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►Ichiro Hatoyama, who succeeded Shigeru Yoshida last month as Japan's premier, is a Baptist. His wife is the president of Kyoritsu Women's University in Japan, which was founded by his mother.

►Miss Flora Dodson, Southern Baptist missionary to Hong Kong who is in the states on sick leave, has moved from Somerset to Lexington, where her address is 210 State Street. She is a native of Monticello.

►Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Southern Baptist missionary to South Brazil who is in the States on furlough, has moved from Louisville to Austin, Texas, where her address is 2702 McCullough. She is a native of Caneyville, Ky.

►A folder announcing the 1955 program for the summer at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C., is now ready for distribution, according to R. L. Middleton, director of the business division, Baptist Sunday School Board. Copies are available from the Ridgecrest Assembly manager, Willard K. Weeks.

►Mr. and Mrs. William Harlan McGinnis, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Gold Coast, may be addressed at Box 19, c/o Assembly of God, Takoradi, Gold Coast. Mrs. McGinnis is a native of Louisville, where she and Mr. McGinnis make their permanent American home.

►Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eugene Torstrick, Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Chile, have arrived in Costa Rica, where they are attending language school. Their address is Apartado 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica. Both are natives of Louisville. Mrs. Torstrick is the former Shirley Lee.

►Pastor Calvin D. Fields has resigned at the First Baptist Church, Fleming, Kentucky, to take up work as associational missionary of the Salem Association, Ekron, Kentucky, in which association he formerly held a pastorate. He is a veteran of the U. S. Marines in World War II, a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He is a native of Whitesburg.

►William and Paul Sullivan were ordained to the Gospel ministry by the North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, January 9. Serving on the council were Brethren J. R. Puckett, E. D. Davis, O. C. Markham, A. W. Landis, R. W. Allman, J. H. Currin, W. G. Sullivan, Charles Perkins and W. A. Sloan and 51 other preachers and deacons. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sullivan.

►Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Willham, Mobile, Alabama, announce the birth of a daughter, Eleasa, January 14, 1955. They have another daughter, Johanna, four years old. Brother Willham graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary

in May, and June 1 he went to be assistant pastor to Dr. Howard M. Reeves at the First Baptist Church in Mobile. Mrs. Willham was formerly Miss Gene Gardner, of Harrodsburg, Ky.

►Thomas Ramage was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church, Ludlow, Ky., January 9, 1955. He had been examined the night before by a council of pastors from several neighboring churches and was found to be excellently qualified for ordination. Pastor J. E. Howell served as moderator and the ordination sermon was delivered by Pastor Thomas Hicks Shelton, of Latonia Church. Bro. Ramage has accepted the pastorate of the Wood Memorial Chapel, Covington, and is attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

**\$1,297,123 of Advance Program Receipts Goes To Foreign Missions**

RICHMOND, Va. — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reported at its January meeting the receipts of \$1,297,123 from the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention for the advance of foreign missions. The \$1,297,123 is the Foreign Mission Board's share in Cooperative Program funds over and above the fixed budget of the Convention.

►The Rev. Gordon Clinard, Huntsville, Texas, joined the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary January 1 as assistant professor of preaching. A native of Springfield, Tenn., he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Huntsville, since 1952. He has also held pastorates in Burleson, Texas, Joshua, Texas, and in Tennessee. A graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., Mr. Clinard holds the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary and has completed residence work on post-graduate studies there. He will specialize in the areas of speech, radio and television.

►Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, celebrated the 110th anniversary of its founding on January 29 with the formal inauguration of Dr. Arthur Tyson as president. Dr. Tyson assumed the duties of president September 1, coming from a professorship in East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, but his formal inauguration was delayed so that it might be a part of the annual Charter Day celebration. Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Seminary, was the guest speaker. Dr. Williams is the son, father, brother, nephew and cousin of former

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Mary Hardin-Baylor daughters. The inauguration was performed by Dr. H. A. Haswell, executive coordinator of the Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Tex. Dr. Grady Metcalf, chairman of the college's board of trustees and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Temple, presided.

**LABOR:** All labor has dignity if we perform it with dignity. It is never the task that lacks dignity.—*Good Business.*

**Praying in the Name of Jesus**

*"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask any thing in my name, I will do it." (John 14:13, 14.)*

In reading John 14:13, 14, and trying to understand it, we have often put the emphasis at the wrong place. We have read it and said, "See how much the Lord promises us."

If we truly understand the passage, we shall be impressed, not that He promises much, but that He promises so little.

Our mistake has come from putting the emphasis on the "whatsoever." We have read it as if it said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask, that will I do." As a matter of fact the Lord has not promised here or any where else to give us just anything we ask.

The key to the meaning of this passage is in the expression, "In my name." Jesus says, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do." If we can find, therefore, what He means by the expression "In my Name," we can understand what He means by this passage and what He promises to do for us.

What does He mean then by the expression, "whatsoever ye shall ask in My name?"

*Not Just a Phrase*

Of course it does not mean just to add at the end of our prayer or anywhere during the prayer, the expression "In the name of Jesus" or "For Christ's sake" or any such phrase. Prayer is not a matter of saying words.

Somehow the human mind has been obsessed with the idea that if we could just get the right combination of words and say them in the right way the Lord would give us what we desired. But this is a mistake.

Praying is not saying a certain combination of words as if there were some magical power in the words that we say. Not even the name of Jesus has that kind of a charm.

Nor does this expression mean what it is usually taken to mean. It is usually interpreted to mean that we come to God on the basis of the merit of Christ, or on the ground that He died for our sins rather than trusting in our own goodness. This is not what is meant here by praying in the name of Jesus.

In order to understand what is meant here we need to notice the verse preceding. Jesus is there talking about the work that He is committing into the hands of His people. He says that greater works than these that He has

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By DR. W. T. CONNER

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done shall be done by the one that believes on Him. It is in this connection that He says, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name."

To pray, then, in the name of Jesus is to pray as one to whom Jesus has committed His work and as one who is striving to do that work. It is to pray as the representative of Christ in the world. When He went away He committed the interests of His Kingdom to His people.

In doing this He says in substance to them: "I will not leave you to do this work in your own strength or resources, but I will put behind you the resources of heaven itself. As you go out, therefore, to do My work call upon Me for what you need in order to do that work, and I will give it."

*Only For His Cause*

Our mistake has often been this: We have thought that the Lord has promised us anything that we want and that we can call on Him and get it. We have, therefore, looked upon ourselves as His favorites and have tried to use prayer as a means of satisfying our private and often selfish desires. We have wanted an easy time, plenty of money, good health, and have often asked the Lord for them, thinking that He had promised to give them, but we have been under a misapprehension.

He promises to give only what we can and will use for the advancement of His cause. He has not promised to satisfy all of our personal and selfish desires. A man can be just as selfish in his praying as he can in anything else. Perhaps this is the reason many petitions are not answered.

When a business firm or a nation sends out a representative, it puts the resources of that firm or nation at the disposal of its representative for one purpose, and one purpose only, namely, to enable that representative to accomplish the work for which he was sent out. So when Christ sends out His representatives, He puts at their disposal His own resources, but He does this only to enable them to accomplish the work for which He has sent them into the world. They go under His guidance, His protection and with His resources at their command, but they must not undertake to use these resources for their own selfish purposes but only to

accomplish His will in their lives and in the world.

This means that a man will live just about as he prays and will pray just about as he lives. It means that his living and his praying will be on a par with each other. It means that a man can pray in the name of Jesus only as He lives in the name of Jesus. It means that if a man wants God's power he must do God's will.

*We Have His Power*

But it is a heartening thing to remember that the Lord who sends us out into the world says to us, "Call on me and I will give you whatever you need to do my work." This is where we often fail. We think that as we go to accomplish His work, we must do it in our own limited wisdom and puny strength. If there is anything that the present condition of our churches and of the cause of Christ in the world is teaching us, it is that we need a re-enforcement of divine power in order to succeed in doing God's work.

We are His representatives. We are sent out to exemplify and to propagate Christianity in the world. How poorly we will do this if we depend on our own strength! How miserably we will fail unless we have divine resources!

Christ opens up to us the throne of grace and tells us to come for whatever we need to do His work. Christianity needs today not only great workers but great prayers, and if we had great prayers the Lord Himself would work mightily in our midst.—*Baptist Messenger.*

**February 21 Deadline BWA Applications**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — February 21 has been set as the deadline for filing applications on the part of those desiring to attend the Baptist World Alliance in London, July 16-22.

Application forms may be obtained by writing to the office of Porter Routh, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. When the applications are filled out, they should be sent with the deposit to the office of the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C.

►A tragic auto accident cut into the ranks of Tennessee ministers when W. A. Fowler, Jr., and his wife lost their lives near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., on Christmas eve. Fowler was pastor of the Bonnetown Baptist Church. They left three small children.—*The Baptist Press.*

### Vacation Bible Schools Needed In Every Church

According to information from the Sunday School Board, the Vacation Bible Schools in Southern Baptist churches broke all records in 1954; for the first time the attendance topped 2,000,000 and the churches spent \$1,500,000 in promoting them.

Just as an indication of the value of the VBS, last year there were 48,000 professions of faith reported in 15,622 schools. Sibley Burnett, secretary of the work, estimates that between 55,000 and 60,000 professions of faith were made in all the schools. The total mission offerings in 17,605 schools amounted to \$369,896; and from 12,119 of the schools came \$239,791 through the Cooperative Program. Total number of schools reported was 21,557 and these schools had a participating faculty of 487,632. Seventy-three per cent of the 29,539 Baptist churches had schools, but 7,982 missed their opportunity.

The goal for 1955 is 25,000 schools. Most of the churches already have plans made and preparation is under way. All our churches should plan for a school. Faculties should be chosen carefully and the spirit of evangelism should pervade every session. Only eternity can reveal the good done through their Vacation Bible Schools. When the call comes from your pastor or his helpers, to assist in this important work, please do not refuse if you can find it possible to help; it is an open door to real opportunity.

### Florida Baptists Make Special Campaign For Stetson University

Florida Baptists are on the move for their Stetson University. They've set a goal of \$250,000 to be raised by special offerings in the churches next April 10. Last December a disastrous fire destroyed Stetson's dining room and food-preparing facilities. The \$250,000 will be used not only to rebuild but enlarge those facilities. Decision to conduct the campaign was made December 12 in a meeting of their State Mission Board at Jacksonville, the Board giving unanimous approval to the recommendation brought in by its Institution and Survey Committee. Florida Baptists number 369,294 members of 1,058 churches. Every possible effort will be made to reach the last church and member in Stetson's behalf. The drive is under way. Stetson's alumni, with the faculty and administration, will co-ordinate their efforts with the Florida Baptist Convention.

#### Quickened Interest

Everywhere there is a quickened awareness of Christian Education's importance. Awakened Baptists do not underestimate the value of their schools and colleges, nor are they blind to their great needs. This is evidenced here in Kentucky. The General Association's Basic Cooperative Program Budget for 1955 is \$1,700,000. From this Basic Budget, after certain "preferred items" have been cared for, our

schools and colleges will receive 27.5 per cent. When we have reached the Basic Budget goal, we shall go on to the total Cooperative Program goal of \$1,800,000 and our schools and colleges will then receive 75 per cent of all beyond the Basic Budget. This means that if we reach the goal of \$1,800,000 the schools and colleges will receive \$75,000 out of the last \$100,000, in addition to what was received from the Basic Budget.

Surely our churches will do their best through the Cooperative Program this year! Let us push right on toward the Basic Budget's goal and then go on to or beyond the \$1,800,000 mark. Baptists have never done what they should for their schools and colleges, and this neglect has caused the loss of many and has weakened others.

Kentucky Baptists need *right now* to go all-out for their program of Christian Education; and they need to do it, not by neglecting other highly important phases of the work but, by giving sufficient support through the Cooperative Program to guarantee growth and strength and security for their educational institutions. Let all our work expand. It is time for advance along all lines. Kentucky Baptists have the money and, we believe also, the will to give it.

### This Matter of Making Wills

A solemn word needs to be said about making wills which will further the interests of God's kingdom.

Notwithstanding the fact that a good many wealthy and near-wealthy Baptists have made their wills in a manner to benefit the agencies and institutions of their denomination in Kentucky, and though their number increases yearly, there are still comparatively few who have given serious thought to this matter. Consequently, a great deal of wealth is lost annually insofar as the denomination is concerned, and the institutions and agencies suffer because of their forgetfulness.

Though there are many poor people among us, there is also a great deal of wealth in Baptist hands; but those hands cannot hold the wealth always; they are human hands and therefore must some day be folded in death; no more checks will be written by them; no more contributions will flow out from them into the church treasury and through the Cooperative Program; their work will be done and the chapter ended. It will be ended, that is, unless those hands have been guided by a wise head and a great heart in the making of a will which guarantees that at least a portion of what is left shall go to the kingdom's work.

More and more Baptists need to see the possibility of extending their labors beyond the hour of death; they need to see that, by a will which remembers the work of the Master, they can labor on for Him even after they have gone to the Father's House. Jesus said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth cor-

rupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:19-20).

Think solemnly of the vastly different circumstances which would surround our schools and colleges and other institutions if wealthy and near-wealthy Baptists had remembered them in their wills; instead of being now limited and even embarrassed, as most of them are, they would have the needed funds and equipment to carry on in a manner worthy of the Master and His people.

When God, in His mercy and kindness, gives His children power to get wealth, certainly He deserves consideration when those people come to the moment of making their wills. Do not wait too long. It is already too late for many. Write Dr. A. M. Vollmer, executive secretary and treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky, or call him at Wabash 0728. He will immediately take steps to assist you. Time passes swiftly and needs are great.

### Great Gifts for Worthy Causes

Just as an example of what can be done when great property-gifts are made for worthy causes, we cite a recent case in Oklahoma.

The BAPTIST PRESS informs us that Oklahoma Baptists have been given ten acres of ground in the very heart of Oklahoma City. The gift, valued at \$500,000, brings Baptists of that state a long way toward realization of their dream for a great Oklahoma City Baptist hospital. The ten acres are equivalent to three city blocks.

The gift was made by three sisters, Edith, Lottie, and Myrtle Shepherd, members of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, and the hospital will be a memorial to their brother, Clyde Shepherd, who died in 1953. At its November meeting the state Baptist convention voted to match all funds raised in the city up to \$1,000,000 for constructing the hospital.

If those consecrated Presbyterian women did that for Baptists, what should wealthy Baptists do for their own churches and for the institutions and work they foster! A good many have made large

### Baptist Hotel in New York City

Your readers might be interested in knowing that Hotel Salisbury, 123 West 57th Street, New York City, is owned by Calvary Baptist Church and operated by the church in the interest of Christian endeavor.

The Salisbury is located centrally, near many points of interest including Fifth Avenue's finer shops, Times Square, Radio Center, Carnegie Hall, United Nations Buildings, etc. An invitation to visit Calvary Baptist Church

is extended all who come to New York City.—Calvary Baptist Church, New York City.

►Dedication Week for the new meeting house of the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky., will be held February 5-9. The speaker for Saturday night will be Angel Martinez, Fort Smith, Ark. Sunday, Homecoming Day, Pastor Harold D. Tallant will speak in the morn-

property-gifts, but a great many more could have the joy of knowing their property, or at least a part of it, has been solely dedicated to God's service. While they live, they see the fruits of their benevolence, and after they have left this world the work goes on.

### Simultaneous Crusade Spreads to Mexico

Our Mexican Baptist brethren are discovering advantages in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade and that it works when the people work.

According to a release from the Foreign Mission Board 10 Baptist churches and 22 missions in the Guadalajara Association carried on an Evangelistic Crusade during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. (Guadalajara Association covers three Mexican states.)

Results were amazing. There were as many professions of faith—324—during that one week as there had been before in a whole year. There were also more than 500 rededications. And here is another remarkable fact: the 324 professions of faith represent one for every two church members on the rolls of the 10 Baptist churches. If only Southern Baptists would win one for every two church members!

Of course God's power was in it all; for without the Holy Spirit nothing would have succeeded: but one explanation of the success lies in the fact that, in addition to the 68 regular workers who assisted Missionary Orvil W. Reid, more than 100 people devoted an hour or more each day to personal evangelistic work. The 68 who aided Missionary Reid were pastors, missionaries, and students from the Mexican student homes in Guadalajara.

Against the Crusade there was heavy opposition, even persecution. Mrs. Reid wrote: "In one place the local authorities ordered the night services discontinued. In another place only one service could be held because of the threat of mob violence. In some places the buildings were stoned during the services."

In letters from missionaries, the appeal comes over and over for prayer; much as they need funds and equipment, they plead constantly for Southern Baptists to pray for them and the work. Surely we cannot fail them!

ing and Former Pastor Harold J. Purdy, now at the Belmont Heights Baptist Church of Nashville, will bring the address. Monday night, Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, will preach; Tuesday, Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of the Walnut Street Church of Louisville; and Wednesday, Dr. T. Luther Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, and formerly head of the Sunday School Board, will be the speaker. The guest singer will be Frank Boggs, soloist for The Baptist Hour, of Dallas Texas and Long Island, N. Y.

# ASSETS FOR CHRIST

## Dedicated Vocations

By BRUCE G. CARTER

Scripture: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"—Psalms 90:12. "Serve the Lord with gladness"—Psalms 100:2.

A tramp knocked at our back door and said, "Lady, would you give a man something to eat?" It had been some time since "a knight of the road" had been to our house for a handout and I don't ever remember my wife turning anyone away hungry.

In talking with him my wife and I learned that he had had a most unusual experience. It seems that he had worked for one of the great industries in Detroit. One day, for some reason or other, he did not go to work. On that day a terrific explosion occurred and all the men working where he had been accustomed to work were instantly killed. Mrs. Carter reasoned with him that the Lord had saved him from death by keeping him away from work on that particular day. She said, "You have been saved—but for what purpose?" Being a tramp and living a useless life seemed such a poor way to reward the Lord for having saved his life.

We have all been saved, but for what purpose? Are we carelessly living from day to day, aimlessly, figuratively wandering, without a goal, without a definite ideal of service? Unless we dedicate our lives, our full resources and abilities to God and to the promotion of his work we are little better than the tramp, even though we may be more or less permanently located in one community, living in a good house, and holding down a good job.

### You Can Serve God In Almost Any Job

Someone has said, "The trouble with most jobs is that a great deal of work is attached to them." Some of us fear work like we would the "Black Plague." There are more than 30,000 job descriptions of classified occupations whereby an American citizen may earn a living.

The great majority of these jobs are of such a nature that any God-fearing Christian could honestly, honorably, and conscientiously work at them and not violate the accepted principles of Christianity. Thomas Carlyle said: "Blessed

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is he who has found his work. Let him ask no other blessedness." Happy, indeed, is the man who has not only found his work but has dedicated his life to his work and to his God. Without a doubt there is a great deal of truth in the statement that if you are not happy in your work you cannot be happy in your life, for we spend so large a part of our waking hours at our work.

We are not all given the same amount of money. We are not all blessed with equal talents. Our various abilities differ greatly. One thing, however, we all have in common, we are given twenty-four hours each day. To the rich and poor alike, to the famous and to the humble we are blessed with equal time. The end results will be determined by our devotion and our dedication in the manner which we utilize our God-given time.

Every Christian should endeavor to conduct himself during his working hours that his co-workers may become fundamentally conscious of the fact that he has a personal acquaintance with Christ. If all of our men who are identified with our churches would take Christ with them to their jobs in their offices and in the practicing of their professions, we could be instrumental in making a terrific impact upon the business world of our nation for our Lord.

### Choices That We Make

It has been said that life consists not so much of the chances that we take as the choices that we make. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. By our daily choices we determine our every action of life. Where to go, what to do, what to say, these factors determine our present as well as our future life. By our choice of friends, by our choice of attending or not attending church we determine our way of life. Certainly by the work that we do we are weighed and valued.

One can witness for God in whatever line of work he may be earning a living. Who is the greatest man in your city or community? Undoubtedly, he is the one rendering the greatest service to his fellow men.

Patrick Henry said, "The greatest

patriot is the one who stops the most gullies." Since we all live so close to the soil, since food is such a necessary item, certainly the man who leaves the soil better than he found it is truly a great citizen.

Who is your greatest citizen? Your leading citizen might be your minister who leads the community to better living and to a closer walk with God. He, or she, might be a teacher, who, through constant example and counseling and guidance has just inspired a youth to select a higher goal and to live up to the highest and best within him. Your very best citizen could be your hard-working druggist, or your fireman, or your policeman, or your county agent, or home demonstration agent, or the janitor at the high school, or she could be the telephone operator who stayed at the switchboard through the long night of flood, fire, or tornado to warn the people of the approaching danger. If we have dedicated our lives properly we find sheer joy in just living and serving our fellow man. Whatever may be one's choice of vocation or profession, he should seek to use his chosen field to glorify his Lord.

### Greatness Through Service

Such a citizen as described in the preceding section was the late Henry G. Bennett of Oklahoma, outstanding Baptist layman and statesman. Born in Arkansas, the son of a Baptist minister, the talented young man was willing to suffer great hardships to secure the best of formal education. Although he graduated from Ouachita College, the University of Oklahoma, and Columbia University, he is probably best remembered for his true love of people and his homespun philosophy. One prominent lawyer told me that Dr. Bennett would walk down the college hall with him when he was a student, visit and talk with him, encouraging him to stay in school. Afterward the boy would find a ten dollar bill that Dr. Bennett had slipped into his pocket. Literally thousands of Oklahoma youth owe their college education to Dr. Bennett because he encouraged, inspired, and helped to make it financially possible for them to attend.

Dr. Bennett was as loyal to his church as any deacon could possibly be. During the early days of the church building campaign at Stillwater, where Dr. Bennett was president of the Oklahoma A. & M. College, it was frequently necessary to hold a deacons' meeting. Occasionally they were held after church services in the evening. On many occasions Dr. Bennett would attend the late meeting, then drive or fly to his next appointment that night in order to be on time for the next day's business. He was not only a tireless worker in his church, but a liberal giver.

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# Conservative Invasion of the South

By W. BARRY GARRETT in Arizona Baptist Beacon

Should Conservative Baptists invade or seek expansion in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention? This is a question raised by Albert S. Taylor, editor of the National Voice of Conservative Baptists.

Mr. Taylor points out that some feel that the Southern Baptist Convention is conservative and its territory should not be invaded. Others feel that the threat of liberalism is becoming very real in the Southern Baptist Convention and that attempts should be made to unite southern churches in a sound and Baptist movement.

### Objections to Southern Convention

Four reasons are quoted by Mr. Taylor as to why a certain pastor in the South said his church should not affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Here are the four reasons:

"1. We are fearful of joining Southern Baptists because of the liberalism in some of its schools, which may be indicative of a trend.

"2. We cannot join Southern Baptists because of extreme denominationalism, although we are ourselves strongly Baptist and realize the need of larger fellowships.

"3. We cannot join Southern Baptists because of the extreme pressure applied upon its member churches to support its program.

"4. We cannot join Southern Baptists because of the known liberalism already existing in its ranks."

### Southern Baptist Territory

Here are some of our reflections on the whole matter. First we want to set our friends straight as to the "territory" of the Southern Baptist Convention. This, according to the Convention constitution consists of "the United States and its territories." Also the Convention by official vote has removed any territorial limitations for the operation of its agencies within the United States and its territories.

So, if the Conservative Baptists are to operate at all in the United States they will have to operate in Southern Baptist Convention "territory."

### Come On But Tell The Truth

As for their invasion of the "South" we say, "More power to them, if they can do a better job than Southern Baptists have done." Maybe it would wake up some of the sleeping giants through-

out the South if we had a few Conservative churches scattered around.

There is only one request we would like to make of our Conservative brethren if they plan any large scale invasion of territory where Southern Baptists are strongest. When the accusations or assertions about our Convention are made, please find out the facts and tell the truth about us. No expansion of any Baptist group anywhere should be based on a platform of error or misrepresentation about other Baptists.

### Liberalism In Schools

Now for the charge listed above. First, liberalism in Southern Baptist schools. If by this the Conservatives mean Southern Baptist Convention owned schools, they mean our seminaries. We categorically deny that theological liberalism exists in any such school.

If the Conservatives refer to colleges, they are not Southern Baptist Convention owned, but they are owned and operated by state conventions over which the Southern Baptist Convention has no control. If there is any liberalism in any of these schools, the way to solve the problem is not to pull out and start other Associations. The solution is for the Baptists in each state to have a house cleaning and throw out any modernists or liberals if they have any teaching in their schools.

### Extreme Denominationalism

Second, extreme denominationalism. We are not sure what the objection to Southern Baptists is in this respect, but we do know that Southern Baptists be-

lieve in the principle of denominationalism, and we are loyal to our denomination. We do not participate as a Convention in either liberal or fundamentalist interdenominationalism. Conservative Baptists will also find that if they do either to any great extent, their organization and effectiveness will fall to pieces.

### Pressure to Support Program

Third, pressure to "support the program." Perhaps the correct view-point would help here. We believe that if a person or church wants to be a Southern Baptist, to be known as Southern Baptists, to profit by being affiliated with Southern Baptists, it is nothing but right that the church "support the program." Some people like to ride a free horse. Others like to fly the colors but won't march with the army. Some want to eat the cake but do not want to stir the batter.

No church is under obligation to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention, but, if it does, it is under obligation to its own integrity and to the Convention to "support the program."

### Southern Baptist Liberalism

Fourth, known liberalism already among Southern Baptists. Some people know so much more than others. In fact some people know so much more than others that the knowledge they have is nothing but a lot of hearsay and malicious gossip, not to say malicious falsehood. If there be any liberals or modernists among Southern Baptists they are afraid to stick their necks out, because they know that they would be quickly and cleanly chopped off. Southern Baptists know how to deal with modernists and there is no threat from that source.

Southern Baptists are not afraid of a Conservative Baptist invasion, nor will they resist their aggressiveness. We need all the help we can get to win this nation to our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Philippine Town Sends Second Petition for Missionaries

Twice the people of Mati, town on the eastern shore of the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines, where the small Baptist hospital is located, have petitioned the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to send evangelistic as well as medical personnel.

The first petition, signed by 52 leading citizens of Mati, came to the Board several months before the hospital was dedicated and opened in March, 1954. Rev. and Mrs. Ted O. Badger, appointed by the Board in December, 1953, went to Mati, helped in the organization of the small Baptist church, and served until last fall when the Philippine Baptist Mission transferred them to Manila to do publication work.

The second petition, signed by members of the Mati Baptist Church, expresses appreciation and love for Mr. and Mrs. Badger and stresses the fact that there is now "a void in this part of the Philippines."

Southern Baptists still do not have a doctor at Mati. The work is directed by three nurses, Miss Virginia Miles, Miss Thelma Williams (who has just arrived), and Miss Victoria Parsons (now in the States on furlough).

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, expressed hope that soon there will be a medical couple and an evangelistic couple volunteering from the ranks of Southern Baptists to serve in Mati.

# Church Loyalty

By FRED H. WASSON, a Layman

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:30

We are living in a fast-moving, highly competitive age, and unquestionable loyalty is a high ranking qualification for any man who seeks to be honored with a position of trust and responsibility.

Our government is continually searching for men of ability to represent us in the capitals of foreign nations, whose loyalty to the homeland cannot be challenged.

Business concerns are ever alert to employ salesmen whose loyalty to their financial welfare can be depended upon when they meet strong competition in the field.

Even small town merchants consider loyalty on the part of their employees a very desirable thing, and no offense short of theft will bring a clerk "on the carpet" before the manager quicker than a show of disloyalty to the store program.

What school, college, or university does not expect loyalty from the faculty, the student body, and the alumni? Do you know of a lodge, club, society, partnership or co-operative that does not depend upon the loyalty of its members for its very existence? What Christian home does not depend wholly upon the loyalty of the members in that home for happiness?

But what must the church of the living God depend upon? Do you think men should also be loyal to their churches? What can the church expect of its members? How can men show their loyalty to the greatest institution on earth?

## Loyalty In Attendance

When a man asks for membership in a Baptist church, as all must do who become members, and is received by a vote of that democratic body, he assumes some obligations and accepts some personal responsibilities as are set forth in the church covenant. It would be fine if these obligations were made known to him before he joins the church, and most certainly they should be explained

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to him at the time or shortly after he has become a member. The evident lack of happiness in the church life of many men is proof that they have never been made conscious of their obligations to God which can best be discharged through the medium of their church. The performance of known duties becomes a distinct challenge to every man, and the doing of them brings that inner glow and satisfaction so desirable to every one. Worthy performance of duties is one of the keys that will open the door of happy living for any individual.

Possibly the most commonly accepted public evidence of loyalty to the church, and one that is greatly desired by the pastor and church workers, is faithful, consistent attendance at the services of the church week after week, year after year. Do it humbly and quietly, or with a show of pride in the act, as you choose, it still carries a moral impact that the cynical world cannot discount. That man, be he old or young, rich or poor, who is seen regularly leaving his home at the appointed hour with his Bible bound for worship services, Sunday school, prayer meeting, or Brotherhood, is clearly proving to his neighbors and the world his reverence for God, and loyalty to his church.

He is serving as the man God wants to stand in the gap, the great widening gap, in American society. Few men who attend their church services faithfully fail to prove valuable in other ways in the church program. But men who are constantly unfaithful in attendance, without a reason, are seldom "worth their salt" in anything else in the church. How do you score on your loyalty to the services of your church?

## Loyalty In Stewardship

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34). Taking this scripture as truth, we must conclude that the hearts of many Baptist laymen are far from their churches.

The man who regularly brings his tithe into his church on the first day of the week and also makes an offering to the Lord on occasions, shows convincing evidence of church loyalty. The earnings from the sweat of the brow,

the concentration of the mind, the exercise of wise planning are part of the man, and it is a most meaningful act of worship to deliver cheerfully the portion due the great Landlord into the hands of his steward on Sunday morning, or any other convenient time.

Money is not evil—it can be a blessing. But the love of it is the root of all evil, and you do not need much of it to be affected by the love of it. Christians who are faithful in their stewardship of money are invariably those who make of money a servant rather than a slave.

The man who is a consistent and honest tither during adversity as well as prosperity is not giving for show or to ease a guilty conscience, and he is certainly not trying to buy his way into the good graces of God. He is most surely a born again child of God who has found the key to spiritual happiness in fulfilling his obligation to God through loyalty to his church program in stewardship.

The man who betrays his country is a traitor.

The man who cheats his neighbor is a crook.

The man who neglects his family is a scoundrel.

But the man who short-changes God, and shows a lack of financial loyalty to his church may be a good fellow—but he is a robber (Mal. 3:8-10)!

## Loyalty In Prayer Life

The church covenant reminds us that, "We further covenant to maintain family and secret devotions."

Prayer is often described as the golden key that unlocks the door to heaven's treasures, the dial that tunes us in on God's program, his purpose in our lives, etc. Every child of God knows, that prayer is essential to effective daily Christian living.

Perhaps if we would investigate carefully the reasons underlying the lukewarm and powerless revivals held in many of our churches, the attendance at midweek prayer meetings, and the general lack of interest in some church programs, we would find a widespread desertion from the family altar, and a gross neglect of personal prayer on the part of the church members. Prayer is as necessary to the spiritual growth of an individual as food is to his physical development. We must never forget it.

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►G. Frank Garrison, Superintendent of Church Building Loan Funds for the Home Mission Board, announces an increase in the staff handling such loan funds. There are now seven workers giving a major part of their time to this phase of work, thus providing for more efficient and rapid service.

## A Retired Minister Asks—

# What's Your "Ruling Passion"

By H. H. SMITH, Ashland, Virginia

Following the recent death of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, foreign missionary secretary of the Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, an editorial in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* paid this great missionary leader a fine tribute, referring to him as a man to whom "missions was his life."

This gifted man of scholarly attainments was possessed of a "ruling passion"—to make known to the uttermost parts of the world the eternal truths of God, as revealed in the Bible. When a man of such high ideals passes on, whether it be in youth, middle, or old age, we count his life a success.

## A Christian Layman

This brings to mind the case of a layman and business man who made money so fast that it frightened him and, changing his mode of living, his "ruling passion" was no longer to be a rich man simply, but to make money and use it to spread the gospel and help his fellowmen.

Briefly, this is the story: It was the last day of the year and, as he left the office, his secretary handed him a check representing the profits for the year.

He stuffed the check into his pocket without looking at it; but on his way home, "as he passed under a street light, he glanced at the check and could hardly believe his eyes. The check was many times larger than he expected it to be."

Relating the incident later he said: "I realized that I must do one of two things: either give up the careless way I had been spending my money, or else God only knew what the result would be, with so much money at my disposal."

The thought sobered him; and instead of going to meet "the boys" and have a lively New Year's celebration, as he had planned, he remembered that a watch-night service was being held in the church where his mother worshiped. So he went to that meeting.

They were praying as he entered, and his own mother was kneeling at the altar. He went without special invitation and knelt beside her. "It was an hour of great heart-searching and the beginning of a great change," said his pastor.

His conversion was not of the spectacular type, but it was deep and abiding, leading him to serve God from

principle, rather than from mere impulse. He united with the church and endeavored to make the most of every opportunity to serve the Christ and his fellow men.

Though he was a man of large business interests, he found the time to give attention and aid to many organizations that had for their aim the welfare of others. On a cold winter's night he would call up Walter Street or Hadley mission and say: "This is a very cold night; see that all the men there are given food and shelter, and send the bill to me."

That was fine, but he did more: he regularly visited the missions, often took a part in the services, and it was not unusual to see him kneeling by the side of some outcast, trying to lead him to the One who alone can restore the fallen.

## Faithful Stewardship

He earnestly endeavored to be a "good steward of the manifold grace of God." In the disposition of his money, he was more than a "tither." He began by giving a tenth; later he gave a fifth; then a fourth; and then a half. "After that," he said, "I ceased to keep account."

He marked his checks "M.P.," which he explained as follows: "The money I give belongs to my Partner, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. I am simply His agent in passing it out to the people." His private secretary said that in one year, 17,000 men and women had passed his desk seeking aid, and few of them left without it. His pastor said that during the last ten years of this man's life his benefactions aggregated more than a thousand dollars a day.

With him, giving away money seemed to be great fun. After hearing a sermon on the Good Samaritan at a church he visited, he said to the pastor, at the close of the service: "I rather enjoyed that sermon this morning and it may be possible that you would like to be a good Samaritan this week and live up to that sermon, and this may help you." Then he slipped two ten-dollar bills into the preacher's hand. Once, coming into a trustees' meeting a little late, he said that he would have to penalize himself for being late, and wrote a check for \$20,000, as a penalty.

Turning to his pastor one day, he said,

"I don't like the way you preachers come to me for money . . ." His pastor, with a tone of apology, said, "I know we call upon you quite often. . . ." Mr. H. interrupted him and said, "Oh, I don't mean that. I mean you don't come often enough and ask as largely as you should. I'm a very busy man and can't always know just where the greatest need is."

When this brother passed on, the leaders of his church paid him this tribute: "His spiritual earnestness was an inspiration to us all, and his zeal for the work of the church was unbounded. His gifts were magnificent, but his greatest gift to us was the gift of himself."

Such is the brief story of John S. Huyler, wealthy candy manufacturer, of New York, as related years ago by his pastor, Dr. Charles L. Goodell.

►The Rev. Carl Conrad, Lafayette, La., rural worker, has been elected Director of French Missions in Louisiana. The new director will work in conjunction with the Louisiana Baptist Convention and with the Home Mission Board. He will assume his new responsibilities February 1. Conrad, who has been a District missionary in southern Louisiana since 1952, is a graduate of Louisiana College and of New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

►Russell Rice has written a feature story for *The Lexington Leader* concerning Dr. Harry D. Clarke and his wife who have moved to Lexington to settle down. Dr. Clarke, author of "Into My Heart," "Fishers of Men," and many other well known hymns, is leading the music at the Fellowship Baptist Church, where I. W. Arnold is pastor. Mrs. Clarke accompanies at the console. Dr. Clarke was born in Cardiff, Wales. In early life he was associated with Evangelists William A. Sunday and Reuben A. Torrey.

►The *Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma City, writes: "Oklahoma's 15th governor, who was inaugurated Monday, January 10, in colorful ceremonies on the steps of the state capitol building in Oklahoma City, is a Baptist layman and has been a Baptist deacon for more than half his life. Raymond Gary, 46-year-old educator-businessman-farmer-statesman, is an active member of Kingston Baptist Church in southeastern Oklahoma, has served as Sunday school superintendent, chairman of deacons and pulpit committee chairman. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma."

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# Effective Evangelism and a Regenerate Church Membership

By SEARCY S. GARRISON

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). Thus the sacred historian tells of the evangelistic victories which followed the pentecostal experience in the Jerusalem church. Church membership was for those who have been saved, for those who had a vital experience with Christ, for those who were prepared to accept the obligations which Christ Jesus had placed upon his followers.

Baptists hold to the conviction of early Christians, that church membership is for regenerate people, and for regenerate people only. Only twice-born people are prepared to witness to the truths proclaimed in the baptismal ordinance, and only twice-born people are able to live the life and discharge the responsibilities of church membership. The local church is always troubled when men who have not experienced the new birth find their way into its membership. The apostle James observed, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? . . . know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:1-4). Some of the saddest and most tragic chapters of Christian history have been written because un-Christian people have made their way into the membership of the Christian church.

The conception of the character of the church will determine in a full measure the character of evangelism employed by the church. If the church is conceived as a religious and culture club, then evangelism becomes little more than an effort to get people to join up. If the idea is that church membership is not necessarily for and of regenerate people, then those who are not prepared to make a personal profession of faith in Christ as saviour may be received. However, if the primitive Christian conviction is maintained, that church membership is for regenerate individuals, then evangelism must be an effort to bring people to a saving knowledge, a personal trust, and a vital experience in Christ. Evangelism inspired by this conviction will not be a recruiting operation but a loving witness ap-

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pealing for a decision involving total commitment to Christ.

The effective evangelist need not be a learned theologian, but his witness must include teaching. Salvation involves action upon truths sincerely believed. Therefore, the effective evangelistic ministry must be an effective teaching ministry, and in this ministry the home, the Sunday school, the church, and the Christian leaders should share.

The effective evangelistic ministry must provide loving guidance and wise persuasion by those who love Christ and souls for whom he died. Who can forget Dr. Truett's story of the farmer who sought to win his neighbor to Christ? The neighbor offered the excuse that he could not attend the revival services in the country church because he was behind with his crop and

had to plough. Early the next morning this Christian farmer came to the field of his friend to take his place at the plough that he might attend the revival service. He went and was converted. The church must prepare its members for this art of winsome witnessing if it is to have an effective evangelistic program.

On the day of pentecost a man of God stood up to preach to the assembled throng. Peter's preaching was Bible based, Christ-centered, courageous in its rebuke of sin, constructive in its presentation of the way of salvation, and compassionate in spirit. The Holy Spirit used the preaching to lead men to a decision for Christ. The effective evangelistic ministry will magnify preaching such as Peter did at Pentecost.

The effective evangelistic ministry will not stop at the baptismal waters, but will continue in the care of the babes in Christ until they are mature Christians, strong in the faith and effective in the service of Christ. Such an evangelistic ministry will be the means of "adding to the church daily such as should be saved," and in maintaining the New Testament standard of a regenerate church membership.

## ASSETS FOR CHRIST — *Dedicated Vocations*

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His fame as an agriculture leader spread until he was drafted to serve in the Point Four Program of the United Nations, literally giving his life to all the people of all the world. Mrs. Bennett was as wonderful a leader and as lovely a lady as you ever knew. Side by side they perished in a blinding snow-storm near Tehran, Iran, as their airplane hit the side of a mountain. Truly they both lived and died a dedicated life.

### Ye Are My Witnesses

It has been said, "I'd rather have your cook's opinion of you as a Christian than your pastor's."

The following story was told: A missionary in India, while talking to a group of women one day, noticed a stranger in the rear of the room. Presently the stranger slipped out, but quickly returned. After the meeting closed, the missionary spoke to her, asking if she had been offended in any way. "Oh, no," was the reply. "You said Christians are humble, honest, kind, patient, loving. I just stepped out to ask your carriage driver if you have all these traits. He said, 'Yes,' so I came back to listen some more."

As a man numbers the great days of his life he thinks of his birth, his conversion, his high school graduation, his

college entrance and graduation, his marriage, and his first big job. No day is more to be so numbered than the day a man dedicates his job as well as his life to the service of God. Our full time job is to be a Christian, regardless of what we do to pay expenses.

"Ye are my witnesses," said Jesus just before he went once again to be with his Heavenly Father. By that statement he undoubtedly meant that we should be his witnesses in every area of life. No Christian has any earthly right under God's Heaven ever to be anything but the very best follower of the Lord that he can possibly be. We men who work in the professions and vocations should resolve to dedicate our means of making a living to Christ just as much as we dedicate the other assets with which he has endowed us.—BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL.

►Dr. A. M. Vollmer, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, has received the sum of \$1,031 for a Clear Creek Memorial for Dr. L. C. Kelly. This has been turned over to the Foundation with the idea that other amounts will be added to the fund later. The income from the fund will be used to aid worthy students.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BENTON REMODELS.** — Ground has been broken for the erection of a new Educational Building, containing 17 class rooms, 4 assembly rooms, 2 nurseries and a pastor's study. Reading from left to right in the picture are: (1) Luther Thompson, Edwin Jones, Dan Clayton, Wayne Powell, and J. R. Brandon with his foot on the shovel, and on the extreme right is Pastor William Paul Daily.



## J. Dean Crain Dies in His Sleep

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Dr. J. Dean Crain, well known Baptist pulpiteer, died in his sleep here January 10 at the age of 73.

He retired from the active pastorate in January, 1952, after spending 44 years in the ministry, the last 21 as leader of the Pendleton Street Baptist Church of Greenville.

His funeral was conducted by Drs. D. M. Rivers and A. E. Tibbs at Pendleton Street Church, and interment was in Springwood Cemetery.

The *Greenville News*, in connection with his passing, refers to a statement made by a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention who said: "Greenville has two Baptist institutions worthy of recognition—Furman University and J. Dean Crain."

As a matter of fact, the one "institution" helped the other institution, for Crain spent 31 years as a member of the Furman Board of Trustees. He was among those who led in the moving of their long-occupied campus to the new \$15,000,000 campus five miles outside the city. And certainly Furman was glad to honor their loyal 1910 graduate by giving him an honorary degree

in 1930 and the Algerian Sidney Sullivan award in 1952.

Immediately upon his graduation at Furman he was made principal of the North Greenville Baptist Academy, in which office he served for two years. Next he entered the field of enlistment, and later became an evangelist for the South Carolina State Convention.

Dr. Crain's early pastorates included Mush Creek, Flat Rock and Reunion (now Smith Grove) Churches in South Carolina. He became pastor of the City View Baptist Church, Greenville, in 1920, and next was pastor of the Park Street Baptist Church, Columbia, S.C. While at Columbia he was president of the state convention. On New Year's Day, 1931, he succeeded Dr. D. B. Hahn as pastor of Pendleton Street Church where he did the crowning work of his ministry.

For 20 years he was South Carolina's representative on the Sunday School Board. He was also a trustee of many institutions and served on many highly important committees. Once he was vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Crain's sermons were of an intellectual nature, reaching at times lofty

inspirational heights, with here and there stimulating bits of unanticipated humor.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Wilson Crain, 101 Jones Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina; one son, James W. Crain, member of the State Tax Commission, Greenville; one daughter, Mrs. Henry J. Covington, Greenville; one foster son, Dr. J. N. Holtzclaw, Greenville; two brothers—Dr. E. B. Crain, Tigersville, and J. Shade Crain, Landrum, and three grandchildren.

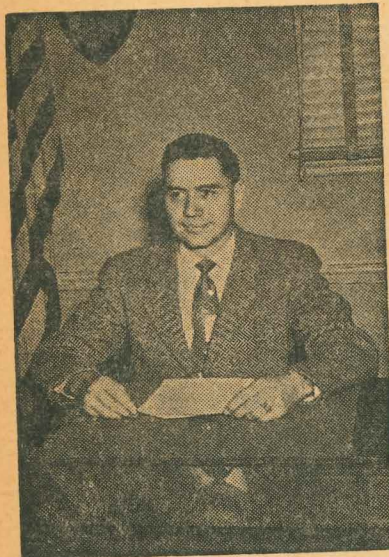
## Construction Date Set For North Carolina Home For Aging

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — (BP) — A new \$300,000 administration and residential building will be built for the North Carolina Baptist Home for the Aging starting May 1. It will be the first unit of a new central plant for the home and will be built on a 34-acre tract.

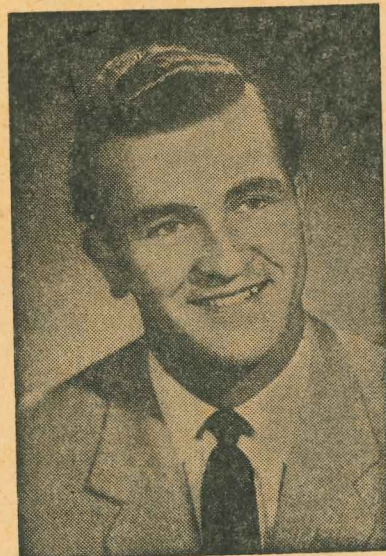
Forty residents can be accommodated in the new building. The first floor will have offices, a chapel, infirmary, kitchen and dining rooms, sun parlors and bed-rooms. The second floor will have additional bedrooms and a large room.

# Georgetown College Prepares For Focus Week, February 6-11

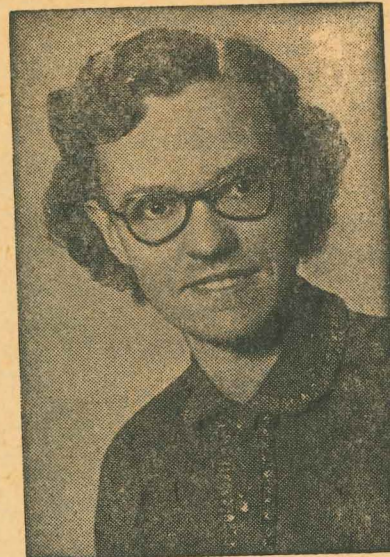
By ROBERT HAYNER



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Bethel Burdine

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — Georgetown College is in preparation for a Focus Week to be held on the college campus February 6-11, as announced by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, college president.

Robert S. Denny, associate of student work of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and one of the Focus Week team, has been on the campus directing preparation. This Focus week will be the 102nd to be held in the South.

Focus Week programs require much time and preparation, usually over a year's period, since the campus problems and needs must be studied before they can be met by team members, who are chosen for each particular need. A Focus Week team, once used, is never used exactly a second time as the first, since every team is organized for one particular school's needs.

On the team coming to Georgetown for this Focus Week in February are such well-equipped Christian laymen as Robert S. Denny; Dr. Robert A. Hingson of Baltimore, Md., an authority on anesthesia and medical research; Howard Hovde, student, Southern Baptist Seminary and former captain of the Baylor University Basketball team in 1951; Dr. Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C.; Dr. William Peyton Thurman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.; and Miss Bethel Burdine, Burnside, Ky., a school teacher.

Besides Robert S. Denny, three other team members are from Tennessee: R.

Powell Black, City Manager, Athens; Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville, working with the Sunday School Board; and song leader for the week, Eddy Nicholson, of Cleveland, who will discuss music in evangelism.

Co-chairmen for the week at Georgetown were chosen by popular student vote. They are: Tom Grissom, Burnside, Ky., and Miss Wanda Wolfe, Williamson, W. Va.

Under the direction of these two chairmen, several specific committees have been set up with respective chairmen: Program—Claire Cohen; Faculty—Dr. George W. Redding; Publicity—Bob Campbell; Classroom—"Missy" McKain; Seminar—Howard Newsom; Informal Discussion—Jim Shepherd; Hospitality—Jack Scott; Arrangements—

## Women and Economy

How big a role do women play in our economy? A mighty big one! Here are some figures which prove their importance:

They own 85 per cent of the nation's buying power; 50 per cent of the outstanding corporation stock; 40 per cent of home titles; 70 per cent of the nation's wealth and 80 per cent of all life insurance policies.

And that's not all. Women pay for 80 per cent of the nation's consumer goods, manage 76 per cent of all pay checks and have 45 per cent of all savings accounts.—National Association of Manufacturers.

Bob Crutcher; Spiritual Preparation—Charles Warford; Visitation—John Parker; Music—Jo Ann Robertson; Books and literature—Alice Gardner; Evaluation—Mary Louise Larson.

The purpose of Focus Week is to "iron out" any problem which students might have concerning their Christian life—whether it has secular or spiritual significance. "We of the Focus Week team want to move in and 'catch step' with you at Georgetown during this week," Mr. Denny said.

## Teaching Improvement Filmstrips Produced by Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Five color filmstrips on teaching improvement have been released by the Baptist Sunday School Board's department of audio-visual aids.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of teaching and training, Sunday school department, said: "These filmstrips offer a balanced study of the work of a Sunday school teacher who would aspire to become more effective in the teaching of God's Word. They may be used most helpfully as a series but each individual filmstrip can be used independently as well."

The filmstrip titles are: The Christian Teacher, Selecting Aims, Choosing Methods, Planning a Lesson, and Testing Results. Each one is accompanied by two manuals with black and white photographs of each color frame.

# Key to Happy Christian Living — Church Loyalty

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There seems to be a conviction in the minds of some people that church membership is like an investment in a good safe business corporation with a strong fire insurance clause written in the stock certificate. They promptly fold their arms, relax, and wait for the dividends to roll in. They want the church to succeed, but without any effort on their part. Prayerless church members are like broken cisterns that hold no water. They are duds in the church artillery. They are cheap imitations of real Christians.

Of all major expressions of disloyalty to the church, the lack of a consecrated prayer life is probably the most inexcusable. Circumstances and conditions can hamper most of our individual church activities, at times, but nothing can come between us and God except our own sinful conduct and wilful neglect. When a man fails to pray it is because he does not want to.

## Loyalty Shown By Full Support

Nothing is more disappointing to a leader than to discover a trusted follower is giving him only half-hearted support. This thing is happening too often to our pastors and the leaders in our churches. This scrutinizing twentieth century is no time, and a Baptist church is no place for such unstable conduct. The world, the flesh, and the devil have conspired to concoct modern temptations with a powerful appeal—subtle and harmless looking practices—that sap spiritual vitality. A man who does

not have both feet on the solid rock, and enough of the grace of God in his heart to keep his head above the clouds of public opinion is subject to being swayed about. Remember Esau? He sold his heritage for a pot of red beans because he could not resist the tempting sight and tantalizing odor! Many men today are selling their loyalties cheaper than Esau.

The man who says that Sunday is his only day to rest, or his only time for recreation, and habitually deserts the house of God for personal pleasure is not only disloyal to his church but it indeed sorry material to be used as a living stone in building the spiritual temple of God. He certainly is not a happy Christian.

Normally active men are unusually busy these days. Nervous collapse, heart attacks, and ulcers are common evidence of terrific strain. Many of the most dependable men in our churches are those carrying tremendous responsibilities in business, civic, and social life. They place God's work in the number one spot on their weekly agenda, and other necessary activities are worked in around it. The man who is too busy to show proper reverence to God, loyalty to his church, and love for his fellow man is just too busy. He is busier than God meant for him to be.

Loyalty to your church will solve a lot of problems in your life. It will help you become a happy and purposeful Christian. If you don't believe it, try it and see.—*Brotherhood Journal*.

# BOOK REVIEWS

PASTOR AND CHURCH—A Manual of Pastoral Leadership by Gilbert L. Guffin. Broadman Press, Nashville. Price, \$2.

We mention this book as a service to Baptist pastors everywhere. Dr. Guffin is president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is devoting his life to the progress of church work. Before accepting his present work, he was director of the Extension Department for Christian Training for Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, and prior to that was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jasper, Alabama, the First Baptist Church of Merchantville, New Jersey, and several churches in Georgia, his native state. Dr. Guffin is a graduate of Mercer University and holds both the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Unquestionably, he is thoroughly acquainted with all angles of the problems related to the work of the pastor. This book was printed, first, by the Howard College Press, the title being, "How to Run a Church." It was written, in connection with his work in the Extension Department of Howard College, to meet a manifest need of pastors. In its present form, the book incorporates many valuable suggestions from others.

The chapters are: The Church—Its Organization and Officers; Basic Facts About the Church; Let the Church Be the Church; Having a Program for the Church; Guiding the

Church in Missions; Building the Sunday school; Building the Training Union; The Vacation Bible School; Training in Stewardship; The Building of the Brotherhood; The Pastor and Evangelism; Church Publicity and Public Relations; The Problem of a Building; The Development of a Constitution and By-laws for the Church; Developing the Community to Develop the Church; and The Problem of the Unenlisted Majority.

These chapters, and the author's experience and spirit, indicate clearly that this work will serve a high and useful purpose in guiding the pastor in his thinking and work. It can, of course, be purchased through your Baptist Book Store.

"100 CHAPEL TALKS" by A. C. Reid, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Price \$2.95.

If you are a Sunday school teacher, devotional leader, or occasional inspirational speaker, this book, by all means, should be in your library. The author has been professor of philosophy at Wake Forest College since 1923 and, through the years, has been called upon to deliver short talks to students in chapel services. This book is a compilation of the cream of those talks. It can be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.

## Counseling—

### Bossy Leaders

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

QUESTION: Our church has two deacons and about three women who ran off the last pastor. Then they got together and tried to recall him.

When I asked one of these "Leading Ladies" what they had against the pastor, she said: "By thunder, why don't you get out of the church. We are paying for it and we aim to run it as we please. I don't have one thing against him, but it is time for him to go. Yes, he is a good man."

What can we do? This is five against two hundred. We are unhappy and want to see our church grow.

ANSWER: If what you say is true, these five people are not Baptists. A church ought to be run by a majority vote, regardless of the age of the voters or who pays the bills. Nearly every church has a few people in it who think that they are smarter than the others and ought to be allowed to make the decisions. That is the way Satan builds up hostility in New Testament churches. Dictators did not die with Hitler and Stalin.

The best thing that I can tell you is not to hate these bossy leaders. Out-pray and out-love and out-live them. But in every matter, large and small, insist upon congregational rule. I would not get out of the church unless my health demanded it. Christians are expected to bear anxiety at times. Unhappiness is not as bad as unfaithfulness.

You can rely on love and prayer. Don't underestimate the power of prayer. I have seen some good funerals that seemed to come from Christian prayers. God is on the side of truth and right.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

PERSISTENCE: Someone asked Jean Cocteau his rule for life. "Always to get up one more time than I have fallen."—*Revue de la Pensee Francaise*, Paris (Quote translation).

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## Baptist Training Union Department

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### Dr. Eddleman Writes Bible Reading Comments for Two Months This Year



H. Leo Eddleman

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, prepared the Training Union daily Bible reading comments for February and also for August. These comments are to be found in the back of your Adult Union Quarterly.

In the February issue of the Training Union Magazine Dr. Eddleman says, "From early years I was a regular attendant in Training Union . . . The missionary programs were perhaps as inspiring and helpful as anything to which I was ever exposed. They gave me a sense of the worldwide mission of Christians and churches."

### Associational Reports For Fourth Quarter

The following information is taken from the associational reports for October, November, and December, 1954:

### Long Run Association

The Long Run Association, of which Miss Christine Hesse is director, reports 119 churches in the association. Under the leadership of all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence these meetings were held during the quarter: an executive meeting, an officer's meeting, and an associational mass meeting.

Some of the activities participated in during the quarter included the presentation of one demonstration program, helping in an associational leadership school, and three officers teaching in a study course.

### Salem Association

Mr. S. R. Griffie, director of Salem Associational Training Union, reports that out of 20 churches in the association, 16 have a Training Union and that they have all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence. Meetings held during the quarter included the executive committee with 11 present, and an associational mass meeting with an attendance of 134. They are planning for a study course and are working on Baptist Youth Night.

### Bethel Association

Bethel Association, with Mr. Kenneth Bond as director, reports 17 out of 21 churches with a Training Union and all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence. The association is not standard and according to the report it needs improvement on meetings. During the quarter the executive committee meeting was held with 9 present, and there were 251 present in attendance at the associational mass meeting. A study course was promoted at the "M" Night meeting.

### Morehead

The following information comes from Morehead: "They organized their first Training Union November 1953. They have just completed a good year. Carl Sinclair has been the director. Carl, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and his wife, Evelyn Lake Sinclair, a graduate of Georgetown College, have worked in the church faithfully for the past nine years. Evelyn has been associational leader of Intermediates for Bracken Association.

The Sinclairs are moving to West Liberty, Kentucky where they will make their home. They both are employed as County Agricultural Agents and Home Demonstration Agent by the University of Kentucky. John Alexander will be the new director of the Training Union."

### "M" Night Reports

	Total Attendance	Churches Represented	Pastors Present
Previous Report	13,050	679	403
Additional Report:			
Central	178		
East Union	59	43	
Pine Mountain	30	7	3
Ten Mile	40	5	5
Totals	13,357	695	414

### Miss Mary Christian Named Mission Book Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Miss Mary Christian has been named mission book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board. She will work directly with Dr. William J. Fallis, secretary of Broadman Book Department. Besides customary editorial responsibilities in handling mission books and some general manuscripts, Miss Christian will be the liaison person between



Miss Mary Christian

the Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham. She will also work with the Merchandise Selection Department of the Board in the selection and promotion of mission books through the Baptist Book Stores.

A native of Elberton, Georgia, Miss Christian came to the Sunday School Board in 1948 from the Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in Birmingham, where she was field representative. Before that she was teacher of Missionary Education at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville; state Woman's Missionary Union executive secretary and young people's secretary in Georgia, and young people's secretary in Arkansas.

Miss Christian is a graduate of Georgia State Normal School, Athens; Carver School of Louisville; and holds a M.A. from Peabody College, Nashville.

As an associate in the Board's Merchandise Selection Department, Miss Christian was in charge of the book review service of all adults books, religious, general, and all mission and mission background books. She is the author of *The Birthday Wish*, a mission study book for Junior boys and girls; *Home Missions Meeting Spiritual Needs*; *Guide for Business Women's Circles*, and a revised edition of the *Manual of Woman's Missionary Union*. She plans to tour the Holy Land and Africa in mid-summer preparatory to editing and writing mission study books on Africa.

February 3, 1955

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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

### WMU State Meeting, First Church, Madisonville, April 5-7



Rev. Harold D. Tallant  
Host-Pastor

### First Church, Madisonville Welcomes WMU State Meeting

"Already we are looking forward to the time when the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky will be meeting with us. The entire First Baptist Church and other residents of Madisonville welcome and invite you to the heart of Western Kentucky.

"It is our desire that these sessions will be filled with information, fellowship, inspiration, vision and commitment. Come praying, ready to participate and with receptive hearts and the Convention will be both profitable and enjoyable.

"We want your visit with us to be all that you dream. We will do all possible to make it thus."—Harold D. Tallant, Pastor.

### The WMU Welcomes You

"On behalf of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, I wish to extend to Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, a most cordial invitation to be with us, April 5-7 for the Fifty-first Annual Meeting.

"We are looking forward to a great meeting and to spiritual blessings that will live on in our lives for many years to come. Truly, it is a time when women, with singleness of purpose, that of being 'Laborers together with God,' come together for a few days of moun-

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tain-top experiences that they might be inspired to go back into the valleys to minister in a greater way than ever for Him who said, 'Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . '—(Acts 1:8).

"Come, praying that it will be just the meeting that God would have it to be."—Mrs. B. M. Farley, W.M.S. President, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky.

### Representation

According to our Constitution, messengers to the annual meeting shall be: (1) Officers of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky and members of the Executive Committee; (2) W.M.U. Field Workers; (3) Regional chairmen of mission study, stewardship and community missions; (4) Regional Young People's Leaders; (5) Superintendents of Associations; (6) Associational group leaders; (7) Associational Young People's Leaders; (8) all former State Presidents; (9) One from each W.M.S. and one additional for every fifty members above the first fifty, three being the limit (except the hostess society which shall be entitled to six); (10) Each Young People's Director and Counselor of Y.W.A., G.A., R.A., and Sunbeam Band or substitute for same. Only such messengers as are present and duly accredited by the societies they represent shall be entitled to vote.

### Credential Cards

Requests for credential cards for messengers are to be sent to the State Office, in keeping with the plan for representation as given above. Be sure to include names, addresses, church and association, and the organization represented, with the request for the cards.

### Room Reservations

Entertainment in homes will be on the pay plan, which is the plan adopted many years ago. The rates will be \$2.00 for bed and breakfast. For reservations in homes write to HOMES COMMITTEE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MADISONVILLE. In making reservations please give the name of each one making a reservation and state whether or not you will be coming in a car. Reservations must be made by March 28.

For hotel reservations write to the hotel or motel of your choice. Hotel space will be limited but there are many lovely motels in or near Madisonville. A list of hotels, motels and motor courts with their rates will appear on this page next week.

### Extra Features

The program for the Annual Meeting will open on Tuesday evening, April 5 at 7:30. Preceding this session, the Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock. On Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 o'clock there will be conferences as follows: Associational Superintendents, Associational Young People's Leaders and Young People's Directors, W.M.U. Presidents, Counselors, Community Missions, Mission Study and Stewardship.

### Banquets

There will be two banquets, the B.W.C. Banquet on Tuesday evening at 5:45 and on Wednesday evening at 5:30 the banquet for the leaders of youth organizations. There will be more information about the banquets later, but reservations are to be sent to Miss Martha Lou Parrish, 54 Waddill Avenue, Madisonville and must be in her hands by March 28. Be sure to state which banquet you wish to attend.

### Further Information

Watch this page each week from now until the State Meeting for important information concerning this all-important event. Price of banquet tickets and other needed information will be given later. In the meantime, plan with your group for reservations, transportation and other plans. ALL KENTUCKY WMU PATHS LEAD TO MADISONVILLE FOR APRIL 5-7, 1955.

### Our Sick

Mrs. George N. Smith is recuperating at her home in Georgetown following surgery at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She is more than grateful to her many friends in Kentucky and elsewhere, for their prayers and many kindnesses during her serious illness.

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# Secret of Baptist Cooperation

By W. BARRY GARRETT  
Baptist Beacon

If you want to get a Baptist to do something, don't try to force him. Not only is it not right to "pressure" a Baptist into cooperation, but it just won't work.

Baptists are a peculiar lot. They believe that every individual is a sovereign unit under God and that no church, denomination, hierarchy or government has any right to force anyone to be or do anything religiously.

Baptists believe in taking their religion according to Romans 14:12, "So each of us shall give an account of himself to God." This verse emphasizes individual responsibility to God. Only God has the right to judge any person, and it is only to God that any of us are accountable.

Baptists believe that if a person is to worship God, he must do it because he wants to do so. If a person is to be good, it is because he wants to be good. If a person or a church wants to work together with other persons or churches, it is because they want to do so.

The secret of Baptist cooperation is to convince people of the worthwhileness of the project or meeting or program. Then under the stimulus of the Holy Spirit Baptists get together and work on the basis of "voluntary cooperation."

Often preachers are disappointed because the church members do not do everything exactly like they want them to do it. He should remember that each of the members has his own life to live, and that no member should be harangued or scolded or pressurized into conformity. The member should be made to want to participate.

Preachers should remember that church members have ideas too. Often they are good ideas, maybe even better than those of the preacher on a particular problem. Proper consideration here would save much trouble in churches.

On the other hand, church members should not get the idea that the preacher is just a little man on the chess board to be pushed around by every whim and fancy of the members. A preacher is accountable only to God the same as others. Why should a pastor slink around and cower for fear that he is not doing everything just like some church member wants him to do?

Sometimes a zealous deacon or over-zealous church member gets the idea that he has a corner on God's plan for the lives of the church members. If a member does not do everything just like this person thinks he ought to do, if he does not attend every meeting on the calendar, if he lives his own life,

and if he has ideas of his own about what constitutes church loyalty, immediately there is gossip started and the good Christian integrity of the "non-conformist" member is brought into disrepute.

Remember, brethren, if you want a Baptist to do something, don't try to force him or pressure him or embarrass him into cooperation. You will lose your Baptist if you try it that way.

The denomination should remember the secret of Baptist cooperation in enlisting churches in the program. A Baptist church can freeze up and close its doors to a denominational project so quick that it is astounding, if the pastor or members even get suspicious that the denomination is trying to force or pressure it into conformity.

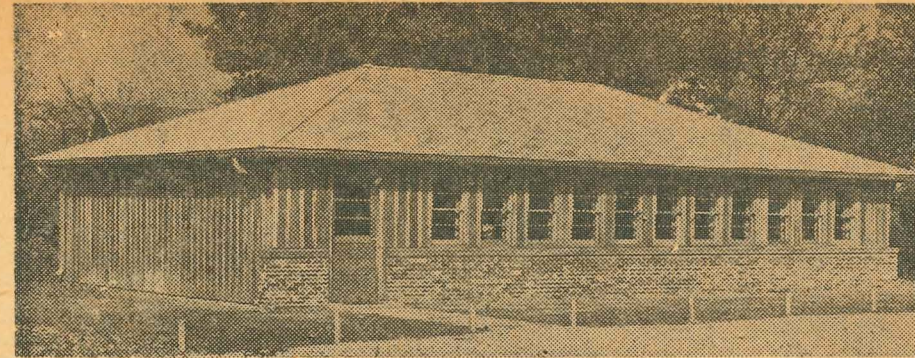
The secret of Baptist cooperation is "voluntary cooperation." When Baptists want to do things together, there is no force on earth that can stop them. But when Baptists don't want to do something, there is no force that can get them going.

Baptists work together because they have a common experience, they have common objectives, they have common ideals. Baptists work together because they want to work together and for no other reason.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JAN. 23, 1955

(Numerical after church indicates number of missions.)	T.U.	S.S.
Church		
Ashland, First (2)	117	704
Unity	125	448
Barbourville, First (2)	139	494
Bellevue	82	436
Benton, First	81	200
First Missionary	81	202
Bowling Green, First (2)	279	1,293
Campbellsville	244	
Pleasant Hill	179	278
South Campbellsville		250
Carrollton		230
Central City	248	439
Cloverport		226
Corbin, First	143	392
Central (1)	165	579
Covington, Calvary		662
First (1)		387
Latonia (2)	261	1,038
South Side	130	512
Crestwood	71	256
Cynthiana (2)		436
Danville, First (3)	220	706
Lexington Avenue (1)	111	589
Dayton, First	38	234
Dawson Springs	69	292
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	167	697
Erlanger	94	395
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	166	587
Grace	840	587
Keck Avenue	97	293
Walnut Street (2)		459
Falmouth		205
Ferguson (1)	57	255
Florence	107	364
Fort Thomas, First (1)	358	1,077
Frankfort, First (1)	185	890
Memorial	80	202
Thorn Hill	143	
Fulton	161	525
Georgetown	121	478
Glasgow (1)	108	624
Greensburg	70	217
Greenville, First	158	401

Harlan	137	694
Harrodsburg (2)	243	880
Shawnee Run		215
Hartford	103	261
Hawesville	75	252
Hazard, First (2)	99	438
Hazel	99	275
Henderson, First	185	583
Immanuel Temple (1)	136	690
Hima, Horse Creek		246
Hodgenville, First (1)	134	440
Hopkinsville, First (1)	130	700
Second	184	741
Horse Cave		202
Jenkins		261
Junction City	68	234
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	66	292
Lawrenceburg, First	60	340
Lebanon, First (1)	160	470
Leitchfield	98	243
Lexington, Calvary (1)	199	852
Fellowship		581
Grace (2)	175	786
Immanuel	270	898
Porter Memorial	161	639
Rosemont	63	288
London, First (1)	144	572
Louisville, Audubon	78	208
Baptist Tabernacle	191	684
Baptist Temple		291
Beechland	155	652
Beechmont (2)	248	1,015
Beechwood	80	234
Bethany	50	308
Bethlehem	103	285
Broadway	80	326
Buechel	75	282
Carlisle Avenue (2)	362	1,481
Clifton (1)	143	466
Crescent Hill (2)	268	1,026
Eastern Parkway	83	599
Eighteenth Street	116	363
Farmdale		382
Franklin Street	87	323
Gethsemane	116	278
Harmony	127	329
Hazelwood	92	582
Highland Park First		475
Immanuel	102	422
Jeffersontown	110	285
Kenwood	76	271
Lee's Lane		325
Lynn Acres	103	259
Ninth and O (5)	423	1,530
Okolona	92	485
Parkland (1)	274	1,017
St. Matthews (1)	227	774
Shawnee		414
Shively (1)	193	861
Southside	226	588
Third Avenue	146	589
Twenty-third and Broadway (2)	164	646
Valley View	69	228
Victory Memorial (2)	92	922
Virginia Avenue		288
Walnut Street (4)	333	1,717
Ludlow, First	108	416
Madisonville, First	218	1,059
Marion	95	291
Mayfield, First		908
Middlesboro, First (5)	87	764
East Cumberland Ave.		344
Morganfield, First (1)	124	480
Morgantown	140	251
Mt. Sterling	31	271
Mt. Washington	83	275
Murray, First		837
Newport, First (2)	111	700
Trinity (1)	143	245
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	139	540
First (1)	195	1,026
Hall Street		470
Seven Hills	81	280
Third (1)	341	1,081
Paducan, First (1)	143	574
Oaklawn	172	305
Trinity	188	
Twelfth Street (1)	161	410
Paintsville, First (2)	78	259
Paris, Central	96	341
First	59	286
Prestonburg, Irene Cole		456
Memorial (7)		597
Princeton, First (1)	162	232
Northside	116	329
Second (1)	128	367
Russellville, First (1)	106	348
Somerset, Calvary	222	708
First	108	236
High Street (1)	46	220
Pleasant Hill No. 2	96	406
Sonora	128	404
Springfield, First		352
Sturgis, First		404
Versailles	68	352
Walton	125	396
Williamsburg, First (1)	80	213
Main Street		370
Williamson, W. Va., East (1)	70	482
Winchester, First	151	



**BEREA STUDENT CENTER DEDICATED.**—The Dedication Service for the new Berea Baptist Student Center was held Sunday afternoon, December 12, at the Berea Baptist Church. Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and Mr. J. Chester Durham, state student secretary, were the featured speakers. Others on the program were Pastor O. B. Mylum, of the Berea Baptist Church, who presided over the service; Mr. Sloan Southerlin, president of the Berea Baptist Student Union; and Mr. Ronnie Graves, who expressed appreciation to those who led in the planning and erection of the Center. The music was under the direction of Wendell Powers, B. S. U. music chairman and special numbers were presented by the B. S. U. quartette, singing, "A Mighty Fortress," and Mike Wilson, student, sang, "Bless This House."

Following the dedicatory service, a reception was held in the Student Center.

The Baptist Student Center in Berea was erected by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky on property donated for that purpose by the Berea Baptist Church. The Center provides a place for worship and small group meetings, fellowship, recreation, and informal activities for the nearly 500 Baptist students enrolled in Berea College.—Beth Hayworth.

## Church "Wards" Shouldn't Teach, Kentuckian Holds

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Roman Catholic sisters, "religiously robed and religiously named and religiously dedicated to their own Roman Catholic Church, are completely out of place in Kentucky free public schools which are supported by public taxes of Catholics, Jews, Protestants, Baptists, pagans, and other American citizens," Attorney Eugene Siler contended in an appeal filed early last month with the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Siler, representing the Kentucky Free Public Schools Committee, a POAU affiliate, is congressman-elect for the Eighth District, a former Appeals Court judge and until recently moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Siler asked the court to overturn the earlier decision of Franklin Circuit Judge W. B. Ardery upholding the nuns' right to hold public school posts (*Church and State*, October, 1954.). He argued that Judge Ardery had not taken into account the conflict between the duties of a public school teacher and the vows solemnly taken by members of Roman Catholic teaching orders; also, that Judge Ardery had committed reversible error "in saying that the Nelson County Fiscal Court was a necessary party to this suit." Siler explained that the plaintiff, James C. Rawlings, had not sought an injunction against the Fiscal Court because he did not contend that the latter had violated any law in supporting county parochial school busses.

"But we did complain," Siler continued, "about the Nelson School Board dipping into its own public school funds and appropriating \$2,643.84 last year to supplement parochial school bus expenses in Nelson County over and above the \$10,000 legally appropriated in that same year by Nelson Fiscal Court. . . ."

With regard to the sisters' status, Siler stated that he was not questioning their scholastic standing or moral qualifications, nor would he deny the eligibility of "the ordinary Roman Catholic citizen" to teach in the public schools.

"In the decision of the trial court in this case," he observed, "we have Roman Catholic sisters referred to by the court as if they were individual citizens earning their individual livelihood when actually they are in no such status, for they are really wards of the Roman Catholic Church, and their salaries are, as stipulated in this case, channeled right in the over-all work of the Roman Catholic Church. . . ."

"The very obvious conclusion is now inescapable, as the Catholics themselves so clearly stated, 'the Catholic and non-Catholic school systems are absolutely irreconcilable.'"

"And if that is so, why not let our Catholic friends of peculiar devotion and solemn oath and religious garb run the Catholic system and let other people, including ordinary Catholics, run the non-Catholic system?"—*Church and State*.

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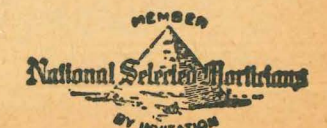
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►The Eleventh Annual City Missions Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, February 21-24. City superintendents, pastors and lay people are cordially invited to attend. Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of co-operative missions of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will direct the conference. The sessions will be held in the First Baptist Church, where Dr. W. A. Criswell is pastor.

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## REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

### February 7-14

#### SPEAKERS



Dr. W. C. Boone

Dr. Carl Giers  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dr. Leo Eddleman  
President,  
Georgetown College

Dr. W. C. Boone  
Executive Secretary of  
Kentucky Baptists

Rev. Eldred Taylor  
Supt. of Missions and  
Evangelism



Rev. Eldred Taylor

Places	Dates	Speakers
First Baptist Church, Sturgis	February 7	Dr. Carl Giers
First Baptist Church, Clinton	February 8	Dr. Carl Giers
First Baptist Church, Russellville	February 10	Dr. Carl Giers
South Jefferson Church, Louisville	February 11	Dr. Carl Giers
Central Baptist Church, Winchester	February 14	Dr. Leo Eddleman
First Baptist Church, Jackson	February 15	Rev. Eldred Taylor
First Baptist Church, Pineville	February 17	Rev. Eldred Taylor
Campbellsville Church, Campbellsville	February 18	Dr. W. C. Boone

#### PROGRAM

Theme: "Let Us Go On"

Afternoon	Host Pastor
Song, Scripture, and Prayer	Roy E. Boatwright
Presentation of Program and Introductions	Chester A. Igleheart
Let Us Go On—Associational Work	Panel
Testimonies of "One to Eight"	
Announcements and Offering	
Departmental Conferences	Host Church
Special Music	Inspirational Speaker
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## Cropper's Pastor David W. Hearne Returns to State of Oklahoma

A farewell reception was given by the Cropper Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, marking the resignation January 12 of Pastor David W. Hearne. The occasion was also made noteworthy in that one young man made known his call to preach, and a member of the youth choir accepted Christ as Saviour.

A gift of sterling silver was presented to the family of the pastor by the church as a token of its appreciation. Pastor Hearne and his wife and two sons are returning to Oklahoma where he will pursue graduate journalism studies in the University of Oklahoma. He plans to make religious journalism a major part of his life work. Before coming to Southern Seminary he was editor of the *Daily News-Journal*, Elk City, Oklahoma.

During his ministry at Cropper the church increased its mission gifts through the Cooperative Program, a Training Union was organized, youth visitation and planned recreation were sponsored, plans were made and funds raised for a two-story educational building. A new carpet was also laid in the auditorium, and a director of music was elected.

Discipline: In a Mother's Day contest conducted by a newspaper, the winning slogan was that of a boy who wrote: "My mother keeps on speaking terms with God and on spanking terms with me."—Quote.



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#### REPORTING ON JANUARY

We got a good start on our New Year by supplying on Sunday, January 2 at Fellowship church, Harrodsburg. The remainder of the month was spent as follows:

January 5—Central Baptist Mission, Louisville; 6—Annual meeting of this department's Advisory Committee composed of E. N. Wilkinson, Chairman, O. W. Stites, Roy A. Hamilton, Leo T. Crismon and Travis L. Nash; 7—Twenty-third and Broadway Church, Louisville; 10-12—Worker's Conference and state Evangelistic Conference; 13—Second Highland Park Church, Louisville; 14—First Church, Madisonville; 16—Stanton Baptist Church where we supplied for Brother W. H. Curl in a stewardship emphasis effort. Brother Curl is now recovering from a serious illness but was unable to keep his appointment that day at Stanton; 17—Lockport Church; 18—Columbia Baptist Church; 19—Cave City Church; 20—Utica Church; 21—First Church, Frankfort; 23—First Church, Hartford, where we preached in the morning service and organized their Brotherhood that afternoon. That night we assisted in a deacon's ordination service at Eighteenth Street Church, Louisville; 25—Dry Ridge Church for another associational gathering of men; 27-28—We attended the annual Brotherhood Convention in South Carolina where we spoke twice and conducted a conference of the work of Brotherhood Activities Chairmen and Committee Chairmen; 29-31—We visited in Caldwell County Association speaking at Second Baptist Church, Princeton, on the night of the 29th.

On Jan. 30, we spoke over Radio Station WPKY, Princeton, early that morning and at White Sulphur for the regular morning worship service and also to the regular Associational Brotherhood meeting that afternoon. That night we spoke at Pleasant Grove. We wound up the month on the night of Jan. 31 speaking at the Donaldson Church and headed home in order to have time to get to Covington for our appointment with the men of North Bend Association the next day.



BIG GOALS AHEAD! Yes sir, and we are going all out to reach them. They are (1) At least 300 men making the BAPTIST MEN'S TOUR OF KENTUCKY, May 3-6; and (2) At least 3,000 men attending the big annual Baptist Men's Rally at Cedarmore, Friday, June 24. Come on men! Get on the Brotherhood team. Let's make these goals.

## Severns Valley Association Has 100 Percent Participation In Simultaneous Crusade

Word has just been received that every church in the Severns Valley Association will be in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade April 10-24, 1955. This association is composed of 29 churches. They are certainly to be congratulated on this achievement.

Brother W. W. Stephens is the general chairman and Brother H. D. Standifer the enlistment chairman in the Severns Valley Association. These men have worked faithfully and are to be commended for a job well done.

Though this is the first association

in Kentucky to report every church enlisted in the Crusade, it is hoped that many others will follow this example. Remember! every church enlisted will mean more souls won to our Lord. It is not too late to come in.

Dr. W. Marshall Craig, long a Texas pastor, but now serving as an evangelist, with headquarters located at 6216 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas, has been booked up with engagements for the next six months. His February engagements are at the Central Baptist

Church of Miami, Fla., and the First Baptist Church, Avon Park, Fla.

Brother Guy Deane, Jr., was in a bad car wreck Tuesday, January 11, at 1:15 a.m., returning from the Evangelistic Conference in Louisville. He is now up and doing fine at his home in Livia, Kentucky, where he is pastor of the Buck Creek Baptist Church.

The Federation Meeting of the Long Run Business Women will be at the St. Matthews Baptist Church, February 8, at 6:11 p.m. For reservations communicate with Miss Pauline Utterback, 104 Kingston, Apartment 4, ATwood 6119, or at her office, Ninth and O Baptist Church, CAHoun 2519. There will be a mission study class for the Long Run Business Women at Shively Baptist Church February 15, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Robert H. Allston, of the Hazelwood Baptist Church, will teach the book, "Under the North Star."

The Campton Baptist Church, Camp-ton, Ky., has a building fund of \$6,-589.06, with a goal of \$10,000 by April 1. Pastor J. Edward Cunningham and the members are in hopes of beginning construction immediately if that goal is reached. The work is sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Two years ago the Campton Church realized the need of a full-time pastor on the field, so set about purchasing a residence to be used as a parsonage. They called Brother J. Edward Cunningham, of the Department of Missions and Evangelism, of the General Association's Executive Board, and set about paying off the debt on the parsonage. The Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, came to their rescue and assumed the retirement of the debt on the parsonage, so the church could proceed with its meeting house plans.

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By H. C. Chiles

# New Life in Christ

New life in Christ is not a condition that any individual can bring about by his own efforts. Rather, it is a God-given life. It is the result of a supernatural change wrought by the Holy Spirit when a sinner repents toward God and exercises faith in Christ as his personal Saviour.

John 3:5-7.

Before there can be a new life in Christ there must be a new birth. Just as it is impossible to have a physical life without a physical birth, so it is impossible to have a spiritual life without a birth from above or regeneration. If one does not enter the new life in Christ through the new birth, he does not enter it at all. Christ told Nicodemus that "unless one is born anew" he can never receive the benefits of the kingdom of God. Thus He made it plain to Nicodemus that he needed a Saviour instead of a teacher. The saved need a teacher, but the unsaved need a Saviour. Christ selected Nicodemus, who was a splendid example of the natural man at his best, to emphasize the one great need of every person—the new birth.

Nicodemus was perplexed about what Christ said concerning the new birth. Thinking that He was speaking of a re-birth, Nicodemus inquired as to how it could be brought about. Recognizing Nicodemus' complete misunderstanding of what He had said, Christ gave him to understand that He was not talking about a physical and natural birth, but a spiritual and supernatural one. The new birth is not something that man can do or help do. It is something God does for us. It is the impartation of the divine nature to human beings (II Peter 1:2-4). As in the physical birth we become partakers of human nature, so in the spiritual birth we become partakers of the divine nature. No age, position or condition exempts anyone from the need of the new birth. Even though Nicodemus was educated, moral, sincere and religious, he needed to be born again. The new birth is not optional, but it is imperative. There is no substitute for it.

Christ's double use of "verily" in verse five indicates something exceedingly important. This experience of getting new life in Christ comes through the purifying influence of the Word and the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. When man repents toward God for his sins and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour salvation is transmitted instantly and directly to him from above. "But as many as received

him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

Acts 16:25-34.

In Philippi Paul and Silas encountered a slave girl who possessed an evil spirit by which she charmed and astounded people. She was owned by a syndicate who derived large gain from her sooth-saying. Repeatedly, this poor fortune-teller followed the missionaries on their way to the place of prayer, crying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." Her utterances became a great annoyance to them. Grieved at commendation from such a source, Paul turned and said to the evil spirit in her, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." After the evil spirit left her, she was not of any further use to the vicious men who had been exploiting her.

This loss of revenue so exasperated her owners that they stirred the rulers to action, and Paul and Silas were dragged before the magistrates. There they were falsely accused of teaching unlawful customs, causing disturbances and sowing discord. In the unfair trial the accused were not permitted to speak for themselves. They were severely beaten with many stripes. With their backs raw and bleeding from the merciless beating which they had received, they were placed in the custody of the jailer for safekeeping. Entirely lacking in sympathy and kindness, the jailer thrust the men of God into the foul and loathsome inner dungeon, fastened their feet in the stocks, and, without any thought of their suffering, went to sleep. Such conduct clearly revealed the natural enmity of the human heart toward God.

Instead of spending those hours of physical torture in bitter imprecations on their enemies, Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns of praise unto God. Instead of bemoaning their lot, they remembered God and lifted their voices in thanksgiving, prayer and song to Him. Their singing awakened the other prisoners who listened to them with wonder and amazement. Not only did the prisoners hear, but God heard and He answered. Suddenly God's power came down and a earthquake, of such severity that even the foundations of the jail were shaken, startled all who were in the prison. The doors of the cells flew open, and the chains on the prisoners were loosed.

When the jailer dashed out and saw

the prison doors wide open, he at once concluded that all his prisoners had escaped. Terror and despair gripped him. Thinking that only a disgraceful death awaited him, he decided to commit suicide. When he seized his sword for the purpose of thrusting it into his vitals, Paul cried, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." The tenderness and love of that cry touched him deeply, causing him to cast himself at the feet of those itinerant preachers and ask, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

His earnest inquiry was not left unanswered. He was told just what to do, nothing more nor less. Nothing could be plainer than the answer he received. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." The only way to be saved is to trust Christ fully and depend upon Him solely. In Him alone lies the only hope of salvation. Trust yourself to Him and He will save you.

When the Philippian jailer trusted Christ, He saved him, and gave him a blessed assurance. As an evidence of the change which had been wrought within him by the Saviour, he followed Christ in beautiful baptism. The other members of his household accepted Christ as their Saviour too.

II Corinthians 5:17.

When we are regenerated by God's grace we are said to be "in Christ." In relation to Christ the soul may be in one of three states—the state of nature or without Christ, the state of grace or in Christ, and the state of glory or with Christ. Without Christ is the condition in which all of us were born and nurtured. We remained in that condition until we accepted Christ by faith. When we accepted Him as our personal Saviour, a miracle was wrought and a new creation came into being.

When men accept Christ, they also receive new life. There is born in them a new faith, a new joy, new affections and a new hope. Getting into Christ is a divine operation. The divine nature is imparted to the believer who did not have it before. Christians see, think, feel and act differently. Their minds, their affections and their lives are changed. Former thoughts, principles and practices have passed away, and these new creatures in Christ Jesus act from new motives and purposes. These new creatures have new attitudes, new desires, new ideals and new opportunities. They have a new song in their hearts and a new testimony on their lips. Saved people detest their former lives of sin.

►Clyde D. Sears has been called to be pastor of the Healing Springs Baptist Church, Healing Springs, Va., and has assumed his new duties there. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and the Southern Seminary. Formerly he was pastor of four churches in Nova Scotia, Canada.

## Ickes Diary Reveals FDR Effort to Guide Church

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 toyed with the idea of exerting "indirect" pressure on the Vatican to secure the appointment of a new archbishop for the Chicago archdiocese who would be friendly to the New Deal, an excerpt from the diary of the late Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes has revealed. Published in *Look* magazine on December 14, Ickes' notes indicate that the President was preparing to use a horse-trading technique in his effort to influence the Pope's selection, dangling the possibility of U. S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican as "bait" for the right decision.

"I found that the President was concerned about the appointment of George Cardinal Mundelein's successor in the Chicago archdiocese," Ickes wrote on October 14, 1939. "He hopes very much that Bishop Bernard Sheil, who is able and apparently a liberal, and who was more in the confidence of Cardinal Mundelein than anyone else, will be appointed. He said that he could not make a direct suggestion to the Vatican but he intended to do so indirectly. The new Archbishop from New York, Francis J. Spellman, was to come down to see him and apparently the President is working through him, just as he worked through Mundelein in support of Spellman."

Further details are given in successive entries of the Ickes diary. On October 20, 1939: "As Attorney General Frank Murphy puts it, Sheil is being opposed by the weak apostolic delegate to this country and by other reactionaries because of the speech he made in support

of the President's neutrality bill. Frank is in favor of the President's sending word directly to the Vatican."

On November 3, 1939: "The President told me that he is considering seriously sending a representative to the Vatican, although not with full diplomatic standing. He also said that he would not do this if Sheil were not appointed Archbishop of Chicago. The President and I agreed that a letter to the Pope would not do because it might fall into wrong hands. Finally, the President said that he might write a letter to Ambassador William Phillips in Rome and have Phillips go and talk to the Pope. He made a note on his pad of paper, which indicates always at least a serious intention to do something.

On November 19, 1939: "Bishop Sheil called at the White House and he was delighted with the reception that the President had given him. . . ."

On January 21, 1940: "Archbishop Samuel Stritch of Milwaukee has been appointed Archbishop of Chicago to succeed Mundelein. The first that the President said to me when I went into his office for lunch was: 'Well, you and I have had a pretty severe blow today in Chicago.' I still do not believe that the President went very far in trying to bring about the Sheil appointment. I do not think that the Vatican would have dared to turn him down. . . ."

"I took up with the President the matter of trying to bring about the appointment of Bishop Sheil as Archbishop of Washington. Undoubtedly, he is interested, but also, undoubtedly, he seems to be afraid of sticking his neck out."—*Church and State*.

## FALLEN ASLEEP

MISS EMMA HIATTE

MACKVILLE, Ky. — Miss Emma Hiatte, of Mackville, passed quietly away November 15, 1954, to be at home with her Lord.

Now that He has called her to be with Him, our hearts sigh our gratitude to the Heavenly Father for her life, exquisite in devotion, expanding in its influence.

She was one of those rare souls who excelled in devotion to Christ. Her humble Christian spirit and friendship, her loyalty and devotion to her church and its organizations, will remain long in our memories to strengthen our faith and inspire us to greater loyalty and Christian love.

Her loyalty to her church was seen in her faithful attendance and her untiring service. Her time went for the cause of Christ regularly. To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering she brought her first Christmas gift and her largest love gift. Her heart was with those on all mission fields.

The influence of Miss Emma's life can not be measured by statistical tables. Who can know the lives she touched for God? She was always interested in the lost and found many opportunities to witness for her Master.

Her influence will continue to live and encourage others to nobler living. She was admired and appreciated for her consecrated life.

Solomon, in Proverbs 10:7, says, "The memory of the just is blessed." We greatly miss

her and her memory will ever remain with us.—The W. M. S. of the Mackville Baptist Church.

SISTERS ARMELDA BRAY AND M. C. BEGLEY

HYDEN, Ky., Jan. 15. — Many times we place a wreath on the casket or the grace of someone we love, but I wonder if we do not fail to mention that wreath for which that faithful one had labored and certainly received.

I have in mind the language of the Apostle Paul as he said: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that you may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible."

Two of the finest Christians I have ever had the privilege of meeting passed to their reward during the month of December. They were Sisters Armelda Bray, who was a member of the Rock House Baptist Church, and Sister M. C. Begley, who was a member of the Hyden Baptist Church.

So unlike were they in their labors for their churches. Sister Bray was so quiet and sweet, yet so ready to give her testimony for Him who gave His all for her. Never a leader, but always ready to follow the truth.

On the other hand, Sister Begley—just as quiet, and just as sweet—was a leader in every sense of the word, knowing her place

as a woman, and staying always in that place, she has done more for Leslie County as a humble servant of God than any other one person who has lived here for the last half century, in my opinion.

Each was a devoted Christian. I have had the privilege of talking to each of them at length, and to visiting them during their sickness. Each of them constantly referred to how little she had done for her Master.

If such Christians as these Holy Spirit filled women came to the end and looked back to wish they had done more, what should those of us who are living say? Ours should not be some passing New Year's resolution which we are not likely to keep, or some graveyard emotion which will soon be forgotten, but we should look back to that day when He saved us and we promised Him our all, and just be honest with God and ourselves.—Edward D. Baker, Associational Missionary.

## "...And God Bless Everybody"



"John's bedtime prayer set me to thinking. Everybody is a lot of people. Then somehow, I was glad as never before to be a MISSION-

ARY BAPTIST, with the chance to give and help make his prayer come true. After all, what greater blessing for all people everywhere than that they should come to know Christ. I put out the light and went downstairs to read a heart-warming story of Home Mission Board work in the outposts.

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# Light For a Dark World

By **ADRIAN LAMKIN, Pastor**  
Hardinsburg, Kentucky

"The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world" (Jno. 1:9).

Every year the President lights a Christmas tree on the South Lawn of the White House. Many Americans from all walks of life, and people from other lands witness a thousand lights shining in the night. The Marine Band plays and the multitude sings carols together.

The light of which the Christmas tree is a symbol began to shine long ago. John the Baptist bore witness of the light. John was not able to do a great work of his own, but to point to another. All his zeal and influence were to be spent in testifying to the True Light. This he was to do, "That all might believe through Him."

### Light Was Given

Christ's birth started a new era in human history. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11). Poor Jewish shepherds were watching their flocks by night. Luke tells us, "And the glory of the Lord shone round about them." They went to Bethlehem, found the Christ-child, and returned "glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard." Rich Magi from the East came inquiring, "Where is he who is born king of the Jews? We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him" (Matt. 2:2). When they found the new-born king, they presented gifts and worshipped him. The coming of Christ was God's gift to all races and nations. Those who had walked in the darkness could turn to the True Light and march toward the dawn.

### A Dark World

When Jesus was born, the Mediterranean world was under Roman rule. The Emperor Augustus was an unbeliever and was himself the chief object of worship in the Empire. Immorality was a regular institution in the temple worship of Aphrodite, Astarte and Isis. The few were rich, the many were poor. There were at least six million slaves in the Empire. There were many religions but little religion. Men were "without Christ, having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12).

The world still has much sin and darkness. Frank C. Laubach has said that there are 1,700 million people out of 2,200 million people in the world, who all their lives are in debt, in want, and oppressed. A few of these people are in our country, but most of them are in

other lands. In India the average span of life is about twenty-seven. In Iran one out of two babies born alive dies before it is a year old. In our own United States in 1950, every five minutes around the clock, there was a crime or murder, manslaughter, rape or assault to kill. Temptation and sin, poverty and ignorance still abound in many places.

### Light Overcoming Darkness

Jesus was and is the Light of the world. Through him the darkness of sin is overcome. Ignorance and superstition vanish when the light of his knowledge appears. Children have a new place in the world because of Christ. He said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for to such belongeth the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16). Women have a higher standing in society because of Jesus. Hospitals, orphanages, and hundreds of

other institutions have been brought into being in the name of him who came to rescue the perishing. The nations that have the most Christians have the highest progress and most advanced civilization.

### Let the Light Shine

If the millions of Christians will take Christ seriously, they can make the world bright by taking Christ to the nations. "A candle sacrifices self, to give the world a light; and self in us must be consumed, if we shine for Him aright" (Mrs. J. V. Madden). Harry Lauder told how he had watched an old lamplighter passing through a dark street. The old man was lighting gas lights with a taper on a long pole. As he went down the street he could not be seen, but one could tell where he was by the row of lights he left behind him. Lauder went on to say that it is important that we leave torches behind us, and put a few lights along the dark ways through which all of us must pass.

The light of Bethlehem shines with increasing power. Let every Christian give the True Light to others that his kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

## Dr. Frank K. Means Leaves For Latin American Trip

RICHMOND, Va. — Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, will leave Monday, January 17, for a survey trip through all of the Foreign Mission Board's Latin American mission areas. This will be his first trip since his election to the post last October.

After a visit with the Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, he will visit Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Jamaica,

and the Bahamas. He is scheduled to return to Richmond about March 25.

In giving his report to the Board, Dr. Means said Southern Baptists now have 395 missionaries in Latin America. "More than half of the churches and more than half of the members related to the churches which are the product of Southern Baptist mission endeavor are to be found in Latin America," he said. "These churches regularly report at least half of the baptisms in our total world mission undertaking."

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## Baptist Scholars Protest Marianism

[From the Baptist Press, Nashville, comes the following which we give our readers:]

The tendency for Christians of the world to look upon Mary, the mother of Jesus as divine, "preserved free from every stain of original sin" has the support neither of the Scriptures nor of unbroken tradition. This is the opinion of a group of leading Southern Baptist Bible scholars contacted by the Baptist Press.

"The dogma has served to widen the yawning chasm between Biblical Christianity and modern Romanism" said Dale Moody of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. "The Roman veneration of Mary has moved beyond incipient idolatry into an actuality that will perhaps lead them one day to declare Mary co-redeemer with Christ. This can only repel and be repudiated by all Biblical Christians."

Thomas B. Maston of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, called the Roman Catholic effort to deify Mary "an accommodation strategy." He said that it was a definite evidence of the compromising mixture of Christianity with paganism.

A New Orleans Seminary theologian, Ted R. Clark, has said, "It was so plain to the first century Christians that Mary was nothing more than the human agent in the Incarnation that the New Testament does not bother to deal with the problem of Mary's relationship to the eternal Christ. Only the relationship of Mary to the 'man' Jesus is presented in the New Testament."

The president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., Harold K. Graves, said, "It is because of the sentimental feelings that people have toward their mother that this doctrine has such an appeal to so many. It has no Biblical foundation."

Fred L. Fisher also of Golden Gate Seminary said, "The place of Mary in the gospel story is certainly unique since her position as the virgin mother of the Christchild can never be repeated, but, the Bible does not teach that she is to be worshipped. Respected? Yes. In the same way that any servant of the Lord is to be respected for believing and giving devoted service to the Lord in answer to the Lord's call. After all, what she did in giving her body as the instrument through which the son of God became incarnate is no higher service than that of many who have given their bodies to be burned and their lives to be used in the promotion of the kingdom of God."

Other leading theologians observed as follows: S. A. Newman, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., "another example of that periphery of paganism which has always constituted a sore temptation to the Catholic mind;" Edward A. McDowell also of Southeastern, "It is evidence of a widening breach between Evangelical Christianity and Catholicism," and Frank Stagg, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said the dogma is "distressing to all who refuse to recognize a rival to Jesus. Only the Triune God is to be worshipped."

## Department of State Issues Statement on United States Military Men in Spain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — A very strong statement concerning the problem of the religious welfare of United States military personnel stationed in Spain has been made by the Chief Publicity Service Division of the Department of State. Howard A. Cook speaking for the Division in a letter said, "No steps will be taken by this government which will interfere with the traditional religious functions of the military chaplains."

He also said, "Discussions have been in progress in Madrid between local United States and Spanish Military authorities concerning certain administrative and legal questions arising from the presence of United States Military personnel in Spain. One of the questions involved in this discussion has been that of marriage by the United States Armed Forces in Spain."

"The tentative views of the local mili-

tary authorities have been received by your government in Washington, where they will be given careful review before any decisions are made."

The letter was addressed to Dr. J. W. Storer, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in response to a query sent to Secretary John Foster Dulles of the Department of State.

►Pastor Roy L. Puckett writes: "One of the finest revivals Eastern Parkway Church of Louisville has experienced in recent years was conducted recently by Evangelist Vincent Cervera, Greenville, S. C. It was an 8-day meeting, with a full house each service. The visible results were 55 professions of faith, 53 of whom presented themselves for church membership, and 11 additions by letter. Vince is a fine evangelist, and we heartily commend him to our Baptist brethren."

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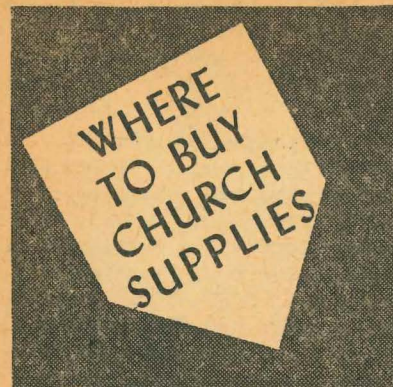
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**Gleanings**

►Pastor Chester C. Irvin recently had with him five missionaries for as many addresses at the First Baptist Church, Jeffersontown, Ky. They were: Elmo Scoggin, from Israel, Reiji Hoshnizaki, special appointee to Japan; Dr. John A. Moore, Zurich, Switzerland; Davis Saunders, Nigeria; and Dr. Herbert Jackson, India. As a result of these addresses, Steve Cook yielded to the call to become a missionary.

►The annual State Music Leadership Conference will be on Georgetown College Campus this year, July 4-7. The goal of 300 choir directors choir members, church pianists and organists, and all others interested in music, is being set. Dr. Loren R. Williams, of the Department of Church Music of the Sunday School Board, announces that the faculty has been chosen and the program is about complete. Every church

in the state is invited to send some of its music personnel to this conference for music leadership training. Remember the date July 4-7. The faculty and program will be announced later.

►Pastor Huber R. Anderson has resigned his pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Wellington, Kansas, and has returned to his native Louisville, where he and his family are residing at Seminary Village, Frankfort Avenue and Findlay Avenue. He has returned to take courses in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has matriculated for the second semester. He grew up in Baptist Temple, this city, and previously attended the Seminary here and Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn. In former years he was pastor at Wickliffe, Ky., and Watertown and Auburntown, Tenn. The Wellington Church was organized in 1950 and the members multiplied many times during the four years he was there.

**Loyall Church Enters \$40,000 Building Program**

LOYALL, Ky., Jan. 24. — The First Baptist Church of Loyall has gone into a full scale building program and plans are now being drawn for complete renovation of their plant, and approximately \$40,000 will be spent on the new edifice.

The church had a building fund drive in December. At the morning service on December 19 the goal of \$3,900 was exceeded, and by the close of the night service \$4,200 had come in on that one day, plus the regular offering.

Brother William E. Roby, for four years pastor of a church at Canton, Miss., before coming here last October. Since his arrival 25 additions have been made to the roll by baptism and 18 by letter, with one young man surrendering his life to the Gospel ministry.