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"I'm Ready for Sunday School."

►The Army has decided that every soldier may now have his own religious denomination stamped on his identification tag. The Navy and Air Force are expected to adopt the same policy soon.

►W. Walter Warmath has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, and will begin his work there September 1. He has resigned at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

►J. Wilson Fisher is the new director of religious education for the St. Louis Baptist Association. He has resigned as manager of the Missouri Baptist Press, Jefferson City, Mo., where he is being succeeded by W. R. Herrington, Kansas City, Kansas.

►Harry Smith has been elected executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation and Endowment Committee, to succeed Arthur Jackson. He will start his new duties the first of the year. He has resigned as assistant to the president of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

►A new feature film on the life of Roger Williams has been under consideration for production by the Religious Film Foundation. The Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention have appointed committees to review the manuscript and offer suggestions.

►W. D. Updike joined the staff of the state Sunday school department of California Southern Baptists on August 1. He will organize new associations and be an architectural consultant. Updike is a former pastor in Merced, California, and former district missionary for the Texas convention.

►Rev. and Mrs. James O. Watson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina who are in the States on furlough, will move from Union, S. C., to Louisville, Ky., the last of August and may be addressed at Fuller Hall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville 6. Mr. Watson will study at the seminary.

►The Morehead Church was host to the Bracken Association in its 158th annual session August 2-3. Among the visitors were Brethren Baynard F. Fox, Eldred M. Taylor and Roy E. Boatwright from the Kentucky Baptist Building; President D. Chester Sparks of Oneida, and Superintendent Sam Ed Bradley of Spring Meadows.

►President Dwight D. Eisenhower's appointment of Congressman Brooks Hays, Little Rock, Arkansas, to represent the nation in the United Nations General Assembly, has been confirmed by the U. S. Senate. Mr. Hays was recently elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. He will

serve along with several other U. S. delegates to the General Assembly's Tenth Session until the end of this year.

►The Oregon-Washington Convention of Southern Baptists wants the new theological seminary to be located at Seattle, Washington. Other places which the Committee on Theological Education has under consideration include Kansas City, Mo.; Washington, D. C.; the Great Lakes area in Illinois; and Memphis, Tenn.

►There are 17 Kentuckians serving on the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., this summer season. They are: Betty Allison, Elizabethtown; Nancy Armstrong, Bloomfield; Ed. Bondurant, Fulton; Elizabeth Fitts, Owensboro; Edwin Griggs and Carol Ann Reed, Lexington; Harold Greenfield, Morton's Gap; Prue Wilton Kelly, Springfield; Betty Jo McGary, Louisville; Marilyn Miller and Bill Parrish, Providence; Ann Pitts, Winchester; Nancy Prewitt, New Castle; Shirley Purdy, Madisonville; Yvonne Todd, Bardwell; Carolyn Taylor, Mt. Sterling; and Mrs. Carmen Ashby, Georgetown.

►Miss Valedia Wolford, who for five years has had charge of the tract and visual aid room in the Kentucky Baptist Building, has resigned that position to become church secretary of the Severn's Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky. In her new position she will be associated with her former pastor, Dr. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, then at St. Matthews Church, Louisville, but now pastor at Severn's Valley, Elizabethtown. She began her new duties August 16. While working in the day time for some years she has also been taking night classes in the University of Louisville and the Extension School of Georgetown College.

►Brethren Ray Lytle, Clyde H. Smith and Roy Cornette were ordained as deacons of the Morehead Church July 14. In the same service Brethren S. P. Wheeler and William M. Caudill, who had previously served as deacons, were recognized as deacons for the forthcoming term. Associational Missionary Reginald W. Johnson, of Bracken Association, served as chairman of the council, Pastor James R. Taylor, Owingsville, clerk; Pastor Louis A. McCord, Maysville's First Church, delivered the ordination sermon, Pastor J. C. Raikes of the Morehead Church, was interrogator; and Deacon Herbert Hume, also of Maysville, led the ordination prayer.

►The East Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, is launching an energetic program of mission emphasis by sponsoring mission points in English and Milltown (both in Crawford County), Indiana. The English Mission has been meeting for the last three months and is making

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progress under the leadership of Mission Pastor John Swafford. Already lots have been secured on which a building is to be erected for their meeting house. At present they are busily engaged in revival preparation when Pastor H. Mac Johnson, from the mother church, will be preaching in a tent located on the newly acquired property August 22-September 5. Beginning August 7, Audubon began another work in Milltown, Indiana, under the leadership of Mission Pastor Loyce Franklin. The people at East Audubon believe that this type of work is most rewarding and is most enthusiastic with these two mission churches.

# An Abounding Church

By J. RALPH GRANT

"See that ye abound" (II Cor. 8:7).

The late Bishop Quayle, called the "Skylark of Methodism," once joined a group of businessmen for lunch on the diner of a train.

Turning to the Bishop, one of the businessmen asked, "What is your line of business?"

The Bishop replied, "Horizons."

Now that should be the business of the church. Paul challenged the church at Corinth to expand their horizons, or to become an abounding church.

You see, Paul was raising an offering for the poor saints in Jerusalem. In order to challenge the church at Corinth, he wisely uses the churches of Macedonia as an example of liberality. "Out of the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty, they abounded." He indicates that they abounded in everything, in faith and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in love.

Now what Paul says to the church at Corinth, he says to us, "See that ye abound."

It was said of Dick Shepherd, "He never measured himself out with a medicine dropper, he gave full measure, pressed down and running over a prodigal gift of heart and mind, time and strength."

That is the way the church of Jesus Christ should serve. Did not Jesus, the Head of the church, speak about "Abundant life?" He spoke about, "Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over." He referred to the "Second mile," and "Turning the other cheek."

He asks the church today, "What do ye more than others also?"

Of course, there are many types of churches. Ephesus was a cold church, Smyrna was a rich church, Pergamos was a contaminated church, Thyatira was a misled church, Sardis was a dead church, Laodicea was a lukewarm

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church, and Philadelphia was an abounding church.

May God grant us more churches like Philadelphia! Before such churches is the open door of opportunity. Come, let us consider such churches, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit sayeth unto the churches."

### Characteristics of an Abounding Church

We know what a church is. How much do we know about an abounding church?

What is a great church? I believe all New Testament churches are great although they are not all large. They are great in nature and purpose regardless of size. However, to measure up to actual greatness, they must live up to their nature and fulfill their purpose in the world.

Some characteristics of an abounding church are prayer, power, and purity; love, loyalty, and liberality; work, worship, and wisdom; vision, vigor, and vitality; trusteeship, stewardship, and fellowship.

The question naturally emerges, Along what lines should a church abound?

Paul included faith, utterance, knowledge, diligence, and love. How does your church measure up adjudged by that standard?

There must be an abounding leadership. Mark it down—no church rises above or sinks below the level of its leadership.

God is saying to every pastor, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

It has been well said that every institution is but the lengthening shadow of some man. An abounding leadership must live right and speak right. There must be a sense of divine mission. Paul said he was made a minister. God said to Moses, "I have sent thee;" The Lord said to Joshua, "Have I not commanded thee;" to Jonah He said, "Preach the preaching that I bid thee."

If Hinduism lives by ritualism, if Buddhism lives by meditation, if Confucianism lives by a code of conduct, then Christianity lives by "The foolishness of preaching."

You simply cannot grow a great church with puny preaching. The preacher is "To lift up his voice like a trumpet and show the people their

transgressions." God says to His preachers, "If a trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?"

Bishop McConnell has pictured the Boxer Rebellion where hundreds of Chinese Christians were martyred. There they knelt with heads on blocks with the knives trembling in the hands of their executioners above. All that they had to do to be spared was to recant.

Said the Bishop, "Now what would I have done under those circumstances? With my head on the block, I think I could have said, 'Hold on, I think I can make a statement that would be satisfactory to both sides.'"

Frankly, God does not like a church or a preacher guilty of making statements satisfactory to both sides.

Somewhere I read of a preacher who was bidding farewell to his people. He had resigned. One of the members said, "Pastor, I am sorry we are losing you. Before you came, I didn't care for God, man, or the devil, but through your delightful sermons I have learned to love all three."

Tell it not in Gath. God grant that our preaching may be centered in the Book, and that it may magnify Jesus Christ, and that it may be in the power of the spirit. Let us remember that preaching that convicts is not with "enticing words of man's wisdom but in a demonstration of God's spirit and power."

There must be a regenerated membership. The new birth is essential to life. We must insist upon a regenerate membership. You see, the Bible insists upon people, "Being born again," "Born of the spirit," "Born of God," "And a new creation."

All this talk about the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man suggests "sounding brass and a clanging cymbal." Jesus said, "Ye are of your father, the devil." Again Jesus said, "As many as received him to them gave he the right to become the sons of God." Only changed men can build an abounding church or a stable, world order.

To have an abounding church, there must be unbroken fellowship.

The biggest thing about any church is its spirit. After all, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart," not only of the individual but of the church.

More important than buildings, equipment, and organization is the matter of attitude, spirit, and fellowship.

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►Rev. and Mrs. Carlton F. Whirley, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who are in the States on furlough, may be addressed at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville 6, Ky.

Is God the Author of Calamities?

A good man and a cherished friend, a Baptist minister, writes, setting forth his belief that God has never been the Author of calamities which have come in the past on mankind, and that He never will be. He argues that the very nature of God keeps Him from sending vengeance and punishment on man, and asks, "Can you think of anything more important than to dislodge the old idea of a vengeful, punishing God and replacing it with the concept of Jesus, that of a loving, pitying Father." And he further asks: "Can there be any hope of winning out in the desperate world-battle with Communism so long as we arm them with the fatal charge that we worship a God who did and commanded in early times the vengeful, cruel acts and miracles attributed to him in the Old Testament. Shouldn't we . . . renounce eagerly such a God?"

This friend further said, "They of old time,' including certainly some of the early Bible writers, only *thought* God could be vengeful and cruel. Century by century, through the great saints and prophets and psalmists, God slowly, patiently continued to teach the Hebrew nation a more Christian concept of God; and at last Jesus revealed him fully; he had always been by nature like the Father of the Prodigal Son, loving man the sinner and longing for him to come back home—to kiss him and make a feast for him."

And he states further: "One of the great preachers and writers of our day was Joseph Fort Newton. He tells how in his early days as a minister . . . he was much confused and disturbed by the Old Testament stories of God as doing and commanding things hard and cruel. He said to his wise Christian mother (in substance), 'If these stories give a true picture of what God is like, then Jesus was wrong.' She said, 'Son, you listen to Jesus, no matter what people in old times thought.' He followed her wise advice, and his difficulties vanished in time. While he was pastor in Philadelphia, he was invited to address a society devoted to the spread of atheism. He began by asking them, one by one, 'What kind of God is it you deny?' One after another they described to him the God of the early Old Testament, who was represented as leading Israel in wars of extermination, and ordering the slaughter of captives . . . Newton said to the 'atheists' 'If that is the kind of God you deny, I want to apply for membership in your society. Such a God is no more like the God I worship than a Kangaroo is like an archangel.'"

And the friend added: "I really regard this as the most important question before the world today: *What is God like?* If he has ever, even in the remote past, been vengeful and cruel, 'sending' disease and calamity to punish people, wouldn't we have to fear he might become so again? And could we yield our hearts completely to worship and love a God who in nature ever was or could be vengeful and cruel? Why or how disease and suffering and death were ever allowed to enter the world is indeed the greatest of mysteries: philosophers and theologians have

struggled for ages to find the answer, but in vain."

The brother's contention, though he rightly accents the love and mercy of God, seems to deny the Spirit's inspiration in the men who wrote; and the Bible, therefore, under this theory, becomes merely the work of those who wrote their own feelings and opinions rather than the revealed truth of the Holy Spirit. And, it seems to us, he neglects the fact that New Testament writers indicated clearly that, though God is a God of mercy and love and grace, He is also the God of wrath and justice when men reject His mercy extended through Christ.

We think of such Scriptures as:

"For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward: how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation . . ." (Heb. 2:2-3)?

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, said the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:26-31).

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power . . ." (2 Thes. 1:8f).

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness . . ." (Rom. 1:18).

"Or despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil . . ." (Rom. 2:4-9).

"Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" (Eph. 5:6). "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God

cometh upon the children of disobedience . . ." (Col. 3:5-6). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the *wrath* of God abideth on him" (Jno. 3:36).

So, it is not just the "early writers of the Old Testament," and the middle-writers; writers in the New Testament set forth clearly that though God is loving and merciful and extends His grace through Christ, those who reject His will and plan shall feel His *wrath*.

The brother asks: "Can you think of anything more important than to dislodge the idea of a vengeful, punishing God . . .?" Yes, we can. Let us recognize Him for ALL He is, and not just pick out certain attributes and discard the rest. No, I am not in favor of renouncing "eagerly such a God." I believe in the inspiration of the whole Bible, that God is exactly what He therein is declared to be. He is a God of love and mercy and grace; but when the "children of wrath" reject His extended mercy—mercy offered only because of and through Christ—God's wrath is seen and experienced.

Unquestionably, we need to stress the truth that Jesus knew Him to be a God of love and pity; but we must never forget that the God-man also knew His Father to be capable of wrath. See Matthew 10:15; Luke 17:27, 28, 29; Matthew 25:41, 46.

Briefly Stated

► Beer sales were upped by 3.7 per cent during the first three months of 1955 over the same period last year. This is due in considerable measure to the stepped-up advertising through television and radio programs and by printed page and bill boards. It could be stopped if Christians would take a stand, but never will it be arrested apart from a program of education and the stopping of lying propaganda.

► We understand a bill has been introduced in the national House of Representatives, proposing that Thanksgiving Day be observed on the fourth Monday of November instead of the customary fourth

Thursday. It is also proposed that Memorial Day be moved to a Monday each year. If this is done, then there will be, annually, two more long week-ends in which hundreds more can be slaughtered on the highways—a good many of them by speed-crazy or liquor-crazy drivers.

► Soviet Russia and her satellite countries are now making their strongest bid for Africa. For centuries Africa was all but forgotten except for her material riches. Now it is known that Africa, once she is aroused, could easily be the deciding factor insofar as communism is concerned. In Africa, now, communists are distributing literature by the billions—four pieces for each individual. Communist countries spend annually nearly four billion dollars to keep subjects in line and to make new converts to communism. Of this amount Russia puts up \$1.2 billion; her satellite countries \$700 million; Red China \$1.2 billion. All this is being done while the U. S. spends \$77 million for her overseas propaganda. We are grateful to the *Survey Bulletin* for this information. But will mentioning it do any good? That is the question.

► From the *Atlanta Journal* comes the following: "A gentleman writes to complain: 'Preachers are 50 years behind the times. They are still trying to force the same old hokum down the throats of the people.'

"He might just as well have said: 'Preachers are 2,000 years behind the times.' That's when what he calls 'hokum' originated. It happens to be the gospel of the New Testament given to the world by Jesus Christ. No minister will cease preaching it, regardless of whom it keeps away from church."

The statement was made by Morgan Blake in, "Is the Gospel of Christ 'Hokum'?" No *true* minister of Jesus Christ will cease preaching the gospel. But speaking frankly, there are some who call themselves ministers who have taken out or at least neglected so much of the gospel that it, in their hands, is no longer recognizable. Some listeners feel like saying with the good woman of old, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

Our Rural Church Work

By W. A. SLOAN, Clinton, Ky.

According to Dr. Carl A. Clark, Associate Professor of Practical Ministry and Rural Church Work, in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, 23,000 of our 29,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are rural; 50% of our membership is rural; two-thirds of our full-time pastorates are in rural churches; and more than 50% of all the young people in America live in rural areas.

These are interesting figures. Think

of it: 23,000 of the 29,000 churches are rural churches. As we have been told repeatedly, most of these country and small town churches are being led by men who have not had the advantage of college and seminary training. We are also informed that our seminaries are unable to take care of the graduate students who want to prepare for their work, the most of whom will find their place in a city or larger-town church. That leaves the majority of the rural churches with untrained leadership.

We rejoice with all that is being done through the seminary extension courses, but that is not enough. The answer to this pressing problem is Bible Institutes, which are designed to meet this particular need. Bible Institutes are not in conflict with but supplemental to our other schools.

Our rural churches have given us many of our pastors, missionaries, and denominational workers. They should have a trained leadership just as do our city churches. Bible Institutes, supported and controlled by Southern Baptists, will go a long way in the solution of this problem. This training has been too long neglected already. Let us delay no longer.

# An Abounding Church

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What breaks the fellowship of a church?

In the third chapter of I Corinthians, Paul tells us that carnality ruptures the fellowship of the church! "For ye are yet carnal for there is among you envyings and strife and factions."

The apostle says one symptom of carnality is that of arrested development! "And I, brethren could not speak unto you as spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." Therefore, to obtain unity is to attain maturity. An abounding church is always a growing church.

Somewhere I read a statement by a man by the name of Wilson, a Canadian, in which he said: "There is a drift from the older established churches to the newer, smaller groups. As churches grow older and wealthier, the buildings become chancelized, the sermon intellectualized, the music sterilized, and the service ritualized." Precisely, that is the danger of many of our Southern Baptist churches.

To have an abounding church, there must be an expanding stewardship.

Missions and evangelism thrive in proportion to our sense of stewardship. Of course, stewardship includes our time and talent, substance and service. The scripture says, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." I say it is also required in churches to be found faithful. Too often we have been found unfaithful in this matter of stewardship of possessions. Our mission causes limp because of our unfaithfulness.

Somewhere I read of a young man who supplied the pulpit of a certain church and found a card on the sacred desk which read, "What are you trying to do with these people?" It really upset him. Among the many things we ought to try to do with and to our people, is to lead them to a sense of New Testament stewardship.

Once a pastor startled his congregation by saying, "Many of you came to church this morning riding in stolen cars, wearing stolen clothes, and adorned with stolen jewelry, because you paid for these things with the tithe which you withheld from the Lord."

## The Condition of an Abounding Church

The only way to have an abounding church is to grow one.

Paul said, "In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy place unto the Lord."

God said through the prophet Isaiah, "Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . spare not . . . lengthen thy cords . . . strengthen thy stakes." Jesus spoke about "greater works." "The works that I do shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto the Father, and ye see me no more." You may write the word "Ichabod" over the doors of the church that thinks it has arrived.

To grow an abounding church is not the work of one day. It is a matter of "Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little."

The growth of the church is not to be like Jonah's gourd which sprang up in

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a day and immediately died. Jesus did not say we were gourds, but vines, "I am the vine and ye are the branches."

Now there is a difference between a gourd and a grapevine. It takes longer to build a temple than a tabernacle. It requires more time to build a great congregation than to merely catch a crowd.

An old Chinese fable tells of two jealous neighbors. Each planted a garden. One night one of the men pulled up his plants to make it appear they were larger than those of his neighbor. When the scorching sun arose, however, the plants died.

We do well to remember that you cannot jerk a church up into true and lasting greatness. It must grow.

An abounding church is not the work of any one person. It is the work of many persons, "And he gave some apos-

ties, and some evangelists, and some prophets, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfection of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ." Someone has well said that if a church succeeds, the pastor should not get all the credit, and if it fails, he should not receive all the blame.

What is more glorious than an abounding church? We will never have such churches until we become dissatisfied with our present efforts.

Once there was a painter with a pupil of great promise. He painted a remarkable picture and became self-satisfied. He spent most of his time admiring it, therefore, one night the old master slipped in and placed huge dabs of paint upon the portrait. It broke the heart of the young artist.

The master painter explained, "I did it for your good. You have greater pictures within your soul but you will never put them on canvas as long as you are satisfied with this one."

Are we satisfied with the souls we win, the money we give, the visits we make, and the sermons we preach? If so, we will never have an abounding church.

Surely the Lord is saying to our churches, "Awake, Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem."

## The Challenge to Grow an Abounding Church

There is no such thing as a church merely holding its own. Either it advances or retreats. Even as conquest has made us, it must sustain us.

It was Wendell Phillips who said, "To be as good as our fathers, we have to be better; to see as far as they saw, we have to see further."

"Our Fathers to their graves have gone, Their strife is past, their triumphs won. But greater tasks await the race Which come to take their honored place."

The church serves in a world where sin is abounding.

In Connelley's play, "Green Pastures," the angel Gabriel frequently enters the office of the Lord God Almighty, asking, "Lawd, is it time to blow yet," and de Lawd always answers, "No, Gabe, t'aint time yet." Once Gabriel enters in excitement, horn polished and ready, and says, "Lawd, it looks like everything nailed down is coming loose." That is a picture of our contemporary world.

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►Invitations were given the Baptist World Congress to hold its 1960 session by Miami, Florida; Sydney, Australia; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Havana, Cuba and Tokyo, Japan.

# Tenth Anniversary, Commemorative Session, United Nations at San Francisco, California

One of the most inspiring, hopeful, and we trust, fruitful conferences ever held in the long history of human relations was the tenth anniversary commemorative session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, June 20-26, 1955. Uppermost in the thinking of this distinguished group of world leaders seemed to be principles and ideals expressed in the original charter signed by the member nations in 1945. The preamble adopted in this character reads as follows:

"We the peoples of the United Nations determine to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war—and to reaffirm faith in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

"And for these ends to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples."

## Spirit, Purpose and Program

The purpose of this commemorative session of the General Assembly of the United Nations was to re-study the experiences of the last ten years, to evaluate the benefits and gains accrued, to renew hope in the future, and to recognize the great gap between the purpose and achievement in regard to the principles set forth in the charter. There seemed also a very sincere desire to awaken a fresh realization of the needs of the world in a time like this.

The program covered a full week, expeditiously using every hour that could be effectively appropriated. Speakers from the top echelon of the sixty-member nations took part on the program. There were guests from practically every other group of people in the world. Masterful presentations were made upon every phase of human relations.

The general setting produced an impressive spirit. The flags of the member nations were banked in a half-circle

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New Mexico Baptists

on the back of the stage against the curtain. The president, his executive assistant, and the Secretary General were seated at the table on the main stage. The speaker's stand was placed on the next lower level. The stage and stands were covered with the beautiful gray of the United Nations. Microphones carried the voices of the speakers to the interpreters and from the interpreters to the radio head-phones of all the listeners.

One in the audience could not remain long under the spirit of such a meeting without being deeply impressed with the superior quality of these world leaders. They are men and women of high educational qualifications, not only in the matter of technical knowledge, but in deep experiences and rich personalities. They are people of sterling character, outstanding ability, deep sincerity, and they appear to feel keenly the supreme gravity of this hour. Extreme courtesy added much to the achievement of these conferences.

The meeting was opened and closed with a full minute of silence for prayer or meditation. Preparatory remarks by the genial president produced a most appropriate atmosphere. The profound silence stirred every heart which held the least spiritual aspiration. The repeated references to a supreme spiritual being, to faith, prayer and the absolute necessity of a guiding, divine, protective power beyond the reach of human intelligence or skill brought renewed hope to those of us who look beyond the realm of atomic energy to the one God, creator and preserver of this universe.

## Some Major Considerations

Some of the major considerations may be summed up as follows: we must live together or we will most certainly die together. There can be no separate existence for any nation. It is right, in a spirit of patriotism, to love your country devotedly, but we must also consider the overall aspirations and common denominator for peace and well being for all peoples everywhere. We

must realize that our responsibility for citizenship is beyond our individual national citizenship. We must realize that atomic weapons of war are too horrible for human endurance or survival. It is not enough to reduce war to such scale; we must, within the human bounds of endeavor, completely abolish war altogether. We must listen not only to the heart throbs of the people of the present and future, but we must be forced to listen to the solemn voices of the twenty millions who have died in the struggle for freedom. We must also realize that it is possible for nations to get along in peaceful relations, if in a true sense of integrity, they are willing to respect rights, justice, freedom, and the dignity of each other.

Some of the major problems facing the U.N. program must certainly include: the matter of receiving new member nations. In this problem rests one of the most serious contentions of the present member nations. When nations considered worthy by their conduct in the society of the world are nominated for membership, the opposing groups veto each other. As far as we can foresee in the future, there are to be no new member nations. This situation is most deplorable since there is an urgent need for every worthy nation to be actively affiliated. The matter of world disarmament came in for its full share of discussion and feeling. It is not only preposterous, but ridiculous that such wealth, energy and personality should be dedicated to the instruments of destruction.

Another grave problem, a second one confronting the world, mentioned very lightly, but yet being felt so keenly by everyone present, was the consideration of the so-called "hot spots" of the world today: China and Formosa; Africa; the Holy Land and the near East. These problems generate serious and solemn questions that seem impossible for human wisdom to match.

## Encouraging Aspects of UN Activities

Let us look for a moment at some of the outstanding facts of progress during these ten short years. It would be very difficult now to drop back and be without the United Nations and its tremendous influence and ramified contacts around the earth. The very fact that it is possible now to sit down at the conference table and discuss the problems and questions and disagreements is within itself a tremendous victory.

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# Report from Baptist World Alliance

## Monday Morning Session

The fifth session of the Congress convened on Monday morning and after a songfest Rev. S. Rodrigo, of Manresa, Spain, led in prayer. Rev. C. Carney Hargroves, Philadelphia, Penn., read the scripture lesson. Rev. H. Guy Moore, Fort Worth, Texas, brought a very challenging devotional from the scripture, "I will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

As the Big Four "Summit Meeting" was to begin in Geneva, Switzerland, that day, and since the eyes of the world were turned that way, it was most fitting that a resolution be adopted by the Alliance and sent to the heads of government of the United States, Great Britain, France, and Soviet Russia, assuring them of the Alliance's interest in their deliberations and assuring them of its prayers on behalf of the conference.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, the General Secretary of the Alliance, Washington, D.C., made his report to the Congress and also gave an address in which he emphasized the present struggles for Religious Liberty on the part of Baptists in Spain, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria, and China, expressing also the trust that a better day may soon come as the tensions abate.

The morning session closed with a most able address by Dr. H. H. Rowley, Professor of Hebrew Languages and Literature in the University of Manchester, England, and also a missionary to China from 1922 to 1930, on the theme: "Christ In The Bible." The writer regrets that he was unable to secure a mimeographed copy of the address, but it will appear in the publication of the proceedings of the Alliance in November, 1955.

## The Women's Conference

This very important meeting opened at 2 p.m. in the Royal Albert Hall. A second meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon. The theme chosen for the meeting was: "Expect Great Things From God; Attempt Great Things For God," taken from the famous missionary sermon of William Carey before the Northampton Association at Nottingham on May 30, 1792, from the text: Isaiah 54:2-3, which finally resulted in the organization of the British Baptist Missionary Society and the launching of the modern missionary movement.

Mrs. George R. Martin, Richmond, Virginia, served as chairman, and Miss Lois Chapple served as secretary of the B.W.A. Women's Committee. Greetings were extended to the meeting by President and Mrs. F. Townley Lord. Miss Hla Shein, Rangoon, Burma, led in the

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meditation from Psalm 27, concluding with a prayer in Burmese. Mrs. Ernest Brown, London, England, extended a welcome to the conference. Miss Dona Ruth Meneses of Brazil gave the response.

The work of the various continental unions of Baptist women was presented next as follows: Australia, Mrs. A. C. Church; Europe, Mrs. Marie Norgaard, of Denmark; North America, Mrs. Edgar Bates of Canada; Latin America, Miss Dona Ruth Meneses of Brazil; and Africa, Mrs. Mobola Ayorinde of Nigeria.

Dr. Theodore Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, and newly-elected president of the Baptist World Alliance, brought a challenging message from the first part of the theme: "Expect Great Things From God," emphasizing the facts that we can expect great truths from God, such as God's Word, the basis on which the church is built, the Lord Jesus the basis of our hopes, and prayer. The principles of our Baptist faith are also included in these great truths. We can also expect great dreams from God. Dreams of justice, peace, and service from God, with God, and for God. We may also expect great resources from God in carrying on His work. In expecting great things from God we are also challenged by the fact that great things are expected from us in using the great things received from God. The closing meditation was given by Mrs. J. A. Ajani, Nigeria, West Africa. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn closed the meeting with prayer.

The Tuesday afternoon session of the women's conference resulted in the election of officers, a message from Miss Eva Hertzler, Baptist Deaconess from Germany, on "Attempt Great Things For God." Representatives of Baptist work in the Phillipines, Ceylon, Japan, Jordan, India, Korea, Hong Kong, and Hawaii spoke of "Our Hope In Years To Come" for the Baptist women of those areas. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge of Portland, Oregon, brought the closing meditation. Singing was provided during both sessions by choirs from Germany, Great Britain, Sweden and some of the Negro singers brought to London

by Dr. Jernagin of Chicago. Baptist women's work in the various nations is very encouraging.

## Other Sectional Meetings

Monday afternoon saw a Youth Conference convene at Westminster Chapel under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Tenn., and heard an excellent review and preview of Baptist World Alliance Youth Work by Dr. Joel Sorenson of Sweden, the secretary of the work. His subject was: "Lengthen the Cords, Strengthen the Stakes!" Officers and Committees were elected. The conference also learned of the resignation of Dr. Sorenson to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Stockholm. Mr. Robert Denny has been chosen as his successor by the Alliance.

A Laymen's Conference convened at the same time at the Bloomsbury Central Church under the chairmanship of Mr. C. G. Sweetman of Australia. Messages were delivered as follows: "Stewardship of Talents," by Alderman Cyril W. Black, Member of Parliament, of London, and "The Church Is My Business," by Mr. John A. Dawson of Chicago, Illinois. The Laymen's Conference combined with the Minister's Conference on Tuesday afternoon. Discussions followed the presentation of the daily messages.

The Baptist Minister's Conference met at Central Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday also. Rev. Frank C. Bryan, Cambridge, England, served as the Chairman. A very helpful address on "The Baptist Concept Of The Ministry," was brought by Dr. J. Gordan Jones of Alberta, Canada. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor of Brooklyn, N.Y., also addressed this conference on the subject: "The Minister In The World of Today." Mr. Edwin W. Parsons, New York City, presided over the combined Laymen's and Minister's Conference on Tuesday afternoon, at which time Dr. R. Guy Ramsey, Glasgow, Scotland, brought a most acceptable message on "The Man Christ Jesus." This was followed by an address on "Ye Are My Witnesses," a challenging soul-winning message, by Mr. Howard Butt, Jr., business man from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Tuesday afternoon also saw a Conference On Religious Liberty, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, New York City, meeting at Kingsgate Baptist Church. This conference heard a message on "The Baptist Contribution To Freedom," by Dr. Stuber, and an address on "The State Of Religious Liberty Today," by Dr. Gunnar Westin, outstanding Baptist Theologian from Sweden.

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# The Dividends of Godliness

By S. L. MORGAN, SR.,  
Wake Forest, N. C.

Of all the dividends known to earth or heaven, godliness pays the biggest. I've just seen a shining example.

Fifty years ago Archibald Cree, a cultured Scotsman, had just ended his pastorate of the Baptist church at Littleton, N. C., and I succeeded him. He had brought his fine family from Scotland and bought a farm nearby. Littleton was then an educational center, with a fine girls' college and two academies. Mr. Cree was a pure Scotman, with a decided Scottish brogue. I heard him preach just one sermon. He had recently returned from a visit to Scotland. His description of the beauty of Scotland was in exquisite poetic prose, every word eloquent with the romantic love he felt for his native land.

He never ranked high as men rank ministers, but his home has remained a delightful memory to me for its atmosphere of culture and genuine godliness. I have just returned from a funeral for one of the family in the First Baptist Church of Richmond. What stood out and impressed me most in the funeral service, and what called out my main comment, was simply the "dividends of godliness" before my eyes.

Out of that family came years ago Dr. Arch C. Cree, pastor of prominent Baptist churches, and for years executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Another of the family was Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, now Mrs. J. H. Anderson of Knoxville. For several years she was head of the W.M.U. Training School, now Carver School of Missions, in Louisville. She thrilled me with her heartfelt eloquence before a great audience in Raleigh on the same platform with Dr. George W. Truett as they toured the South in a missionary campaign.

The funeral in Richmond was for Mrs. J. A. Cree, she and her husband my devoted members at Littleton, and among my most devoted friends for half a century. Present before me were their six sons and daughters, all stalwart Christians, one the wife of Rep. C. B. Deane of North Carolina.

July 18 a phone call from J. A. Cree in Richmond asked me to take part in the funeral and to speak of the woman and the home I had known intimately for fifty years. Who doesn't long, when the end comes to a dear one, to have someone who understands to lay bare the deepest and best in the life? I confess I do.

I turned to my diary of fifty years ago

for a lead. I found an entry too deep for tears. I was a young pastor, my mother facing death any day from a painful heart condition. Mrs. Cree and her saintly mother and sister provided a room in their home, and for two months nursed my mother day and night as their own. The doctor warned that the end was imminent. Under the strain, the record said, I broke with emotion in the morning church service, young deacon Cree took the service and offered a

## Dr. Frank W. Wood, Wife and Son, Killed in Oklahoma



Dr. Frank W. Wood

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Dr. Frank W. Wood, for the past few months pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, was killed instantly in a highway accident near Bryans Corner, Oklahoma, August 8.

Also killed in the accident were Dr. Wood's wife and 11-year old son, Jerry. The car in which the pastor and his wife and son were riding struck a gasoline truck and then skidded 100 feet and under a large cattle truck which sheared off the top of the car and scattered debris over a wide area.

Dr. Wood was formerly pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He resigned the pastorate of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., to come to Shawnee.

prayer. That was Mrs. Cree and the family as I had known them for fifty years. The history of such a family on both sides through three generations had a message that I for one believe should not be lost in a funeral service. I pointed it out. It is sorely and desperately needed by our generation.

I arrived only in time for the bereaved husband to clasp my hand and say, "Talk out of your heart." He had walked hand-in-hand and heart-to-heart with his godly wife for 55 years, and she had quietly breathed her last in her sleep. Before me were scores of godly men and women from both families, gathered from several states, all of them, I think, outstanding Christians in their communities, one with a marked influence reaching into the halls of Congress.

Ten minutes sufficed to enforce two cogent lessons that I think belong in such a funeral: first, that positive and aggressive godliness lives on and pays big dividends even to the third and fourth generations. The demonstration was obvious before our eyes. Only such godliness can save our decaying homes and our civilization, and such godliness as I had seen in two families for fifty years can actually do it.

Second, that the death and the funeral of a saint is rightly not a time of lamentation, but of chastened thanksgiving for the grace given to live victoriously and to die triumphantly. We are to view the end of such a life as a coronation. The dear one has but passed through the portal into a higher stage in the career of an immortal. We are even to encourage and help the bereaved to weep out and talk out the grief that is but normal and right over separation. But the dominant note in such a funeral ought to be that of triumph. That was the note desired and expressly requested by this Christian family. They were sure the dear one lived on, and this funeral but celebrated her coronation.

## World Baptist Condemns War and Nuclear Weapons

LONDON, England — (BP) — Baptists of the world recently struck out against war and condemned nuclear weapons.

Meeting here for their World Congress, they adopted a resolution asking nations not to use nuclear weapons and all other weapons of death.

They also declared the "full strength of spiritual resources are needed" and that "the Spirit of Christ can overcome all hate and bitterness."

►Latham T. Merchant moved from pastorate of Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., to pastorate of First Baptist Church, North Miami, Florida.

## His Experiences on Damascus Road

By ERNEST WHITE, M.B., B.S.  
In The Life of Faith, London

The conversion of Paul on the road to Damascus is related three times in the Acts.

The first account, in chapter 9, is given by the writer of the book; the second and third are quoted from the account given by the apostle himself, firstly before the crowd which gathered when he was arrested at Jerusalem, and secondly during his address before Agrippa and Festus.

In all three accounts we are told as Paul and his companions neared Damascus about mid-day, a bright light shone from heaven, Paul fell down, and then he heard a voice speaking to him. The vision left him blind, and he was led by the hand into Damascus, where he was three days without sight, and "neither did eat nor drink." Ananias laid his hand on Paul, and he received his sight. We have, then, four main experiences described: a bright light, a fall, a voice, and temporary blindness lasting for three days.

Two explanations have been put forward to explain these happenings. First, it has been said that he had an epileptic fit; and secondly, that his experience was an abnormal psychological happening. Let us examine each of these in turn.

### An Epileptic Fit?

The phenomena described here have a superficial resemblance to epilepsy. It is not uncommon for epileptics to experience some sensory disturbance of sight or of hearing immediately before a fit. This is termed the aura.

Years ago I saw a patient whose fits were invariably preceded by a brilliant flash of light, followed immediately by unconsciousness. The epileptic falls to the ground after the aura. Paul fell to the ground after he saw the light.

Again, it sometimes happens that some mental and physical disturbance follows the fit, and persists for some time afterwards. This is called the post-epileptic state. So the argument of epilepsy in the case of Paul would go something like this: He was excited, he was on a long journey in the heat of the day, and these two elements together would be likely to precipitate an attack in anyone subject to epileptic fits. The aura came in the form of a dazzling light, and he then fell in the road unconscious as the fit developed. On recovery from the fit he suffered from functional blindness, which cleared up three days later.

He felt unwell after the fit, as such sufferers frequently do, and he was unable to take food. His functional blindness cleared up under the suggestive influence exerted by Ananias.

Quite apart from the statement in the Bible that Jesus appeared to Paul on the Damascus road, solely on medical grounds, I find myself unable to accept the epileptic theory. Firstly, there is no evidence that Paul was unconscious at any point in the incident. It was after he fell down, when, if it were an epileptic fit, would be unconscious, that he heard the voice of Jesus, and held converse with Him. Beside being fully conscious during the period, he had a vivid memory afterward of all that happened. This could not be true of a fit. Patients recovering from epileptic fits have no memory of anything that occurred during the fit.

Secondly, the whole course of his life, was completely changed as a result of the experience. It is inconceivable that a man's life should be changed as the result of a fit, I have yet to learn that epilepsy creates saints! If that were so, let us all have fits!

Thirdly, it would be highly improbable that an epileptic fit would remain an isolated incident in a man of Paul's age. It would mark either the course of an epileptic tendency which would occur many times, or it would be the first of a series of fits. In those days there was no known treatment for the lessening or prevention of fits, and Paul would have remained an epileptic to the time of his death. There is not a shred of evidence either in the Acts or in the Epistles to support a theory of epilepsy.

In view of these considerations, we may completely dismiss the theory that the experience on the road to Damascus was an epileptic fit, or the result of such a fit.

### Supernatural Power

To say that any given experience is psychological does not really mean anything. It is something like saying that seeing an object is a visual experience.

We need to probe deeper and ask ourselves what was the cause of the experience, and what were its effects. Was the cause of the apostle's experience to be found within his own mind, or was there a supernatural power at work?

In his famous book on "The Varieties of Religious Experience," the late Wil-

liam James gives detailed accounts of many unusual and abnormal phenomena connected with conversion, and discusses them at some length. He comes to the conclusion that there was evidence in the history of these people of the influence of a higher Power which transformed their lives. He speaks of a "something more" than can be explained solely on psychological grounds.

Hallucinations due to mental or nervous disease do not make saints of people. On the contrary, they are invariably accompanied and followed by mental deterioration. There was certainly never any sign of mental deterioration in the life of Paul right down to the time of his last letter (2 Timothy) written probably a short period before his execution.

He was firmly convinced that Jesus had spoken to him, and that the message he received that day was the turning point in his career. Henceforward to him "to live was Christ."

No Christian who believes in the inspiration of the New Testament writings need have any doubt that our Lord Jesus Christ did in fact reveal Himself to Paul, nor will he think it strange that this should happen.

It seems fitting that the great commission given to the mighty apostle to the Gentiles should be inaugurated by an outstanding and unmistakable experience. The great ambassador of the gospel to the Gentiles received direct orders from the King Himself. The other apostles had been with Jesus when He was on earth, and had received their commission directly from Him after His resurrection. Paul was similarly commissioned by the risen and ascended Lord, and was then enabled to take his place among the holy company of the apostles, with the full standing and authority of an apostle. As he himself wrote, he was "an apostle, not of men, neither by men, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead (Gal. 1:1).

### A Miracle!

We think of the conversion of Paul as a miracle, and so it was. But in its essence it was no more and no less a miracle than the conversion of every man and woman who is born again into the Kingdom of God. The accompaniment of conversion may be less spectacular, there may be no vision of the same kind, no voice heard: but it is the same Jesus who gives eternal life today to those who come to Him by faith. They may have the same assurance as the apostle had when he said "I know whom I have believed."

►W. W. Warmath will become pastor of First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark., on September 1. He comes from pastorate of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

## Tenth Anniversary, Commemorative Session, United Nations at San Francisco, California

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The functioning of the United Nations is performed through six principal units of organization; namely, the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Code of Justice, and the Secretariat. I came from the San Francisco Conference with the profound conviction that the greatest possible hope of success of the United Nations program lies in the functioning of the special agencies under these organizations. It is amazing what has already been accomplished by these special agencies in carrying out program down where the people live. When the rank and file around the world feel the direct impact of these benefits in health, prosperity and happiness, I feel that there will be such a demand from public opinion that the political and diplomatic leaders of the nations will be compelled to direct their efforts toward more urgent accomplishments for peace.

The sharing of the secrets of atomic energy for peace time uses with some 47 nations now participating will so rapidly change the complexion of society around the world, that we should have good hope in turning the minds of people from bitterness, misunderstanding and friction to concentrate on things that are beneficial. The United States has contributed 220 pounds of fissionable material, offered to pay one half of cost of reactors, and will supply technical assistance for peaceful development of atomic research. Great Britain has given 44 pounds of material. The startling exhibit of atomic energy created deep impressions upon those who attended this 10th anniversary meeting. The worldwide conference on peace time uses of atomic energy, which was called to meet in Geneva, Switzerland, August 8, 1955, with 84 nations invited to participate, revealed many secrets that heretofore have been kept from the public as classified national information.

### Spiritual and Moral Reactions

Missionary opportunity and responsibility cannot be separated from all of these astounding developments. As this gigantic revolution is shaking the world politically, economically, educationally, we must realize that it is also being shaken spiritually and religiously. The religions of the world are being more critically examined than at any time in history. Investigative souls around the world are asking, "What has your religion to contribute to the world in an hour like this?" There seems to be

a keener consciousness among all people of their need for contact, fellowship, strength, protection, and eternal security. There is now going on a careful evaluation of the nature, the polity, the cost, the practice, the participation, and fruitage of each religion. We are striving to abolish war, disease, poverty, slavery, and hatred from the face of the earth.

## Charles E. Gray Resigns At Louisa; Going to Attend Georgetown College This Year



Charles F. Gray

LOUISA, Ky. — Pastor Charles F. Gray has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Louisa to enter Georgetown College this fall.

He came to Louisa 22 months ago after having been graduated from Campbellsville College. He is a native of Chattanooga, Tenn.

During his pastorate at Louisa he had 50 baptisms and 17 by letter. Church attendance has increased 50%; Sunday school has been fully graded, and the mission program has doubled.

Under his direction, a county mission program was organized, and the church contributes substantially to the salary of the county missionary.

For the first time in the history of the Louisa church it has a Brotherhood. In cooperation with Tommy Davis, minister of Music, Mr. Gray established the Baptist Training Union, and reorganized the Adult, Intermediate and Junior Choirs.

He has led the church in making im-

provements for the spiritual uplifting and for the spiritual plant. The church has been completely redecorated, the floors sanded, new carpets, painting, chairs for class rooms, etc. The church has purchased an adjoining parcel of property for the erection of an educational building.

Pastor Gray has conducted revivals in West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Illinois and Kentucky during his pastorate.

## Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association to Meet in Paducah This Fall

NEWPORT, Ky., Aug. 8. — The newly organized Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association will hold its annual meeting at the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., November 14-15, in conjunction with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

There will be two sessions, the first, Monday night at 7:30; and the second a breakfast session closing at 10:30 Tuesday morning.

Outstanding leaders in the field of religious education have been invited to participate in the program. Topics, such as personal relationships, teacher training, and visitation programs will be discussed. The full program will be announced later.

Membership in the association is open to those persons "engaged full time or part time in some phase of religious education in a church, institution, or agency, affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky."—Lewis W. Martin, Jr., president, Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, First Baptist Church, Newport, Ky.

# Christian Education Department Rejects Proposal to Establish a Senior Baptist College in Louisville

By Erwin L. McDonald, Exec. Secy.  
Christian Education Department

The Christian Education Department of Kentucky Baptists, designated as the agency and voice of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky in educational matters, has turned down a proposal of its Long Range Planning Committee to establish a Baptist Senior college in Louisville.

The action came August 11 in an all-day session at the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, with Dr. George Ragland, Lexington, chairman of the department, presiding.

The report of the committee, headed by Dr. Robert Humphreys, pastor of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, proposed that the department go on record as favoring establishment of a Baptist senior college in Louisville and that the Georgetown College trustees be asked to consider relocating the college in Louisville with a view to official action by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky at its annual meeting in November at Paducah. Trustees of two Baptist junior colleges—Bethel, at Hopkinsville, and Campbellsville, at Campbellsville, would also have been asked to consider merging with Georgetown in Louisville.

Following rejection of the Long Range Committee proposal, the department adopted a motion made by Dr. Humphreys calling for a seven-man committee to be named by the chairman of the department to work on plans for strengthening the Baptist schools and colleges of the state financially.

Magoffin Institute, at Mountain Valley, Breathett County, will be continued as a member of the Kentucky Baptist education group of schools and colleges on a tentative basis during the coming year, by action of the department. A report filed by a committee which surveyed the mountain high school recently calls for a number of improvements in the operation of the school, which has been without a president for several months. Rev. Gordon Duncan, for a number of years pastor of West Liberty Baptist Church and Baptist missionary of Morgan County, has just been elected president of the Institute and was present for the meeting.

The action of the Education Department settles officially rumors which have been widely circulated in the state concerning the possibility of consolidation and relocation of certain of the

schools. Many of the Baptist educators in the meeting expressed the feeling that the action will have a wholesome effect on the program, adding stability. Besides Georgetown, Bethel and Campbellsville Colleges, and Magoffin Institute, the school system includes Cumberland College, a junior college located at Williamsburg; Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, Pineville; and Oneida Institute, Oneida.

Comprising the Education Department are the presidents of the schools and colleges, the chairmen of the boards of trustees of the colleges, and twelve members at large elected by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

## Seminary Committee Will Meet September 6

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Chairman J. W. Storer has called a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention's theological education committee here September 6. The committee is considering the issue of a sixth Southern Baptist seminary.

►The Long Run Associational Training Union Meeting at Hazelwood Baptist Church, 4201 Taylor Boulevard, Louisville, on Monday, September 12, 1955, will be Deacons' Night.

►Pastor A. W. Walker, Carlisle Avenue Church of Louisville, is in a revival meeting at Rockford, Illinois. In his absence, Dr. W. C. Boone supplied the Carlisle Avenue pulpit, telling of his trip to the Holy Land and to the Baptist World Congress. Also supplying was Lawrence Holzschuh, of the Sunday School Department.

►Mrs. Elizabeth Ford Horton, after 30 years in the office of the Indiana Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, has resigned. Her period of secretarial service has overlapped the administrations of three Executive Secretaries—C. M. Dismore, T. J. Parsons and J. M. Horton. Dr. G. H. O'Donnell, editor of The Baptist Observer, says of her: "Throughout these years Mrs. Horton has served efficiently and cheerfully. Her knowledge of the Baptist work in Indiana was encyclopedic. The Baptists of Indiana are deeply appreciative of the constructive services of Mrs. Horton."

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### Monday Evening Session

The Monday evening session of the Alliance thrilled to the beautiful singing of Miss Isobel Baillie. Rev. B. Grey Griffith, London, led in prayer and Rev. Ivan Parsons, of Jamacia, read the Scriptures. Greetings from Serampore College, India, were brought by the President, Dr. C. E. Abraham, West Bengal, India. When the Alliance learned from him of the conditions of the Carey Library and Papers, an offering of about \$1,500.00 was received to alleviate the situation and preserve these valuables.

Very able and informative addresses on the subjects: "Christ and Justice" and "Christ and Freedom," brought by Mrs. Edgar R. Bates, Dean of Women of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, respectively. Both were masterpieces of intelligent understanding of the subject and elicited a warm response and appreciation from the large audience gathered to hear them.

## American Ministers Arrive in Russia

MOSCOW, Russia — (BP) — Four Baptist ministers from the United States have begun their visit to several cities in the Soviet Union.

Guests of Russian Baptists, the four have been provided with big cars for their tour in Moscow, Kiev, Yalta, and cities along the Volga River. During their two-week tour, they will visit Baptist churches.

The group includes Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and new president, Baptist World Alliance; V. Carney Hargroves, Philadelphia, Pa., past president, American Baptist Convention; Joseph H. Jackson, Chicago, Ill., and Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Alliance.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

# The Wise Squirrels

By JULIA W. WOLFE

Under a great big tree there lived a family of squirrels. All through the lovely summer days they climbed the trees, and ran gayly along the branches, and raced up and down.

One day, when the little family was running off through the fields, two children came through the woods, and saw a curious-looking hole under a tree. Jamie poked a stick into the hole, and found that it contained quantities of nuts. It was the very store that the squirrels had all worked hard to gather for their food during the coming winter.

Without one thought of harming the squirrels, Jamie and Janie took every nut from that hole. Then the squirrels returned, and were surprised, and began running up and down trees and chattered and scolded as fast as they could. But, of course, the children did not understand squirrel chatter, and they kept on putting all the nuts into a little basket, which they carried away to their home. A few of the bigger squirrels followed after them and kept up scolding all the way.

Jamie and Janie handed the basket to their mother when they reached home, and thought she would be pleased with their find; but she did not even smile; she said she was sorry they had done such a thing. "Don't you know, my children, that the squirrels gather these nuts for their winter's food? Don't you know the squirrels have had much work to get all of these nuts together?"

She said, "The nuts must be put back just where they were found or the squirrels will go hungry all winter."

Jamie and Janie wanted to keep the nuts, but after thinking how they would not like to go hungry themselves, they took the nuts back. The squirrels were watching and saw all of their treasures go into the hole in the ground out of sight. And just as soon as Jamie and Janie were out of sight, down from the big tree scrambled the squirrels. After a lot of chattering among themselves, the old squirrels scratched every nut out of that hole, and then they each took a nut and carried them off a long, long way, and buried them under a ledge under a hill.

How hard they worked, and how tired they grew! But they did not stop until every nut was stored away safe in the new storehouse.

The very next day Jamie and Janie crept slyly to the old storehouse under the tree; they could not find a single nut. There was nothing except an

empty hole. And up in the tree the squirrels were frisking about, looked down from a safe distance and chattered at Jamie and Janie.

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## Tropical Hitch-Hikers

By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

In Florida waters and in tropical seas live strange, eel-like creatures called shark-suckers or remoras. They vary in length from eight inches to two feet.

On the head of each one of these blue-black fish is a suction disc. By means of this, the remora attaches itself to the underside of a large fish or sea turtle and has free transportation. If he rides on the top of a creature, he has to journey upside down.

The remoras can detach themselves when they see small fish they want—then catch another ride.

Fisherman use the remora for catching big fish, turtles and sharks. They tie a line to the sucking fish and free it. The power of the remora's sucking disc is so great that when it has attached itself to even a huge turtle that creature is hauled in with the remora.

God's handiwork seen in nature is constantly to be marveled at. Also it seems that often he has written a plain lesson for us to see. In the case of a big creature and a remora, doesn't it appear that if we let worthless, unchristian-like people attach themselves to us that we may be pulled in the wrong direction?

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## Summer Rain

By Elsie Simon

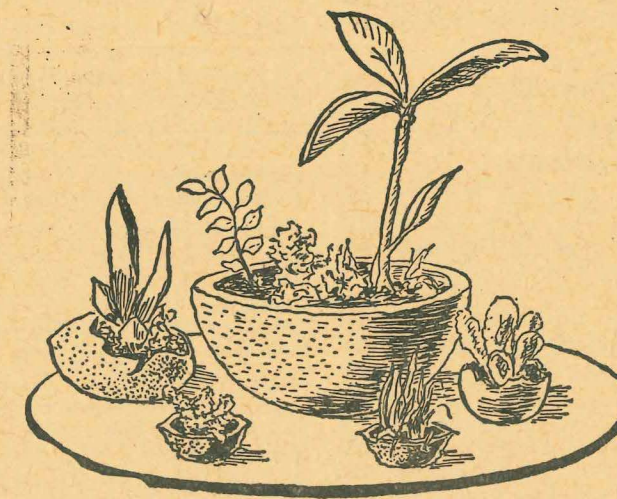
The summer rain falls gently down  
To give the earth a drink,  
It brings a sweet perfume with it  
Which angels make, I think.

It gives a fragrance to the air  
Of flowers, grass and trees,  
I love the summer rain that brings  
The smell of all of these.

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## GARDEN IN A NUTSHELL

By Valrie M. Geier



It's fun to make nutshell gardens. You can plant them on anything you have on hand: tiny dime-store mirrors, cork or grass glass mats, small pottery plates, or a half-inch slice of wood sawed from the branch of an old tree.

Find bits of moss and several tiny slips of small, quick-rooting plants in your yard or in the woods. Pack each plant into the nutshell with damp peat moss, or garden soil. Mix a bit of sand with the soil.

Glue the planted shells onto the mat, or other base you have chosen.

The plants will grow for weeks if you water them each day. Use only a few drops of water from an eye dropper.

Nutshell gardens make interesting party favors. They make an attractive gift for someone. Why not gather your materials together and start making nutshell gardens today?

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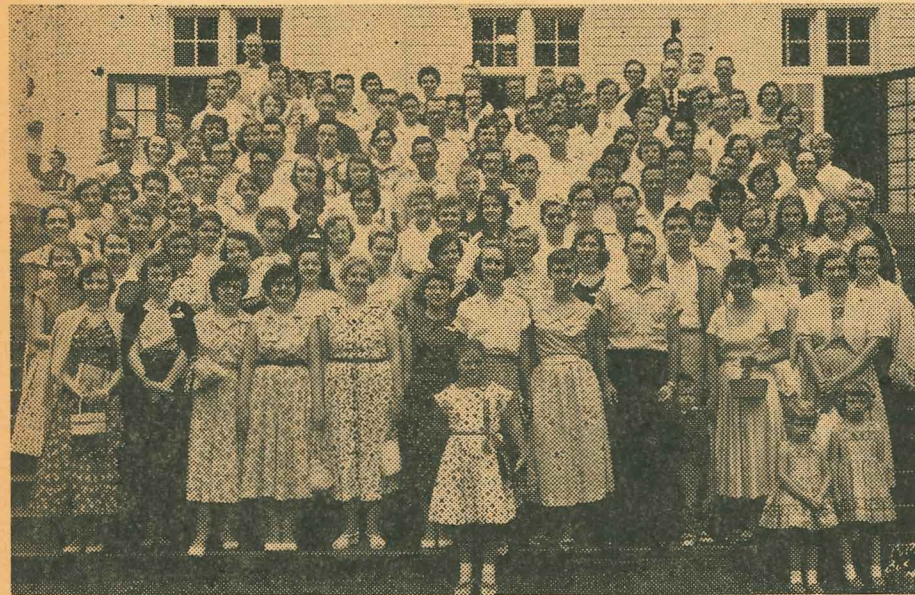
## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT

JAMES WHALEY, State Secretary

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Louisville, Kentucky

### Second Training Union Week At Ridgecrest



One hundred sixty-eight people from Kentucky attended the second Training Union week at Ridgecrest July 28 to August 3. Part of the group is shown above. Thirty-two churches from seventeen associations were represented.

Mr. Neal Boehnke from Dayton, Kentucky in Campbell County Association represented our state in the Southwide Intermediate Sword Drill at Ridgecrest for this summer. He is to be congratulated on the excellent job he did in the drill.

### Attention—Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Workers

Five one-day clinics on Nursery, Beginner, and Primary work will be held in Kentucky the week of September 12-16. Make plans now to attend one of these meetings:

September 12 ..... First, Princeton  
September 13 ..... First, Bowling Green  
September 14 ..... Highland, Louisville  
September 15 ..... Porter Memorial, Lexington  
September 16 ..... Latonia, Covington

The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.

### Reports From the Associations

**Bracken**—Again we offer our congratulations to Rev. Gerald McNeely and the other associational officers on leading Bracken in a standard associational Training Union program for last quarter. During the quarter a number of study courses were held and a new Training Union was organized.

**Campbell County**—Seventeen of the 21 churches in the association now have Training Unions. Last quarter the three meetings promoted by the association were well attended with 120 people present at the mass meeting.

**Lincoln County**—Sixteen of the 23 churches in the association have Training Unions. The association is completely organized. The director of this association is Mr. George V. Hail, Jr.

**Salem**—Mr. Ray Griffie, the associational Training Union director in Salem reports that a number of officers helped in conducting study courses last quarter. Sixteen people were present for the Executive Committee Meeting, 26 for the Officer's and Leader's Council and 126 for the Mass Meeting held during January, February, and March. We are again happy to say, "Congratulations to Salem on being a standard association for another quarter."

**Simpson**—Mr. James O. Hatter, the associational Training Union director in Simpson Association, reports that six of the thirteen churches in the association now have Training Unions. Eighty-two people attended the Mass Meeting held last quarter.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### Uncertain Bridegroom

**Question:** I am thirty-three years of age and going with a girl who wants to get married. We have discussed plans for marriage but somehow I seem uncertain. She is a fine Christian girl and our backgrounds are similar. I have prayed about this and talked to my pastor but I still feel that I am not ready for marriage. What should I do now?

**Answer:** I think that you need help in understanding your problem that cannot be given on paper. It sounds to me like an emotional blocking that could be analysed by an expert counselor. You may be afraid of the marriage relationship. You may be in love with your mother (I mean nothing disgraceful). You may be afraid of women or have them on too high a pedestal. Or you may be unconsciously rejecting all women.

Marriage is so important to enter into with reservations. Yet you are old enough to get married, if you are ever to marry. This problem ought to be worked out before marriage, it seems to me.

If you cannot find a marriage counselor, or psychologist, or psychiatrist, or trained pastor, who will work this problem through with you, you will simply have to use your own judgment. But if you go to a counselor do not expect to get to the bottom of your trouble in two or three interviews. It usually takes much longer.

Often people marry with some misgiving. If God leads you, do not be afraid. Marriage is a great institution. It deserves your best. Most marriage failures could be prevented. I admire your good sense in trying to lay a sound foundation.

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

►Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E. Mercer, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Japan, have sailed for their field of service and will be engaged in language study in Tokyo. Their address is 350 2-Chome, Nishi-Okubo, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Mercer is a native of Central City, Ky., where he and Mrs. Mercer make their permanent American home.



Dr. R. L. Hudson

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary

MRS. JOHN REDDEN, Interim Youth Secretary

MR. J. C. BALLEW, Royal Ambassador Secretary

### W.M.U. Conference At Ridgecrest

The W. M. U. Conference at Ridgecrest, June 23-29 had as its theme: His Commission—Our Mission. There were over 2,000 in attendance. We are glad that 45 Kentucky women attended, including several state officers.

We were privileged to attend each day a Bible Hour taught by Dr. Henry Turlington of Southern Seminary, Mission Study classes, and conferences on all phases of our work led by outstanding personalities of Woman's Missionary Union. We could also choose to participate in group meetings with missionaries from home and foreign fields. Afternoons were given over to sight-seeing, browsing in the book store or gift shop, or perhaps resting in our comfortable quarters.

The vesper service at Lake Dew, ably led by Dr. Louise Foreman Blount of Southern Seminary, prepared us for the evening service which was inspirational and informative, highlighting our missionary thinking and planning.

One of the memorable events of the week was the "missionary tour" held on Sunday afternoon on the campus in front of Rhododendron Hall. About a dozen countries or groups were represented by returned missionaries, some with their families. Names became alive as we were escorted by attractive guides from one to another field.

Through the week we were challenged anew with our Saviour and His Program for world redemption. Surely each came home with a deeper sense of her responsibility and a keener desire to serve more effectively. A similar blessing awaits you next year at Ridgecrest.—Mrs. Wallace W. Sanders

### Executive Secretary Returns to Kentucky

Home again! What magic words! Truly, it is with great gratitude of heart that I return home to my work and you, my dear friends, after two months of marvelous experiences which I enjoyed as your messenger to the Jubilee, the Fiftieth Anniversary Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, and the tour of adjacent mission fields in the party conducted so ably by Dr. W. C. Boone.

I love to share these experiences with others and I shall be telling you about them at Cedarmore, in the Regional

meetings, in Associational meetings as time and opportunity permit, and in other meetings as well. It may be, too, that a written report can be arranged a little later.

I have come back with a deeper conviction of the urgency of missions. We just must do more than we are doing about giving the Gospel to the world. Our work is pitifully small in comparison to the tremendous needs.

Too, my Bible has come alive in a new way because of experiences in Bible lands.

The theme of the Baptist World Alliance is real—"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." We must reveal Him to the lost multitudes. The theme of the women's meetings of the Alliance must be lived out by us—"Expect Great Things From God—Attempt Great Things For God."

Thank you, again and again and again, for this glorious trip.

### Fall Training

Many societies and associations are preparing for fall studies for the training of newly-elected officers.

We regret that copies of the Manual of Woman's Missionary Union are not available at the Baptist Book Store for your studies. The supply of these valuable books is exhausted. They are not to be reprinted until a complete revision can be prepared, as the adoption of new By-laws by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention makes the re-writing of the Manual a necessity.

A reprint of the book, "Following in His Train," by Mrs. W. J. Cox, has been made available through the Baptist Book Stores (price \$1.00) and it is suggested that this, with the new Year Book, be used as a basis for your fall methods study and credit will be allowed for mission study on the same basis as though the Manual were used. You will find a thorough study of these two books both enjoyable and very profitable.

### A Message from Missionary Maye Bell Taylor

A recent letter from our missionary, Miss Maye Bell Taylor, brings the good news that she has recovered completely from the injuries sustained in a serious automobile accident in Kentucky a year

ago and has returned to her much-loved field of work in Brazil. She says (in part): "I am so happy to be back in Brazil. People are amazed at how rapidly I recovered and how strong I am now. Only one knee bothers me from phlebitis. It gets better each day. Please put a notice in your Kentucky State Baptist paper stating that I have returned to Recife, Brazil (Caixa 29). I haven't written to any of my friends in Kentucky of my return. Please pray for me and for our work."

### Workshop for Children's Workers

Realizing that one of the great needs in our work today is trained, consecrated leadership, and being aware that there is a special need for help for those who work with the little tots, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and the state Sunday School and Training Departments are cooperating in presenting a workshop for leaders of children of Sunbeam Band age.

A beautiful poster has been sent to the pastor of every Baptist church in Kentucky giving full information about these workshops, and a letter has gone to every WMS president and Youth Director.

Leading Southern Baptist Convention and state specialists in children's work will present teaching helps pertaining to understanding children of nursery, beginner and primary age groups, principles of teaching and materials that are available.

Miss Elsie Rives, of Birmingham, newly-elected Director of the Division of Sunbeam Bands for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will present the work with Sunbeams. Other speakers will be Miss Helen Young, Miss Allene Bryan, Miss Mary Ella Davis, Miss Nora Padgett and Miss Nora Meador.

All those interested in presenting missions to little children should be there. Don't miss this unusual opportunity!

We regret that through an error this is scheduled during our Week of Prayer for State Missions so you may not be able to attend all day, but do your best to work it out to attend both your Week of Prayer services and this meeting, if at all possible.

One day meetings will be held as follows: Monday, September 12 at First Church, Princeton; Tuesday, September 13, First Church, Bowling Green; Wednesday, September 14, Highland, Louisville; Thursday, September 15, Porter Memorial, Lexington; Friday, September 16, Latonia, Covington. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 3:30. Provision will be made for the care of pre-school age children. Lunch will be served by the host church.



## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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### REPORTING ON AUGUST

August 1-3—Brotherhood Conference, Glorieta, New Mexico; 4-11—return from Glorieta and brief vacation; 12—returned to office and caught up with most of our mail; 13—Brotherhood Meeting First Baptist Church, Martin, Kentucky; 14—supplied at East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson, West Virginia; 16—Owen County Annual Associational Meeting, Old Cedar Church, also spoke to Brotherhood Meeting Central Baptist Church, Paris, Kentucky that night; 17—Logan County Annual Association at Beechland Church in the morning and Ohio County Annual Associational Meeting at Fordsville that afternoon; 18—Brotherhood meeting, First Baptist Church, Barbourville; 20—Associational Brotherhood Rally at Second Baptist Church Princeton; 21—Beulah Hill Baptist Church in Caldwell County at Morning Service and at Fredonia in Caldwell County that night; 22—Brotherhood Meeting, Oakdale Baptist Church, Louisville; 23—Southwide Educational Committee Meeting at Brotherhood Commission offices, Memphis, Tennessee; 24—Ohio River Annual Association Meeting at Old Salem Baptist Church; 25—Brotherhood meeting, Union City Baptist Church; 26—Annual Associational Meeting, Campbell County at First Church, Bellevue; 28—Visited with home church Beechwood, Louisville; 30—Brotherhood Meeting, First Baptist Church, Sebree, Kentucky; 31—Muhlenberg County Annual Associational Meeting, Greenville, Ky.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Following are the dates you will want to remember in 1956 concerning Brotherhood work.

- March
  - 12-16 Regional Tours (Annual Baptist Cavalcade)
  - 19-23 Regional Tours (Annual Baptist Cavalcade)
- May
  - 8-11 Baptist Men's Tour (visiting Baptist colleges, orphanages, hospitals, etc.)
- June
  - 23 Annual Baptist Men's Rally and Barbecue at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky.
- July
  - 5-11 Brotherhood Week at Glorieta, New Mexico
- August
  - 16-22 Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest, North Carolina
- October
  - 14 Layman's Day

### Opening of West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute

CLINTON, Ky. — West Kentucky Baptist Institute, Clinton, Kentucky, will open its fall session Monday, September 5, for day students, and Tuesday, September 6, for night students. Indications seem to point to the largest enrollment for this coming year that we have ever had. Students are urged to be on time, and to be here the very first day or evening. The first day and evening will be given to getting acquainted with each other, and familiarizing the students with the school—our policies and program. This will not be

repeated after the first day and night, and the students missing these opening exercises will lose something that they will need all through the year. It could easily mean the difference between a good and a bad grade, or, even between passing and failing. So, do not wait until the second week to start—not even the second day. A good start will mean much in a good finish. The Lord and His work deserve the best we have. Let us see that He gets our best, and that from the very beginning.—W. A. Sloan, President.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, AUGUST 14, 1955

Due to a stepped-up printing schedule the Sunday school and Training Union reports must be in the office by 10 o'clock on Tuesday.

Numerals after church indicates number of missions.

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, Unity, Additions 1	123	400
Bardstown	---	301
Bellevue	67	360
Blackford	38	188
Bowling Green (2)	247	1,069
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	168	321
Carrlinton	22	210
Central City, Additions 2	299	482
Cloverport	---	221
Corbin, First	74	353
Central (1)	98	482
Covington, Calvary	---	668
First (1)	125	324
Latonia (2)	149	683
South Side	88	359
Crestwood	43	271
Danville, First (2)	140	617
Dawson Springs	59	274
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	---	849
Erlanger	81	360
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	101	553
Grace	---	722
Walnut Street (2)	---	410
Falmouth	---	215
Ferguson (1)	57	278
Florence	70	358
Fort Thomas, First	92	291
Frankfort, Crestwood, Additions 1	74	268
Fulton	155	539
Greensburg	63	223
Hartford	117	214
Harrodsburg (2)	222	850
Hawesville	66	240
Hazard (2)	69	392
Hazel	79	274
Henderson, First	131	492
Immanuel Temple (2)	98	675
Hodgenville, First (1)	132	412
Hopkinsville, First (1)	109	700
Second	171	813
Jellico, Tenn., Crouches Creek	45	276
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	42	285
Lebanon, First (1)	104	422
Leitchfield	97	286
Lexington, Grace	141	638
Porter Memorial	97	461
London, First	125	539
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	153	575
Baptist Temple	119	244
Beechland	---	502
Beechmont (2)	201	894
Bethany	---	299
Carlisle Avenue (2)	238	1,259
Eastern Parkway	66	469
Eighteenth Street	88	313
Farmdale (1)	125	390
Hazelwood	54	458
Highland (1)	144	515
Immanuel	81	339
Ninth and O (12)	474	1,423
Parkland (1)	195	898
St. Matthews (1)	174	726
Shawnee Baptist Church	393	73
Shively (1)	87	453
Twenty-third and Broadway (1)	178	600
Victory Memorial (2)	158	790
Virginia Avenue	---	259
Walnut Street (4)	232	1,386
West Broadway (1)	129	556
Ludlow, First	107	393
Madisonville, First	206	894
Marion	---	240
Maysfield, First	---	855
Middlesboro, First (4)	---	578
Morgantown	131	229
Mt. Washington	103	275
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial (1)	193	472
First (1)	216	983
Hall Street (1)	181	499
Macedonia	76	194
Seven Hills (1)	85	275
Third (1)	286	960
Paducah, Oaklawn	119	285
Twelfth Street	132	374
Paintsville, First (1)	56	209
Pikeville, First (4)	51	470
Somerset, First	135	581
Springfield, First	191	412
Sturgis, First	---	289
Versailles	73	354
Walton	93	320
Williamson, W. Va., East (1)	50	299
Winchester, Central	108	419
First	141	426

## FALLEN ASLEEP

**MRS. IKE STONE**  
DYCUSBURG, Ky., Aug. 8, 1955.—Resolution, in memory of our beloved friend, Mrs. Ike Stone, who passed away June 4, 1955.

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call from her labors here on earth to her reward on High, a faithful member of Dycusburg Baptist Church, a friend and neighbor to all.

Our Church and WMS will miss her and we want to express our appreciation of her service and loyalty which she so faithfully rendered.

To know Mrs. Stone was to love her, and her memory we shall always cherish. Surely the Lord will say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—Dycusburg WMS, by Mrs. F. B. Dycus.

### MRS. ARTHUR N. COUCH

CLOVERPORT, Ky., Aug. 9. — Mrs. Arthur N. Couch, widow of Rev. Arthur N. Couch, passed to her reward July 9, 1955, after eleven months of serious illness.

Mrs. Couch was 85 years old on June 24, 1955. She had been a consistent Christian for 74 years, having been converted at the age of eleven years. Her years as a teacher in the Sunday school would be about 70, as she started to teach quite young. She was a school teacher for a number of years, WMU president in different cities where she lived as a pastor's wife, and she was identified with a number of other church and community enterprises.

She was a member of the Cloverport Baptist Church where she and her husband came to live after he retired.

The funeral was held in the Dhonau Funeral Home, Tuesday, July 12, at 2:30 o'clock, with burial beside her husband who passed away October 6, 1947. Rev. William Varble preached the funeral sermon, followed with the Eastern Star service. She was the Eastern Star Mother, often called "Mother

Couch" by members of the order, and she had been made a life member by the same group.

Six children survive, as follows: Three sons—Arthur Terry Couch, Cloverport, Ky.; Edward N. Couch, Altadena, California; and W. J. Couch, Sioux Falls, S. D.; and three daughters—Mrs. Hugh W. Gabbert, Cloverport, Ky.; Mrs. Joe D. Morrison, Louisville, Ky.; and Mrs. Norman K. Sewall, Bloomfield, N. J.

### MRS. R. M. (Minnie W.) BERGMAN

IRVINE, Ky. — Since God in His infinite wisdom called our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Minnie W. Bergman, to be with Him, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church offers this tribute in memory of her and to express our love and affection for her.

She was a charter member of the church and had served the church many years as its organist. She was an active member of the WMS and the Training Union.

God had blessed her with unusual talents for leadership which she was always ready to use as a good steward for His glory. She was ever ready to minister to the sick and distressed, to cheer the old and inspire the young. Her sweet Christian spirit and cheerful disposition endeared her to a wide circle of friends who will long remember her.

We honor her who served her Lord so long and witnessed for Him so faithfully.

A loved one departed is always an immeasurable loss, and we mourn our loss and cherish as a priceless treasure the memory of our departed loved one.

This tribute is to be entered as a part of the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society, a copy sent to her husband and family and a copy sent to the Western Recorder is respectfully by: Mrs. R. E. Beckmum, W. M. S. President; Mrs. Betty Miller, Mrs. Theda Maupin, and Mrs. H. A. Garrett.

### Carter Bearden Elected To Head Deaf Work for Home Mission Board



Carter Bearden

ATLANTA, Ga.—Carter Bearden, Home Board missionary to the deaf since 1949, has been elected superintendent of Deaf Work for the Home Mission Board. Bearden, now working with the deaf in New Orleans, will lead in encouraging and counseling churches to provide interpreters for regular church services and to otherwise provide for the deaf in the church program.

Home Board officials noted that there are about 70,000 deaf people living in Southern Baptist Convention territory.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bearden are deaf, but "are excellent lip readers and speak well." Bearden became deaf after a childhood illness.

A native Texan, he graduated from Texas School for the Deaf and studied at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., the college for deaf people. A Baylor University graduate, Bearden recently received a BD degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Louisiana.

Bearden takes up his new duties September 1.

### Orient Secretary Moves to Tokyo

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has moved to Tokyo where he will set up temporary headquarters. The new address is 352 2-Chome, Nishi-Okubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Crawley and their three children are also in Tokyo.

►Morris C. Oldham, Baptist millionaire and benefactor of more than 300 churches over the nation, died on July 19 at Houston, Texas. Persons close to him estimate that he has given away \$3,000,000 to expand the work of the churches.

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### Pictures of Men's Rally At Cedarmore Available

Dr. Elwyn N. Wilkinson, pastor, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, writes: "One of our men here at Parkland made pictures of the Men's Rally at Cedarmore in June. He sold a number of the pictures there, but I feel that many of the men would want copies if they knew where they could get them.

"Will you please put a notice in the best Baptist periodical in America telling our men that for \$1.00 they can have the picture from:

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT, State Secretary

# OBSERVE PREPARATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 18-25

Here are some things to do during Preparation Week:

1. Teach the book *A Church Using Its Sunday School* by Dr. J. N. Barnette. (Be sure to order the edition marked "Revised, 1955.")
2. Plan to get the men in Sunday school. Provide as many classes for men as for women.
3. Provide teachers and class officers who are church-centered in attitude and practice.
4. Plan to get the young people under twenty-five years of age by providing departments and classes for this group.
5. Plan to get the babies by providing a Cradle Roll Department and adequate Nursery rooms and workers.
6. Make provisions now for each advancing age group.
7. Move up your organization pattern from a class to a department school.
8. Provide at least one worker for every ten possibilities.
9. Make your goal: Every worker holding at least a Sunday school Worker's Diploma and studying at least four books in the Sunday school training course.
10. Enlarge your Bible teaching program; make full use of one hour and fifteen minutes each Sunday morning; provide a two-week Vacation Bible School; hold at least one week of Bible study or doctrinal book in the training course; observe special Bible Study Week the first week in January; promote daily Bible study.
11. Adopt the Standard as a pattern of work and make full use of the Six Point Record System.
12. Organize one or more new Sunday schools.

### NEW STUDY COURSE BOOK

A new study course book has just come from the press. It is *Guiding Young People in Bible Study*. It is a teaching book in Section V. We feel sure that all of our people working with Young People will want to study this book as soon as possible.

### STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hustonville—Pastor William R. Bradshaw; Superintendent Thomas Cochran.

### STANDARD DEPARTMENT

Louisville, Parkland—Adult No. 2, Basil Brooks, Superintendent.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS REPORTED Church and Association Enrolment

Clay, First, Ohio Valley	132
Union City, Boone's Creek	134
Springhill, West Kentuckiana	59
Allen, Enterprise	118
Sadieville, Elkhorn	91
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## An Abounding Church

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Some time ago, a sudden rain storm broke upon Los Angeles. People hurrying down the streets, caught in the storm, sought refuge in open buildings. A group gathered in an open church, discovered the presence of Eddie Cantor. They asked the famous entertainer for a statement. He simply said, "A storm is raging outside and we have sought refuge in the church."

Yes, a storm is raging outside and many are asking refuge. The question is, What kind of church will they find? When they ask for bread, will we give them a stone?

The very preservation of our doctrines which have made us, demand an abounding church. If we do not maintain an abounding church, the next generation will be a stranger to our distinctive beliefs. "Now there arose a new king which knew not Joseph."

Edward Gibbons, in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," says of the Greek scholars of tenth century Constantinople: "They held in their lifeless hands the riches of their fathers, without inheriting the spirit which had created and improved that sacred patrimony. They read, they praised, they compiled, but their languid souls seemed alike incapable of thought and action."

Let that be a warning to us. May it become our challenge. What the church is destined to become challenges us. "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Surely the Lord is saying to our churches, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord."

"Dear, dying Lamb, thy precious blood, Shall ne'er lose its power, Till all the ransomed church of God, Be saved to sin no more."

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## B. B. Smith, Former Henderson Pastor, Dies in Georgia

Dr. Brown B. Smith, pastor of the Old Armuchee Baptist Church, died at his home at 18 Lindberg Drive, Rome, Georgia, recently. He had been sick for some time, and spent periods in the Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Dr. Smith was pastor for some years of the First Baptist Church of Henderson, Ky., and while there he wrote the Sunday School Lesson treatments for the Western Recorder.

Born in Rockmart, Ga., he was a son of Pastor and Mrs. F. Jerre Smith. In early life he attended Piedmont Institute, following which he went to Howard College, Mercer University and the Southern Seminary. Howard conferred the B.A. degree upon him, Mercer the pre-med B.S. and the M.A. degrees, the latter being *magna cum laude*. Also he was given the Blalock Medal for scientific research and the Dr. Hardeman Medal for oratory. The Southern Seminary gave him both the Th.M. and Ph.

D. degrees, the latter being with the predicate *magna cum laude*.

His first two pastorates were with the First Church of Waynesboro, Va., and the First Church, Staunton, Va. During his 10-year pastorate at Staunton he led in the erection of a new building.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vera Lester Smith; two sons—F. Jerry Smith, Minneapolis, Minn., and Lester P. Smith, the Veterans Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; one grandson, Brown B. Smith, II; four brothers, Charles B. and Dewey L., Atlanta; Broughton Smith, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Pastor Ray Smith, Richmond, Va.; and three sisters—Mrs. Ira B. McClung, Matthews Courthouse, Va.; Mrs. M. E. Locklear, Atlanta; and Mrs. Harvey Addy, Decatur, Ga.

His funeral was conducted at the North Broad Baptist Church, with Pastors R. S. Rucker, O. E. Rutland and Steve Garner taking part. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, at Rockmart, Ga.

## T. L. McSwain, Southside, in Anderson County Revival

SINAI (Anderson County), Ky., Aug. 8. — Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in Baptist Association, engaged in a ten day revival meeting July 25-August 3. T. L. McSwain, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, was the evangelist. There were 15 additions by baptism and 6 by letter.

The church was filled to capacity each night. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

"Old-Fashioned Night"—the church was lighted by old fashioned kerosene lamps brought by various members, and an old pump organ supplied the accompaniment for congregational singing. Pastor McSwain preached on "Grandma's Religion."

On Sunday there were 216 in Sunday school, and the attendance of 161 in Training Union was a record for the church.

"Family Night" was observed on Monday night and approximately 25 families pledged to start family altars.

"The Devil in Liquid Form" was the sermon topic Tuesday night, and the invitation was given for all who would take their stand against alcoholic drinks,

and pledge neither to drink, sell, or aid in the production of alcoholic drinks, to come to the altar and let their decision be known publicly. The response was practically unanimous. There is a definite need for such a challenge, especially in Anderson County where so much liquor is produced.

The revival was a rich experience for the entire church.—James R. Pinkley, Jr., pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Route 1, Sinai, Kentucky.

## Committee Reports Record July Gifts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — July, 1955, topped all previous Julies in gifts received for convention-wide activities of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The month's figure, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Executive Committee, was \$1,234,228.

The Cooperative Program portion of that amount was \$1,067,673, which also set a record for the month of July. The remaining \$166,554 last month was from donors who said just how their money should be spent.

Cooperative Program funds are distributed on a percentage basis to various phases of Southern Baptist work. The amounts reported don't include designated and Cooperative Program funds used for local church and state Baptist Convention work.

The month's total was \$71,659 greater than for July, 1954. Cooperative Pro-

gram receipts were up \$66,809 and designated gifts higher by \$4,849.

The July, 1955, total is about double the sum of Cooperative Program and designated gifts received for convention-wide work in July, 1948.

Kentucky gave a total of \$54,592 of which \$45,522 was through the Cooperative Program and \$9,070 through designations.

No reports came in from Ohio and New Mexico.

## Woman Asks no Flowers, Church Donation Instead

CARBONDALE, Ill. — (BP) — Before Mrs. Clara Cavaness died here recently, she asked friends wishing to send flowers to the funeral to give the money, instead to her church's building fund.

E. H. Hadley, treasurer of University Baptist Church here, reports that more than \$131 has been given to the building fund in her memory because of the special request.

Mrs. Cavaness also willed the church building fund a set of valuable rings, proceeds from the sale to be used for construction.

## Harold Jones Ordained By Carlisle Avenue; Called To Lockport Church

Harold Jones recently accepted the call of the Lockport Baptist Church, in Henry County. The Lockport church thereupon called upon Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville—his home church—for his ordination, and they were glad to comply by arranging for his examination and ordination.

The examining council met in the study of Pastor A. W. Walker on July 12. This council was composed of Pastor Robert H. Alston, Hazelwood; Orrin W. Stites, Beechland; James Hopkins, assistant pastor of Beechmont; Thomas L. McSwain, South Side; Clyde Kendall, Mount Herman; and Pastor Walker.

The ordination service was held August 3, at which time Pastor Walker preached the ordination sermon.

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# National Conference for the Blind Held at Southern Seminary

The Fourth Meeting of the National Church Conference for the Blind was held on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, July 25-28, 1955.

The entire group is made up of blind people, except for a few who are present to assist, guide and positionize the blind. The blind people themselves did the talking, the singing, the preaching, and participated in solo, duet, quartette and chorus numbers.

This annual conclave is the outgrowth of work of Edwin Wilson, Fort Worth, Texas, editor of *The Braille Evangel*, which magazine is now in its ninth year, and is serving 8,000 blind people. Mr. Wilson presides at most of the sessions, or sees to it that someone competent is in the moderator's chair.

This writer felt like an eavesdropper, slipping in and peering where the participants themselves cannot peek, much less see what they themselves are doing. The two programs I attended were down-to-earth in their informality, with open participation by the attendants themselves. Each one seemed to take hold in his own way. I was amazed at the various types of personalities present, and often amused at the good-natured banter, and sometimes back-firing, when they exchanged give-and-take wit and humor with each other. Some of their barbs were quick and sharp, and woe betide the timid soul who could not "return the serve," as we say in tennis.

An eavesdropper is in for a lot of surprises. The first session I attended went along smoothly to this beholder until Jerry Moore, Birmingham, Alabama, who is one of the few in the organization who has his full sight, stood up and called out a number. There was a stirring around, and I tried to watch the persons close to me. They reached for large books, big as pulpit Bibles. They scampered their fingers through the pages, and in just a few seconds seemed to stop fingering the pages, and slowly moved their hands to the surface of the page. Somebody struck up a piano chord, and everybody started singing. All the while the blind moved their fingers slowly from right to left across the page. Thus I was led to see that the big book was their Braille Hymnal. I had long known about the Braille Bible, and the Braille Evangel Magazine, and other Braille books, but now I was watching them use a Braille Hymnal.

Another surprise came at the conclusion of the first session I attended. As soon as they were dismissed with

prayer, the people stood up to go, when out sprang a number of seeing-eye dogs, which some of the visitors had. The dogs had been so quiet throughout the entire two-hour program that I never suspected they were around.

Still another unpredictable surprise came on the last night when a beautiful film of last year's National Church Conference for the Blind in Memphis was being shown. Everything was quiet except for the running vocal script accompaniment for the film. Suddenly, a seeing-eye dog forgot his good manners and let out with a loud bark. The dog had seen the image of another dog on the screen, and his natural instinct asserted itself before the owner could give him a quiet pat on the head and get him to lie down again. The animal was so completely carried away by the realism of the film that he did not understand that the picture was only a shadow.

Attending such a conference presents the visitor with a constantly opening and ever-widening realization that here are people with talents—talents many and varied. Someway, somehow, we need to make fuller use of these blind people in our church services than we do. They exist in every church and community, and until we bring them into use they will feel that they are being left out.

The Conference is not a convention, in the generally accepted sense. Nor is it intended to set up another denomination composed wholly of blind people. The blind will continue to belong to their own local churches back home where they live. But this conference will once a year bring them into this informal gathering for a discussion of their mutual problems, bareing their successes in overcoming of handicaps bearing the burdens of each other, and sharing sympathy and consolation. They preach, they teach, they testify, they sing. There is an effort to do in their own way the same things the rest of us do in the regular routine of our church programs. They want to share in evangelistic, educational and missionary undertakings, as active participants in the Great Commission and reaching the "whosoever will."

The Steering Committee has sought to create a design for the conference which might provide a utilitarian benefit for each guest beyond the fellowship and inspiration. They want to arrange such a program that each guest will say, "It is good for us to be here."

Editor Wilson says: "In my own thinking and vision the conference is the

voice of our Christian blind people for Christian missions and Christian education for the population of our fellow blind in the U. S. and abroad. The means for implementing this voice beyond the present services of *The Braille Evangel*, Inc., is our future plan."

The goal set for the attendance this year was 100, but when all were accounted for it was found that 107 had registered from 23 states.

At the concluding program, the conference adopted a statement setting forth their plan for a more permanent organization, and naming a committee to write a constitution and set of by-laws. Editor Wilson is general director of this Steering Committee, and others on it are Norman E. McCoy, Anderson, Indiana; Herman B. McDowell, Louisville; Jerry Moore, Birmingham; Miss Mary Pukey, Fairmont, W. Va., and Mrs. Ella Volkart, Topeka, Kansas. The next meeting will be held in Fort Worth, Texas.—George Raleigh Jewell.

## The Braille Baptist

RIDGECREST, Aug. 6. — Dr. Donald F. Ackland, Editor of Devotional Materials and General Tracts for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, discussed the ministry of *The Braille Baptist*, new publication of the Sunday School Board, which he edits.

In the 30 years of his experience of Christian journalism, Dr. Ackland observes that this is the first magazine which he has edited which he cannot read when it is printed, and placed on his desk.

Dr. Ackland also serves as editor of the devotional booklet, *Open Windows* and general tracts which are distributed by the Southern Baptist Convention.

*The Braille Baptist* contains articles in braille from the *Home Mission*, *Commission*, *Home Life*, *Training Union* and *Builder* magazines as well as Sunday School lessons and Training Union programs.

This magazine seeks "to enable adult blind to take part in our program," Dr. Ackland explained. He emphasized the word adult, for the material will not be of much use to persons under 18 years of age.

Not only will Sunday School Board furnish the magazine free to any blind person but the United States mail service will send it directly to the individual without charge.

Dr. Ackland cautioned the Training Union conference in session this week to do three things before ordering this material: (1.) Ask the blind person if he can read grade 1½ braille; (2.) ask if he would like to receive the magazine; and (3.) send the name and address to Nashville.

There are hundreds of people in our churches that could read this magazine if they know about it, Dr. Ackland commented.

# Georgetown's Louisville Extension Opens Monday, September 12

The Louisville Extension of Georgetown College will open its second annual session in the classrooms of Norton Hall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with registration Monday, September 12, according to an announcement made by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, President.

As was done last year, this Extension will operate co-operatively and jointly with the Evening School of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. All classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights, from 6:30 to 9:30 o'clock, allowing for a chapel period from 7:30 to 8:00.

Dr. Curtis Phipps, new addition to the Education Department of Georgetown, will be director of the Georgetown Extension and Dr. Louise Blount will be director of the Seminary's Evening School.

Each of the Georgetown Extension courses carries three semester hours of credit. Upon request, persons completing classes in the Seminary Even-

ing School may receive two semester hours credit per course from Georgetown.

Georgetown Extension courses and professors, all of whom are regular faculty members at Georgetown, will be: Monday nights: Vocational Education Guidance, Dr. Phipps; Psychology of Personality, Dr. William Taylor; American Literature, Ralph Curry; and History of Civilization, Dr. Horace Hambrick.

Thursday nights: Children's Literature, Mrs. Kenneth Gillaspie; American History, Dr. Carl Fields; Principles of Sociology, Dr. Richard Scutter; and English Literature, Coleman Arnold.

Seminary Evening School courses will include Bible, Religious Education and Sacred Music.

Louisville residents may secure further information by contacting the Department of Christian Education of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Edwin L. McDonald, executive-secretary, Kentucky Baptist Building, 127 East Broadway.

## Reaching Complete Families Emphasized In Filmstrip, "Missions in Kentucky"

Just released by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky is a new color filmstrip on state missions entitled *Missions in Kentucky*. The filmstrip was produced in Kentucky by the Visual Aids Service of the Executive Board.

Ten copies of the new production have been placed in the Board's film library at 127 East Broadway, Louisville. These are available for free booking by any Baptist church or agency.

The new strip comprises forty-two frames and is accompanied by a memo-graphed script for the narrator's use. Showing should take from twenty to twenty-five minutes, depending upon the narrator. It is hoped that a sound recording of the narration will be available in time.

The pictures and script cover such activities as associational missions, Sunday school and Training Union promotion, and the like. This production does not portray the institutional ministries of Kentucky Baptists such as the schools, children's homes, hospitals, and related agencies.

*Missions in Kentucky* may be booked by writing or personally contacting Film Library, Baptist Executive Board, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Another production of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, released in April, is the set of forty-six colored slides with memographed narration entitled *Doing Good Through the Cooperative Program*. It reviews the Kentucky and Convention-wide causes.

# Kentucky Baptist Educators Hold Fall Meeting on Georgetown Campus

The annual fall meeting of Kentucky Baptist Schools and Colleges will be held September 1 and 2 on the campus of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Erwin L. McDonald, executive-secretary of the Department of Christian Education for Kentucky Baptists, has announced.

Faculty and staff personnel from Georgetown, Campbellsville, Bethel and Cumberland colleges and from Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School and Magoffin and Oneida Institutes will attend.

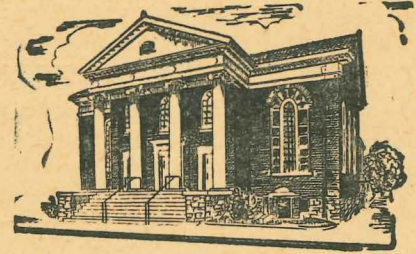
The conference will open with a luncheon in the Georgetown College dining hall at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, September 1. The first session is scheduled for 3 p. m., featuring a symposium on "The Problem of the College Reader," with Dean Roy O. Chumbler, of Campbellsville College, presiding.

The Thursday night program will include the showing of color slides made by Dr. George W. Redding, head of the Georgetown College Bible department, on a recent tour of the Holy Land, and a watermelon feast and social hour.

Friday morning, September 2, there will be two sessions: "Accent on Teaching," led by Dean William E. Burton, of Bethel College, at 9 a. m.; and "The Faculty Member and Public Relations," led by Registrar E. E. Sheils, of Cumberland College, at 10:30 a.m.

The conference will adjourn following luncheon Friday noon.

► Elmer Mundy severed connections with Southwest Baptist (Junior) College, Bolivar, Mo., where he was public relations representative, to accept pastorate of First Southern Baptist Church, Yakima, Wash.



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THE LUDLOW GIRL'S AUXILIARY CORONATION was held recently under the direction of Mrs. John Braun, WMU president. Mrs. James Frakes, young people's director, presented the awards. Mrs. John Kuchenmeister is the Junior GA Leader, and Mrs. William Delk is leader of the Intermediate group.

## First Church, Prospect, Builds Again

PROSPECT, Ky. — Work has been started on a new Annex at the First Baptist Church of Prospect. The structure is to be 45 by 75 feet, and attached to the present building in a "T" formation. It is to be one-story in height, with the walls and foundation built to carry a second story at a later date. The new section is of concrete block construction, and is to be veneered with Bedford stone to match the present auditorium.

The floor plan calls for two department assembly rooms with class rooms adjoining each. Plans are also being made to arrange for a nursery department consisting of a room for bed-babies, and one for toddlers. The estimated cost of the building is \$20,000, but this is expected to be reduced considerably by the voluntary labor being supplied by the men of the church.

Two committees were elected by the church to work with Pastor Garlon C. Sills. They are as follows: Harold Skaggs, James Vaughn, and Wilson Lowry, as the Finance Committee. Charles Smith, Chester Law, and William Sheehan, the Building Committee. The new annex is expected to be ready for use within two or three months.

This new Annex is the third major building program of the Prospect Church within the past seven years. The present auditorium located on Highway 42, near Prospect, was erected in 1948, after a fire destroyed the old building on the River Road near Harrods Creek, Ky. Two years ago a new three-bed-

room parsonage was put up on the rear of the present three-acre tract of land upon which the church is located.

The First Baptist Church of Prospect was organized just 28 years ago, and the Lord has truly blessed this congregation, spiritually and materially, during the few years of her history.

### THUS SAITH THE PREACHER—

#### The Problem of Gray Hairs

Dear Friend:

Deacons and wives are pretty handy things to have around just to keep a fellow in his right place. Mine (deacons and wives) are past-masters of the art.

Just the other day my alma mater elected a new head football coach. In telling a deacon about it I said: "He was just a sophomore when I graduated from college." This deacon said: "Yeah, you'll be hearing a lot of things like that from now on." Undaunted, I went on home with the alumni bulletin and said to my wife: "Ann, they've elected Murray Evans head football coach. You remember him, don't you? He was in school when we were. It's really good of the old school to give these young fellows a chance isn't it?" She just gave me one of those wifely looks and said nothing. Later on she reminded me that, after all, we'd been out of school for a few months.

Got out my Bible about that time to seek for comfort in the Scriptures, and

what do you think I read? Listen to this verse from old brother Hosea:

*"Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, and yet he knoweth it not."*

Even the prophet of love against me. No, I'm not getting old—not even 40 yet. But, as our friend Ira Prosser used to say: "I keep pushing middle age back a few years every year."

Time has an uncanny way of slipping up on us, doesn't it? It's just like Hosea said, our strength gets away and we don't know it, and gray hairs appear and we aren't aware of them.

The tragedy of it is not in the age, but in the unawareness. To grow old and not know it; to feel young and vigorous and not know the strength isn't there is tragic. Why? Because it means that the strength has not been used, just sort of lying dormant, then when called upon, it isn't there. As it was with Samson when he was playing around with Delilah: "He wist not that his strength had departed."

A lot of Christians, and a good many churches, are that way. They have had strength and power in their young days, and yet they have let it go to waste by not using it. Then a crisis comes up and they call upon that strength and Lo, they find the strength is gone and gray hairs have come.

But, wait a minute, some people get prematurely gray, if I remember correctly. I had an uncle who was gray-haired at 17. So! I suppose some of us Christians could get prematurely gray, too, couldn't we? That would be even worse. Six of those seven churches that John wrote about in the *Book of the Revelation* were prematurely gray—and they knew it not.

If you have a mirror handy, and your secretary isn't looking, I'd suggest you look at your head. I'm going out and get some "spiritual color restorer" myself, and I know where to find it—a little volume called *The New Testament*.

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## Congress Takes Make-Believe Tour Through Orient

Delegates "visit" Baptist mission fields at July 20 session. Later the same day, they pick a Southern Baptist president.

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

LONDON, England — (BP) — The morning session of the Baptist World Congress here July 20 shaped up as a make-believe tour of Baptist mission work in the Orient.

C. Oscar Johnson, past president from St. Louis, Mo., took Congress delegates on an "airplane tour" with stops in Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, South India, and Assam. The speakers all were dressed in national costumes.

The Korean speaker, Mrs. David Ahn, spoke feelingly of the degradation, poverty, and sorrow of the helpless people in her country. Then she said, "I dare to ask you. Will you take this great burden for the Lord?"

### "Unify Korea!"

She injected a political note in her address by pleading for the unification of North and South Korea.

The Christian home, always a poignant interest of most Baptists, was subject of the closing morning address. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, of Portland, Oregon, declared, "The Christian home must become the center of love, enough to heal those within its four walls and enough to reach out to the four corners of the world."

### Southerners on Program

Three Southern Baptists opened the afternoon session with brief addresses on subjects of world interest.

Mrs. George R. Martin, of Norfolk, Va., spoke on women's work. Robert S. Denny, of Nashville, Tenn., gave an account of youth work, and R. Paul Caudill, of Memphis, Tenn., spoke on world relief.

The miseries of thousands of displaced persons were discussed by W.

O. Lewis, retiring European secretary for the Baptist World Alliance.

He said there are now more displaced persons than ever before in the history of the world. Many new churches exist in southern Germany where none existed before, because of these people settling there.

### Theodore Adams Elected

Also in the afternoon session, the Congress elected Theodore Adams, Southern Baptist minister of Richmond, Va., to a five-year term as president of the Baptist World Alliance. Arnold T. Ohn, of Washington, D. C., was re-elected general secretary of the Alliance.

Despite cooler weather, people were very tired and the attendance was way off at these sessions.

**COLOR NOTES:** Cool weather means top coats in London, even in summer . . . The Russians have been among the most faithful attendants. They were always present for every session in their specially-reserved seats . . . Flowers for the Congress were a simple display of geraniums and hydrangea in front of the platform and organ console . . . The great pageant Wednesday night took a packed house of Baptists back 400 years as the history of modern Baptist life was portrayed by hundreds of people dressed in authentic reproduction costumes. The title: *And There Is Another Country*. The theme: Liberty . . . W. C. Smalley, chairman of the nominations committee said he found a ha'penny, or English

half-penny, on his way to the business meeting and considered it a good omen—even some Baptists have their superstitious moments!

## P. B. Samuels, Seminary Benefactor, Dies in City of Washington

Preston B. Samuels, 88, died June 28 in Washington, D. C., where he had lived for many years. Native of Deatsville, Ky., in Nelson County, where he and the members of his family have long been associated with the New Salem Baptist Church, he attended Georgetown College in early life.

His funeral was conducted by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins at the Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home, Louisville, and interment took place in the New Salem Church Cemetery at Deatsville.

In early life he moved to Washington where he was identified with the U. S. General Accounting Office, and carried on some real estate work besides. He never married.

Though he spent most of his life away from Kentucky, he always maintained close connections here with old friends and relatives. For example, one of his closest friends throughout his entire life was his old New Salem pastor, the late Dr. W. O. Carver, and it was in the interest of promoting Dr. Carver's work of missions that he supplied about \$65,000 for the erection of the four apartment, Samuels Missionary Building, for missionaries on furlough who are studying at the Seminary. Also, since his death, announcement has been made that the Seminary has been made a beneficiary of about \$50,000 more in his will, though they probably will not receive the money until the estate is settled about a year from now.

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Richmond, Virginia

## PERCENTAGES OF OPERATING COSTS For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

	Amount	Percentage Of Total Operating Costs
<b>1. Administrative Expenses:</b>		
Expenses of home office in Richmond, including all salaries, traveling expenses, stationery, postage, insurance, office equipment, and miscellaneous expenses. \$ 288,719.53	288,719.53	2.73
<b>2. Promotion Expenses (Home Cultivation):</b>		
Publicity through denominational papers, audio-visual education, literature, convention and conference expenses, deputation work of missionaries on furlough, etc.; also the amount recalled by the Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C. (\$60,000), from its contribution to the Foreign Mission Board through the Cooperative Program .....	263,237.86	2.46
<b>3. General Expenses:</b>		
Cost of Board meetings, annual audit, agent's fee for handling investments, legal expenses, and miscellaneous expenses.....	59,539.12	0.56
<b>4. Foreign Fields:</b>		
Salaries and expenses of missionaries, furlough travel, missionary pension plan, special allowances to emeritus missionaries, advanced training of selected Baptist leaders from abroad in U.S.A., direct evangelism, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operation of publishing houses, purchase of property abroad, and miscellaneous expenses. ....	9,980,115.59	94.23
<b>Total Operating Costs</b> .....	\$10,591,612.10	100.00

### ANNUAL MEETINGS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS IN KENTUCKY 1955

Date	Association	Place
<b>August</b>		
24-25	South District	Pleasant Hill (Night)
24-25	Franklin North Fork and N. Benson	
25-26	Campbell County	First, Bellevue
25-26	Enterprise	Salyersville
26-27	East Union Boston and Pleasant View	
31-Sept. 1	Muhlenberg	First, Greenville
<b>September</b>		
1- 2	Warren	Burton Memorial
1- 2	Baptist	Goshen and Alton
1- 2	Breckenridge	Hite's Run and Irvington
1- 2	Greenup	Westmoreland in Huntington
7- 8	Simpson	Shady Grove
7- 8	Allen	Holland
7- 8	Edmonson	Chalybeate Springs
7- 8	Russell County	First, Russell Springs
9-10	Booneville	New Prospect at Mill Pond
9-10	Greenville	Providence
12-13	North Bend	Florence
13-14	Mt. Zion	Corinth, Corbin Highland Park, Williamsburg
13-14	Severns Valley	Sonora and Round Top
13-14	Pulaski County	First, Somerset
13-14	Russell Creek	Columbia and Pike's Ridge
14-15	Lynn	South Fork and Munfordville
14-15	North Concord Roadside (Barbourville)	
15-16	Upper Cumberland	Ages and Baxter, First
15-16	Wayne County	Oak Grove
16-17	Three Forks	Hazard, First
16-17	Jackson County	Liberty at Fall Rock
16-17	Lynn Camp	Good Hope at Hickory
16-17	Bell County	Clear Creek and First, Middlesboro
20-	Christian County	Crofton
20-21	Elkhorn	Hillcrest
20-21	Ohio Valley	Bethany (East of Sturgis off No. 270)
21-22	McCreary County	Greenwood
22-23	Freedom	Albany
22-23	Caldwell	Walnut Grove
22-23	Lincoln County	New Salem
23-24	Irvine	Annville
23-24	Middle Fork	Antepast
23-24	South Union	Youngs Creek and Wolfe Creek
23-24	Goose Creek	Hopewell on Lockards Creek
30-Oct. 1	Laurel River	Laurel River
30-Oct. 2	South Concord	Fall Creek (5 miles N. of Monticello)
<b>October</b>		
4- 5	Bethel	Trenton
5- 6	Little Bethel	Grapevine
5- 6	Little River	Rocky Ridge
5- 6	Whites Run	Jordan
6- 7	Pine Mountain	Jenkins
11-12	West Kentucky	First, Bardwell
12-13	Sulphur Fork	Antioch
12-13	Central	Muldraugh Hill
13-14	West Union	Olivet (Thurs. night-Friday night)
13-14	Daviess-McLean	South Hampton and Sacramento (night session at Walnut Street on 13th)
18-19	West Kentuckiana	Bethel (On No. 54 near Hebbardsville)
19-20	Blood River	Sinking Springs
20-21	Long Run	Beechmont
20-21	Graves County	North Side

NOTICE:—Moderators and Clerks of District Associations are requested to check their group above to determine whether or not the place and dates are stated correctly. The sooner corrections are reported to us the sooner they will appear in future issues. Do not wait until just before your Association meets to make the change. Many persons scan this list and make entries in their datebooks. Hence any errors or changes in the above should be published as soon as possible. Please write corrections to George Raleigh Jewell, The Western Recorder, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky., immediately.

►Freedman Beets, 36, who has been assistant to Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, Nashville, Tenn., has become registrar and director of admissions at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, succeeding Alton B. Lee, who has now become registrar of Baylor University.