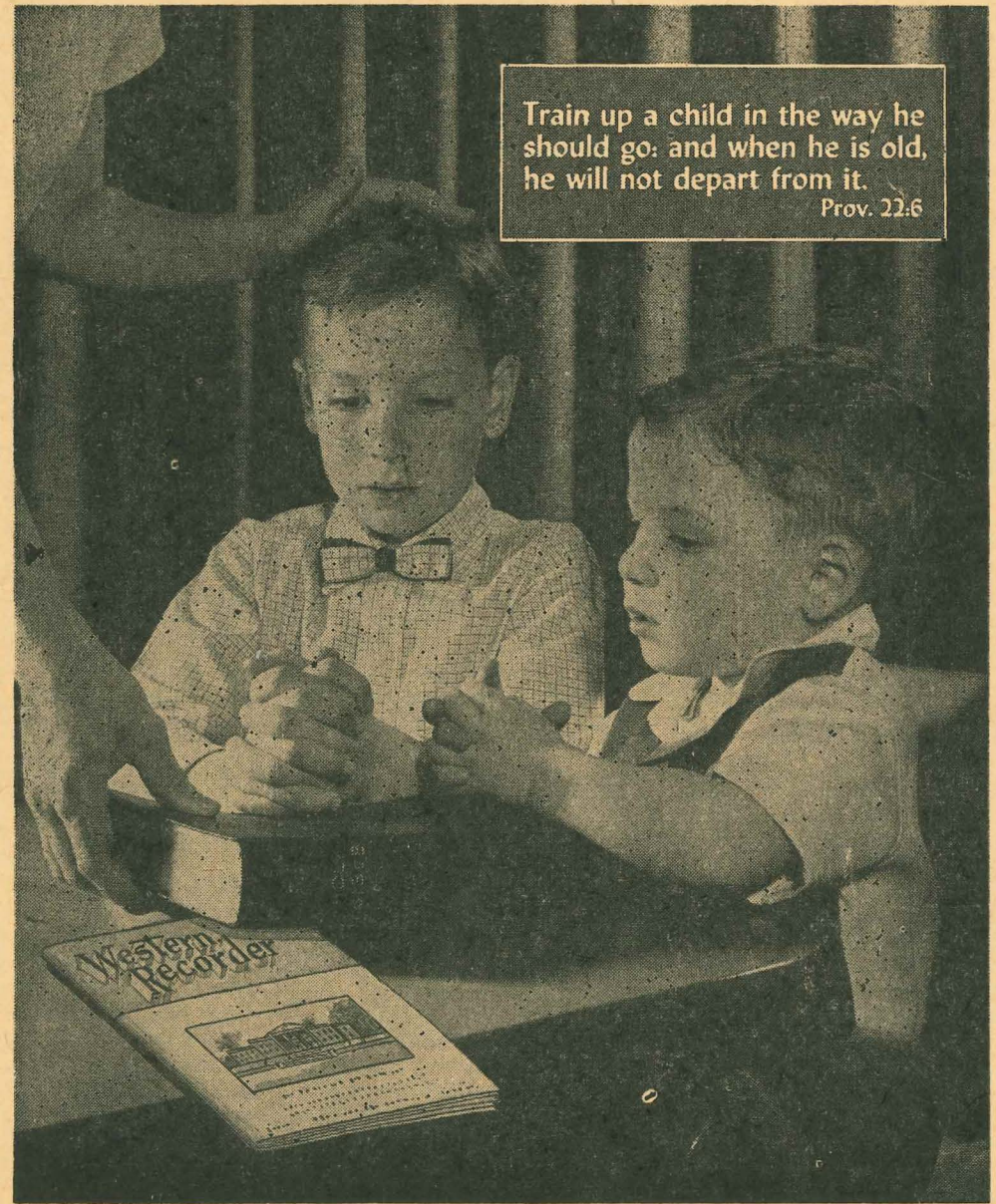


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Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Prov. 22:6

►Pastor and Mrs. Evans T. Moseley, and sons Bill and Tom, of Ponca City, Oklahoma, visited old friends recently in Harrodsburg, Ky., where Brother Moseley was formerly pastor. Dr. C. R. Daley is now pastor at Harrodsburg.

►Pastor Clarence Walker, Ashland Avenue Church, Lexington, has been confined to the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, for surgery. He is reported to be doing nicely and hopes to be removed to his home within a week from this writing.

►Rev. and Mrs. William H. McGinnis, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Gold Coast, may be addressed at Box 301, Sekondi, Gold Coast, West Africa. They make their permanent American home near Louisville and Mrs. McGinnis is a native of Louisville.

►We learn from the Hopkins County Times, Madisonville, that Pastor Ray N. Wolf has resigned his two-year pastorate at the Nortonville Baptist Church. Pastor Wolf is attending the Southern Seminary, and Mrs. Wolf is pursuing a pre-medical course at the University of Louisville.

►Roy R. Payne died at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, Friday afternoon, July 8, at 2:07 o'clock. The remains were taken to the Wright Funeral Home at Brandenburg, Kentucky, and the services were held at the Buck Grove Baptist Church June 10. He was the father of Mrs. D. L. Anderson, one of the secretaries in the Long Run Association office.

►Mrs. Elizabeth Zieger, missionary nurse supported by the First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ky., was a member of the faculty, during both YWA and WMU Weeks at Ridgecrest, June 16-30. She was the speaker for one service during each week. Also she spoke to state prayer groups and led conferences. At a special meeting of the staff she spoke of her work in the mountains of Kentucky.

►Mrs. Harry M. Bell, 79, widow of the late Pastor of the East Baptist Church of Louisville, died in the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital July 13 at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services were conducted at the Glenn Funeral Parlors in Owensboro, on July 16, at 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m., with burial at the latter place. Her late husband was pastor of the Louisville church during 1912-16.

►Kentucky friends of Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Griffith will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Griffith had a cerebral hemorrhage on July 4. She was taken to the Georgia Baptist Hospital, 300 Boulevard N. E., Atlanta, Ga., where she is in Room 409. At this writing she is under an oxygen tent and in a serious condition. Mr.

Griffith is a promotional worker with the Home Mission Board, and was formerly assistant to the General Secretary in Kentucky.

►Chaplain George D. Park reports a good Vacation Bible School, Sukiran, Okinawa. The school enrolled 262 with an average attendance of 205. There were 12 professions of faith and a missionary offering of \$65.00. Chaplain Park conducted his VBS as Baptists promote the work. Preparation Day was held with a parade. Baptist VBS materials were used throughout the school. Chaplain Park has a Sunday School at the Army Base on Okinawa that runs well over 500 in weekly attendance.

►Correcting the financial tables published June 9 and 16 in the Western Recorder for the first six months of the General Associational Year 1954-55, the figures for two churches should read as follows: First Baptist Church of Benton, Ky., in West Union Association, \$1,834.04 for the Cooperative Program and \$176.27 for Designated objects; and the First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, Ky., in Blood River Association, should be \$2,250.00 for the Cooperative Program, and \$636.70 for Designated objects, according to Garnett B. Morton, accountant.

►The Central Baptist Church, Lexington, has given \$1,626.14 to the Co-operative Program since January 1, and has finished paying off the cost of remodeling its building and the erection of the auditorium. On June 25 ground was broken for a new building which will be a permanent part of the building program to be used for Sunday school, scouts, young people, Brotherhood, and recreational activities. Central Church was organized November 15, 1953 and now has more than 240 members and is going forward in every way under the leadership of its pastor, Dr. Clyde Chapman.

►Dr. George W. Redding, professor of Bible at Georgetown College, was the evangelist in a recent revival at the First Church, Mt. Vernon. On the last night the church experienced a pentecostal outpouring that will long be remembered, according to Pastor Raymond Lawrence. "Previous to the last night," he writes, "there had been 6 additions to the church, but on the final night, when the invitation was given, 31 came forward. Among those coming there were several men for whom the church had prayed many years. Following the revival the church has had more than 300 present in its own Sunday school, not counting the mission attendance."

►The Hustonville Baptist Church has just closed a VBS. Pastor W. R. Bradshaw was the principal. The enrollment

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—Jude 3.

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reached 174, with an average attendance of 125. The offering amounted to \$35.00, which went to the Cooperative Program, and there was one addition to the church. The School was Grade A, with 145 extra points. Also a VBS has been conducted at Hustonville's mission at Moreland, with Mrs. William Bogie as principal. Pastor Bradshaw preached each night, and there were 39 enrolled, with an offering of \$3.07, and resulted in two additions. There have been about 15 additions at the mission since it was started six months ago, and there are 54 in Sunday school.

My— Your— No— DENOMINATION

And the Southern Baptist Co-operative Program

On every side one finds people forming themselves into groups which are to become non-denominational churches.

The idea has gone abroad among many that there is something sinister about being a Baptist, or one of any of the other long-recognized conservative denominations which have conducted themselves with decorum and have endeavored to deal fairly with all who fly the Banner of the Cross.

Objectors

Not all Baptist churches, even in the deep South, belong to the Southern Baptist Convention. Some are conscientious objectors to the manner in which the finances of occasional local Southern Baptist Churches have been handled. Money for sports events, athletic outfits, camps, recreational equipment and items of similar character, in their opinion, should not come from that which has been set aside as the tithe. In their opinion it falls in the same category as the Community Chest, Red Cross, Polio, Heart, and Cancer Funds, or related causes of merit. Forming new churches does not solve old problems and only time will tell how well such new churches govern themselves in their approach to the ideal.

Without question no church group finds itself in absolute accord with every decision that is made, but it behooves people to determine what is right and what is wrong and then proceed to accomplish the right. If a wrong decision has been made, endeavor through prayer and right principles to correct it. If a decision looks wrong, but after intelligent consideration proves right, then work with the others in the matter. Nothing that has even the appearance of church politics should invade the minds of church members, but if church members worked with the same zeal for the affairs of the church as precinct captains do when a community project is being contemplated, in all likelihood more of the right people would pray and vote, and unwise conclusions be at the minimum.

I haven't liked all of the Baptists I

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have known, any more than that I have concurred in everything that has been done in the churches in which I had a vote. If I disapproved, I voted negatively. If the issue was not of great moment, then that was the end of it. If it was something that would derogatorily affect the future of the church, but passed, then it was something to pray about and have brought before the church again at a later date. The same group might feel differently at another time, or some of the previously unconcerned might want to express themselves this time.

Glad to Cooperate

I am grateful that as a Southern Baptist I have been able to extend myself to the uttermost parts of the earth through a prayerfully-planned, well-organized and wisely executed program. My dimes and dollars are worth more through cooperation. There is great psychological value in being a partner in a BIG venture such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned, our feet being shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

Loyal to Our Program

If one acceded to all of the invitations and pleas for financial assistance that come over the radio, one would find himself destitute in matters that call for loyalty in denominational support. The Western Recorder has had several articles on this subject in recent months. They clearly enunciated our part in a globe-circling, pole-to-pole evangelistic effort for the glory of God. As Southern Baptists it is reasonable that we should assume our part in this program. Those who have theories to expound

and who enter upon projects via whatever medium they choose, without definite backing, should be expected to conduct their affairs through contributions from those with no denominational affiliation. The affiliated ones should first consider the cause with which they are identified and the program to which they should lend their support. It isn't a question always of how good this or that may be; it is a question of where THAT sum of money should go to accomplish the utmost.

A Christian's money should be carefully handled and have strict accounting to Him Who makes living and giving possible. The Lord Jesus set an example for us in recognizing the importance of the seemingly small things (the widow giving the mite) and attention to details in large matters: "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost" (John 6:13). That which looked like crumbs when scattered over a few acres, became twelve baskets full. Jesus wasted neither money nor time. He lived frugally but dealt bountifully.

An Illustration

A homely illustration may shed light upon the matter. The oldest son in the family has finished vocational school and has gone to work.

On the basis of a reasonably expected cooperation from the son, a budget has been set up for the three younger children, as well as for needed home expansion and repairs. The budget, which is not exacting, if followed would accrue money if illness came, adequate clothing for the children, and in the event of the father's lay-off, lunch money for them.

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►William R. Whitlow has moved from the pastorate of the Hornsby Baptist Church, in Tennessee, to the Salem Baptist Church in Blood River Association, in Kentucky. He was also clerk of the Hardeman County Association, in Tennessee, and that body has passed resolutions regarding his departure from their midst.

Competition On Sunday Nights

What can be done about the competition which television and radio and other forms of amusement offer the churches Sunday nights? This is the question which so many faithful laymen and pastors now face and for which they prayerfully seek an answer. According to their reports, many churches have full or near-full houses Sunday mornings but Sunday nights the congregations are small. What is the matter? What can be done? How can the people be persuaded to come faithfully to God's house Sunday nights?

A few churches, not within range of TV stations, are not yet bothered with that kind of competition but as time goes on and as more TV stations go into operation the problem will be theirs, too. The *Survey Bulletin* recently reported the findings of the National Broadcasting Company and said that TV stations increased 300 per cent within the last two years. As of June 1 of this year, there were 36,100,000 TV sets in operation in the United States being served by 406 stations in 252 areas.

TV is here to stay. It is not likely we can ever persuade the stations to stay off the air during "church time." Churches for the most part failed to influence moving picture shows to close Sunday nights, and it would be even more difficult with TV stations. More watchers are involved and the complaint would be louder.

Churches must face the facts. They MUST compete with certain elements for the attention of the people. If churches say, "They ought to come to church services Sunday nights, TV or no TV," we agree. It's a shame to the cause of Christ and to those who bear His name that so many neglect the house of God. (It's admitted that many, because of illness or age, are unable to attend.) But if we are smart, we'll face the facts and we'll not dodge the issues at any point, even though they reveal our faults. Then, when we've gone all around the problem, including our own faults, we'll know better how to deal effectively with conditions.

Most of the laymen and pastors are thinking along lines offered here. We believe the solution is to be found, ultimately, in the churches themselves—in the kind of services prepared and in the spiritual resistance they are able to stimulate in individual members. In the field of therapeutics, doctors have discovered they'll never be able to kill off all the germs and viruses. They direct their attention more and more toward the building up of resistance or immunity to infections. This is the principle which ultimately must become operative in the field of religion, especially in the currently considered problem of competition from TV and other amusements Sunday evenings. (More of this when we consider discipleship.)

The problem of competition will not be solved by fussing before the people who do come, on account of those who do not. It's nearly always a sign of immaturity when one gets up and scolds those

present because others are not there. Such attacks make some wish they had stayed at home, too.

Neither will the problem be solved by yielding to the cheap temptation to turn the Sunday night services into a kind of church show. The devil can defeat us every time we allow ourselves to be lured away from our own spiritual territory. The church that tries merely to entertain the people will find itself bested by highly paid TV and radio artists who have millions of money behind them. "We've a story to tell to the nations" and we ought to be telling it as winsomely and powerfully as possible, whether by song or sermon or by any other spiritual means at our disposal.

Facing our own faults frankly and with resoluteness, we may discover our need for a stronger, more worshipful program of music in our churches. Halfhearted, poorly prepared, out-of-balance music programs bear terrible witness to the spirit of a church. Church music ought to be worshipful to the heart, and it ought to be done beautifully. Our Lord deserves the best. Even those who themselves do not sing love great music. It's a necessary factor in our worship programs. It not only expresses adoration for our Master and brings comfort to weary souls, it creates an atmosphere in which great preaching can be done and in which souls find their way to Christ and service. "Music" can destroy that atmosphere and make it necessary for the preacher to exercise enough faith to "remove mountains" before he can get over the obstacle and preach. We have heard "music" which would tempt a preacher to change his subject and text and preach on, "They gathered up twelve baskets full." Things were just about that shattered. Yet on other occasions we've heard music which made "heaven come down our souls to greet, and glory crown the mercy seat."

And now, speaking of building resistance or immunity to those things which compete with the church services, we must indoctrinate our people on the need of being good disciples of Christ—"disciples indeed." We've had much to say about evangelism, but not enough. We've had much to say about stewardship, but not enough. We need strongly to accent the old, New Testament doctrine of discipleship. Discipleship includes stewardship in its wider aspects. *Disciple* means one who is a learner, but much more: it means one who actually puts into practice the things taught by the Teacher. Faithful discipleship renders one immune to competitive attractions. When TV programs are more attractive than our sense of discipleship is strong, then both we and the Sunday night services suffer. And the same is true of Wednesday night services.

The ordinary "rock along" methods will not suffice in our day. They never did. Disciples on the day of Pentecost had holy fire in their hearts; and that fire was in them throughout those early years as they battled the competition of a pagan world. Paul's heart was a burning furnace of spiritual power and devotion. He loved Christ with a consuming passion and therefore yearned after the lost.

Get Ready for 1956 Emphasis on Education

Wise-hearted Baptists lay plans early and then work toward worthy goals. It is not too early to begin making plans for the April, 1955, Emphasis on Christian Education.

The SBC Education Commission entered joint approval of the 1956 plans with the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges in Nashville last June. "Prepare for Leadership" will be the theme, and the Emphasis will be promoted on Convention-wide, state-wide and local bases. Packets will be sent out as in 1955, telling Christian Education's whole story to Southern Baptist churches. Releases will appear in the press from time to time. Special articles will be run in the Training Union, Sunday school, and other publications of the Sunday School Board.

This is all good. But the Emphasis will be effective only as accepted and put into practice by churches. The final leadership needed is that of the pastor and his associates. Many good Baptists have yet to understand the great importance of Christian Education in the life of the churches and the denomination. Only the opening of God's books in that great day will tell the full story of what Baptist parents and churches have lost by not giving stronger support to our denominational schools. Let's prepare now to make the 1956 Emphasis on Christian Education what it ought to be and what it can be if pastors and churches cooperate.

Lukewarm services would never have made a dent on the world of the First Century, nor will it today. We need torches of spiritual power in the hearts of all believers—pulpit and pew and choir.

Jesus knew all that was ahead for His churches. His plan of attack was perfect. Failures are due not to His plan but to our lack of true discipleship. When the flesh dominates, spiritual power wanes; when spiritual power wanes, we lose our grip on the people. But churches never lose their grip on the people until they have lost their hold on God and have been caught in the currents of complacency. It takes unusual people in an unusual day, and this is an unusual day.

Wisdom in Norway

The SURVEY BULLETIN informs us that "wine and liquor can be sold in Norway only in government stores which try to discourage the buying of their wares by advertisements warning of the disastrous results of alcohol, helping to cure alcoholic victims, painting the store windows black so as to keep people from seeing the bottles, barring loitering in the stores, and heavily taxing the liquor."

And yet some regard the older countries as a bit backward. Actually some of them are way ahead in their program of information. Why should not advertisers and sellers of liquor be compelled to tell the whole truth about the wares they sell, rather than painting beautiful pictures of the "refreshing pick-ups?"

Meadowthorpe Baptist Church is Organized in Lexington Suburbs

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 22. — A new Baptist church has been organized in Lexington. Located in one of the finest subdivisions of a rapidly growing city, the Meadowthorpe Baptist Church begins its ministry in an area offering wonderful opportunities. The Meadowthorpe subdivision has its own shopping center and over 600 brick and stone houses. It borders on other growing areas of Lexington which have no Baptist churches.

The Meadowthorpe Baptist Church was started as a mission in November, 1953, by the Felix Memorial Baptist Church. The sponsoring church rented space in the shopping center, which the group still occupies. A mission pastor was engaged and Sunday school and worship services were conducted from the start.

In December of 1954 the Elkhorn Baptist Association assumed some of the expenses of the mission as part of its

mission program. The association has a plan for helping the development of new Baptist work in growing area of the associational territory.

On Sunday afternoon, June 26, the new church was organized. Pastor John T. Wallace, of the sponsoring church, presided as moderator of the organizing council. Twenty-one charter members formed the beginning of the church that afternoon. Rev. Clayton Garland, who had been serving as mission pastor, was elected moderator pro-tem, of the Meadowthorpe Baptist Church. Pastor Sherman Swan, of the First Baptist Church of Paris, preached the sermon at the organizational meeting.

►Texas Baptist schools are in the greatest period of expansion in their history, according to the Baptist Press. Within the past five years seven and one-half million dollars have been spent in

construction, including six million dollars on new dormitories. Texas Baptists operate seven senior colleges, a junior college and an academy.

►The Biblical Recorder tells us that Dr. George W. Paschall, of Wake Forest College, celebrates his 86th birthday on July 7. "Dr. Paschall retired as professor of Greek at Wake Forest College in 1940 after 44 years of teaching in the college," continues the Biblical Recorder story. "In the 15 years since that time he has completed his sixth volume of his *History of North Carolina Baptists* and the first volume of *A History of Wake Forest College*. Since then he has completed two more volumes of his *Wake Forest History*, *A History of Printing in North Carolina* and a three-volume *History of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention*. Dr. Paschall now has his second volume of his *North Carolina Baptist History* ready for publication and has nearly completed his third volume. He is busy at other writing, also, and has plans for other books in mind. His retirement from teaching was merely a change of occupation."

Dr. Boone Writes from Switzerland

July 13, 1955

Dear Dr. Skinner:

Southern Baptists have invaded Europe this summer in unprecedented numbers. We expect to have 3,000 to 4,000 at the Baptist World Alliance, or about one half the total world attendance! We have met many parties, touring Europe and the Holy Land in advance of the meeting.

The party which I am privileged to lead has had a delightful tour so far. There are 30 of us of whom about half are from Kentucky. The Kentuckians are H. C. Chiles, Murray; Harold Tallant, Madisonville; Francis Tallant, Henderson; J. Chester Badget and D. L. Druen, Campbellsville; Wendell H. Rone, Middlesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Guy O. Hawks, Mrs. R. R. May, Mrs. George Burton, Mrs. Everett L. Martin, Mrs. George R. Ferguson, W. C. Boone and Mrs. Boone, Louisville. With us also are Secretary and Mrs. Floyd B. Chaffin of Louisiana; Dr. and Mrs. W. Fred Kendall of Jackson, Tennessee; Dr. Warner Earle Fusselle of Gainesville, Georgia, and others from Tennessee, Arkansas, and South Carolina.

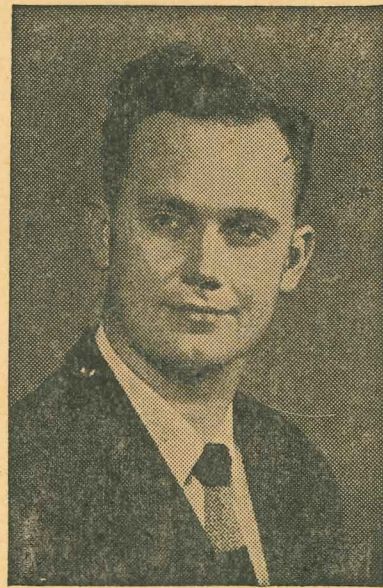
We sailed on the Queen Mary on June 8, arriving in Paris on June 13. We flew from there to Cairo, Egypt; thence to Beirut, Lebanon. We drove through Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel by cars; then flew to Athens, Greece; and to Rome, and have traveled by train through Italy and Switzerland, and go from here to Germany and Holland; thence on to England.

It has been a great spiritual experience to visit the Bible lands. Although greatly changed, there are still some places that are definitely associated with the Lord Jesus, and with other Bible characters. We stood on these spots and read the Scripture passages that were applicable and had prayer together. These included Jacob's well, Bethlehem and the Shepherd's Field, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Jordan and the Sea of Galilee, the Temple in Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Garden Tomb, and the Mount of Olives. In Damascus, Athens, Corinth and Rome, we stood in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, read what he said or wrote there, and thanked God for the greatest follower of Jesus. Every Bible lover, and especially every preacher, ought to make this trip as it makes the Bible really live, and gives a thrill that cannot otherwise be experienced.

We have also rejoiced to visit many of our Baptist churches and institutions in the Near East and Europe. Most of them are the direct products of our own

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission work. We went to church, the Baptist church at Beirut, met our missionaries and rejoiced at the new church building and new school under construction. We met the missionary doctor's wife from Ajloun, Jordan, who told us of our hospital ministering to the poor and miserable Arabs in that area. Bob Lindsey and his wife gave us a hearty welcome in the Baptist church in Jerusalem, Israel. We visited Nazareth and had a brief service in our Baptist church there, saw the splendid school building and the orphanage, where the children sang, "Jesus Loves Me," for us in three languages, Arabic, Hebrew and English! Imagine that! We saw the new Baptist assembly and college being built near the great modern city of Tel-Aviv in Israel.

In Rome we went to Baptist Headquarters and met Secretary Manfredi



Professor S. Charles Williamson, Kansas City, Kansas, has accepted the position as associate professor of voice in the School of Sacred Music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, effective August 1.

Mr. Williamson has served as associate professor of music and speech at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City since 1953. He taught private voice and voice therapy three years previous to that.

A native Missourian, he is a graduate of William Jewell College and holds the M.A. degree in music from the University of Kansas City. He is nearing completion of his work looking toward his post-graduate degree in Music Education.

Ronchi; and visited the Armstrong Memorial Training School and the George B. Taylor Orphanage. Again the singing of children thrilled us.

We had a happy time in Florence in our church there, where the dear old Italian pastor, aged 83, sang and prayed with us. It was a real benediction to see and hear him!

In Milan, also, the Baptist pastor met us at the train and took us to his church, the largest of our faith in Italy, with a beautiful building. This church and the one in Florence are now self-supporting.

This week we went to Zurich and saw our International Baptist Theological Seminary. They have a beautiful campus of seven acres, three good buildings, with 50 students from 18 different countries. It is owned and operated by our Foreign Mission Board. President Josef Nordenhaug and his wife welcomed us cordially. Dr. R. C. Briggs of Union University and Dr. Theron Price of the Louisville Seminary will teach there this year. Every Baptist may be proud of this school for European preachers.

God has blessed our work and we have rejoiced in it. It is wonderful to see for ourselves how our mission work has gone forward to the glory of God.

I shall write again from London and give some brief report of the Baptist World Alliance.

Please give our love to our brethren in Kentucky.

Fraternally,
W. C. BOONE

"The Georgetown Story" Is Being Released for Kentucky Circulation

GEORGETOWN, Ky., — "The Georgetown Story" is about ready for its trip across Kentucky and parts of the Southland so that people everywhere, especially Baptists in Kentucky, will get the historic and contemporary picture of this Kentucky Baptist institution.

Within one year after its release, this film strip plus sound tract will have visited every Baptist Church in Kentucky.

Art work and photography has been handled by Dr. L. O. Griffith, director promotion for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. The gist of "The Georgetown Story" is the idea of Georgetown's unbroken continuity dating back to the second term of George Washington. According to the film strip, even Louisville was not founded when this Baptist institution was established.

Says Dr. Eddleman, president, "This film should bring to mind the historical prestige of the college, and create a sense of pride in its history in the training of men and women for all occupations."

The Temptation of a Nation

Exodus 19:3-6

By DR. SAMUEL SOUTHARD
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(Sermon preached in the author's church.)

Every Sunday we say in the Lord's prayer, "Thy Kingdom come." Have you ever thought about that phrase, "Thy Kingdom come?" What is God's Kingdom? How does it come?

The great subject of the Kingdom of God cannot be covered in one article. It can hardly be contained in a series of articles. But a careful study of this doctrine will be of great help to us in our uncertain age.

In these messages on the Kingdom of God we will attempt to do two things. First, to study carefully this doctrine in the history and thought of Israel, Jesus, and the early Christian church. Secondly, to relate our findings to our own times: to America, our community, our church.

These messages for Americans began over 3,000 years ago in ancient Israel, for the roots of the doctrine of the kingdom of God are found in the rise of the Kingdom of Israel. The two are entwined. Yet the closeness of those two kingdoms is a problem that is still with us. Is God's kingdom to be identified with any earthly state? Does the fact that Israel was God's chosen people mean that the Kingdom of David was the Kingdom of God?

When religion is close to the heart of a nation, it is a constant temptation to identify that nation with God's Kingdom. It has been a temptation in our nation. The Puritan fathers spoke of the United States as God's chosen people, a nation destined to fulfill the mission of ancient Israel (The theme of William Bradford's *History of Plymouth Plantation*—(c 1630-1650), Edward Johnson's *Wonder-Working Providence of Sions Saviour*, (c 1654), Cotton Mather: *Magnalia Christi Americana*; or the *Ecclesiastical History of New England* (1702). European visitors often comment on the vitality of religion in our national life. Does all this mean that God has finally placed his kingdom in our country, that this is the Kingdom of God?

The Rise of Israel

Our temptation is close to that of early Israel. Let us review for a few moments the rise of that nation, so that this temptation will be more clear to us.

In the 13th century, B. C., Israel was not an organized state. It was only a

group of tribes united by their worship of one God. Yet this loose confederation shattered the strongholds of Canaan and occupied Palestine in a few years. Neither the walls of Jericho nor the sorcery of Balaam could stand against them.

There was something about the God of these invaders that made a difference. Jehovah was a unique God in the ancient world. He was a God who ruled history, who made himself known in great saving acts, who called the Israelite slaves out of bondage into a promised land (Exodus 19:4, Joshua 4:10). He had control over nature, rather than being a part of it. His people are to adjust to him, rather than conform to nature. How different this is from the nature-worship of Canaan! In a world full of male and female idols, this God has no sex nor form, yet He is a person.

The Hebrews speak of him as being always alive (II Samuel 12:5 Exodus 3:5). He is not like the myths of other gods who sleep, or go fishing, or rise from the dead every spring. He is at home anywhere: desert, Palestine, Egypt, heaven. He demands justice among His people, because He is Holy (Exodus 23:6-8).

Such a God is most unusual. But most of all, He claims to be the only true God, the one source of all power, all authority, all creativity (Psalm 82, Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

This God is different. And His people are different. The Israelites, as the Canaanites saw them, were a people without a king. Instead they were held together by the worship of this one God, Jehovah. All laws, customs, and government depended upon Him.

The source of the Israelites' strength was a contract with this Jehovah. He will be their God and they will be His people. The only condition is that they obey His voice; then he will make them a holy nation, a nation of priests to the whole world (Exodus 19:3-6).

This was God's revelation to Israel. And so long as they had faith in this covenant, they were God's people. When the leaders sought the guidance of Jehovah in military, political, and social affairs, Palestine was theirs.

After their first success, Israel settled

down to an agricultural and pastoral life. Two hundred years passed by, and now Israel herself was invaded. This time it was no militia, but a well-organized army that swept up into the hills of Judah. The new invaders, the Philistines, are not united under God. They are a military state, controlled by fear.

Before their might the Hebrews flee like rabbits to hide in caves and rocks (I Samuel 13:5-7). Israel is saved from total defeat only by the rise of a chosen leader, David. Anointed in God's name, he whips the ill-organized forces of Israel into a tough private army (II Samuel 5:6). In a lightning campaign the Philistines are routed, and David takes a Canaanite stronghold, Jerusalem, as his private possession (II Samuel 5:7).

Out of disaster, Israel is suddenly lifted to glory. The king of the cosmopolitan trading center of Tyre sends gifts to the new king of Israel (5:11). Out of a tribal confederation, Israel emerges as a centralized Kingdom. Even religion is centralized as the Ark of Jehovah is brought to David's city, Jerusalem (6:12).

Prosperity comes in with the new kingdom. And under David's son Solomon the Golden Age continues. There is a fine temple for the worship of Jehovah (I Kings 6:14-36), and an equally resplendent palace for Solomon (7:1-12). There is pomp, and a palace guard, and chariots, and copper mines (I Kings 10). Could anything be more impressive than all this? Is not the kingdom of David and Solomon the veritable Kingdom of God?

There is one sinister note in the midst of this record of progress. Between the reigns of David and Solomon it is recorded that the veteran priest, Abiathar, is dismissed. Why? Because he held the wrong political opinions (I Kings 1:7, 2:26-27). Religion is becoming subservient to the state. What is good for the nation is assumed to be good for religion.

As we put ourselves in the place of the Israelites, we see how easy it is to fall into the temptation of identifying the kingdom of David with the Kingdom of God. After all, God had promised them this land. They are His chosen people, and the king his anointed servant. Is it not natural to assume that God will bless and defend Israel at all times under all circumstances?

Israel was soon to find the answer of God in history. History answered Israel. I wonder what answers history will have for us?

In two generations the United States has become a world power. We have been as victorious as anyone can claim victory in two world wars.

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►The world will brutalize down or Christianize up in the face of modern warfare.—Winston Pearce, during Y.W.A. Week, Ridgecrest.



ABOVE: Chancel Choir of Adults; 42 enrollment; 8 received choir pin with 90% attendance. Richard R. Lin, minister of music, at left; and Dr. Elroy Lamb, pastor, right, foreground.

BELOW: Celestial Choir (4 and 5-Year-olds); 30 enrollment; 6 received choir pin, with 90% attendance.

Graded Choir Program of Lexington Avenue, Danville

By ELROY LAMB, Pastor

DANVILLE, Ky. — The phenomenal development of the Graded Choir Program in the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church during the past year is attributable to our Minister of Music, Mr. Richard R. Lin. Mr. Lin came to Lexington Avenue immediately following graduation from the School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, the latter part of May 1954. Mr. Lin is a native of China, a graduate of the University of Shanghai and has studied at the Conservatory of Music, Paris, France. He received the degree of Master in Sacred Music from the Louisville Seminary.

Today our Music Department consists of seven choirs and a male chorus. The enrollment is 248. To attain these choirs and this enrollment a lot of hard work was done by the choir mothers and sponsors and others who had responsible places of service. The fully graded choir program has proved successful for a church our size (1,450 members). The value of the program to our church cannot be shown in facts and figures, but can be seen in the spirit and life of our church.

One great contribution the program

has made to the church is the increased spirit of reverence and worship seen in our Sunday services. A sense of dignity without formalism has really made our worship services soul-strengthening and spirit-filling.

At the Sunday evening service, June 5, 1955, all of the choirs participated in a musical program. As a part of this service it was my privilege as pastor to award certificates of promotion to 34 members of the various choirs and 49 attendance pins to choir members who had maintained a 90% attendance since September of 1954. We are now making plans for what we hope will be an even greater year (1955-56) in our Music Department.

Canary Islands Church Has Never Had Pastor

Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain, recently spent 11 days on the Canary Islands at the request of the Spanish Baptist Mission. They surveyed opportunities there and gave encouragement to members of the one Baptist church which is related to the Baptist mission work of Spain.

This church of 30 members, situated

in the city of Santa Cruz on the Island of Tenerife, meets in the home of one of the deacons. It was organized in the fall of 1951 with its membership made up of several former members of the Alicante (Spain) Baptist Church, who had moved to Santa Cruz, and a young man of Santa Cruz, who was converted and baptized in the First Baptist Church of Newport News, Va.

The Canary Archipelago, consisting of a group of seven islands and their dependencies, lies in the Atlantic Ocean about 650 miles from the nearest point in Europe and 60 miles from Cape Juby in Southern Morocco. Four of the islands form one province of Spain and the other three form another. Total population of the islands is more than 600,000.

The Baptist Church in Santa Cruz has never had a pastor in its three and one-half years. Missionaries Whitten directed services each night they were in Santa Cruz and witnessed 12 professions of faith. Mr. Whitten performed the first evangelical marriage ceremony in the history of the church, using the chapel of the Anglican church for the occasion. Over 100 people were seated, more than 50 stood, and many looked on from the outside.

Harrodsburg Baptist Foundation Has Its First Anniversary

HARRODSBURG, Ky. — The Harrodsburg Baptist Foundation had its first anniversary on June 28, at which time President Ott Elliott issued checks for various institutions.

Treasurer Glave Vivion reported a total endowment of \$2,010.00, on which an income of \$120.00 was derived. Of this amount, \$27 was sent to Spring Meadows, at Middletown; a like amount to Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale; \$12 to the Harrodsburg Baptist Church. The remainder is to be used for ministerial and missionary education at a later time.

Elliott and Vivion were re-elected president and treasurer, respectively. Other officers for the new year are: W. B. Morris, vice president; and Charles Matherly, secretary. The Board of Directors consists of: Dr. H. D. Rightmyer, Major Edwin Elliott, Paul Devine, Louis F. Ison, Glave Vivion, Floyd Watts, W. B. Morris, Otto Redwitz, Charles S. Matherly, Ott Elliott and the pastor, Dr. C. R. Daley.

►Only if we possess the hope and purpose for Christianity—for Christ is the purpose for living—are we worth surviving.—Ralph T. Overman, senior chemist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, said during conference at Ridgcrest.

Report on Baptist World Congress

An account of the first session of the Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress, London, England, Saturday, July 16

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

Historic Royal Albert Hall, built between 1868 and 1871, looks more like an opera house than auditorium. Oval in shape with three tiers of red-draped boxes, this central meeting place for the Baptist World Congress seats only 5,000. It was never full during the opening session on Saturday, July 16. Many people faced delays in getting inside because of the cumbersome registration procedure.

The Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress was called to order by President F. Townely Lord, pastor of London's Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church.

A prayer, Bible reading, and short meditation period opened the first session. J. E. Ennals, delegate from South Africa, prayed: "The greatest need of our time is not for material possessions but for the world to come under the fact and power of the vital grip of God."

U. Ba Hmyin, pastor from Rangoon, Burma, dressed in a long gray skirt and a white linen jacket, read briefly from the New Testament.

Great Queen Elizabeth

Delegates sent their greetings to Queen Elizabeth of England. When President Lord spontaneously asked the crowd to sing the British national anthem, "God Save the Queen," many Baptist from the United States did not know the words. They sang instead, "America," whose words are to the same tune.

Other songs during the session were not so familiar to Southern Baptists, who noted that Baptists from other parts of the world really sang. In the main, British congregational singing is heartier than American.

Henry Cook, a retired London Baptist leader and president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, was the first of three speakers bringing words of welcome.

A tall, gray-haired man who only the day before was honored by a doctor of laws degree, Cook was very similar in dress and appearance to the late, distinguished Pat M. Neff, of Texas. Citing the new standard of living, he said, "If only we can persuade men and women in all lands to accept the Lordship and leadership of Christ, we can expect to see, in our time, the Kingdom of God coming with great power."

Two Praise Church Union Movement

The second greeting was from the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, head of

the Church of England and president of the British Council of Churches, who defended the ecumenical movement. Dressed in clergy collar, a long, black coat and knee trousers—the symbol of his high distinction—his appearance was very strange to Southern Baptists, almost as strange as his words that seemed to condemn any denomination refusing to go along with the World Council of Churches.

A Presbyterian who is moderator of Britain's Free Church Federal Council, F. P. Copland Simmons, complimented world Baptists for "your evangelistic zeal." Naming three all-time great Baptists, William Carey, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and Billy Graham, he said all three had the same thing in common—"blazing passion for souls." He also appealed for the "ecumenical church."

Louie D. Newton, Southern Baptist



PAUL W. BOWLES was ordained to the gospel ministry by The First Baptist Church of Earlington July 10, 1955. The council was organized with Pastor Hughlan P. Richey as moderator; H. K. Woodard, clerk; Pastor Bailey Sad-

ler, Nebo, interrogator; Pastor Richey, ordination sermon; Pastor W. T. Crumbaker, Salem, charge to the candidate; Pastor C. M. Cummings, Second Church of the Bible; C. H. Bryant, Earlington Church, ordination prayer. There were 8 churches with 21 pastors and deacons making up the council, including Dr. Charles Treadway, Sunday School Board, Nashville. Brother Bowles is from Earlington. He has completed two years at Georgetown College, and was on the debating team during his second year. He has been called to the pastorate of the Shakertown Baptist Church, near Harrodsburg.

minister of Atlanta, Ga., in his response, cited the Congress theme, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." He commented, "In a world left drab and weary by militarism, materialism, and humanism, our hearts cry out for the living God. We believe that this theme offers the way, the only way, up and out from darkness into light."

Keynote from New Zealand

Lawrence A. North, general secretary elect, Baptist Union of New Zealand, delivered the keynote address. Despite the fact he read his speech, his words captivated the audience. Speaking on the subject, "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World," he declared Christ was unchanging (1) in love, (2) in power to save, (3) in authority.

He added, "It is our supreme good to trust Christ, our supreme duty to obey him, our supreme privilege to serve him." He concluded his sermon by singing a hymn.

The roll call of nations brought out the worldwide character of the Congress. Delegates from 60 countries took part, many of them speaking in their native tongue and dressed in colorful national costumes. The roll call was a great pageant of fellowship with the nine Russian delegates drawing the most attention.

COLOR NOTES: Polish Baptists sent a telegram of greetings . . . Depressive humidity and the hottest weather London has seen in two years made the great Royal Albert Hall most uncomfortable with hats, song books, programs, and newspapers being used as fans . . . Coca-Colas went fast, though none were iced. During the sweltering weather, even the English lost interest in their four o'clock cup of tea . . . Nannie Burroughs, only surviving speaker at the first Congress of 1905 telegraphed greetings from Washington. Her doctor would not let the aged Negro leader make the long journey to Britain . . . Centerpiece in Royal Albert Hall was a huge multicolored reproduction of the Baptist World Alliance symbol. High above the platform, it measured 20 by 30 feet . . . Negro delegates did not appear as numerous as in 1950 in Cleveland . . . Press arrangements were most unsatisfactory with no tables provided and only special chairs for half of the delegation of 120 writers and editors. The British do not look upon the press with the same esteem as most Americans.

Leader Reports Russian Baptist Strength Grows

By ALBERT McCLELLAN, of Nashville, Tennessee
at Baptist World Alliance in London

LONDON, England — (BP) — Russian Baptists show signs of growing strength, if an inside report from one of their leaders is an accurate judgment of their work and character.

Nikolai Levinadanto, vice-president and superintendent of Baptist work in the Baltic area of the Soviet, reported the denomination has 5,040 churches with 520,000 members.

Here for the Baptist World Congress, Levinadanto said all churches have pastors and all church members are over 18 years of age. In Russia, children can not be baptized.

Levinadanto, a small blue-eyed man in mid-fifties, talked eagerly of Christian work in his country as he answered questions about Baptist activity there. He gave the impression of a man dedicated to the Baptist cause, and not the least suspecting that free-world Baptists wonder endlessly about the spiritual welfare of his people.

From his replies, it is evident that Russian Baptist work is different.

Do You Have Bibles?

The first question posed was: "Do you have Bibles now in Russia?"

He answered that as far as he knew, every Baptist family had a Bible, although in Russia there has been a shortage. Since the government granted permits to publish Bibles, contracts are being negotiated and work is expected to begin immediately.

Regarding Bibles from outside the Soviet, Levinadanto said, "There is no difficulty in procuring individual copies but mass importation is impossible."

When asked why mass importation was impossible, he answered, "You will have to refer your question to authorities higher than myself."

Two Classes of Ministers

This was the second question: "How many ministers do you have and what about seminaries?"

In Russia, Levinadanto explained, there are two classes of ministers—pastors and preachers.

Every church has a pastor paid by the people, though wages are pitifully small, and every church has from two to 12 preachers. Of 5,400 pastors, 3,000 are ordained. Others are going through

a 12-month trial period required by churches.

There are no Baptist seminaries in Russia, though Levinadanto said "Just as the Orthodox Russians have the right to have seminaries, we also have the right, but due to considerations of finance, building, and teachers, we do not have any."

Pastors are chosen on the basis of their Christian character, Bible knowledge, faithfulness to the church, and preaching



Miss Monte McMahan of Batesville, Mississippi, will begin her duties as assistant professor in the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, August 1.

Miss McMahan holds the B.A. degree from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

ability. Preachers, on the other hand, are selected for ability to speak in public on Bible questions.

Extensive Organization

To the third question, "Are you permitted a national organization of any kind?" Levinadanto responded, "We have an extensive national organization." There is a presidium or general council of 12 members, all older, experienced men. In addition, there are 60 district

superintendents, who lead associations, he declared.

The district men travel from church to church attending to the needs of pastors. There is a national meeting of leaders but nothing similar to western-type conventions.

"Is your Christian Evangelical Union a Baptist group from the traditional Baptist viewpoint?" To this fourth query, the Russian Baptist leader replied with a positive "Yes."

He pointed out Christian Evangelicals, as they are known, long have been very strict in doctrine and moral living though without using the Baptist name. He said it is a very strong point with them, so strong that ministers and even church members shall not use tobacco.

Church-State Relations

The fifth question put to him was, "Have Russian Baptists been in trouble with the Soviet government?"

Levinadanto answered with a frank statement: "Yes, but not for religious reasons."

"Following an appeal from world Baptist leaders in the early 1920's," he continued, "Russian Baptists became pacifists, resisting not only military service but service in military hospitals as well. This led to imprisonment of certain leaders and closing of some churches."

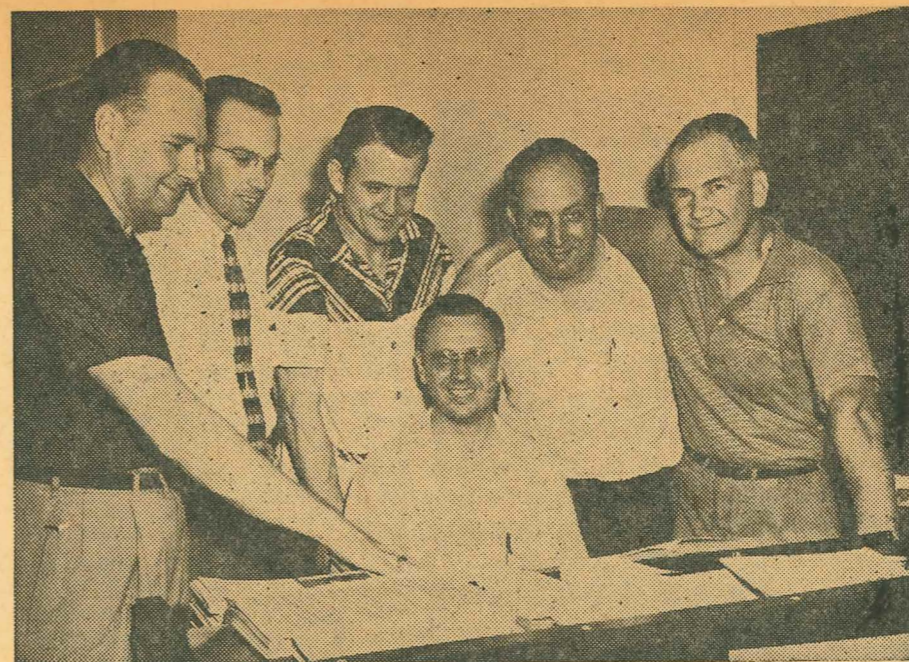
Later, Baptist farmers resisted the government when it began nationalizing private property, not because they were Baptists, but because the farmers had large properties wanted by the state. This led to their imprisonment. He said present-day Baptists are not pacifist and own no private property.

According to W. O. Lewis, European secretary for the Baptist World Alliance, who visited Russia last year, Levinadanto accurately reflects Baptist conditions in Russia.

Both Levinadanto and Lewis attested the spiritual vigor of the Baptist movement in Russia and predicted a great increase in spiritual activities.

►Carson-Newman College's new men's dormitory will be in the building stage after September 1. The first wing of the structure is slated to be ready for use next summer.

►The First Baptist Church of Sandy Hook, Ky., presented a substantial love offering to their pastor, John J. Atkins and his family for a two weeks' vacation. They have now returned from a trip through Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia. They visited with Pastor William Moody on the Cherokee Indian Reservation and Pastor Atkins preached at one of the missionary Baptist churches on the reservation.



CHURCH MUSIC LEADERSHIP WEEK, conducted July 4-7 at Georgetown College, showing teaching staff during the opening sessions. At the piano is Samuel Shanko, Florence, S. C. Standing, left to right, are: Dr. Loren R. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Eugene I. Enlow, Louisville, Ky.; Neil Darnell, Nashville, Tenn.; Edmond Keith, Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr. Warren M. Angell, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Dr. A. G. Thomson, Georgetown, who served as host to the conference, was not on hand for the photo. About 250 Kentucky Baptist ministers, church music directors, song leaders and musicians attended this the third annual conference, sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

My, Your, No, Denomination and the Southern Baptist Co-operative Program

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But the son doesn't see it that way. He doesn't have the feeling of family allegiance. Now that he is working he considers his money his own. His family has been feeding him all the while, it won't cost any more now. Besides, the children in the neighborhood have been friendly toward him and he plans each pay day to buy something for them: a blouse, a cap, a pair of shoes, a dress, a doll, skates perhaps; so for a long time the pattern continues.

To the detriment of his own family and with no actual accomplishment in the affairs of these others, he has distributed a goodly sum. Had there been cooperation on his part in his own family, the budget could have been met without embarrassment. One of the children was hospitalized; the father did suffer a month's lay off which affected the lunch money, and there was no vacation for any of them. The son contributed very little for himself in his

own home situation and nothing for the members of the family.

Is that too different from what many church members in Southern Baptist churches do? For current expenses only a small sum is contributed and nothing for the Cooperative Program. It results in one of two things: embarrassment and possible serious curtailment of well-defined plans, or the disastrous crippling of Southern Baptist Kingdom Work.

Reason for Disinterest

The major reason for disinterest and resultant disloyalty is being uninformed as to the program we sponsor and that stems from non-attendance on services where such information is gained, or the not taking or not reading of denominational periodicals.

Next to rejoicing over our salvation is being informed and learning what our privileges are. It is a reasonable conjecture that we are saved to serve, and

that when we become members of the household of faith there are responsibilities incumbent upon such an affiliation.

I am humbly conscious and justly proud of—(1) My spiritual citizenship which gives me identification with the family of God;

(2) My national citizenship which permits fellowship with the earthly extension of that family.

They Are What We Make Them

Baptist churches are what Baptist people make them. Baptist kingdom enterprises advance and progress only as Baptist people and Baptist churches cooperate. It is a challenge to the strong; a beacon to the weak. This is not a time for uncertainty and lethargy. It is a time of research to know the truth and of heart-searching to express it. It is a time to "relinquish unhealthy obsessions," to "hold fast our profession" and to possess our possessions.

O. R. Maddox, Former Kentuckian, Dies in Texas

Rev. Otis Pendleton Maddox, 81, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to Brazil, died July 17 at Waco, Texas.

A native of Rockport, Ky., he was educated at Bethel College at Russellville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He held pastorates in Kentucky and Tennessee prior to his appointment to Brazil by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1905.

From 1906 to 1917 he was an evangelist in Rio de Janeiro and from 1918 to 1945 in Belo Horizonte. He helped organize the Rio Baptist College and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Rio. He was co-organizer and director of the Baptist school Colegio Batista Mineiro in Belo Horizonte; And he was one of the leaders in organizing the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

In 1904 he married Effie Roe who died in 1950. They are survived by seven children: Mrs. Kathleen Maddox Pinto, Rev. Paul Judson Maddox, Rev. Otis Pendleton Maddox, Jr., Dr. Samuel Eaton Maddox, Dr. Azzie Daniel Maddox, M.D., Rev. Ray Maddox, and Mr. David Carroll Maddox.

►The Northern Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Conference has passed resolutions on the going of Bob W. Brown from the Visalia Church, in their territory to become pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church, near Anchorage; on the going of Joe G. Canzoneri from the Bullittsburg Church to go to the Sugar Grove Church, Utica, Ky.; and James Richard Carlton, of the Belleview Church, to the Hour of Power Chapel, Spartanburg, S. C.

"Thank's" For a Picnic

By HELEN HOUSTON BOILEAU



While Mother unpacked the picnic, Susan, Jimmy, and their father spread the blanket out on the ground beside the stream.

"My isn't it pretty here?" smiled Mother.

"And that chicken sure does look good!" sighed Jimmy.

"Can't we eat now?" asked Susan.

"Yes," laughed Mother. "We'll have our picnic now, but before we eat, we want to say thanks."

"Do we have to say thanks even on a picnic?" Jimmy asked.

It was his father who answered. "We never have to say thanks," he said. "We say thanks because we want to. When we have such fine food, a nice home, and are so happy, we feel thankful, and we want to let God know how grateful we are for all these blessings."

"But at a picnic—," Susan started, but Mother spoke up quietly.

"There is a story in the Bible that tells about a time Jesus fed nearly 5,000 people at a picnic, and he gave thanks before they ate. Why don't you tell us that story, dear?" she said to her husband.

"It was after Jesus had crossed the Sea of Tiberius," Father started. "A great multitude of people had followed him, but no one had brought any food, except one young boy, and five loaves of barley bread and two fish were all that he had. However, the lad gladly gave his bread and fish to Jesus. Many

people wondered what possible good this small amount of food would be when there were so many people to feed. Jesus, however, took the food from the boy and thanked him for it. Then he gave thanks to God. After this, he had everyone sit down in the grass and he divided up the bread and fish. Everyone had plenty to eat, and there was even some left over."

"But how could five loaves and two fish feed all those people?" Jimmy asked.

"Jesus' faith and gratitude made this possible," Father explained.

Susan and Jimmy were quiet for a moment, then Susan spoke. "May I say our thanks this time?"

Mother and Father nodded. They all bowed their heads while Susan spoke. "Dear Jesus, we want to say thank you to God for this wonderful picnic and for our having such a nice home and being so happy. Amen."

It wasn't the family's usual thanks, but it was what they all felt in their hearts.

After they had finished eating their picnic, right down to the last crumb of chocolate cake, Jimmy said, "I think this was the best picnic we have ever had."

"Yes," Susan agreed, "and it makes picnics seem especially nice after hearing the story of Jesus' picnic."

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Jane's Offering Went Traveling

By Lula Doyle Baird

One day Jane started out to Sunday school with her purse in her hand. She had an extra offering in it today because she had earned some money by playing with her neighbor's baby. Jane felt very glad as she heard the money jingling in her purse because this was the fourth Sunday and the offering today would help in many places. The offering Jane gave did not stay long in the basket. It went traveling. First it traveled with a lot of money to the Sunday school treasurer's office.



The next day the offering traveled to the bank. When the Sunday school treasurer had banked all the money, he wrote a check. Some of this money is used to employ missionaries and teachers for work in Kentucky. The rest is sent in a check to Nashville where it is put with other checks from all over the Southern Baptist Convention. Here is one way some of the money was used:

In a village in Africa there was a little girl named Kembo. She was very sick. Someone brought her to the mission hospital. The doctor and nurse took such good care of her that Kembo was soon well again. When her father came to take her home he said to the doctor and nurse, "Thank you for helping my little girl to get well. I am glad we have this hospital here."

"I am glad for friends in Baptist churches in America who have built this hospital," said the doctor.

The nurse said to Kembo, "And perhaps a little girl just like you carried her money to church because she wanted to help someone like you get well."

Kembo gave a big smile of thanks as she and her father left the hospital.

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What Am I?

By Ellen Brown

I hold things yet
I have no hands;
I'm paper, cloth,
Or leather tanned.

I help with loads
Yet have no wheels;
From grocery stores
I hold your meal.

Answer: Sack.

THANK YOU, GOD

By Mary Edna Lloyd

For clouds and the sky
Whether black, white, or blue,
With a promise of rain,
Or of sun shining through;
Thank you, God, our Father.

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Woodland Replaces Building Destroyed By Fire; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Mercer Honored By Muhlenburg

By JOHN A. BASS, Associational Missionary
Box 14, Greenville, Kentucky

GREENVILLE, Ky. — The Woodland Baptist Church, two miles from here on the Elkton Road, dedicated its new meeting house, as shown in the accompanying picture below on July 31.

Fire destroyed the former meeting house of the Woodland Baptist Church on November 13 of last year. This church was organized on the First Sunday in June, 1912. Brother Fred Fox has been the pastor of this church since 1945. The new Sunday school rooms built under this new meeting house were dedicated May 31, 1953.

When the church building burned last November nothing was saved—not even a song book. These fine people held a service under the trees at 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the day of the fire at 9:30 a.m. From then until May 29 they met for their services in the Court House. Two days after the structure burned, their pastor told the associational missionary that they were going to build back as soon as possible, but during the time they were rebuilding they were going to continue their gifts to missions. At the time of the fire, or until that time, they led the association in their per capita gifts to missions.

The Muhlenburg Associational Sunday School Conference met with this church July 10. On that occasion Mr. J. W. Purvis, who for twelve or more years has been the associational Sunday school superintendent, presented a check to two newly appointed missionaries, Dewey and Ramona Mercer, who sailed August 2 for Japan. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary, and she of the Carver School. Dewey Mercer is a native of Muhlenberg County, being born and reared at Central City. The check represents love gifts from the churches of this associa-

tion, given to them as a token of appreciation, to be used to help them get ready to live in Japan.

Brother Purvis is well up in years, but is still active and doing a fine job



J. W. Purvis Presents check to Ramona and Dewey Mercer

as associational Sunday school superintendent. He has built and maintained a fine organization.

Argentine Baptists in Country-Wide Revival

Argentine Baptists held their first country-wide simultaneous revival in April this year with most of the 153 churches of the Argentine Baptist Convention participating.

Leaders in the campaign have not as yet been able to obtain full statistics, but reports from 50 of the churches revealed a total of 251 professions of faith.

During the week 152,000 tracts, printed especially for the occasion, were handed out along with an unnumbered amount of other tracts. Also, 53,000 Bible portions giving the resurrection story were distributed. Letters were written, Bibles were sold, Gospels were distributed, and messages were preached



New Woodland Building

in churches, streets, parks, tents, and on the air. Visual aids were also employed in telling the Story.

It's Different

By Viola R. Figg
2002 W. Burnett
Louisville, Ky.

The person you criticize has a heart.
The person you criticize has a soul.
The person you criticize has a body.
The person you criticize has a care.
The person you criticize has a tear.
The person you criticize has a smile.
Put them all together and it may be you or I.

What you think about another and what the real truth is are two different answers.

If a person comes in late to church, be understanding.

If a person seems haughty, there is a reason; be friendly.

If a person sounds unpleasant, another didn't answer right; be courteous.

If a person becomes too tearful, there is deep hurt somewhere; be kind.

If a person appears offended, someone had to hurt; be gentle.

If a person doesn't care to smile, life has dealt the blow; be gracious.

A Christian has to care and know.

Hate the wrong, but love the good; the difference lies in sin.

Only Christ can change a life; we can only share.

For Avoiding a Detour On Trip to Ridgecrest

If you are driving to Ridgecrest from Kentucky points, you will do well to go by way of Knoxville, Tennessee, thus avoiding a long detour of about four additional hours you will have to make if you go via Middlesboro, Kentucky.

►Dr. and Mrs. John L. Riffey, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, have sailed for their field of service after a furlough in the States and may be addressed temporarily at Caixa Postal 230, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They lived in Louisville during part of their furlough.

"Sigrid Marries A Catholic"

Is your son or daughter engaged to a Roman Catholic? Are you aware of the developments that this romance is bound to bring? This true story of Pierre and Sigrid reveals why a mixed marriage is a slavery from which there is no deliverance. Learn the vital and important facts before it is too late! Postpaid only \$1.00. Edition limited.

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Dr. John K. Durst At Cedarmore



John K. Durst

Dr. John K. Durst will lead a conference for adults at Cedarmore on Christian Recreation and Church Fellowship each morning and will direct the Fun Period each evening. Dr. Durst is professor in the School of Religious Education of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana. He holds his Doctor's of Religious Education Degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Training Union Week at Cedarmore is Aug. 15-19.

New Sunday School Board Director of Nursery Work

According to an announcement made by Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Miss Florrie Anne Lawton, on June 1, 1955, became director of Nursery Work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

For the past year, Miss Lawton has been director of elementary work in the Queensborough Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana. She was graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the spring of 1954, with the M.R.E. degree. She took the course in elementary education at

the Seminary, and taught for a year in the kindergarten on the Seminary campus.

Another Standard Training Union

Congratulations to Carlisle Baptist Church in Bracken Association on reaching the Training Union Standard for the quarter ending March 1955. Mr. Eugene Snapp reported the general organization standard and also the three year Nursery Department with Mrs. Eugene R. Snapp as department leader, the Primary Department with Mrs. Walter Wood as department secretary, and the Lamplighters Adult Union. Again, congratulations to each union.

Primary Parents Will Find New Helps in Home Life

Prayertime Suggestions are now in the "Altar Fires" section of *Home Life* magazine. They will not any longer be available for free distribution or printed in *The Primary Leader*.

Home Life will also carry a special section of additional helps for parents in guiding their children in doing something about what they learn on Sunday night.

As Primary Leader, you will want to see that all parents receive *Home Life* and then know about and use these new materials. You may also write a letter to each parent or visit them, taking with you a copy of *Home Life* and explaining these new helps.

Membership of Kentucky BTU'S Reached 96,139

By the Baptist Press

Baptist Training Unions sponsored by Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky reported enrolments totalling 96,139 last year.

The increase of 9½ per cent over Kentucky enrolment in 1953 helped Baptist Training Union enrolment over the Southern Baptist Convention exceed the two million mark for the first time.

J. P. Edmunds, head of the Baptist Sunday School Board department of survey, statistics, and information, announced the new BTU figures.

►Pastor Fred Tarpley, Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., preached for Pastor Wayne E. Todd at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., July 10. Brother Tarpley was formerly pastor at Barbourville, Ky.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Annual Call

Question: Our church practices what what is named the "annual call." Our pastor has resigned saying that "going by a calendar in calling and discharging the pastor is denial of the Holy Spirit's leadership and contrary to the practice of other Baptist churches."



Dr. R. L. Hudson

Answer: I know some churches which practiced the annual call twenty-five years ago. They have all discontinued it today. My judgment is that the trend is definitely away from this practice. In fact, I did not know that anybody believed in this today.

The annual has two great weaknesses. First, it gives no security to the pastor. He cannot buy a car expecting to continue to make payments, for he might not be recalled. Labor, the teaching profession, and every other group or society is trying to get away from insecurity. It has been discovered that good workers will be better workers if furnished a reasonable security.

Second, the annual call breeds discontent. Any trouble maker in the church can get the vote to disturb an otherwise fairly good relationship. Many troubles can be worked out if people stay together—this is true in marriage, as well as in church. But if a time is set to see whether the relationship will be continued, the stage is set for discontent and misunderstanding.

Baptists have a great problem in the prompt and effective location of their pastors and in finding pastors for their churches. We need more stability, not less. Long pastorates are generally more desirable.

How would you like for your son, if he were a minister, to have his job reviewed every year, to see whether or not he is to be fired? I think it contradicts both the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the doctrine of Christian love.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, 400 W. Meyer, Kansas City, Missouri.)

►Behind the Iron Curtain God has His people.—Baker James Cauthen, during Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary
MRS. JOHN REDDEN, Interim Youth Secretary
MR. J. C. BALLEW, Royal Ambassador Secretary

State Workshop for Associational Royal Ambassador Leaders

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, September 8, 9, 10

Each Associational Royal Ambassador Leader and the Assistant Leader should be present for the entire worship. Plans for the year will be made so as to carry out the suggested plans for Royal Ambassador work in the Church and Association.

The workshop will begin at 2:00 P.M., Thursday afternoon, September 8. Send \$2.00 reservation fee to: Royal Ambassadors, Baptist Building, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville; pay the remaining \$5.00 upon arrival at Cedarmore.

State Camps

Intermediate Royal Ambassador Camp

One hundred forty campers had a great week at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly for the Intermediate Royal Ambassador camp. Among the 27 leaders serving this week, 17 were counselors, Rev. Calvin Fields was assistant camp director; Dr. C. R. Daley was camp pastor, Rev. Ben Bezerra, of Brazil, Dr. Robert G. Bratcher of Brazil, Rev. Charles LeClair of Oklahoma, and Rev. H. L. Hardy of Chile were missionaries.

Those in the Recognition service Thursday night were:

Pages: Ralph Gamble, Bellepoint, Frankfort; Tom Logan, Brownsville Baptist, Brownsville; and Terry Clymer, Northside, Mayfield.

Squires: James H. Johnson, Brownsville Missionary Baptist, Brownsville; Edward Cates, Nebo; Eddie Stum, Liberty, Madisonville; Eddie Brown, 23rd and Broadway, Louisville; and Charles Hornback, also of 23rd and Broadway.

Knights: Jack Thomas Figart, First Richmond; and Ford Egge, Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah.

Ambassadors: William Tillet, Stanford; and Jack Van Sant, Bellepoint, Frankfort.

Of the 140 campers, 18 Associations were represented and 39 churches. From *Blood River:* Murray First—1, Memorial—4; *Bracken:* Carlisle—3, Maysville—4; *Campbell County:* Grant's Lick—4; *Daviess-McLean:* Whitesville—2; *Edmonson,* Brownsville Missionary—4; *Franklin:* Frankfort Bellepoint—2, Stamping Ground, Providence—2; *Goshen:* Leitchfield First—2; *Graves County:* Mayfield Northside—6; *Greenup:* Ashland Wildwood—3; *Lincoln County:* Stanford—6; *Little Bethel,* Dawson Springs Charleston—2; *Madisonville,* Liberty—12, Nebo—4; *Long Run:* Jeffersonville, Ind., Middle Road—4; 23rd and Broadway—2, East Audubon—4, East—2, Lee's Lane—2, Ralph Avenue—6,

Southern Baptist Seminary—2, Walnut Street—2, Lyndon—1, St. Matthews—5; *North Bend:* Verona New Bethel—2; *Walton—5;* *Severn's Valley:* Gilead—22; *South District:* Burgin—2, Lancaster—2; *Tates Creek:* Richmond First—1; *West Kentuckiana:* Evansville, Ind. Friendship—1, Evansville Walnut Street—6; *Henderson Audubon—3;* *West Union:* Paducah First—1, Paducah Twelfth St.—2; *Paducah Baptist Tabernacle—1,* Paducah Lone Oak—2.

Honor camper awards were presented in the award service on Friday morning to those campers earning this patch. Chapter 6 was the winner in the camp volleyball tournament—Mr. Hollis Marshall of Paducah, counselor; chapter 13 won the camp softball tournament—Rev. Sam E. Byler, pastor of Memorial Baptist, Murray, was counselor.

The Star Camper award, presented to the outstanding camper, was awarded to Tom Shelton from Providence Baptist Church, Stamping Ground, Ky. Honorable mentions for star camper were: Victor Lohr, Wildwood Baptist, Ashland; Steve McNutt, Ralph Avenue, Louisville; and Eddie Owen, St. Matthews. The athletic award was presented to Byron Buckley, Walnut St., Evansville.

Second Junior RA Week

Two hundred three campers attended the second Junior week of State Royal Ambassador camp at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Among the 34 leaders serving this week, 23 were counselors, Rev. W. L. Crumpler of Maysville was camp pastor; Rev. Ben Bezerra of Brazil, Rev. Charles LeClair of Oklahoma, Rev. Bill Shinto of New Mexico, and Rev. R. A. Slinker of Kentucky were missionaries.

Those in the Recognition Service Friday night were:

Pages: John Atwood, Hopewell, Jeffersontown; David Johnson, Carlisle; Johnny Reed, South Elkhorn, Lexington;

Roy Brent and James Hall, Campbellsburg; Murrell Porter, Mt. Washington.

Squires: Philip Byler, Memorial, Murray; Del Wayne Biddle, Spears Mill, Paris; Barry Enlow and Jimmy Mitchell, Central, Corbin.

Knights: Wayne Dunn, East Audubon, Louisville; and Everett Ragland, Muldraugh.

Ambassadors: Tommy Highfil, Mexico.

Of the 203 campers, 23 associations were represented and 51 churches. From *Baptist Association:* Hopewell—1; *Bethel:* Adairville—4; *Blood River:* Memorial—2; *Bracken:* Carlisle—3; *Central in Maysville—7;* *Central:* Springfield—2; *Lebanon First—7;* *Elkhorn:* Ashland Avenue in Lexington—4; *South Elkhorn—4;* *Spears Mill in Paris—3;* *Great Crossing in Georgetown—2;* *Calvary in Frankfort—1;* *North Fork—2;* *Providence—2;* *Stamping Ground—1;* *Henry County:* Bethlehem—1; *Campbellsburg—6;* *North Concord:* Barbourville First—5; *Liberty:* Cave City—3; *Long Run:* Baptist Tabernacle—2; *Central Mission—11;* *East Audubon—8;* *Fairdale—2;* *Farmdale—2;* *First Baptist Mission—1;* *Immanuel—1;* *Lee's Lane—2;* *Parkland—2;* *Ralph Avenue—9;* *Rockford Lane—3;* *from Southern Seminary Village—1;* *Southside—11;* *St. Matthews—10;* *Muhlenberg:* Oak Grove—3; *Greenville First—6;* *Mt. Zion:* Central in Corbin—4; *Nelson:* Cox's Creek—2; *Mt. Washington—3;* *Ohio Valley:* *Morganfield First—7;* *Mexico—3;* *Salem:* Muldraugh—7; *Severn's Valley:* Mt. Zion—2; *Rineyville—9;* *Sonora—5;* *South District:* Danville First—13; *Wayne County:* Monticello, First—4; *Emmanuel—1;* *West Kentuckiana:* Walnut St. in Evansville—4; *West Union:* Blandville—4.

Honor camper patches were presented Saturday morning to the campers earning this award. Chapter 2 was the winner in the camp volleyball and softball tournament. Dr. J. T. Burdine, Jr., pastor at the Bardstown Baptist Church, was counselor for this chapter.

The Star Camper award, presented to the outstanding camper, was awarded to Robert Dooley from Southside Baptist Church, Louisville. Honorable mentions for star camper were: Kirk Williams, Cave City; Don Chappell, Memorial Baptist, Murray. The athletic award was presented to Roy Brent, Campbellsburg.

Looking Backward

This second junior week ended the three weeks of State Royal Ambassador camps. During these three weeks, 524 campers and leaders attended. Missionaries discussed and by use of visual aids showed something of our Baptist work in Brazil, Chile, Japan, Oklahoma Indians, and Kentucky. Eighty-eight churches and 33 associations were represented.

Price Writes Editor About Problems in Italy

Rome, Italy, July 11, 1955
Dear Editor:

Headlines in the morning paper announced, "Church of Christ Minister Gets Jail Term in Sign Case."

The article stated that Rev. Cline R. Paden, of Lubbock, Texas, had been sentenced to ten days in jail and fined 3,000 lire for "affixing a sign on his church building after police removed it." The sign was in ten inch bronze letters containing the name of the church.

From my hotel, I phoned Mr. Paden, asking him if he were free to discuss the sentence and his trial, telling him that I should like to give a report of the incident.

"I am happy for you to write about it," he replied. "In 1953 we placed the sign on the church and there was no protest until the priest in the parish where we live went to the police insisting that the sign be removed.

"The government officials made no bones about telling us of the pressure from the priest and other Catholics whom he stirred up. The officials removed our sign," he continued.

"We went to court and in December, 1954, the decision was in our favor. The judge called the police, 'abusers of power' for removing our sign.

"We put the sign up again, but finally we were ordered, several weeks ago, to take it down. We declined."

Mr. Paden concluded, "I was convicted by a law of the 1929 Concordat. This is the darkest news for Protestants in 30 years. My lawyer has appealed to a higher court.

"We have learned never to complain, and I believe this will work out for good. I shall wait."

The article to which reference is made above, closed with the following paragraph:

"The decision came just as another evangelical church group in Rome, the Baptists, sent a message of greeting to Italy's new premier, Antonio Segni, and expressed the hope that the government would bring an end 'to legal obstructionism against evangelical Christians' and 'respect the constitutional rules for religious liberty!'"

The irony of it was that on yesterday we visited the prison and dungeon in which Peter and Paul suffered for their Christian faith, according to our guide. Who knows but after another 1,000 years the prison of the Rev. Mr. Paden, may

[Dr. Price has been touring Europe and the Holy Land before attending the Baptist World Alliance in London.]

be pointed out as proof of one who was willing to suffer in 1955 for his Christian belief and moral right to propagate it?

Small and weak are the two words which best describe the Baptist denomination in Italy. In Rome there are four Baptist churches, an orphanage caring for 85 children and a training school.

The Baptist Union of Italy has 52 churches and 4,000 members.

We are looking forward to a visit at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rivoli, near Turin.

Bruce H. Price
First Baptist Church
Newport News, Virginia



Miss Jessie Smith

NEW TEACHER AT MAGOFFIN. — Miss Jessie Smith, Blue Mountain, Miss., has been added to the faculty of the Magoffin Baptist Institute. This summer she is teaching Vacation Bible Schools in the region under the direction of the Jackson Baptist Church. She is a graduate of

Blue Mountain College and of Carver School of Missions and Social Work. She has spent the last two summers in missionary work in Mississippi and California. She has taught commercial subjects in Mississippi public schools for two years, and that will be the major field of her teaching in Magoffin. Also she will teach health, according to Miss Anna Starkey, dean and acting head of the school.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, JULY 24, 1955

Sunday schools with attendance as low as 100 will hereafter be published. Ten o'clock, Wednesday, is the dead line.

If the total number of additions to the church is included, that, too, will be published in the report.

Numeral after church indicates number of missions.

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Barbourville, First	119	403
Bardstown	---	388
Beaver Dam (1)	165	435
Benton	83	238
Bethlehem	111	---
Blackford	45	190
Bowling Green (2)	275	1,155
Burlington	74	289
Cadiz	72	304
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	149	289
South Campbellsville	77	250
Carlisle (1)	111	215
Carrollton	85	350
Central City	168	431
Clay, First	---	230
Cloverport	---	201

Corbin, First	64	330
Central (1)	128	482
Covington, Calvary	---	649
First (1)	124	306
Latonia (2)	209	802
South Side	82	373
Crestwood (1)	39	292
Danville, First (2)	164	622
Lexington Avenue (1)	---	467
Dayton, First	---	210
Dawson Springs	---	220
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	215	793
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	115	519
Grace	220	776
Keck Avenue	97	274
Walnut Street	---	381
Ferguson (1)	74	216
Flatwoods, Additions 2	57	203
Florence	81	302
Fort Thomas, First	58	256
Frankfort, First (1)	144	726
Thorn Hill	103	---
Fulton	128	588
Glasgow (1)	98	614
Greensburg	75	239
Greenville, First	145	403
Harrodsburg (2)	233	780
Hartford	101	258
Hawesville	61	241
Hazard (2)	---	348
Hazel	42	272
Henderson, First (1)	137	498
Immanuel Temple (2)	132	672
Hopkinsville, First (1)	129	720
Second	183	842
Junction City	66	258
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	54	258
Lawrenceburg, First	61	288
Lebanon, First (1)	120	466
Leitchfield	115	277
Lexington, Calvary (1)	175	708
Grace (2)	157	610
Porter Memorial	114	494
Rosemont	80	318
London, First (1)	131	472
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	264
Beechland, Additions 3	93	531
Beechmont (2)	164	885
Bethany	85	291
Buechel Park	309	---
Clifton (1)	100	372
Eastern Parkway	100	535
Eighteenth Street	70	269
Farmdale (1)	114	412
Harmony	81	262
Hazelwood	81	506
Highland Park First	---	381
Immanuel	97	410
Lynn Acres	73	183
Ninth and O (11)	412	1,491
Okolona	76	454
Parkland (1)	216	910
Rockford Lane	74	275
Shawnee	95	359
Shively (1)	103	605
Southside (1) Additions 2	131	576
Twenty-third and Broadway (2)	147	637
Virginia Avenue	---	249
Walnut Street (4)	235	1,327
West Broadway (1)	126	561
Ludlow, First	102	330
Madisoaville, First	190	983
Marion	75	283
Mayfield, First	256	---
Middlesboro, First (4)	---	592
East Cumberland Avenue	---	347
Monticello, First	---	280
Morgantown, First (1)	149	452
Morgantown (1)	115	247
Mt. Carmel	56	129
Mt. Washington	82	271
Murray, First (1)	---	834
Newport, First (2)	---	624
Owensboro, Buena Vista	74	420
First	242	1,052
Hall Street (1)	167	489
Macedonia	80	214
Seven Hills (1)	84	246
Third (1)	231	---
Paducah, East	160	506
First (1)	126	519
Oaklawn	149	279
Trinity	135	300
Twelfth Street	124	387
Paintsville, First (1)	75	228
Paris, First	30	214
Pikeville, First (5)	58	458
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial (10) Additions 2	---	525
Princeton, First (1)	146	555
Northside (1)	86	246
Russellville, First (1)	82	404
Somerset, First	160	509
Sonora	113	249
Springfield, First	134	444
Sturgis, First	73	273
Utica	73	216
Versailles	49	370
Walton	94	310
Williamsburg, First (1)	---	389
Williamson, W. Va., East (1)	66	285
Winchester, Central	99	396
First	134	368



NEW STUDENT CENTER of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, which was used the first time June 19. Those in the picture are some of the summer college students who have made Calvary their church home away from home. Don Shropshire (standing) is superintendent of the College Department in the Sunday school. The membership is 32, though a large increase in this number is expected with the coming of the students this fall.

100-Bed Baptist Hospital Dedicated in Kyoto, Japan

In historic ceremonies, the new, quarter-million-dollar Japan Baptist Hospital was dedicated July 12.

The opening of the four-story, 100-bed general hospital officially launched Southern Baptists' first medical work in Japan. Kyoto, site of the medical center, is halfway between Tokyo and Fukuoka.

National Baptist leaders, missionaries, and state and civic officials joined in the dedication ceremonies held in the hospital chapel. Greetings were read from Southern Baptist leaders in America and from numerous Japanese medical groups.

Speaking to an overflow crowd, A. L. Gillespie, chairman of the Japan Baptist Mission, said "It is not enough to heal men's bodies; we must heal men's minds and souls through an evangelistic hospital ministry in Japan."

Hospital Trustee Chairman Kiyoki Yuya, pastor of Tokyo's Mejiro Church, delivered the dedication sermon. Expressing gratitude to eight million Southern Baptists in America for the modern hospital, he stressed the fact that the hospital is "not an American institution, but a hospital for all Japan to heal and help the Japanese people."

The Japan Baptist Hospital is one of the largest and most modern hospitals in Japan. Seven doctors (four Ameri-

can, three Japanese) will serve in departments of surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics and medicine, dematology, and urology. Later, departments of eye, ear, nose, and throat and dentistry are planned; and a school of nursing is anticipated within two years. The present hospital staff, including doctors and nurses, is 50.

"Bonus Baby" Pays Tithes; Youth Sends Church \$1,500

MONROE, La. — College Place Baptist Church recently received a check for \$1,500 from Wayne Causey, the Baltimore Orioles' new bonus ball player fresh from the campus of a local high school.

Causey signed a contract with the Orioles and will receive an estimated \$3,000 bonus during the next three years. He received \$11,500, the first installment, this month and promptly sent his church a tithe of the check.

Causey, only 18, was cutting the lawn at College Place Church only last summer for \$5.00 a week. He began to tithe and vowed always to give the church ten per cent of his income.

He has played in several games for Baltimore and hit a home run in the first game to lead his team to victory.

While in high school he played on the American Legion team and was active

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in all sports. His schoolmates voted him the most popular student.

Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Causey. The Causeys have taught their boys (Wayne has two younger brothers) to tithe and take an active part in church activities.

Wayne's pastor, T. Earl Ogg, said, "It is easy to give one dollar out of ten and ten out of a hundred; but when one has \$11,500 and then is faithful there must be real conviction, especially in an 18-year-old."

►Brethren Charles Matthews, Ira Anderson and Wendell Kopp were ordained as deacons of the Silver Grove Church in Campbell County Sunday afternoon, June 26. R. T. Daugherty, George Munro and Russell Heyne delivered messages on that occasion, and Chase W. Jennings, city missionary, led the ordination prayer.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK AT CEDARMORE

Daily Program (Monday Night Through Friday Noon)

August 8-12, 1955

Night	
6:00	Supper (Central Daylight Time) Dining Room
7:30	Departmental Conferences
8:00	Song Service Dr. Forrest Heeren
Mrs. Forrest Heeren, accompanist	
8:10	(Monday) Better Buildings Chester A. Igleheart
	(Tuesday) Book Store Service Davis C. Hill
	(Wednesday) Standards Lawrence Holzschuh
	(Thursday) Reaching Men Roy E. Boatwright
8:30	Announcements and Offering
	Special Music
8:45	Message Dr. Rollin S. Burhans
9:20	Teaching by the Use of Films
Morning	
7:30	Breakfast Dining Room
9:00	Song Service Forrest Heeren
9:15	Bible Hour Dr. W. W. Adams
10:10	Departmental Conferences
11:00	Recess
11:15	Song Service Forrest Heeren
11:25	Let Us Go On in Better Bible Teaching Roy E. Boatwright
11:40	Announcements and Offering
	Special Music
11:50	Message Dr. Rollin S. Burhans
12:30	Lunch Dining Room
Afternoon	
1:30	Music
1:40	(Tuesday) Ministry to Married Young People
2:00	(Tuesday and Wednesday) The Ministry of the Vacation } G. E. Bryan, Jr.
	(Wednesday) Meeting Needs of Single Young People
	(Thursday) Ministry to Young People Away in Service
	Bible School Lawrence Holzschuh
	(Thursday) Using the Sunday School to Reach and Teach Children
	Mary Ella Davis
2:20	Using the Associational Organization to Minister to the Churches Chester A. Igleheart
2:40	Departmental Conferences
3:15	Recess

More V.B. Schools

Plum Point, Russell Creek	51	Rockford Lane, Long Run	245
Oakdale, Long Run	215	Watts Chapel, Rockcastle	91
Friendly Grove, Blackford	60	Bethel, Blood River	88
Whitesville, Daviess-McLean	55	Beach Grove, Liberty	56
Fairview, Lincoln County	71	Caldwell Springs, Ohio River	40
Lexington Avenue, Danville,		Old Bethel, Ohio Valley	84
South District	214	Mt. Olive, Ohio Valley	46
East Pittsburg, Laurel River	107	Clover Bottom, Versailles, Elkhorn	105
Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah,		Ivyton, Enterprise	58
West Union	138	Morganfield, Ohio Valley	216
Donaldson, Caldwell County	118	Sinking Springs, Blood River	128
Blue Springs, Little River	145	LaCenter, West Union	102
Manly Memorial, Long Run	187	Benton, First, West Union	180
Eaton Memorial, Daviess-McLean	184	Twelfth Street, Paducah,	
McVeigh, Enterprise	85	West Union	177
Lewis Lane, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean	180	Creswell, Caldwell	79
Beaver Dam, Ohio County	270	Hedgeville, South District	48
Prospect, First, Long Run	115	Lebanon, First, Central	446
Highland Park, Second, Louisville,		Lancaster, South District	141
Long Run	112	Middleburg, Casey County	105
Carrollton First, Whites Run	177	Bellevue, Campbell County	253
Fairdale, Long Run	334	Central, Maysville, Bracken	148
Shelbyville, Second, Shelby County	85	Greenville, Second, Muhlenburg	131
Sand Springs, Baptist	164	Zion, West Kentuckiana	152
Bullitt Lick, Nelson	203	Victory Memorial, Long Run	288
Burton Memorial, Warren	97	West Broadway, Long Run	306
Shelbyville, First, Shelby County	264	Monterey, Owen County	76
Pellville, Blackford	56	Central, Paris, Elkhorn	199
		Friendship, Russell Co.	47
		Mt. Vernon, Shelby County	141
		Greenwood, Warren	78

W. G. Potts in Yoeman Service at Middlesboro

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. — Brother W. G. Potts arrived as supply pastor of the First Baptist Church here on June 8. Pastor Wendell H. Rone is on a tour of the Holy Land and attending the Baptist World Alliance, and will be absent for eight weeks.

Brother Potts is living on the field and taking over the pastoral duties during Pastor Rone's absence. He has received a warm welcome, and is having good attendance on Sundays, with approximately 100 attending the mid-week prayer service.

On the first Sunday Brother Potts preached there were five additions to the church. He has entered right into the work and visits the sick daily in the hospitals and homes. Within his first week in the Middlesboro church, he conducted one funeral, attended a wedding, preached at the Sunday services and prayer meeting, presided at the Deacons' meeting and the business meeting of the church, and brought a message to the Sunday School Officers and Teachers. He also opened the City Police Court with a devotional on one morning, attended a meeting of the Middlesboro Ministerial Association, and went on a tour of the Tourist Attractions of the city. This is a full schedule for a retired minister, but he has manifested a fine spirit.

Brother Potts had just been bereaved of his wife and companion of 38 years just a week before coming to take up his duties at Middlesboro, but the Lord is enabling him to perform a fine work here in spite of the heartache and sorrow that so recently came into his life.—Mrs. John Wyatt, Church Secretary.

►Miss Ethel Harmon, Southern Baptist missionary, is returning to her field of service in Nigeria after a furlough in the States and may be addressed at Baptist Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa. She is a native of Rye, Ky., Whitley County, and makes her permanent American home in Corbin, Ky.

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REPORTING ON JULY

1-3—Week-end evangelistic services sponsored by the Brotherhood; 4—Shelby County Associational Rally held at their Associational camp grounds; 5—Brotherhood meeting, Mt. Freedom Baptist church, Wilmore; 7—Brotherhood meeting, Dixie Chapel Baptist Church, Louisville; 8-10—Evangelistic services, First church, Walton, sponsored by Brotherhood; 11—Brotherhood meeting, Immanuel Church, Lexington; 12—Brotherhood meeting, Fairdale church, Louisville; 14—Associational Brotherhood meeting (Boone's Creek Association) held at Corinth Church; 15—Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville; 16—Beaver Church, Union Association; 17—Sand Spring Church, Baptist Association; 21-22—Family Camp, Oneida Institute; 24—Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. On the 25th we left for Brotherhood-Foreign Missions week at Glorieta.

410 NOW!

We are now corresponding with 410 Brotherhoods in our state. Our total membership is approaching the 14,000 mark. We thank the Lord for His presence in the hearts of pastors and laymen who have joined the Brotherhood ranks this and other years to better promote the program of their local churches and our denomination. Remember, the Brotherhood undergirds the whole program of the church, thus every phase of our work is strengthened when the men are enlisted.

ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Plan now to attend the annual meeting of your association. You will receive much information through the

various reports of our Baptist work which will be made, and the fellowship with your friends and brethren from the other churches of your association will be a blessing. Your pastor will be grateful for your presence and interest in this meeting as will the other leaders there.

ABOUT THE SWIMMING POOL

Last December, with the consent of the Cedarmore Committee, this department asked for and was granted permission to raise sufficient funds from the Brotherhoods and other interested friends in the state for the erection of a swimming pool at Cedarmore, our state assembly. We received the initial offering for this project at our Men's Rally held at Cedarmore, June 24. The sum of \$3,631.39 was received in that offering. We know of other offerings which have been made which will bring the total to about \$4,000.00 at this time.

The total needed is approximately \$30,000 which will provide a pool big enough to serve a state camp and fully equipped with a water purifying plant, dressing rooms, showers, rest rooms, bleachers, walks, fences, etc.

We feel that the men of our state will want to help build this much needed improvement for our state camp ground. Opportunity will be given shortly to all Brotherhood members in the state by this office to make their contributions to this cause and we ask that everybody cooperate with us. With a membership of over 13,500, our Brotherhoods can raise this money without hardship on anyone or any cause. Watch next week's *Western Recorder* for more on this subject.

to God's will. Just as in the covenant of God with the children of Israel: "If you will obey my voice and keep my covenant—" That was the condition.

How often this condition is forgotten. Because we are building more churches than ever before in the history of our nation, because our newspapers give more publicity to religion, because our own denomination founds one church a day, we may forget that all this is conditioned upon the will of God.

How easily we can be deceived by large congregations, as the Protestants of Brooklyn were 50 years ago. Surely when a city grows church attendance should grow, but is it growing in proportion to the population growth?

In 1890 Brooklyn had only half as many Protestant churches in proportion to the population as they had in 1840, but the people were complacent because the existing churches were full. The tidal wave of secularism that swept over that city in the past 50 years is a stern warning to all who think that the Kingdom of God has come to rest in their church (Winthrop Hudson, *The Great Tradition of the American Churches*, p. 199). Remember two generations ago the Methodists could sing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name!"

We're building two (churches) a day." (op. cit., p. 209). We boast of founding one a day. "Let him who standeth take heed lest he fall."

Where is the unique God of Israel in the midst of all this prosperity? Has Christ, the Son of Man, the suffering servant, become the servant of material interest? Is the Gospel absorbed in bigness, wealth, prestige? Do we tremble at the judgment of God or at the thoughts that our own program will not be "successful" in the eyes of men?

Who is God in America today? Is it national success, or the Lord God who will not bless us unless we become a "holy nation?"

Whom do we serve in our church? Our own "best" interests, or the God who said to Israel: "All the earth is mine?"

Who's kingdom is coming in our country, our church, our life?

The Temptation of a Nation

(Continued from Page 7)

Is this not a sign that God is always on our side? Like Palestine to the early Hebrews, America appears as a land of "milk and honey." Our income and our spending are at an all-time high. Food is stored in caves at a cost of \$1,000,000 a day because there is room for it neither on our tables nor in our barns. The highways are crowded with our new cars and our roofs with TV

aerials. Is this prosperity a certain sign that we are God's chosen people?

The temptation to identify America with the Kingdom of God is all the greater because of the place of religion in our life. We can look back to the Puritans for our religious heritage. But when we look closely, we discover that their patriotism was conditional. It was conditioned upon the nation's obedience

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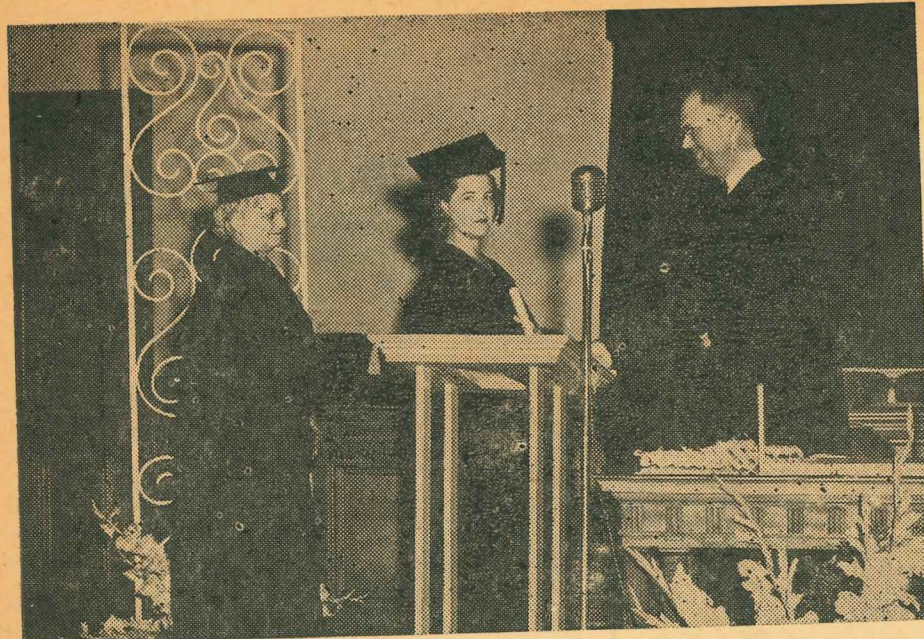
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IN CAP AND GOWN COMMENCEMENT service held at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington Mrs. J. W. Davis (left), and Mrs. Cecil Congleton (center, were recognized for their work in the Sunday school training course. Mrs. Davis has an Advanced diploma with a red seal and Mrs. Congleton has an Advanced diploma. Shown presenting the diplomas is Gatton Jones, Training Union director at Immanuel. Others who were recognized during the service are:

Worker's Diploma—Robert H. Clark, Vaughn P. Drake, Mrs. Sam Elsey, Mrs. Shelby C. Hart, Mrs. Byrd Ison, Byrd Ison, Mrs. Dan Midkiff, Mrs. Frank Penn, Mrs. Margaret Ransdall, Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. James Whitmer, Mrs. Jack Wilson, and Mrs. Tyree Wilson.

Worker's Diploma (Red Seal)—Mrs. W. F. Alt, Mrs. George Atchison, Mrs. Marion Chrisman, Mrs. Irene Conner, Mrs. Munday Cox, Mrs. J. C. Craig, Mrs. Edna Edwards, Mrs. Rodes Forston, Mrs. H. C. Hodges, Mrs. Howard Holsclaw, Mrs. A. C. King, Mrs. Earl McKinney, Mrs. Keith Mee, Mrs. Boyer Moore, Dr. Vernon Musselman, Mrs. B. J. Nuckols, Mrs. James Phelps, Mrs. J. E. Pulliam, Mrs. S. T. Ryley, Mrs. Sam Sloan, Mr. J. L. Thomason, Mrs. Charles L. Wilkerson, and Mrs. Charles C. Wise.

Worker's Diploma (Red and Blue Seals)—Mrs. Vaughn Drake, Mrs. W. R. Gabbert, Sr., Mrs. Bettie Lee Jolly, Mrs. Vernon Musselman, Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Mr. T. O. Pritchett, Mrs. E. J. Reynolds, Mrs. John Shearer, Mrs. P. G. Shuck, Mrs. J. L. Thomason, and Mrs. U. T. Uhls.

Worker's Diploma (Red, Blue, and Gold Seals)—Mrs. W. L. Brock, Sr., S. L. Cutler, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. Lillian Lam, Keith Mee, and Wayne E. Todd.

Advanced Diploma—Mrs. Cecil Congleton; **Advanced Diploma (Red Seal)**—Mrs. Homer Smith; **Master's Diploma (Red, Blue and Gold Seals)**—Homer W. Smith.

Argentine Convention Stresses Stewardship

The Argentine Baptist Convention met with the *Sudoeste* (South West) Baptist Church, Buenos Aires, in May with 253 messengers from 96 churches. This was its 47th session.

Because of the convention's emphasis on Christian stewardship this year, the general theme of the meeting was "None of us liveth to himself." Discussions under this theme included "God is owner of our lives," "God, owner of our talents and our possessions," and "Consecrating all to God our Owner."

The stewardship committee, composed of five missionaries and five nationals,

presented an exposition of the materials which will be used during the year for the promotion of stewardship in the churches.

Another highlight of the meeting was a service honoring Professor Santiago Canclini, of the International Baptist Seminary, Buenos Aires, who later represented the Argentine Baptist Convention at the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London in July and took part on the program. Mr. Canclini said he received such a spiritual uplift from attending the congress in Atlanta, Ga., in 1939, that he has been able

to work all the years since with enthusiasm. He says he now feels for another such uplift to help him finish out his ministry.

The messengers reaffirmed their belief in the historic Baptist position of the separation of church and state.

How to Squeeze a Turnip

Recently a noted "Bible teacher" stated on the radio that the pegs that held the tabernacle to the ground represented the death and resurrection of Jesus; that that part below the ground represented the burial while the part above the ground represented the resurrection. The cords or ropes that secured the tent to the ground represented the love of God (For Hosea says, "I will draw them with cords of love"). These cords, since they are tied to that part of the peg above the ground, represent a great truth. Christ's love is grounded and secured in the resurrection (that part above the ground). This means that our souls are secured by the love of Christ to his own resurrection. Later he stated that the handles on the ark also represent the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Now the above is an example of an obnoxious approach to interpretation. Why not say that the peg represents Israel. The part below the ground represents the lost tribes while the part above the ground represents the remnant. Or why not say that it represents Communism and Christianity, or Thursday and Friday, or peanuts and pop corn, a tasty meal? You don't need Scripture for such fanciful interpretation. Alice in Wonderland, Little Red Riding Hood, or Snowwhite and the Seven Dwarfs would serve the "interpreter" just as well.

—Bulletin, Seminary Extension Department

►On June 14 the Missouri Baptist Executive Board adopted a five-year goal of \$3,095,000 for capital needs for the three Missouri Baptist colleges, following the recommendations of a committee which surveyed the three institutions in April. Members of the survey committee included Dr. Budd E. Smith, president of Wingate College; Dr. James M. Boswell, president of Cumberland College; Dr. Warren F. Jones, president of Union University; and Dr. Cornett and Dr. Beets of the Education Commission staff. The Board also voted approval of the recommendation that a commission or standing committee on education be set up, to include both convention-elected members and the presidents of the three colleges. These recommendations of the Executive Board will be acted on by the Missouri Baptist General Association in its next session.—*The Educator*, June 1955.

Christian Education

Kentucky Baptist Schools Study Plans For Mission Emphasis

By **GEORGE RAGLAND**, Chairman
Department of Christian Education
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

Recently representatives of the Kentucky Baptist Education Commission met with representatives of our Kentucky Baptist Schools and Colleges in a conference which was held at Cumberland College, Georgetown College, Clear Creek Preachers School and Cumberland College. The next quarterly conference will be held at Georgetown College on Thursday and Friday, September 1 and 2.

These quarterly conferences have been profitable in many ways. One of the outstanding things about the conferences has been the increased understanding among our Baptist schools as officials and faculty members have gotten together in consideration of various educational projects. These conferences have been a fine contribution of the services of Secretary Erwin L. McDonald of the Department of Christian Education and Secretary McDonald is to be commended for this development in the life of our schools.


The conference at Cumberland College featured the relationship of our Baptist schools and colleges to foreign missions and discussed what we are now doing and what we might do to lead young people to give serious consideration to the matter of foreign missions. The interest in the matter moved the school representatives to plan for more missionary recruitment from the student bodies of our schools.

The conference at Cumberland College began with a panel discussion conducted by Chairman H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, and Dr. W. E. Richardson, president of Bethel College, and Dr. John M. Carter, president of Campbellsville College, and Dr. James M. Boswell, president of Cumberland College. The discussion emphasized the fact that Baptist schools and colleges share with Baptist homes and Baptist churches the responsibility of sending out a steady stream of missionaries to foreign mission fields. An important part of the panel discussion was the consideration of a call to foreign missions and the interest in the discussion was the consideration of a call to foreign missions and the in-

terest in the discussion was helpful and worthwhile.

Following the panel discussion Dr. Elmo Scoggin, Baptist Missionary to the Near East and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Jerusalem, who is just completing a furlough in the States, spoke on "The Challenge of the Foreign Mission Fields." He stressed the importance of the State of Israel in the consideration of future mission work and made some very striking statements concerning foreign missions. Among other things he said: "It is true that not all of our young people can go as

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foreign missionaries. But all can consider going. And Baptists of all ages can support missionaries through tithes and offerings, and all Baptists can pray for missions. Our boys and girls must be challenged to see there is no higher calling than to serve God even in some remote place as a missionary."

According to statistics given by Missionary Scoggin 93 of the 1,002 men and women now serving as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are from Kentucky and 37 received their education in Kentucky Baptist schools and colleges.

The Cumberland conference did a good job in emphasizing the need in our schools and colleges of this important part of our denominational life of giving the Gospel to the world. Students from our Baptist schools can render a blessed service to the youth of other lands who have not enjoyed the same privileges but who need the same Gospel.

Adams New President Of Baptist Alliance

LONDON, England — (BP) — Theodore Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., is new president of the Baptist World Alliance for a five-year-term.

Adams, 57-year-old Southern Baptist minister, was elected by messengers to the Baptist World Congress jubilee session convened here.

The new president succeeds F. Townley Lord, pastor of Bloomsberry Baptist Church of London and editor of *The Baptist Times*, also of London.

One of four Americans attending the Congress who will visit Russian Baptists afterward, Adams pledged to do all he could to strengthen Baptist ties around the world.

"I shall start that work next month, when I leave for a tour of Soviet Russia with three other Baptist ministers," the Associated Press reported him saying.

"Nothing must stand in our way," he continued. "That has been the greatest work of our Congress here, the strengthening of unity among Baptists the world over. That is what I hope to carry on."

Adams, a native of Palmyra, N.Y., was vice-president of the Alliance from 1947-1951.

You Are Old When—

- (1) You feel old.
- (2) You feel you have learned all you need to learn.
- (3) You find yourself saying, "I'm too old to do that."
- (4) You feel tomorrow holds no promise.
- (5) You find no amusement in youth's frolics, and their lively banter irks you.
- (6) You would rather talk than listen.
- (7) You feel the old days are best.
- (8) You have no plan for tomorrow.
- (10) You would rather win an argument than be right.

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The High Cost of Low Quality

By LOREN R. WILLIAMS

A statement made in a sermon heard recently has resulted in some serious thinking.

The statement: "There is a high cost for low living." As we think of the prevalence of low standards governing the moral and spiritual lives of many people, we become alarmingly aware of the high cost they pay for this kind of living.

As we observe these persons who live by their own self-made, low quality standards, we see evidence of the high cost they actually pay. Often it is evidenced in the loss of health, of character, of self-respect, loss of friends, and many other equally severe penalties. This high cost is often paid in counterfeit living, counterfeit personality, and counterfeit ideals.

Low quality living exacts a tremendous price from individuals who indulge in such living. The tragedy is that on a comparable basis, it costs no more to live a high-quality life than it does to live on the low-quality level. And there are rich, wholesome, dividends to be realized rather than the unpleasant forfeitures and compromises.

Church Music

This same reasoning applies to church music. There is a high cost indicated on the price tags of low quality music. Unfortunately, just as there are people whose lives have been devoid of elements of high quality living, there are many who have attempted to worship, praise, pray, rejoice, and console, all with low-quality music on a low-quality level.

And what have been the penalties? They have never experienced the true joy and spiritual exhilaration which come from beautiful music, inspired of God, composer in authentic style and form, and presented in a manner that is artistic and worshipful. They have missed the blessing such music can give.

Many people have been "short-changed" musically in never having experienced the wonderful spirit of worship and reverence which can transform the soul through music. They have been denied the true communication with God through the medium of music—music which has quality, yet spirit; dignity, yet buoyancy and joy.

Many have experienced a low-quality, counterfeit music, which has secular features, not sacred; which appeals to the physical, not the spiritual. Because of low standards, they have greater appreciation for music with worldly attributes than music with worshipful characteristics. They appreciate the outer "paroxysms" of certain music

rather than with music with inward, spiritual depth.

For some, there is more to be gained from music with boisterous rhythms, erratic tempos, fanciful lyrics, ballad type melodies, and floor-show presentations, than is to be derived from Handel's *The Messiah*, Shelly's *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, or Luther's *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. One might immediately ask why such divergence of taste, appreciation, and understanding. Someone else might answer that every individual is entitled to his own opinion on these matters, and how true that is!

—The Church Musician.

Baptist Personalities



Charles W. Wortham

Charles W. Wortham, of Lake Worth, Florida, and formerly of Kentucky, has been awarded a Fullbright scholarship giving him a year's study in the field of philosophy in Phillips University at Marbourg, Germany, according to announcement made by Dr. W. T. Gooch, Fullbright advisor on the campus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where young Wortham was vice president of the Senior Class this past year. He is a son of Pastor T. Emerson Wortham of the First Baptist Church of Lake Worth, and Mrs. Wortham. They formerly lived in Franklin, Beuchel, Louisville and Leitchfield, Kentucky. Charles has been on the Dean's List of Straight "A" students, which gives some idea of what he has been doing in his studies. Also he plays trumpet in the Golden Wave Band and the Baylor Symphony Orchestra, has been a debater, member of the English honor society and the Philosophy Club.

We hope that he finds it profitable to take advantage of this European study. He is now 21 years of age.

►Mr. and Mrs. Glendon D. Grober, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Equatorial Brazil, have left for Campinas, where they will enter language school. Their address is Caixa Postal 679, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mrs. Grober, the former Marjorie Steele, is a native of Ballard County, and she and Mr. Grober make their permanent American home near Barlow.

Oregon-Washington Baptists Appeal for New Seminary

PORTLAND, Oregon — The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington has taken official action appealing to the Committee on Theological Education of the Southern Baptist Convention to consider placing the proposed new seminary in this general section. The official petition follows:

"We, the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, in view of the pressing demands for trained ministerial leadership in the northwest states and the Canadian provinces where eighty per cent of the population is unchurched, do hereby request that you earnestly and prayerfully consider this territory in making your recommendations for the establishing of additional seminaries.

"Furthermore, with a view to Christian strategy, we urge that you investigate the great population center of the Northwest, Seattle, Washington. Seattle is 900 miles north of Golden Gate, our nearest seminary, and 2,400 miles northwest of Southwestern Seminary. It is also overnight by rail from most points in Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho, western Montana, British Columbia and Alberta."

World Relief

Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the relief committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, reports that relief funds are coming in rather slowly despite the fact that urgent calls have been made during the past several months. The \$1,957 received in May brought the total for the first five months of 1955 to only \$19,919. At the end of May there remained in the relief funds only \$6,324.93 for appropriation.

Money for world relief should be sent to Dr. W. C. Boone, Treasurer, Executive Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Kentucky Baptist Building, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky., and mark it clearly, "For World Relief."

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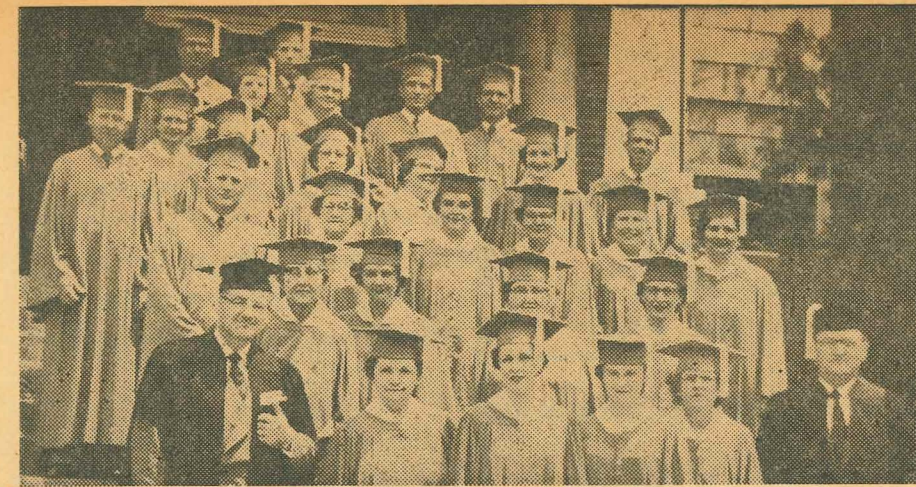
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DIPLOMAS FOR 29 AT TWELFTH STREET, PADUCAH . . . A. V. Washburn, secretary of teaching and training, Sunday School Board, was the principal speaker at commencement exercises held at Twelfth Street Church, Paducah, Sunday morning, June 19. At the conclusion of his message, he presented Worker's Diplomas to 29 teachers and officers, climaxing a year of study and preparation under the intensified training program started by former Pastor Ralph B. White, and now being continued by the present pastor, Harold T. Brown. The plan now is to make this commencement an annual event. Front Row (left to right): A. V. Washburn, Mrs. Jess Ragland, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. Rudy Warford, Mrs. G. A. Godman, Pastor Harold T. Brown. Second Row: Mrs. Eva Randle, Mrs. Boyce McDougal, Mrs. Leonard Salyers, Mrs. Angelo Cammarata. Third Row: Boyce McDougal, Mrs. Richard Walker, Mrs. Loy Haupt, Mrs. Willie Via, Mrs. B. G. Tucker, Mrs. B. L. Myrick. Fourth Row: Ray L. Hodges, superintendent; Mrs. Ralph Hopper, Mrs. Lucy Dean, Mrs. J. P. Throgmorton, Mrs. A. L. McAllister, Mrs. Ray L. Hodges, Don Harmon. Back Row: Wallace Adams, Mrs. Wallace Adams, Jesse Shelton, Mrs. H. L. Mason, Rudy Warford, Loy Haupt. Mrs. Hazel Cathey and Mrs. Robert Hester were absent when picture was taken.

Russian Delegates Cheered

Opening of Baptist World Congress

LONDON, England — Messengers from Russian Baptist churches received a great ovation at the opening session of the golden jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, in the Albert Hall, London, July 17.

The president, Dr. F. Townley Lord, said this was the first time since 1928 that any Russians had attended a congress.

Rev. Yakov Zhidkov, president of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists of the USSR, giving greetings to the messengers through an interpreter, said; "There is a great bond between us. We have been united for fifty years."

In his presidential address, Dr. Lord spoke of the young people growing up in a world of intellectual argument. "Ideology is not an attractive word, but is the key word of our time," he said. "Many of the ideas most vocal in the twentieth-century are definitely hostile to the Christian tradition in ideology and ethics. The rising generation is assailed

by concepts which violate all we know of the revealed will of God. . . . Add to these the ideas current over one-sixth of the earth's surface, that the economic theories of Marx and Engle will replace the Sermon on the Mount as the directive for human happiness, and you have the intellectual atmosphere in which the faith of our fathers is challenged."

"Growing Together"

Remarking that Baptists, who now number more than 20 million, were divided on the question of participation in the World Council of Churches, Dr. Lord said that in Britain there was the warmest possible cooperation with other Christian communions in concerted attacks on common problems. "But we decline to equate brotherly cooperation with the sacrifice of essential principle," he said. "We will pray and work with anybody for the extension of Christ's kingdom but we do not share in the views of those who talk about the organizational divisions of Christendom as 'sin.' There is a danger of taking the idea of unity in abstraction, as if it were the one shining and resplendent

idea which spells salvation in our modern perplexities."

The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke of the "growing together" as the churches of Christ in the ecumenical movement. "It is not to get rid of the differences but to examine them and then bring them together as a whole contribution to the teachings of Christ which should be exemplified in His church," he said.

Dr. Fisher added that things had happened in the last five years in the Church of England, culminating in the last fortnight, which should be looked back upon by future historians as one of the most significant movements in the working out of the ecumenical movement, but the church would be well advised "to go a bit slow—to digest the meal we have taken."

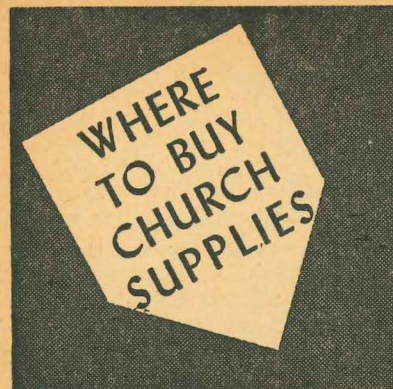
The Congress continues throughout the week, concluding at Arsenal Stadium on Friday with a meeting to be addressed by Dr. Billy Graham.—London Times.

Money Now Available For Former War Prisoners

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission announced July 19 that money appropriated by Congress in a bill signed into law by President Eisenhower on June 29, 1955 is now available to make payments to former prisoners of war of the Korean Conflict as authorized by Public law 615, 83rd Congress. The average award under this law is expected to be approximately \$2,000. Former prisoners of war of the Korean Conflict who have not filed applications are reminded that they will lose their rights to the compensation if they do not file prior to midnight, August 21, 1955. (Printed by request of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Tariff Commission Building, 7th and E Sts., N.W., Washington 25, D.C.).

►The Clover Bottom Church, Versailles, has closed its VBS. Brother Robert Wallace, the principal, reports an enrollment of 105 with two conversions. An offering of \$46 was made and was designated to the Foreign Mission work in Jerusalem. Brother Wallace and the Clover Bottom Church group are studying Baptist doctrines each Wednesday night at prayer service.

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After All, It's Not Your Funeral

Dear Friend:

No funeral is ever easy to preach. Some, though are easier and some harder than others. It's particularly difficult to stand in the sanctuary and conduct the services for a beautiful child whose entire life of promise lies out ahead, but death has struck and something has to be said that is of comfort to bereaved parents. It's a bit easier when the deceased is an older person whose life has been lived to the full in service to fellow man, and consecration to God because of a personal faith that long ago committed that life into the keeping of Jesus Christ.

I've conducted a good many funerals in my day, and I try to take them seriously—preparing for each one specifically, not just the same old stuff for all. There are two kinds of funerals that stand out above all others that are more difficult than others.

The first is for the negligent church

member. Some time back in his past history he got excited and joined up with the church. Maybe, even he was genuinely converted. I'm not to judge that. But for all these years he's been a name on the roll member only. He never comes to church. Occasionally he brings the kids to Sunday school, if one of the neighbors forgets to come by. He never supports the church financially. His life certainly is no credit to a Christian profession. The language he uses and the business he conducts belie that. Then, he dies. The pastor is called, or usually *told*, when the services is to be conducted. Then the pastor is expected to say words of comfort to the loved ones, and extoll his virtues to his friends. If the preacher does that, he loses his own self-respect, and the people lose confidence in him, too, for they know the deceased person's life as well as the pastor. Many times I've been tempted to say, "After all, brother, it's your funeral, so here goes with the

truth." But that's not fair to the loved ones.

The second difficult type of funeral is for the unprofessed Christian, the sinner, the lost person. In the above type you at least have a faint idea that at one time his acceptance of Christ was genuine. But here, you have nothing to go on except the blackest despair and the deepest of tragedy. What comfort can you give to the loved ones of the unrepentant sinner? In every funeral I conduct I make mention of the plan of God's salvation in Jesus Christ and urge that decision on the part of those who haven't yet made it.

After all, it's not just *your* funeral, is it? You've got your family and your friends to think of. Sinners ought not to leave their loved ones frustrated. Wish some people I know would take heed to this advice. They'd make it a lot easier on their families and on their pastor.

G. Avery Lee
Ruston, La.

► Texas Southern Baptists, showing a summer surge rather than a summer slump, exceeded their June budget of \$450,727 to the Cooperative Program by \$128,663.