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"Lo, Children Are an Heritage of the Lord"—Psalms 127:3

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Gleanings From The Field

►Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Young, Southern Baptist missionaries to Hawaii, have a new address in Honolulu. It is 1530-A Ahonui Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Young is a native of Adair County, Ky., and he and Mrs. Young make their permanent American home in Columbia, Kentucky.

►Southwide Baptist Evangelist Reginald Wall of Decatur, Georgia, was in revival services September 20-26 with Dr. J. S. Hopkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Suffolk, Va. There were 106 additions (83 for baptism), six rededications, and three young people surrendered for full-time Chirstian service.

►A book review has been received from Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, recommending highly Richard K. Young's new book, *The Pastor's Hospital Ministry.* This book has 138 pages and is published by Broadman Press, Nashville. Dr. Hudson states: "For all pastors, for leading lay people, and for theological students, this book will find a real place."

►G. R. Pendergraph did the preaching in a revival with the Liberty Church, Fulton, recently. There were 5 professions of faith, with 4 of them uniting with the church by baptism. Pastor E. C. Dockery had offered his resignation three weeks before the meetings began, and moved to Morgantown the following week to take up his new work as district missionary in Gasper River and Goshen Associations.

►The late Col. G. Foster Hankins, Lexington, N.C., left $916,188 in his will to go to Wake Forest College, the income of which is to be used "to aid worthy boys and girls, young men and women, in obtaining an education." He attended Wake Forest College in early life, and the institution conferred the honorary doctor of laws degree upon him two years ago.

►Joel Sorenson, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is this month taking a trip to visit young Baptists of Asia. His itinerary calls for stop-overs in Ceylon, Madras and Calcutta, India, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Twaiwan, Formosa, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Burma. This is the first time an official of the Baptist World Alliance has visited east of India. He will be gone for two months.

►Retired Pastor R. F. Doll, while painting his roof at his residence, 2013 Rockford Lane, Louisville, on October 4, fell one and a half stories to the ground when the ladder slipped. He sustained injuries and was rushed to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Brother Doll for many years was pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church here, and later the Beechwood Baptist Church, Pleasure Ridge, until his retirement in 1948.

►The First Baptist Church at North Terre Haute, Ind., has called as its pastor Brother J. C. Durr of Ryker's Ridge Church, near Madison, Ind., and he has accepted. Brother Durr is from Duncan, near Harrodsburg in Mercer County, Ky., and formerly was educational director of the Porter Memorial Church in Lexington, Ky. For the last four years he has been a student in the Southern Seminary.

►Two men, Brethren Thomas Brannin and Wallace Eddleman, were ordained as deacons by the First Baptist Church, Jeffersontown, under the leadership of Pastor George C. Irvine. Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of Baptists in Kentucky, delivered a message on the qualifications of deacons. Julian Alcorn, chairman of the deacons, led in the ordination prayer, and Pastor John Niceley read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

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►The Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, held its first services in its new building September 26. There were "201 in Sunday school and a full house for the worship service," the pastor, William H. Rogers, reports. The church is currently engaged in a revival in which Rev. Robert Lively, Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, is the evangelist, and Deacon Tandy Faxon is leading the singing. The new building is to be dedicated the afternoon of November 21.

►Brother Joe Conley has resigned his work with the Baptist Fellowship Center, 1107 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, effective October 15, to become a member of the faculty at Selma University, where he will teach Christian ethics and church administration, and will be carrying on a cooperative work between the National and the Southern Baptists associations, and with the State Mission Boards, forums and discussion groups, seeking to effect more undertanding between the Negroes and the Whites. He will be working with the secretary of the Negro work in Alabama at Montgomery, and will be working with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the Alabama Baptist State Mission Board and the local National and Southern Baptist district associations. He is being succeeded here by Brother R. E. Poston, originally from St. Louis, but more recently county missionary of Lewis County, in Kentucky and local pastor at Vanceburg, Ky.

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We may profoundly respect the crowd for the sake of the individuals who may be in it. The man who stands next to us may be a future leader of the nation or one of the heroes of history . . . . A famous schoolmaster said that he always bowed as he entered the classroom because of the possibility that one of the world's great men might be there among his boys. The poor whisky tippler who taught the backwoods school in Kentucky might well have bowed as he entered the miserable shack of a schoolhouse where the young Abraham Lincoln bent over his book.—PRESBYTERIAN TRIBUNE.

Giving God's Way

By LYN CLAYBROOK, Pastor
Oneida Baptist Church
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The churches of Asia Minor were engaged in a great co-operative effort to take care of the needs of their fellow Christians in Judea, who were suffering great persecution.

It was a time of crisis for the cause of Christ. All the churches must work together to meet the demands of the situation.

The church at Corinth had taken the lead in getting this offering started. "It is to your interest to go on with this enterprise, for you started it last year. You were the first not merely to do anything but to want to do anything. Now, carry it through, so that your readiness to take it up may be equaled by the way you carry it through" (II Cor. 8:10-11, Moffatt's).

From a careful reading of II Corinthians, chapters 10-13, it is evident that there were reactionary brethren in those days, as in ours, who opposed co-operation and every good thing the churches undertook. And so it had come about that this Corinthian church had fallen under the influence of these obstructionists and was about to be turned away from doing what they had been so interested in doing a year before. This called forth all that is said in chapter 16 of the first letter and chapters 8-13 of the second letter. (Opposition can often serve good purposes.)

This great offering for the Judean saints, in the early days of the New Testament churches, is therefore a pattern of co-operation for the churches of our day and for all the future. If Christ's people are to obey the Great Commission, His *churches must work together.* They must do what they are commanded to do and in the way they are commanded to do it. *And every member of every church is needed in the doing!*

It needs to be laid deeply to heart that in all our efforts today to advance our glorious Master's Kingdom we cannot devise methods of doing so more effective than the one given us in our text by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul. It is to emphasize this divinely given method of raising necessary funds for kingdom enterprises on all fronts that we here direct our attention.

It is imperative that all of God's people shall learn to give, if they are really to learn to live.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:1-2).

We must never forget that "Jesus Himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Sea of Galilee is a symbol of abundant life because it generously shares all it receives. The Dead Sea is a symbol of perpetual death because it hugs to its heart all it receives and gives nothing. These two seas represent two classes of people in our churches. What can be done to get all the Dead Sea Christians to learn to give and so learn to live?

A large segment of people in our churches are willing to give, but they want to do it their own way. It needs to be impressed upon them that God has not only commanded us to give, but He has also clearly specified *the way* His people are to give. The Bible abounds in examples of how God's people have brought judgment upon themselves and much sorrow because they failed to do what God said do *in the way God said to do it.* It is therefore exceedingly important that all of us shall not only learn to give but to give God's Way.

I. God's Way of Giving is an Unchangeable Way.

We would expect this, on careful thought, because our God is an unchangeable God. "In Him there is no variableness, neither shadow caused by turning." What God requires of us He has required of His people in all ages. The fundamentals of kingdom giving are as old as the race. They are two. God has always required "tithes and offerings," and has always put the responsibility on man "to bring them to Him." Both were practiced from the beginning. Both were therefore written into the law, and both are abundantly taught and exemplified in the teachings and example of Jesus and His apostles.

This great doctrine of giving runs throughout the entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments, but is as lost to many of God's people today as the Law of the Lord was lost in the days of King Josiah. God has never had but one plan of giving. It has never needed change or revision, because it was a perfect plan from the start. The kingdom of God will come when all of God's saints find it under the accumulated rubbish of ignorance, indifference and covetousness, embrace it and begin to practice it.

II. God's Way in Giving Emphasizes Individual, Personal Responsibility.

Each one must do his own giving. "Let everyone of you." God's salvation is personal. We are saved one by one, not two by two. Each one must hear God's call for himself. Each must repent for himself. Each must come to the Saviour for himself. Each must obey the Lord for himself. Even so, each must do his own giving. God seeks primarily the growth and development of each one of His children. Rewards for obedience and faithfulness will be individual. Parents therefore cannot give for their children nor children for their parents. Husbands cannot give for their wives nor wives for their husbands. Each must give for himself and so,"Each one must give an account of himself to God at last." God's way in giving is designed not just to raise money, but to grow his children into strong, stalwart, useful, happy, full-grown sons and daughters.

III. God's Way in Giving Is Not Haphazard and Spasmodic but Definite and Purposeful.

"Let everyone of you lay by him in store." Whatever else this may mean, it certainly means that our giving is not to be accidental but the result of a definite plan and purpose on our part. The whole spirit of what Paul said to this church about this offering for the saints emphasizes that he wanted them to keep it in mind from week to week and be ready when the time came, "That no collection would be necessary when he came."

When all of God's children accept God's way in their giving, there will always be enough in the storehouse of the Lord for any need that may arise.

The haphazard, spasmodic method of giving will never adequately provide for kingdom needs because not enough of us can please God or really enjoy giving and begin to grow through his giving until he begins purposefully and joyfully to "lay by in store" day by day and week by week and month by month "God's tithes and offerings."

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►Dr. Jesse M. Rogers, Decatur, Ala., has come back to Kentucky to be interim pastor for two months at the First Baptist Church, Fort Thomas, Kentucky. In former years he was pastor at Fort Thomas.

Concerning Creeds and the Scriptures

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary gives as the primary meaning of *creed,* "A brief, *authoritative* [emphasis ours] formula of religious belief." The secondary is given as, "Any formula or confession of religious faith."

Through the Christian centuries men have, as individuals and by groups, prepared and made public their statements of belief. And some religious bodies have adopted and given to certain *creeds* the element of "authority," as in the case of the Nicene Creed, making acceptance binding on all.

Baptists have formed statements of belief, but have chosen to call them Confessions of Faith because they had no disposition to attach the element of "authority" to them. It is customary, when churches are organized, for them to adopt a Confession of Faith which sets forth the voluntary interpretation which they place on the Scriptures. It is a way of declaring belief and purpose, of showing forth their likeness to other churches of the same faith and order.

Confessions of Faith achieve noble ends when rightly used, and every church should make known its belief and practice. It is a basis on which Baptist churches can work together.

But a Confession of Faith becomes dangerous when it is regarded as *the final rule* of faith and practice, rather than the Bible itself, of which the Confession of Faith is but an interpretation. And it becomes doubly dangerous when it *demands* of all men that they accept it as the *final authority.* The same liberty which gives to one the right to formulate a Confession of Faith also gives another the right either to voluntarily accept or reject what is offered. To force a statement of belief upon the unwilling is to vitiate or pervert the principle of religious liberty.

And we go further: when any man forms and adopts a creed, or a Confession of Faith, and then himself regards it *as his final rule of faith and practice,* he departs from a cardinal principle. Only the Bible is final and authoritative, not an interpretation man has placed upon it.

It has been a practice to resort to quotations from certain great men as proof that contentions are correct. There is no harm in quoting great men; it strengthens one's contention to let it be known that an outstanding interpreter of the Word expressed a like view; but their opinions, however valued, are not *final proof.* Each must resort to the Bible itself as his final authority, and give a "thus saith the LORD." The final, big question for all in every age has been, "What does the Bible say?"

Even those who heard Paul preach at Berea "searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). And Paul called them noble for so doing. Some of the Bereans might have said, had they been like others, "Paul said it; it is bound to be true." But no. They turned back to the Scriptures. And when they found it there, they believed. That is the Baptist principle in action.

Baptists hold that there is only one rule that can bind us, direct us, decide our disputes, settle our differences—the Book. If it be not in the Book, then let it have no authority to govern us. No other light is sufficient. The Bible literally holds all the religious truth needed by man. To add to what the Bible says, or to take away from it is dangerous; dangerous to those who so err, and dangerous to those who might hear us and accept.

Paul said to Timothy: "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures which are *able* to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15). And he added: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be *thoroughly furnished* unto all good works."

The Scriptures are final and authoritative and sufficient because they came from God Who alone has authority and sufficiency and finality. They are His Words to man. If we believe in the Lordship of Jesus, then His Word *must be final.* Creeds and even Confessions of Faith are not authoritative because they are merely expressions of individuals' belief.

Peter said: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:20-21). None of the Scriptures ever originated in man's will. They were written by inspired men who were guided by the Holy Spirit.

As men turn back to the Book—away, if necessary after investigation, from what men have said—they come closer and closer together.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins said years ago: "Denominationalism is the result of the right of private judgment in religion. . . . If denominationalism ever ceases to exist and all Christians become one, it will be. . . . through the operation of the voluntary principle." And that means it will be on the basis of the Scriptures, not on anything which man only has said.

This writer, along with his Baptist brethren, holds firmly a Confession of Faith. He does it voluntarily. But with him, as with other Baptists, the Bible and only the Bible is his final rule of faith and practice.

Return to Local Ordinations

At the recent 95th annual meeting of the Minnesota Baptist Convention a recommendation was made that there be a return to local ordinations by the churches, and that the "presbyterial" type of ordinations be abandoned.

One naturally asks, Why did Baptist churches ever consent to any other method of ordaining ministers than by the local church?

Some of the churches have perhaps been too quick in some instances to set men apart to the

ministry but, nevertheless, any move away from the local church and toward an outside ordaining council of the "presbyterial" type is dangerous for Baptists.

It is good for any church, if it so desires, to have advice and counsel and assistance from brethren of other churches, but the total responsibility should rest always with the local church. We congratulate the Minnesota brethren on their move to abandon an un-Baptistic practice and let the responsibility rest where it should have been all along.

State Mission Day in Sunday Schools

Those who have denominational calendars or who have read Dr. Boone's earnest appeal know that October 24, next Sunday, is to be State Mission Day in all our Sunday schools.

Won't you, dear brethren, make this special offering for State Missions the greatest in years! So much depends on it. Take the special State Mission Issue of the Western Recorder, brought out a few weeks ago, and go carefully over all the facts concerning the State Mission Program of Kentucky Baptists. Every situation, without exception, has needs which go far beyond what has been provided so far. There are needs in Kentucky which literally cry out for help, and Kentucky Baptists are the only ones who can answer that cry. It takes the Lord's money to carry forward all the work. Will Baptists give it, in sufficient amounts, on October 24?

There is, in this offering, also, an opportunity for some of the people who have so far done little, in our State Mission Program, to come in on this offering and do their best. It is a time to rally and make up what is behind and needed.

Make big preparations for State Mission Day in the Sunday schools on October 24 or on the nearest convenient Sunday. And then, as soon as possible, send the offering to Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Southern Baptists Are Going to London

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

At least three prominent Southern Baptists will take major parts on the program of the 50th anniversary Congress of the Baptist World Alliance that meets in London next July 16-22. Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., will deliver a response to the various addresses of welcome; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., will serve as chairman of the Golden Jubilee service; and Billy Graham, Dallas, Tex., will bring the closing address. A product of Southern Baptist mission work, Dr. Joao Soren,* Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will deliver the Congress sermon. Other Southern Baptists have been selected but their subjects not yet fixed and their names not released. It is expected that others will be added later.

Possibly as many as 2,000 Southern Baptists will attend the Congress, probably the largest group from the Southern Convention ever to attend such a gathering outside the United States. A total estimated at 4,000 will attend from North America. All parts of the world will be represented, large delegations going from Africa, Asia, South America, and Australia. Australia alone will send 400, all of them traveling on a special chartered steamship.

The Congress will open Saturday afternoon, July 16 and close Friday night, July 22. There will be fifteen sessions. The morning and evening sessions will all meet in the Royal Albert Hall, with the exception of the last evening session which will meet in Harringay Arena. The afternoon conference sessions will meet in various churches and public halls of London.

Royal Albert Hall, built in 1867, is conveniently located about one mile from Buckingham Palace and two miles from Piccadilly Circus (to an Englishman, a circus is a circle, like, for example, Jefferson Circle in Washington.) The street on which it is located changes names three times in two miles. When it passes the hall it is Kensington, soon it changes to Knightsbridge Road and finally to Piccadilly. Across Kensington from the Royal Albert Hall is the famous Hyde Park, where absolute freedom of speech traditionally reigns supreme. Harringay Arena seats about 15,000 and is considered far too small for the final service featuring Billy Graham.

Most Americans going to London will be organized into parties with travel companies arranging for transportation, hotels, baggage, and sightseeing. Hotels in London will be widely scattered and not in keeping with American standards, but they will be clean, comfortable and almost always convenient to the London underground railway, reported to be the finest subway system in the world, far ahead of any comparable system in America in speed and accessibility. Busses are just as modern and abundant. All fares are very reasonable.

Travel parties range in size upward from very small parties of ten or twelve people. The largest party is being organized among American (Northern) Baptists. Planes have been chartered to provide special low-cost travel for more than 1,000 people. Most travelers agree that it is better to travel with a party unless they have had wide experience with customs officers, foreign currencies, and continental cultures.

For many Southern Baptist pastors going to London, the grand climax will be a journey to the Holy Land. One travel company has reported that more than one third of their passengers plan trips to Egypt and Palestine.

Whether in London or Palestine, the theme of the Congress will be an abiding thought, one that the travelers will bring back home with them to ring in the ears of their American congregations, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13.8). It is the one idea perhaps on which all Baptists everywhere are agreed.

[*Dr. Soren is remembered in Louisville as John Filson Soren. He was here about 1927-30 attending the Seminary. His father, the late Dr. F. F. Soren, was his predecessor in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Rio, and his mother was the former Miss Jane Filson, member of the East Baptist Church of Louisville, prior to her marriage in 1906. A sister, Mrs. Frances Soren Daeuble, resides here.]

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Baptist Hospitals — A Common Cause

By H. L. DOBBS, Executive Secretary
Hospital Commission of
Kentucky Baptists

Kentucky Baptists have in recent years launched forth upon a great hospital program. They now own and operate 725 hospital beds including bassinets for newborn babies.

This expanded service, in the years to come, will touch the lives of many thousands of people throughout the state. Millions of dollars have been and will be spent for the construction and operation of our three Baptist hospitals at Lexington, Louisville and Paducah.

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky has shown evidence of great faith in the Healing Ministry by guaranteeing a minimum of $144,000 per year toward a construction indebtedness of approximately $3,000,000. Replacement value of these three hospitals would approximate $8,000,000. The hospital program is truly a great program worthy of the loyal support of every Baptist.

Let me hasten to point out that hospitals are not just buildings of brick and mortar and stone. Hospitals are people (over 1100 of them in our three hospitals). They are people just like you and countless others. They are people not infallible but who have the same emotions, the same desires, the same feelings of any average person and who have a great compassion for the sick and injured that come to them for services. They are doctors and nurses and employees who recognize that the most important person in the hospital is the patient. They are people who exemplify the teachings of Jesus Christ in brotherly love and who represent our Baptist denomination in action as it concerns the Healing Ministry.

I would like to commend those men and women of the medical profession who are devoting their lives toward the advancement and progress of the healing arts. They are doing a magnificient job in protecting the health and welfare of the people of this nation. Their progress in recent years has been remarkable. Beyond any doubt the medical profession is offering better health protection to the people of Kentucky than ever before.

I am grateful that largely through the interest and cooperation of the medical profession we have the finest hospital system of any nation in the world. Much of the advancement and progress in medical science is due to the close cooperation between our doctors and hospitals. Without this close cooperation of doctors, especially with hospitals that have been built by charitable and church organizations, much of the success and progress of medical and hospital care would not have been so rapidly developed. Church operated hospitals have been leaders in the hospital field for many years.

I would like to point out that hospitals are the workshops of physicians and surgeons of any community and that one is necessary to the other if modern medicine is to be practiced. Doctors should be and usually are favorable to new and modern hospital facilities and spend many extra hours each year in helping the administration improve services to the sick. Most doctors are anxious to please their patients in every respect and they recognize that peace of mind and contentment derived by the patient in choosing his own hospital will be conducive to satisfactory progress. It is sometimes difficult for us to understand why a few will make all sorts of excuses in order to persuade the patient to go to a hospital not of his choice. I re-emphasize that the patient is within his rights and should insist upon going to the hospital of his own selection.

The Baptist denomination is also composed of people. These people constitute the motivating factor back of our Baptist Hospital Program. They want institutions of their own where they, their loved ones, and friends can be cared for when sickness occurs. They do not want other denominational and charitable organizations to provide their hospitals for them. They are a proud people that will give loyal support and patronage to their own institutions. They will insist upon their beliefs and protest undue criticism of their state and southwide causes. They are very much interested in enlarging upon the threefold ministry of the teachings of Jesus Christ, namely, that of Preaching, Teaching and Healing. It is because of this belief that Baptists in Kentucky have ventured forth to enlarge the Healing Program and have built and are operating Baptist Hospitals in Lexington, Louisville and Paducah, to serve peoples of all denominations as well as those who have no church affiliation. There is no denominational objective that has greater opportunity to better serve suffering humanity than does the Baptist Hospital Program.

It is my firm opinion that Baptists have the know how of building and operating hospitals. This is in evidence throughout the South. We believe our three Baptist Hospitals in Kentucky to be well equipped and organized and that services rendered by them are at least equal to similar institutions in the communities. These hospitals located in Lexington, Louisville and Paducah stand ready each hour of the day and night to take an ever increasing part in the battle against disease and injury. They would remind 600,000 Baptists in Kentucky to request their doctors to join with them in unanimous support of a common cause—The Common Cause of getting sick people well—and of keeping well people well.

Mrs. Robert B. Troutman Becomes New Secretary to Missions Superintendent

Mrs. Robert B. Troutman, Rice Hall, Southern Baptist Seminary, has become secretary to Eldred M. Taylor, superintendent of the Missions Department of the State Mission Board. She succeeds Miss Doris Yeiser who became Dr. Boone's secretary recently. Mrs. Troutman's husband is a first year student in the Theology School of the Seminary. The Troutmans came to Louisville in September from Waco, Texas, where Mrs. Troutman was secretary to Pastor Charles Wellborn, of Seventh and James Baptist Church.



Mrs. Robert B. Troutman

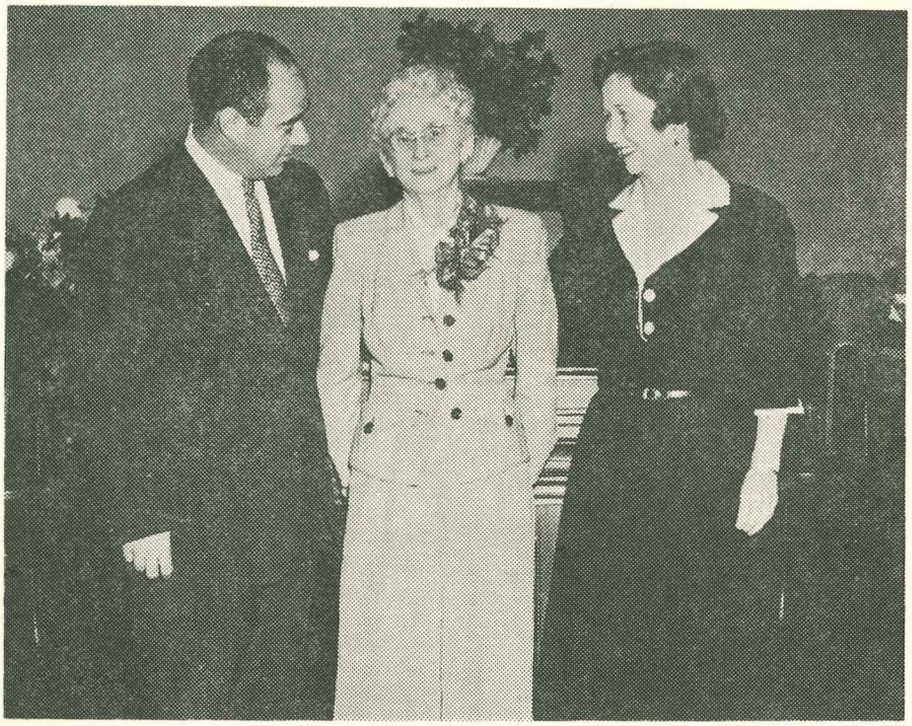
Mrs. Troutman's given name is Eleanor. Both she and her husband are from Knoxville, Tennessee, although Mrs. Troutman was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She attended the University of Tennessee for two years.

She has been employed at two insurance companies in Knoxville and at the Waco Church. The Troutmans were married June 6, 1952.

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Intermediate Superintendent at Clifton Retires After Being 36 Years in That Position



The photographer has captured a happy moment during the reception held by the Clifton Baptist Church, 1947 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, in recognition of Mrs. J. C. Jones, for over thirty-six years the superintendent of the Intermediate Department in the Sunday School. Mrs. Jones, who had to relinquish her duties because of failing health, resides at 525 S. Second Street. She is pictured here with her son, E. Skiles Jones (left), and her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Markham (right). During her 36 years as superintendent, Mrs. Jones missed only 21 Sundays and was never tardy once.

Giving God's Way

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IV. God's Way in Giving Specifies A Time and Sanctifies A Day—"On the first day of the week."

God has made giving a part of worship. "Bring an offering and enter into His courts." He has commanded His people not to forsake the assembling of themselves together (Heb. 10:25). His house has always had a treasury in it as well as an altar. His people are "to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God." Praise, prayer, preaching, giving, thanksgiving, teaching—these are to be offered constantly on the altar of the house of God. No bill-collectors are appointed in the kingdom of God. All who would please God must "bring the whole tithe into the storehouse." To deny that the "in store" of our text is the same as "the storehouse" of Malachi, in principle, is to take an untenable position. There was a "treasury" in the Tabernacle, in the Temple; there is a "treasury" in the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, and He still "sits over against it" and beholds how His people "cast money into it."

V. God's Way in Giving Will Provide Abundantly for All the Needs of His House and Will Not Take Anything Away from Our Houses. "That there be no gatherings." "That there may be meat in mine house."

The faithful consecration of "tithes and offerings" has always provided abundantly for all the needs of God's house and made "special collections" unnecessary. Such consecration puts the responsibility on the Lord to so bless His people as to make such abundance possible. So God has said to His people, "Prove me and see if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that ye shall not be able to receive it; and I will rebuke the devourer for your sake and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Mal. 3:8-10). There will have to be "gatherings," "special collections," until God's children obey the Lord and begin to give "God's way" and not their own ways. Every high-pressure, public collection is evidence that "God's way" has been set aside by His people and His Word disobeyed.

VI. Finally, God's Way In Giving Takes Account of the Spirit in Giving.

All of us must always be careful to keep our motives right in all that we do. "If you love, keep my commandments," said Jesus. In our giving, we are "proving our love." We will not go wrong here if we "remember the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." Love will make us "cheerful givers." Love will lead us to seek "the glory of God" in our giving and consecrate the "purposes of our hearts." We are "not under law" in this matter. Love is and should be our only law. It will lead us to do more than mere law ever led anyone to do. It will give a great deal more joy in the doing.

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Farmdale Church Protests Garbed Nuns in Marion Tax-Maintained Schools

The Farmdale Baptist Church, 4185 Preston Highway, Louisville 13, Ky., has directed a communication to Professor Dies, the principal of the Bradfordsville High School, Bradfordsville, Ky., regarding the conflict which has recently come up about the Board of Education in Marion County trying to abolish the school at Bradfordsville so as to force the children of that district to attend the Lebanon school, where Roman Catholic Nuns are teachers.

"At one of our recent business meetings," the communication read, "the subject of nuns teaching in public schools was discussed.

"No doubt, the Catholic Church is not presenting doctrine to our children in the public schools, but we feel their nuns' educational background is such that they would present their subjects in a biased manner. Further, the nuns' garb is suggestive and tends to influence young minds.

"We firmly believe in the separating of church and state. It is a known fact that public funds are being paid to the Catholic Church rather than to the nuns themselves.

"Our church membership voted to advise you that we are 100% behind you and those who are working with you to accomplish your goal."

Brother James Borders is pastor of the Farmdale Baptist Church. Copies of the communication were sent to Judge Eugene E. Siler, Williamsburg, who is serving as legal counsel in the contest, and to the State Superintendent of Schools at Frankfort.

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Musician was in car wreck on way to next engagement, and wired ahead: "Have been in bad car wreck but think I'll be able to appear in three or four pieces."

A Church Within Easy Reach

By CHARLES L. McKAY
Baptist Sunday School Board

It was my privilege a few days ago to talk to a retired Methodist missionary from Korea who had spent forty years in that area. One of the outstanding things that I remember he said was, "You Baptists are starting new churches all over Korea." Praise the Lord! Let God hasten the day when Baptists will start churches all over the world.

People of America have supplied different countries with the things that they thought they needed—Japan with scrap iron, Russia with relief kits, China with food and rainment—but all the time their deepest need America did not supply.

In Business With God

Growing churches is the biggest business on earth. That is the thing that God is engaged in. Christ died to make it possible for us to grow churches. The intercessory work of Jesus Christ is on behalf of his followers—his churches. He commissioned his followers to build churches. "As my father hath sent me even so, send I you" is his command to us. One has a part in the biggest and most important business in the world when he is engaged in growing New Testament churches.

More churches are needed. Twenty-one million people living within the territory where we work are not within easy reach of a New Testament church. The present churches could not minister to their membership to say nothing of reaching the unreached.

It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save people. New Testament churches are preaching stations. The biggest business in the world is growing churches—bigger churches, better churches, more churches for the salvation of the lost, the edifying of the saved and unto the praise and glory of God the Father.

The business world will see to it that grocery stores are established within easy reach of every member of every family in every community. Business men with vision and wisdom will make the material necessities of life available for all. Commodities of every sort are put within easy reach of every member of every family in every community.

The devil has seen to it that his cohorts put places of amusement and houses of sin on every hand so that they are within easy reach of every member of every family. There is a tavern for every 326 persons in the United States, or one tavern for every ninety-six families. It is reported that there are 213,955 more taverns than churches in the nation.

God has placed the responsibility in the hands of his children to see that preaching stations, teaching stations, mission Sunday schools, are placed within easy reach of every member of every family in every community. New Testament churches are the hope of this world. What the world needs is Jesus. The church is to preach and teach the message of Jesus Christ to the world.

Sponsoring New Work

Every church should mother one or more churches. New churches reach people faster. Places are available. Growing New Testament churches is after the New Testament pattern. Fourteen was the average net gain for all the Sunday schools in Southern Baptist Churches last year while new Sunday schools had a net gain average of more than sixty-five each. The Jerusalem church, the Antioch church, went out and all Asia heard the word of God. Before all the people in the Convention territory hear it we must start more churches.

Southern Baptists are well able to organize and maintain 25,000 additional churches. They know how to start and grow them. They have the money necessary. They are endued with the message that it takes to grow great churches. They have the potential workers available and willing, yet sitting on the side lines, many of them saying, "No man hath hired me, Lord."

Why More Churches?

New Testament churches develop the best that is within people. They make communities better places in which to live. Churches help parents bring up their children in the nuture and admonition of the Lord. New Testament churches make it easier for God to call out those that he has called.

Churches are needed to maintain Christian schools, Christian hospitals. Were it not for our Christian schools, operated and maintained by New Testament churches we would not have trained leadership to do the things God wants done. Churches provide missionaries and means for missions.

More churches make people more church conscious. People are enlisted in larger numbers when a church is near. More churches put more people to work.

It has been discovered that most boys and girls who aren't in Sunday school and church are out beyond practical reach of a church. They live in unchurched areas. People who go to Sunday school with any regularity, do not go to jail. Activities of a New Testament church give people opportunities to express their gratitude to God.

Dan C. Moore, New Pastor, Georgetown Baptist Church



Dr. Dan Cecil Moore, who has recently resigned as pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Avoca, near Anchorage, Ky., to accept the call to be pastor of the Georgetown Baptist Church. In his new relationship he will be host-pastor for the sessions of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky when they meet in the county-seat of Scott County next November 16-18. He is a graduate of Clemson College, and was given his Doctor of Theology degree by the Southern Seminary last January.

The Cover Page

The photograph on the cover page this week is little Miss Deborah Lynn Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Davis, Louisville. Deborah Lynn is a member of one of the younger choirs of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

►Searcy S. Garrison, pastor of the Bull Street Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga., and president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, has been elected to succeed James W. Merritt as executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman Is Inaugurated 19th President of Georgetown College

The inauguration of Dr. H. Leo Eddleman as president of Georgetown College in the John L. Hill Chapel on Friday night, October 8, was one of the significant occasions in the affairs of Georgetown College and the Baptists of Kentucky which has occured in recent years. Approximately 1,600 were present, with many of them traveling from far distances to be present. We saw them from Ashland and from The Purchase, and many were there from beyond the borders of Kentucky.

The installation was one more chapter in Volume 125 of the Georgetown College serial, marking the completion of the first century-and-a-quarter of its history and the beginning of the second-quarter-of-the-second-century of the institution.

The event was quite colorful throughout. The procession marched down the central aisle behind the color bearers. The marshals and the presidential party were followed by the delegates of Colleges and Universities, and from the Learned Societies, Associations and Church Groups. Bringing up the rear were the college faculty and the trustees.

Presiding over the session was Mr. L. R. Cooke, newly elected president of the Board of Trustees. It was a tremendously big program, and Mr. Cooke presided ably throughout, keeping well in hand the multitudinous details of the occasion.

The first part of the program consisted of six brief greetings from representative groups. Dr. W. C. Boone was scheduled to be the first speaker representing the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. However, on account of his illness that night, his place was taken by his associate, Superintendent Eldred M. Taylor. Next Dr. Duke K. McCall spoke on behalf of the five theological seminaries being operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. The third speaker was Dr. Frank A. Rose, who gave greetings from the Church-related colleges of Kentucky. Then Dr. R. Orin Cornett brought greetings from the Southern Baptist Education Commission; Dr. Harold P. Adams from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; and Dr. Leonard E. Meece from the Kentucky Association of Colleges, Secondary and Elementary Schools.

The second episode in the program was three brief greetings from as many phases of the set-up of Georgetown College itself. These were: (1) Mrs. Logan B. English on behalf of the Georgetown College Alumni; (2) Robert Terrell for the students; and (3) Dr. R. D. Judd for the faculty.

Much weighty responsibility rested upon Dr. George W. Redding, who as grand marshal had the monumental task of recognizing about 150 delegates from the colleges and universities of the nation, and of about ten professional and learned societies, associations and church groups. The name of each institution was called out by Dr. Redding, and then he called out the name of the representative, who arose to accept the falicitations of Georgetown College.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered a major address on "Building Christ-Mastered Lives."

After Trustee Chairman Cooke installed the new president he responded with his inaugural address, setting forth his ideals for a Christian college.

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During the course of his address, Dr. Eddleman announced that a lady who for the present prefers to remain annonymous, has written an item of $50,000 into her will for Georgetown College, and she has expressed the hope that the women of the state will match it two-to-one, which would make a total ultimate amount of $150,000, should that hope materialize.

The invocation was pronounced by Dr. Dan C. Moore, newly called pastor of Georgetown College, and the benediction was given by Dr. Arthur Fox, father-in-law-and-love of the new Georgetown College president. The music was under the direction of A. Ray Baker, who also sang a solo, and the accompanists included Messdames Lucille and Eugene Bradley and Miss Ollie Dale Jelle.

After the recessional, the informal coffee hour held in the new Cooke Memorial Library provided the opportunity for many friends to greet personally the new president and his wife, and to see and interview many friends.

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CHILDREN: Was there ever a grandparent, bushed after a day of minding noisy youngsters, who hasn't felt that the Lord knew what He was doing when He gave children to young people?—*Coloma Courier.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 10, 1954

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	83	681
Unity	136	463
Bardstown	---	353
Bellevue	78	450
Benton, First	80	228
First Missionary	71	221
Bowling Green (1)	365	1,331
Briensburg	---	212
Burlington	84	262
Cadiz	86	342
Blue Spring	137	230
Campbellsville (3)	---	734
Palestine	89	302
Pleasant Hill	181	310
South Campbellsville	---	295
Carrollton, First	36	273
Central City (1)	272	486
Clay, First	---	229
Cloverport	---	250
Corbin, First	131	443
Central (1)	162	659
Covington, Calvary	---	700
First (1)	138	418
Latonia (2)	288	1,060
South Side	118	493
Cox's Creek, New Salem	---	205
Crestwood	81	289
Cynthiana (2)	---	472
Danville, First (3)	276	738
Dayton, First	---	276
Dawson Springs	101	303
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	168	867
Erlanger	---	383
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	151	583
Walnut Street (2)	---	505
Falmouth	---	204
Ferguson (1)	87	253
Florence	85	330
Fort Thomas, First	56	258
Frankfort, Crestwood	78	304
First (1)	190	927
Thorn Hill	135	---
Fulton	192	573
Georgetown	235	643
Glasgow (1)	129	675
Greenville, First	146	397
Second	108	212
Harlan (5)	156	655
Harrodsburg (2)	251	927
Hawesville	91	266
Hazard (2)	112	453
Hazel	126	305
Henderson, First	178	569
Immanuel Temple (1)	126	847
Hodgenville, First (1)	172	561
Hopkinsville, First	162	745
Second	203	855
Independence (1)	170	309
Junction City	62	237
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	364
Lawrenceburg, First	93	334
Sand Spring	48	280
Lebanon, First (1)	161	453
Leitchfield	119	287
Lexington, Calvary (1)	231	859
Fellowship	---	506
Grace (2)	---	738
Immanuel	276	903
Porter Memorial	163	630
London, First (1)	204	652
Louisville, Audubon	76	224
Baptist Temple	---	430
Beechland	174	656
Beechmont (2)	230	1,035
Bethany	70	275
Bethlehem	102	300
Broadway (1)	49	373
Buechel	106	293
Carlisle Avenue (2)	330	1,478
Clifton (1)	122	468
Crescent Hill (2)	325	1,054
Deer Park	---	544
Eastern Parkway	92	620
Eighteenth Street	96	329
Fairdale (2)	197	471
Farmdale	---	404
Gethsemane	105	270
Harmony	114	323
Hazelwood	68	512
Highland (1)	269	696
Highland Park First	---	442
Immanuel	100	435
Jeffersontown	116	294
Kenwood	---	294
Lee's Lane	104	339
Lynn Acres	105	---
Ninth and O (6)	532	1,728
Okolona	---	443
Parkland	286	1,006
St. Matthews (1)	209	805
Shawnee	---	365
Shively (1)	173	846

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Long Run Baptist Religious Education Association Organized

The educational directors of Baptist churches of Louisville and its environs have organized a new group called The Long Run Baptist Religious Education Association. The first meeting was held at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Cafeteria on October 3 at noon. The group plans to meet monthly, having lunch together on the Monday after the first Sunday in each month in the Seminary Cafeteria, and then going into their conference.

Charles Shacklette, director of religious education at the Baptist Tabernacle, was elected president of the group. Al Parks, educational director at 23rd and Broadway, was elected vice president and chairman of the program committee. The secretary-treasurer is Miss Rebecca Tune, youth director at the Highland Church. The publicity will be in charge of W. Dean Brooks, assistant to the pastor at Walnut Street Church, and the Advisor is Ernest J. Loesner, professor of religious education at the Seminary and educational director of Highland Church.

The group will have a planned program for each of their meetings. At the session on November 8 Miss Rebecca Tune is going to outline some student activities in the local church during the Christmas holidays. Before coming here Miss Tune was youth director with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark.

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Russell County Association Meets at Jamestown

JAMESTOWN, Ky.—The regular annual meeting of the Russell County Association of Missionary Baptists was held at the Jamestown Baptist Church, September 8-9, 1954, with fine attendance.

Visitors from outside the association included: R. L. Pogue, business manager, The Western Recorder; Roy E. Boatwright, Sunday School Department; B. B. Hilbun, chaplain, Kentucky Baptist Hospital; Eldred M. Taylor, State Board of Missions; C. B. Love, Temperance League of Kentucky; Baynard F. Fox, Relief and Annuity Board; Erwin L. McDonald, Christian Education; C. Ford Deusner, Kentucky Baptist Children's Home; Robert Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard, Monticello; President John M. Carter, Campbellsville College; R. A. Slinker, Enlistment worker, Mrs. R. A. Slinker; Pastors Joe Stotts and A. D. Roberts, Sparksville; William R. Bradshaw, Hustonville; and Abraham Berry, Enlistment worker and missionary.

The introductory sermon was preached by Pastor Drewry Meece, Font Hill, and the doctrinal sermon was by Missionary Abraham Berry, Greensburg.

Pastor Simpson B. Rowe, First Church at Russell Springs, was re-elected moderator for the eighth time, and Ambrose Smith, Jr., Font Hill, was re-elected clerk for the 26th time. J. W. Hubbard, Webbs Cross Roads, was re-elected assistant moderator, and Lee Chrisman, also of Font Hill, assistant clerk. Next year the association will meet at Russell Springs.

Rev. A. W. Rowe, 86, father of Pastor Simpson B. Rowe and a Methodist minister for the last fifty years, now residing at Sparksville, was present.

Among the elderly persons present were: D. G. Grider, 88, Jamestown; J. K. Butcher, 84, of Eli; and Rev. J. S. Wade, 84, who now lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Emerson, a few miles east of Russell Springs. All of these were charter members of the association when it was first held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, September 6-7, 1916, the association being formed from parts of the South Cumberland River and North Concord Associations.

Moderator Rowe has compiled and written a nice history of the Russell County Baptist Association which should be the property of every Baptist in the county.

Rev. J. S. Wade, the only living minister of this elderly group, preached the introductory sermon at the new association when it was held at Mt. Vernon, on the subject, "Why I Am a Baptist."

The pastor of the Jamestown Baptist Church is Brother Jesse A. Parker.—Alva Grider.

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108 Malayan Youth Made Decisions at Encampment

Richmond, Va.—One hundred eight of the 143 people registered for the second annual Malaya Baptist Youth Camp made decisions for Christ. Forty-four accepted Christ as Saviour, 43 rededicated their lives, and 21 surrendered their lives to special Christian service.

The 10-day meeting was held in Penang, using a Chinese high school building for classes and services, as well as girls' dormitory, boys' dormitory, and dining facilities. Camp theme was "Shining for Christ"; and Missionary Ronald C. Hill was speaker. Thirty pastors, missionaries, faculty members, youth camp officers, and counselors helped with the camp.

The Penang Baptist Church and the Malaya Baptist General Convention celebrated their first anniversary along with the encampment; for it was at the first youth camp in 1953 that both were organized.

Bell County Association Has 59th Session at the First Church, Pineville

PINEVILLE, Ky., Sept. 20.—The Bell County Baptist Association has just held its 59th annual session at the great First Baptist Church of Pineville, where Bro. Raymond Sanderson is the beloved pastor.

This writer started with the first session of the Association September 4, 1896—the day the association was organized. I helped to organize the association and of all that large congregation which attended that first session, all have passed on, except H. H. Fuson and the writer still live. While I lived in Knoxville, Tennessee, Brother Fuson served as clerk for six years.. Brother W. H. Gibson was elected clerk in 1908, but the writer was elected clerk in 1909 and I have served every year since.

To tell the truth, when I first lived in Knoxville, I was not much on "missions," but while in Knoxville, at the great First Baptist Church, I heard Dr. R. J. Willingham on World Missions. He made me a missionary forever. I was never satisfied until I returned to Bell County and actively engaged in the work of missions. It has been my privilege to help organize more than 60 churches since 1909. When our association was constituted in 1896 we only had 11 churches in Bell County, with 16 ministers. Our property was valued at only $3,425, but today it has a valuation of nearly $900,000.

Also, when the Bell County Association was first organized we had only 704 members. Now we have 13,460 persons belonging to the churches of this association.

Rev. Charles L. Tipton is doing a fine work as Bell County missionary. He came to the association late this summer, but he has been able to hold or to have conducted more than 40 Vacation Bible Schools during the short time he has been with us.

The churches of Bell County Association gave more than $28,000 to mission causes during the past associational year.

The writer has been pastor of the Wasioto Church more than 40 years. We have had the Western Recorder in our budget for years. When I first took charge of this church we gave an average of $5.00 per month for pastor's salary and nothing to missions. Now we have a budget which calls for a good sum for pastor's salary and another good sum for missions.

The Bell County Association next year meets September 16-17, 1955. The first day is to be held at the Clear Creek Springs Baptist Church, near Pineville, and the second day at the First Baptist Church, Middlesboro.—W. T. Robbins, Clerk.

Activities Among Baptists in Pulaski County



From Brother Z. M. Ford, clerk of the Ferguson Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, we have learned something of the activities taking place among some of the Pulaski County Baptists.

(1) The top picture shows the new building which houses the Sunday School at Jackson, near Ansel Post Office, which is a mission of the Ferguson Baptist Church, started November 4, 1953. Superintendent Clee Wallace and his faculty of teachers are doing some fine work there, and Pastor E. R. Prather preaches to them on Sunday afternoons. The new building was completed in about nine months, and there were 133 in attendance at its opening, compared to 46 before.

(2) The second photograph shows the attendance one Sunday at the Jackson School before the new building was completed.

(3) This is one of the two VBS's held this year—one at Ferguson and the other at Jackson. This one is at Jackson, where 44 were enrolled, with a staff of seven.

(4) The bottom picture shows the workers at the Jackson Mission School (from left to right): Pastor E. R. Prather, Mrs. Prather, Mrs. Vivian Chaney, Mrs. Mary E. Durham, Miss Brinda Turpin, Mrs. L. E. Linville and Mrs. Emery Conner.

The committee which provided more suitable room and the needed equipment in the new building program, was composed of Clee Wallace, M. E. Haggard, Claude Pucell, Emery Conner and Oscar Haste.

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Camp Conference to Be Held at Kentucky Baptist Building, December 7-8

By Eldred M. Taylor
Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism

A State Wide Conference for camp directors and all persons who have camp responsibilities will be held at the Kentucky Baptist Building, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky, on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, December 7 and 8. For several years the camp workers, directors, and leaders have had a conference during the year. At these conferences the discussion had dealt with the common problems of camp work. The group also decides upon the motto, song, and scripture to be used in the camps for the coming year.

This conference will be beneficial to all camp directors and workers regardless of the type camp conducted. The program and discussion will be designed to help all. Therefore this conference will be beneficial to all camp workers, whether they serve at Cedarmore or in a Regional or Associational camp. The discussion and program will also be planned so as to be of aid to these workers regardless of whether they work in general camps or R.A. and G.A. camps.

The conference on Tuesday night will begin at 7:00 and will consist of free discussion on camp work and problems. The program Wednesday morning will begin at 9:00 and will be a workshop on camp work. It will be very fine if each **Association and Region that has a camp will select their camp director for next year** so the director can attend this conference.

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Boy: "Why do they say 'Mush' to the dogs in Alaska?"

Other Boy: "Don't know, unless it is that they are bad dogs and they're trying to give them a soft answer."

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AS YOUR THANKS

You're Giving For More In '54 — Spring

UN ON WATER!

Our Baptist Children's Homes in Kentucky, which will care for nearly 600 orphaned and homeless children this year, can't run on water either.

Ten months out of each year our Homes must depend on what YOU give at Thanksgiving to feed, clothe, shelter, educate, and keep strong and healthy our homeless children.

When So *Little*

Means So *Much*

To So *Many* . . .

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Meadows, Glendale, and Now, Morehead

Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

Reports From:

BRACKEN ASSOCIATION—

Rev. Gerald McNeely, Carlisle, Ky., reports that for the last quarter Bracken Association held an Executive Committee Meeting and a joint Officers' and Leaders' Council and Mass Meeting. The Association is not a Standard, but is well on its way to meeting the necessary qualifications. During the quarter a Training Union was organized at the Mayslick Baptist Church.

UNION ASSOCIATION—

Rev. Don Lam, Associational Training Union Director of Union, reports that the Mass Meeting held during the quarter, July-September, was attended by approximately one hundred people. Some of the events of this meeting were the eliminations for the Young People's Speakers' Tournament, the Intermediate Sword Drill, and the Junior Memory Work Drill. The Association will be represented in the North Central Regional Convention in all three drills. Also, during the quarter, Cynthiana Baptist Church presented a program for Powersville Baptist Church.

Training Union Emphasis

Rev. Charles H. Ham was with the New Bethel Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana, for a week of Training Union Emphasis, September 27-30. With Mr. Richard Poston, Training Union Director, and Rev. L. E. Leeper, pastor, a survey was made of the Training Union. Three classes were held during the week. The Juniors were taught by Mrs. Bill Harper of New Bethel; the Intermediates were led by Mrs. L. E. Leeper, the pastor's wife; and the Adults were taught the Manual by Mr. Ham.

The results were: the organization of a Nursery and Beginner Department, and a Young People's Union and reorganization of the existing unions.

Brother Leeper is leading this church in a wonderful way by developing the leadership in the various organizations.

Northeastern Regional
Training Union Convention
OCTOBER 22-23
Friday and Saturday

Attention, Associational Officers

Four one-day Planning Meetings will be held October 25-29. The program for each meeting is designed for you. Select the meeting near you and attend all the sessions. The expenses of two cars from each Association will be paid by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Program for Associational Officers' Planning Meeting

October 25—Irene Cole Memorial, Prestonsburg
October 26—First Baptist Church, Paris
October 28—Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia
October 29—Second Baptist Church, Princeton

Afternoon Session

3:30 Hymns: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus;" "Onward, Christian Soldiers"
Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18.....Host Pastor
Prayer

3:45 Spotlighting Our Achievements (Five Associational directors or Missionaries) .....Rev. Charles H. Ham or Mr. W. C. Dudley in charge
1. Organizing New Training Unions (5 minutes)
2. Our Baptist Faith Month (5 minutes)
3. Our Standard Associations (5 minutes)
4. Our "M" Night (5 minutes)
5. Selecting and Enlisting our Associational Officers (5 minutes)

4:10 Roll Call of Associations, Recognitions, and Additional Highlights—Rev. Charles H. Ham or Mr. W. C. Dudley in Charge

4:25 Spotlighting Some Materials.....Sunday School Board Worker
Spotlighting 1955 Program and Projects.....Sunday School Board Worker

4:45 Spotlighting 1955 State Program and Projects.....James Whaley

5:00 Spotlighting Our Needs (Ask Your Questions)

Evening Session

7:00 Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
Prayer
Filmstrip—"Approved Unto God"

7:20 Spotlighting Our Needs (Ask Your Questions)
Continuation of Afternoon Panel

8:20 Hymn: "Are Ye Able?"
Special Music

8:30 Recognitions.....Rev. Charles H. Ham or Mr. W. C. Dudley in charge

8:55 "Inspiration for the Task" .....Sunday School Board Worker

Retired Missionary J. O. Willett, Ex-Kentuckian, Dies in Phoenix, Arizona

Rev. Joseph Oliver Willett, 87, died September 22 at his home in Phoenix, Arizona.

He was born in Meade Co., Ky., and his father, the late Rev. Judson C. Willett, was for forty years pastor of the Buck Grove Baptist Church, in Salem Association.

In early life Brother Joseph O. Willett held pastorates in Kentucky and Missouri, and in 1918 became a Southern Baptist Home missionary to Arizona. He served on the Pima Indian Reservation at Sacaton, Ariz., for fifteen years before his retirement. That same mission he founded is now called the First Baptist Church of Sacaton.

He was the first president of the Southern Baptist Convention of Arizona.

Rev. James A. Staples, his pastor, was in charge of his funeral service on September 24 at 3:30 o'clock.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kathryn Willett; three sons, Max and George, both of Phoenix, and Oliver L., of Minneapolis, Minn.; five grandsons and two great grandsons; and three sisters—Mrs. George E. Hays, Sr., Audubon Park, Louisville; Miss Willett, Dayton, Ohio; and Mrs. J. L. Lutes, Flat River, Mo. Pastor Joseph O. Willett also had two brothers who were Baptist preachers. They were Arthur and Adoniram R. Willett, and both died some years ago.

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►The First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, Ky., has recently had a week of Church Emphasis, with Dr. John L. Hill, Nashville, Tenn., as speaker. The timely messages of Dr. Hill prepared the church for its revival which was held September 9-17, with Dr. E. Keevil Judy, pastor of the First Church of Newport, as the evangelist. There were four who made professions of faith and five uniting with the church the Sunday following the revival. The church was wonderfully blessed by the coming of these two men of God, according to Pastor J. Frank Young.



Lexington, Ky.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary
MISS BEULAH WINGO, Young People's Secretary
MR. J. C. BALLEW, Royal Ambassador Secretary

NEWS CONCERNING YWA HOUSE PARTY

In the October issue of the Western Recorder we made an announcement concerning the Young Woman's Auxiliary House Party at Georgetown College, October 29-31. This week we are presenting an abridged program.

Theme: A Highway for Our God

Friday evening, October 29
7:00 Opening Service
7:20 Message .....Mrs. Bill Dyal
8:30 Missionary Message—
Rev. Elmo Scoggin

Saturday, October 30
7:00 Morning Watch
9:15 Panel on YWA Methods
10:15 Business Session
11:00 Missionary Message—
Mrs. Elmo Scoggins
4:15 Masked Halloween Party
6:00 Banquet
7:30 "Tour Around the World"

Sunday, October 31
9:30 Opening Exercise
10:00 Missionary Classes
11:00 Worship Services—
Mr. Andy Blane

The "Tour Around the World" will include Hawaii by J. F. McKinley, Jr.; Costa Rica, Mrs. William Dyal; Japan, Nabuko Kawano; Africa, Mrs. E. A. Dahunsi; Israel, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Scoggin, and Germany, Miss Waltraud Weyack.

The party on Saturday afternoon will be a mask party. A prize will be offered for the best individual costume and for the YWA with the best costumes. The banquet will not be formal but the costumes which are worn at the party will be worn at the banquet.

OUR SICK

We regret to announce that Mrs. George N. Smith, our State Community Missions Chairman, is ill in the new Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She underwent major surgery on September 30 and anticipates another operation following recuperation from this one. She is concerned about her engagements and correspondence. Everyone will understand that replies to your letters will, of necessity be delayed and Mrs. Smith will be unable to fill speaking engagements for some weeks, probably not until after January 1, at least. She has the prayers of her many friends in Kentucky WMU that she may have a speedy recovery.

Friends in Kentucky will also be sorry to learn of the illness of Miss Gladys Keith, director of our River Front Missions in New Orleans. Miss Keith entered Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia, September 23 and expected to be there for about two weeks. Further plans are indefinite at this time. She has been granted a three months' leave of absence from her work in order to secure some much needed rest and medical treatment recommended by her doctor. She will appreciate our prayers for her health and also for the work so dear to her heart. During her absence correspondence concerning the mission program should be addressed to Miss Ella Keller, 729 Second Street, New Orleans, La. Business related to a particular one of the missions should be addressed to the superintendent in charge: Carver Baptist Center, Miss Ruby Matejka, 3701 Annunciation Street; Rachel Sims Mission, Miss Jean Stamper, 729 Second Street; Toledano Baptist Mission, Miss Mary Ethridge, 833 Louisiana Ave.

CHATS WITH THE CHAIRMEN

It is a real pleasure to introduce to you a new feature of this page. It is entitled "Chats with the Chairmen" and will appear from time to time featuring articles written by our State Chairmen giving the latest news and information concerning their phases of our work. You will want to read every one of these articles and clip many of them for future reference. The first one of these to appear is the following one written by our State Stewardship Chairman:

"It is pleasant to be able to talk to all WMU members, and especially to Stewardship Chairmen—Regional, Associational, Local and Circle—for our success in Stewardship this year depends on each of you. We need to make our plans and then go to work immediately to carry them out. I want to bring to you the four points of emphasis I have chosen for this year.

"1. Cooperate with the Southwide plans for the Stewardship Revivals October 31-November 7, 1954.

"Since it is the general belief that more of our women tithe than do the men in our churches it is up to us to get behind this plan and support it. Be present for the Bible Study and then take part in the visitation and Every Member Canvas. If your church has not made plans for this Revival, perhaps you as a Stewardship Chairman can urge that some part of it be undertaken.

"2. Every Society reaching Point 4 (50% of the members tithing) on the Standard of Excellence.

"This point is new this year and should not be hard for Kentucky to reach. According to last year's report, 47% of our members are tithers, so let us work hard and go over the 50%. **Every** member of every Woman's Missionary Society should tithe since it is God's plan for missions.

"3. A three-minute presentation of Stewardship at every monthly WMS meeting.

"We want to keep Stewardship needs before our women at every opportunity —not just make a dull report. Use the Calendar of Stewardship Activities (from President's package) as a guide and do make this presentation bright and interesting by using posters, songs, scriptures, playlets, etc.

"4. Every church having W. M. U. Young People's organizations observing Church Night of Stewardship.

"This is the most neglected part of our Stewardship plans. Last year only 20% of our churches had such a program. We believe that near the end of our year (September) is the best time to put on this program, so let us be planning with that in view. A suggested program will be available before that time and will be mailed to all Young People and to the church that witnesses such a program.

"I'll be chatting with you again in the future about various Stewardship plans and problems. Write to me anytime you feel I can be of assistance. My prayers are with you as you begin this year's work.—Mrs. H. C. Randall, Columbia, Ky."

ANNUAL PACKAGES

Annual Packages—We have brought our mailing of these packages up to date in-so-far-as the information we have received on your officers cards. We hope that you will put this material to good use. Be sure that your chairmen receive the material that was included for her. You have probably noticed that a Kentucky Guide Book was not included in these packages to W. M. S. Presidents, Young People's Leaders, Associational and Regional Officers. Since NEW Guide books are available free only at the beginning of the new year following the election of each new State President, you will need to keep those that were sent to officers last year. If you do not have one be sure to order one now from the Baptist Store, 317 Guthrie St., Louisville, Ky. They are only 10c. If there are new presidents who did not receive a package of materials it is because we have not received your officers for the new year. If this is the case, send them in to us right away.



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Marvin Cash Resigns Education Work; Resumes Studies at the Seminary

Brother Marvin Cash has resigned as educational director of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, after having served in that capacity for about a year. He is hoping to enter a student pastorate, though his plans have not yet been announced. He was awarded a bachelor of commercial science degree by Southeastern University, Washington, D.C., June 7, 1947, and a B.A. by Furman University, Greenville, S. C., in August, 1952. He is now in his third year of study at the Southern Seminary, working toward his undergraduate degree. During his senior year at Furman he served as pastor of a mission sponsored by the Augusta Road Baptist Church, Greenville. He was ordained to the ministry June 4, 1952. He is 32 years of age, married and has two children. In Louisville's Fourth Avenue Church, he was associated with Dr. Manual Augustus Cooper.



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Catholic Leader Becomes A Baptist

CHULA VISTA, Calif. — The First Baptist Church here, of which W. A. Crow is pastor, has a former Catholic priest in its membership. He is Dr. Thomas Courret.

A former Catholic priest with 25 years of service in Peru, Dr. Courret held various responsible positions among the Catholics, including the superintendency of Catholic schools in Peru.

Due to an intensive study of the Bible he became convinced that Catholics were not right in their interpretation of the plan of salvation. He therefore soon made a public profession of his own faith in Christ. He reported that he was imprisoned but later made his escape from Peru through assistance from Christian friends.

The former priest witnesses daily in the city of Tihuana, Old Mexico, and when he has opportunity to cross the border he gives assistance to Eugene Wolfe, mission pastor in nearby San Ysidro. He has difficulty speaking English but bears effective testimony among Spanish-speaking people of that area.—California Southern Baptist.

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First Church, Hodgenville, Starts Ovesen Mission



Ovesen Heights Baptist Mission attendants. The four in the middle row on the right are (left to right): Rev. Harlan Whitlow, Mrs. Harlan Whitlow, and Rev. H. D. Standifer. The photo is by Mrs. C. D. Middleton, teacher of the Mary and Martha Sunday School Class of the Hodgenville Church.

HODGENVILLE, Ky., Sept. 21.—Sunday, July 18, 1954, was the opening date for the Ovesen Heights Baptist Mission, two miles outside of Hodgenville on the Bardstown Road, or Highway 31-E. There has been a wonderful response from the very start. Rev. Harlan Whitlow, Campbellsville, is the mission pastor. A tent meeting was held there September 1-12, conducted by Associational Missionary H. D. Standifer, of the Severn's Valley Association. This meeting resulted in several by letter, by baptism, and for rededication. Brother Standifer not only brought many inspiring messages, but led the singing also. Mr. Casper Bale is the Sunday School superintendent. Evening services have been started and prayer meetings will begin soon. The mission committee from the Hodgenville Church is composed of Henry M. Morris, chairman; D. C. Cruse and Lon Keith.

Six Laymen Ordained as Deacons at Guthrie

GUTHRIE, Ky. — The Guthrie Baptist Church met on the night of September 17 for the purpose of ordaining Brethren John Boisseau, Douglas Marshall, Allen Hollingsworth, Harry Covington, Jr., George Kennedy and Howard Dorris as deacons. Other Baptist churches participating in the service were Adairville, Mt. Gilead, Trenton, Keysburg and Spring Creek.

Pastor Harry L. Winters presided down to the organization of the presbytery, at which time Lewis Rutledge was elected as moderator and S. A. Campbell became clerk. The interrogation of the candidates was made by Pastor Troy Acree, Adairville. Pastor Lester Levi, Trenton preached the ordination sermon, and Pastor Howard Bracy, Keysburg, led the ordaining prayer.

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►Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker, Southern Baptist missionaries of the China staff, have been reassigned to Korea and may be addressed: Baptist Mission, APO 59, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Parker is a native of Falmouth, Ky., where she and Mr. Parker make their permanent American home.

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State Mission Day Letter to Sunday School Superintendents

Sunday, October 24, is State Mission Day in the Sunday school, and an excellent program has been prepared this year by Howard and Kathleen Reaves. You will find this program on pages 6 and 7 of the October Sunday School Builder. Make plans for using the program material in the most effective way possible to set out the State Mission causes in our State.

State Mission material has been sent from Nashville to each superintendent. No doubt, you will find this material very profitable for your program. If you need extra material you may write to the Sunday School Department, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, and you will be sent the needed amount.

You realize something of the significance of making this day successful in behalf of State Missions. Much of the progress of our whole State program and mission work depends upon the responses of our churches in making a worthy offering.

Here are some suggestions which you might use:

1. Plan with your pastor and other leaders to observe October 24 as State Mission Day. If this day is not suitable then choose another.

2. Appoint a committee from your workers' conference (pastor, superintendent, and department superintendents) to be responsible for presenting the program.

3. Emphasize the educational value of this special missionary day. Call on all organizations of the church to cooperate. Perhaps, your pastor will find it profitable to preach a sermon on the subject of State Missions.

4. Set a goal for attendance and offering. Display the announcement poster which you received from the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

5. Order free offering envelopes direct from your State office. Order early so that envelopes may be distributed the Sunday before State Mission Day.

6. Send your offerings, designated **"For State Missions"** to Dr. W. C. Boone, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky. The amount will be credited to your church.

7. Let us make this a great State Mission Day in our State

Grace Church, Lexington, Sets Goal for 1954-55

A letter from the Educational Director, Mr. William S. Finnell, Jr., states that they set a goal of 480 for a net increase and began the year with 1,535 net enrolled. Their present enrolment stands at 1,894 which gives them a net gain of 359. Mr. Finnell states "one fact that should be mentioned that seriously affected our efforts was that we launched our building program June 1, and had to vacate our educational facilities and scatter classes and departments all over the neighborhood. We hope to occupy this new educational unit about the middle of October and we anticipate a glorious year for the cause of Christ in 1955."

Providing for Your Adults

The greatest growth of many Sunday schools is to be found in the Adult departments. The greatest potential in any Sunday school is with the Adults. Our ultimate and immediate objective for Adults will largely determine the extent of our efforts toward providing for them.

Should not our objectives be to lead each adult into the right relationship with God through Christ and to assist him in his growth in Christlikeness In doing this we should seek to lead our adults to recognize God as creator, preserver, and ruler of the universe; to develop a consciousness that God is a real personality in human experience; and to assume a personal relationship with Him. We should also help our adults to know and appreciate the Word of God; the nature, purpose and mission of the New Testament Church. We should also lead them to appreciate the sacredness and significance of human personality and help develop in them an unselfish devotion to the welfare of others. All of this will assist them in their service in Christ's Kingdom.

Pastor Geo. M. Trout Finds Out About His Own Life on His Anniversary

Dr. George M. Trout had his eighth anniversary as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Lexington in September, so the members began some planning, then they got to scheming and plotting, until, from all reports, it must have been quite a playful prank they perpetrated on him.

They gave their pastor a "This-is-your-life" program, full of surprises and intrigue.

The program was partly built around a series of slides depicting his boyhood days, his baseball career, and other long forgotten episodes. Also they furnished him a bound copy of the story of his life as furnished by his relatives and friends.

President D. Chester Sparks, of Oneida Institute, and Rev. J. P. Snyder, young people's worker with the Georgia Baptists, and close friends of many years were invited in and had part on the program, as did members of former pastorates from Harriman, Tenn., Paducah, Ky., and Harrodsburg, Ky. A number of other preacher friends and members of former pastorates sent telegrams and letters.

The big surprise came when his mother, his two daughters and their children, were brought into the scene. These people had spent Saturday night in Lexington, without his knowing they were there until they appeared on the program.

It was pointed out during the service that during his pastorate at Grace Baptist Church there have been 1,400 additions, with more than half of them coming by baptism. The church property has increased in value in this time from $46,000 to $300,000, and the Sunday school enrollment has increased from 600-plus to 1,800-plus.

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Ministers Security Goal Reached By All States

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—All states of the Southern Baptist Convention went over their established goals in the Ministers Security Plan, it was announced by the Relief and Annuity Board. Goals were two-thirds of all active Ministers Retirement Plan members transferring with their churches, into the new Ministers Security Plan.

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Mar. 8-11—Regional Tours (Annual Baptist Calvacade)

Mar. 21—Associational Men's Rally pertaining to Simultaneous Revivals.

Apr. 4- 9—Cottage Prayer Meetings for Simultaneous Revivals

Apr. 10-24—Attend Simultaneous Revivals as part of Southern Baptist Convention's Nation-Wide Evangelistic Crusade

May 3- 6—Layman's Tour of all Kentucky Baptist Colleges, Orphanages, Hospitals, and a number of state mission fields

June 24—Annual Baptist Men's Rally and Free Barbecue, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly grounds, Bagdad, Ky.

June 30-July 6—Brotherhood Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C.

July 28-August 3—Brotherhood Conference, Glorieta, New Mexico

Oct. 9—Layman's Day

LAYMEN SHOULD ATTEND ALSO

Baptist laymen of Kentucky are invited to attend the Evangelistic Conference in January, 1955, to be held with the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, January 10-12. If you have never attended one of their conferences let me urge you now to make your arrangements to attend this one. Your pastor will be glad to have you attend with him. You will be glad that you came.

LOOK!

The January-February-March issue of the BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL will contain articles written by outstanding personalities, as follows:

"Baptist World Alliance," Arnold T. Ohrn; "Branch Sunday Schools," A. V. Washburn; "Eternal Gifts through Our Baptist Foundations," Arthur Jackson; "Prayer—Key to Evangelistic Crusades," J. A. Pennington; "The West Holds Possibilities Unlimited," S. G. Posey; "The Atonement," James W. Middleton; "Successful Brotherhoods Use Men in Church-Centered Activities," R. J. Robinson; "World Missions—A Cooperative Task," Porter Routh; "A Challenge to Our Baptist Seminaries," Duke K. McCall; "Brotherhood Activities for 1955," David T. Mashburn; "Baptist Advances in Cuba," Herbert Caudill; "Great Commission—A Man Sized Job," Eugene E. Siler; and, "Dedicated Vocation—An Obligation of Every Christian," S. B. Platt.

Burlington Church Ordains Three New Deacons

BURLINGTON, Ky.—On August 22, the Burlington Baptist Church ordained Alvin Cable, William Jarrell, and Albert W. Weaver as deacons. The three principals in the service were H. Walton Connelly, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, South Boston, Virginia, who delivered the charge to the candidates; Charles L. Garringer, of Southside Church in Covington, who charged the church; and former Pastor Roy A. Johnson of Florence who led the ordination prayer.

Burlington Church held its second annual church youth camp at Chautauqua, Ohio, August 19-21. Camp faculty included Rev. and Mrs. Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Midkiff, Jr., of Lexington, Kentucky, and Mr. Bob Taylor of Princeton, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt Law School.

The church now looks forward to three outstanding events in its fall program. Wm. Dyal, Jr., missionary to Guatemala, whose salary is paid by the Burlington Church, led in a missions-emphasis week-end, September 23-26. Charles L. Garringer and Bryant Tolbert, of Southern Seminary, are in charge of the fall revival series, September 27-October 6.

Then from October 31 through November 3, the church will profit by the ministry of Dr. Norman G. Dunning, British minister, barrister, and college president, in a series of lectures on the "Great Doctrines of the Christian Faith." —Sam S. Hill, Jr., pastor.

Arab Baptists Encouraged By Bible Conference Group

RICHMOND, Va.—"I have never before seen so many people who believe in Jesus Christ," said one of the 106 people who attended the Arab Baptist Bible Conference in Ajloun, Jordan. Others commented: "This is just like heaven on earth." "Would that the rest of my life could be spent in such an atmosphere." "Nothing like this has ever happened in Jordan."

In addition to the 106, the staffs of the Baptist hospital and the Baptist school in Ajloun, totaling about 50, attended the conference. Food was served by the hospital staff and the folks slept in homes, dormitories, in tents, and on roofs.

"Seeing Jesus" was the theme and the daily schedule consisted of morning devotional; four classes — "Doctrine of Christ," "Christ in History," "Sharing Christ," and "Christ as John Saw Him"; religious movies in the late afternoon; and evening services of testimonies and a message.

Seventy of the conferees came from the Baptist church, Beirut, Lebanon; one came from an evangelical group in Latakia, Syria; three from Gaza; 20 from Ajloun, not counting the hospital and school staff; and 12 from other areas of Jordan.

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Sunday School Lesson

For October 31, 1954 **By H. C. Chiles**

The Dignity Of Work

In the light of present trends in many circles with reference to work it is very appropriate that we have a lesson from the book of Proverbs on the dignity, importance, necessity and value of honest labor

When God created man, He endowed him with capacities for work. He placed him in the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. After man had sinned God spoke to him saying, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground." Genesis 3:19. God's Word states clearly, "If any would not work, neither should he eat." II Thessalonians 3:10.

Work is one of God's merciful provisions for man. There was an element of mercy in the judgment wherein God provided that man must work for his daily bread, because idleness contributes so much to his physical, mental and moral deterioration. Satan cannot beguile and degrade a busy person nearly so quickly or easily as he can an idle one. Work is essential to the welfare of mankind. Man must work if he is to eat properly, grow strong and develop the powers which God has given him. Work is necessary for a wholesome, happy and useful life. Truly it has a beneficent ministry.

Proverbs 6:6-11.

Many people do their utmost to avoid working and earning an honest living. Such conduct is highly displeasing to God. His Word highly commends industrious and diligent workers, but it excoriates laziness in blistering terms.

To the habitually lazy, who seek a life of ease and want to live in idleness, this passage speaks in strong terms. To all such God says, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." The ant is a very small, insignificant and unattractive insect. However, it is exceedingly industrious. One simply cannot observe the life of these tiny insects without being impressed by their industry. They are busy constantly in caring for their present needs and providing for their future ones. They diligently gather and store food for the time of need without being forced to do so. They do not have an overseer, ruler or guide to tell or show them what to do. They act in this reasonable manner with only the instinct of nature to prompt them. Because of the commendable manner in which they live and work together, these small and unattractive insects set for us a splendid and beautiful example in co-operation. Through co-operation they carry out numerous and difficult enterprises.

Those who may be tempted to be indolent would be wise to consider the ways of the ant, as well as to manifest as much concern for their present and future needs. Since work is God's appointed means of providing for our daily food and other necessities, those who refuse to emulate the example of the lowly ants need not be surprised if they find it necessary to do without many things. It is a sin to yield to laziness and to sleep when one should be working. If a farmer is too lazy to sow and to cultivate, he certainly need not expect to reap a harvest. Likewise, if we fail to make the most of our opportunities in the Lord's service, we may expect to appear empty-handed before Him.

Proverbs 18:9.

Work is God's appointed means of providing for the necessities of life. Not only does the Word of God rebuke the sluggard, but it also reprimands all who are slothful in their work. It places the slothful in the same category with the wasters. One is not justified in wasting material things, time, talents or opportunities. It is sinful to let opportunities for doing good pass by without seizing them.

Proverbs 24:30-34.

It is noteworthy that God's Word presents the ant as an example of prudence, but when it gives us an illustration of indolence it directs our attention to man. It portrays a lazy man who is void of understanding. He may have a remarkable natural intelligence, but he certainly does not use what he has.

Solomon tells about visiting the vineyard of the lazy man and finding it grown over with thorns, covered with nettles, and the wall around it broken down. The condition of the place proved that the owner was very careless. He was neglectful of his duty to himself, his family, his fellowmen and God. The run-down condition of this vineyard was an impressive object lesson to all who passed by. It was an unmistakable revelation of the type of man who owned it. Any close observer could tell easily what the outcome would be for the owner. If all followed his example, it certainly would not be very long until there would be a terrible famine in the land. What about the vineyard of your life? Are you keeping it as the Lord would have it done?

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Korean Mission Lists Urgent Personnel Needs

RICHMOND, Va. — The Korean Baptist Mission (made up of Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea) has joined with the national Baptist convention in asking Southern Baptists to send, as soon as possible, evangelistic workers for 25 strategic cities in South Korea. However, knowing that 25 couples cannot be sent immediately, the Mission voted at its recent annual meeting in Seoul to urge the appointment of four missionaries at once to fill urgent needs: two persons for literature and publications, a doctor, and a full-time student worker.

The Mission voted to ask Rev. and Mrs. Earl Parker, missionaries of the China staff now in the States, to make a survey of opportunities for Baptist work among the Chinese in Korea and to make recommendations to the Mission.

God Before Gold

By C. VAUGHN ROCK

Some one has said, "If you want to be a success then find out what God is doing and help him do it." God's life is grounded in stewardship. Since all want to succeed, all must become good stewards. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." God promises the gold when he comes first.

A B C Days is the call for loyalty October 31, through November 7. Ask of Christ, believe in Christ, and commit to Christ for success during victory week.

The A B C's of Stewardship can be summed up in three statements. Put Christ on the throne for salvation of the soul. Nail self to the cross for consecration of life. Let the unsaved in the heart for dedication of possessions.

No person can have the highest spiritual motive in giving until he is saved. Then when properly instructed he will not only tithe but give as he has been prospered. I am very greatly concerned about the position in which Southern Baptists have placed our Lord. Shall Jesus be king on the throne of the human heart and thus receive the tithe or shall we turn him out to be a beggar king? Every Member Canvass Sunday or Demonstration Day is not "Begging Sunday." It is the day we manifest our love, loyalty and appreciation to Christ for our new life.

We cannot divorce ourselves from our possessions. Money alone on the altar is not stewardship. To be well pleasing before God we must of necessity accompany our gift on the altar. Selfishness, that greedy monster that devours the tithe, must be nailed to the cross. "Son give me thine heart." When God gets the heart, he will have the gold.

Stewardship is a family affair. The world is one vast family. As long as people are in need, they are in our back yard. God is calling each member of the family to join the group and assist the spiritually hungry, helpless, and homeless. The budget of the church and the tithe of the individual's income represent people, lost people. People opened God's heart of love because they were lost and they will open our purses when they are allowed to enter our hearts. The regions beyond are calling. Closed hearts represent deaf ears.

Secretaries, preachers, superintendents, teachers, let's wake up to the stupendous challenge of God and then challenge our people to go beyond the tithe for love's sake, and our churches to divide their receipts 50 per cent for missions and 50 per cent for self. We will never do what Jesus told us to do in the Great Commission until we have placed Christ on the throne as King and not as beggar; until we have crucified self on the cross in humble consecration; and, until we let the lost of earth's teeming millions occupy a place in our hearts. God must come before gold. If God comes first in our hearts, then the tithe of our gold will come first for God's work.

C. Vaughan Rock, pastor of First Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

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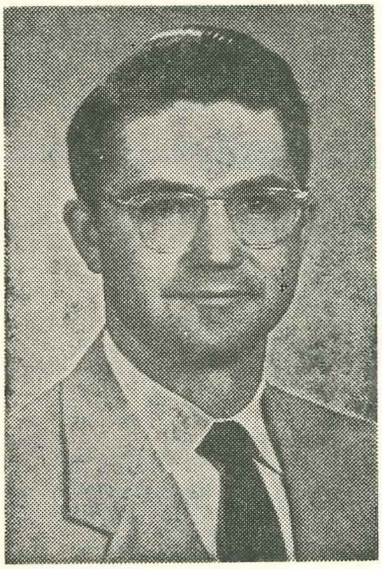
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Central Church of Paris Dedicates New $125,000 Meeting House



Harry Wainscott

The Central Baptist Church of Paris, Ky., had the dedication for its new 500-capacity auditorium and other facilities on August 29 under the leadership of Pastor Harry Wainscott. The church is only eight years of age. Present for the dedication was Pastor J. Bill Jones, now of the Central Baptist Church of Corbin, Kentucky.

Brother Jones came to the church back when it was meeting from house to house among the members, and stayed with them seven years until they had a completed basement, which served as a meeting place until they could complete the work just finished.

The Sunday school has 50 classes. Three nurseries have been provided for the varying ages of young children.

Pastor Harry Wainscott and the members are planning now to make some renovations on the old residence, using it for church offices and some class rooms. At some time in the future church old residence will be made to conform to the church architecture and will be connected to the main building.

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As Simple As . . .

By Herschel H. Hobbs

Yes, it's as simple as A B C! How fortunate that our stewardship emphasis this fall is centered about such—for it is as simple as A B C.

All of God's plans, including salvation as well as stewardship, are simple. Satan, through man, seeks to complicate them to our hurt. But when we take God at His word, we shall realize that the psalmist was right when he said, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (37:4f). Herein we find the A B C's of stewardship.

Ask! This word is suggested in "the desires of thine heart." James reminds us that we have not because we ask not (4:2). Most pastors do not ask enough of their people in regard to stewardship. Our asking is not for ourselves but for the Lord—and for the giver. Asking furthermore suggests that the individual should make his own giving program a matter of prayer. No junior partner in a business firm would make a momentous decision without first talking with his senior partner. Should the Christian do less?

Believe! "Trust also in him" . . . the psalmist said. Believe in God's program of finance for his work. Believe the teachings of the Bible as to the responsibility which each of us bears with regard to stewardship. Believe in God's power to enable us to meet this obligation and opportunity. Believe that corporate giving commensurate to our ability will gird up the loins of our denomination as we face our world mission.

Commit! Yes, "commit thy way unto the Lord." This is the crowning thought Many are those who ask and believe only to fall short of committal. Futile is our asking; dead is our faith; unless—unless our people are led to commit. Roger Babson is said to have complimented his pastor's sermon only to conclude, "But if you were a salesman of mine I would fire you!" To the astonished pastor's inquiry, Mr. Babson replied, "Be cause you sold us on your product, but never did ask us to sign on the dotted line."

Ask—Believe—Commit . . . "and he shall bring it to pass." This is God's promise! It shall never fail! It is as simple as A B C—if we will apply it.

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New Church Organized In City of Detroit

DETROIT, Mich.—Rev. Thomas J. Rogers and a group of Baptists began The Baptist Gospel Mission at 2116 Hillger, here, on January 3, 1953, and then organized The Baptist Gospel Missionary Church on August 27, 1954, and called Brother Rogers as their pastor. He is a native of Kentucky. The church adopted the Southern Baptist Declaration of Faith.

The new church is looking forward to the future, and the members believe that through prayer and earnestly seeking God's will, many lost souls will be reached.—Thelma Rogers, Church Clerk.

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►The Central Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, had a reception for their new pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Clyde David Chapman, on October 17, at 1644 South Limestone Street.

Dry Valley Church Ordains Its Pastor and a Deacon



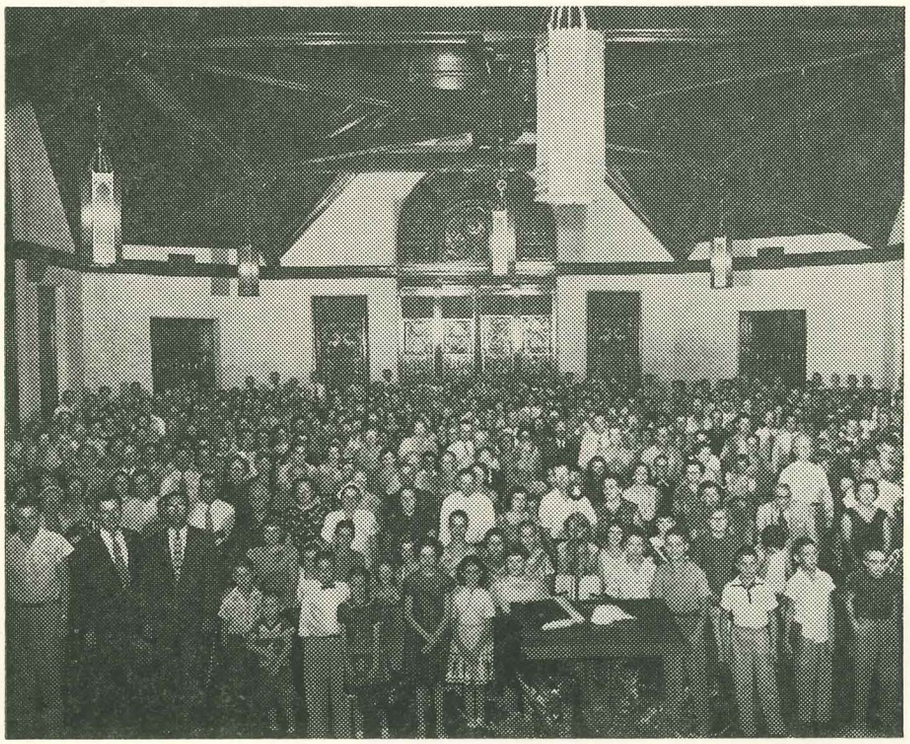
Pastor Glen D. McLaughlin and Deacon Douglas O. Keys

The pastor, Glen D. McLaughlin, was ordained to the Gospel ministry and Douglas O. Keys was ordained as a deacon recently by the Dry Valley Baptist Church, Mystic, Ky., in Breckinridge Association. Pastor Rob James, of the Walnut Grove Church and a student at Southern Seminary, was chosen as moderator and interrogator, and Rev. Bill Shinto, a Southern Seminary student, was elected clerk by the ordaining council of 13 ministers and deacons. After the separate interrogations of the deacons and the minister, the council voted unanimously that the church proceed with the ordinations of each.

The ordination message was brought by Brother James. Pastor George Harrison, of the Garfield Baptist Church, delivered the charge to the candidate and the church. The Bible was presented by Brother Shinto on behalf of the church. After the council reverently observed the practice of the "laying on of hands," Brother Harrison led the ordination prayer.

Mr. Keys is an employee of the Du-Pont DeNemours Company in Louisville. Brother McLaughlin is in his third year at Southern Baptist Seminary. His home is in Alexandria, Va., and he is a graduate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a degree in civil engineering. While attending the Seminary he has been employed by Rudy and Keal, a Louisville engineering firm. He and his wife, the former Miss Birdena Barnes of Moberly, Mo., who is now employed in the Christian Education Department at the Kentucky Baptist Building, are volunteers for the foreign mission field.

Evangelist George Sweeting in Russellville Revival



RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Sept. 20—The First Baptist Church of Russellville has just experienced a most unusual revival. The auditorium was filled to capacity each evening. We feel that the great singing, preaching, and drawing by Evangelist George Sweeting, of Ridgewood, New Jersey, was responsible for the success of the meeting. We are having him back for an associational-wide crusade revival next summer. Brother Sweeting is a dynamic preacher of the Gospel of grace. His messages are brief and powerful. Before the preaching service, he sings as he draws the subject for his sermon. Arc lights are used to change the various colors in the picture to suit the mood and message of his song.—Edward D. Galloway, pastor.

Further On

If there were no people, there would be no sorrows, no troubles, no aches,, no pains, no losses, no gains. This may sound idiotic but we can assume anything that we can conceive.

Is it possible to say too much about any fundamental human enterprise? I wish I might bestir more earnest thought and discussion of what may face this great country of ours, that we boast so much about, a little further on.

Great responsibilities rest upon parents, teachers, educators, politicians, spiritual leaders, and industrial promoters in a rapidly changing world. For the present, we believe our nation is in good hands, and every conscientious American should try to keep it there. Faith is the victory, and to keep the faith all of these pilots should know how to steer.

The outlook for this country for the next ten years, as some of our greatest industrialists look further on, is very pessimistic and we like it that way. A mechanical and atomic age demand it; economics plead for it; and civic ideals look for it, despite the fact that communism and the infiltration of infidelism are coming out from the top rung of some of institutions of higher learning like termites from a rotten fence post. Greater wrongs are closer and will wax worse further on, unless the slogan of Billy Graham is heeded. Pilots who are in partnership with God will anchor, for God makes no mistakes.

Those who sneer at the word of God class the Scriptures as a fairy tale. But "there is a divinity that shapes our ends," for God timed it.

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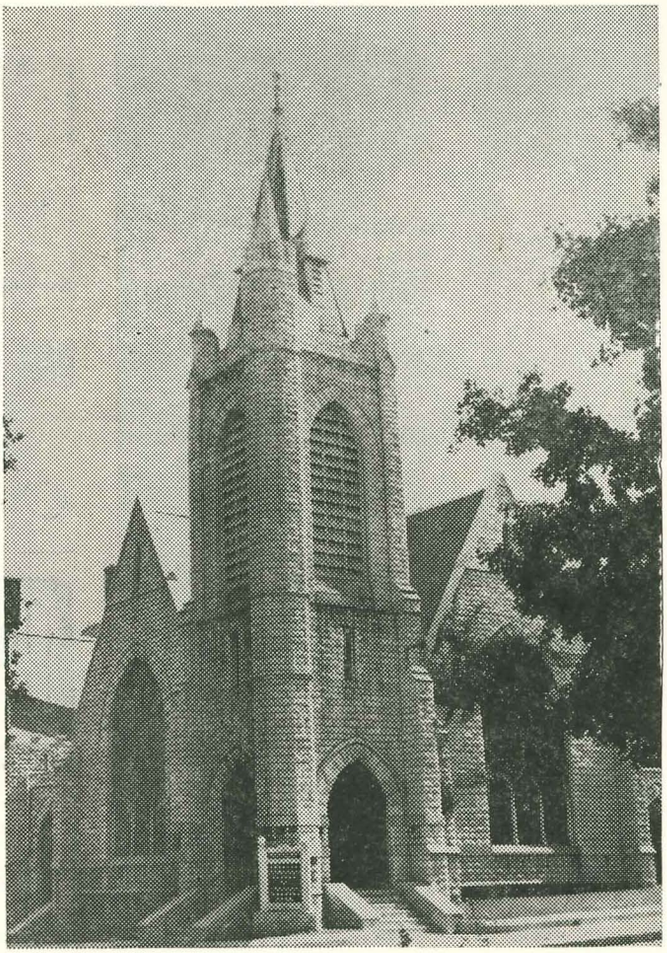
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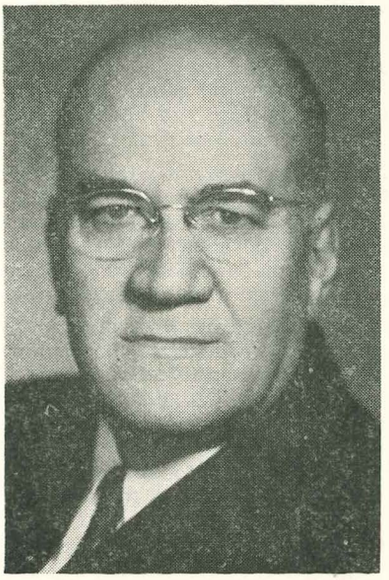
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