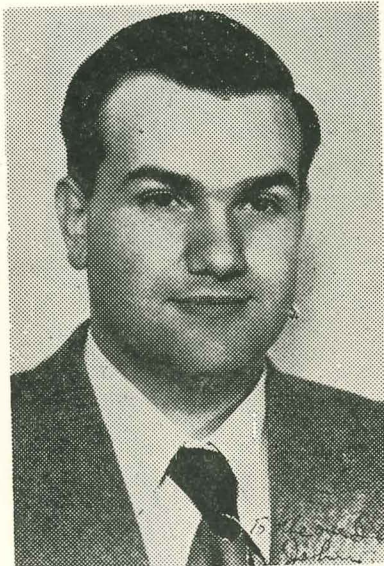
CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. — In keeping with its policy of maintaining an up to date curriculum, geared to the present needs of its students, Campbellsville College has added five new engineering courses to the science program. These comprise engineering physics, drafting, descriptive geometry, slide rule use, and statics.

With the addition of these courses, Campbellsville College now offers two full years of work in preparation for advanced courses in engineering at such institutions as the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky.

The engineering curriculum here provides for work in the following fields: Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Metallurgical, Mining, and Chemical Engineering.

That this is a move well designed to meet the needs of modern students may be seen by consideration of the fact that since 1900 the population of the country has doubled; but, the number of engineers has increased eightfold. Of greatest significance, however, is the fact that this is merely the beginning: we are on the verge of a great technological revolution, something the world has never before seen. It is for this reason that the need for engineers is continuing to increase out of all proportion to population growth.

Stated in terms of future opportunities, these facts clearly indicate that engineering is the most promising field for young men with facile hands, and inquisitive minds. With respect to financial return, it is well to note that the starting salary for new engineering



Prof. John Jackson

graduates of the University of Kentucky last year was \$4200!

With the present expansion of its science curriculum, Campbellsville College offers the science minded student preparation in the following fields: engineering, pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-veterinary, pharmacy, medical technology, and agriculture. The college extends a cordial invitation to everyone interested to inspect our laboratories and teaching facilities.

The new engineering courses being offered will be taught by Mr. John S. Jackson who is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology, a school with an international reputation in science and engineering. At Caltech, Mr. Jackson studied under the late Dr. Robert A. Millikan, discoverer of the electron, and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, inventor of the atomic bomb.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, SEPTEMBER 12, 1954

(Numerals after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	100	731
Unity	100	432
Auburn	55	233
Bardstown	---	306
Bellevue	61	416
Benton, First	---	212
Bowling Green (2)	280	1,295
Burlington	---	245
Cadiz, Blue Spring	141	246
Campbellsville (3)	---	683
Pleasant Hill	155	298
South Campbellsville	79	294
Carlisle	---	201
Carrollton, First	37	241
Central City	200	434
Clarksville, Ind., First	33	203
Clay, First	---	222
Cloverport	50	217
Corbin, First	138	411
Central (1)	122	484
Covington, Calvary	---	643
First (1)	---	356
Latonia (2)	209	970
South Side	109	464
Crestwood	47	260
Cynthiana (2)	---	353
Danville, First (3)	179	786
Lexington Avenue	---	600
Dayton, First	---	261
Dawson Springs	---	281
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	127	696
Erlanger	---	78
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	132	602
Keck Avenue	125	333
Walnut Street (2)	---	421
Falmouth	---	211
Ferguson (1)	69	280
Fort Thomas, First	66	290
Frankfort, Crestwood	60	251
First (1)	---	805
Thorn Hill	130	336
Fulton	---	144
Glasgow (1)	101	637
Grant's Lick	113	206
Greensburg	61	223
Greenville, First	132	368
Harlan (5)	140	620
Harrodsburg (2)	235	958
Deep Creek	---	208
Hazard	106	456
Hazel	96	319
Henderson, First	159	523
Immanuel Temple (1)	116	635
Hima, Horse Creek	---	246
Hodgenville, First (1)	---	439
Hopkinsville, First	169	790
Second	156	816
Independence (1)	173	349
Junction City	54	221
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	327
Lawrenceburg, First	71	293
Lebanon, First (1)	103	455
Lexington, Calvary (2)	155	828
Grace (3)	105	808
Immanuel	202	783
Porter Memorial	109	542
London, First (1)	196	579
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	172	663
Baptist Temple	---	292
Beechland	92	517
Beechmont (2)	174	957
Bethlehem	74	256
Carlisle Avenue (2)	254	1,301
Clifton (1)	170	478
Crescent Hill (2)	151	888
Deer Park	---	470
Eastern Parkway	75	501
Eighteenth Street	100	308
Fairdale (2)	178	433
Farmdale	---	368
Harmony	128	357
Hazelwood	61	469
Highland (1)	196	540
Highland Park First	---	452
Immanuel	64	370
Jeffersontown	87	274
Kenwood	---	251
Ninth and O (2)	301	1,357
Okolona (1)	60	483
Parkland	258	985
St. Matthews (1)	188	741
Shawnee	---	350
Shively (1)	120	770
Twenty-third and Broadway (2)	181	697
Valley View	66	221
Victory Memorial (2)	---	822
Virginia Avenue	---	300
Walnut Street (4)	274	1,769
West Broadway (1)	149	751
Ludlow, First	86	390
Madisonville, First	324	1,083

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Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

Do You Have a Shortage of Workers in Your Church?

"We've never had enough trained workers to do the things we know we ought to do." All churches seem to share in this problem—in the country, in small towns, and in big cities. In Baptist churches, we need more than trained leaders. We need trained members. Why? Because the witness of the church to Christ depends upon the witness of each of its members, not just that of the leaders.

Let's look at the need for training in our churches:

1. Every Christian needs spiritual growth.
2. The church needs informed members.
3. The church needs members who will take part.
4. The work of Christ needs workmen with skill.

How can these needs be met?

1. The Training Union provides opportunity for the spiritual growth.
2. The Training Union offers courses in doctrine, church-life, denominational life, and Christian service.
3. The Training Union requires that each individual take an active part.
4. The Training Union develops skilled workmen.

Yes, we all have the same problem: not enough workmen to go into the harvest. Let's work at our problem together, and with the help of God have a Training Union in each and every church.—Rev. Frank Hooper.

West Union Training Union Associational Music Festival

By the time the strains of "Saved, Saved," had died away, the 352 persons who attended the Church Music Festival at Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah, knew that the Festival had been a success. There were eight churches represented and a total of 12 musical groups participating. In all, 208 people took part in the program.

Each choir was allowed to sing two hymns, one with and one without accompaniment, and one anthem. Each ensemble was limited to two selections of their own choosing. The groups were classified according to the resident membership of their respective churches.

The Judges were Mr. Harry Hamp-

shire, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Murray; Mrs. Sterling Price, Paducah; and Mrs. Glenn Merrill, Paducah. The judges pointed out places and ways of improvement for each group.

The church choirs, youth choirs, men's choir, ladies' choir, primary choir, and quartets represented some of the best music in the churches of West Union Association. In addition to being helpful to the churches participating, and in addition to offering an hour and a half of listening to superb music, the Festival offered an opportunity to every music director in our Association to hear and see what other churches are doing musically. Perhaps some other Associational Training Unions would like to sponsor, as we did, a meeting similar to this for the benefit of music in the churches of their association.

Mr. W. C. Dudley New Training Union Worker



W. C. Dudley

On September 15, Mr. W. C. Dudley came as an associate in the Training Union Department. He has been serving as an assistant to the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Selma, Alabama, for the past eighteen months. Before taking that position, he served as educational director in DeLand, Florida.

Mr. Dudley is a graduate of Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama, and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, from which latter institution he has a Master's in Religious Education. He is a layman, having felt the Lord leading him into this type of service. Mrs. Dudley is the former Miss Maurine Austin of Montrose, Arkansas.

Mr. Dudley will work with Reverend Charles Ham in promoting the Associational Training Union Program in Kentucky.

Third Television Workshop To Be Held in Fort Worth Next Month

ATLANTA, Ga. — The third annual Southern Baptist Television Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 5, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel of Price Hall on the Southwestern campus, Fort Worth, Texas.

Director Paul M. Stevens of the Radio and Television Commission announced the workshop will be jointly sponsored by Southwestern Theological Seminary and the Commission.

Designed to acquaint interested persons with better methods of staging religious television programs, the workshop will be a one-day session.

On Monday night at 7:30 o'clock prior to the workshop, there will be a tour of the studios of WBAP-TV in Fort Worth. General Manager Roy Baccus and Luther Adkins, coordinator of religious programming, will be in charge of the tour and the question and answer period which will follow.

Those who will lead the television conference include:

Leonard Holloway, director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Arthur A. Haynes, director of television for the Radio-Television Commission, Atlanta, Ga.; and Henry Bowling, technical director of the Commission.

Although the sessions are primarily intended for pastors, educational directors, music directors, and others within the church organization who are interested in television production, the public is cordially invited to attend.

►Brother James E. Casey, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of the McRoberts Baptist Church, McRoberts, Ky. He was graduated from Georgetown College and is a native of Shelby County. While in college he worked in the local mission and for the last 14 months has been pastor of the mission. While there a new building was constructed and the field was greatly improved. He began his work in McRoberts September 1.

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A NEW YEAR BEGINS

The beginning of a new fiscal year will be here October 1. We trust your officers and counselors have been elected, trained and are ready for work. The annual package of valuable materials for the new year is being mailed during this month to all W.M.S. Presidents, Y. P. Directors and Counselors, 1954-55, whose names have been reported to our office. PLEASE BE SURE TO REPORT THE NAMES OF YOUR OFFICERS AS SOON AS THEY ARE ELECTED in order that you may receive all the helps that are sent out from our office. W.M.S. Presidents will please pass on to the chairmen the materials intended for them.

ARE YOUR RECORDS ACCURATE?

Don't fail to answer accurately the questions with regard to the rating of your W.M.S. and young people's organizations on the Standard of Excellence and on the Achievement chart. Kentucky led the Convention last year in the number of churches reaching 350 points on the Achievement Chart and was second to Texas in number of A-1 Full Graded Unions. We are humbly proud and grateful for this remarkable record. However, we want our records to be accurate and above question. Be sure to answer your questions carefully and accurately.

At the State Meeting the following sixty churches received the certificate for making 350 points or more on the Achievement Chart for the year 1952-53.

Church	President
Allen Association	
Scottsville	Mrs. Leo Irvin
Bell County Association	
Pineville, First	Mrs. J. M. Brooks
Middlesboro, First	Mrs. Maude Allison
Bethel Association	
Adairville	Mrs. Loy Moore
Blood River Association	
Cherry Corner	Mrs. Lon Outland
Sugar Creek	Mrs. Norman Culpepper
Elm Grove	Mrs. Leonard Cole
Hazel	Mrs. Martha Vance
Bracken Association	
Maysville, First	Mrs. B. K. Cable
Breckenridge Association	
Cloverport	Mrs. Orbie Young
Central Association	
New Hope	Mrs. Hughie Moore
Daviess-McLean Association	
Bethabara	Mrs. Paul T. Camp
Elkhorn Association	
Stamping Ground	Mrs. P. B. Vickers
Lexington, Grace	Mrs. J. Littral
Immanuel	Mrs. R. F. Williams
Porter Mem.	Mrs. Alph Hamilton
Enterprise Association	
Prestonsburg, I. Cole	Mrs. W. W. Burchett
Pikeville, First	Mrs. L. D. May
Greenup Association	
Ashland, Unity	Mrs. John W. Salyers
Henry County Association	
Smithfield	Mrs. Forest Bramblett
Liberty Association	
Cave City, Mt. Tabor	Mrs. Russell Gardner
Long Run Association	
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. ..	Mrs. Edna Bush

Ohio Valley Association	
Sebree, First	Mrs. B. E. Melton
Owen County Association	
Owenton, First	Mrs. J. W. Smither
Pine Mountain Association	
Cumberland	Mrs. Isaac Crech
Lynch	Mrs. John Reasor
Russell County Association	
Monthill, Fairview	Mrs. Allene Wilson
Jamestown	Mrs. Allen Davis
Russell Spgs., First	Mrs. Malchom Withers
Welfare	Mrs. Earl Wilson
Simpson Association	
Franklin, Middleton	Mrs. K. Boyd
South District Association	
Danville, First	Mrs. Leo Christerson
Harrodsburg	Mrs. James Peightley
Sulphur Fork Association	
DeHaven Memorial	Mrs. Albert Heilman
Union Association	
Cynthiana, Indian Creek	Mrs. A. Reed
Upper Cumberland Association	
Harlan	Mrs. Clark Bailey
Sunshine	Mrs. Ed. Marshall
West Kentuckiana Association	
Henderson, Audubon	Mrs. Irvin Connell
Henderson, Immanuel	Mrs. Daisy Gibson
Henderson, Hyland	Mrs. George Williams
West Kentucky Association	
Hickman, Poplar Grove	Mrs. Paul Hornsby
Bardwell	Mrs. Jim Boyd
West Union Association	
Paducah, Berea	Mrs. T. Atwood
White Water Association	
North Dayton O.	Mrs. Gertrude Baker

W.M.U. Calendar of Activities for 1954-55

OCTOBER—1954

4-29—Associational W.M.U. Quarterly Meetings
 19-29—W.M.U. Regional Meetings

NOVEMBER

5- 7—Y.W.A. Houseparty, Georgetown College
 5- 6—R.A. State Congress, First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, Ky.
 7-13—R.A. Focus Week
 29-Dec. 3—Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Offering

JANUARY—1955

3-28—Associational W.M.U. Quarterly Meetings
 16-21—W.M.S. Focus Week

FEBRUARY & MARCH

13-19—Y.W.A. Focus Week
 28- 4—Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering
 4- 6—G.A. Houseparty, Georgetown
 11-12—G.A. Houseparty, Campbellsville
 18-19—G.A. Houseparty, Cumberland

APRIL

1- 3—G. A. Houseparty, Bethel
 5- 7—W.M.U. State Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Madisonville
 8-29—W.M.U. Associational Quarterly Meetings

MAY

6-14—G.A. Focus Week
 15-17—Southwide W.M.U. Annual Meeting, Miami, Fla.
 18-21—Southern Baptist Convention, Miami, Fla.

JUNE

20- 8—Y.W.A. Conference, Glorieta, N. Mexico
 20-24—First R.A. Camp, Cedarmore
 27-July 1—Second R.A. Camp, Cedarmore
 16-22—Y.W.A. Conference, Ridgecrest
 23-29—W.M.U. Conference, Ridgecrest

JULY

1-29—W.M.U. Associational Quarterly Meetings
 15-17—Y.W.A. Camp, Cedarmore
 18-22—First G.A. Camp, Cedarmore
 25-29—Second G.A. Camp, Cedarmore

AUGUST

1- 5—Third G.A. Camp, Cedarmore
 4-10—W.M.U. Conference, Glorieta, N. Mexico
 14-20—Sunbeam Focus Week
 22-26—W.M.U. Camp, Cedarmore

SEPTEMBER

3- 5—B.W.C. Federation Camp, Cedarmore
 8-10—State R.A. Workshop, Cedarmore
 12-16—Week of Prayer for State Missions and Offering
 22-23—Semi-annual Fall Executive Committee Meeting, Louisville



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Ky. Baptists on the Move

Pastor Roland Powell, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Boston, Ky., sends us the following list of names of members of his church who now reside in Louisville. Each person has received a letter from the pastor and church suggesting that he or she pray and act on the matter of transferring membership to a Baptist church in the Louisville area. The list is printed at the pastor's and church's request.

Mrs. Orbey Alexander, 507 West Oak Street; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy F. Allen, 632 Myrtle Street; Mrs. Helen Barnes, 552 E. Woodlawn Avenue (C/o Elizie Priddy); Mr. Floyd Coates, 3904 S. 5th Street; Mrs. Wm. Owen Coyle, 116 W. St. Catherine; Mrs. Raymond Crowe, 424 E. Gray Street; Mrs. Oleta Dougou, 319 Atwood; Mrs. Luke Eldridge, 316 S. Campbell Street; Mr. Chas. E. Frazier, 624 S. 2nd; Mr. Bowen Greenwell, 1108 Lillian Avenue; Mr. Hollis Hardin, 217 W. Burnett; Mrs. Hollis Hardin, 506 S. 32nd Street; Mrs. James W. Harned, 1543 Longfield Avenue; Miss Geneva Harris, 2227 Pirtle Avenue; Mrs. Maggie Harris, 2227 Pirtle Avenue; Mrs. Mattie Harris, 2227 Pirtle Avenue; Mrs. Vulgey Huff, 2603 W. Jefferson Street; Mrs. Bessie Leslie, 3449 Glendale; Mrs. Ernest Lee Sanders, 316 W. Brandies; Mrs. Lois Scalo, 2327 W. Kentucky Street; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Shields, 4547 S. 2nd Street; Mrs. Billy Sims, 217 W. Burnett; Pleasant A. Strader, 1458 S. 9th Street; Mrs. Mayme Tichenor, R. 9, Box 347—all in Louisville.

OCTOBER—
WESTERN RECORDER
MONTH

Texas Music Head Dies in Abilene

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — J. D. Riddle, 59, Texas Baptist musician died August 28 in an Abilene hospital. Director of the Church Music Department for the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1945, Riddle became ill the week before his death while directing music activities at a Baptist encampment. He contacted pneumonia while in the hospital and had been under an oxygen tent for several days before his death.

From 1923 to 1945 Riddle served as educational and music director in churches in Mangum, Okla., Amarillo, Abilene, and Lubbock, Tex.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and one son.

Funeral services were held in Abilene and Dallas.

BOOK REVIEWS

Little Missionary, by Joan Riffey Sutton, 1954 Series of WMU Mission Study Books, published by The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn., 69 pages.

I have just finished reading the new Primary Mission Study book entitled *Little Missionary* by Joan Riffey Sutton. It is an excellent word-picture of Brazil and our mission work there as seen through the eyes of a small girl. Certainly every Sunbeam leader will want to secure a copy of this book and have it taught to her group of Sunbeams. Every mother of a Sunbeam should secure a copy to read to her child as we focus our studies and thoughts on Brazil.

This book should receive our especial attention here in Kentucky since the young authoress is living in Louisville while she and her husband, J. Boyd Sutton, secure their education at Southern Seminary. They hope to go to Brazil as missionaries themselves. Incidentally a little new son, John Edwin, arrived to bless the Sutton home in July upon the same week Joan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Riffey, returned on furlough from Brazil. Congratulations, Joan and Boyd!—Mrs. Eldred M. (Marjorie Kerrick) Taylor.

Devotions and Prayers of John Calvin, compiled by Charles E. Edwards. Published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$1.00.

Followers of John Calvin will appreciate this short book made up in devotional style from material taken from Calvin's commentaries on the Minor Prophets. The fifty-two devotionals with prayers by the theologian himself should prove helpful to those planning programs as well as those who like devotional reading. The spirit of the man is seen in both the commentary and prayer in each. An index is provided to assist in finding certain texts covered in the work. The Baptist Book Store can get a copy for you.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

The Ministers Manual, (Dorans) — 1955 Edition—Compiled and Edited by Heicher and Hallock. Harper and Brothers. Price \$2.75.

This book needs no introduction to the average minister or church leader. It has been in annual publication for thirty years, made up of new material every year. It abounds in sermon topics, texts, illustrations, etc. Even laymen are finding the work useful. There are 370 pages. It can be purchased through your Baptist Book Store, or direct from the publishers, New York City.

The Pastor's Hospital Ministry, by Richard K. Young. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Price, \$2.50.

The place of the minister in the visiting of the sick has long been recognized, yet many members of the medical profession fear to have the pastor visit certain patients. The fault has too often been with the minister. Dr. Richard K. Young writes out of his experience as minister at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital to aid pastors in this vital work. Your reviewer having known Dr. Young personally for some years feels that this book should be read and reread by every pastor. It is one of the "must" books in its field. Your Baptist Book Store can supply you.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

Living With Parents, by Grace Sloan Overton. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Price, \$1.50.

Teenagers often feel that they are not understood by their parents or society. Dr. Grace Sloan Overton has been one person who has helped these young people bridge the gap for a number of years. Now comes her book which helps teenagers understand themselves and their parents. With a Christian approach she writes of the problems of being a separate person, living at home, dating, careers, marriage and the new home. Youth leaders would do well to circulate this book among the young people of high school age in the churches. Pastors can better understand young people with the help that Dr. Overton gives. Contact your Baptist Book Store for your copy.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

September 23, 1954

Advertising Baptist Revivals

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

If we are to secure attendance at our revivals, we must advertise. Good advertising must answer the following questions:

1. Who? Everyone.
2. What? Baptist Simultaneous Revivals.
3. Where? At the Baptist church in your community.
4. When? April 10-24, 1955.
5. Why? Christ is the answer to your problem. Then there can be added the slogan, Gospel Singing. Bible Preaching.

When the churches of an association hold a revival simultaneously, then they can advertise together. Thus more and better advertising is had for less money per church.

In preparing for Simultaneous Revivals each association sets up a steering committee. One member of that committee is known as Chairman of Publicity. This person has the responsibility of planning the publicity for the Crusade in his association. Beginning now, the Publicity Chairman ought to get news articles in the local papers regarding the plans and progress in prep-

aration for the Simultaneous Revival Crusade to be held April 10-24, '55.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, is preparing some of the finest advertising material for the Crusade that I have ever seen. A folder telling about this material, its cost, and how to order it will be mailed to every pastor in a very few ways. This material will consist of:

1. Roadside billboards. This is an effective means of advertising. However, if these billboards are used, you must secure the space locally at once or it will not be available.
2. Church bulletin board signs on cloth.
3. Streamers to go across street or road.
4. Window cards.
5. Taxi cards.
6. Car bumper signs.
7. Mat service for newspapers.

May I urge the pastors, churches, and associations to plan their advertising NOW. These are important days. Do not leave a single stone unturned in preparing for this Revival Crusade.

DeWayne Franklin is Ordained by Briensburg Baptist Church

BRIENSBURG, Ky. — DeWayne Franklin, son of Mrs. Edgar Franklin and the late Edgar Franklin, was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Briensburg Baptist Church, June 27. The ordaining council consisted of 13 Baptist ministers and 12 deacons. The pastor of the church, T. L. Campbell, was elected moderator; John W. Kloss, pastor of Hamlet Church, was elected clerk; and John J. Gough, pastor at Farmington, interrogator. After the interrogation, the council voted unanimously to recommend that the Briensburg Baptist Church proceed with the ordination.

Dr. Frank F. Norfleet, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.,

brought the message. The pastor, T. L. Campbell, delivered the charge to the candidate and the church. L. R. Riley, of Mayfield, presented the Bible on behalf of the church. Galen Hargrove, pastor at Calvert City, led in the ordination prayer.

Bro. Franklin is pastor of the Third



DeWayne Franklin

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Street Baptist Mission, Paducah, Kentucky, which is sponsored by the Immanuel Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Sharpe High School and will attend Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Independence Church Announces New School

From Thomas Cain, Independence, Ky., comes a letter about the opening of a school in northern Kentucky. Brother Cain writes:

"September 6 was the opening date of the Premillennial Baptist Bible College at Independence Baptist Church under the direction of the pastor, Bro. Kirtley Jolly. Fifty students enrolled, one coming close to 300 miles, bringing his family and living here.

"The school came out of a need and desire for Bible teaching in this area. Quoting from the catalog, 'We believe the Bible and teach it. Every teacher and worker shall be a born-again believer, scripturally baptized and thereby active in a New Testament Baptist Church. The school is under local church control, being led by faith in the living Saviour. A certificate of credit will be issued for 3 years of completed work.' Bro. James Gardner is teaching Old Testament, Bro. Kirtley Jolly the New Testament, speech and grammar, and Bro. Louis Rideout, music."

Baptist Church Loan Agency To Be Asked for in December

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz., announced to the Executive Committee that met here in early September, that he will offer a motion before the December Executive Committee that the Committee recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention the creation of a special agency of the Southern Baptist Convention to handling the church building loan funds of the Convention.

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inson; Superintendent Stanley Read.
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Superintendent Bill Boyers.

New Work Begun By Shively

The Rockford Lane Chapel, with Rev. Ercil Barker, pastor and Mr. William Baker, Superintendent is sponsored by the Shively Baptist Church of which Dr. Bradford Curry is pastor, was started in a fast growing community on January 3, of this year. In seven and a half months 300 people were enrolled in Sunday school of which more than 150 came into the fellowship of the Chapel.

The work was started on January 3, with 97 enrolled and 113 in attendance. Of this number fifty were from families of the Shively Church who led in the beginning of the mission. The work had grown by February to the place where it was necessary to have two Sunday schools and two worship services each Sunday to accommodate the crowds. In April, just as soon as the weather permitted, the people moved outside under the big oak trees for their services. Since that time the shade of the oak trees have accommodated the preaching services and also took care of four Sunday departments.

The Shively Baptist Church is leading in the direction of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Architectural drawing Number C-575. A five unit plan has been started. At the present time the first two units are under construction. The first two units, with the help of the brick residence structure, will take care of about 300 in Sunday school and church.

The attendance is climbing steadily. An average of 158 was reached in May and 157 in August. During August there were 25 additions to the Chapel. A more rapid growth is anticipated for the next Sunday school year.

Plans are being made to start at least 10 more new classes and the Shively Church and Rockford Lane Chapel are anticipating at least 500 enrolled with 300 in attendance very shortly.

We want to commend the Shively Church and her leaders for this wonderful work. It makes us rejoice to learn of new Sunday school work.

State Planning Meetings Successful

We are glad to report the success of the two State Planning Meetings held with the First Baptist Church of Madisonville and the Immanuel Bap-

tist Church of Lexington on September 2 and 3. There were 180 registered with 37 associations represented and 104 churches.

Since these were leadership meetings we did not anticipate large numbers.

One of the most interesting features of the program was the testimony period. Many pastors, associational missionaries and associational superintendents reported great growth in their respective fields of labor during the past year. Mr. A. V. Washburn inspired us to continue in the good work of advancing the Kingdom of our Lord.

The Theme for the ensuing year is "Let Us Go On." These words are taken from the statement of Christ as found in Mark 1:38.

There are six phases of the work which will receive great emphasis during this year. They are:

1. Objective: One Baptism for every eight church members.
2. Enrollment: Goal of 125 enrolled in Sunday school for every 100 church members.
3. Expansion: One or more new Sunday schools.
4. Bible-Teaching Program.
5. Christian Homes: Provision in the Sunday school for every member of every family.
6. Stewardship: Every member in our Sunday school giving every week through the Church Financial Program.

Victory Week

Do not fail to observe Victory Week in your church. If you have not planned to observe this week at the suggested time, September 19-26 and your church is not now observing it, then plan for this week soon.

Get your people together and teach the book, "One to Eight" by Dr. J. N. Barnett. Plan to enrol 125 in Sunday school for every 100 church members. Make room for growth in all departments and classes.

Standard Units of Adult Classes Oct. 1, 1953-Sept. 8, 1954

Church and Class	Teacher
Louisville, Crescent Hill—	
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Louisville, Victory Memorial—	
Women's Class	Mrs. A. J. Maynard
Bethany Class	Mrs. Esther Champion
Winsome Class	Mrs. Carl W. Liebert
Lawrenceburg, First—	
Women's Class	Mrs. Geo. A. Jones
Leitchfield, First—	
Women's Class	Mrs. S. C. Ray
Danville, Lexington Avenue—	
Women's Class	Mrs. Arthur Case
Georgetown, Great Crossings—	
Women's Class	Mrs. Ed. Foley
Greenville, First—	
Women's Class	Mrs. J. E. Mercer
Cox's Creek, New Salem—	
Women's Class	Eula Owen
TEL Class	Mrs. Katie Hibbs
Fidelis Class	Mrs. Chas. D. Bean

Safeguarding Baptist Principles

(Continued from Page 7)

During recent decades, life has rapidly become more socialized. We are economically more interdependent upon each other personally and nationally than ever before. Good health is no longer simply a matter of personal habit, but of community standards and of international agreements. Moral standards are no longer simply personal convictions, but they are national, if not international, patterns of living. Peace no longer rests on the wishes of one government, but on the solution of problems around the world. It is no longer possible for Americans or for Englishmen to say "we will take care of ourselves, let the rest do likewise, and let the devil take those who don't."

Undoubtedly, many of us as Christians would be glad for the opportunity to withdraw to a monastery and live quietly with our Lord. But to do so we would be compelled to reject His call to service. With our eyes resting on great needs, we would have to say, "No, Lord," and those two words contradict each other. If we say "No," he is no longer "Lord."

We have no choice but to preach and to teach, to lead and to vote, to give and to live, so as to be a salt in the earth and a light on the hill.—*Brotherhood Journal*.

G. E. Bryan, Jr., Assumes New Post in the Kentucky Baptist Building

Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., promotional writer and associate editor of *The Sunday School Builder*, with the Baptist Sunday School Board for the last 13 months, has arrived in Louisville to take up his new duties as part time director of public relations for the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, as previously announced by Dr. W. C. Boone. He is also re-entering the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for further studies.

He is a native of Georgia, and is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Gainer E. Bryan, Sr. His father is Training Union secretary for Georgia Baptists.

In Mercer University he majored in journalism and later was alumni secretary and editor of publications there. For a time he was a Naval officer in World War II. His wife is the former Mary Anna Ogden, Augusta, Georgia.

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"Son, you're getting too old to be asking for nickels."

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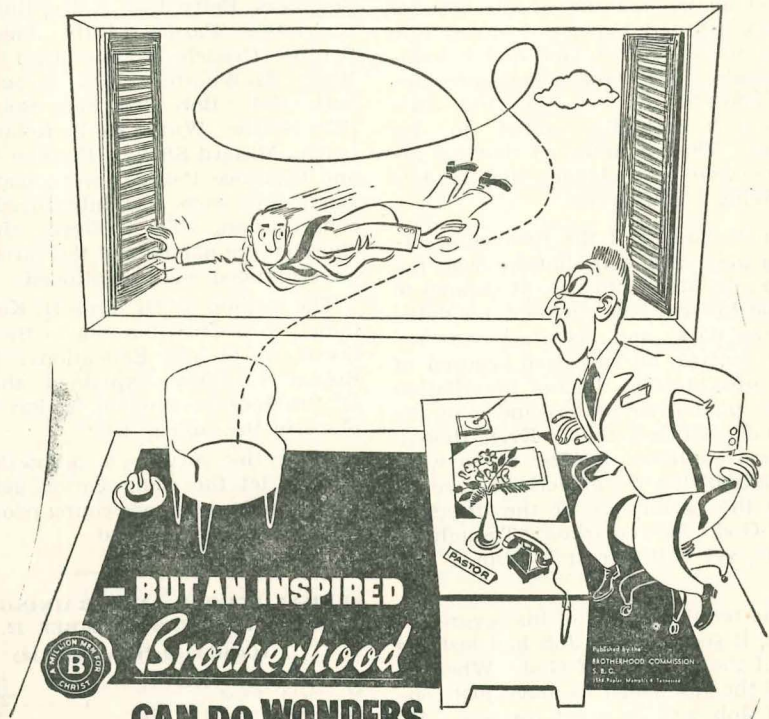


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ATLANTA, Ga. —Southern Baptists now sponsor the weekly NBC religious television program, "Frontiers of Faith," twice a year through efforts of the Radio and Television Commission.

Please write to The Radio-Television Commission, 1585 Ponce De Leon Ave. N.E., Atlanta, Ga., if you saw "Frontiers of Faith" on television between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., August 29, Septem-

ber 5, or September 12. We need your impressions.

If the Commission can show the National Broadcasting Company that the viewing audience for this program is extremely large among Southern Baptists when they are on, it will boost the cause of the denomination.

When I was young, I resolved not to get married until I met the ideal woman. Some years later, I found her—but she was looking for the ideal man.—Michel Simon, French actor.

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By H. C. Chiles

Job's Struggle to Understand Life

Experience, observation, history and the Bible prove that suffering is a reality in the lives of God's children. No child of God will entirely escape suffering in this life. There are times when we wonder why God, Who is so good and kind and loving and merciful to all His children, should ever permit suffering to come into their lives. Job, who was one of the world's greatest sufferers, was perplexed over the same question. A study of his troubles and sufferings should be helpful to us.

I. Job's Character. Job 1:1.

Job was a man who lived in the land of Uz, which was located in the Arabian desert, not far from the Euphrates. It is generally believed that he lived about the time of Abraham.

Job was a man of sincerity, uprightness, integrity, consistency and piety. He was faithful to the trust that was reposed in him. He was not sinless, and never pretended to be, but he feared God, did that which was right and hated evil. God blessed him with a large, active and happy family, as well as with great riches. Apparently his riches consisted principally of great flocks and herds of live stock. And he had come into possession of these in an honest manner. His life pleased God so well that He said of him, "there is none like him in the earth." What a commendation!

II. Job's Cry. Job 19:7-10.

Satan challenged God's statement about Job's character. He contended that if Job's possessions were destroyed and he were afflicted that he would curse God to His face. And God accepted his challenge. When Satan accused Job of being good merely because of his prosperity, God gave him permission to test him in any manner which he desired except the taking of his life. Here we note the mystery of God's permissive will. We also note that, even though he is a mighty being, there are limits to Satan's power.

Satan did not lose any time in using God's permission to test Job. All of Job's property was swept away from him. The richest man in the east became a bankrupt in one day. That in itself would have driven many into absolute despair. All of his children were killed in a terrible storm. To this sorrow Job responded in the words, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Then Job was smitten with

loathsome boils from head to feet. This condition caused him to lose his position. The "greatest man in the east" was compelled to sit "among ashes," scraping the terrible sores on his poor body. Perhaps the hardest blow of all that he suffered was when his wife, with whom he had shared the days of prosperity, failed him. She urged him to give up his faith in God and to commit suicide. His three friends presumably came to comfort him, but their insinuations actually added to his troubles. They maintained that his afflictions were an evidence that he had been living a double life.

From the midst of the furnace of affliction Job cried out, but he was not able to pray satisfactorily. It seemed to him that his way was enclosed, his pathway was dark, and his glory was removed because he had been accused of being unrighteous. In his humiliation he was unable to understand why he had been afflicted thus. Even though he was completely baffled as to why, Job realized that his afflictions were all due to the permissive or the directive will of God. He remarked, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Job 13:15.

In the terrible agony of his severe affliction, it seemed that Job had lost the sense of the nearness of God. When he uttered the cry which we have just considered Job was in great distress. He felt that he had come to the supreme crisis in his life, when none but God could avail. Job preferred death to life without the conscious presence of God.

Job was exceedingly anxious to approach God, to talk with Him, and to lay his case before Him. He was convinced that if he could get into God's presence and tell Him all about his case that He would have compassion on him and supply his needs. He felt sure that God would vindicate his righteousness and exonerate him from the false insinuations to which he had been subjected. On the basis of God's past mercies toward him, and his former victories through Him, Job expressed his confidence in His support, provided he could lay his case before Him. But, for some wise and blessed purpose, which was entirely unknown to Job, God seemed to evade him. In spite of the fact that Job did not understand why God dealt thus with him, he was sure that He had some good purpose in permitting him to suffer as he did. He maintained an implicit faith in God and

determined that he would remain true and faithful to him regardless of what it cost.

Springfield Church Has Recognition Service for Students Going to College

SPRINGFIELD, Ky. — A special service was held in the Springfield Baptist Church, Sunday evening, September 5, for the young people of the congregation who are to attend colleges for the next year.

The young men and women—Carolyn Smothers, Betty Jean Kelly, Ruth Scott, Amy Sue Pardee, Billy Jane Seay, Pauline Crouch, Bonnie Jean Yankey, Nicky McWhorter, Jack Pettus, Kenneth Hall, Bob Crutcher, Bob Ward, Billy Shirley, Wilton Kelly, Roland Kimberlin, Millard Shirley, Freddie Wilham, and Clarence Pardee—were seated in a group and each was introduced to the congregation. The colleges they had chosen were named and the careers they have planned were mentioned.

The sermon by Dr. Prue H. Kelly pertained to a Christian life in the educational world and Educational Director Robert Crutcher explained the work of the Baptist Student Union and its place in the college life.

After the service a fellowship was held to let the congregation get better acquainted with these young people. Refreshments were served.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, SEPTEMBER 12, 1954

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Marion	189	525
Mayfield, First	276	813
Middlesboro, First (5)	92	680
Monticello, First	96	280
Morganfield, First (1)	---	424
Morgantown	120	200
Mt. Washington	56	280
Murray, First	---	807
Newport, First (2)	105	697
Trinity	82	230
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	134	536
First (1)	222	1,067
Hall Street (1)	187	407
Macedonia	79	219
Seven Hills	110	263
Third (1)	---	1,139
Paducah, East	205	551
Oaklawn (1)	175	344
Trinity	149	337
Twelfth Street (1)	164	403
Paintsville, First (2)	85	270
Paris, Central	98	321
First	57	255
Pikeville, First (1)	79	390
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial (6)	---	540
Princeton, First (1)	---	565
Northside (1)	94	241
Second (2)	111	326
Russellville, First (1)	121	429
Somerset, Calvary	140	254
First	171	684
Pleasant Hill No. 2	50	214
Sonora	96	266
Springfield, First	131	448
Sturgis, First	---	244
Versailles	67	370
Whitesburg, First (8)	102	567
Williamsburg, First (1)	95	412
Williamson, W. Va., East Williamson	60	275
Willisburg	102	316
Winchester, Central	126	468
First	145	417

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. SARAH MAE COOPER

COVINGTON, Ky., Aug. 23. — God in His infinite wisdom, called our beloved sister, Mrs. Sarah Mae Cooper, to go to be with Him whom she loved and served for many years on June 28, 1954. Her sweet Christian spirit and cheerful disposition endeared her to a wide circle of friends.

"Asleep in Jesus, peaceful rest
Whose waking is supremely blest.
No fear, no woe shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power."

She was a faithful member of Immanuel Baptist Church and the Woman's Missionary Society for more than 40 years, serving as president, circle leader and G. A. leader.

Her family and friends shall long remember the radiant smile that even serious illness failed to conquer.

She leaves her husband, George L. Cooper; a sister, Mrs. Grover C. Bird, and several nieces and nephews to mourn her passing.—Mrs. M. H. Highland and Mrs. D. H. Lawrence, Committee.

MRS. FLORA CRAGON

DeKOVEN, Ky. — Mrs. Flora Cragon, aged 90 years, a faithful and consistent member of the DeKoven Baptist Church for 58 years, passed from this life to be with her Saviour July 25, 1954. Mrs. Cragon was a charter member to the church to which she belonged, and at the time of her passing was the oldest member. The church will miss her from her accustomed place. Our loss is her gain.

The children who remain to mourn her loss are: William, of Ed Couch, Texas; Arthur, Poteau, Okla.; Nolan, Henshaw, Ky.; Donald, Logansport, Ky.; one daughter, Mrs. G. C. Thomas, DeKoven, Ky.

To the family we extend our deepest sympathy, and commend you to the Master who understands all your needs. Members of this church body mourn with the family in their loss.—DeKoven Baptist Church.

DR. CAREY F. WURTS

ASHLAND, Ky. — Were it for ourselves alone we would hesitate to make this resolution because of the inadequacy of words to express our appreciation of the character and worth of Dr. Carey F. Wurts, but that others, now and hereafter may know, we, the deacons of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, adopt this resolution expressing our love and respect for the deceased.

Brother Carey F. Wurts passed from us to the Better Land on the 5th day of April, 1954 at the age of 72. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Ashland for so many years that only a few of the older members can remember when he became a member. His period of membership and service in the church exceeded 40 years. He had served many years as deacon, as teacher of the Men's Bible Class and in other important and responsible church offices. His length of service, his devotion to duty respecting the task at hand, his sense of primacy of the work of the Lord, his readiness to express an opinion, his humility, his reliance upon prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, his willingness to reason together, his graciousness in relinquishing a position and taking a new position on occasions when convinced of desirability of change, his knowledge of the frailties of men, his love for Jesus, the church and the brethren, and his measured question, "What would Jesus do," all combined to make of him a worthy and valuable deacon, on whom the membership of the church and younger deacons could and did rely. His broad and deep knowledge of the Scriptures, his love of fellowship and discussion of the teachings, doctrines and promises of the Holy Word made him an outstanding teacher in Sunday school and other discussion groups. His daily walk among us, his devotion and service to the cause of Christ, his love for all the elect, made him a great humble and useful church member.

The Deacons of the First Baptist Church in regular meeting assembled, therefore resolve that the Lord's work has benefitted greatly by his living and working among us for so many years and this church, the

deacons and all who worked and served with him and those who knew him have a deep sense of loss on his passing from us, but a bright hope of living and worshipping the Master with him again in the Land that is fairer than Day.

Adopted by the Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky this August 30, 1954.—Chesley A. Lycan, Martin Hoffmon, Crit P. Williams, Committee.

FRED SYERS, SR.

DeKOVEN, Ky. — At the age of 83 years, Fred Syers, Sr., passed to the Great Beyond. He was a member of the DeKoven Baptist Church.

To the family we extend our sympathy in the loss of a kind and loving father and husband. May the Lord in His infinite wisdom comfort your hearts in your bereavement.—DeKoven Baptist Church, Committee.

OCTOBER— WESTERN RECORDER MONTH

Georgetown Enrolls Students from 16 States And 9 Foreign Countries

By Clarice Susan Munro

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — This year's registration at Georgetown College promises to be not only large, but varied. Already students from 16 states and nine foreign countries have been accepted for enrollment by Registrar J. Foley Snyder. The foreign student body will this year include students from Germany, Brazil, Jordan, Israel, Hong Kong, Formosa, Korea, Japan, and New Zealand.

Difficulties of foreign students entering the United States are many. Not the least of the difficulties is the obtaining of certificates of release from their own countries. At the time of going to press, it is doubtful whether some of the expected students, especially those from Korea, will obtain the release that will allow them to enter Georgetown this semester. However, the College has already had assurance of entry from sufficient of the foreign students to make an interesting group.

Each of the students coming to Georgetown from other lands has a bright Christian testimony, and a vital story to tell. Through President H. Leo Eddleman, appointments may be made to have them speak at prayer services, Brotherhood and WMU meetings, youth gatherings, etc.

►The Burk's Branch Baptist Church, Shelby County, experienced a wonderful revival August 15-27. Pastor Eugene Hamilton did the preaching. Brother Hamilton went to this church from the Kiddville Church, Clark County, last June. Brother Ray Cummins, a member of the Burk's Branch Church, and a student last year at Cumberland College, led the singing.

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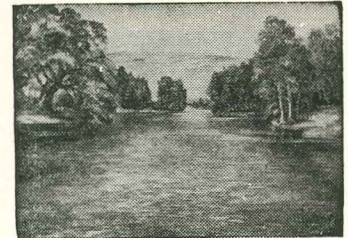
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Knoxes Creek Sponsored VBS and S. S. at Rio Mission



MAGNOLIA, Ky. — In making a survey from house to house on the Rio Mission field, seeking the co-operation of parents, we started a Bible School July 12, running through July 16. This proved to be a wonderful success. The cooperation among the faculty of teachers, parents and pupils could not have been excelled.

This school was sponsored by the Knoxes Creek Baptist Church, which furnished all the teachers, namely, Mrs. Luch Jagers, Mrs. Mildred Miller, Mrs. Faye Wilson, Miss Sophronia Puckett, Mrs. Mary Druen, Miss Lillian Campbell, Mrs. Anna Shuffett and Russell Miller.

We had an enrollment of 36 children, nine on the faculty, with an average attendance of 39. The offering for mis-

sions was \$4.92, and this was placed through the Cooperative Program.

The evangelistic service Friday night resulted in three Junior girls professing faith in Christ.

A Sunday school was organized the following Sunday after the VBS closed, and this had an initial attendance of 28. The Sunday school is being sponsored by Knoxes Creek Church. Much has been accomplished in this school. Three from this field moved to Knoxes Creek Church for their church home, two by baptism and one by letter.

Dr. Paul G. Horner, pastor of Knoxes Creek Church, administered baptism for eight, including these two. Rev. H. S. Puckett, associational missionary, was the principal of this school.

Church Prays and Answer Comes in Two Days

RICHMOND, Va. — The answer to a church's prayer came two days after its members were challenged to pray that God would call a young person from their midst to volunteer for foreign mission service.

Pastor and Mrs. Don Sietman, of the First Baptist Church, Tarpon Springs, Fla., heard Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, bring a missionary message at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in June. "Our hearts were especially moved by your appeal to each pastor to return to his church and pray that God would call a missionary out of that church," Pastor Sietman wrote Dr. Cauthen.

The Tarpon Springs Church, with 500 members, is giving 40 per cent of all undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program; and, in the past four and one half years, four of its young men have answered God's call to the ministry. But the church has never had a missionary.

Pastor Sietman purchased a tape recording of Dr. Cauthen's conven-

tion message and played it to a group of about 30 men, women, and young people on a Tuesday night in July. Then he urged this group to pray daily that God would call one of the young people to the mission field.

"Just two days later one of our finest young people came into my study and told me that she was certain God was calling her to be a missionary," the pastor wrote. On the next Sunday morning the young lady made public her decision and gave her testimony before the church.

"Our hearts are filled to overflowing," Pastor Sietman said. "This is one pastor who accepted the challenge of your message and whose prayer has already been answered. If enough other pastors will get it on their hearts, you will have the missionaries you asked for."

In his appeal to the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Cauthen said: "Throughout the ranks of Southern Baptists—in each of our more than 29,000 churches—there needs to go up a constant prayer that God will, from the ranks of each congregation, call out the choicest of his servants to witness for Christ to the ends of the earth.

"Every student still in college and

seminary ought to examine his own heart find if Christ would have him go personally to be a witness to those who have never heard. Many young pastors and other Christian workers, already established in places of responsibility yet not beyond the appointment age of 32, ought to re-examine the question as to whether or not Christ would have them go personally to witness as missionaries abroad. . . .

"Let there come from the ranks of Southern Baptists such a large host of young people who will say, "We will lay our lives upon the altar to go anywhere Christ would have us go and pay any price to make his name known." And we will find Southern Baptists rising up in the strength of our Lord and undergirding them with money that advance may continue."

Greenup Association Meets With the Unity Baptist Church in Ashland

By CLINTON B. COOTS, Ashland, Ky.

ASHLAND, Ky., Sept. 7. — We have just closed our associational year with the Greenup Association meeting with the Unity Baptist Church. There were 505 in attendance, 290 messengers and 215 visitors.

The host pastor, this writer, was elected moderator and Mason Branham, pastor at Grahn, was elected assistant. Quentin Lockwood, pastor of Wildwood Church of Ashland, was elected clerk.

Harmony characterized the meeting from start to finish. The churches reported about 200 more baptisms than at the previous Associational meeting.

The Unity Baptist Church had a good report. We reported 57 baptisms, the same as last year, and 57 additions by letter. Our total gifts to missions for the Associational year were \$13,952. Total gifts for all causes amounted to \$56,734. Our mission gifts exceeded last years by \$3,588.

On June 20 of this year, the Unity Baptist Church, upon the petition of its mission, Belmont Baptist Chapel, lettered out about 64 members to organize the Belmont Baptist Church. Dr. W. C. Boone brought the principal address at this occasion. Rev. Wesley Harris is the pastor of the new church.

Also, we are in a building program. The church has given its approval for the erection of a new educational building as the first unit. When this is completed, as soon as possible, a new auditorium will be erected. The old auditorium will probably be converted into Sunday school departments and classrooms.

Three other new churches were received into the Association: Rose Hill, Ashland, newly organized, Iron Hill, and Crane Creek.

In Favor of the \$3,000,000 Request of the Home Mission Board

By **BEN F. MITCHELL**, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism, Long Run Association of Baptists, Louisville 2, Ky.

Several voices are being raised in opposition to the request of the Home Mission Board for permission to borrow \$3,000,000 to be used as loans to aid new churches in building. Here are some reasons why the request should be granted, and why we should enthusiastically support the proposal of our Home Mission Board Secretary:

1. This is not a capital improvement or an operating expenses loan. We are not actually incurring a \$3,000,000 debt.

2. In reality the Home Mission Board is simply underwriting loans to individual churches which loans will be secured by physical property of values several times the amount of the loan, as well as the integrity of all the Baptists who make up these new churches.

As an example: A church in Indiana was enabled to build a \$26,000 building by a loan of \$15,000 from the Home Mission Board. The total value of this building and lot is in excess of \$35,000. A tremendous impetus and spirit are afforded to struggling churches in building programs by such loans.

3. Establishing and building new churches is the very life line of the expansion program of our denomination. We believe that it is in full harmony with the command of Christ and the New Testament example. Is there not ample justification for this expansion program, from the monetary standpoint alone, in the report of Dr. Courts Redford that during the past year more than a million dollars was given to missions by churches which were not in existence in 1940?

4. Baptists rightly fear debt, but shall we fix our eyes so closely on our past debt experience as to obscure the right perspective of a wise investment?

5. I have faith in the wisdom of Dr. Redford and his associates who support this proposal and who will assist in the administration of the funds.

6. It is not quite right to infer that the host of Southern Baptists who favor this proposal are uninitiated and inexperienced. Many of us remember the sad experience of the debt-paying campaign, as well as the promises made to our people that we will do all within our power to prevent a recurrence of such a tragedy. It is sad but true that all of our leaders and institutions cannot claim to have kept full faith with these promises. We remember the "Gold Offering" into which went the gold watch bequeathed to me by my father, and the engagement ring of my wife from which the diamond had been lost.

These were priceless treasures for which we would now gladly pay ten times their worth. They were given, along with thousands of such articles given by others, to regain and maintain Baptist honor. A pertinent question is this: Shall we allow these unpleasant experiences of the past to obstruct the pathway of future progress of our great denomination, and to mar our vision of great fields white unto harvest?

I believe our Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and Southern Baptists as a whole, will see the wisdom of this proposal which in truth opens up an avenue of income as well as sound collateral, and, at the same time, keeps us in line of duty in carrying out our Great Captain's command.

►Pastor Clealus Jacobs has resigned as superintendent of the Mission of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, Ky., to go to Georgetown College. Pastor A. H. Phillips, of the Columbia church says of him, "He has done a fine work with us and shows real promise in the ministry. We most heartily commend him to any church which could use his services in the Georgetown vicinity. He will do much good in his humble and earnest manner."

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SBC Executive Committee Approves Home Mission Board Loan

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The Home Mission Board has been granted permission to borrow three million dollars from Atlanta banks for the purpose of relending to churches under its Church Extension Loan Fund. Approval of the loan was given by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in a special called meeting here Sept. 8. The money will be repaid over an eight year period, the first note of \$300,000 becoming due December 31, 1956. The money will be loaned to churches at an interest rate of not less than five per cent.

Following the reading of a majority report calling for adoption, Carl E. Bates, Texas, made a motion that the report be adopted. He pointed out that the action was demanded by the new day Southern Baptists face. He was followed by J. D. Grey, Louisiana, who said that because of the nature of the collateral the loan would not set dangerous precedents. Carr P. Collins, Texas insurance executive, also spoke for the motion pointing out that "the loan was only a stop-gap measure and that future plans should call for a fifty million dollar loan fund." He also suggested that a committee be appointed to study ways and means of creating a larger loan fund plan.

W. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi, the fourth speaker, spoke in opposition. "We have never done mission work on borrowed money. To plunge into debt is breaking faith with people to whom we promised a few years ago that Southern Baptists would not again go into debt." He also said that the debts of local churches were not analogous to the plunging of the Convention into debt. He then cited the solicited opinions of some twenty-five pastors in his state, not one of whom he said was in favor of the project.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Georgia, dissenting member of the sub-committee offered a substitute motion asking that the Executive Committee decline approval of the loan because (1) It would approve and establish a new policy and pattern for which we find no authority in Scripture. (2) It would appear to weaken the structure of the Convention's business and financial plan. (3) It would not meet the avowed minimum needs outlined by the Home Mission Board, thus implying subsequent appeals for further borrowing. (4) It would open the door for other agencies of the Convention to ask for similar authority to borrow funds. (5) It would, in our opinion, tend to dull the edge of all appeals to our people to adopt New Testament methods of stewardship, by which, we

believe, all denominational interests should be supported and extended.

A vote was taken on Newton's substitute motion. It failed twenty-four to ten. Two of the thirty-six members present did not vote. Following the vote John A. Jones, Georgia advertising executive, spoke briefly stating that "borrowed money is hard to pay back." He also said that in the long run debt would discourage the people from giving.

The question was called for, a voice vote was taken with numerous strong "ayes," and a sprinkling of "no's." C. C. Warren, North Carolina, president of the Executive Committee, declared the report adopted and approval granted.

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Drive-in Religion

Editorial, Baptist Beacon

Every summer some one comes up with fancy ideas about having Sunday church services in a "drive-in" theater. In scattered places over the nation a few enterprising ministers succeed in getting such a mock "church" going for a few months.

If you will observe, most such projects are in resort or recreational areas, they have their services at a very early hour, and they harp on the note that they are non-denominational.

"Drive-in" religion surely cannot be pleasing to our Lord. God doesn't care for token worship. He isn't looking for a hand out. The purposes of God cannot be accomplished simply by a pat on

the back with a cheery farewell "Be a good boy until we get back."

A recent announcement about a "drive-in" church at Virginia Beach near Norfolk, Va., says it was instituted for Norfolk residents on their way to the beach for the day. The sponsoring minister described the project as "a real adventure in faith."

Phooey!

Are ministers seeking popularity and the bright lights of publicity? Are worshippers seeking a soft-soap religion to try to make God think they love and adore Him while in their hearts they can hardly wait for the services to be over so they can be on their way?

Do people think they can get God to purr like a kitty by scratching Him under the chin and by stroking His back gently before they are off to their pleasures?

Who is fooling whom?

God will not be insulted by the petty tribute that self-centered men feel disposed to cast His way.

The Lord's day is not intended for a day of recreation, pleasure-seeking, a trip to the mountains or the beach. It is a day of rest, a day of worship, a day of Christian service.

The kind of religion that pleases God and that uplifts, inspires and stabilizes the worshipper is whole-hearted devotion that puts God first and which gives the whole life into His service.

"Drive-in" religion is no good—either to God or man.

"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart, and I will be found by you," says the Lord (Jer. 29:13).

►Kentucky readers of Open Windows, the devotional quarterly published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be interested to know that Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and Rev. C. Ford Deusner, superintendent of Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale, are two of the contributors to the issue for the fourth quarter of this year.

