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Miss Christina Stokmann is retired as manager of the Baptist Book Concern after spending 40 years selling books. See article on page 12.

►The Georgia Baptist Foundation assets have now passed the \$2,000,000 point.

►The eleventh annual City Missions Conference will convene in Dallas, Texas, February 21-24. Some 300 city mission superintendents are expected to attend this four-day planning clinic. This is under the direction of Solomon F. Dowis, of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and T. L. Sasser, Greensboro, N. C., is its president.

►Cities expecting to entertain the Southern Baptist Convention in 1958 are urged to send formal invitations to Dr. Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. It will meet in Miami this year; in Kansas City, 1956; and Chicago, 1957. The 1958 date will be voted on at Miami in May.—*The Baptist Press.*

►The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Department of Missions is conducting a Student Missions Conference February 25-27. Representatives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards will be present. Ministerial and missionary students from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are invited to attend. The aim is to give students such information as will be helpful to them both in pre-seminary courses and mission board policies. An incidental fee of \$1.00 is being charged those who attend.

►William O. Gamblin was examined by a council and was ordained by the East Baptist Church of Paducah on December 26, 1954. Taking part in the council were Brethren Sam Sloan, John R. Flynn, J. R. Covington, Clay P. Roach, M. T. Robertson, Herschel Gish and Walter W. Peck. Others on the council included: Pastors Harold Skaggs and T. D. Tucker, Jr.; Associate Pastor Hubert Sanderson; and Deacons A. A. Hanson, T. O. Compton, J. H. Fitch, Robert B. Emerson, Charles E. Lynn, Harlan Fitch and F. E. Clark.

►Rev. Harry L. Carter, former pastor of Calvary Church, Bowling Green, taught *The Grace of Giving*, and Rev. Harold V. Moore, associational missionary for Warren and Allen Associations, taught *Good Stewards* in a recent 5-night stewardship study course at Lake Spring Baptist Church, near Franklin, in Simpson Association, recently. Lawrence Owens, music director at Calvary Church, Bowling Green, taught the young people's class the book, *Not Your Own*. Thomas L. Lewis is in his seventh year as pastor of the Lake Spring Church which now shows a total of 21 tithers.

►The First Church of Maysville is looking back on one of its most successful

years in its history. During the year the Sunday school was reorganized and set up on a departmental basis, with seven fully graded departments and the largest staff of teachers and officers it has ever had. Ted C. Gilbert is its superintendent. Financially, the church had exceeded its budget \$2,000 and paid off a \$3,500 indebtedness, and is now out of debt. A new year's work was started January 2 with the ordination of the three deacons—Hubert Hume, J. L. Hinson and Lawrence Hamm. The ordination sermon was preached by Secretary of Evangelism Eldred M. Taylor. The pastor of this church is Louis A. McCord.

►Mrs. William McMurry, mission study director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., was elected chairman of the Missionary Education Council at the Council's annual meeting in Louisville recently. Other officers elected were: L. O. Griffith, director of promotion for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., vice chairman; and Elizabeth Minshew, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., secretary. During the three-day session, the Council appraised outlines and titles for books on Japan for the Foreign Mission Board. A similar study was made of Home Mission Book outlines dealing with the evangelization of the American Indian. Plans were made for graded mission studies in 1956-1957. The next annual meeting was set for Nashville, Tenn., January 9-11, 1956.—*The Baptist Press.*

►F. Russell Purdy was evangelist in a recent revival in the First Baptist Church of Arlington. Joe L. Hinson was song leader. The news release speaks in highest terms of the work done by these men, stating: "A great spiritual awakening took place in the church with many dedicating their lives to Christ, and several additions by baptism. The release also states that "during the past two years there has been a 30 per cent increase in Sunday school attendance, and prayer meeting attendance has doubled. Large crowds attend the preaching service . . . During the year just ended, our church gave \$4,884.13 to the Cooperative Program and \$836.83 was designated to objects of our Southern Baptist and state work. We have also started a special building fund with a view to build an addition to our present church building." J. C. Hedrick is pastor.

►Offerings at the Lake Spring Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., were running \$1,600 a year in 1948. In the six-year growth since then, this past year, January to December, 1954, total gifts of \$5,100 were made, not including special offerings for the building program. The year 1954 also saw the completion of a new Educational Building which is paid

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for, and with a present building fund of \$3,100 for a new auditorium tucked away in the treasury. During this six-year ministry of Pastor Thomas L. Lewis the first Vacation Bible School was held, and a WMS was organized. The Sunday school has grown from 45 in 1949 to an average of 67 last year, and the average attendance at church reached an average of 85 per Sunday. Since the completion of the new Educational Building is now averaging 95. There has been a considerable increase in the membership and many have been coming for baptism.

# A Good Man Who Didn't Go to Church

By LYN CLAYBROOK  
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"And Jotham did right in the sight of the Lord: howbeit, he entered not into the temple of the Lord"—Second Chronicles 27:2. (Dr. Moffatt translates it: "He did what was right—except that he did not make his way into the temple of the Eternal.")

There is a much-needed message for our day in the story of King Jotham, as recorded in the twenty-seventh chapter of Second Chronicles.

Nothing now hinders the progress of God's Kingdom more than non-attendance on church services. The indifference, the unfaithfulness of professed Christians and church members, in the matter of church attendance constitutes not only one of the greatest sins of our land but also the greatest problem of pastors and churches.

This sin—widespread and appalling—is holding back a revival in our day, as possibly no other sin. We shall never have a great nation-wide revival until sinners can be induced to come and hear the gospel; and sinners will come to church only when saints come as they should. How can sinners be expected to come to church when those who claim to be Christians are so careless! A great, sweeping, victorious, nation-saving revival waits on the people of God coming back to the altars of the Lord!

Men of God, the faithful of all ages, were builders of altars of worship.

Public worship of God is as old as the race. God ordained it from the beginning and commanded all men to assemble therefor.

No command is repeated more often and with greater insistence. "Gather the people together, men and women and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates; that they may hear, and that they may learn and fear the Lord your God; and observe to do all the words of this law: and that their children, which have not known, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord as long as ye live in the land" (Deut. 31:12-13).

Over and over, throughout the Old Testament, we read, "Proclaim a solemn assembly." God placed His house in such position in the camp of Israel that no one could go to the door of his own tent without seeing the place of worship.

The glory of God rested upon the Tabernacle by day and by night, indicating His presence and identification with His house.

When we come to the New Testament, "the house of God" is declared to be

"the church." Again we read in the New Testament, "The things which thou hast heard of me before many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (1 Tim. 6:12).

The writer of the Hebrew Letter admonishes, "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25).

Baptists have boasted that they accept the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, yet multiplied thousands of them wilfully and persistently disregard the sacred holy commands and leave the work and worship of God's house to the faithful few, while they make excuses and go every place but to church.

Many have become so confirmed in their disobedience and disregard of church attendance as to be heard saying, "I can live just as good a life and not go to church as I can if I do." Like Jotham, many of them are good people in every other respect. Their great sin is, "They do not make their way into the house of the Lord."

Let us see what great disaster this sin of Jotham wrought, and by it be warned, lest the same fearful fruits follow our folly, and the land be cursed by our wickedness.

Why Did Not Jotham Go to God's House?

It certainly was not because he had no regard for His house; for we are told in the next verse, "He built the high gate of the house of the Lord."

All of us, doubtless, have known some who were ready and apparently willing and glad to help build church houses and do to them, in a physical way, anything that was needed; but by no manner of means could they be induced to worship in them or help do anything else in them for which they are built. If all were like them, there would be no need of or purpose in building any church.

No, Jotham did not leave us any record as to why he did not go to the house

of God; but we are harassed by the silly and wicked excuses given by many church members today as to why they don't go. It's too hot or too cold; too rainy or too snowy; they can't sit still that long on the hard benches, yet the same ones can go to ball games or other places and sit on harder seats for much longer hours; neither heat, nor rain nor snow nor sleet keeps them from their work and their pleasures. Others don't go out at night, yet they go to lodges and all other kinds of night meetings. Others say there are too many hypocrites in the church; they don't like the preacher; the sermons are too long; the services are too cold and formal; people are not friendly; all they want is money, money; it makes them nervous to be in a crowd (only church crowds). And the excuses go on and on *ad infinitum*. Is it possible that these people think these silly excuses will never catch up with them? Does it never occur to them that God will face them some day with their excuses and that they will be forced to look upon the havoc they have wrought?

Though we are not told why Jotham did not go to God's house, yet, if we examine the record carefully, we can almost certainly find the answer.

Let the reader turn back to chapter 26 in this Second Book of Chronicles and read carefully the story of his father, Uzziah. No other king of Judah started out better than Uzziah. He humbly sought the Lord in his youth, and stayed close to his great pastor, Zechariah, faithfully walking with the Lord. And God marvelously blessed him until "his name spread far abroad, till he was strong; but when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction." In open defiance of eighty-four of God's servants, he was smitten with leprosy, and cut off from the house of God the rest of his days, and died a leper and received a leper's burial.

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►The Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan, Ky., has called Pastor E. Keevil Judy, of the First Baptist Church of Newport, to be its pastor and he has accepted.

**DEEPEST APPRECIATION:** Thank you, dear friends, for the hundreds of Christmas greetings which came from all over the state and beyond. You and your kindnesses are appreciated more than any words can tell. May God bless you richly throughout all the years ahead!

**EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE:** The recently held Evangelistic Conference was one of the best. The messages were all practical and an excellent spirit prevailed throughout all the sessions. Seventy-four of the seventy-nine associations were represented, and the actual registration was slightly more than 1,000; however it can be safely said that no less than 2,000 were in attendance, and this in spite of the fact that snow and rain fell. We repeat: The Evangelistic Conference is one of the most important meetings of the entire year.

### Salvation and Rewards (Doctrinal)

Many fail all their lives to understand the difference between salvation and rewards and, consequently, make the dangerous blunder of believing salvation is bestowed because of works done. There is no more destructive heresy than the doctrine of salvation by works; it has done more than any other one thing to obscure the doctrine of grace, and it has caused millions to be eternally lost.

Salvation is God's gracious gift to all believers; it has never come to any as a result of works done or service rendered Him. But *rewards* are not a gift of God; they are payments He makes to the believer for service rendered.

The Scriptures make it plain that salvation is God's gift to the believer. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). "He that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that *God gave us eternal life*, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 Jno. 5:10-12). "Therefore, by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20). "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which *ye could not be justified by the law of Moses*" (Acts 13:39). "Knowing that a man is not justified by the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we who have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2:16). "Not by works of righteousness *which we have done*, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost: which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made

heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Tit. 3:5-7). (And yet Paul, in the next verse, said, concerning the duty of believers, "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto all men." In other words, good works follow salvation, but they never procure it.)

Salvation, then, is God's free and gracious gift in Christ to all who believe in Him; but reward for service rendered is another matter entirely. He rewards for what we do, but He saves those who trust in Christ because of what the Saviour did for us.

The Scriptures speak plainly of rewards. Jesus said to His disciples, "Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven" (Matt. 5:12). "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 6:1). "Thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:4-6). And He said to John: "And behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

No one knows, now, what the full and glorious nature of all His rewards will be. Undoubtedly, there are rewards in this world; but obviously the greatest are to be bestowed in heaven—the Father's House. "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:9-10). He reveals that we are to be rewarded for our labors of love; and He progressively reveals what those rewards are—the last great revelation to come in the Father's House.

It is glorious to know we have a Father who never forgets. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labors of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Heb. 6:10).

Let us suppose an illustration of rewards. A man is very ill, and poor. He is certain to die unless he can receive treatment in a hospital and at the hands of a great physician. His condition is made plain to him, but he says: "I am poor; I cannot pay for this." He is told that the hospital and the physician will not accept payment for his healing. "We know you cannot pay your way," says the physician, "and that is why we offer you, without money and without price, complete healing. Just trust us completely, leave yourself in our hands, and we will do the rest." The man ponders the gracious offer. It is almost too good to be true. But nevertheless he commits himself completely to the hands of his benefactors and is made well. Soon, however, the hospital and the physician need a helper. They ask the man if he will work for them. He is glad to do it; it is the least he can do to show his appreciation. At the end of the first week a check is handed him. The man says, "But I worked because I love you and appreciate your gracious kind-

ness." He is told, "You are not paying for your healing; that was free—our gift to you when you were unable to help yourself. We are rewarding you for the service rendered." Even so, God in Christ our Saviour extended forgiveness and healing and salvation and eternal life and justification as His free gift to all who repent of their sins and trust Him completely; but He rewards, over and beyond the salvation He gives in Christ, for every service rendered Him.

### A Dangerous Surrender

A Spanish news release announced on Christmas Day that United States military authorities had given preparatory consent to the Spanish government for the State-Church hierarchy in Spain either to approve or refuse marriages between United States citizens and Spanish citizens. No one questions the authority of the Spanish government over its own citizens but it has absolutely none over the military forces of the United States in Spain; and certainly the hierarchy has no control over them. Those military authorities who made such concessions should be rebuked for their shortsightedness in acting contrary to the American principle of absolute separation of church and state. Thousands of protests should go from Baptists all over the United States to our State Department in Washington and also to the military authorities—Department of Defense.

### Know Your Baptist Missions

That is the title of two folders just received from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, and sent to all pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention. One deals with our mission points and work in the Orient, and the other with Africa, Europe, and the Near East. The first folder has a series of cards giving boiled-down information on Japan, China, Manchuria, India, Pakistan, Hawaii, Hong Kong and Macao, Malaya, Formosa, the Philippines, Korea and Thailand; the second on Nigeria, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Jordan, Egypt, Southern Rhodesia, Gold Coast, Lebanon, Italy, and Israel.

We congratulate the Foreign Mission Board on making this invaluable information available to Southern Baptists, and we urge that fullest use be made of it. This editor has gone carefully over the folders and cards and is filing them for future study and reference purposes.

Our people need to be made conscious of the enormity of the task of the Foreign Mission Board, and of the needs yet to be met. Nothing stirs to interest and action like concise, easily usable information. The Advance Program of Southern Baptists must be pushed at all costs.

Also, the time has come for all our pastors and churches, and the denominational press, to take up the challenge to "call out the called." Surely there are, in our churches, young people who have felt God's call to foreign mission service. Our task is to strengthen in every such heart the will to sur-

render to the will of God, and to make it possible for every called man and woman to go to the fields already ripe unto harvest.

Schools of missions should be held in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention; the Board's promotional literature should be used widely; more copies of *The Commission* should be placed in the hands of the people; as many as possible should attend the Foreign Mission Conferences at Ridgecrest (June 30-July 6) and Glorietta (July 28-August 3); they should find a way to support more strongly the Cooperative Program by which *all the work* can be advanced; and last, but not least, make large plans for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—Southern Baptists' gift to Christ for a lost world. When Baptists know the needs, they respond.

Southern Baptists launched their Missionary Advance in 1948, and since then our foreign missionaries have increased from 625 to 939; additional work has been started in 17 new areas of the world; the churches have increased their gifts from \$4,390,700 during the first nine months of 1948 to \$7,926,700 during the first nine months of 1954. But surely this is only a start! Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has said: "In the face of a world where millions have never heard the name of Christ, the Great Commission comes to us anew in ringing, unmistakable words."

We need, now, many more missionary volunteers; and then we need the funds with which to open new fields and set them to their tasks—tasks to which God Himself called them, and to which He also calls us to give our fullest support.

We say with deepest conviction: The Cooperative Program offers the best avenue through which all our work—at home and abroad—can be carried on. Our entire work must be carried on right here in Kentucky; without this, we fail: but through the Cooperative Program we will go on to the ends of the world.

**REGIONAL TOURS:** The 1955 tours over eastern and western Kentucky will begin February 28 and run through March 11. Featured speakers on the eastern tour will be H. Leo Eddleman, president, Georgetown College, Ben. L. Bridges, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and E. M. Coleman, Brotherhood Department, Memphis, Tennessee. Featured speakers on the western tour: H. C. Chiles, pastor, First Baptist Church, Murray, W. Fred Kendall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, and David T. Mashburn, Brotherhood Department, Memphis, Tennessee. The eastern tour comes first (Feb. 28-Mar. 4), contacting Unity Church, Ashland, Hindman Church, Hindman, First Church, Somerset, Immanuel Church, Lexington. Western tour (Mar. 7-11) contacts First Church, Mayfield, First Church, Owensboro, First Church, Bowling Green, and Severn's Valley Church, Elizabethtown. It is hoped that as many of the people as possible will attend all these meetings in the various sections. Additional announcements will be made in the *Western Recorder*.

# The Real Meaning of REPENTANCE

By FRANK F. NORFLEET, Pastor  
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(Continued from last week)

Having touched on the technical aspects of repentance, let us go ahead now to the more practical aspects.

The first of these is to suggest some areas in which the Church of the present day seems ripe for repentance.

Most present day Christians (and to some this would seem to be especially applicable to Baptists) are suffering from an acute dose of the twin maladies of "Big Preacheritis" and "Big Churchism."

I would not be misunderstood here. Some of my dearest friends are serving in the larger churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Noble souls are they. Nor do I hold to the idea that a pastor of a large church has by virtue of that fact ceased to care for that which is spiritual.

But I do think we have fallen on hard times when the only credential that many of us recognize as to a man's ability to speak forth the word of life is the fact that he is pastor of one of the larger churches within our denomination. Judging by this standard, Judson serving seven years in Burma with no converts would have had no honor for the sacrifices which he made for the Lord.

With the prevalence of an educated ministry the distinctions (which after all, have become quite unimportant among preachers) must of necessity be pushed into the background. There was a time when even among Baptists there was a tendency to regard the pastor of the biggest church in a given area as the biggest preacher. His opinion carried a little more weight; his word carried a little more authority. Today, however, this is no longer true. The man in the smaller church may be in the small church not because of less knowledge or less spirituality or less ability. He may be there simply because he feels that it is the will of God that this be so. From the standpoint of human causation, it may have been that he completed his training at a time when all available pastorates of the type which he might have been qualified to fill were full. On the other hand, the pattern of thought which is followed by many of us drive a young man to consider him-

too busy making history to write it. Even the eminent Methodist historian, Frank Mead, has said, "They (the Baptists) have the strength of numbers . . . That represents power. Power to grow. Power to do things . . . The world has done its best to stop them; we can trace their history more readily in the bloody footprints of their martyrs than in the ink of their historians. We have tried to shame them by whipping them, and they have made us ashamed of our whipping posts . . . Addelepted world! You tried to stamp them out, and all you got for it was to have them leave their stamp on you."

But a heritage like this calls for humility, not worldly pride. If we are not careful at this point we shall become like the toy which was known as gooney-bird and which was popularized during the last war. A wind-up toy, it was made to walk backwards. On its side there was a sign, "This is a gooney-bird. He doesn't care where he's going—he just wants to see where he's been."

It is of supreme importance in this day that we see where we are going!

Some time ago a distant kinsman, having the means and the time, undertook a tracing of our family history. Years later, having become acquainted with some of my in-laws, he sent me through them a copy of the family genealogical table. Through the first families of Virginia he had traced it and backward through what was purported to be some of the royal families of the continent. A heritage indeed of which one could be proud! Yet as I regarded this evidence of a proud heritage I was more than ever aware that in the eyes of God there were still certain responsibilities of which I could not rid myself, short of His plan for my life. Performance is still more important in God's eyes than pedigree.

**Nor are we to forget the fifth enemy of our church which needs to be repented—that of syrupy sentimentalism.**

This has resulted in church letters being left in the family burying ground, in development of "Mama-ism" instead of Christianity, and a shallow set of artificial ideas of Christianity which pass for "convictions."

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►Gleaned from a Kentucky church bulletin is the following information concerning the ten churches which were at and toward the top of givers through the Cooperative Program in 1954: Walnut Street, Louisville, \$64,805.47; First Church, Mayfield, \$30,703.51; Third Church, Owensboro, \$24,540.66; First Church, Paducah, \$23,357.36; Crescent Hill, Louisville, \$22,650.10; Deer Park, Louisville, \$21,316.33; First Church, Somerset, \$18,001.06; First Church, Bowling Green, \$17,781.43; First Church, Owensboro, \$16,940.98; Ninth and O, Louisville, \$16,361.94.

# Fellowship Among Preachers

By D. C. BOAZ  
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D. C. Boaz

We are all disturbed more or less by the things which threaten, and sometimes disrupt fellowship among our Baptist people. Wrangles among churches that provoke one church to break off fellowship with the rest and withdraw from the association and convention make most

of us a little ashamed, especially when these disputes get in the public eye. We dislike seeing Christ's name dragged through the mud in such a fashion.

Yet the thing that gouges me in a peculiarly tender spot is the fact that the breeding ground for such dissension is usually not to be found in the heart of some hard-headed deacon, as ministerial lore would have it, but rather in the stagnant mind of some misguided preacher. There is certainly something wrong with a man's thinking when he decides that he is so much closer to the will of God than anybody else that he must withdraw from the rest of us and carry on God's work all alone.

Such a man should profit by the experiences of Elijah, recorded in the 19th chapter of First Kings. There we find Elijah saying in verse 14, "I, even I only, am left." You will remember why Elijah made that statement. He had decided he was the only faithful servant God had left on earth, and he told God so. God responded by ordering him back to his post of duty, where he was to find 7,000 others just as faithful to God as he was. He must join hands with them and they were to carry on God's work together.

As we face this new church year, I am thoroughly convinced of these two facts. First, that the best way for us to carry on the work of Christ is for us to work together in unity. Second, that the best way for us to please Satan is for us to spend our time fighting one another. Satan knows that so long as he can keep preachers busy fighting one another, they won't have much time left to fight sin, and that is just the way he wants it to be.

There are some specific things that often disrupt unity and fellowship among us:

## SELFISHNESS

One of these is just plain selfishness. One man wants to exalt himself at the

expense of everybody else. How fitting is the advice of Romans 12:3, ". . . not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think." Rather than exalt self, our aim ought to be to put self in the shadows and exalt the name of Christ.

Sometimes there is a desire to exalt our church at the expense of every other church. During the Second World War we accused some of our allies, especially the Russians, of trying rather desperately to claim credit for every victory, whether or not they had any part in achieving it.

It is a sad day for any church when it gets greedy for credit and recognition, and lets that become the goal of its work. Someone has well said that there is no limit to the good a man can do so long as he doesn't care who gets the credit for it. The same thing applies to churches.

How different is our attitude when we realize that God's Kingdom is not confined within the narrow limits of one life, nor of one church, nor even of one denomination.

Sometimes even preachers need to be reminded of Jesus' standard for greatness in His Kingdom. When the mother of James and John came to Him asking that her sons be given positions above their fellows, Jesus reminded her that greatness in His Kingdom is not to be achieved by climbing over one another, but rather by serving one another. "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matt. 20:26-27).

## THOUGHTLESSNESS

Our fellowship is sometimes endangered by sheer thoughtlessness. Preachers ought to be the most thoughtful people on earth, especially of their fellow preachers. Yet sometimes even preachers say words of hurtful criticism about fellow preachers. Personally, I am convinced that God's Kingdom is best advanced on earth by preachers who think well and speak well of one another, and so I solemnly resolve to practice that rule.

Paul had a perfect formula for harmony among Christians in general and preachers especially: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).

## COMPENSATION

Often it is an effort to make up for our own failures and inadequacies that

disrupts ministerial harmony. It is the characteristic known to the psychologist as "Psychological Compensation." If we think fate has cheated us in one department, we try to make up for it by getting more than our share in some area of life.

Recently I was visited by a fellow preacher and former schoolmate who was driving a new Cadillac. He showed it to me proudly, saying, "What do you think of a preacher who can own a car like that?" I said, "Well, I think he probably can't preach well enough to attract any attention, so he has to make up for it in some other way."

I'm sure that a new Cadillac in the garage would do wonders for the ego of nearly any of us. But some of us can't borrow enough money to make the down payment on a new Cadillac; so we try to reach the same end by another method. There are two ways of "keeping up with the Joneses." One is by lifting ourselves to their level, and the other is by pulling them down to our level or below.

A preacher is on dangerous ground when he becomes so anxious to excel that he is willing to pull down his fellow preacher in order to do it. Yet I usually suspect that to be the motive whenever I hear one preacher speaking critically of another. He is entertaining the childish delusion that he can raise his own stock by lowering the stock of his fellow.

There are some specific things that we can easily do to improve our fellowship in the Gospel Ministry.

## ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

One is the practice of the simplest ethical principles in our attitude toward one another.

I have made a solemn resolution for myself. I am resolved to stage a one-man crusade in the defense of my fellow ministers. If you have an ugly tale to tell about a fellow preacher, please don't tell it to me. I don't want to hear it, even if it's true. I would not like it if you emptied your garbage on my door steps. Neither do I want my mind to be a receptacle for mental garbage.

I think the relationship of preachers with one another is such that each one of us is in a very real way, custodian of the reputation of the rest of us. My reputation is in your hands. You can tear it down if you want to. Or you can protect it if you choose.

I borrowed a car from one of my members the other day and drove it down to Charlotte. I found myself carefully guarding my speed, lest I drive the other man's car too fast. The thought occurred to me that I am not so cautious about speed when I drive my own car. I was unconsciously taking better care of my neighbor's car than I do of my own. I believe most of us would do that.

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# What Is SPIRITUALITY?

By B. H. DUNCAN  
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It might be well, first of all, to understand what spirituality is not. Obviously, there is among many people only a vague, hazy, or confused idea as to the real nature and meaning of spirituality. Among others, doubtless, there are erroneous ideas and wholly false conceptions of spirituality and its meaning.

## It Is Not:

Spirituality is not mere *piousness*, though the spiritual person will be pious. The impression seems to be current among some people that if one looks solemn and sad, one must obviously be spiritual; whereas, the solemn, sad countenance may more likely indicate the lack of spirituality. In fact, spirituality should produce a radiant countenance and a joyous spirit.

Spirituality is not simply loyalty to the church and the church program, though the spiritual person will be loyal. One may be loyal to his church in the same manner that one would be loyal to a civic club or other organization without at all being spiritual in the New Testament sense. Earnestness, which might come under the same heading with loyalty, is not necessarily spirituality. The spiritual person will, however, be earnest in his Christian profession and activities.

By the same reasoning, engaging in Christian activities is not necessarily spirituality, though the spiritual person will be active in Christian service. It is reasonable to suppose that many people in our Baptist churches in Arkansas and throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention are actively engaged in the work of their churches, promoting the church and denominational program, who may not qualify as spiritual persons.

Spirituality cannot be an assumed attitude or quality of life; that is, spirituality is not a *pose*. Genuine spirituality must come from the very soul of the individual and manifest itself outwardly in unmistakable qualities of life, character, and conduct.

## Indwelling Spirit:

Spirituality is the result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In the fourteenth chapter of John's gospel, Jesus promised His disciples "another Comforter," and He identified the Comforter as the Holy Ghost in the twenty-sixth verse of that chapter. Jesus promised that the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit, "dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

He further promised that "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." In these words of Jesus we understand that the Holy Spirit will accompany us, will dwell within us, will be our teacher, and will enliven our memories of the teachings of Jesus.

## Pentecost:

In these words of Jesus we have a hint of what actually took place on the day of Pentecost and which is possible to every Christian. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon and into the apostles and filled their consciousness with the realization of the presence of the living Lord and of His teachings while He was among them in the flesh. This was the first time they had clearly understood Jesus and His teachings. Before the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost they had been confused and bewildered. They had vigorously rejected the idea of Christ's sacrificial death when He had mentioned it to them. They had not understood His death when it occurred. They still lived in a haze of confusion and lack of understanding after His resurrection and even after His ascension.

## Clarification:

The coming of the Holy Spirit clarified their minds and their thinking. The Holy Spirit clarified to them the teachings, the life, the purpose, the death, the resurrection, and the ascension of Jesus. With the coming of the Holy Spirit and His indwelling in their hearts, these early Christians came to understand the kingdom which Jesus came to establish, the church which He set up to carry on the work of His kingdom in the world, and their own responsibilities in His kingdom, not as court officials in an early kingdom but as witnesses and evangelists in a spiritual kingdom which Jesus would promote through them.

## Spiritual Consciousness:

Here is a paradox which throws light upon spirituality: **The spiritual person is not conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit, but the presence of the Holy Spirit makes the spiritual person conscious of other realities. The spiritual person, instead of being conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit, is conscious of the presence of Jesus. That was the achievement of Pentecost. The disciples were bewildered because they did not feel that they could carry on**

the work of Jesus unless He was present with them in the flesh. When the Holy Spirit came into their hearts they realized the presence of their risen Lord, whose presence was actually more meaningful to them than His presence with them in the flesh. So to be spiritual is to be conscious of the presence of Jesus.

The consciousness of the presence of the living Lord is the supreme spiritual concept which supersedes all other elements in the spiritual consciousness and out of which all other elements grow.

For instance, Jesus said, "That He (the Holy Spirit) shall take of mine, and show it unto you." So when the life purposes of Jesus, the meaning of His sacrificial death, His resurrection, His ascension, and His position as our advocate with the Father; when these things become clear and understandable to us and we embrace them and live by them, we are to that extent spiritual; we are conscious of these great truths rather than being conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Yet it is the Holy Spirit who has made these great truths understandable to us, who has opened our understanding so that these truths are meaningful to us.

Jesus says concerning the Holy Spirit, "He shall testify of me." **The Holy Spirit, having made us conscious of the presence of Jesus and having opened our understanding to the meaning of His redemptive work, will then, "teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."**

## Progressive Understanding:

So the Holy Spirit not only makes us conscious of the presence of the risen Lord, not only opens our understanding to the meaning of His redemptive work, but opens our understanding to all the teachings of Jesus so that when we are reading the Bible, when we are meditating upon it, when we are studying it with an open mind and not bringing to it some pre-conceived ideas, the Holy Spirit will open our understanding and reveal the truth as it is recorded in the revealed word of God. This does not mean that there will not be passages of scripture that we do not fully understand, certainly the revelation of God is beyond the full understanding of the finite mind, but it does mean that the Holy Spirit will reveal to us the truth of God's revelation to the extent of the ability of finite minds to understand the eternal truths of God and His redemptive plan and purposes among men.

►"Too often those people who remain silent," said Grandfather Hillis, returning from our PTA meeting, "are only speaking their minds."—*Better Homes and Gardens, in Quote.*

# Kentucky Baptists and Christian Education

By E. O. EDWARDS, First Baptist  
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Christian Education is the handmaiden of Christianity. Jesus never proposed to extend and enlarge His Kingdom on the efforts of untrained men. Education is equivalent to training, and training is discipline. The apostles became highly disciplined men and could be called educated men.

Several of the holiness groups who formerly scorned the idea of a trained ministry now have excellent schools and colleges. There was a day when certain religious leaders were proud of their illiterate ministers, but an educating age has brought all intelligent people to a full appreciation of Christian Education.

We could write much on the history of secular and religious education in America which would read like romance; but may we come directly to the point.

## Kentucky Baptist Schools Must Have Adequate Support

It is not implied that we are lagging greatly in our interest of our own schools and colleges. One of the liveliest questions among us for the past several years has been our schools. Isn't it true that we are rather one-sided in our interests toward our different schools? A pointed question we admit; but after having carefully worked with and in interest of all our schools for the past nearly ten years in Kentucky, it is our sincere conclusion that our Baptist schools have been left in a position that makes it necessary for each one to have its special friends in time of need—especially **CAPITAL NEED.**

## Is the Cooperation Program Adequate For Our Baptist Schools?

As of the present distribution of these funds, our answer has to be, "NO!" All our schools are receiving their satisfactory share of the receipts of the Co-operative Program but the point is, those shares are not enough.

All of us desire to give as much to outside causes as the State Program shares; but the home base must be provided for, first. It would not be feasible to give the individual church's contributions to missions first without taking care of the local work. Were there no local church there would be no mission money to give. It is good Christian sense to take care of our schools adequately before going too far afield in

our other efforts. Kentucky Baptists cannot continue to permit other Baptists of other states outstrip us in facilities to the extent that our boys and girls are attracted to their schools ahead of our own here in Kentucky.

## We Must Follow Good Examples

According to the General Secretary of South Carolina Baptists, the three Baptist colleges in that state received over \$600,000 in 1954. That same conven-

tion of Baptists is giving 61.5 per cent of all state funds to Christian Education. South Carolina Baptists are now building a brand new multi-million dollar campus for Furman University on a new site. Knowing South Carolina Baptists as I do, they are to be greatly commended for this superb undertaking. South Carolina Baptists are no more in number than Kentucky Baptists, and they have no more wealth than Kentucky Baptists have—or at least I do not think so, but they are certainly setting the pace for Southern Baptists in this matter of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Kentucky Baptists can do likewise—**AND WE SHALL!**

►God has given us two hands—one to receive and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. If we fail to fulfill this divine duty and privilege, we have missed the meaning of Christmas.—Billy Graham, "The Light of the Star."

# Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association Organized in Louisville

Following public notice, a group of men and women met in the basement of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville for the first meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association on Monday, January 10, 1955. Charles Shacklette, educational director of Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, acted as temporary chairman until the organization could be perfected.

Lewis W. Martin, Jr., educational director at the First Baptist Church, Newport, was asked to lead the group in singing, "Love Lifted Me," and "Standing on the Promises."

Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., associate pastor of the Broadway Church, Louisville, led the devotional, dealing with "Scandalon" in the Greek, meaning "Stumbling Block."

The temporary chairman asked Lewis W. Martin, Jr., to serve as acting secretary, and appointed three committees: **THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** George Moody, chairman, Sarah Dean, Al Parks, with Miss Pauline Hargis and Prof. E. J. Loessner as advisors. **THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** Nancy Bergman, Keith Meade, Dean Brooks. **TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:** Al Carpenter, chairman, William Finnell, and Walter Jacobs.

Professor Loessner, of the faculty of the School of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke on "Educational Workers' Opportunities and Problems." He told of the various doors which are opening up today to

men ready and equipped to enter some phase of religious education.

A banquet was held at 6:00 o'clock, after which further items of business were transacted. A constitution was adopted.

The Nominating Committee brought in a report proposing the election of Lewis W. Martin, Jr., as president; Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., as vice president; Sarah Dean, educational director of Lexington Avenue Church of Danville, as secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, dean of the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, as advisor. These were duly elected.

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins had been invited to speak to this initial meeting, and had expected to be present for the occasion, but found he had a previous engagement, so he could not attend.

E. J. Loessner made a motion that the Executive Committee, consisting of all the officers, would have the power in the event of a vacancy, during interims between sessions, to appoint *pro tem* officers. This motion was seconded and passed.

The inspirational speaker at the conclusion of the banquet and business session was J. Marvin Crowe, now assistant to the administration, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. He outlined some of the things churches should expect of a director of religious education, or minister of music, and what the person thus engaged should expect of the church.

# A Good Man Who Didn't Go to Church

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And all this happened at the very time in the life of his son, Jotham, when the lad was unable to understand such judgments upon sin. Jotham almost certainly stumbled over the sin of his father, and at the time he should have been going with his father to the house of the Lord. No doubt he misunderstood the reason for the afflictions of his father.

The devil has caused many a boy so to misunderstand and so to be confirmed in sin. It is and has ever been true that "when fathers eat sour grapes their children's teeth are set on edge."

"The father's example arms the son and the deed goes on and on." No one can measure the extent of the influence of a father over his son. Jesus warned us, "Take heed that we cause not one of these little ones to stumble." "It were better first that a great millstone be tied around our necks and that we be cast into the depth of the sea than that we cause one to be lost."

Oh, Uzziah! Why did you not think of your boy, Jotham? Why did you not do the right thing for his sake? He needed you, Oh, so badly, at the very time of your rebellion against God! He thought there was no one in all the world, Uzziah, like you. You were not only king over Judah; you were Jotham's dad. He loved you and he did not, nor could he, understand why you were cut off from God's house; and so he said, "If dad can't go, I will never go." And he didn't. But—

## Frightful Fruit Follows Folly

This fruit is seen first in the effect it had on his people and the nation over which he ruled. "The people did yet corruptly." "When the wicked bear rule, the people mourn." But the worse effect was that on his own son who was to succeed him. Space forbids full description of the reign of Ahaz, Jotham's son. (See 2 Chronicles 28 and read it carefully and prayerfully.) One of the saddest and most tragic stories of the Old Testament is of the reign of King Ahaz—the frightful ruin wrought in Judah and to the chosen people of God.

Yet, do not forget that Ahaz was the grandson of the the same Uzziah who so reigned as that, when he died, young Isaiah thought complete ruin had come to his nation and people, and so was caused to seek the Lord (Isa. 6). Young Ahaz grew up in a home where the

house of God was neglected and despised. He became reckless and daring. He ran with the children of the wicked and of idolatry. He learned their ways and, at the early age of twenty, was called to the throne. Immediately he insulted God in every conceivable way and soon was delivered into the hands of ferocious enemies who slaughtered his people and carried them and his own into captivity. One hundred and twenty thousand were slain on one day. His own son was slain before his eyes. Like a wolf at bay he sought to form alliances with the wicked but "they were the ruin of him." Finally, to "pay the fiddler"

## Fellowship Among Preachers

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And yet, though you may not use your neighbor's car very often, you hold your neighbor's reputation in your hands every day. Guard it as closely as if it were your own.

### THE KINGDOM FIRST

A deeper conviction about the nature of Christ's Kingdom would pull all of us into closer unity with one another in the interests of that Kingdom. "Seek ye first the Kingdom . . ."

Of course, if I am interested primarily in promoting myself, then I will work toward that end, no matter whom I may injure in the process. But if I am interested primarily in promoting God's Kingdom, then I'll forget self, and work hand in hand with the many others who are interested in promoting that kingdom.

Not only does the progress of God's Kingdom depend on the united efforts of all of us, but even our own personal interests are best served when we work together.

I remember a little cartoon that came out in the papers a few years ago. There were two small shocks of hay some distance apart. Between the shocks were two mules tied together with a short piece of rope. One mule was pulling toward one shock of hay and the other mule toward the other shock. Neither of them was making any progress. Then in the next picture they turned to face one another and discuss the situation. Reaching an agreement, they went side

who only made sport of him, he robbed the house of God of all its holy vessels. He cut to pieces the sacred vessels of God's house and shut its doors and set up idolatrous altars all over the land. He provoked the Lord God to anger as none had done before him. He died, leaving his nation in shambles; and the only good thing you can say about him is that he lived so wickedly and so recklessly as that his son, Hezekiah, saw the terrible and frightful fruits of such iniquity and resolved to serve the Lord.

Those who neglect their duty in church attendance, and think they can serve God and yet be unfaithful to the church, need to look at King Ahaz, the son of Jotham, and tremble lest their sons and daughters be caused to go them one better and grow up to be vain sons and daughters of Belial and curse the land we love so well.

Let us look long and well at the ruin of a people and a nation wrought by the wicked example of one of whom it was said, "He did right in the sight of the Lord, except that he went not into the house of the Lord."

by side, first to eat one shock of hay and then to eat the other. A little such "mule sense" would be a useful addition to the intellectual equipment of the average preacher.

### "THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"

To deepen the spirit of Christian fellowship, Jesus had one rule; "Love one another." To Him, the greatest of the commandments, indeed the commandment which included all the others was, "Love God . . . love your neighbor."

We are a pretty skilled bunch of preachers today where theological reasoning is concerned. Ask the average preacher for a discourse on Christian Love, and he can tell you to a hair's breadth the difference between "agape" and "phileo." But Christian Love needs less defining and more practicing, by preachers and laymen alike. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:25).

One of our greatest needs as Christians and especially as preachers, is for grace enough and wisdom enough to work in unity and harmony for the advancement of His Kingdom on earth.

►The Versailles Baptist Church, Versailles, Ky., has called Pastor John W. Kruschwitz of the Sand Spring Church, Lawrenceburg, and he has already moved on the field.

## The Survey BULLETIN

### Peeping Through the Population Periscope

By J. P. EDMUNDS, Secretary and Editor,  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Because of the widespread interest in our increasing population, and its vital significance to our Baptist responsibility and opportunity, we are presenting herewith vital population statistics and information.

#### Baptists and the Population

. . . . According to latest information available the white population of our present Southern Baptist Convention territory should reach 74,500,000 by 1960, compared with 67,000,000 in 1953. This does not include the new states in which we are currently expanding.

. . . . At this rate of growth, and if all religious groups in the United States maintain their present rate of growth, by 1960 there will be 53,500,000 white unreached people in our present Convention territory, 5,000,000 more than now.

. . . . Baptists can step up their present growth. For example: It took Southern Baptists 55 years to reach their first million in Training Union enrolment. This year's report reveals that we reached our second million in six years.

. . . . Also, it took Southern Baptists 50 years—1845 to 1895—to reach 575,000 in Sunday school enrolment. Our 1954 gain alone will exceed this number.

#### Other Religious Groups and the Population

. . . . Church membership in 255 bodies in 1953 reached 94,842,845, which represents 59.5 per cent of the total population in Continental United States.

. . . . The Protestant church membership was equal to 58.9 per cent of all church membership in 1953.

. . . . Unless these religious groups step up their present rate of growth, there will be 70,500,000 unchurched people in 1960, compared to 63,500,000 in 1953.

#### General Facts of Interest About the Population

. . . . The world's population has more than doubled in the past 100 years. There were an estimated 1,160,000,000 persons on the globe in 1850, compared with an estimated 2,500,000,000 today. If the population of the world continues to grow at its present rate, it has been estimated that it will comprise 5,000,000,000 persons in 50 years.

. . . . The Census Bureau recently estimated that the United States population, including the armed forces, on July 1, totaled 162,414,000 and that in 1875 it

will be 220,982,000, if the 1950-53 rate continues. Of this number, 117,000,000 will be adults. On the basis of this estimate, there will be 20,500,000 in 1975 above 75 years of age, compared with 12,000,000 in 1950.

. . . . The average length of life in the United States has increased to a new high of 68.9 years, which is a gain of about 20 years since the turn of the century. Even if no further progress were made in reducing mortality, the statisticians note, only one-eighth of the babies born in the United States in 1951 will fail to reach the age of fifty.

. . . . A recent study of 30 countries by the World Health Organization showed that the death of infants early in the century in some countries exceeded 200 in every 1,000 live births, but adoption of higher medical standards in these

## SBC Mission Gift Over \$800,000 in December

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Mission gifts to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program for the month of December total \$848,514, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, announced. This brings the total for the year to a record high of \$10,739,497, the largest amount Southern Baptists have ever given to the Cooperative Program.

The year's total in Cooperative Program receipts was 10.91 per cent higher, or \$1,056,136 than the 1953 total of \$9,683,360, Routh said.

Designated gifts received for the month amounted to \$106,227, bringing the year's total in designated contributions to \$6,155,876. This figure is 8.46 per cent, or \$480,094 higher than the same period last year.

Total gifts for all Southern Baptist causes including Cooperative Program and Designated, received came to \$954,742 making the total for the year \$16,895,373. This is the largest amount ever contributed to Southern Baptist causes. This figure shows an increase of \$1,536,-

countries has helped to reduce the death rate to 20 to 30 in 1,000 live births.

. . . . In 1910, farm population accounted for 34.9 per cent of the total United States population, but in 1954 it accounted for only 13.5 per cent. However, of the world's population more than half of the gainfully employed are farmers.

. . . . The population of Tokyo, the world's third largest city, rose to 7,736,113 as of August 1; London's last official census figures, compiled in 1951, showed 8,346,137. The population of New York was 7,891,957 in the 1950 census.

. . . . India's population rose to 376,750,000—an increase of 4,000,000—during 1953. It has increased 14,000,000 since 1951.

. . . . The National Bureau of Statistics in Peiping, China, declared in November that mainland China's population, the largest in the world, was 582,603,417, as of June 30, 1953.

. . . . Only 33,000 persons, most of them Eskimos, Aleuts, and Indians, lived in Alaska in 1880. Since then its native population has increased little, but there are 160,000 inhabitants. In the decade between 1940 and 1950 the population of the United States increased 14 per cent, while that of Alaska, showed a 77 per cent gain.

. . . . The population of the United States per square mile is approximately 52, compared with 512 in West Germany, 200 in France, 289 in India, 830 in the Netherlands, and 535 in the United Kingdom.

230 or 10 per cent over 1953's grand total of \$15,359,142.

Increase in gifts for 1954 over 1953 was seen in every state in the Southern Baptist Convention even in areas of hard droughts, except Virginia. An increase of 10.91 per cent in Cooperative Program receipts and 10 per cent increase in all total receipts was shown for the year, Routh said.

Total Advance Program gifts for the year was \$1,889,497, an increase of \$398,136 over 1953's figure of \$1,491,360. Of this amount of Advance Program receipts \$1,297,123 went to the Foreign Mission Board and \$432,374 to the Home Mission Board. Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., received \$160,000 of the Advance Program receipts.

Of the total receipts for 1954 the Foreign Mission Board received \$9,439,491 or 55.87 per cent. The Home Mission Board received \$2,966,247 or 17.56 per cent.

"The longest list of degrees will not shorten the ears of a mule."

## Miss Stokmann Ends Career As Baptist Book Store Manager

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Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary, Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, congratulates Miss Christina Stokmann as Miss Della Frances Bell, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Owensboro, and Keith C. Von Hagen, director of the Merchandise and Sales Division of the Baptist Sunday School, look on.

The New Year brought the start of a new life for Miss Christina Stokmann. Saturday, December 31, Miss Stokmann finished her work, closed her desk, and walked out of the Baptist Book Store at 319-321 Guthrie Street, Louisville, of which organization she had been an employee and manager for 33 years.

As the door swung closed behind her it marked the opening of a new life. Just what duties or opportunities are in that life are yet to be revealed. Miss Stokmann said she has faith that the One who has guided her all along the way will continue to guide and direct her.

"I'm just going to wait and see what comes up," Miss Stokmann told her more than 50 employees as they talked with her during the days preceding her retirement.

A modest, quiet, unassuming personality, Miss Stokmann was overwhelmed at the number of gifts she received during her last days in the book store. There were flowers—lots of them—she couldn't wear all the corsages, so she generously shared them with others at the banquet December 30 at the Seelbach Hotel where she was the honor guest. The employees of the book store were hosts to the more than 150 people gathered to pay tribute to their friend.

The many presents had been given to Miss Stokmann by the employees,

friends, co-workers at the Baptist Sunday School Board, including the managers of the other 48 Baptist Book Stores, and customers whom she had served through the years who "just wanted to give her something."

At the conclusion of the "This-is-Your-Life" banquet program, gifts, including a beautifully bound book of letters from friends, were presented by Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Miss Stokmann's acceptance of the gifts was characteristic of the humble personality who has been a servant of Kentucky Baptists for more than 40 years.

A native of Kentucky (Muldraugh Hill, Hardin County), Miss Stokmann received her education in Louisville public schools. In 1910 at the age of 21 she began work at the Baptist World Publishing Company as a stenographer. Six years later she assumed a similar role with the Baptist Book Concern, and then four years were spent in the City Buyer's office. In 1927 she became manager of the Baptist Book Store where, through the years, she has been selling books, Bibles, church and Sunday school supplies. "I like to sell Bibles best of all," she said. One of her friends aptly said: "... you have always been identified with Bibles to the extent that it would come most natural and easy

to refer to you as 'The Bible Lady' as I am sure many people have thought of you."

Another friend remembered that she always liked the way Miss Stokmann handled a Bible. Dr. S. D. Gordon made a lasting impression on Miss Stokmann by the way he handled his Bible. "I have always been able to know people who loved Bibles by the way they handled them in the store," Miss Stokmann said.

Distribution of the printed Word has been Miss Stokmann's foremost objective. In this she inspired and challenged multiplied thousands.

While her future plans have not been completed, Miss Stokmann will pick up the threads of her life and begin weaving again, continuing the pattern started many years ago when she was converted and joined the Oakdale (now Victory Memorial) Baptist Church, later transferring to the Highland Park Baptist Church. Now for some years she has been a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, where she leads a teacher training class.

The threads Miss Stokmann will use in her new pattern of life will be from the same skeins of friendship, love, and sympathetic understanding for mankind she has been using through the years. "You have been more than a denominational leader among us, you have been a personal friend," one person wrote her.

Miss Stokmann says that while her work has been all-consuming in her life, she has not regretted one minute of the time spent at the helm of a business that applies the motto "Service to Southern Baptists is our watchword."

It was a privilege for her to handle the books which the students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary needed. She said, "No one could go through the years of contact with the students and not want to reminisce years later about such denominational leaders as Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, now pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis; and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller... so marvelous... so much reverend! My heart is glad to have had the privilege of helping to supply their book and Bible needs."

Her contacts with the ministerial students at the Seminary are best described in a statement from one who said: "Memories still linger of my first year at the Seminary back in 1932 when it was first my privilege to have met you. Know of our personal interest in you and of our thanksgiving to God that He gave you to Southern Baptists through those strategic years during which our book store ministry has been established in Southern Baptist influence and service."

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CHILD TRAINING: The main trouble with child psychology is that children don't understand it!—Kay Ingram, *Country Gentleman*.

## Too Much Religion

By WILLIAM A. MERRYMAN  
Auburn, Kentucky

America has too much religion!

What an absurd statement, you think. All our lives we have been conditioned to the idea that what America needs is more religion. Our pastors preach it. Our politicians make it a platitude. Our scientists now say it. Our teachers tell us it would be good. The doctors prescribe it as good medicine. Home councilors say the home needs more religion. Law enforcement officers recommend it. On the face of it, then, it is absurd to say, "America has too much religion."

America has religion we will admit. Every town and every hamlet it seems has some sort of church. Usually many sorts of churches.

America has more religious programs on the radio and television than any place in the world.

America is deluged by religious books, journals, tracts, magazines, films, plays. Millions and millions of copies, tens of millions of pages, billions of words—all in the interest of religion.

The public press is playing religion to a greater extent than ever before in our history. They run weekly features on church services, a religion column, and they even editorialize. A huge city's newspaper gives a popular Life of Christ front page banner headlines and runs the chapters daily in a prominent place. Strangely this increases the paper's circulation by twenty thousand. Thus prominent dailies throughout the land follow suit.

You know all this and yet you say, "America does not have enough religion."

You know that the churches are many indeed, but they stand half-filled. The church rolls are covered with names, but half of them cannot be found. The Sunday schools need teachers, but there are never enough wanting the job. Millions are lost but few are the soul winners.

You say the reason is that we do not have enough religion, but I say it is because we have too much religion.

The lakesides are full of Sunday fishers. The pools are full of swimmers. The dances are packed. The bars are crowded. Living rooms are occupied with T-Viewers.

The lodges and clubs are busy. This cause and that cause are raising funds. This hospital needs workers; this slum project needs helpers; this club wants volunteers. The activity! Oh, the activity.

Active for foreign relief. Active for boys' clubs. Active for P.T.A. Active for play grounds. Active for schools. Active for orphans. Active for the alumni. Active for the crippled. Active for the aged. Active for scouts. Active in picnics, book reviews, sewing circles—active, active, active—busy, busy, busy.

All America is religious, I say! Too religious! A non-theological definition of religion, I believe we would agree, is that religion is our interested activity on behalf of that power or powers, cause or causes, that we hold to be most dear.

If serving God is most dear to us we burn up our lives as an offering to Him.

If other causes are dear to us—too

dear—we burn up our lives as burnt offerings to them.

And if the religion of Christ appears weak it is because His devotees are burning up their lives in other causes, and when they come to offer unto Him they have not a whole offering to make.

America is too religious!—Too religious about too many things to be religious about God.

America has too many gods!

America needs her citizens, especially her Christians, to offer themselves as living sacrifices unto the Lord God.

The scripture admonishes, "Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest."

But America is extremely religious. And her citizens, being devoted to so many gods, offer part of their living sacrifice—their lives—in every place that they see.

All they have left for the Lord is a cinder.

In this way America is too religious.

## Jane Ray Bean Added to Student Staff of S. S. Board



Miss Jane Ray Bean

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Miss Jane Ray Bean, student secretary, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., on January 1 became associate secretary of the Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

A native Kentuckian, Miss Bean is a graduate of Bardstown High School, Bardstown, Ky., and attended Central College, Conway, Arkansas. She holds a B. A. from Blue Mountain College and an M. R. E. degree from the Baptist WMU Training School, Louisville. Her business experience covers accounting with the Southern Bell Telephone Company, Louisville; promotional director of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville; and receptionist on the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly staff.

Miss Bean's specific responsibilities

will be working with junior and business colleges, and overseas students. She succeeds Miss Billie Russell, who is now youth director, First Baptist Church, Asheboro, N.C.

Miss Bean was reared in the fellowship of the New Salem Church in Nelson Baptist Association, near Bardstown, Ky., and she is a great granddaughter of the late Dr. W. E. Powers who was for thirty-four years the moderator of the Long Run Association of Baptists.

## Christian Education Materials to be Mailed in February

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Pastors of more than 21,000 Southern Baptist churches in sixteen states and the District of Columbia will begin receiving packets of materials for the 1955 April Emphasis on Christian Education in early February. The special emphasis day is set for April 10. Theme of the 1955 emphasis will be "Finding a Worthy Career."

Materials to be included in the packets consist of the basic 24-page booklet, "Finding a Worthy Career," a career interest inventory form, a series of thirteen "Clues to our Career" tracts, and several other tracts and posters.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission is handling preparation and distribution of these materials and is promoting the April Emphasis in cooperation with the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY  
State Secretary

### Hebrews Bible Study

Many individuals are requesting Training Union credit for the *Study in Hebrews*. The January Bible Study book (Hebrews this year) is included on the interchangeable book list which allows a person to choose Training Union or Sunday school credit.

A number of churches are requesting awards for some of the members through the Training Union and for other members through the Sunday school.

### Attention Intermediates And Leaders

The Intermediate work this year will be centered around these units:

- BIBLE STUDY—Strong In The Lord
- DOCTRINES—Beliefs That Make Us Strong
- MISSIONS—Power to Win the World
- PERSONAL PROBLEMS—Strength for Living Today

Watch the helps for Group Captains in both quarterlies for better programs. You'll find Quarterly II has a new location for this material.

Don't forget to save the Sword Drill material because there will not be a printed pamphlet this year from the Sunday School Board. Look for the activities suggested in the quarterly for your Intermediate Union.

### Franklin Association

The Associational Officers of the Franklin Association met with the Thorn Hill Baptist Church in Frankfort for the review of the *Associational Baptist Training Union Manual* on Monday evening, January 3.

There were twenty-two persons present including some Training Union directors of local churches. Six of those present have completed the requirement of the Home Study Plan for an award. Others will complete the requirement in the near future.

Mr. J. T. Jordan, associational director, and Brother Marshal Fletcher, missionary, are doing a wonderful work in Franklin Association.

### Attention Nursery Workers

The Sunday school and Training Union Departments in Nashville have just revised and republished the booklet,

*Equipment at Work*, in the Nursery Department. If you do not have this booklet, it may be ordered free of charge from the Kentucky Training Union Department, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

### Planning For March

For several years March has been a Training Union Study Course month. This year the emphasis is on soul-winning. Plan now for your Training Union to lead the church in a real workshop on soul-winning.

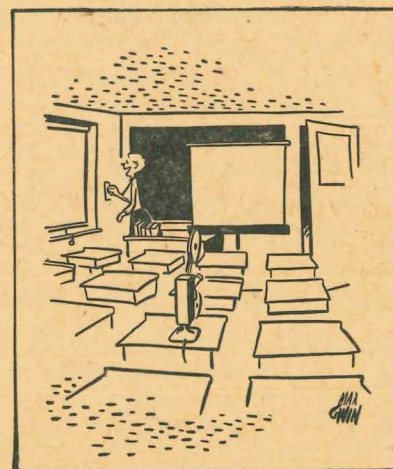
Dr. C. E. Matthews has written a new book entitled, *A Church Revival*. This or one of the other good books could be taught along with the Junior and Intermediate books.

It may seem early but now is the time to secure your teachers and order the books.

### 'M' Night Reports

	Attendance	Churches Represented	Pastors Present
Previous reported	11,837	602	377
Additional reports:			
Bell County	120	7	
Eenterprise Prestonsburg Section	78	6	4
Lincoln County	251	13	10
Nelson	150	9	8
Ohio Valley	195	11	9
Three Forks	101	9	7
West Kentucky	318	22	18

This gives us a report from forty-five associations showing a total attendance of 13,050; and 679 churches were represented with 403 pastors present.



"Students, I must congratulate you on sitting so quietly through the film today."

### Cynthiana Baptists Ordain Three Deacons

CYNTHIANA, Ky. — On Sunday evening, January 2, the Cynthiana Baptist Church ordained three new deacons. They were S. J. Hicks, M. L. Tuttle and Henry Bell. William Boswell, Chairman of the Deacons, served as Moderator and J. W. Switzer served as clerk. The pastor, Prince E. Claybrook, preached the sermon and delivered the charges to the deacons and the church. The election of these three young deacons is designed to raise the number of active deacons from twelve to fifteen. This is in keeping with an expansion program in almost every phase of the work of this good church.

The church experienced a gracious revival recently led by Jesse Newton, pastor of the First Baptist church of Halls, Tennessee. During the month, under the leadership of W. G. Wiglesworth Jr., Superintendent, the Sunday school chalked up an average attendance gain of 105 over the previous month. The school averaged 405 in October which was 38 more in average attendance than the previous 'one Sunday record' held by the church. In addition to this good average increase, on fourth Sunday, the school had an all time high of 550 in the main school and 635 counting the missions being sponsored by the church. Since October, the school has averaged approximately 70 more per week than ever before. This is largely due to a good visitation system instituted on first Sunday in October.

During the last six months, the church has had 45 additions, 32 of which have come by professions of faith and baptism.

The church sponsors two Missions, the Belmont Baptist Chapel and the Penn Street Baptist Mission, both of which are in Cynthiana. In August, the church called Rev. Morgan Berry, a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, to have charge of these two missions. Nine additions have come into the church through the efforts of this good Mission pastor and his people.—Prince E. Claybrook, Pastor.

►The Presbyterian Tribune, of Brooklyn and Utica, N. Y., has been merged with The Presbyterian Outlook, of Richmond, Va., and will henceforth appear under the title of the latter. The Outlook was established in 1819.

►Pastor B. B. Boaz passed away on November 8 at his home near Mayfield, Kentucky. He was pastor of Boyd Hill Baptist Church in Little River Association, where he had been for the past 23 years. He had been a faithful reader of the *Western Recorder* for many years. He was 64 years old. The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church of Mayfield.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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

### Highlights From Kentucky Key-Notes

At the close of each quarter a quarterly bulletin is mailed to each W.M.S. president, associational superintendent, B.W.C. chairman and members of the Executive Committee of Kentucky W. M. U. In this bulletin attention is called to the highlights of things to be emphasized in the coming quarter's work. January will be gone when you read this. The two main emphases for February are study classes on Home Missions and Y.W.A. Focus Week. These have been presented in detail on this page in previous issues of the *Western Recorder*. There are several events of importance for the month of March. The first is the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the G. A. Houseparties, both of which have been given publicity. We want to call your attention to several others.

### Simultaneous Revivals

Community Missions chairmen will want to present definite plans to your committee and your W.M.S. in February and March as we prepare for participation in these revivals, April 10-24. At the request of Rev. Eldred M. Taylor, secretary of evangelism for Kentucky Baptists, your WMU executive secretary prepared a page for the *Western Recorder* for October 28, giving suggestions for participation of the women and young people in this important crusade. We hope you kept your copy of this page and are planning to use the suggestions given. Briefly, the suggestions are these:

- (1.) Prepare your heart, using the booklet, "To See and to Serve" (10¢ from the Baptist Book Store) or study a book on soul-winning;
- (2.) Sponsor cottage prayer meetings in preparation for the revivals, if your church does not have a Brotherhood to do this;
- (3.) Organize for soul-winning visiting under the supervision of your pastor;
- (4.) Assist with the music and with radio programs;
- (5.) Assist in follow-up calls of those attending the services for the first time;
- (6.) Use tracts and leaflets to help in this work. Available from the W.M.U. Office are the leaflets, "Soul-winning Visitation," "You Can Tell," "Youth Winning Youth," "And Ye Visited Me." Other tracts are available from the Tract Room, Baptist State Board of Missions, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville.

### Regional Stewardship and Evangelism Conferences

Woman's Missionary Union will again participate in the Regional Stewardship

and Evangelism Conferences conducted under the direction of Dr. W. C. Boone. There will be conferences for women in each of the following meetings: March 1, Hindman Church, Ashland; March 2, Hindman; March 3, First Church, Somerset; March 4, Immanuel Church, Lexington; March 8, First Church, Mayfield; March 9, First Church, Owensboro; March 10, First Church, Bowling Green; March 11, Elizabethtown. Watch other pages of the *Western Recorder* for more detailed announcements.

### A Personal Letter To BWC'ers

What is more fascinating than a mysteriously wrapped gift? By this time you will have opened your lovely gifts, and standing at the door-step of your life will be another gift—the gift of a brand new year! What will it bring? We largely determine that ourselves by what we expect. "And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward. . ." (Ezek. 41:7). If at the end of 1955, we can know that through our concern, love and prayers we have helped some soul find the Saviour, some wayward Christian to return to fellowship with Christ, and/or the unenlisted to find joy in His service, then we will know that it has been a year of enlargement of our own lives, a year of moving forward and upward.

"Still upward in this coming year  
Thy path is all untried;  
Still upward may'st thou journey on  
Close by the Saviour's side."

Your help, interest and enthusiasm are greatly needed in reaching our goal of five new Federations and a 10% increase in the number of individual circles. How many unenlisted business women are there in your church? How enthusiastic are you about BWC work? Your influence is more far-reaching than you realize.

Congratulations to the new Severn's Valley BWC Federation, organized recently with Mrs. W. P. Denney of Elizabethtown as president. We pray God's blessings upon this new Federation and its officers and members of circles.

In this day of frozen-food-and-vitamin consciousness, imagine what it would mean to not have means for preserving fresh foods. Multiply this many times and you will realize the problem which confronts Cedarmore each summer in providing three meals a day for 200 to 300 people. A deep freeze for Cedarmore is the special project for our Kentucky BWC Federation this year,

adopted at the BWC Camp in September. Let's try our best to have it ready for the first camp. Why not send your contribution in January or February? That will give Mr. Byrdwell, manager at Cedarmore, time to install the unit before the first camp. Send your contributions to Mrs. W. H. Jaegle, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, marked "Deep Freeze." For further information contact Miss Edna Moody, 218 Clover Lane, Louisville, chairman of this project. I hope we can report at the banquet in April that the Deep Freeze unit has already been purchased.

I hope you are already making plans to attend the BWC Banquet at the State Meeting in April. Send your reservations to Miss Martha Lou Parish, Waddill Avenue, Madisonville, Kentucky. There is a limit, so send your reservations early (Watch this page for further announcements.)

So many of you missed blessings beyond measure by not attending the Labor Day Week-end Camp at Cedarmore last September. Why not begin now to plan to attend in September, 1955. Already plans and arrangements are under way. Don't miss it! Let us join our hearts and prayers that His gift to us of this New Year will be used for His glory, as each of us rededicate our lives to Him. This can truly be a year of glorious adventure and enchantment in fellowship with Him. Yours in Christ, Mrs. H. D. McBRAYER, President, Kentucky BWC Federation.

### April Event

A big event for April is the State Meeting to be held at First Church, Madisonville, April 5-7. Watch this page for detailed announcements most every week from now until then, concerning this important meeting. A wonderful group of speakers have been secured including; Mr. Edgar Bates, president of the North American Baptist Women's Union; Mrs. William McMurry, secretary of fundamentals for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; Miss Mary Sampson, Formosa; Miss Virginia Wingo, Rome, Italy; Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Nigeria; Mrs. Ira Marks, missionary to the Mormons in Utah; Dr. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

### Nominating Committee

The nominating committee of Kentucky W.M.U. is at work. This committee will present the recommendation as to the place of meeting for 1956. If your church would like to render this service to Missions and to enjoy the rich spiritual blessings that such a great gathering in the name of Missions brings, please send your invitation at once to the State Office or to the chairman of this committee, Mrs. G. O. Cavanah, Smithland, Kentucky.

# For a Time Like This

By E. N. PATTERSON  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
New Orleans, Louisiana

It has been my privilege now for nearly a year to observe Baptist churches in action in England and here in the East, also to attend a number of lectures and conferences on what the church should be today.

This idea has come to me over and over in these last months: our Baptist people must be informed about the teaching of the New Testament in regard to the church. There is little hope of our churches in the south withstanding the pressure that is sure to come, unless they are better informed about the church.

Along with our emphasis on evangelism it is time to plan for some systematic study of the church. This should be planned in every church every year. There are a number of ways the pastor can promote this. He could plan a series of sermons on subjects that would cover the field. For instance in four Sunday morning messages he could treat the following subjects:

**THE RELATIONSHIP OF SALVATION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.** This message would deal with a vital question before church people today. The popular idea, taught by most organized churches, is that church membership constitutes salvation. In this message the pastor could deal with the New Birth.

**BELIEVERS' BAPTISM BY IMMERSION.** Contrary to what many people think about us, our preachers do not deal with this subject too much. This will answer many questions that our people are going to have to answer in regard to the ecumenical movement today. Only believers should be baptized. There is no other baptism than immersion. Infant sprinkling comes from the Roman Catholic Church. If we teach our people what the New Testament teaches about baptism it will help them to understand why we are so careful to guard the New Testament church.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.** Our people need to know that so many of the churches believe in overhead authority. This is one of the main reasons we have a problem in working with other churches in a co-operative work. A New Testament church is a law unto itself. There is no man or no group of men or no outside ecclesiastical authority that has authority over any Baptist church. This is hard for our friends of other churches to understand, but at

least our people need to know and understand this.

**CO-OPERATION BETWEEN NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES.** The pastor in this message can show the value of co-operation with churches of like faith and order in winning the lost to Christ and establishing other churches all over the world.

We can teach our people, continue to establish New Testament churches and still maintain a Christian spirit toward those Christians who differ with us.

Along with preaching on these vital doctrines every pastor should conduct a class for instructing new Christians about the New Testament church. It is absolutely essential that the new convert should learn these things as early in his Christian life as possible.

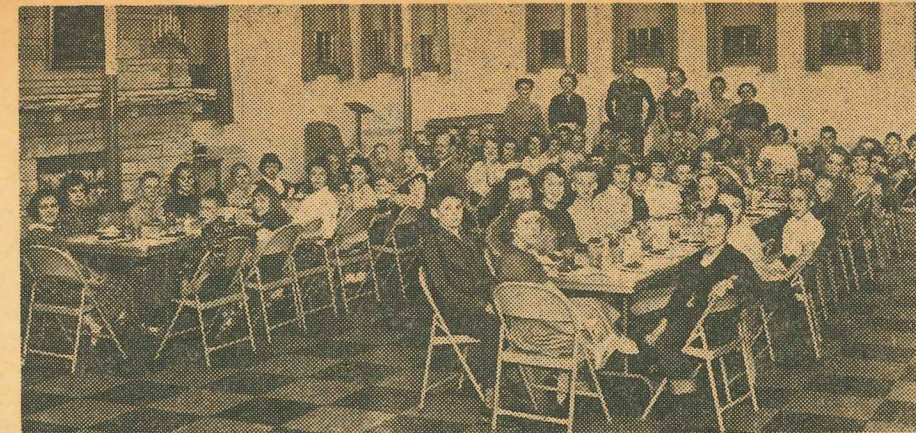
If Southern Baptist pastors will see the importance of giving this information to their people, it will be one of the greatest forces for maintaining our present churches and establishing others.

Our people will be under pressure more and more in the years ahead to lay aside their convictions about the New Testament and go in the direction of a community church. The greatest safeguard against this creeping paralysis is our evangelistic emphasis and a well informed membership.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 16, 1955

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)		T.U.	S.S.
Church			
Anchorage, Pleasant Grove (1)	108	239	
Ashland, First (2)	100	741	
Unity	103	476	
Barbourville (2)	140	485	
Bardstown		344	
Beaver Dam (1)	194	474	
Bellevue	85	442	
Benton, First	98	228	
Bowling Green, First (2)	324	1,285	
Briensburg	90	205	
Campbellsville (3)	232	714	
Pleasant Hill	173	283	
South Campbellsville		278	
Carrollton, First		224	
Central City	242	441	
Clay, First		225	
Corbin, First	130	390	
Central (1)	155	536	
Covington, Calvary		695	
First (1)	146	414	
Latonia (2)	295	1,070	
South Side	117	520	
Crestwood		79	
Cynthiana (2)		445	
Danville, First (3)	232	722	
Lexington Avenue (1)	135	587	
Dayton, First	43	256	
Dawson Springs	69	294	
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	184	857	
Erlanger	96	395	
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	137	620	
Grace	278	804	
Keck Avenue	99	290	
Walnut Street (1)		499	
Ferguson (1)	68	246	
Florence	96	375	
Fort Thomas, First (1)	82	371	

Frankfort, First (1)	128	844
Thorn Hill		423
Franklin, First		496
Fulton, First		188
Georgetown (1)		638
Glasgow (1)		85
Greensburg		219
Greenville, First		141
Harlan		373
Harrodsburg (2)		161
Hartford, First		694
Hawesville		235
Hazard (2)		914
Hazel		122
Henderson, First		250
Immanuel Temple (1)		65
Hima, Horse Creek		233
Hodgenville, First (1)		96
Hopkinsville, First (1)		423
Second		81
Hudgins, Aetna Grove		272
Junction City		190
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial		601
Lebanon, First (1)		141
Leitchfield, First		723
Lexington, Calvary (1)		230
Fellowship		429
Grace (2)		150
Porter Memorial		759
Rosemont		827
London, First (1)		215
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle		237
Baptist Temple		287
Beechland		467
Beechmont (2)		245
Beechwood		855
Bethany		630
Bethlehem		783
Broadway		623
Buechel		286
Carlisle Avenue (2)		562
Clifton (1)		676
Crescent Hill (2)		288
Eastern Parkway		579
Eighteenth Street		995
Fairdale (2)		230
Farmdale		303
Franklin Street		303
Gethsemane		289
Harmony		372
Hazelwood (1)		309
Highland		412
Highland Park First		424
Immanuel		1,051
Jeffersonton		99
Kenwood		645
Lynn Acres		318
Okolona		437
Parkland (1)		402
St. Matthews (1)		406
Shawnee		255
Shively (1)		341
South Jefferson		248
Southside (1)		456
Third Avenue		1,005
Twenty-third and Broadway (2)		818
Valley View		447
Victory Memorial (2)		901
Virginia Avenue		691
Walnut Street (4)		609
West Broadway (1)		649
West Side		672
Ludlow, First		80
Madisonville, First		211
Marion		269
Mayfield, First		315
Middlesboro, First (5)		1,740
East Cumberland Avenue		672
Monticello, First		413
Morganfield, First (1)		460
Morgantown (1)		2,039
Mt. Washington		268
Murray, First		920
Newport, First (2)		758
Trinity		342
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)		263
Eaton Memorial		502
First (1)		143
Hall Street (1)		280
Seven Hills		888
Third (1)		757
Paducah, First (2)		200
Oaklawn (1)		567
Olivet (1)		445
Trinity		1,009
Twelfth Street (1)		188
Paintsville, First (2)		283
Paris, Central		370
First		1,157
Pikeville, First (3)		662
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial (7)		338
Princeton, First (1)		81
Second (1)		237
Russellville, First (1)		190
Somerset, Calvary		167
First		409
Pleasant Hill No. 2		85
Sonora		247
Springfield, First		331
		291
		446
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**BRAZILIAN SUPPER.**—The fifteenth auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Third Baptist Church of Owensboro, has been organized. This means that about 350 young persons are receiving missionary training. These include 3 Sunbeams (which still need dividing), 5 Junior Girls' Auxiliaries; 2 Intermediate G. A. S., one Junior Y. A., one Intermediate R. A., a combined R. A. Chapter, and 2 Y. W. A. S. Three of the younger groups belong to Temple Baptist. Five of the Junior organizations who meet regularly Monday afternoon are shown in the Brazilian supper picture above. Mrs. Joe E. Morgan is the Young People's Director.

## Sadler Hopeful Madrid Church Will Be Opened

RICHMOND, Va. — Jose Maria de Areilza, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, has indicated that he will do what he can to bring about the re-opening of the Second Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, which has been closed by Government order since July 17, according to Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Sadler, accompanied by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Public Affairs Committee, talked with the Ambassador in Washington January 7.

"He was most gracious," Dr. Sadler said. "He is going to Spain within the next 10 days and would like to meet with Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptists' senior missionary in Spain. He is going to try to get the church opened. It is his opinion that its closing should

## Correction

The December 16, 1954, issue of the *Western Recorder* showed the tabulation of Receipts for Associational Year 1953-54. On page 15 of that issue, column three, there was reported:

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION	Program	nated
	Co-op.	Desig-
Liberty Association		12.65
Glasgow	10,993.33	1,915.16

The first column of these two items have been changed, making the items read as follows:

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION	Co-op.	Desig-
	Program	nated
Liberty Association	119.98	12.65
Glasgow	10,873.35	1,915.16

We are glad to make these corrections.

be temporary. He believes that there can be coexistence between Protestants and Catholics in Spain."

The Ambassador asked Baptists to cooperate by helping their people to keep the civil laws of Spain, Dr. Sadler said.

## Miss Stokmann Ends Career As Baptist Book Store Manager

(Continued from Page 12)

Miss Stokmann does not claim to "know" books as perhaps some others do, but she lives them, and she loves to sell them, for she realizes that the influence of books on the lives of those who read them can never be surpassed. She says she has always been careful to direct young readers to books that will contribute to the worthwhile things in life.

A fellow book store manager told Miss Stokmann: "Somehow I like to think of you as one who holds the key that unlocks so many treasures. Yes, books are great treasure chests of wonderful ideas born in the very souls of men but hidden behind various coverings until some rare magnetic soul seeks them out and passes them along to others, suiting the various ideas to the particular need of the seeker. Continue to unlock these chests from your golden store of knowledge and experience."

Miss Stokmann has the "key" to unlock those chests and her Kentucky friends, and others far and wide, shall continue to be influenced by her "golden store of knowledge and experience" through having known her through the years.

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## Georgetown Students Are Promoting a Swimming Instruction Pool

GEORGETOWN, Jan. 14. — Death of a Georgetown College alumnus by drowning is spurring efforts of Georgetown College students to complete the college swimming instruction pool by spring. The pool has been unfinished in the basement of the gymnasium since the gym was built in 1925.

Lewis N. Pulliam, whose death in Kentucky Lake last summer has focused attention anew on the need for a pool, would have saved his life if he had been able to swim 40 feet, according to reports of the tragedy. It is the ambition of the present student body at Georgetown that every graduate of the college shall be able to swim upon completing his college career.

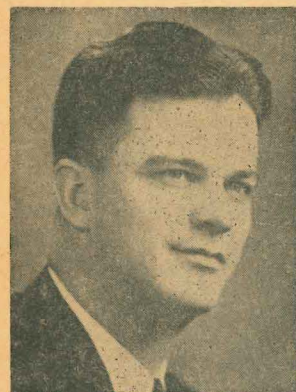
Much of the \$10,000 required for the completion of the pool has been subscribed already by the students themselves.

► *Civilization:* A state of society in which the newspapers devote three pages to sport and one four-line paragraph to education.—*Dublin Opinion, in Quote.*

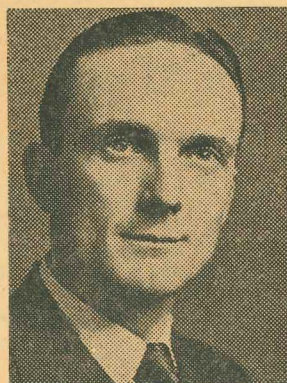
## Sunday School Department

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT, State Secretary

# REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS



Dr. Carl Giers



Dr. H. Leo Eddleman

We are fortunate in securing some outstanding leaders to serve as inspirational speakers and conference leaders during our Regional Conventions, February 7-18, 1955.

The following are our inspirational speakers: Dr. Carl Giers, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College; Dr. W. C. Boone, and Rev. Eldred Taylor.

Four departmental leaders of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be with us the first week. They are: Miss Emma Noland, Nursery; Miss Helen Young, Beginner; Mrs. L. J. Willis, Junior; and Miss Caroline D. Henderson, Young People.

Other speakers and conference leaders are: Rev. Dan Thomas, Mrs. Lawrence Holzschuh, Mrs. Paul Fox, Mrs. Fred Hardy, Miss Mary Ella Davis, Mrs. R. B. Hooks, Lawrence Holzschuh, Chester Igleheart, and Roy E. Boatwright.

The dates and meeting places are:

Western Region .....	First Church, Sturgis, February 7
Southwestern Region ....	First Church, Clinton, February 8
Southern Region ....	First Church, Russellville, February 10
Central Region	South Jefferson Church, Louisville, Feb. 11
North Central Region..	Central Church, Winchester, Feb. 14
Northeastern Region .....	First Church, Jackson, Feb. 15
Southeastern Region .....	First Church, Pineville, Feb. 17
South Central Region..	First Church, Campbellville, Feb. 18

## Fourth Anniversary of Pastor Prue H. Kelly Observed at Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Ky., Jan. 5.—Pastor Prue H. Kelly's fourth anniversary at the First Baptist Church of Springfield was observed January 2.

During the four years of his leadership the work has made definite advancement. About 250 have been received into the membership, making a total of more than 800 members. The Sunday school has almost doubled in enrollment and is standard now. The budget has tripled. An active Brotherhood has been organized and has led in the organization of an associational Brotherhood. The attendance of the morning worship is such that during the summer two morning services are held. The church has a weekly radio broadcast over WLBN on Sundays, and sponsors The Baptist Hour over the same station.

Four years ago the church erected an educational building under the leadership of Pastor Lloyd Hellams. This building has been filled to capacity, and the 1955 budget includes an item to start a new Building Fund.

The church has set up a fund in the budget to bring a missionary each month to the church to speak to our people about the work of their field. It is felt that this will challenge our people to a greater work for Christ.

Also, a change has been made in the Radio Service to our people. We have gone from the 30-minute program at 8 o'clock each Sunday to a 45-minute program of the regular morning worship.

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There's a lot of human failure in the average of us all;

And lots of grave shortcomings in the short ones and the tall.

But when we think of evils men should lay upon the shelves,

It's time we all went out to take a walk around ourselves.


We need so often in this life the balancing of scales,

This seeing how much in us wins and how much in him fails.

Before we judge another, just lay him on the shelf,

It would be a splendid plan to take a walk around yourself.

Bulletin—  
First Church, Somerset



## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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### MEET OUR SPEAKERS

Let me introduce you to the Brotherhood speakers for the annual tours to be held February 28-March 11. These are, for the first week, E. M. (Buddy) Coleman, and David T. Mashburn for



David T. Mashburn



E. M. Coleman

the second week. Mr. Coleman is Office Manager of the Brotherhood Commission and Mr. Mashburn is an Associate Secretary. They will warm our hearts with messages of information and challenge. Following is the schedule for both weeks:

#### FIRST WEEK

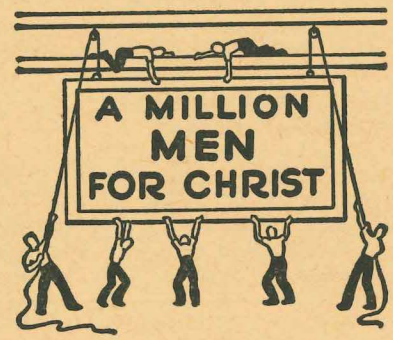
- February 28—Unity Church, Ashland
- March 1—Hindman Baptist Church
- March 2—Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School
- March 3—First Church, Somerset
- March 4—Immanuel Church, Lexington

#### SECOND WEEK

- March 7—First Church Mayfield
- March 8—First Church, Owensboro
- March 9—Bethel College
- March 10—First Church, Bowling Green
- March 11—Severns Valley, Elizabethtown

Our part on the programs will be at night time beginning at seven o'clock.

Plan now to attend the meeting to be held nearest you. If possible, attend the afternoon sessions which begin at 2:30 o'clock. Other speakers for the first week will include Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, President of Georgetown College, and Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Dr. H. C. Chiles, pastor, First Church, Murray; and Dr. W. Fred Kendall, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, Tennessee; will be with us the second week. Dr. W. C. Boone, our general secretary, will be in charge of the meetings. We would urge every man who possibly can to attend the entire program. If you cannot attend the day time part of the program be sure to attend the night session when Brotherhood work will be emphasized.



### BROTHER PASTOR!

Brother Pastor, if you do not have a Brotherhood, we would prayerfully urge you to consider leading your men to organize this year. We now have over 350 local Brotherhoods with an enrollment of over 11,500 men. You are the key man. Let us hear from you. Our time and energy is at your command. Remember, "The difference in churches is the enlisted manpower."

## The Real Meaning of REPENTANCE

(Continued from Page 6)

Lastly no discussion of repentance is complete without pointing out what repentance does for the individual.

It is here that the need for true understanding is most greatly seen. It will first of all prepare the foundation for the new life in Christ. The clarion call of John, "Repent ye for the kingdom is

at hand," is not outdated, nor is it anachronistic. It is as up-to-date as the latest news broadcast. The Kingdom truly is at hand for those who will change their entire outlook toward sin and put their hands unreservedly in the hand of Christ. Secondly when applied to the grudges and crosses of life, re-

pentance will act as a catalyst which will continue across the years to make one's life sweeter.

Finally, man's sense of values which are based on the mind of flesh are entirely changed when man through repentance accepts the mind of Christ.

Several days ago I entered the hospital room of a lovely lady who was dying of an incurable disease. She was a member of another church in our city which is at this time pastorless, and I went there to bring the family what comfort I could in the Name of Christ. I found the wife in a coma. The husband then told me how the night before she had been somewhat delirious, and while they were alone she had taken a journey into the land beyond the river. As he sat alone in the semi-darkness of the room he had heard her as she had talked to her father, who had gone on years before, and then with some friends. Finally, she described for him the beauties of Heaven itself. And then consciousness fully returning, she told him that life beyond this life held no terrors for her and that he was not even to pray that she be kept here. Then with the tears shining on his face, he said, "This will make me more careful of the things for which I pray from now on." Repentance will help us to change our life's values. As we face the opportunities which are ours in the great Simultaneous Crusade before us and those which are ours daily, it is my prayer that we might stress repentance to the end that many shall be turned unto righteousness.

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For February 6, 1955

By H. C. Chiles

# The Grace of God

Nothing in all the world is comparable to God's marvelous grace. His matchless grace is one of the most amazing things. It is a subject which is frequently mentioned but only partially understood. Perhaps this precious word, "grace," is one of the least understood of all of the great words in our Christian vocabulary.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God bestowed upon undeserving men. It is the mercy and kindness of God toward us through Christ Jesus. To every well-instructed child of God the word "grace" has a sweet sound. To others it is hateful because it does away with the merits of sinners.

Man did not deserve salvation. Neither did he solicit it. It was entirely the result of God's grace. His grace made the necessary arrangements, devised the astounding plan, determined the means, provided the Saviour, delivered the message and applied it to the soul. Grace is the source of all the blessings we receive from God.

## I JOHN 4:10

In the very essence of His being, God is love. God's love is universal, unchanging, unending and unfailing. It is infinite, inexpressible, immeasurable, incomprehensible and inexhaustible.

God wants us to realize fully that we are the objects of His wonderful, yea, almost incredible love. He is anxious for us to live in the devout and habitual contemplation of His infinite love. Knowing that God's love was calculated to excite the admiration, appreciation and devotion of his readers, John challenged them to look at it penitently, appropriatingly, adoringly and gratefully. We must never forget that God did not bestow His unparalleled, unmerited, unsolicited, unchangeable and unending love on the amiable, the attractive, the worthy, or the lovable, but upon those who were in active rebellion against Him.

God's marvelous love has been revealed to men in numerous ways, but never so clearly and fully as when He sent His only begotten Son into this world to suffer and to die on the cross as the propitiation for our sins. Christ Jesus expressed His love for us by dying in our stead, in order that we might have life through Him.

"Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan! Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!

Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span At Calvary!"

## EPHESIANS 2:4-9

God's Word deals with man as a sinner, hostile to God and destitute of

spiritual life. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 51:5. "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." Ecclesiastes 7:20. Repeatedly God's Word reminds us of man's great need and God's greatest gift, which is salvation. There is no difference in the need of salvation because all have sinned. Salvation from sin certainly demands thoughtful consideration.

### 1. The provision of salvation.

Salvation means deliverance from the penalty of sin, from the power of sin, and eventually from the presence of sin. It is the greatest blessing that has ever been offered to man. Salvation has its origin in the matchless grace and marvelous love of God. As an expression of His love for lost sinners, God sent His only begotten Son into the world to redeem them. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." I Corinthians 15:3.

### 2. The plan of salvation.

(1) It is by grace.

"For by grace are ye saved." Salvation was purposed in the mind of God, promoted by the love of God and perfected by the Son of God. The Word of God plainly tells us that salvation is a gift from God. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Salvation cannot be merited or purchased, for it is a gift from the Lord, without any limitations except that it be accepted. Some try to obtain salvation through personal efforts and meritorious works, but they do so in the face of the fact that God's Word states that it is an utter impossibility. What can be plainer than emphatic statements like the following? "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5. Man must accept salvation as a gift from God or he will never receive it. Anything that anybody does to try to earn salvation is an abomination in the sight of God.

(2) It is through faith.

Salvation is provided by grace and becomes ours through faith. "For by grace are ye saved through faith." This passage plainly states that salvation is obtained through faith and not by works. Faith is simply the hand that receives

the gift which the Lord presents to us. According to the Bible, salvation is by grace through faith plus nothing.

God's mercy, love and grace have exalted every believer so much that he or she is not only saved, but greater still is seated in the heavenlies in Christ. The riches of His mercy are seen in the degradation and ruin from which it delivers us and in the glory and blessedness to which we are raised.

### TITUS 2:11-14

This passage sets forth some tremendous truths about the glorious gospel of grace. In this world we shall never be able to understand the full meaning of the word, "grace." It is a word which characterizes the attitude of God toward men. All of the goodness, love and mercy of God are crowded into that little word. It is glorious that it has been revealed to us.

Salvation is the consequence of the revelation of the grace of God. Had it not been for the grace of God, salvation would not have come within our reach. No merit of ours ever called it forth, and no work of ours will ever entitle us to receive it as a reward. Nothing except the grace of God can bring salvation. God's marvelous grace has made salvation available to all classes and to all ages. The grace of God knows nothing of race, country or clime. It has appeared for the benefit of all men. It offers salvation to all who will believe on Christ. This salvation is revealed for the benefit of all and must be proclaimed to all.

Since "the grace of God that bringeth salvation" has been revealed to us, those of us who are Christians should be engaged in three things:

#### 1. Learning from Christ.

God's grace instructs and disciplines us. Having been born into the family of God, we must be learners or disciples of Christ. We learn from Him through the Holy Scriptures, prayer, meditation, reading, godly teachers and various experiences.

#### 2. Living for Christ.

The purpose of our learning from Christ is that we may live for Him. Our learning must be translated into living. These verses teach us what we are to cease connection with—ungodly and worldly lusts, and instruct us what to do—to live soberly, righteously and godly.

#### 3. Looking for Christ.

"Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." What is meant by "that blessed hope?" It is the hope of Christ's second coming in glory, at which time we shall rise from the dead, if we have fallen asleep, and if we are alive, we shall be changed. The hope of His return is a living, glorious, blessed, purifying and comforting one. It is a great stimulus to victorious living and Christian activity.

# Milestones and Millstones

By T. C. HAMM  
217 Illinois Street  
Paducah, Kentucky

"Amid the crowds of the court, or the forum, or the street, or the marketplace, where every thought of every soul seems to be set upon the excitements of ambition, or of business, or of pleasure, there too, even there, the Still Small Voice of the Holy Bible will be heard, and the soul, aided by some blessed word, may find wings like a dove, may fly away and be at rest." Wm. E. Gladstone.

At a time when hope seemed hopeless, an alcoholic once pulled up from the Stygian morass of his private hell long enough to listen to a Still Small Voice which said, "Wilt thou be made whole?"

The aftermath and the wreckage around his bottle had left him suspended by the rope of indecision and it was into this opening that the devil drove his entering wedge, "Don't admit the bottle has you licked—just say it has you licked for now. Don't say you want to be made whole—just say you would be made partly whole."

This seemed like a more comfortable angle. So he said in his heart, "I won't quit—I'll slack off. Next time, I'll tell Joe I just want a couple—no more. And so, the Still Small Voice faded, SINCE IT ACCEPTS NO COMPROMISE!"

And so the next time gave way to the next, on and on, but the order and the crave never stood on two drinks. Each circuit in his cyclotron of drink carried him to new, thrilling level on beautiful, mystic sky-trains with unexplored and uncharted destinations.

But just as inevitably these elevations suddenly collapsed into screaming, moaning power dives plunging into endless eternities of counting the cost and enduring the torturing illusions and delusions which pierced the fabric of his consciousness in a relentless disintegration of reason and sanity, capped by

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the awful truth that each cold sweat was inching him nearer the cold slab.

The enslavement of body and soul carried him deeper and deeper into the pit prepared for him, to the point that he could never name the Shylock who had robbed him, nor catalog his thoughts which crawled through the dark corridors of his consciousness like a fat spider whose body was bursting with poisonous venom.

Yet here, even here, when there was no hope, and no help, a thin shaft of light knifed through to the core of his hell and momentarily sustained him. It was the thought of the one drink which he knew could not save him, but which might provide intermission for the unwinding of the torture, the shame, and the oblivion he was tracing on his blueprint of life.

Suddenly here, here, while he

# Bombardment of Liquor Ads Shows Results

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BP) — Constant bombardment of the liquor ads appearing in national magazines has begun to show results. One publication alone, the huge *Life* magazine showed a million dollar decline in liquor ad revenues for 1954.

On the basis of single insertion cost, *Life's* liquor advertising revenue for 1953 was \$11,024,024 and for 1954, \$9,945,320 a decrease of \$1,078,704.

The decrease was partly attributed to the National Temperance and Prohibition Council's crusade against liquor advertising. The council gave special attention to *Life* magazine due to the magnitude and highly artistic character of its liquor ads. The magazine was bombarded with protests against its liquor advertisements by those participating in this crusade from all over the United States.

At the hearings against liquor advertising, before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate at Washington this past summer, special mention was made of the magnitude of *Life's* liquor ads, of its circulation of over 5,000,000, and of its claimed readership of over 25,000,000, many of whom are children or youth in their teens.

The Temperance and Prohibition Council is now inaugurating a more intensive campaign to be focused chiefly upon *Life* magazine. For the month of

floundered on the very brink of the pit which claimed him, the Still Small Voice whispered again . . . perhaps for the last time . . . "Wilt thou be made whole?" He was not sure that it was audible, neither was he sure that it wasn't—but one thing he was sure of: "It spoke with authority!"

In the agony of a soul in hell he cried from the depths: "Yes, Lord, I want to be made whole, totally, fully, altogether whole, without reservation."

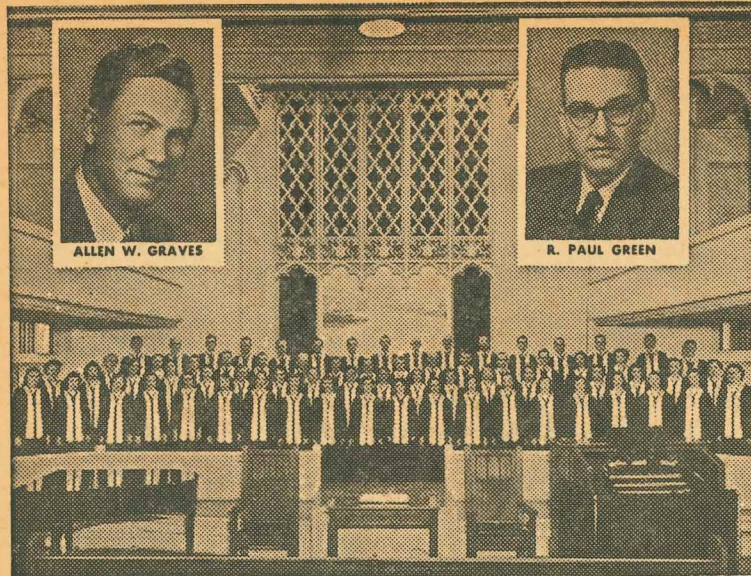
Immediate, electrifying peace descended in a glorious, thrilling wonderment beyond all description and beyond all comparison—this was truly The New Birth. And as the shift was made from his sagging, defeated shoulders to those of the upright, righteous Saviour of all mankind, the Still Small Voice came through in simple, yet powerful explanation, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

And as he embraced the golden milestone which now towered on his blueprint of life, the Voice left him his crowning legacy: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son" (Rev. 21:7).

## Correction

In a review of "This I Believe About Jesus" by Miss Ruby Dell Baugher it was stated that she is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana. We are informed that she is a member of the Woodland Baptist Church of Ohio Valley Association. We again state that her book can be purchased by addressing Miss Baugher at 1513 South Kentucky Avenue, Evansville 14, Kentucky.

►An opportunist is one who sees his duty and gets someone else to do it.—Quote.



**ALLEN W. GRAVES ON RADIO.** "Frontiers of Faith," a religious program produced by NBC Television each Sunday, will feature Dr. Allen W. Graves, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, as preacher, January 30, 1955, at 1:30 p. m. (EST). A former chairman of the Radio and Television Commission, Dr. Graves has been pastor of the 2,800-member Oklahoma church for the past four years. R. Paul Green, minister of music for the Tulsa Church, will direct the choir in presenting the music portion of the nation-wide telecast. For station and time in your community, consult your local newspapers.

## FALLEN ASLEEP

**MRS. LUCILLE HENDERSON LUCAS**  
OAKLAND, Ky., Nov. 16, 1954. — God in His infinite wisdom called our beloved member, Mrs. Lucille Henderson Lucas, to her eternal rest on July 22, 1954. She had been a member of the Oakland Baptist Church since early childhood.

She leaves a devoted husband, Arch Lucas; a son, Howard Irvin Lucas; and two lovely granddaughters, all of Smiths Grove, Kentucky. One brother, Reed Henderson, Franklin, Ky., and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family with the prayer that God will comfort and sustain them even in so great a loss.—Oakland Baptist Church Committee on Resolutions.

### MRS. O. M. JOHNSTON

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst on October 22, 1954 our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. O. M. Johnston.

We, the members of the T.E.L. Class and W.M.S. of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Kentucky, do hereby express to her family our heartfelt sympathy. Her influence will continue to live to inspire and encourage others to nobler living. Her beautiful spirit of devotion to her church work shall linger long in our memories.

Therefore be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Western Recorder, a copy to the family, and one be placed in our records.—COMMITTEE: Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Mrs. Alvis Mercer.

### MRS. ANNIE RILEY

BARDSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 7. — Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Annie Riley, therefore we the members of the Bardstown Baptist Business Women Circle hereby extend to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and prayers that they may know the comfort and sustaining help of our Heavenly Father in their sorrow.

Her humble Christian spirit, winsome smile, her dependability, her untiring devotion for others, and her patience in many trials and

Church—even during the week and months of her last illness she attended all meetings as often as she was physically able to get to the church.

God had blessed her with unusual talents for leadership, which she was always ready to use as a good steward for His glory. In 1952, she wrote a comprehensive history of the missionary activities of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church through the years since its organization, which will continue to be a source of information through the coming years.

In the going of Mrs. Ison we have suffered a great loss. Memories of her and her long and loyal service will ever linger in our hearts, inspiring us to give of our best to the missionary work at home and abroad.

This resolution to be entered on the record of our Missionary Society, a copy sent to her family, and a copy to the Western Recorder.—MRS. CHARLES W. BELL, MRS. ERANEST PREWITT, and MRS. W. B. MORRIS, Committee.

### J. PAUL RICH

God in His infinite wisdom  
Has taken our loved one away,  
We with our limited knowledge  
Had wished that with us he might stay.

We bow in humble submission,  
Awaiting that wonderful time,  
When God shall open the portals  
Saying, "Welcome, all you who are mine."

We know our loved one's in glory,  
With all of the angel band,  
And we know sometime in the future  
By his side we shall surely stand.

Now the time seems long in waiting  
Our circle to re-unite,  
But God in His marvelous wisdom  
Will help us fight the good fight.

We shall not hang our heads in sorrow,  
For that would not honor God,  
Rather smile and say, "Thy will be done,"  
On the Glory Road which he trod.  
Mrs. J. Paul Rich—1106 Mt. Allen Road,  
Park Hill, Covington, Kentucky.

►The big event at the New Year's eve service at the East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson, W. Va., was the burning of the note, marking the end of payments for the parsonage of the church. Pastor Ralph W. Halliwill and Chairman Wilton Fields, head of the deacons, participated in the ceremony. The pastor's home was erected in 1950 and 1951 at a cost of \$25,000.

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## The Winds Fan the Flames, Which Find the Friends of Woodland Baptist Church

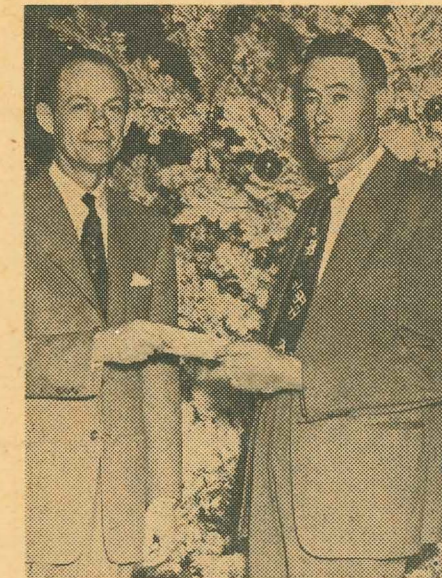
By **ROBERT F. MARTIN, Pastor**  
First Baptist Church

GREENVILLE, Ky. — Two miles southeast of Greenville lay a white frame church building nestled in a shady cove of trees just a stone's throw from the highway. Every day as motorists passed the little church they were prompted to say a prayer as they journeyed on their way. Every Lord's Day fathers and mothers and boys and girls came to this hallowed place to worship.

But on the blustery Saturday morning of November 13, the Woodland Baptist Church caught fire and burned to the ground. The pastor, Brother Fred Fox, and his people could only stand by and watch as their meeting house was engulfed in angry flames.

Happily, however, the embers had not died away before Christian neighbors offered their sentiments of regret and their promises to help. The good people of Woodland were overjoyed to learn that they had so many true friends. The pastor rallied his congregation together and conducted services in the courthouse. Plans were made to rebuild, and pledges and gifts were received toward this goal.

Among those who have proved to be loyal neighbors is the First Baptist Church of Greenville. Shown in the picture is Wayne Cisney, chairman of



the deacons, presenting a check to P. H. Campbell, treasurer of Woodland. To date \$2,300 have been given by the First Church of Greenville to be applied on the construction of the new house of worship for Woodland. The probability is that construction will begin in the early Spring.

## BOOK REVIEWS

"BIOGRAPHICAL PREACHING FOR TODAY," by Andrew W. Blackwood. Published by Abingdon Press, Nashville 2, Tenn. Price \$3.00.

Dr. Blackwood, the teacher of preachers, in this book presents the effectiveness of biographical preaching in our day. He shows the preacher, young or old, how to present the characters of the Bible so that they stand out and meet the soul needs of men and women in the pew today. The work is divided into two parts. The first, on preaching strategy, helps the reader to realize the needs of the congregation before him. He covers topics as the man outside, the needs of the nominal member, the desires of young people and the demands of special occasions. The second part, on sermon tactics, shows the preacher how to make the Bible characters live. Many seed thoughts for sermons can be found in this book which is good for preachers, laymen and others who must often address Christian groups. Contact your Baptist Book Store for your copy.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"THE BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR," edited by Joseph S. Excell. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Price \$4.50.

This particular book deals with James, but is one of fifty-seven volumes of a set called The Biblical Illustrator. The subscription price for the entire set is \$4.50 per volume. The Baker Book House is to be commended for bringing again into print so many great classics in the religious field. In the fifty-seven volumes of the set, every passage of every book of the Bible is profusely treated,

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# Kentucky Baptist Children's Home News

By C. FORD DEUSNER, Superintendent  
Glendale, Kentucky



## OUR THREE SETS OF TWINS

In our large family the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale has three sets of twins shown in the picture above. They are: Raymond and Donald Graham from Louisville; Tommy and Barbara Boccock from West Point and Eddie and Patricia Knight from Whitley City.

### 216 CHILDREN

This 216 was the total number of children under the care of our institution on January 1, 1955, and 257 children were cared for by our Home last year. The last to come in, a family of four girls from Springfield, Ky., were received on December 11, making 205 of our children living with us at Glendale. The others are in foster homes, or away in school. As of the first of the year, we have made provision to care for an additional 20 girls in our big dormitory. Already applications are coming in, and soon this space, too, will be filled.

### SUPERINTENDENT RECOVERS

On November 4, while en route back to Glendale from a speaking engagement in Covington, Ky., Superintendent C. Ford Deusner was injured in an auto-

mobile accident near Muldraugh, Ky. He sustained a fractured skull and six broken ribs, and spent 15 days in the hospital. The Home's car was damaged beyond repair. Superintendent Deusner returned to his office the first week in December. He desires to take this opportunity to express his appreciation and gratitude to a host of friends throughout Kentucky and elsewhere who indicated interest and concern, and who prayed for his recovery.

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Usually our children are at home for one week at Christmas. This year past, because of the week-day upon which Christmas came, the holiday season was for us unusually extended. Consequently about one third of our children left the Home to spend a little time with relatives and sponsors. We had the

usual heavy mail, with gift packages galore for every child. There was an abundance of Christmas "treat," to pass around between meals. On Christmas Eve, Old Santa made his round to all the cottages and dormitories. On Christmas Day, in beautifully decorated dining rooms, we sat down to a dinner of "turkey with all the trimmings." On different days, groups of our children were entertained at Fort Knox, until every child in the Home had attended at least one party there. They came back tired, but hilarious, and loaded down with lovely gifts given to them by the soldiers stationed there. During the entire holiday season we had not one "casualty!"

### GREAT THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Although the figures are by no means all in, it appears now that Kentucky Baptists have made another record offering at Thanksgiving for the support of their children's homes. Already, as of December 31, 1954, we have received directly and from our state office in Louisville the sum of \$38,480.98, which is \$2,863.90 more than we had received from all sources at the same time last year. The continued faith of our Kentucky Baptist people in our child-care program humbles us, but at the same time fills us with gratitude to God and a determination to do even a better job.

### HONOR ROLL PUPILS

For the second period of the school year, 66 of our boys and girls achieved Honor Roll distinction. This means that all of their grades were either "A" or "B." We have 190 children from the Home attending Glendale School, and to have 66 of them on the Honor Roll is something of which we are very proud. On the night of January 5, we had a special recognition service for them in our Play-Assembly Building.

### NEW FARM MANAGER

In mid-fall, Mr. George Sturgeon, our farm manager for the past seven years, resigned to re-enter the teaching profession. He has moved to North Carolina where he is teaching agriculture in the high school at Williston. To fill this vacancy on our staff, Mr. J. Mac Brown, of Glendale, has been selected. Mr. Brown is a farmer of life-long experience, and is well acquainted with our Home and its problems. For a number of years he has served on our Farm Advisory Board. He is a loyal member of our local Baptist church. We are very happy over his acceptance of this important position.